

✠ **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 13, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 14, 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-R676 Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R574 Here I Am, Lord
C-R810 O Jesus, I Have Promised
S-R576 We All Are One in Mission

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. Today we pray for the Youth & Family Leadership at Grace Lutheran Church.

PRAYERS

Nathan Engstrom, Sara Kamyszek, Dorothy Hansen, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Scott Coddington, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the blessing of family,
given by Gerri Moors.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

LARCC WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Wednesday, January 24, at Trinity Episcopal. Join us. This year there will be a soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m. prior to the worship at 7:00 p.m. Fr Joe Muszkiewicz, from the All Saints Parish, will preach. ***Grace is asked to supply 2 crocks of soup and some bread. Please signup on the sheet on the table in the office narthex.***

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST

David Delano starts with us this weekend as our new Music/Choir Director and the Organist/Accompanist. He comes to Alpena as the Music Director for Thunder Bay Theatre. Originally from Maine, he has his bachelors in Music Education with concentration in voice and piano. He brings experience as musician and director in church as well as in theatre and community chorus. Lets welcome him to our church.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Discussions in ACE

Adult CE is starting a new format to be used occasionally, discussing the sermon from that day. What did you take from it? What questions do you have from it? Where does it lead you? This will be just a half hour time as Pastor Tom has to prepare for Catechism class at 12:30. See you in the Lounge promptly at 11.

ASSISTANCE FUND

We receive requests for assistance from individuals and families, both from the church and the community, when times are tough and circumstances pile up. The funds we have available for that come from the loose offering of each weekend's collection. Winter time seems to be when the need is greatest. With several recent significant needs, I would ask you to consider an extra bit of loose offering to have funds available when future needs arise.

Pastor Tom

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

**Alpena Community College
Monday, January 15, 2018**

---5-6:15 p.m. Chili Supper

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration begins with a chili supper from 5-6:15 p.m. at the ACC Lumberjack Shack. Proceeds benefit the Wash Your Coat project, a community service to provide free laundromat service to those in need. Tickets available at the door, Adults \$8.00, Students \$4.00. For more info, call 340-1171.

---6:30 p.m. Essay Winners Speak Out

Winners of the MLK, Jr. school essay contest will have an opportunity to read their works in ACC Granum Theatre at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more info, call 340-1171.

---7 p.m. Presentation & Discussion on "How do we use what Dr. King taught us?"

Jeffrey Mindock, Artistic Director at Thunder Bay Theatre and his team will perform a MLK, Jr. themed presentation with time for discussion starting at 7 p.m. at ACC, Newport Center 106. This event is free and open to the public.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will meet on January 17 in the Lounge at 1:00 p.m. with a Bible lesson and short business meeting, leaving time for fellowship. All women are welcome with no obligation.

Darlene Freel, President
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**COLLECTING PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

- Light-weight bath-size towel, dark color suggested (20x 40 to 52 x 27)
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand) in original wrapping (No mini or hotel-size bars)
- Adult-size toothbrush in original pkg. (toothbrush multi-packs ok)
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clippers

Items may be place in wicker basket located near the parish building entrance.

SERVING JANUARY 14

Ministers God’s People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... David Delano
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze, Matt & Olivia Haske
Greeters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske
Counters..... Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

SERVING JANUARY 21

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Coffee Hour Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 14th

9:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge
 12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

Monday - 15th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Alpena Community College

Tuesday - 16th

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

Wednesday - 17th

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge
 3-4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
 5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 18th

4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Saturday - 20th

5:00 p.m. Worship

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10,[11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went

and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your

bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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