

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ July 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."***



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Leathhead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmeyer, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Christopher Cross, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

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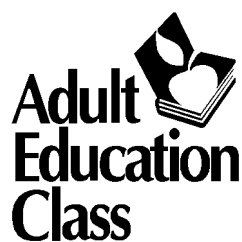
Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).



Vacation Bible School starts up again this year on July 8, Monday through Friday, at first United Methodist Church where it was last year.

Children ages 5 through 12 are invited to sign up. We also need volunteers again this year youth over 13 and adults. Six church's are participating again this year. Sign up sheet for volunteering is in the Office Narthex as well as applications for you to fill out stating your child's information. Hope to see your children or others in the community as all are welcome!

**A sign-up sheet for snack items needed for Grace's "Snack Day" is located in the Office Narthex.**



## Sunday Adult Christian Education For July and August

Our Sunday adult class will be using *Dialogue On: Sexuality* an ELCA curriculum as our class for 7 weeks in July & August. The material is designed to

have faithful conversations around controversial and difficult topics bringing different perspectives together through active communication and listening, allowing individual opinions to be heard and respected, creating a community for living together. **Books are \$10 and need to be ordered by June 23.** See Pastor Tom for more information.

## Driveway Fund Update

Thanks to all of your generous contributions, we have reached our goal and retired our Driveway Fund balance. Additional money collected above our Driveway Fund balance has been placed in our Building Fund.





## FROM OUR PASTOR

I find the comics from the paper can give me pause and get me thinking about life. The humor of them can safely give insights and open up new ideas. Hey what about this? Or can I think about this idea from a different perspective? It can be safe to laugh at the antics of the characters and say "Oh, really!" But then say what about me? Am I doing something like that? I can't possibly be doing anything like that!

From a recent Garfield, Jon is telling Garfield that there is a mice problem in the house and Garfield needs to do something about it. In the last panel, Garfield is looking at Jon with 2 mice behind him saying, "According to the mice, we have a BIG JON PROBLEM."

Changing your perspective can make a BIG difference in how you see a situation. And remembering perspective is not only physically moving around and looking from a different angle, it is recognizing that we all bring a perspective to a situation that includes all of who we are as person. Are male or female, young or old, an in between in age. Where we were raised, big city, medium city, or small town. In town or country. Where we have lived. All the various work we have done, whether it is as a job or volunteering. Our friends and the experiences they bring. And especially in the world right now, whether we are white or a person of color. And our sexuality, whether we are straight or gay or lesbian or transgender or . . . or . . . The list goes on and on. It is all the things that makes us who we are.

And we are different than our neighbor who lives next door or sits next to us in the pew. Even if we have lived in the same town together all our lives, we will have some differences. It is a challenge to understand to understand each others' perspective.

I have become more aware of this as I have listened to the stories of people of color in our midst. Or heard from LGBTQ folks about their experiences of life. We are all people who have had different experiences. We are all loved by God. And we need to live together with those different experiences trying to understand each other.

That is what we must try to do, live together. And especially to live together with grace and love. With God's help. And with God's love.

Peace,

*Pastor Tom*



## 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 .



## Baptism

We welcome Josephine Jane LeMonds to the Lord's family. Josie was baptized at our Saturday evening service on June 29th. Josie's sponsors are Kristi LeMonds and Kelli Perkins-Bauer and her parents are Chad and Kara LeMonds.

## Church Trim Painting

**TAKE A LOOK UP** and see how good the exterior white trim around the sanctuary looks. They have completed the painting of the trim. **THANKS TO ONE AND ALL** for your contributions to our annual budget which allowed us to complete this project.

## 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.

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## 7th Annual Mini-Golf Tourney Sunday, July 14 at 12:00 p.m.

at Lee's Miniature Golf on State St.  
(Discounted cost of \$3.00 per person)  
Followed by Ice Cream Treats/Downtown Scoops

We will start the day off right with our 9:30 a.m. church service. Then we will provide a lunch of hot dogs, chips, fruit and cookies and donut holes. Donations will be accepted. **Please note on the sign-up sheet how many will join us for lunch.** You are welcome to join us for lunch even if you don't want to join for the mini-golf. After we've got the kitchen cleaned up, we will head on over to Lee's Miniature Golf on State Street and hope to be golfing by noon.

**Please sign-up by Wednesday, 7/10/19**, on the sheet in the Office Narthex or e-mail Anna Lewis at [alewis0321@gmail.com](mailto:alewis0321@gmail.com).



The NRN Mission Trip Co-Leaders are compiling a list of people interested in going on the next MISSION TRIP in June 2020. Please sign-up on sheet at Grace Lutheran or contact anyone from our Co-Leaders: Marsha Hoppe - 354-8903, Staci Chroninger - 989-657-5051, or Vicki Denstaedt - 989-916-9258. We will be holding an organizational meeting for fundraising plans, etc.. within a month.

## The Grief Recovery Method Personal 2-Day Workshop facilitated by Jan Horst, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist New Life Lutheran Church

25 E. Kirche in the Woods Dr., Spruce, MI  
(6 miles north of M72, east of Hubbard Lake Rd.)

**Friday, August 2, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Saturday, August 3  
9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1-4:30 p.m.  
Lunch (please bring your own)**

Please contact June Scarborough at 989-724-6187 or [jscarborough251@gmail.com](mailto:jscarborough251@gmail.com) to order books (by July 21) or for more information

# Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACE VBS)



First United Methodist  
First Congregational  
First Presbyterian  
Grace Lutheran  
St Paul Lutheran  
Trinity Episcopal

is hosting...

**“PEACE WORKS:**

**“Empowering the next Generation of Peacemakers”**

## **VBS DAY CAMP**

**July 8-12, 2019**

**Each day from 9 AM to 2 PM**

at:

**First United Methodist Church**

167 S. Ripley Blvd, Alpena

989-354-2490

*This is a free event for children Ages 5-12.*

*Lunch and snacks will be provided.*

*Activities include Bible Adventures,*

*Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, & Games!*

Registrations can be mailed/dropped off at

**First United Methodist Church**

Go to [www.alpenafumc.org](http://www.alpenafumc.org) to print registration.

# ACE- VBS Day Camp Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation (church & city) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent location while child is at camp (work, home, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of special friend your child would like to be with: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of persons other than parents to whom child may be released.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individuals child CANNOT be released to.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Permission to Photograph/Videotape- Release to Utilize

We grant permission for any photographs or videotapes of our child as he/she is involved in VBS activities during the week of July 8-12, 2019, to be used in "telling the story" of **ACE- VBS**, in participating church web-sites, newsletters and other media releases and by Living Water Ministries and the Camp 2 Congregation project.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.**



Allergies (food, medications or other include insect stings, hay fever, asthma):

\_\_\_\_\_

Other medical conditions (behavioral, emotional or mental health problems):

\_\_\_\_\_



Emergency contact person if unable to contact parents:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Any activity restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Any recent illness, injury, or infectious disease? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier/Plan name & Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Has participant had the necessary immunizations to attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Medications to be given while at camp:

| <u>Medication</u> | <u>Dose</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Reason for taking medication</u> |
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All medications must be in original containers with participant name on label.

**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE.**

This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. The Church leader has permission to provide routine health care & administer prescribed medications. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the Church leader to seek emergency medical treatment. I give permission to the physician selected by the Church leader, to secure and administer treatment for the person named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

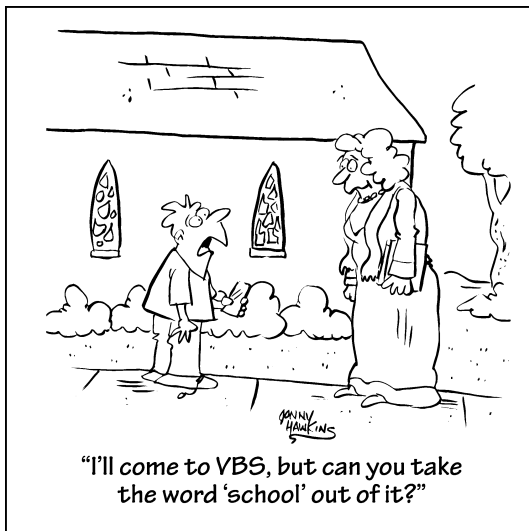


Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
APO AP 96264

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

## 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

## June 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 16,097.82  
BUILDING FUND .....2,115.95  
DRIVEWAY FUND .....1,115.00  
OTHER .....2,888.52  
  
TOTAL.....\$ 22,217.29  
(Does not include 6/29 & 30)

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (5) .....138  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (5) .....403  
  
TOTAL.....541

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## JULY 2019

### LECTORS

07 RUBY HASKE  
14 BOB GREENE  
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, VERA & 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  
14 D CROSS  
21 GROVE  
28

### COFFEE HOUR

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

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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

## AUGUST 2019

### LECTORS

04 BILL & NANCY PLATT  
11 VICKI DENSTAEDT  
18 MIKE URLAUB  
25 CHERYL WERBLOW  
26

### USHERS

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

### GREETERS

04 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
11 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
18 GARY & KAY GROVE  
25 ANNA LEWIS

### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

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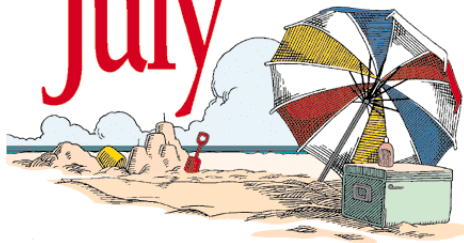
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## Anniversaries of Baptism



# July



## Birthdays

**July 1**

Sharon Engstrom

**July 4**

Caitlin Wade

**July 5**

Myles Granata  
Ann O'Connor

**July 6**

Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger

**July 7**

Whitney Barrow  
Grace Kuligowski  
Harper Suszek

**July 8**

Charity Corwin

**July 14**

Richard Carlson

**July 15**

Scott Lancaster

**July 17**

Michele Amelotte

**July 20**

Rhonda Anderson  
Christopher Carlson  
Amelia Kamyszek

**July 22**

Mike Schiller

**July 24**

Vicki VanEssen

**July 27**

Gerry Rhoads

**July 29**

Kathy Piontkowski  
Olivia Viegelaahn

**July 30**

Linda Batchelor

**July 1**

Christopher Carlson  
Tami Romel  
Dale Schultz

**July 2**

Jonathan Lang

**July 3**

Kay Zinsli

**July 4**

Riley Gohlke

**July 6**

Wayne Christopherson  
Jon Crow  
Donald LaBarre

**July 7**

Grant Anderson  
Larry Garant  
Elaine Hatch

**July 9**

Joanne Nicholls

**July 10**

Stephanie Suszek

**July 12**

Gloria Moore  
Brittany Nowak  
Hadleigh Suszek

**July 15**

Myra Cross  
Vicki Denstaedt

**July 16**

Clarence Cross

**July 17**

Leslie Reynolds

**July 18**

Jean Kissau  
Scott Kuligowski

**July 21**

Margaret Clemens  
Dorothy Hansen  
Brian Nelson  
Patti Tucker

**July 22**

Joel Fraley  
Kay Grove

**July 23**

Scott Henning

**July 24**

Christena Christopherson  
Jim Hansen

**July 25**

Jim Dekett

**July 27**

Pam Gohlke  
Anthony Thompson

**July 28**

Paige Timmreck

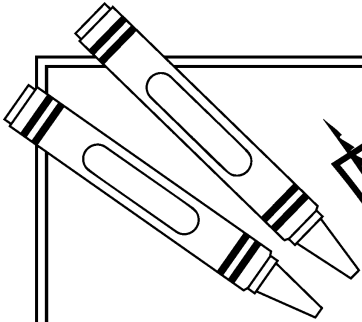


## Wedding Anniversaries

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| 3rd  | Ken & Jo Ann Apsey                              |
| 6th  | Ken & Nancy Amelotte                            |
| 14th | Jim & Denise Timrick<br>Dennis & Cheryl Werblow |
| 15th | Jeff & Shirley Diamond                          |
| 19th | Fred & Joanne Kindt                             |
| 27th | Scott & Judy Black                              |
| 29th | Greg & Ellie Walker                             |
| 30th | Ray & Leslie Reynolds                           |



# Kid's Page



## PUZZLE

### "IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

*Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.*

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

k \_ \_ p my \_ y \_ s  
 I w \_ y s \_ n th \_ L \_ RD.  
 W \_ th h \_ m \_ t my  
 r \_ ght h \_ nd,  
 w \_ ll n \_ t b \_ sh \_ k \_ n.  
 Ps \_ lm 16:8, N \_ V

## PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4<sup>th</sup> craft.

### What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



### What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV