

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ August 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."



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We also remember the families of...

Bunny Lyon, who passed away July 1st.

Gary Nicholls, who passed away July 7th.



VBS went very well this summer . 8 children From Grace Lutheran Church attended the week long camp that took place at First United Methodist Church. A total of 67 kids attended throughout our community.

There were 10 volunteers from Grace Lutheran that helped out with this and we greatly appreciate their service of time and support. We would also like to thank Grace members donating food items for one of the lunches we had to make during the camp Bible School.



Overall the children who attended Vacation Bible School really enjoyed themselves and look forward to it next year. Thank you again for your support and efforts.

Elsa Phillips

Financial Audit - Volunteer Help Needed
The Finance Committee is planning a financial audit in September and could use a couple volunteers to help with this. If anybody is interested or has any questions, please contact Dennis Werblow (354-5560).



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

In this season of Pentecost, we listen to the stories of Jesus as he teaches and leads his disciples. Over the last few weeks, the Gospel lectionary readings has had Jesus teaching with many parables, stories that get us thinking about how we are living our lives. Sometimes with these stories we have to work with them and dig into them to come to an understanding and meaning for our lives. As I have mentioned, if you think you understand a parable completely, you had better think again.

I'm interested in the stories of our lives. What we have experienced, the events, the places, the people that have brought meaning to our lives. And what has caused us to stop and think again. How many times it is only with hind sight that we have understood the value of something. With more time and more experiences, perhaps even reflection, then we have truly understood what happened and what meaning it has for us. We are "reading," and then, interpreting our lives for God's world.

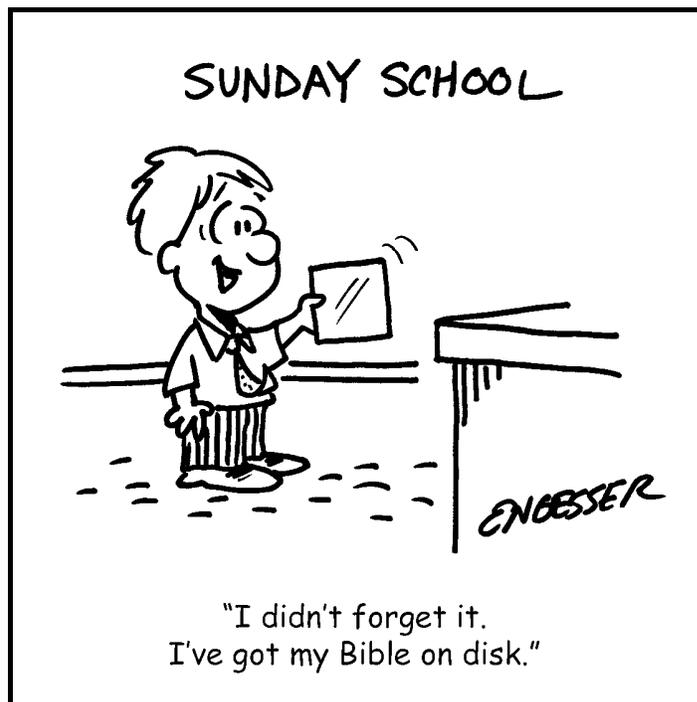
We are using the stories of our lives to understand ourselves and make sense of what shapes us and leads us. Much like the parables, we must work with these experiences and examine them closely to see how they have influenced us. What meaning there is to draw from experiences.

For that to be a Christian interpretation, we must be grounded in our Christian faith, its teachings and traditions. We gather each week to be in God's Word, to receive God's grace and to go forth into God's world, steeped in what our God has given us.

I invite you, amidst all the activities of these summers months, to take the time to reflect on the stories of your lives and see what God has been offering us. With hindsight, let more emerge from your story about God's guiding, caring and leading hand.

Peace

Pastor Tom



Outreach and Mission - Local

Child and Family Services Walk Me Home Event

The Child and Family Services Walk Me Home event held Saturday, June 10, raised a total of \$3,500. Thanks again for all who participated in any way. 29 members of Grace participated this year as we made a Christ-like difference in our community partnering with Child and Family Services Foster Child Program.



Discipleship



Items Needed:

- * Tuna & Tuna Helper
- * Peanut Butter & Jelly
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup (Just add water kind)
- * Elbow Macaroni

The collection basket is located outside the church office. All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.

SAVE THE DATE! GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS September 9th ~ 1:00-5:00

Family Fun Day for Foster Children and Their Foster Families

LET'S HAVE FUN!!!

(No rakes, shovels or garden gloves needed)



This year we are partnering with Mike Arzo from Arzo Amusement Park and hosting a day filled with games, amusement rides and food - but, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be serving a picnic-style lunch - please bring a salad or dessert to share and we will need volunteers to be present at the event to help: serve food, care for little ones so parents can also enjoy the activities and to mingle and interact - it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know these families.

Mike Arzo may have said it best, "bringing a smile and joy on each foster care child is the most important achievement of my life."

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Worried about the flower planting at Samaritas or the Grace Lutheran Cemetery project? We've got that covered, too - keep an eye on your bulletin.

Any questions, call: Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or Joelyn Rich 340-0592

Statewide



Salem Lutheran Church in Flint Water Project Update

The church will be closed most of August. They are getting all pipes replaced as well as having asbestos removed. Needs are still great in Flint! Be thinking about going down there sometime in September to help with food distribution---date to be announced later.

Samaritas Foster Children Program in Flint

Items collected (underpants and socks) for this program will be taken down to them mid-August.

Global

Noisy Offering continues to be the 4th weekend of the month. We collected \$65.25 in July. This money is used for our World Vision sponsor child, Ishimwe.

Bread Weekend Bread Weekend will resume the third weekend of the month, August 19 and 20!!! This is for ELCA World Hunger.

Holy Cow! The campaign for the purchase of the cow, through ELCA World Hunger Project, has been a wonderful success. This campaign replaced Bread Weekend for the month of July so we could bring awareness to other ways we can contribute to the ELCA World Hunger Project and help people around the world. We raised, as of the timing for this posting for the newsletter, \$868.00. We can buy the cow and other livestock and all of these purchases help families around the globe. Thank you to everyone that participated with this campaign. This campaign is our purpose statement in action.

School Kit Program July - September. Our Lutheran World Relief project for July through September is the School Kit Program. These will be sent along with the quilts in the fall. See details on the bulletin board by the driveway door where you can pick up a list of the items needed. Supplies can be put in the wicker basket located in the office narthex. Last year we sent 22 kits---let's try to surpass this number!!!



Thrivent Financial RETIREMENT AND ESTATE STRATEGIES

JOIN US FOR A FREE WORKSHOP!

Tuesday, August 1st - 7pm
Alpena George N. Fletch Public Library
211 N. 1st Ave
Alpena, MI, 49707

Join Thrivent Financial and your local representatives, Mark Jackson, ChFC®, CLTC®, RICP®, and Jeremy Jackson, FIC, CFP®.

Mark and Jeremy will share strategies on:

- How to accumulate and distribute money for retirement.
- How to pass on money to heirs or charities in a tax-wise manner.
- Increasing the probability of investment success.
- Multigenerational IRA planning ... and more!

Please call (989) 356-1330 or email linda.smith@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.





Thanks to everyone for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. They were very much appreciated.

Sherie McTaggart

CARDS FOR CAROLINE

Cards may be sent to Caroline Weise at the following address:



Caroline Weise
8A UH Room 8417
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5110

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

We are currently working on next year's schedules and would like to include a schedule for our acolytes. Please let the office know (354-2640 or officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) if you have children that would like to be included in the rotating schedule that will run from October 2017 - September 2018. Thanks!



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Rev. Tom Orth..... Home..... 356-8729
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Music Director

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..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
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Quilters Caroline Weise 354-8060
..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
LARCC Eleanor Coddington.. 354-8766
..... Sandy Welch 916-5006

July 2017

Finances

Attendance

GENERAL FUND \$ 15,533.00
BUILDING FUND 1,446.67
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 5.00
OTHER.....5,783.76

TOTAL \$ 22,768.43
(Does not include 7/29 & 30)

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 114
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 293

TOTAL 407
(Does not include 7/29 & 30)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

AUGUST 2017

ACOLYTES

06
13
20
27

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

06 ASHLEY TIMMRECK
13 VERA FURZE
20 MELISSA TIMMRECK
27 DONNA CZARNECKI

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON FURZE
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

GREETERS

06 DON & VERA FURZE
13 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
20 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL
27 JOE & DAWN GENTRY

COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY
WAYNE LEWIS

ALTAR GUILD

KAREN SUSZEK
JO ANN SMITH

FLOWERS

06 LAPPAN
13
20 CHARTER
27

COFFEE HOUR

06 ELEANOR CODDINGTON,
DAWN ANDERSON
13 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
20 PAM KIRCHOFF, CHARLOTTE WERTH,
JO ANN SMITH
27 POLLY COOK, ELSA PHILLIPS,
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON

PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone 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 2017

ACOLYTES

03
10
17
24

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

03 MIKE URLAUB
10 CHERYL WERBLOW
17 CORINNE FRALEY
24 SHARON ENGSTROM

USHERS

MICK & KAY ZINSLI (Saturdays)
WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

GREETERS

03 GARY & KAY GROVE
10 LINDA BATCHELOR, CHARLES SYNDER
17 BRIAN & BETHANY POPOUR FAMILY
24 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS

COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

DALE SCHULTZ
SHERIE MCTAGGART

ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART
SANDY MALASKI
BONNIE CROSS

FLOWERS

03 MOORS
10
17
24 LANG

COFFEE HOUR

03 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
10 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
17 BARB WERLE, ANGIE CRITTENDEN,
ELLIE WALKER
24 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE

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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 13

Trey Garant
James Malaski

August 14

Brett Werblow

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 31

Joelyn Rich

August



August 11

Joann Smith

August 12

Kristina Wilson

August 13

Jamie Gentry
Grace Hoeft

August 15

Colt Gray

August 18

Charles Attwell
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

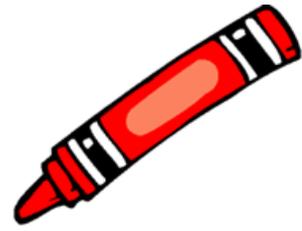
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Beverly Suszek
Jerry Timm

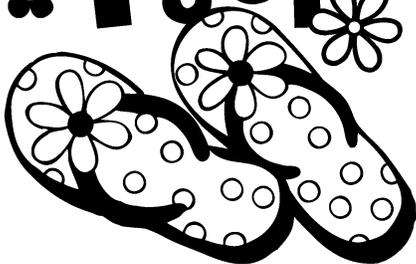
Wedding Anniversaries

3rd James & Sandra Malaski	21st Richard & Sharon Engstrom
5th Allen & Judith Douglas	22nd Jerry & Jan Charter
Gary & Kay Grove	24th Whitney & Pamela Barrow
7th Jorden & Heather Seck	Randy & Kenda Yochum
14th Larry & Connie Suszek	25th James & Darlene Dekett
Daniel & Lois Westergard	26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki
15th Randall & Gloria Moore	27th Pat & June Daly
16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek	Jason & Jessica Slominski
19th Phil & Pamela Agius	30th James & Margaret Clemens
Lee & Barbara Szczesniak	

Kid's Page



Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

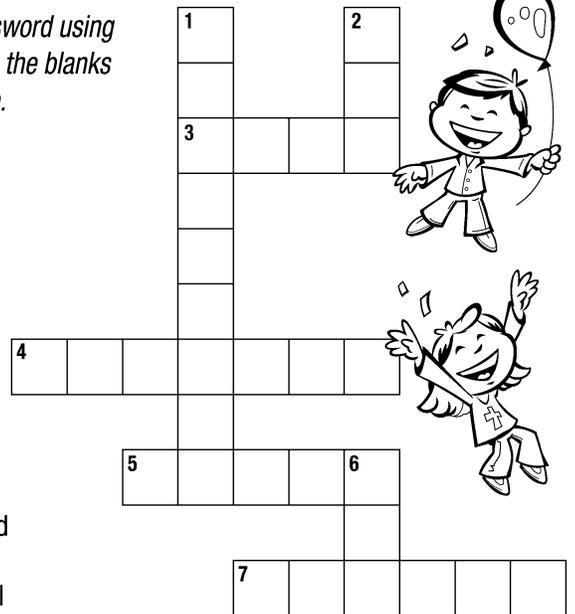
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV