

✠ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 7, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 8, 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-R673 God, Whose Almighty Word
Psalm 29 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R454 Remember and Rejoice
C-R396 Spirit of Gentleness
S-R310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

PRELUDE & SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Ann Hubbard & Isabelle Denstaedt

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 Stephen Ministry Program/Prayer Group at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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, 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. We also remember the family of Clayton Fee, who passed away on December 30th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Gordon Hansen's 87th birthday, given by his wife, Dorothy, and the family.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LARCC is again having a worship service to promote unity amongst the Christian Traditions. This years theme is Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). This theme comes from The Council of Churches in Germany (ACK) and their work toward the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Grace hosts this year's service on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 pm. As an addition this year there will be a soup supper at 6 pm prior to the service. Join us for worship and supper. Look for sign up sheets soon.

**RUTH CIRCLE
JANUARY MEETING**

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, January 18, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a Bible lesson, short business meeting leaving time for fellowship. All women welcome with no obligation. Darlene Freel is Chairman again this year.

**Mark your Calendars!
TRAINING FOR
ALTAR GUILD, USHERS AND
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
Sunday, January 15
Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
CELEBRATION**

Mon., Jan. 16 ~ Alpena Community College

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Film & Discussion led by Matt Dunckel, Alpena Community College, Besser Technical Center 122 The film is "BLACK AMERICA SINCE MLK: AND STILL I RISE." This PBS film asks profound questions about the state of black America—and our nation as a whole. This event is free and open to the public.

5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Chili Supper, Adults \$8.00, Students \$4.00, Alpena Community College, Lumberjack Shack Proceeds benefit "Wash Your Coat," a project for our community that provides free laundromat service to those in need. Tickets available at the door. The Chili Supper is sponsored by First Congregational UCC, Grace Lutheran, St. Paul Lutheran, and Trinity Episcopal Churches.

6:30 p.m. Essay Winners Speak Out, Alpena Community College, Granum Theatre Winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest for junior high and high school students will have an opportunity to read their works—"Consider the conflicts in your own community: in schools, neighborhoods, churches, and other organizations. How might you create a Beloved Community?" This event is free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m. Discussion on Creating a Beloved Community/Understanding White Privilege, Alpena Community College, Newport Center 106 How are issues like education, health care, poverty, housing, and economic status related to white privilege? This event is free and open to the public.

For more info, please call 989.340.1171.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 8th

8:50 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

Tuesday - 10th

9:00 a.m. Sunrise Conference - Grace
9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
5:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 11th

9:30 p.m. LARCC - Lounge/Kitchen

Thursday - 12th

10:00 a.m. Discipleship Work Group
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 14th

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

Sunday - 15th

8:50 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship -
Installation of Officers**
Altar Guild, Usher &
Communion Assistant
Training Follows the Service
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Vicki Denstaedt
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder, Steve Garant,
Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt
Greeters Don & Verna Furze
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz

SERVING NEXT WEEK

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder, Steve Garant,
Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour ... Vicki, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - January 1, 2017	\$ 4,000.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 58.00)

FIRST READING**Isaiah 42:1-9**

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM 29

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus

Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL**Matthew 3:13-17**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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