

✠ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 6, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 7, 2018

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-R310** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Psalm 29 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R456 Baptized in Water
C-R800 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
S-R543 Go My Children, with My Blessing

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 Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC.

PRAYERS

Nathan Engstrom, Sara Kamyszek, Dorothy Hansen, Hope Kamyszek, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Scott Coddington, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Gordon Hansen's 88th birthday on January 7th.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

LARCC WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Wednesday, January 24, at Trinity Episcopal. Join us. This year there will be a soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m. prior to the worship at 7:00 p.m. Fr Joe Muszkiewicz, from the All Saints Parish, will preach. ***Grace is asked to supply 2 crocks of soup and some bread. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the office narthex.***

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our conversation will continue about Creeds and Statements of Faith. What is important to you that you would include in a Statement of Faith you were writing? Join us in the Lounge at 11 for the discussion.

ASSISTANCE FUND

We receive requests for assistance from individuals and families, both from the church and the community, when times are tough and circumstances pile up. The funds we have available for that come from the loose offering of each weekend's collection. Winter time seems to be when the need is greatest. With several recent significant needs, I would ask you to consider an extra bit of loose offering to have funds available when future needs arise.

Pastor Tom

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH

All are welcome to join us to help us pack the Christmas decorations away on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Reminder... If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

**Alpena Community College
Monday, January 15, 2018**

---5-6:15 p.m. Chili Supper

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration begins with a chili supper from 5-6:15 p.m. at the ACC Lumberjack Shack. Proceeds benefit the Wash Your Coat project, a community service to provide free laundromat service to those in need. Tickets available at the door, Adults \$8.00, Students \$4.00. For more info, call 340-1171.

---630 p.m. Essay Winners Speak Out

Winners of the MLK, Jr. school essay contest will have an opportunity to read their works in ACC Granum Theatre at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more info, call 340-1171.

---7 p.m. Presentation & Discussion on "How do we use what Dr. King taught us?"

Jeffrey Mindock, Artistic Director at Thunder Bay Theatre and his team will perform a MLK, Jr. themed presentation with time for discussion starting at 7 p.m. at ACC, Newport Center 106. This event is free and open to the public.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 7th

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
11:00 a.m. Adult Study - Lounge

Tuesday - 9th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
5:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 10th

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 11th

1:00 p.m. Discipleship Work Group
4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Saturday - 13th

9:30 a.m. Un-Decorate the Church
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

SERVING JANUARY 7

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt & Olivia Haske
Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

SERVING JANUARY 14

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt & Olivia Haske
Greeters Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,
Ellie Walker

FIRST READING**Genesis 1:1-5**

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

PSALM 29

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Acts 19:1-7**

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke

in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL**Mark 1:4-11**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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