

✠ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 11, 2020 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 12, 2020

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”

HYMNS

G-R448
Psalm 29
D-R304
C-R800
S-R310

This is the Spirit’s Entry Now
(Psalms begin page 339)
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Welcome to our guests and visitors who are with us today. We hope you feel at home in our midst and look forward to seeing you again. If you would like more information about Grace Lutheran, the pastor or ushers can help you. Please consider your presence to be your gift to us. No other is necessary or expected. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Stephen Ministry Program/Prayer Group at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
My Dad, Harris Christopherson
Given by
Sandra Christopherson

PRAYERS

Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Alec Kennedy, Deb Nitchman’s Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Karlene Trump, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, Dave Stebbins, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Duane Schultz, Maria Shelton, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Bill Carr, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin. We also remember the families of Chester Barney, who passed away January 4th and Robert Hahn, who passed away December 25th.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reading Matthew

We are embarking on reading through the entire Gospel, listening to the story the author tells, connections between the various parts of the Gospel, and any questions that come to us as we hear God's Word for us. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR COMMEMORATION 2020

La'Ron Williams, Award winning African-American Storyteller and Workshop Trainer will be presenting programs in Alpena schools the week of January 13 through 17.

On Thursday January 16, he will present a community program entitled "**Racism is NOT That Guy in the Pointy Hood**" at ACC Room CTR 106 (opposite Granum Theater) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The program driven by a strong personal vision of a supportive and inclusive community in which everyone can freely participate, will be a blend of storytelling, interactive exercises, lecture, and dialogue to help us identify the major illusions that prevent us from effectively, and even joyously, working to achieve harmony across racial lines. The community is invited. For more information contact 354-6031.

MLK DAY CHILI SUPPER JANUARY 20 AT 5 PM AT ACC

Chili, desserts and cornbread needed for the Annual MLK Fundraiser to support laundromat services for those in need. Join us for the afternoon movie and chili. Sign up sheet to bring something for the supper is in the Office Lobby.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE JANUARY 22

6 PM SOUP SUPPER/7 PM WORSHIP

Join us as we gather across Christian tradition to worship together praying for our working together for God's Kingdom. The service is January 22 at 7 pm with the ever popular soup supper at 6 pm at First Congregational UCC. See you there.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Little Food Pantry has been getting lots of visits with food coming in and food going out, lots going out. We are able to put only dry goods outside this time of year and we certainly are in need of dry goods. We started putting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves out at the beginning of November and we have been able to keep those items stocked, but we are in need of those items, as well. Many have probably noticed the recent change of the "Indoor Little Food Pantry", we can house the canned goods and liquids in there during the cold temperature months. We would like to slowly introduce some fresh fruits and vegetables in that pantry to see how well they are received by the community in need. The indoor pantry will soon be available 24 hours a day. If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or issues with the pantry, please address Pastor Tom, Dawn Anderson at 657-6923 or Phran Ludington at 471-9117. We are happy to talk to you. If you would like to contribute, but don't want to shop, monetary contributions can be made and the shopping will be done for you. Thank you for helping to make a "Christ-like difference in our community".

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 12th

9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed - Lounge

Tuesday - 14th

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting
6:00 p.m. Choir

Wednesday - 15th

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge
3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 16th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m. Foster Family Group -
 Fellowship Hall

Saturday - 18th

5:00 p.m. Worship

**Large print worship folders,
including hymns and weekly
bulletin are available from
ushers.**

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - January 5	4,656.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 241.00

SERVING JANUARY 11-12

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorDavid Delano
Lector..... Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,
 Phran Ludington
Greeters..... Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital.....Janet Chroninger
Altar GuildKelli Liske, Arlis St. Charles
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Cookie/Doughnut Pickup.....
 Wayne & Chris Christopherson

SERVING JANUARY 18-19

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorDavid Delano
Lector..... Anna Lewis
Communion Assts..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,
 Phran Ludington
Greeters..... Joel & Cindy Suszek
Hospital.....Janet Chroninger
Altar GuildKelli Liske, Arlis St. Charles
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour..... Ruby & Olivia Haske
Cookie/Doughnut Pickup.....
 Wayne & Chris Christopherson

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9
¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus

says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM 29 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with

power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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