

✠ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 9, 2016

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-R454 Remember and Rejoice
Psalm 111 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R456 Baptized in Water
C-R485 I Am the Bread of Life
S-R840 Now Thank We All Our God

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Music Program at First Congregational UCC.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. John Laycock for preaching and leading worship this weekend.

PRAYERS

Travis Konarzewski, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and Richard G.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Gary Grove's birthday (October 10), from his wife, Kay, and family.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

**CARD/GAME NIGHT WITH
BAKED POTATO / ICE CREAM BAR
October 20, 2016**

**Grace Lutheran Church
119 W. Dunbar, Alpena**

Doors open at 5 - Meal served at 6
\$7.00 per person

Door prizes - Quilt Raffle
Limited Seating

Contact Arlis 356-9583 or Patti 354-5990

Sponsored by
Grace Lutheran Quilting Group

CARD PARTY HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help with the card party or have card tables we could use, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. Thanks!

NEW SCHEDULES

New schedules for the 2016-2017 year have been completed and are posted on the scheduling board in the hallway by the fellowship hall. Paper copies are available to be picked up and schedules are also posted on the website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

SECOND CEMETERY CLEANING

Our second cemetery cleaning will be held October 9 on the east side, weather permitting. October 16 will be our rain date, if needed. If you are able to help, please sign the sheet located in the Narthex. ***Please bring power washers if you have them.*** Phran Ludington, Thelma Stevens and Sandra Christopherson will begin taking pictures of the headstones October 3rd for Grace's Book of History.

"MAKING CHOICES – DISCERNMENT"

**A spiritual retreat for men and women
Saturday, October 22, 2016 ~ 10 am – 3 pm
Grace Lutheran Church**

Choices, you make them every day in your lives. How do you handle the benefits or the consequences that come with your choices? Discernment, how do you assess and evaluate God's will for you in your daily and/or future life?

Come and join us as we, through prayer, scripture, and personal time alone, sit with this and listen to what God has in plans for us.

Please bring your own lunch.

Please bring a Bible, a journal if you have one, any devotional material you may be using, or a Serenity coloring book for your quiet time. If you attended the "Pray Where You Are" retreat in May and have your folder and journal, please bring them. If you did not attend or no longer have them, they will be provided.

This is a day for you. Come and experience the journey!

"Making Choices – Discernment" will be led by June Scarborough. June is a Spiritual Director, certified through the Christian Spirituality Programs offered by the NWLM Synod. She is also a graduate of the "Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry" program (former Lay Ministry) of our Synod. Her ministries include individual Spiritual Direction, home or group Spiritual Retreats.

A registration sheet will be in the Narthex.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Semi-Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 6
Following worship**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 9th

9:30 a.m. Worship
Cemetery Cleaning
Following Worship
7:00 p.m. Peace Concert at
St. Anne Church

Monday - 10th

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday - 11th

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 12th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 15th

BREAD WEEKEND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
5:00 p.m. Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - October 2	\$ 5,784.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 6,973.00)

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. John Laycock
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Karen Slaght
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett
& Olivia Haske
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Wayne & Anna Lewis

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Gene Bacon
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Karen Slaght
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett
& Olivia Haske
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

FIRST READING **2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood

before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

PSALM 111 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING **2 Timothy 2:8-15**

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL **Luke 17:11-19**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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