

✠ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 25, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 26, 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-R308 O Morning Star, how Fair and Bright
Psalm 99 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R671 Shine, Jesus, Shine
C-R838 Beautiful Savior
S-R834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC.

**ACTIVITY BAGS
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

PRAYERS

Elsa Phillips, 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, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of my parents, Martin and Esther Hansen, given by Elaine Hatch.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 5
following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the agenda:

Receive Annual Reports
Memorials & Gifts Policy

Please plan to attend!

ASKING FOR PRAYERS

A group of individuals from various church communities are asking for prayers as they begin the process of planning a nondenominational, nonpartisan event in Alpena focusing on building peace, acceptance, and community in the midst of the divisions within our families, workplaces, schools, churches, and civic and service organizations. Through the arts with music, poetry, and positive rhetoric, we want to involve the community and surrounding area in a family oriented event that lifts our spirits, shines God's Light, and gives us hope for the future...hope that does not disappoint. Your prayers would mean a lot to us....God's Peace!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Has God graced you with musical talent? Would you be willing to share it with the congregation? If you would be willing to provide special music for our worship services, please let a member of our Worship Work Group know. Thanks!

Sharon Engstrom
Dorothy Hansen
Dawn Gentry
Ruby Haske
Carolynne Wegmeyer

BREAD WEEKEND - THANK YOU

\$215.50 was collected for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund on February 18 & 19. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Our next Bread Weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, March 18 & 19. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday will be observed this year here at Grace Lutheran as this Wednesday begins our ecumenical Lenten series. This year's theme is *Moving toward the Cross* based on writings by Presbyterian theologian Frederick Buechner and reflections by Lutheran theologian Martin E. Marty. Join us for our weekly Wednesday night soup supper and service with 6 other churches.

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Alpena George N. Fletcher Public Library

211 N. 1st Ave., Alpena

Please join us for a free workshop! Call 989-356-1330 or email Linda Smith at linda.smith@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest. Refreshments will be served. ***See poster on bulletin board for more information.***

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A big "Thank You" to Chris Christopherson for sewing the bags and filling them with crayons, paper, and coloring books for the children to use during worship.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please let the office know (354-2640).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 26th - Noisy Offering

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul

Tuesday - 28th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 1st - Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Worship at Grace

Thursday - 2nd

3:30-4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 4th

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

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,058.00 |
| Weekly giving - Feb. 19, 2017 | \$ 5,787.00 |
| Year-to-date over/(under) | (\$ 170.00) |

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Melissa Timmreck
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Charles Snyder
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,
Bethany Popour
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour .Eleanor Coddington, Dawn Anderson

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett &
Olivia Haske
Greeters Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,
Mary Rowader
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Wayne & Chris Christopherson

FIRST READING**Exodus 24:12-18**

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM 99

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**2 Peter 1:16-21**

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive

to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL**Matthew 17:1-9**

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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