

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 2, 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-B777 In the Morning When I Rise
Psalm 130 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
C-R485 I Am the Bread of Life
S- R774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy
Divine

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.

**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

Darlene Freel, 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, Brad Grove, 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 honor of Don & Verna Furze's 54th wedding anniversary, given by family and friends; in honor of Harold & Jean Kissau's 64th wedding anniversary.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED
Life on Other Planets**

What if there is intelligent life on other planets? What if it doesn't look like us? Or do things like we do? Could we learn something, even about faith and practice from them? About God? So let's imagine and see if that changes the way we think now, about life and faith? See you in the Lounge at 11.

CROSSES FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, the Discipleship Work Group 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.

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Tickets!!! Remember to get your tickets for the upcoming Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Apex** and come and enjoy some fellowship, a wonderful meal and some fun with an auction and a raffle. This year we will be auctioning some pies instead of bread and the people who are donating those pies are wonderful bakers!! Tickets are in either the office at Grace Lutheran or St. Paul and the cost is \$12.00 per person with children under 12 being free. Proceeds will benefit The Friendship Room and The Foster Closet as well as our churches.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Help is needed for an Easter breakfast potluck to be held between services on Easter Sunday. **We can use help with set up, working during the breakfast, and clean up.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey at 354-2416 or Pat Schultz at 356-2781.

PARKING & THIRD AVENUE REBUILT

With Third Ave being rebuilt starting April 5th for the next month or so, we ask you to leave the spaces closest to the church for those who need them. Get some exercise for God.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday April 3rd 7 p.m. at St Paul

Bishop Satterlee annually leads Chrism Masses around the Synod. In this service the oil (chrism) used at baptism and anointing the sick is blessed, clergy renew their ordination vows and lay renew their commitment as disciples of Christ. This year Episcopalians have been invited to join and it will be combined with the Episcopal Evensong worship setting. All are invited to participate.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper 6 p.m. ~ Worship 7 p.m.

April 5	First Presbyterian "Moving in Suffering" Rev. Paul Lance
Maundy Thursday April 13	Trinity Episcopal "Moving Through Death" Rev. Bob Case

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday	First Presbyterian Tre Ore 12-3pm
Saturday 5 pm	Easter Worship
Sunday 8 & 10:30 am	Easter Worship (Easter Breakfast served Between services)

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

We are in need of a lector for Sunday, April 9th. Please contact the office (354-2640) if you would be able to serve on the 9th. Thanks!

SERVING APRIL 2

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Vicki Denstaedt
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers .. Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Timmreck Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ... Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Polly Cook, Elsa Phillips, Sandra Christopherson

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Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

THE WAY OF THE CROSS TOWARDS PEACE AND JUSTICE

A Procession of Peace Poles

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Sponsored by the Alpena Peace Coalition -
2pm Alpena Community of Christ, 126 Clinton St.; **2:20 pm** St. Paul Lutheran, 727 S. 2nd Ave.; **2:40 pm** Grace Lutheran, 119 W. Dunbar St.; **3 pm** Trinity Episcopal, 124 E. Washington Ave.; **3:20 pm** First Congregational, 201 S. 2nd Ave.; **3:40 pm** All Saints Catholic Parish, Lockwood St. between 9th/10th Avenues. Join us as we pray for peace. All are welcome!

FLURRY OF EASTER CARDS

Let's have a flurry of Easter cards for our Loving Care members! If you have misplaced your address list, please contact the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We will NOT have Sunday School on April 16 or April 23. Our last day of Sunday School until Fall will be May 7.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 2nd

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed - Lounge

Monday - 3rd

6:00 p.m. ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 4th

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

Wednesday - 5th

3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Worship at First Presbyterian

Saturday - 8th

5:00 p.m. Worship

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the

land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

PSALM 130 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL John 11:1-45

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - March 26, 2017	\$ 3,896.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 204.00

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