

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ May 2019

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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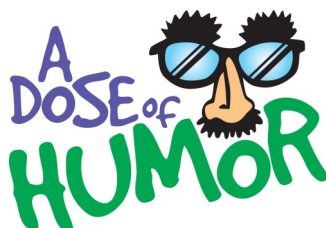
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Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or  
a family member, would like to continue on the  
prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

## Presentation on Spain

May 19, 2019

Jim & Kristen Berles'  
exchange student,  
Jaime, will give a  
presentation of  
Spain following our  
service on May 19.  
A light brunch will  
be provided  
(quiche, fruit, cookies/doughnuts and  
beverages). Please join us!



**Holy Humor  
Saturday/Sunday  
May 4 and 5**

Please join us at the thirteenth annual Holy  
Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is  
encouraged to dress for fun in costume or  
bright cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they  
would like to share please get them to Pastor  
Orth ahead of the service.



## Spiritual Friendship

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 am to 3 pm  
Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall**

Spiritual Friendship is grounded in relationship to  
God and a commitment to support,  
encourage, and pray for one another.  
If you are being nudged and/or led by the  
Spirit to seek what this is all about, you are  
invited and encouraged to join us.

Bring your Bible, a journal, and your own lunch.  
This day will be facilitated by June  
Scarborough, Spiritual Director.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Spring seems like it took forever to get started. And it is not fully here even now. Yet I'm already thinking of and looking forward to summer.

Talk about not living in the moment. Rather living in the anticipation and dreams of what may be coming. A sure way to miss the moment you are in and those possibilities that are all around you right now. I know that is easy enough for me to do. Always be thinking of - worrying about - the future. Missing the joy and beauty of the moment.

In so many ways, God is all around us everyday. And looking too far beyond the moment, we lose the possibility of seeing that. And then never do see all things God has already done around us that day.

There is a Prayer of Daily Examen, adapting the Ignatian Prayer of Daily Self-Examination, that can help us be more aware.

It's five stages are:

### 1) THANKSGIVING

Looking back over day give thanks, not just for those things you typically ought to give thanks for, but truly reflecting on the day look for those special occurrences of that day.

Did you see giftedness in life that day? Allow gratitude to flow for those big and small events of the day. In all this, do you sense your own need?

### 2) ASK FOR INSIGHT

As you pray, ask for the Holy Spirit to show what you needed to see in the day.

### 3) LOOKING FOR GOD

In reviewing the day, intentionally look for revealing by God in the events of the day.

How was God's presence offered to you that day? Were you drawn to something specific by God that day? How did you respond?

### 4) EXPRESSING REPENTANCE & GRATITUDE

Seek forgiveness for times you now see you were unresponsive to God's presence and love during the day. Pray for change in those things and attitudes that distances you from God. Also praise God for those times when you have experienced closeness this day.

### 5) RECEIVING HELP & GUIDANCE FOR TOMORROW

Ask for help for tomorrow, to overcome those actions or inactions that hindered you this day.

Accept the difficulties you have in being close to God and following Jesus. Then ask for help in having greater sensitivity to when they arise tomorrow and persevering through them in that day.

Ask for help in seeing God in the moment. Remembering, alone it is difficult to change. However we can ask Holy Spirit for strength and support.

May you see the blessings and giftedness of each day

Peace,

*Pastor Tom*

## Baptism

We welcome Chloe Victoria Hayward to the Lord's family. Chloe was baptized at our Sunday morning service on April 28. Chloe's sponsors are Anne Gentry, Don LaBarre and Amanda Kucharek and her parents are Sean and Taylor Hayward.



## Congratulations

We pray for God's blessings for Brett and Krystle Werblow, who were married in Charlottesville, VA on April 26th.

## Reduce (use less, buy less, avoid waste) Reuse Recycle and Be Part of the Change

Discipleship would like to eliminate the use of the disposable dinnerware and focus on using the abundant dishes and flatware stored in the cupboards. It will take leaders and helpers, it will take practice, and it will take volunteers to help with clean-up (doing dishes), but we CAN DO IT.



## Graduating?

Are you, or is someone you know, graduating? Please drop the information off at the church office (or email the office at [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) including the name, graduation date, institution of learning, and future plans of the graduate. We would like to publish this information in our June newsletter.

## Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or Pastor Tom directly. The hospital **DOES NOT** notify churches or pastors of admissions *DESPITE* the question you are asked on admission.



## Collecting Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief



- Light-weight bath-size towels, dark color suggested (20x 40 to 52 x 27)
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand) in original wrapping (No mini or hotel-size bars)
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original pkg. (toothbrush multi-packs ok)
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail clippers

*Items may be placed in wicker basket located near the Parish Building entrance.*



Time and Talent survey sheets are included in this newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex.

The Worship Work Group really appreciates your taking the time to complete this form, no later than June 30, if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.)

**Please note that in order to facilitate scheduling, we will be contacting those who have served previously and have not have not completed a survey by June 30.**

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.



To my home congregation,

Thank you for all of the support of the youth groups by shaping the way that we serve Christ.

To those whom I have yet to meet, let me tell you a little bit about myself! My name is Valerie Slaght and I am twenty years old. I am a rising senior studying Philosophy and Religious Studies at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. I have been worshipping at Grace Lutheran since I was four years old. Yet, my involvement in church has gone beyond our wonderful place of worship. I have been to six state Youth Gatherings, four in which I participated as a Peer Minister and one as Small Group Leader, one national Youth Gathering in 2015, and Camp Michi-Lu-Ca in 2014. I am a camp counselor at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, and in 2016 I attended a two week volunteer and faith journey session called Seminary Sampler at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH. Grace Lutheran is where my faith journey began, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in is where I hope to continue serving Christ through Word and Sacrament.



I am about to begin my application process for Candidacy to become a rostered pastor for the ELCA this summer. The first step for me will be to apply for entrance and approval of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Candidacy Committee. The committee will decide whether or not they see me as someone who is called by God to serve. After approval, I will begin my application to attend seminary school. I plan to be finished with these first two steps by this September. By the fall of 2020, I hope to be attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary. This place feels like my second home. My current goal is to become an ELCA pastor, but I know my discernment process is ever changing, so I remain faithful in doing God's work wherever and however I am needed.

I would like to say thank you to you, my home congregation. I feel that this church has been supportive of its member's personal faith journeys by creating such a welcoming and loving community. We spread the love of Christ by opening our arms to one another. I am so blessed that I have started my faith journey here at Grace Lutheran. Thank you for supporting all of our youth throughout the years. I ask for prayers as I begin my application process to fulfill what I know God has called me to do.

Blessings,

Valerie Slaght



## Sharing of the Peace

During the Easter Season at the services through the Sunday of Pentecost, we will be sharing the peace with each other as part of our service.

From ELCA Worship Resources:

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you.

Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting.

Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present.

The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.

As stated in The Sunday Assembly: The exchange of peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry we do to each other is far greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. Because of the presence of Jesus Christ, we give to each other what we are saying: Christ's own peace. Then, having been gathered by the Spirit around the Risen One present in the word, we turn to celebrate his meal.

That the sharing of the peace follows the prayers of the church is not accidental. Having been forged into a common people in Holy Baptism, the congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. This is not human peace alone, but the peace which is possible only through Christ. Then, after the exchange of peace, we receive the gift of Christ's peace in our sharing Holy Communion.

In some assemblies, worshippers simply turn to those sitting nearby and offer a handshake with the words "peace be with you" or "the peace of Christ be with you."

Conscious that some may not wish to shake hands, take your cue from the other person. It is appropriate to simply offer each other the words of peace.

The Worship Work Group



# our members ★★ in the ★★ MILITARY

Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
APO AP 96264

Please contact the office to add a name to this list.



## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

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Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home ..... 356-8729  
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..... Dawn Anderson ..... 657-6923  
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..... Bill Platt ..... 340-0154  
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..... Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow .... 354-5560

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Youth Director .....  
WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
Samaritas ..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054  
Quilters .....  
LARCC ..... Steve Hansen ..... 404-406-8079

## April 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 17,062.82  
LENT .....2,503.00  
BUILDING FUND .....2,033.33  
DRIVEWAY FUND .....1,345.00  
OTHER .....5,287.80  
TOTAL .....\$ 28,231.95

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) .....134  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (3) .....242  
EASTER WORSHIP (1) .....170  
TOTAL .....546

## Worship Services at Grace 2019

Please check the following activities you are willing to participate in at Grace Lutheran Church including any in which you already participate:

|                                                    |       |                                                                                                                  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Lector (reading the lessons)                       | _____ | Counter                                                                                                          | _____ |
| Altar Guild (set up and clean up<br>for communion) | _____ | Participate on a work group                                                                                      | _____ |
| Communion Assistant<br>(during communion)          | _____ | Indicate group                                                                                                   | _____ |
| Usher (at worship services)                        | _____ | *****                                                                                                            |       |
| Greeter (prior to worship services)                | _____ | Name                                                                                                             | _____ |
| Coffee Hour (prepare & clean up)                   | _____ | Address                                                                                                          | _____ |
| Choir Member                                       | _____ | Phone                                                                                                            | _____ |
| Bell Choir                                         | _____ | Email                                                                                                            | _____ |
| Acolyte                                            | _____ | If you will be away for an extended period of<br>time during the year, please list dates:                        | _____ |
|                                                    |       | *****                                                                                                            |       |
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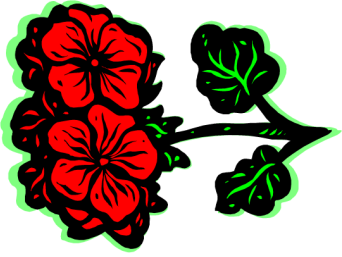
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If you would like to contribute to geraniums (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) to be placed in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (June 9), please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Suggested donation is \$5. Please list your dedication(s) below. Enclose cash or check payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

**ORDER DEADLINE.....May 26, 2019**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

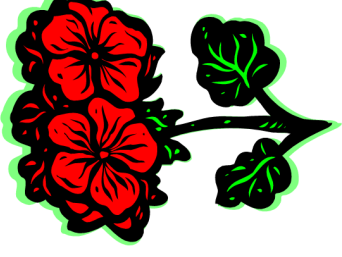
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!**



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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## MAY 2019

### LECTORS

05 MIKE URLAUB  
12 CHERYL WERBLOW  
19 SHARON ENGSTROM  
26 SANDY WELCH

### USHERS

WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
MIKE, TRACEY, ADAM & ALLIE URLAUB

### GREETERS

05 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
12 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
19 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
26 JACK & PATTI TUCKER

### COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
MARGE WEBER

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH  
PHRAN LUDINGTON

### ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ  
VERNA FURZE  
TAMMY FURZE  
PATTI TUCKER

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### FLOWERS

05 S HANSEN  
12 J GOHLKE  
19 G HANSEN  
26 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

05 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
12 MIKE & DONNA MORGAN  
19 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
26 CORKY GATES, JO ANN SMITH,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON

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scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!***

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## JUNE 2019

### LECTORS

02 PATTI TUCKER  
09 ANNA LEWIS  
16 BOB GREENE  
23 PAUL DENSTAEDT  
30 VERA FURZE

### USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
JO ANN SMITH  
MIKE & DONNA MORGAN  
VICKI PIONTKOWSKI (Saturdays)

### GREETERS

02 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
09 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
16 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
23 STEVE & JANIE HANSEN  
30 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG  
CINDY SUSZEK

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

DALE SCHULTZ  
SHERIE MCTAGGART

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## Anniversaries of Baptism



### May 4

Jerry Charter  
Gordon Hansen

### May 5

Kody Bertrand

### May 6

Michael Lang

### May 7

Jeanne Pankey  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula

### May 8

Phran Ludington

### May 9

Sheri Smith

### May 10

Trevor Denstaedt  
Taylor Hayward

### May 11

Christopher Piontkowski  
Stacey Piontkowski

### May 12

Marjorie Weber

### May 13

Joshua Engstrom

### May 14

Derek Hibner  
Jorden Seck  
Logan Suszek

### May 17

Wesley Garant  
Hannah Kamyszek  
Hope Kamyszek  
Savannah Kamyszek  
Kathryn Reynolds

### May 25

Lori Graham

### May 27

Erica Wilson

### May 28

Darlene Dekett

### May 29

Jeffrey Welch

### May 30

Terry Bertrand

### May 1

Linda Batchelor  
Lorraine Leathead  
Ethan McIntosh  
James (J.J.) Timrick

### May 2

Grace Kuligowski  
Scott Lancaster  
Harper Suszek

### May 3

Chad Lewis  
Beth Matzke  
Craig Weise

### May 4

Thomas (T.J.) Lappan  
Mya Styra

### May 6

Dawn Anderson  
Olivia Viegeln

### May 8

Matthew Anderson

### May 10

Julie Townsend

### May 11

Michele Amelotte

### May 12

Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger  
Nancy Platt  
Peggy Tomaszewski

### May 14

Lyn Schultz

### May 15

Laurie Hansen

### May 16

Jan Charter

### May 17

Audrey Garant

### May 18

Jacob Gapske  
Karen Suszek

### May 19

Michael McCourt  
Rebecca Trelfa  
Brett Werblow

### May 22

Pamela Kirchoff  
Roger Pankey  
Barbara Szczesniak

### May 23

Scott Coddington

### May 24

Betty Bedford  
Joanne Kindt

### May 25

Polly Cook

### May 26

Darlene Dekett  
Stacey Townsend

### May 29

Miriam Denstaedt

### May 30

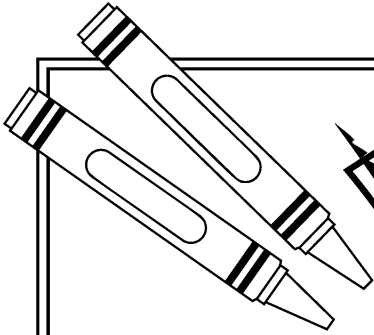
Gary Graham



## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Stephen & Janie Hansen  
3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch  
8th Jon & Mari Crow  
10th Bob & Rosa Greene  
17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
22nd Gordon & Dorothy Hansen  
30th Eric & Emma Barber

# Kid's Page



## PUZZLE

### A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.*

She gets \_\_\_\_\_ while it is still \_\_\_\_\_ ;



she provides \_\_\_\_\_ for her \_\_\_\_\_ ....



Her \_\_\_\_\_ rise \_\_\_\_\_ and



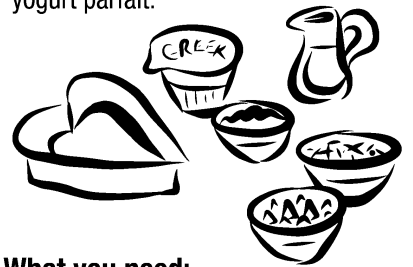
\_\_\_\_\_ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

## HEART-SHAPED breakfast

Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



### What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

### What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call