

✠ **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., June 24, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., June 25, 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-R451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus
Psalm 69:7-18 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R798 Will You Come and Follow Me
C-R781 Children of the Heavenly Father
S-R732 Morning Cry

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 worshiping 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 Spiritual Growth and Renewal at Trinity Episcopal Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Sherie McTaggart, Darlene Freel, 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, Jim Kratz, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G. We also remember the families of Robert Hibner, who passed away June 18, and Gary Anderson, who passed away June 20.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of the birthdays of Andy Lappan and Mary Lappan, June 30th.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

The Adult Class at 11 in Lounge will look at more sessions from the video *Seven Passages* about seven scriptures from the Bible that many use to address issues of human sexuality. Join us for the viewing and discussion.

**5TH ANNUAL MINI-GOLF TOURNEY
at Lee's Miniature Golf on State St.
followed by Ice Cream Treats
at Downtown Scoops
Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.**

We will start the day off right with our 9:30 a.m. church service. Then we will provide a sub sandwich lunch, so you don't need to go home for lunch first. Donations will be accepted. Please note on the sign-up sheet how many will join us for lunch. You are welcome to join us for lunch even if you don't want to join for the mini-golf. After we've got the kitchen cleaned up, we will head on over to Lee's Miniature Golf on State Street and hope to be golfing by noon.

This will be a fun family summer event. You can sign up with your team or individually and we will get someone with whom you can golf. Come join us for some friendly competition. Bring a friend, if you'd like. Please sign-up by Wednesday, 7/5/17, on the sheet in the Narthex or e-mail me at alewis0321@gmail.com and let me know who will be coming.

The cost for mini-golf will be a discounted price of \$3/person. There will be monetary prizes for various holes on the course, and we will draw for the winner if there is a tie. Some might like to use their winnings towards a Downtown Scoops treat afterwards. If you'd like to join us at Downtown Scoops, you might want to bring some extra money with you, in case you don't win any of the prizes.

Hope to see you all there. Please call Anna Lewis at 657-3324 or Sandy Malaski at 657-4480 with any questions.

FAMILY OF BOB HIBNER

Bob passed away last Sunday with services held in Lansing on this past Saturday. The committal service will be at Evergreen Cemetery Monday morning at 10 AM. Anyone wishing to support the family is invited to join them there at that time.

**ALPENA COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL
VBS DAY CAMP**

**"Branching Out:
Connecting Through Christ"
July 10-14, 2017**

**Each day from 9 am to 3 pm
at**

**First United Methodist Church
167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena
989-354-2490**

This is a free event for children ages 5-12. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Activities include Bible Adventures, Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, and Games! Registration forms are located in the Narthex. Completed forms may be mailed/dropped off at First United Methodist Church. Go to www.alpenafumc.org to print registration. **Youth and adult volunteers from Grace are needed. Schedules are flexible, help when you are available. Please contact Elsa Phillips at 884-1809 if you are able to help.**

WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY

The Worship Work Group will begin working on new schedules at their July meeting. Please consider filling a Time and Talen survey, if you haven't already done so. Forms are available in the Office Narthex. 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.

THANK YOU TO JON BENSON

Please sign the letter on the podium thanking Jon for his donation of the dinner at the Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner. It makes the event. And it is incredible.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 25th - Noisy Offering Weekend

9:30 a.m. **Worship**
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 26th

Rummage Sale Set Up

Tuesday - 27th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 Rummage Sale Set Up

Wednesday - 28th

Rummage Sale Set Up
 3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
 5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 29th

Rummage Sale Set Up

Friday - 30th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 9 am - 5 pm Rummage Sale

Saturday - 1st

9 am - 1 pm Rummage Sale
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

**The church office will also be closed on
 Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4.**

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - June 18, 2017	\$ 2,634.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (933.50)

SERVING JUNE 25

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Ruby Haske
Communion Assts. Joelyn Rich, Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder,
 Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt,
 Steve Garant, Linda Batchelor
Greeters Polly Cook, Tammy Furze
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild.... Joanne Nicholls, Kathy Piontkowski
Counters..... Chris Christopherson, Marge Weber
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

SERVING JULY 2

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Anna Lewis
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
 Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild... Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Brian & Bethany Popour

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 20:7-13**
⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
 you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
 I have become a laughingstock all day long;
 everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must
 cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
 For the word of the LORD has become for me a
 reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will
 not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
 then within me there is something like a burning fire
 shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in,

and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

PSALM 69:7-10[11-15]16-18
(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also

must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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