

✠ REFORMATION SUNDAY ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 29, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 30, 2016

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-R504** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Psalm 46 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R654 The Church's One Foundation
C-R598 For by Grace you Have Been Saved
S- R652 Built on a Rock

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 Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Travis Konarzewski, 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, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Deanna Delle Lamb, daughter and sister, given by Bunny Lyon and Jeanne Lamb.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Cubs v Indians - World Series Wait?**

We as Christians are waiting a long time too, to see the Kingdom of God come to realization. How long do we wait and hope? What sustains us during the waiting? Join us in the Lounge after Fellowship Time for the confirmands.

CONFIRMATION

God bless Mitchell Dylan Agius, Amelia Kate Berles, Patrick Michael McCourt, Jake Robert Schiller, Madison Paige Timmreck, and Adam Lucas Urlaub as they are Confirmed today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, following worship, for a reception in their honor.

BAPTISM

We pray for God's blessings for Mya Ann Styma, who is being baptized at our Saturday evening service on October 29. Mya's parents are Stephanie Adamski and Ryan Styma and her sponsors are Drew Styma and Marcie McKay.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO ALL who so generously donated your time, talents, treasures, or tables to help make the card/game night fundraiser a success. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are truly blessed to have you help us support this cause. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!

Grace Quilters

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I would like to thank everyone in our church family for your prayers. It meant a great deal to my whole family. Jeff came through the open heart surgery wonderfully. Hopefully they found his problem as he was born too early and the valve had not opened fully. Thanks again for your thoughts and prayers.

Marge Weber & Family

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

**November 24 ~ 5:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran**

Turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy & drinks provided

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex by 11/20/16 and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread/rolls or dessert to share.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Also, the Pankeys and Schultzes will be at the church cooking by 3 p.m., so if you want to come early to play cards or board games before dinner, you are welcome to do so.

**Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey  
at 354-2416 Or Pat & Dale Schultz  
at 356-2781 with questions**

### ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

**7109 Wolf Creek Rd., Herron**

### BAZAAR & BREAKFAST

**November 5, 2016**

**8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Variety of handcrafted items, cookie walk, pantry items, baked goods and bucket auction. Serving a hot breakfast buffet featuring sausage, eggs, muffins, fresh fruit, and beverages. Take-out available. Adults \$8/Kids 5-12 years \$5.

### CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED

The Besser Museum is in need of 6'-7' Christmas trees for this year's Season of Light exhibit. If you have a Christmas tree you aren't using that you would like to donate, it may be dropped off, no later than November 16, at the church office or the Besser Museum. Thanks!

# Grace Lutheran Church

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*(the assembly stands)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.**

P: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

**C: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

P: By water and the Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life**

P: and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Shower us with your Spirit,**

P: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**C: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

***Mitchell Dylan Agius***

**Confirmation Verse:** Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Sponsors:** Phil & Pam Agius (standing in for sponsors)

***Amelia Kate Berles***

**Confirmation Verse:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Sponsors:** Matt & Mary Dunckel, Tim Kuehnlein

***Patrick Michael McCourt***

**Confirmation Verse:** Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Sponsors:** Steve & Pam McCourt

***Jake Robert Schiller***

**Confirmation Verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths.

**Sponsor:** Anne Bak Marine  
Jeff & Carey Schiller (standing in for sponsor)

***Madison Paige Timmreck***

**Confirmation Verse:** Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

I chose this verse because I know that if I set my mind on something God is there supporting me. God is the one who gives me the power to achieve things. So I know no matter what I do, if I don't accomplish something God is always right there behind me cheering me on to try it again. God is the one who gets me through school and sports because his love is supporting and strengthening.

**Sponsors:** Melissa Timmreck, Ashley Timmreck

***Adam Lucas Urlaub***

**Confirmation Verse:** Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'

**Sponsors:** Dave Urlaub, Becky Datema

Notice  
of  
**SEMI-ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**  
In the Dining Hall  
**Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

On the agenda:  
Budget Adoption  
Election of Officers

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 30th**

**9:30 a.m.      Worship**  
Confirmation Reception  
follows in Fellowship Hall  
Following      Adult Christian Ed - Lounge  
Reception

**Tuesday - 1st**

9:00 a.m.      Sewing/Quilting

**Wednesday - 2nd**

3 pm - 9 pm      Dining Hall/Kitchen  
Reserved

**Thursday - 3rd**

3 pm - 8 pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Saturday - 5th**

**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

|                                            |               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Average needed each week<br>to meet budget | \$ 3,981.00   |
| Weekly giving - October 23                 | \$ 3,426.00   |
| Year-to-date over/(under)                  | (\$ 8,970.00) |

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Lector** ..... Ruby Haske  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
Karen Slaght  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett  
& Olivia Haske  
**Greeters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Lector** ..... Patti Tucker  
**Communion Assts.** ...Joelyn Rich, Beverly Attwell  
**Ushers** Saturday ..... Mick & Kay Zinsli  
Sunday ..... Wayne & Anna Lewis,  
Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** ..... Dennis & Cheryl Werblow  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Phran Ludington,  
Sandra Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Pam Kirchoff, Charlotte Werth,  
Jo Ann Smith

**FIRST READING      Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**PSALM 46      (Psalms begin page 339)**

**SECOND READING      Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all

who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**GOSPEL      John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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