

✠ **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 11, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 12, 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-R876 Let the Whole Creation Cry
Psalm 119:1-8 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R604 O Christ, Our Hope
C-R612 Healer of Our Every Ill
S-R772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide
My Ways

SPECIAL MUSIC

YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Jesus Loves Me" Jay Gamlin
"Lay Me Down" Tomlin, Ingram, Myrin, Redman
"Light of the World" Camp Song
"Hello My Name Is" Chris Tomlin
"Brother" Need to Breathe/Gavin DeGraw

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.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Elsa Phillips, 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, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G. We also remember the family of Isabelle Fitzpatrick, who passed away February 7th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of the Ruth Circle, given by Bill & Nancy Platt; in honor of Ed & Elfie Jahnke's 58th wedding anniversary.

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 Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 5
following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the agenda:

Receive Annual Reports
Memorials & Gifts Policy

Please plan to attend!

VALENTINE GOODIE BAGS FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Anyone who would like to help deliver goodies bags to our Loving Care Members is asked to meet at the church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14.

THANK YOU

I cannot express how thankful I am for all the love, support and the abundant prayers raised for me. I felt every one of them!!! So for Pastor Tom and my entire Church Family, THANKS BE TO GOD.

Love,
Jeanne Pankey

SPECIAL MUSIC

Has God graced you with musical talent? Would you be willing to share it with the congregation? If you would be willing to provide special music for our worship services, please let a member of our Worship Work Group know. Thanks!

Sharon Engstrom
Dorothy Hansen
Dawn Gentry
Ruby Haske
Carolynne Wegmeyer

BREAD WEEKEND

“Bread Weekend” resumes Feb. 18-19

We are asking the congregation to bake bread, any type, and bring it to the church on Saturday or Sunday, prior to the service. We will price the loaves. The bread will be sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. **We do this the 3rd Sunday of every month.**

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please let the office know (354-2640).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 12th - Annual Committee Reports Due

8:50 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship
12:30 p.m.	Catechism - Grace

Tuesday - 14th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
11:00 a.m.	Deliver Goodie Bags to Our Loving Care Members
5:00 p.m.	Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 15th - Newsletter Deadline

1:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle - Lounge
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Thursday - 16th

5:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 18th - Bread Weekend

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Ruby Haske
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers ..Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters..... Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital.....Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild.....Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,
Bethany Popour
Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Jack & Patti Tuck

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Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Sandy Welch
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Ushers ..Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters..... Brian & Bethany Popour Family
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Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Feb. 5, 2017	\$ 5,520.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 1,999.00)

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

PSALM 119:1-8 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

[[Jesus said to the disciples:]] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you

over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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