

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 6, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 7, 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-R789** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
**Psalms 23** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R764** Have No Fear, Little Flock  
**C-R778** The Lord's My Shepherd  
**S-R619** I Know That My Redeemer Lives!  
(verses 1, 2, 5 & 8)

**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 Justice and Peace Efforts at First Congregational UCC.

**PARKING & THIRD AVE. 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.

**PRAYERS**

Alan Freel, Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Alice, Brad Grove, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In celebration of Don & Theresa Barnard's 35th wedding anniversary.

**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.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Sunday, May 7, is the last day of Sunday School until Fall. Have a blessed summer!

### **EXPLORE LUTHERANISM**

Learn about Lutheran traditions and teachings on two Thursdays evenings, May 18 & 25 at 6:30. If you are thinking about joining Grace or want to refresh your understanding in this the 500th year commemoration of the Reformation, join us for a time of discussion. See Pastor Tom for more information.

### **WALK ME HOME**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Grace Lutheran is once again partnering with Child and Family Services for the annual Walk Me Home event. Walk Me Home Northeast Michigan will raise funds to support the life changing programs and activities for foster children provided by Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan. More info can be found on the bulletin board. Sign up sheets for workers and walkers/runners are located in the Narthex.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPRING GARDEN BAZAAR  
25 E. Kirche in the Woods, Spruce, MI  
SATURDAY, MAY 27  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

*More details on bulletin board!*

### **WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY**

Time and Talent survey sheets are located in the May newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) ***Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling. Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve.*** Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

### **AN EVENING OF STORY AND SONG**

**Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

**First Congregational UCC**

**201 S. Second Ave., Alpena**

Toby Jones, the minister of the UCC church in Gaylord, along with his talented keyboardist Rokko and bass-guitarist Joanna, will present a concert, open to the public at no cost. Toby, a minister by day and a rock-n-roller by night wrote the book "*The Gospel According to Rock.*" They will tell stories related to the songs they perform such as by: the Beatles, James Taylor, Jackson Browne, Bob Dylan, Don Henley, Dan Fogelberg, and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. More information on the concert and a Saturday seminar (to be held May 20) is located on the bulletin board.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 7th**

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

#### **Tuesday - 9th**

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

#### **Wednesday - 10th**

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

#### **Friday - 12th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### **Saturday - 13th**

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

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - April 30, 2017	\$ 4,808.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,739.50

### **SERVING MAY 7**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Cheryl Werblow  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
Karen Slaght  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel &  
Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran  
Ludington, Nic Timmreck  
**Greeters** ..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,  
Tammy Furze  
**Counters** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby & Olivia Haske

### **SERVING MAY 14**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
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**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Corinne Fraley  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
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**Greeters** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Joe & Dawn Gentry

**FIRST READING****Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**PSALM 23**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his

body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**GOSPEL****John 10:1-10**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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