

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ April 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."



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Monday, April 3
St. Paul Lutheran
7:00 p.m.

Bishop Satterlee annually leads Chrism Masses around the Synod. In this service the oil (chrism) used at baptism and anointing the sick is blessed, clergy renew their ordination vows and lay renew their commitment as disciples of Christ. This year Episcopalians have been invited to join and it will be combined with the Episcopal Evensong worship setting. All are invited to participate.



April 13
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
Soup Supper &
Worship at Trinity Episcopal

April 14
12-3 p.m.

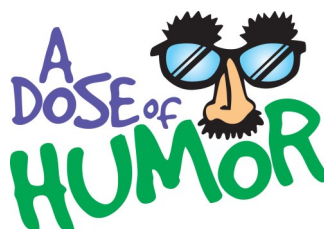
Good Friday Tre Ore
at First Presbyterian

April 15
5:00 p.m.

Easter Worship

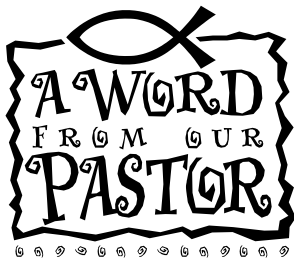
April 16
8:00 &
10:30 a.m.

Easter Worship
(Easter breakfast
between services)



Holy Humor
Saturday/Sunday
April 29 and 30

Please join us at the eleventh annual Holy Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they would like to share please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service.



Well my desktop computer at home is infected with a virus or malware or ransomware - something. The antivirus software is telling me so. And I believe it. It is slow and the cpu useage is too high. So something is going on that is not suppose to be.

It will be okay. I have a backup of all my files and have taken other steps to minimize the possibility of damage to them. It will be pain to get rid of the infection. It will take time, time I'd rather be spending on other things. Yet since I had prepared for the possibility it is not a disaster or even the end of my files.

We are in the Lenten season heading toward Easter, a penitential time headed toward a resurrection time. This is a time when we consider the ways we have messed up, have a virus or malware or ransomware. That is sinned, having done the things we should not have done and not done the things we should have. It is also a time we look forward remembering how we have been prepared by God and are continuing to participate in the promises of God's Kingdom that is in the here and now.

I trust you found the time in preparation has been well spent: the worship, the Bible reading, the prayer, the study, the classes, the service work, the mission work, the ministry that each are called to. I trust that you have found value in it for the moment of doing it and that it has been sustenance for you in times of need.

A value of this season, really all seasons, is to consider what is the best preparation for you, for the life journey that God is calling you on and that you are travelling on. What more preparation can you do to live as God and Jesus want you to live? And then to take that up, as more preparation for the what may come, not at the end of your time but in the moments of the days ahead. Of course out ultimate preparation is knowing that God's grace prevails, and that grace allows us to turn toward God ever time we have wandered away. There is resurrection in each returning toward God, not being bound up by our yesterdays rather in new life living out our future.

Really our preparing is trusting in God and God's promises. Abandoning ourselves into that unity with God that our baptism, and our faith, proclaims. And then living, really living, in God's love.

I think that it is more "work" than repairing a computer, ongoing and lifelong work. And I think it is easier once we realize we are not alone. It is important.

God's grace and peace to you in your living.

Shalom,

Pastor Tom



Sunday School will not meet on
April 16 or April 23.

Our last day for Sunday School, until
Fall, will be May 7.

Ruth Circle

The Women of Grace (Ruth circle) will meet Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 1pm in the lounge. The lesson text will be Galatians 5:1-6:18 and is usually led by Polly Cook, followed by a short meeting and fellowship time. All women are welcome without obligation.

Darlene Freel President

Ecumenical Lenten Series 2017

Moving Toward the Cross

Join us at our ecumenical series on Wednesday evenings. Soup suppers at 6:00 p.m., services at 7:00 p.m.

Moving Toward the Cross is the theme of our Ecumenical Lenten Series based on thought provoking quotes from the work of Presbyterian theologian Frederick Buechner paired with insightful reflections from Lutheran religious commentator and Biblical scholar Martin E. Marty.

Offerings will be divided equally between Call Us For Help, St. Bernard's Friendship Room and Trinity Episcopal's Sunday Supper.

Date	Location	Theme	Preacher
April 5	First Presbyterian	Moving in Suffering	Rev. Paul Lance
Maundy Thursday April 13	Trinity Episcopal	Moving Through Death	Rev. Bob Case

The Sixth Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner

When: April 23, 2017

Where: The APlex

**Doors open at 11:30 with the meal served at
12:30pm**

Tickets \$12

Children 12 and under Free

Menu: Baked Chicken,
Sausage and Sauerkraut,
Garlic Redskin Mashed
Potatoes and Gravy,
Glazed Carrots, Green
Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls/
Butter, Pies and Cakes,
Coffee and Water

Silent Auction/Chinese
Raffle With a Pie Auction

50/50 Drawing

**Tickets available in the
church office or from
committee members**



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.



Easter Breakfast Help Needed

Help is needed for an Easter breakfast potluck to be held between services on Easter Sunday. **We can use help with set up, working during the breakfast, and clean up.** Sign-up sheets is located in the Narthex. Questions?

Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) or
Pat Schultz (356-2781)



The Way of the Cross Towards Peace and Justice

A Procession of Peace Poles
Sunday, April 2, 2017

Madison and Nic Timmreck thank you for your donations to AHS Track. Ten dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts were delivered to Hope Shores Alliance (formerly Shelter Inc.) on behalf of Grace Lutheran congregation members. 20 families will benefit from your tasty donation--thank you!

Sponsored by the Alpena Peace Coalition
- **2pm** Alpena Community of Christ, 126 Clinton St.; **2:20 pm** St. Paul Lutheran, 727 S. 2nd Ave.; **2:40 pm** Grace Lutheran, 119 W. Dunbar St.; **3 pm** Trinity Episcopal, 124 E. Washington Ave.; **3:20 pm** First Congregational, 201 S. 2nd Ave.; **3:40 pm** All Saints Catholic Parish, Lockwood St. between 9th/10th Avenues. Join us as we pray for peace. All are welcome!



Outreach and Mission - Local

Discipleship



Items Needed:

- * Tuna & Tuna Helper
- * Peanut Butter & Jelly
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup
(Just add water kind)
- * Elbow Macaroni

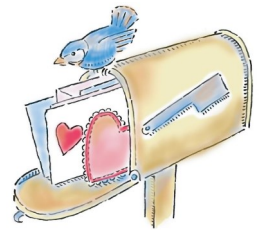
The collection basket is located outside the church office. All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.



Loving Care Members Visits & Flurry of Cards

We will be visiting our Loving Care Members on April 11 with goodies. We will

also be doing a flurry of Easter cards for them, so please join in!!!



Walk Me Home Event

Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Duck Park

We will again need workers and walkers/runners. This year we will have a prize also for the funniest hat worn. Mark your calendars for June 10th!!!



Lutheran World Relief project for April - June. We are collecting for Samaritas. This is the Foster Children Program through Flint. We need underwear and socks for 2 year olds through age 13. **Needed items are listed on the bulletin board by the entrance with items to go in the big wicker basket.**

No Bread Weekend for the month of April. We will resume in May! \$239.00 was collected in March for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Our next Bread Weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, May 20/21. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Noisy Offering continues to be the 4th weekend of the month. One of our projects we support with this money is our World Vision sponsored child, Ishimwe.



Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships will be available in the Narthex, beginning March 1, 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).

Parking at Grace in April and May

Parking at Grace will be come interesting beginning around April 5th. Third Avenue from Washington to Lewis is going to be rebuilt starting then and continuing for 4 to 6 weeks. And Holy Week is April 9th through 16th.

I am asking all that are able to walk a little bit, to park further from the church. Even if you arrive early and find spaces on Dunbar or in the parking lot, would you leave those spaces for any guests or those who might find distance difficult. A bit of hospitality for each other and the stranger in our midst.

Thank you,

Pastor Tom

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..... Dorothy Hansen..... 354-3563
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..... Dorothy Hansen..... 354-3563
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..... Sandy Welch 916-5006

March 2017

Finances

GENERAL FUND.....\$ 17,142.00
BUILDING FUND..... 419.00
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 11.00
OTHER 1,255.42
TOTAL.....\$ 18,827.42

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 155
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 293
TOTAL 448

Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACE VBS)

First United Methodist

First Congregational

First Presbyterian

Grace Lutheran

St Paul Lutheran

Trinity Episcopal

is hosting...

“Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ” VBS DAY CAMP

July 10-14, 2017

Each day from 9 AM to 3 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 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 10-14, 2017, to be used in "telling the story" of **ACE- VBS**, in participating church web-sites, newsletters and other media releases.

Parent/guardian signature

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

Recycling Update

Items being recycled now



Baby food pouches



Plastic Drinking Cups



Toothbrushes/
Toothpaste



Plastic Personal Care
Items (soap bottles,
shampoo, deodorant,
make-up cases, gel,
lotion)



Drink Pouches



Granola/Energy
Bar Wrappers



Salty Snack Bags



Cereal Bags



Tape Rolls



Betty Crocker Box Tops



School Spirit



Cancelled Postage
Stamp (trim 1/4"
around)

**Unfortunately the Humane Society is no longer collecting Spartan UPC's.

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support our efforts to help keep Mother Earth clean. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Children's Clothing Needed

Children's Closet (sizes 4 and up) and Baby Pantry (4T and under) are in need of clothing, shoes, coats, toys, etc. especially for summer. Winter clothing can also be given and will be stored for next winter. Our inventory is lower than usual and we will soon be giving away summer clothing.

As you clean out your children's closets, please consider donating to us. They can be dropped off M-F during the day at St. Bernard's Parish Center on the **Lockwood Street** entrance.

"Freely we have received. Freely give. Matthew 8:10 When you give to these groups, you are providing clothing for needy families in our area. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

APRIL 2017

ACOLYTES

02
09
16 Early
Late
23
30

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

02 VICKI DENSTAEDT
09
16 Early DAWN ANDERSON
Late VERA FURZE
23 DONNA CZARNECKI
30 MIKE URLAUB

USHERS

MICK & KAY ZINSLI (Saturdays)
WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

GREETERS

02 TIMMRECK FAMILY
09 SHELLY OLSEN FAMILY
16 Early GORDON & DOROTHY HANSEN
Late JEFF & CAREY SCHILLER FAMILY
23 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ
30 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK

COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

ALTAR GUILD

JEANNE PANKEY
CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

FLOWERS

02 FURZE/KISSAU
09 PLATT
16 EASTER FLOWERS
23 FRALEY
30

COFFEE HOUR

02 POLLY COOK, ELSA PHILLIPS,
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON
09 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
16 EASTER BREAKFAST
23 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
30 BARB WERLE, ANGIE CRITTENDEN,
ELLIE WALKER

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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

MAY 2017

ACOLYTES

07
14
21
28

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

07 CHERYL WERBLOW
14 CORINNE FRALEY
21 SHARON ENGSTROM
28 RUBY HASKE

USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
JOEL & CORINNE FRALEY
CORKY GATES
PHRAN LUDINGTON
NIC TIMMRECK

GREETERS

07 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
14 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
21 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW
28 PHIL & PAM AGIUS FAMILY

COUNTERS

DALE & PAT SCHULTZ

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT
KAREN SLAGHT

ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ
VERNA FURZE
TAMMY FURZE

FLOWERS

07 BARNARD
14 J. GOHLKE
21
28

COFFEE HOUR

07 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE
14 JOE & DAWN GENTRY
21 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
28 DON & VERNIA FURZE, TAMMY FURZE

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April



Anniversaries of Baptism

April 1
Jon Carr

April 2
Kaitlyn Tomaszewski

April 3
Ruby Haske
Dorene Schultz

April 4
Norm Timm

April 7
Tyler Suszek

April 8
Don Cross

April 11
Shane Jaroch

April 12
David Hansen

April 14
Jeanette Chroninger

April 15
Anna Greene

April 20
Thelma Stevens

April 21
Taylor Agius

April 22
Vicki Cripps

April 24
Donna Czarnecki

April 25
Jacob Gapske
Denise Timrick

April 26
Reed Lappan

April 27
Grant Anderson
Patrick McCourt

April 28
Mike Dekett

April 29
Michael Herrmann
Sophia Kamyszek

April 30
Alisha Poirier



April 1
Jim Clemens
Bryan Stafford
Larry Suszek

April 4
Debbie Anderson

April 6
Janet Carlson

April 7
Robert Greene
Everett Haske

April 8
Tyler McKenzie

April 9
Phran Ludington

April 10
Nicholas Schillerstrom
Logan Suszek

April 11
James Malaski

April 12
Pastor Tom Orth

April 13
Jeanne Pankey
Piper Slominski

April 14
Kendra McInerney

April 15
Wesley Garant
Myles Granata
Alec Kennedy

April 16
Pamela Agius

April 18
Alecia Lewis

April 19
Ryan Reynolds

April 20
Connor Freel

April 22
Stacey Piontkowski

April 23
Mike Schiller

April 24
Madison Timmreck

April 25
Terry Bertrand

April 26
Sharon Engstrom
Lorah Lappan

April 27
Nancy Amelotte

April 30
Molly O'Connor



Wedding Anniversaries

6th Don & Verna Furze
8th Donald & Myra Cross
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart
14th Dustin & Angela Crittenden
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
18th Richard & Janet Carlson
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

Kid's Page



JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

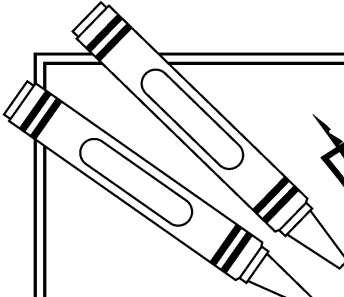
What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

dead

hope

resurrection

given

of

birth

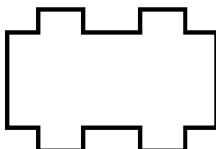

living



Christ



mercy

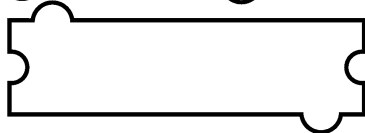
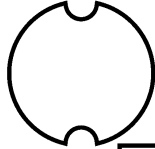
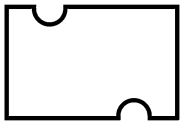
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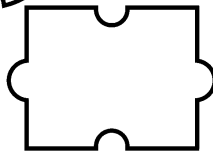
Jesus

In his   he has

 us new  into a

  through the

 from the .

1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV