

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ June 2019

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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



Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze,
Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim

Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine
Leathhead, Gloria Moore,
Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim

Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma
Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Edna Delano,
Pastor Sandy Hutchens, Yvonne Stoll, Randy
Fisher, Lyle Beck, Dewayne Nail, Margaret
Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil,
Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph
Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt,
Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the family of...

Theresa Vrendenburg, who passed away
May 15th

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*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).*

## LARCC Worship Service Wednesday, June 12 at Grace 6 p.m. Soup Supper ~ 7 p.m. Worship

On Wednesday June 12th, the LARCC churches  
of Alpena will have a worship service  
commemorating  
and renewing  
the Covenant  
that was signed  
in 2000 forming  
LARC relationship  
in northern  
Michigan. Grace  
is hosting and we  
begin with a  
soup supper at 6  
with the worship  
following at 7.



Come and experience the vibrant ecumenical  
community we have in Alpena.



## Baptisms

We welcome Monroe Margaret Garant to the Lord's family. Monroe was baptized at our Sunday morning service on May 12th. Monroe's sponsors are Brianna Garant-Sauve and Eric Sauve and her parents are Justin and Ann M. Garant.

We welcome Alexander Thomas Roger Bauer to the Lord's family. Alexander was baptized at our Sunday morning service on May 19th. Alexander's sponsors are Sarah Shea and Lee Fitzpatrick and his parents are Joel and Jessica Bauer.



# Congratulations Graduates!

## Alpena High School

### **Taylor Agius**

She will attend Northern Michigan University this Fall pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy

### **Kody Bertrand**

He will attend Alpena Community College this Fall, continuing at Davenport University, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management

### **Madelyn Boyd**

### **Brooke Schiller**

### **Jaime Diaz-Trechuelo Sanchez-Molini**

He will return to Spain on June 10th and will finish his schooling there, focusing on Math and Physics

## Alpena Community College

### **Katelyn Hanna**

Associate in Applied Science Degree  
Suma Cum Laude, Outstanding Student Award  
Welding

She plans to work in Alma, Michigan

## Michigan Technological University

### **Rachel Chroninger**

Bachelor of Science Degree  
Magna Cum Laude  
Chemical Engineering

She is currently job searching.

## Northern Michigan University

### **Logan Suszek**

Bachelor of Science Degree  
English Major

He will continue to work at Norlite Nursing Home in Marquette while deciding on his future plans

## Grace Lutheran Scholarship Recipient

### **Taylor Agius**

**Graduates please join us for worship on Sunday, June 2, with your cap and gown.**



*We are blessed as a congregation to honor our youth as they graduate and begin this new phase in their lives.*



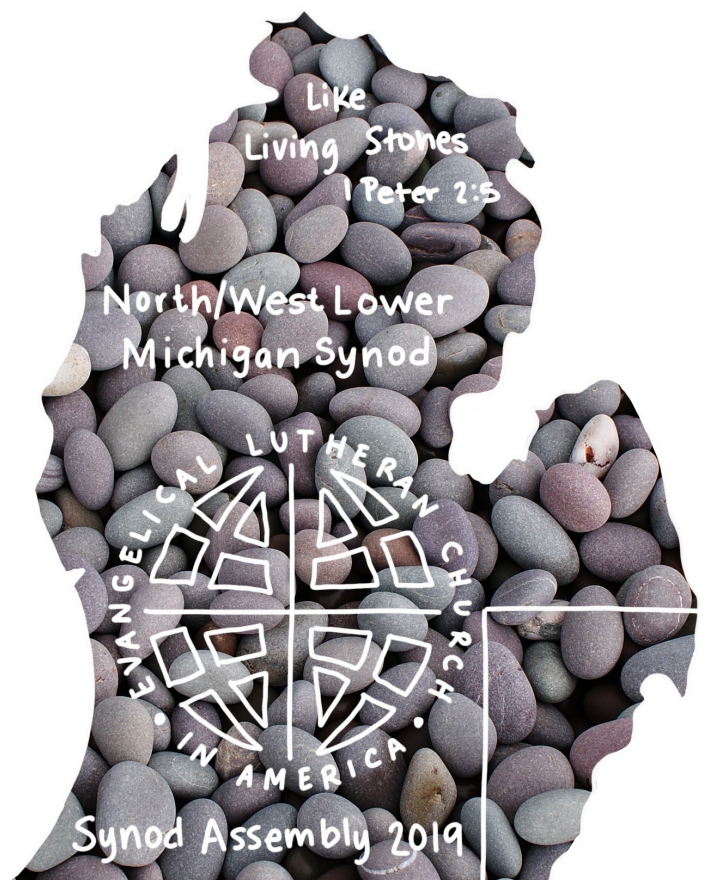
## From Your Synod Assembly Representative

Hello Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

I really didn't know what to expect for my first time at the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly. I was there for two reasons: 1- To see my friend Vicki Denstaedt receive recognition for completing the Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry program (ELMM), and 2- As a voting member, tasked this year with filling a few positions on the Synod Council, and electing a Bishop (among other things). Truthfully, had it not been for Vicki's recognition, I would not have been there. She has a way of 'gently' pushing me to do things that I wouldn't consider on my own. (Thank you Vicki!) So it was Vicki who suggested Paul Denstaedt and I as the two representatives from Grace Lutheran Church, and I somewhat reluctantly agreed to it! I say reluctantly only because I really had no clue what I was getting myself into. But as it got closer to the start of the Synod Assembly, I was really looking forward to going.

It was, on some level, exactly what I was expecting. If you've ever served on a church council, or been a board member for any organization, you're familiar with the business end of things: reports, discussion, decisions, voting, etc. All of those 'things' involved in conducting the business or decision making end of whatever organization you are representing. Well, the Synod Assembly is exactly that, but on a somewhat larger scale... decisions here affect Grace Lutheran and over 100 other churches. That's a big job! I really appreciated the honor given to me as a representative of Grace, and while there I had a strong sense of wanting to do a good job (aka don't mess this up!), especially when it came to the election of a Bishop—and that process was pretty intense. It took 5 rounds of voting (6 if you count the one round that was invalidated and thrown out) to re-elect Bishop Satterlee to a second term. There really is no way to fully explain what it was like being at the Synod Assembly, but I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was nice to have a voice; to be able to participate in decisions that affect not only our church, but every other church in the N/WLM Synod as well. It was also nice to see a few familiar faces (from The Gathering I attended with the youth group) as well as talk to some new people.

I honestly didn't really expect to get anything out of it personally, but I did! While there, I did a lot of listening and thinking. There were speeches from the top 8 nominees for Bishop (many of them talked about answering the call and following where God leads them), a Q&A session with the top 3 nominees, as well as presentations from various programs like the ELMM program that Vicki participated in, the Living Stones initiative from Bishop Satterlee, and one on becoming a Reconciling in Christ church (which openly welcomes the LGBTQ community). I also had the opportunity to talk to a few people at booths set up for several programs such as the ELMM, Living Water Ministries, World Hunger, etc. As I listened, I truly found myself wondering what is it that God calls



me to do. And, just exactly what is a calling anyway? (So, I looked it up...CALLING: a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially when accompanied by conviction of divine influence).

Only a few people know that I decided to join Grace Lutheran Church when my daughter Cailleigh was down in Detroit at the National Gathering with Vicki, Miriam, and Isabelle Denstaedt (among others). I wasn't able to go, but they streamed many of the Gathering speakers online, so I was able to watch from home. I always felt like Grace chose us by happenstance—Cailleigh became friends with Isabelle in junior high, and from that point on Cailleigh was invited to any and all youth group activities. We then attended a few worship services, BUT... at first I didn't think Grace was for me... seriously, there is NO contemporary music here! I had previously attended Living Hope Church which does have contemporary music, but was lacking in other areas for me. Anyway, it was during the National Gathering that I truly listened to what God was saying to me, and I realized that the ELCA and Grace Lutheran was exactly what I needed. Everything that I heard in the speeches that day, spoke to me, and made me realize that my thoughts and beliefs directly aligned with the ELCA. I told myself to quit searching for "something" because I had clearly already found it. I was home!

As for the Synod Assembly, it was truly a great experience, and if given the opportunity to attend again I would. I would also encourage everyone else to volunteer for the chance to go. I am sure your experience would be vastly different than mine, but I feel that everyone would get something out of it. The next North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly will be May 14-16, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant. Thank you for allowing me to represent Grace Lutheran Church this year!


Sincerely,

Debby Nitchman

**Bible Quiz**

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)



Time and Talent survey sheets are included in this newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex.

The Worship Work Group really appreciates your taking the time to complete this form, no later than June 30, if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.)

**Please note that in order to facilitate scheduling, we will be contacting those who have served previously and have not have not completed a survey by June 30.**

Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve. Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

## Collection for United Way Back to School Initiative

The United Way is getting ready for the back to school initiative which we are calling "Gear Up". This initiative is to help "at risk" high school students start the school year with new clothes and shoes, personal care items and school supplies. There are 36 kids selected from 3 counties. Meijer gives the kids 200.00 to shop, they mark items down and at the checkout they apply a discount coupon. We are trying to expand the program to include haircuts, vision and hearing screening.



Something we are trying this year is collecting toiletries for the students so they don't have to spend part of the 200.00 on these items. We are asking area churches to help with this, Grace is one. We would like to collect

these items for the students and then distribute on the day of shopping. The extra stuff will be given to the school success workers and then handed out throughout the year.

You are encouraged to take a tag or two and shop for those items. Anything to help these kids feel good and encourage them to go to school, supply them with what they need to do well and stay in school is helpful.

## Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle met at church on May 15, with 10 present. Our next meeting is June 19 at CW's Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. All women are welcome. If you would like to join us that day, please call Darlene Freel at 989-354-8866 for reservations.

## Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner

At this point we want everyone to SAVE THE DATE for the dinner which is October 13, 2019 at the Apex. Dawn Anderson and Cheryl Werblow are co-chairs for the event from Grace Lutheran Church. Many committees are in need of help; Cashiers, auction, emcee for the auction, ticket sales, raffle tickets, desserts. Members can contact Dawn or Cheryl if they can help. Our next meeting will be at St. Paul on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and all are welcome to attend. We hope we can see some new faces helping out at this wonderful event.



## No More Plastic Bags at This Time



We have plenty of plastic bags for our projects at this time. We would like to ask that those of you saving plastic bags recycle those at another recycle location for now. We will let you know if we have a need for bags in the future. Thank you for recycling your plastic bags!



Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
 PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
 APO AP 96264

Please contact the office to add a name to this list.

## Changes in the Kitchen

There are some changes taking place in the kitchen. These changes are to help reduce the amount of trash we create, utilize the resources we have in the form of dishware, flatware and the dishwasher. We also have a license from the Health Department and that license has specific guidelines and we really need to be following those guidelines. Discipleship will teach others to use the dishwasher and guide others through the 3 sink dish washing by hand protocol.

## Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or Pastor Tom directly. The hospital **DOES NOT** notify churches or pastors of admissions **DESPITE** the question you are asked on admission.



## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

**CHURCH OFFICE** ..... 354-2640  
 Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home..... 356-8729  
 ..... Cell ..... 916-8759  
 Office Manager.....Peggy Tomaszewski .. 255-8850  
 Music Director.....David Delano..... 207-322-2074

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President.....Tom Lappan..... 356-3718  
 Vice-President.....Rick Engstrom..... 916-5963  
 Exec. Secretary.....Debby Nitchman..... 916-8213  
 Treasurer .....Don Barnard..... 340-1055

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education.....Elsa Phillips ..... 884-1809  
 Worship .....Sharon Engstrom..... 354-5133  
 Discipleship..... Phran Ludington..... 471-9117  
 ..... Dawn Anderson ..... 657-6923  
 Property ..... Jeff Welch..... 595-2195  
 ..... Bill Platt ..... 340-0154  
 Fellowship ..... Jeanne Pankey ..... 354-2416  
 ..... Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
 Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow .... 354-5560

### OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director.....  
 WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
 Samaritas.....Kay Grove..... 727-2054  
 Quilters .....  
 LARCC..... Steve Hansen ..... 404-406-8079

# May 2019

## Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 16,280.82  
 BUILDING FUND ..... 1,888.33  
 DRIVEWAY FUND ..... 950.00  
 OTHER ..... 4990.30  
 TOTAL.....\$ 24,109.45

## Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4).....89  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) .....389  
 TOTAL.....478

## Worship Services at Grace 2019

Please check the following activities you are willing to participate in at Grace Lutheran Church including any in which you already participate:

|                                                          |                                                                                                                  |                      |
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| Lector (reading the lessons) _____                       | Counter _____                                                                                                    |                      |
| Altar Guild (set up and clean up<br>for communion) _____ | Participate on a work group _____                                                                                | Indicate group _____ |
| Communion Assistant<br>(during communion) _____          | *****                                                                                                            |                      |
| Usher (at worship services) _____                        | <b>Name</b> _____                                                                                                |                      |
| Greeter (prior to worship services) _____                | <b>Address</b> _____                                                                                             |                      |
| Coffee Hour (prepare & clean up) _____                   | <b>Phone</b> _____                                                                                               |                      |
| Choir Member _____                                       | <b>Email</b> _____                                                                                               |                      |
| Bell Choir _____                                         | <b>If you will be away for an extended period of<br/>time during the year, please list dates:</b><br>_____       |                      |
| Acolyte _____                                            | *****                                                                                                            |                      |
|                                                          | Such service is a blessing to others and those that serve<br>find they are blessed in doing so. A BIG THANK YOU! |                      |

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## JUNE 2019

### LECTORS

02 PATTI TUCKER  
09 ANNA LEWIS  
16 BOB GREENE  
23 PAUL DENSTAEDT  
30 VERNA FURZE

### USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
JO ANN SMITH  
GARY & KAY GROVE  
JUNE DALY  
VICKI PIONTKOWSKI (Saturdays)

### GREETERS

02 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
09 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
16 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
23 STEVE & JANIE HANSEN  
30 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG  
CINDY SUSZEK

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

DALE SCHULTZ  
SHERIE MCTAGGART

### ALTAR GUILD

JOANNE NICHOLLS  
KATHY PIONTKOWSKI

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART

### FLOWERS

02  
09  
16  
23  
30 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

02 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
09 JACK & PATTI TUCKER  
16 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
23 DAWN ANDERSON, PHRAN LUDINGTON  
30 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK

*PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!*



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD JULY 2019

## LECTORS

07 DAWN ANDERSON  
14 DONNA CZARNECKI  
21 JOE GENTRY  
28 ANNE GENTRY

## USHERS

DALE SCHULTZ  
PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON (Saturday)

## GREETERS

07 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
14 PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT  
21 JO ANN SMITH, CORKY GATES,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
28 DON, VERNA & TAMMY FURZE

## COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

## ALTAR GUILD

CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
JEANNE PANKEY  
NANCY PLATT

## HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

## COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

## FLOWERS

07  
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21 GROVE  
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## COFFEE HOUR

07 WAYNE LEWIS  
14 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
21 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE  
28 JEFF & SANDY WELCH

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# June



# Birthdays



## Anniversaries of Baptism

**June 2**  
Matthew Gillard

**June 3**  
Nancy Amelotte

**June 6**  
June Daly

**June 7**  
Kendra McInerney

**June 8**  
Dawn Anderson  
Emma Barber  
Laurie Hansen

**June 10**  
Lorraine Leathead

**June 11**  
James Clemens, Jr.

**June 12**  
Jan Charter  
Peggy Tomaszewski

**June 13**  
Amelia Berles

**June 14**  
Pamela Nowak  
James (J.J.) Timrick

**June 15**  
Connor Freel  
Craig Weise

**June 16**  
Brianna Himes

**June 20**  
Pamela Agius  
Kayla Bertrand  
Everett Haske

**June 21**  
Tiffany LaFave  
Kimberly Poirier  
Kristin Rich  
Bryan Stafford

**June 23**  
Julie Townsend

**June 24**  
Betty Bedford  
Dale Schultz

**June 25**  
Nicholas Fraley

**June 26**  
Alecia Lewis  
Tyler McKenzie  
Stacey Townsend

**June 27**  
Tracie Granata  
Roger Pankey

**June 29**  
Chad Lewis  
Erin Nowak  
Karen Suszek

**June 30**  
Lorah Lappan

**June 1**  
Raymond Reynolds

**June 4**  
Hope Kamyszek

**June 5**  
Shelly Olsen  
Nicklas Schultz  
Valerie Slaght

**June 7**  
Whitney Barrow

**June 9**  
Thomas Brennan

**June 11**  
William Matzke

**June 13**  
Nicholas Fraley

**June 14**  
Jeanette Grove

**June 16**  
Beckett Granata  
Harry Kautz  
William Whitscell

**June 17**  
Geraldine Rhoads

**June 18**  
Jessica Gillard  
Erin Nowak

**June 20**  
Rhonda Anderson  
Angie Indish  
Sara Lappan

**June 21**  
Amelia Kamyszek

**June 25**  
Vicki VanEssen

**June 26**  
Savannah Kamyszek

**June 27**  
Jo Ann Reinholz

**June 29**  
Nathan Engstrom  
Anne Gentry  
Isaac Matzke  
Gerri Moors

**June 30**  
Trey Garant  
Andrew Lappan  
Mary Lappan  
Lucas Palmer  
Marco Wade  
Owen Wade



## Wedding Anniversaries

8th Peter & Pamela Nowak  
14th Mark & Rhonda Himes  
17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm  
18th Bradley & Angela Indish

23rd Mark & Tawny Freel  
27th Alec & Sharlene Kennedy  
30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson

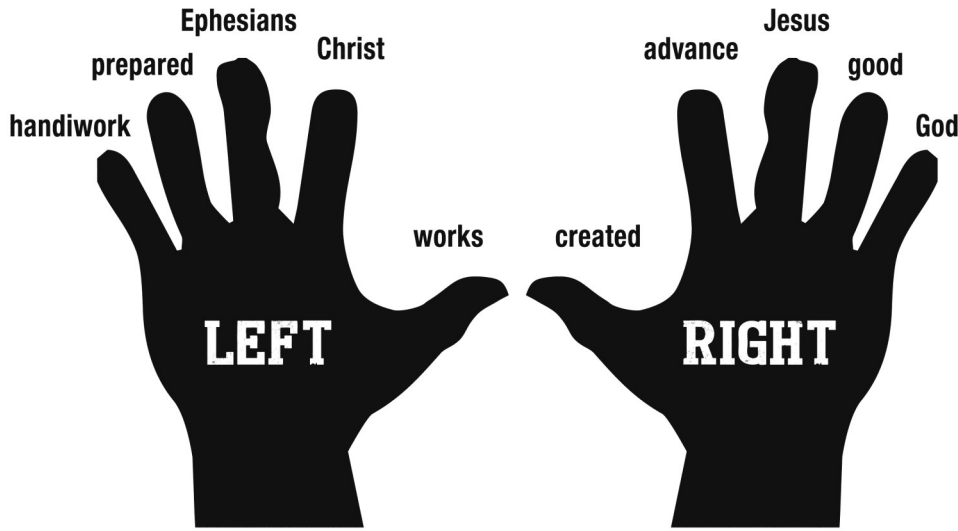
# Kid's Page



## Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

*Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.*



For we are God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in  
L pinky R thumb  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_,  
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb  
 which \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
R pinky L ring R pointer  
 for us to do. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:10, NIV  
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

## GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

### What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!