

✠ **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 4, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 5, 2017

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-R319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
Psalm 32 (Psalms begin page 339)

D-R325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

C-R335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

S-R618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Sunday School Program at Grace Lutheran Church.

ACTIVITY BAGS

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

PRAYERS

Elsa Phillips, 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, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

BRUNCH

&

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 5

Please join us for brunch and our Annual Meeting following our Sunday 9:30 a.m. worship service.

On the agenda:

Receive Annual Reports
Memorials & Gifts Policy

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

CROSSES FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, the Discipleship committee is asking that everyone in the congregation bring in a cross to display in the dining hall. We will have tables along the wall to display them. Just write your name and what kind of cross it is. Let's see how many we can display! Let us be drawn to these symbols of Christ and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering that the crosses represent.

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Our annual Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the APlex. Proceeds will benefit the Friendship Room and the Foster Closet as well as St. Paul Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church. Menu sounds delicious with Jon Benson, owner of JJ's, again catering. We are looking for donations for auction items and we are looking for some bakers. This year we will auction off pies. If you are interested in helping in any way, look for sign up sheets in the Narthex. Tickets remain the same at \$12.00 and will soon be available at either church office.

FLUTE & FRIENDS CONCERT

Trinity Episcopal ~ March 12 at 2:00 p.m.

There is a \$5.00 per person admission charge. A reception will follow in the lower level.

FIRST COMMUNION/ ACOLYTE BOOT CAMP

Both are being held on Saturday, March 11. A First Communion workshop will be held at 10 a.m., followed by Acolyte Boot Camp at noon. Pizza will be served for lunch. If you have a child and are interested in either, or both, and have not been contacted please contact Pastor Tom for more information. First Communion will be celebrated on March 12 at our 9:30 a.m. service.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 p.m.

Worship ~ 7:00 p.m.

March 8	First United Methodist "Moving in Faith" Rev. Tom Orth
March 15	St. Paul Lutheran "Moving in Strength" Sr. Mary Hughes
March 22	First Congregational UCC "Moving in Love" Rev. Bill McClure
March 29	St. Bernard Roman Catholic "Moving in Peace" Rev. Sue Platt
April 5	First Presbyterian "Moving in Suffering" Rev. Paul Lance
Maundy Thursday April 13	Trinity Episcopal "Moving Through Death" Rev. Bob Case

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 5th

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
Annual Meeting Follows in Fellowship Hall

Monday - 6th

6:00 p.m. Remembering Our
Children - Lounge

Tuesday - 7th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
3:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m. Celebrating & Sharing
Dinner Meeting -
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - 8th

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Worship at First United
Methodist

Thursday - 9th

5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 11th - Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 a.m. First Communion Workshop
12:00 p.m. Acolyte Boot Camp
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

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Music Director Berniece Lyon
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett &
Olivia Haske
Greeters Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,
Mary Rowader, Kelli Liske
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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Feb. 26, 2017	\$ 2,963.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 1,265.00)

FIRST READING**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM 32

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 5:12-19**

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ,

abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL**Matthew 4:1-11**

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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