

✠ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 27, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 28, 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-R524 What Is This Place
Psalm 112 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R720 We Are Called
C-R707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
S-R805 Lead On, O King Eternal!

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 Catholic women of Alpena in the Catholic Community.

PRAYERS

Gerald Lancaster, Gar Nicholls, Fred Wegmeyer, 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, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and the Dorr family.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Refugee Olympians

At the summer's Olympics there was a team representing no country, but instead, the 60 million refugees around the world. What would it be like to be without a country and a home? How can we as Christians relate to that experience? Join us in the Lounge at 11.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday - 9/11/16

We will again be going to Luther Manor and working in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery. Dawn Anderson, Projects Chair. Further details to follow.

INTERFAITH AMIGOS IN ALPENA, MICHIGAN

Thursday September 22

An imam, a rabbi and a pastor who began working together following 9/11 share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important today and how each tradition support as well as hinder that deeper dialogue. With 2 workshops during the day and an evening presentation, they support effective collaboration on issues of our time.

For more info:

Facebook: Interfaith Amigos-Alpena

Email: ifaalpena@gmail.com

Call 989.657.9474

HUSTON SMITH

ISLAMIC FAITH TRADITION

The Religions Study Group of St Paul Lutheran will meet August 29 at 7:00 p.m. to view the DVD titled: "Bill Moyers: The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith". In this particular DVD, journalist Bill Moyers and Huston Smith discuss the Islam faith tradition.

WE NEED YOU, YOU OLD BAG

Needed: plastic Neiman's/Walmart/Meijer-type plastic bags. Bags are being used to make mats for people to sleep on. We have three mats made already and our workers are anxious to make more, but plastic bag supply has run low. We can use all the bags you can bring us. Please place them in the recycling box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

TIME APART

A MINI RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN

New Life Lutheran Church, Spruce

Saturday, September 24

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

In this season of our lives we can welcome the transformative action of the Divine as we name and embrace our emotions. In examining particular patterns experienced with some of the painful emotions--specifically anger, shame and fear--we can become more deeply attuned to God's wisdom and compassion for ourselves and others. This time of input, reflection and sharing is an invitation to grow in your understanding and acceptance of the unique person you are. The retreat will be led by Jessie Vicha, who holds an M.A. in Spirituality from Loyola University Chicago. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Please bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Suggested donation \$20.00.

Registration ends September 14. Call New Life Lutheran at 989.736.7816 or email newlifeluth@gmail.com to register.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY
INFORMATION**

Have you changed your phone number? Gone to just a cell phone? Have a new email? Please let the office know so we have the latest information.

Remember...we email the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters to our members. If you are not receiving yours, please check with the office to make sure we have the correct email address on file. Thanks.

NOISY OFFERING THIS WEEKEND

All money collected, along with \$200 from our monthly Community Outreach Fund, will be designated for the Salvation Army Backpack Program.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 28th

9:30 a.m. **Worship**
 Noisy Offering Weekend

11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 29th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Tuesday - 30th

3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Wednesday - 31st

2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - 3rd

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Vicki Denstaedt
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
 Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters Wayne & Anna Lewis
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters Chris Christopherson, Marge Weber,
 Bethany Popour
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

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Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne &
 Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
 Bonnie Cross
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Vicki, Trevor, Taylor &
 Isabelle Denstaedt

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - August 21	\$ 4,097.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 5,254.00)

FIRST READING**Proverbs 25:6-7**

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM 112

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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