

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ August 2019

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."



Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte,
Patti Tucker, Diane Prevost,
Tammy Furze, Julie Troy,

Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens,
Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead,
Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean

Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmeyer,
Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Emily
Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris &
Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano,
Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John
Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family,
Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott
Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the families of...

Jane Sommerfeld (Margaret Clemens' sister),
who passed away on May 5th.

Don Weise, who passed away on July 12th.

Lorraine Leathead, who passed away on
July 12th.

Martha Beck (Darlene Freel's sister-in-law) who
passed away July 18th.

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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).

## TEMPLE BETH-EL Service & Program

Rabbi Howard Morrison of  
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda  
Synagogue, Toronto,  
Canada will lead Temple  
Beth-El's Sabbath service  
on Friday, August 2, 2019  
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Shabbat  
Service 7:30 p.m. AND present an  
"ENRICHMENT PROGRAM" Sunday, August 4,  
2019, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Seating is limited so  
please call 989-354-3544 if you plan to attend  
either the Shabbat service or Enrichment  
Program.



## Save the Date for the 8th Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner October 13, 2019 at The APlex

**Doors open at 11:30/meal served at 12:30pm**

**Tickets \$15/ Children 12 and under Free**

**Silent Auction/Chinese Raffle/50-50 Drawing**

Please note: Auction Items are due on or  
before 9/15. Any item turned in after this date,  
will be held for next year's event.

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Words Matter

And how they are said, how **we say** them, matters.

Words are never just words and their meaning. They carry with them all of their usage from the past. Their history of when and how they have been used influences how society hears them today. Our personal experience of them, when and how we have heard them in the past influences how we individually hear and respond to them today. Every message of words has both content and feeling. Studies show that something like eighty percent of communication is receiving the message through the filter of our experience and life.

*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all"* has meaning because of the words and also because of our experience of those words in worship and use thorough out the history of worship and the church. The same is true of the response, *"And also with you."* They both carry with them feeling that adds meaning.

We need to be aware of how we receive words, our reactions to them. What meanings and feelings they carry for us. How that influences us and the message we receive. We also need to be aware of how others can receive our words because of their history and their experience of the words. We need to be caring in our use of words.

We all remember that childhood ditty, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." And we know how wrong that is. Those emotional hurts are every bit as devastating as physical ones. And can carry wounds that stay with us a long, long time.

We as Christians need to model caring for others in society today. That includes in our communications of all forms, written and verbal. We need to be an example of caring communications that builds up others in this world. That lifts others to be the best they can be. For everyone is made in the image of God.

It is often not easy. But to be the loving and welcoming people we claim to be at Grace and as Christians, we need to take the actions that are that. And to call the world to task when it is not, saying we can be better than that.

We need to be the people we want to be in all that we do and say. We need to be the world God made us to be, wants us to be.

Peace,

*Pastor Tom*

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### Vacation Bible School



We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and donations to Vacation Bible School this year. We had a good turnout of volunteers and about 3/4 of our Sunday school class participated.

# Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner Chinese Raffle Items



Following is a list of the 25 themed Chinese raffle items

that have been chosen for Grace. We are encouraging members to BUDDY UP and fill a basket/tote/sled/turkey roaster, etc. USE YOUR IMAGINATION! If you would like to fill a basket, let Dawn Anderson know which one from the list you would like to do. Once you have your basket filled, bring it to the church by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Also new this year; there will be at least 5 BIG items to be raffled. You will be able to purchase a special ticket and given a chance to win this item. Details on the items will be forth coming.

Finally, we also need a few items for the Silent Auction table in addition to our baskets. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Please help make this our best Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner yet.

Thank you,

Dawn Anderson  
Cheryl Werblow  
Auction Committee

**Michigan/Alpena Themed** - Sweatshirts, t-shirts, gift cards to local restaurants, Alpena brew, mugs, etc.

**Pamper Yourself** - massage, candles, bath salts, nail polish , nail files, eye mask, gift card, etc.

**Movie Night** - movies, popcorn, soda, air popper, PJ's, blankets, etc.

**Game Night** - Pick a classic board game such as Monopoly or Life or any other fun games and add some yummy snacks and candy to round out this family-friendly basket (ANDERSON)

**Night on the town** - movie tickets, theatre tickets, gift certificate to restaurant etc. (LAPPAN)

**Wine Basket** - wine (what more do you need!) wine glasses, gift card to winery etc. (WERBLOW)

**Outdoor Winter Fun (kid)** - sleds, shovels, mittens, snow toys, etc.

**Hunting** - Hand warmers, chair, anything camouflage, Yeti, heater, socks, knife, turkey call, flashlight, headlamp, matches, compass

**Fishing/Ice Fishing** - tip ups, lures, jet sled, heater, flask, fishing pliers, fishing line, sweatshirt, rain gear, etc.

**Reading** – books (adults and children) blanket, book mark, reading lamp etc.

**Kitchen/Baking-** Buy a few baking mixes, some icing and sprinkles and a few cooking utensils; ( maybe add a hand mixer or big kitchen mixer or even a cookbook) for a basket that will provides many delicious goodies for the holidays

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**Chocolate Lovers** - Anything that can be covered in chocolate should be included in this basket! Add a variety of chocolates — from truffles to chocolate-covered blueberries etc.

**Lottery Tickets** - no description necessary; get some friends to help fill this with all sorts of tickets

**Coffee Lovers** -The basket for the coffee lover in your life! Add a few gift cards to popular local coffee shops in your city, as well as fun coffee items such as a French press or pour over kit, a coffee maker, or even some coffee mugs. Include some coffee beans as a final touch — it will make the basket smell good!

**Road Trip** - A gas card, some fun snacks and board games made for the road that are easy to play in the car are the perfect recipe for a family road trip! To add some extra helpful items, include sunscreen, gum, coloring books or a fast food gift cards (for any pit stops).

**Thanksgiving** - all the fixings (use roaster as basket) gift card to Neiman's, or add placemats, napkins and fixing for a great dinner

**Halloween** - Candy! Glow in the dark Halloween bags, decorations, and costumes sure to delight the ghosts and goblins

**Craft** - Create a kid-friendly craft basket, filled with construction paper, die cut-outs, stickers, ribbon, glitter glue, pipe cleaners and more. Whoever wins this basket will go home with a creativity factory! Use your imagination!

**Snacks** - - Fill a basket with only snack food. Include salty (like fancy pretzels) and sweet (like hand-dipped chocolate). Who can resist snack food

**Dog Lover's** - For the dog lovers, put together a basket with treats, a cute pet outfit and a new leash or even a new bed or blanket. The pup will get pampered and the owner will be pretty happy, too!

**Winter Survival Kit** - vitamin C, honey, tea, cough drops, Vicks, fuzzy socks, fun coffee mugs,

**Birthday in a Box** - Include birthday decorations from characters popular with the kids — whether it's super heroes or princesses — and parents will have one less thing to worry about planning a party. Include themed plates, napkins, banners and cupcake/cake toppers.

**School Supply (kid)-** notebooks, crayons, pencils, ruler; fill a backpack! Make it fun!

**Cozy Up Basket** - Fill this box with a nice robe, cozy blankets, fuzzy socks and mittens! It's perfect for the always-cold bidder or even someone who's just looking to have a cozy winter by the fireplace.

**I Scream, You Scream** - Compile a basket with all the ingredients for the perfect ice cream sundae bar. (Except, of course, for the ice cream — give a gift card for that.) Different syrups, sprinkles, cones and whipped cream can create a family ice cream extravaganza. Maybe add some fun ice cream dishes!





## CONGRATULATIONS



To Michael and Cari Lang on the birth of a son,  
Jameson Michael, born on June 13th.  
Jameson's grandmother is Cheryl Lang.



To Andy & Melissa Lappan on the birth of a  
daughter, Ava Francis, born on June 22nd.  
Ava's grandparents are Tom & Mary Lappan.



### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

*If you are handy and can perhaps work one day a week, we'd love to hear from you.*

**Habitat's Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

**Habitat's Principles:** Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ. Focus on shelter. Advocate for affordable housing. Promote dignity and hope. Support sustainable and transformative development.

**Help Build a Habitat Home/Repair an Existing Home:** Most Habitat volunteers join our construction crews and help build or renovate homes in Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle counties. Our construction staff works alongside the volunteers and trains them for the tasks that are to be done that workday. Most Habitat volunteers have little or no construction experience, but they have the need to help.

**Volunteer at our Habitat ReStore:** The Habitat ReStore is located at 400 W Chisholm in Alpena. We are open Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm. A variety of time shifts are available. We need 2-3 volunteers per day to work at the ReStore assisting the staff. Tasks include: greeting and assisting customers, pricing, moving items, display, furniture and appliance repair, painting small items, answering questions from donors, cleaning, general organizing, etc.

**Volunteer in the Habitat Office:** We also have opportunities at our office performing a wide range of administrative tasks. The office is open Monday - Friday from 9 am - 4 pm.

**Note:** There are minimum age requirements depending on job and location. Contact us for more information.

Please contact Joy Rockett, Habitat Volunteer Coordinator, at [jrockett@habitatnemi.org](mailto:jrockett@habitatnemi.org) call (989)354-555, ext 1003, or stop by our ReStore on Chisholm in Alpena for more information and an application.

## Grace Lutheran Lunch & Mini-Golf was a Great Success!

A big thank you to all who helped to make the Lunch and Mini-Golf event, on 7/14/19, such a great success!! We had a good crowd for the hotdog lunch. Thank you to Ruby, Pat and Jeanne for cooking and for all who helped with setup and cleanup. Thank you to those who joined us for our 6th Annual Mini-Golf Competition. We had 15 golfers and a beautiful day for golfing! Nick Timmreck won with the low score of 52!! Please see the rest of the results posted on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. The ice cream rewards at Scoops were a delicious end to a fun day! It was wonderful to spend time with our church family and to get to know each other a little better. Thank you all!!!



### RESULTS – 15 Golfers

**Mini-Golf at Lee's Miniature Golf on State St.  
followed by Ice Cream Awards at Scoops Trailer  
Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.**

**#2 Low Bridge** – If you are IN the water on first shot – Paige Timmreck (out of 4)

**#6 Key West** – If you do NOT go in water during this hole – Thelma Stevens (out of 8)

**#8 Flat Top** – If you are on the top level on first shot – Theresa Barnard (out of 2)

**#10 Ant Hill** – If you get a 3 or less on this hole – Matt Haske (out of 7)

**#12 Water Hole** – If you end up on the green on your first shot – Jean Thomas (out of 4)

**#14 Wishing Well** – If you get your ball in the bucket on the first try – Sharon Engstrom (out of 3)

**Low Score – 52** Nick Timmreck

**High Score – 81** Ashley Timmreck

**Guess Your Score** – Melissa Timmreck (out of 2 – the other one was Paige Timmreck)

**Hole in One** – Rick Engstrom (out of 4)



Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
APO AP 96264

Please contact the office to add a name to this list.

## Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or Pastor Tom directly. The hospital **DOES NOT** notify churches or pastors of admissions **DESPITE** the question you are asked on admission.



## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

**CHURCH OFFICE** ..... 354-2640  
Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home ..... 356-8729  
..... Cell ..... 916-8759  
Office Manager ..... Peggy Tomaszewski .. 255-8850  
Music Director ..... David Delano ..... 207-322-2074

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President ..... Tom Lappan ..... 356-3718  
Vice-President ..... Rick Engstrom ..... 916-5963  
Exec. Secretary ..... Debby Nitchman ..... 916-8213  
Treasurer ..... Don Barnard ..... 340-1055

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education ..... Elsa Phillips ..... 884-1809  
Worship ..... Sharon Engstrom ..... 354-5133  
Discipleship ..... Phran Ludington ..... 471-9117  
..... Dawn Anderson ..... 657-6923  
Property ..... Jeff Welch ..... 595-2195  
..... Bill Platt ..... 340-0154  
Fellowship ..... Jeanne Pankey ..... 354-2416  
..... Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow .... 354-5560

### OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director .....  
WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
Samaritas ..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054  
Quilters .....  
LARCC ..... Steve Hansen ..... 404-406-8079

## July 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 17,817.82  
BUILDING FUND .....2,002.33  
OTHER .....3,934.50  
  
TOTAL.....\$ 23,754.65

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) .....95  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) .....256  
TOTAL.....351

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## AUGUST 2019

### LECTORS

04 BILL & NANCY PLATT  
11 VICKI DENSTAEDT  
18 MIKE URLAUB  
25 CHERYL WERBLOW  
26

### USHERS

JOEL SUSZEK  
GARY & KAY GROVE  
RICK ENGSTROM  
CINDY DOMRASE (Saturdays)

### GREETERS

04 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
11 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
18 GARY & KAY GROVE  
25 ANNA LEWIS

### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### ALTAR GUILD

KAREN SUSZEK  
JO ANN SMITH

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM

### FLOWERS

04 GROVE  
11 FURZE  
18  
25

### COFFEE HOUR

04 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
11 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
18 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
25 DON, VERA & TAMMY FURZE

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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

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### LECTORS

01 CORINNE FRALEY  
08 RUBY HASKE  
15 SHARON ENGSTROM  
22 SANDY WELCH  
29 PATTI TUCKER

### USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
DON FURZE  
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE  
BRUCE ANSCHUETZ (Saturday)

### GREETERS

01 PHRAN LUDINGTON  
08 DAWN ANDERSON, MARY ROWADER  
15 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
22 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
29 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK

### COUNTERS

DALE & PAT SCHULTZ

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY, WAYNE LEWIS

### ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART  
SANDY MALASKI  
BONNIE CROSS

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

### FLOWERS

01 MOORS  
08  
15  
22  
29 WELCH

### COFFEE HOUR

01 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
08 MIKE & DONNA MORGAN  
15 CORKY GATES, JO ANN SMITH,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
22 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
29 JACK & PATTI TUCKER

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# Anniversaries of Baptism



## August 1

Vicki Denstaedt  
Kiowa Kirchoff

## August 4

Jeremy Jacobs  
Margaret O'Connor

## August 5

Grace Hoeft  
Ryan Reynolds  
Anthony Thompson

## August 6

Margaret Clemens  
Myra Cross  
Anna Lewis

## August 7

Sandra Weise-Maiuri

## August 10

Shelly Olsen

## August 12

Jordyn Cieslik

## August 13

Trey Garant  
James Malaski

## August 14

Brett Werblow

## August 17

Jakob Bauer

## August 19

Alan Brilinski  
Nathan Engstrom  
Corinne Fraley

## August 20

Dorothy Hansen  
Isaac Matzke

## August 21

William Matzke

## August 22

Pam Gohlke

## August 23

Riley Gohlke  
Raymond Reynolds

## August 26

Fred Kindt

## August 28

Debra Nitchman

## August 29

Anne Gentry

## August 4

Alan Brilinski  
Angela Crittenden  
Dawn Gentry

## August 5

Norman Schillerstrom

## August 6

Amelia Berles  
Corinne Fraley  
Aaron Nowak

## August 7

Shirley Diamond  
Don Furze  
Fred Kindt

## August 8

Mark Freel

## August 9

Joel Gillard  
Michael Urlaub

## August 10

Sandra Malaski  
Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth  
Anne Wilson

# August



## August 11

Joann Smith

## August 12

Kristina Wilson

## August 13

Jamie Gentry  
Grace Hoeft

## August 15

Colt Gray

## August 18

Ed Czarnecki

## August 19

Charity Corwin

## August 20

Drew Gentry  
Wayne Lewis

## August 21

Donna Morgan  
Brody Nowak

## August 22

Rachel Engstrom  
Jeffrey Welch

## August 23

Ruby Haske  
Travis Konarzewski

## August 24

Justin Gluesing

## August 28

Debra Nitchman

## August 29

Jade Gray

## August 31

Beverly Suszek  
Jerry Timm

# Wedding Anniversaries



3rd James & Sandra Malaski

5th Allen & Judith Douglas  
Gary & Kay Grove

7th Jordan & Heather Seck

14th Larry & Connie Suszek

15th Randall & Gloria Moore

16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek

19th Phil & Pamela Agius

Lee & Barbara Szczesniak

21st Richard & Sharon Engstrom

22nd Jerry & Jan Charter

24th Whitney & Pamela Barrow  
Randy & Kenda Yochum

25th James & Darlene Dekett

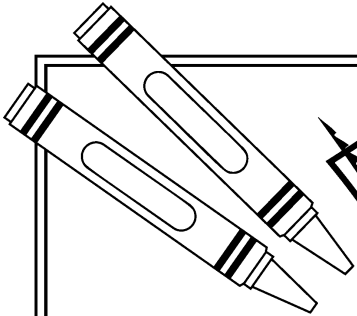
26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki

27th Pat & June Daly

Jason & Jessica Slominski

30th James & Margaret Clemens

# Kid's Page



## PUZZLE

### GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

|                              |                                                                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brush these daily            | ___ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>                                       |
| Do this to your shoes        | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> _                                         |
| This rises in the east       | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _                                           |
| Cold breakfast food          | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _                                     |
| Hot breakfast food           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ |
| Talk to God                  | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _                                         |
| Morning meal                 | ___ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _        |
| Extend your limbs            | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _                                     |
| Fruit drink                  | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _                                       |
| Waffle machine               | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Eat these scrambled or fried | ___ _ <input type="checkbox"/>                                         |

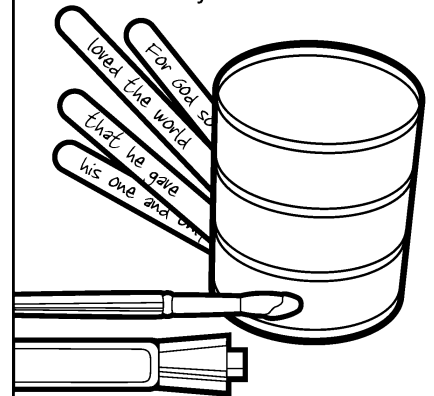


Because of the LORD's great love... ☐ ☐ ☐  
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

## WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



### What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

### What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions