

✠ THE HOLY TRINITY ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 21, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 22, 2016

Hymns

- G-R408** Come, Thou Almighty King
Psalm 8 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
C-R401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
S- R414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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 all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC.

BREAD WEEKEND - THANK YOU

\$272.00 was collected for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund on . Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Our next Bread Weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, June 18/19. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

PRAYERS: Bunny Lyon, Ashley Timmreck, Gordon Hansen, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Sandra & John Carlson, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, Kay and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Gordon and Dorothy Hansen in Praise to our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

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).

**REV. DAVID SPRANG
PREACHING THIS WEEKEND**

Rev. David Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop of our Northwest Lower Michigan Synod and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Synod is preaching at both the Saturday and Sunday services this weekend, May 21 & 22. This is part of the deployed staff model the Synod is using to have staff in the churches meeting people and sharing the work of the Synod. Join us in welcoming Rev. Sprang and having him as our guest available for conversations about the Synod and ELCA.

**WALK ME HOME
5K WALK/RUN**

Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Duck Park - Chisholm St./Long Rapids Rd.
Walkers and workers are needed--sign-up sheets are in the narthex. **Pledge sheets are available in the Narthex** if you or your team want to get them. **You can register online at www.firstgiving.com/walkmehome/nemichigan2016** or the morning of the event. There will be food and prizes this year. One team from Grace called 16 Legs challenges more teams to form--let's get some competition going!!! Registration fee is \$15. For more information, see or call Joelyn 340-0592. Spend an hour and a half and help support local foster kids in Alpena!!!!

WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY

If you haven't yet completed a Time and Talent survey sheet for the Worship Work Group, please do so by Sunday, May 29. The work group will begin working on schedules in June. Copies are located on the table in the Narthex and included in the May newsletter.

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.

**The Combined Flute Ensembles of Alpena
present**

LEGEND OF THE SLEEPING BEAR

A Narrated Tone Poem that tells the Ojibway story of the creation of one of northern Michigan's most beautiful attractions

Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Performance is free and open to the public with a reception following

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to all who helped with our Spring Clean-up recently. Much cleaning took place in the kitchen, social hall and sanctuary. Bricks in the driveway were replaced, bushes trimmed and brush removed, to name a few of the projects that were completed. We had a great turn out. Thank you all!

Jeff & Sandy Welch, Property Work Group

INTERFAITH AMIGOS

On September 22, 2016, the Interfaith Amigos will speak at Alpena Community College, as part of the Thirty Days of Peace observance. In preparation for this event, a community wide read of their book; Religions Gone Astray, What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith, is being planned to take place at Alpena County Library on September 15, 2016 at 7PM. The community wide read will bring together members of area book clubs as well as the community at large to participate in a discussion of the book. Alpena County Library will have some lending copies of the book. Please mark your calendar to attend. Those interested in purchasing a book or joining a book group could contact their church office for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25-29, 2016

Registration forms are located in the Narthex.
More info is located on the insert in your bulletin.
Share the information with family, friends and neighbors.

NOISY OFFERING THIS WEEKEND

We are no longer sponsoring Noella through World Vision. Noella and her family have moved out of Rwanda. Our new sponsored child is Ishimwe Kevine, a 10-year-old girl also from Rwanda. Her story will be in the June newsletter and on the bulletin board so you can get acquainted with her!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 22nd

9:30 a.m.	Worship -
	Noisy Offering Weekend
1:00 p.m.	Flute Concert - Sanctuary

Tuesday - 24th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
3:30-7:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
7:00 p.m.	Council

Wednesday - 25th

2:30-8:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
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Saturday - 28th

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
.....	Rev. David Sprang
Music Director	Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector	Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts.	Joelyn Rich
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters	Dustin & Angie Crittenden Family
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ..	Pat Schultz, Verna and Tammy Furze,
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Joel & Cindy Suszek

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector	Gary Nicholls
Communion Assts.	Joelyn Rich
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters	Barb Werle, Ellie Walker
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ..	Pat Schultz, Verna and Tammy Furze,
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Wayne & Anna Lewis

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - May 15	\$ 2,987.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	613.00

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

PSALM 8 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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