

✠ **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 17, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 18, 2018

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-R504** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Psalm 25:1-10 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
C-R323 God Loved the World
S-R335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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 worshiping 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. Today we pray for Samaritas (Lutheran Social Services of Michigan) - Grace Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Nathan Engstrom, Sara Kamyszek, Dorothy Hansen, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Jackson Seguin, Judy Kautz, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond, Rev. Richard Clapp. We also remember the family of Charles Attwell, who passed away on February 13th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

WANTED

Wanted...anyone interested in the worship services and willing to serve on the Worship Work Group. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Contact Sharon Engstrom (354-5133).

We are also in need of Altar Guild members. It is a one-month-a-year commitment and training will be provided. Please contact Chris Christopherson (356-0430) if interested in helping or if you have any questions about Altar Guild.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will NOT meet during February. Plan to meet on Wednesday, March 21, in the lounge at 1 p.m.

DRIVEWAY FUNDRAISER LOTS OF FUN!

We had a great time at the Driveway Fundraiser Euchre Tournament and Game Night on Sunday, 2/11/18. The Euchre Players donated half of their entry fee (\$141) and the Euchre Pot (\$43) to the Driveway Fund. Also, all of the money (\$511) collected from the 71, who enjoyed the dinner, was donated to the Driveway Fund, for a total donation of \$695!! Thank you very much to everyone for their generous contributions! We want to give a special thank you to the following people: Thank you to the Ruth Circle for the \$200 donation that was used to buy the food! Thank you to Matt Haske, who donated the potatoes and helped prepare them! Thank you to all who worked hard to prepare the fabulous dinner: Jeanne & Roger Pankey, Pat & Dale Schultz, Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Matt Haske, & Pam Kirchoff!! Thank you to Kay Grove, who assisted with checking people in and finalizing the accounting! Thank you to Phran Ludington, Jeff & Sandy Welch, Joel Suszek, Dennis Werblow and Wayne Lewis, and any I may have missed, for helping with setup, and all who helped with clean-up!! It was a terrific group effort!

Thank you! Thank you!
Fellowship Committee

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Series on Prayer During Lent

Do I pray differently today than I did 10 years ago? What would I like my prayer life to be like?

Whether you have an established prayer discipline or you feel stuck in your prayer life, you might find one or two of the many ways in which to pray more fitting of your personality.

Men and women, come and join us in the lounge for the Adult CE time starting today. This will be a five weeks series. It would be helpful but not necessary to be there each week. Led by June Scarborough.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 p.m.

Worship ~ 7:00 p.m.

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| February 21 | First Congregational UCC
"Shua" (A story of Jesus' life)
Fr. Joe Muszkiewicz |
| February 28 | St. Bernard Roman Catholic
"The Light of the World"
Rev. Tom Orth |
| March 7 | St. Paul Lutheran
"The Door of the Sheep"
Rev. Sue Platt |
| March 14 | First United Methodist
"The Bread of Life"
Very Rev. Bill McClure |
| March 21 | First Presbyterian
"The True Vine"
Rev. Paul Lance |
| March 29 | Trinity Episcopal
Maundy Thursday
Rev. Karen Thompson |

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held
Sunday, March 4
 following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the agenda:
 Receive Annual Reports
 Please plan to attend!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 18th - Bake Weekend

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. **Worship**
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 19th

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 20th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
 Council
 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 21st

(NO Ruth Circle This Month)
 3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved
 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service -
 First Congregational UCC

Thursday - 22nd

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 24th - Noisy Offering Weekend

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - February 11	\$ 3,986.85
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (91.15)

SERVING FEBRUARY 18

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers.. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie
 Cross, Madison Timmreck, Mick &
 Kay Zinsli (Saturdays)
Greeters..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,
 Bethany Popour (Back Up)
Counters..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
 Marge Weber
Coffee Hour..... Polly Cook, Corky Gates,
 Sandra Christopherson

SERVING FEBRUARY 25

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Anna Lewis
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers.. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie
 Cross, Madison Timmreck, Mick &
 Kay Zinsli (Saturdays)
Greeters..... Dustin & Angie Crittenden Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,
 Bethany Popour (Back Up)
Counters..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
 Marge Weber
Coffee Hour..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

FIRST READING**Genesis 9:8-17**

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,
¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

PSALM 25:1-10 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**1 Peter 3:18-22**

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh,

but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL**Mark 1:9-15**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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