

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 27, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 28, 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-R876** Let the Whole Creation Cry  
**Psalm 111** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R665** Rise, Shine, You People!  
**C-R612** Healer of Our Every Ill  
**S-R772** Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

### 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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Administration Ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Nathan Engstrom, Sara Kamyszek, Dorothy Hansen, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, 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. We also remember the family of Clifford Anschuetz, who passed away January 20th.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

### 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

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**

### **Sermon Talk About**

Adult CE class will spend some time discussing the sermon for about 1/2 hour before Pastor prepares for Catechism. Comments and any thoughts prompted will be shared. See you at 11 in the Lounge.

### **COLLECTING PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

- Light-weight bath-size towel, dark color suggested (20x 40 to 52 x 27)
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand) in original wrapping (No mini or hotel-size bars)
- Adult-size toothbrush in original pkg. (toothbrush multi-packs ok)
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clippers

*Items may be place in wicker basket located in the Office Narthex near the parish building entrance.*

### **FOOD ITEMS FOR TRINITY PANTRY**

Grace collects food items for the food pantry at Trinity Episcopal. These items include; Tuna & Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake mix (just add water type) & syrup and elbow macaroni. These items are used to fill emergency food boxes for individuals that are in need of food, due to a number of circumstances. Other non-perishable items may be donated to help fill in the boxes. We collect the donated food items in a basket, outside the church office door in the Office Narthex.

## **WARM QUILTS**

Do you know anyone who needs a warm, comfy quilt during the cold weather? If you have questions, contact the church office, Corinne Fraley, or Dorothy Hansen.

### **MID-WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AT GRACE**

Grace Lutheran is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 14. We are planning for 175-200 people, and we are in need of soups (approximately 15) and breads. We are also looking for setup and cleanup help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) for more information.

### **WANTED**

Wanted...anyone interested in the worship services and willing to serve on the Worship Work Group. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Contact Sharon Engstrom (354-5133).

### **DRIVEWAY FUNDRAISER EUCHRE TOURNAMENT/GAME NIGHT Sunday, February 11 Baked Potato Bar & Sundae Bar at 4:30 p.m. Games begin at 5:15 p.m.**

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. Cost for the Euchre tournament is \$6.00 per person. Cost for the meal is \$7.00 per person (baked potato bar, sundae bar, coleslaw, relish tray and drinks). Please bring a card table if you have one. Bring any games you like to play, if not in the Euchre Tourney. And, last but not least, invite your friends! **Sign-up sheets and more information are located on the table in the office narthex.** Questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member.

### **USHER/ALTAR GUILD TRAINING**

There will be a training session for ushers and altar guild members on February 4 after the worship service. This is also open to anyone who might be interested in joining altar guild or ushers, as more help is always great.

### **SERVING JANUARY 28**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Music Assistant**.....Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** .....Ruby Haske  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Matt & Olivia Haske  
**Greeters**.....Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske  
**Counters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey

### **SERVING FEBRUARY 4**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Music Assistant**.....Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** .....Sharon Engstrom  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**.. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie  
Cross, Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays)  
**Greeters**..... Dawn Anderson, Mary Rowader  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,  
Bethany Popour (Back Up)  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Don, Verna & Tammy Furze

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 28th**

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge  
12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul

#### **Tuesday - 30th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

#### **Wednesday - 31st**

3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved

#### **Thursday - 1st**

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
6:00 p.m. People for Social Justice -  
Lounge

#### **Saturday - 3rd**

12-5:00 p.m. Kitchen/Fellowship Hall  
Reserved - Mission Trip  
Sub Assembly  
**5:00 p.m. Worship**

**FIRST READING**                      **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

**PSALM 111**                                      (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING**                      **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the

food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**GOSPEL**    **Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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