

**✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS ✠**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 31, 2016 ~ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., January 1, 2017

**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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Sunday Supper Program at Trinity Episcopal Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In celebration of Tom Lappan's birthday and Tom and Mary Lappan's wedding anniversary December 30th.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for grades preschool through fifth will begin on January 8 from 9-9:30 a.m. (Children are asked to arrive at 8:50 a.m. so we are prepared to begin our lesson/activity at 9:00 a.m.) We will meet upstairs in the Sunday School opening area. Elsa Phillips is the new teacher.

**PRAYERS:** Tom Brennan, 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, Tim Dillon, Geraldeen Laughlin, Kevin Salesman, 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.

**QUILTING/SEWING RESUMES JAN. 3**

Mark your calendar for every Tuesday for the Quilting/Sewing Group in the Fellowship Hall from 9-11:30 a.m. and remember that you can drop in whenever you have an hour to spare. Some members also sew at home. Thanks for all of your donations of materials!

**PLASTIC BAG MATS**

Please drop any completed mats at the church between now and the end of January. There will be an opportunity to send them at the end of the month. Thanks for your continued help with this project!

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 1st**

**9:30 a.m.      Worship**  
 NO Sunday School  
 NO Adult CE

**Monday - 2nd**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
**6:00 p.m.      Remembering Our**  
 Children - Lounge

**Tuesday - 3rd**

**9:00 a.m.      Quilting/Sewing**

**Wednesday - 4th**

**5:00-6:30 p.m.      Sanctuary Reserved**

**Saturday - 7th**

**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

<b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - December 25	\$ 7,036.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 5,014.00)

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**.....Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder,  
 Steve Garant, Vick, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam  
 Denstaedt  
**Greeters**..... Joel & Corinne Fraley  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips  
**Counters** ..... Chris Christopherson, Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey

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**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Lector** ..... Chris Christopherson  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**.....Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder,  
 Steve Garant, Vick, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam  
 Denstaedt  
**Greeters**..... Don & Verna Furze  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

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