† TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 16, 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-R744 Lord, Be Glorified

Psalm 121 (Psalms begin page 339)

D–R790 Day by Day

C-R759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

S– R774 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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 the Quilting Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for preaching and leading worship this weekend.

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.

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

In honor of our daughter Tammy's birthday, given by Mom and Dad.

CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Marie was born to Jon and Annie Carr on October 7 in Los Angeles, California. Tom and Mary Lappan are the proud grandparents. Nelson Carr of Lachine is the great grandparent.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Women of Grace (Ruth Circle) will meet on Wednesday, October 26, at 1:00pm in the lounge. Please note that our monthly meeting day has been changed to the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Bible study, "When God forgives the guilty," is from the Gather magazine and can be found on the internet at gathermagazine.org. There will also be time for a short meeting and refreshments with Darlene Freel as hostess. All women are welcome without obligation.

CARD/GAME NIGHT WITH BAKED POTATO / ICE CREAM BAR October 20, 2016

Grace Lutheran Church 119 W. Dunbar, Alpena

Doors open at 5 - Meal served at 6 \$7.00 per person Door prizes - Quilt Raffle Limited Seating Contact Arlis 356-9583 or Patti 354-5990

Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Quilting Group

CARD PARTY HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help with the card party or have card tables we could use, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. Thanks!

Anyone with a donation for the party night can drop them off at the kitchen during OFFICE HOURS (8-12) on MONDAY or TUESDAY and on WEDNESDAY from 8:00 until 4:00. If you have questions, please call me at 590-0203.

Corinne Fraley

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"MAKING CHOICES – DISCERNMENT" A spiritual retreat for men and women Saturday, October 22, 2016 ~ 10 am – 3 pm Grace Lutheran Church

Choices, you make them every day in your lives. How do you handle the benefits or the consequences that come with your choices? Discernment, how do you assess and evaluate God's will for you in your daily and/or future life?

Come and join us as we, through prayer, scripture, and personal time alone, sit with this and listen to what God has in plans for us.

Please bring your own lunch.

Please bring a Bible, a journal if you have one, any devotional material you may be using, or a Serenity coloring book for your quiet time. If you attended the "Pray Where You Are" retreat in May and have your folder and journal, please bring them. If you did not attend or no longer have them, they will be provided.

This is a day for you. Come and experience the journey!

A registration sheet will be in the Narthex.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

NEW SCHEDULES

New schedules for the 2016-2017 year have been completed and are posted on the scheduling board in the hallway by the fellowship hall. Paper copies are available to be picked up and schedules are also posted on the website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

RELIGIOUS STUDY GROUP

We continue to reflect back on the Interfaith Amigos visit to Alpena! Their message was so important, and we are thinking about ways to keep moving forward. Our next Religions Study Group meeting is **Monday**, **October 17**. We will meet at 7:00PM in the St. Paul Lutheran **Church** lounge which is downstairs in the Education Building. We have the DVD copies of both of the Interfaith Amigos workshops and their evening presentation. For those who did not get a chance to see either, we will be able to view a workshop or the evening performance. We'll let the group decide. If you were present for all of the events, this will be another opportunity to let the conversation continue. We hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Semi-Annual Meeting Sunday, November 6 Following worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget \$ 3,981.00 Weekly giving - October 9 \$ 2,708.00 Year-to-date over/(under) (\$ 8,246.00)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 16th

BREAD WEEKEND

9:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday - 18th

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 19th

All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 20th

All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved 5:00 p.m. Card/Game Night Ouilting Fundraiser

Saturday - 22nd

NOISY OFFERING WEEKEND **5:00 p.m. Worship**

SERVING THIS WEEK Ministers.....God's People

Pastor		Rev. Gene Bacon
Music Direct	or	Berniece Lyon
Lector		Corinne Fraley
Communion	Assts	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
		Karen Slaght
Ushers	Roger	& Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
	Sandra	Christopherson, Matt, Everett
	& Oliv	ia Haske
Greeters		Joel & Cindy Suszek
Hospital		Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild.	C	Eindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters		Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour		Rich & Sherie McTaggart

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Directo	or Berniece Lyon
Lector	Cheryl Werblow
Communion A	Assts Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
	Karen Slaght
Ushers	. Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
	Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett
	& Olivia Haske
Greeters	Jack & Patti Tucker
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour.	Eleanor Coddington
	Dawn Anderson

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 121 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And vet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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