

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ February 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."***



Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore,

Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson,

Bishop Craig Satterlee, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

### ***We also remember the families of...***

Debbie Anderson, who passed away January 16th.

Kevin Salesman, who passed away January 20th.

*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).*



Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held  
**Sunday, March 3**  
following 9:30 a.m. worship.



**On the agenda:**  
Receive Annual Reports  
(Report Deadline - February 3rd)  
Please plan to attend!

## **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at Grace**

Grace Lutheran is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 6. We are planning for 175-200 people, and we are in need of soups (approximately 15) and breads. We are also looking for setup and cleanup help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) for more information.

## **Driveway Fund**

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will pay off the remaining \$6900 by this coming December. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience.





## FROM OUR PASTOR

I have a rather unique view from my office window. I see The Little Food Pantry.

I see people drive up and leave things. Plenty of church members do that. But it has also been people from the community that I don't recognize. The article in The Alpena News has brought awareness. And it has been posted on Facebook too letting people know about it. I've heard in the community people say that is a such great thing to do. There have been days when I texted Phran and Dawn, saying someone just dropped some things off. And half hour later I send another text that more has been dropped off.

I also see people drive up to pick things up. Usually someone spends a few moments looking through and selecting those foods that work for them and their circumstances. On Christmas eve I was here at 3 pm and a young family was looking through the pantry. I told them about the canned items in entry way. They took a few things there too. Peggy has had the same experience, some one coming in during office hours asking if it is okay to take a few things from the canned items.

It is such a gift to see things being donated. And a gift to see things being picked up. Knowing that a need is being met. And Grace had something to do with helping someone be a little better for that day.

I had some one whom had spent their career in law enforcement ask me if the pantry every got ransacked. He admitted to having a rather jaded view of people. No I have not every seen it ransacked. Or even seen just a whole bunch of stuff swept off a shelf. What I have seen is people selecting the items they need and work for them.

So thank you to Dawn and Phran for the idea. And those who built it, Bill Platt, Dale Schultz and Bob Westenbarger.

You have given me a gift - to see grace in action.

Peace,

*Pastor Tom*



## 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.



Thank you to the congregation for the incredibly generous gift that I received a few weeks ago. Bri

and I have been overwhelmed by the support of this congregation and look forward to continue serving alongside in 2019! This was our first Christmas separated by a long distance from our families, but having a supportive church family is an incredible gift, especially in this time. Thank you again!

David

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## Addresses for Those Wishing to Send a Card

Grant Anderson  
2067 Wyoming Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

Julie Salesman  
992 W. Ryan Rd.  
Columbia City, IN 46725

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## Ruth Circle

All women are welcome to the next meeting of the Ruth Circle (which includes ALL women) scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. We hold Bible study, discussion and a short business meeting (includes the Julefest of 2018) leaving time for fellowship. The meeting was cancelled in January due to icy weather. Darlene Freel is president.



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## Flower Chart Posted

**Reminder...** If you would like to place flowers on the altar,

**please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

## The Little Food Pantry

The Little Food Pantry is constructed and in front of the church. The purpose of this pantry is to help our neighbors that might need a little extra with food and personal needs. Our goal is to stock the pantry ourselves, initially, but hopefully the community will get engaged and contribute.

We can stock the pantry with non-perishable foods, rice, pasta, boxed items that are the "add contents to boiling water", peanut butter, crackers, snacks, sugar, flour. During the cold weather we will not be able to have liquids, but possibly these items can be available inside the church. We can also put paper products, personal care items, famine hygiene items,



crayons, coloring books. As we move into this more, we will get a feel for what is needed. It will be a learning curve in the beginning.

New Life Lutheran in Hubbard Lake has a pantry and it is visited often. Something they do there is a party bag which contains a cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, sprinkles, balloons and all of this is in a gift bag.

The items that go into the pantry can be smaller package sized items. Like flour, it doesn't need to be a 5lb bag. If you have questions you can talk to Dawn Anderson or Phran Ludington. Once this project get rolling it will be a snap. Thanks.



# **Driveway Fundraiser Euchre Tournament (for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders through Adults) & Game Night (for All Ages)**

**Sunday, February 10, 2019  
Potluck at 4:30 p.m.  
Games begin at 5:30 p.m. or so**

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. There will be a Euchre Tournament area as well as an area for those who want to play other games. Please bring whatever games you like to play. Also, please bring a friend. This is a great opportunity to invite others to Grace.

For the Euchre Tournament, everyone will be playing as an individual, so you don't need a partner. We will be playing 6 rounds (each person deals twice in each round). Cost for the tournament will be \$10/person (\$7 for Driveway Fundraiser and \$3 for Gift Certificate Prizes). Prizes will be given for top scores and some random draws too, so all have a chance to win. Please remember to bring some quarters because if you are Euchred, you will have to pay a quarter to the Euchre Pot. The money collected in the Euchre Pot will also go to the Driveway Fund, for the circle drive in the front of the church. It won't hurt quite as much because you can feel good about donating to a good cause. ☺ Cheat sheets will be provided at each table with a list of the value of the cards, to help the inexperienced players.

If the game players want to have a Domino competition or something like that, we can help you set that up.

Hot Dogs and coffee, pop & water will be provided. Please bring a dish or snack to share.

Also, please bring a card table if you have one. Bring any games you like to play, if not in the Euchre Tourny. And, last, but not least, invite your friends.

**Please sign-up on the sheet, on the table, in the Narthex.**

If you have any questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member.

**See you all there!!!**



# Recycling Update

Now that TerraCycle has really cut back on the number of items they recycle for Pied Piper, the school is in need of our recyclables even more than before.

The items they recycle are:

- granola/breakfast bar wrappers
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste tubes
- cereal bags
- snack bags (chips / crackers)
- personal care items (soap bottles, shampoo, deodorant, gel, lotion)



So the next time you use any of the above items, why not think about recycling them instead of throwing them in the garbage? You will be helping a school and Mother Earth without it costing you anything except time.

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**We are also collecting** School Spirit symbols found on grain products such as bread and bun packages. These are given to the Catholic School here in Alpena and are worth five cents.

Betty Crocker Box Tops For Education are given to schools for their use. Each little symbol is worth ten cents.

Good, clean stuffed animals are being collected for the local Toys for Kids program.

Any of the things can be put in the recycling tub or box provided for near the kitchen doors.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM.

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**Plastic Mat Update:** To date, 52 mats have been delivered to the homeless in various cities in Michigan. Four more are awaiting delivery. We have lots of plarn waiting to be crocheted but need people to do it. If you or someone you know would be willing to help make them, please let me know and I will be happy to get you started. On behalf of those receiving the mats, THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!!!!!!!!!

**REMINDER:** THE RECYCLE CORNER IS FOR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, NOT FOR THE ITEMS THAT THE CHURCH COLLECTS IN THE BACK ENTRANCE AREA. THANKS FOR KEEPING THESE SEPARATE!

CORINNE FRALEY

## COME JOIN US FOR



124 E. Washington Avenue, Alpena

**THURSDAY, Feb. 7, 2019**

**5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**

***FAMILIES WELCOME!***

We follow bad weather cancellations by Alpena Public Schools

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**FUN      DINNER      ACTIVITIES      ALL AGES**



## 2018 Giving Statements

2018 Giving Statements are now available to be picked up. They are located on the center table in the Office Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact the Church Office (354-2640).

## 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

## January 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 15,115.00  
BUILDING FUND ..... 1,756.33  
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ..... 8.00  
DRIVEWAY FUND ..... 1,095.00  
OTHER ..... 290.00

TOTAL .....\$ 1,8264.33

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 116  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 274  
  
TOTAL ..... 390

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## FEBRUARY 2019

### LECTORS

03 SANDY WELCH  
10 PATTI TUCKER  
17 ANNA LEWIS  
24 BOB GREENE

### USHERS

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

### GREETERS

03 STEVE & JANIE HANSEN  
10 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
17 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
24 PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

### COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY  
WAYNE LEWIS

### ALTAR GUILD

BETHANY POPOUR  
ARLIS ST CHARLES

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

SHARON & RICK ENGSTROM

### FLOWERS

03  
10  
17  
24

### COFFEE HOUR

03 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
10 CORKY GATES  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
17 JACK & PATTI TUCKER  
24 DAWN ANDERSON  
PHRAN LUDINGTON

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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

## MARCH 2019

### LECTORS

03 PAUL DENSTAEDT  
10 Verna Furze  
17 DAWN ANDERSON  
24 DONNA CZARNECKI  
31 JOE GENTRY

### USHERS

JOEL SUSZEK  
GARY & KAY GROVE  
RICK ENGSTROM  
CINDY DOMRASE (SATURDAYS)

### GREETERS

03 CORKY GATES  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
10 DON, Verna & TAMMY FURZE  
17 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
24 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
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### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### ALTAR GUILD

JOELYN RICH  
MARY ROWADER

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

GARY & KAY GROVE

### FLOWERS

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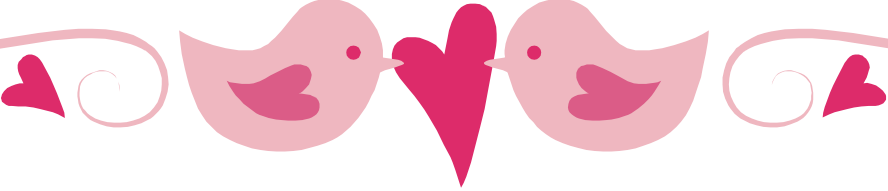
### COFFEE HOUR

03 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
10 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
17 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
24 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE  
31 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

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# FEBRUARY



## Anniversaries of Baptism



**February 3**  
Darlene Freel

**February 5**  
Judith Douglas

**February 12**  
Thomas Lappan

**February 13**  
Stephanie Adamski

**February 16**  
Alexandra Priebe

**February 19**  
Rhonda Himes  
Cody Suszek

**February 22**  
Joseph Gentry  
Steven Lappan

**February 23**  
Mitchell Agius  
Judy Black  
Laura Thompson

**February 24**  
Kenda Yochum

**February 25**  
Gracelyn Gohlke

**February 26**  
Kurt Smith

**February 27**  
Matthew Haske  
Rebecca Petrilli

**February 28**  
Davis Crittenden

## Birthdays



**February 2**  
Brianna Himes  
Charles McKay

**February 3**  
Alexandra Priebe

**February 4**  
Kathryn Reynolds  
Karen Upham

**February 5**  
Eleanor Coddington  
Kurt Smith

**February 6**  
Stephanie Ihnat

**February 7**  
Jeremy Jacobs

**February 9**  
Sandra Garant

**February 10**  
Tracey Urlaub

**February 11**  
Keri Bertrand  
Erwin Simi

**February 15**  
Matthew Haske  
Cheryl Werblow

**February 18**  
Joel Suszek

**February 19**  
Jon Carr  
Michael Dekett  
Trevor Denstaedt  
Taylor Hayward

**February 20**  
Maggie O'Connor

**February 21**  
Dustin Crittenden

**February 22**  
Mary Rowader

**February 24**  
Barb Werle

**February 27**  
Joshua Engstrom

**February 28**  
Astrid Fitzpatrick



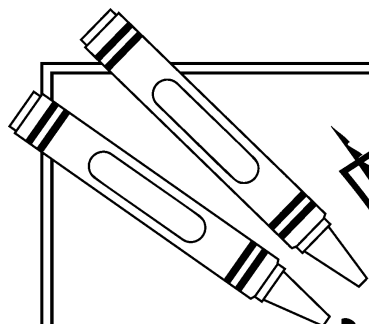
## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd  
12th  
16th

Gerald & Barbara Mudge  
Edward & Elvira Jahnke  
Gene & Cynthia Domrase



# Kid's Page



# PUZZLE

## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

## A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



### What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

### What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect