

✠ TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., July 23, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., July 24, 2016

Hymns

G-R754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You
Psalms 138 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R742 What Friend We Have in Jesus
C-R515 Break Now the Bread of Life
S- R790 Day by Day

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 Faith Formation Program in All Saints Catholic Community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday August 7th following worship

The recommended Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles are being presented for discussion and a vote on adoption.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. John Laycock for preaching and leading worship this weekend.

PRAYERS: Gar Nicholls, Fred Wegmeyer, Bunny Lyon, Gordon Hansen, 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, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and Kay.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Arnold Werth, given by Charlotte Werth.

PRAYER LIST

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).

BREAD WEEKEND - THANK YOU

\$142.00 was collected for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund on July 16/17. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Our next Bread Weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, August 20/21. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all who helped with the luncheon and/or brought food for Mom's luncheon. Oh, how she loved Grace! Thanks also for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and hugs. What an awesome family we have here at Grace. I love and appreciate all of you. Thanks again!

Joelyn Rich and Family

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A big thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. Special thanks to Pastor Tom, Vicki Denstaedt and Janet Chroninger.

Love you all,

Roger Pankey

### COMMUNITY PRESENTATION OF THE ALPENA COMMUNITY NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK MISSION TRIP July 25th at 7:00pm

#### St. Anne's Fellowship Hall

This is open to the Alpena Community as we hope to share our experiences with all of you. Video will be shown of work done as well as sharing time. Please come and bring a friend! We all thank you for your support!!

Vicki Denstaedt

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

|                                         |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 3,981.00   |
| Weekly giving - July 17                 | \$ 3,303.00   |
| Year-to-date over/(under)               | (\$ 2,840.00) |

### INTERFAITH AMIGOS IN ALPENA, MICHIGAN Thursday September 22

An imam, a rabbi and a pastor who began working together following 9/11 share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important today and how each tradition support as well as hinder that deeper dialogue. With 2 workshops during the day and an evening presentation, they support effective collaboration on issues of our time.

For more info:

Facebook: Interfaith Amigos-Alpena

or

Email: [ifaalpena@gmail.com](mailto:ifaalpena@gmail.com)

or

call 989.657.9474

### RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES

There are several youth from Grace who have joined The Relay For Life "Team Triple Threat" on August 20-21. The "Luminaria Ceremony" is a time during the relay that is set aside to honor our loved ones who are battling cancer and remember those who have lost their fight. If you would like to purchase a luminary in honor of - or in memory of a loved one - you can purchase one during the fellowship time before or after worship on Saturdays and Sundays. We can deliver, pick up, and or decorate the bag for you. You can call us too... Each bag is \$10. As we walk through the night on the 20th, the luminaria will light the path.. We thank you for your support of Team Triple Threat & all who are battling today!!!

Isabelle Denstaedt (989-916-9259)

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### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 24th**

9:30 a.m.

#### **Worship**

Noisy Offering Sunday

#### **Monday - 25th**

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

#### **Tuesday - 26th**

3:30-7:00 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

#### **Wednesday - 27th**

2:30-6:30 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

#### **Saturday - 30th**

5:00 p.m.

#### **Worship**

**Community Ecumenical**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Mon-Fri, 7/25-29 ~ 9am - 3pm**

**First United Methodist Church**

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Ministers**.....God's People

**Pastor** ..... Rev. John Laycock

**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon

**Lector** ..... Taylor Denstaedt

**Communion Assts.** .... Dale Schultz, Gary Nicholls

**Ushers**..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,

Jo Ann Smith, Tom Brennan,

Bev Attwell, Rick Engstrom

**Greeters**..... Don & Verna Furze

**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger

**Altar Guild** ..... Chris Christopherson, Phran

Ludington, Jeanne Pankey

**Counters** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

**Coffee Hour** ..... Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,

Ellie Walker

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Ministers**.....God's People

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth

**Music Director**..... Berniece Lyon

**Lector** ..... Sandy Welch

**Communion Assts.** .... Dale Schultz, Gary Nicholls

**Ushers** ..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,

Jo Ann Smith, Tom Brennan,

Bev Attwell, Rick Engstrom

**Greeters** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger

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**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby & Olivia Haske

### **FIRST READING**

### **Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

<sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered,

"Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I

“speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

**PSALM 138** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement

and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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