

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 17, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 18, 2018

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-R618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
Psalms 51:1-12 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
C-R608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
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 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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Children's Program at First Congregational UCC.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Sara Kamyszek, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Shelly Greenwood, Carole Liske, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Judy Kautz, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond, Rev. Richard Clapp.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for preaching and leading worship. We appreciate his being here this weekend.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

An Easter Breakfast Potluck will be held on Sunday, April 1, between services. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

FUNDRAISER - NRN MISSION TRIP

March 24 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Mystery Dinner at Grace Lutheran

Tickets \$10 per person

Bring extra money for tips!

*Tickets available from Mission Trip group
and in the Church Office*

THANK YOU

I really appreciate the prayers, cards and visits received during the last 3 months!

Dorothy Hansen

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Wine Bottle Update

We have collected all the necessary clear wine bottles. Thank you to all who helped!

HOLY HUMOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 14 AND 15

Please join us at the twelfth 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2018. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990). Please contact the office if you would like an application emailed to you (354-2640).

GRACE'S

MISSION & MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Check out the Pastor's door for a list of Grace's work over the last year. See all that has happened here for God's Kingdom. **PLEASE ADD ANY MISSING ACTIVITIES TO SHEETS.** Thanks.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE

Saturday, March 24 ~ 8am-2pm

All Saints Parish Center (Lockwood St.)

\$8 dozen/\$4 half dozen

Raisin or Plain/Maple or Vanilla Frosting

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

April 22, 2018 at the APLEX

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. ~ Dinner is at 12:30

Tickets \$15.00/Children 12 & under are free

Enjoy the Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle, Silent Pie Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Door Prizes

AUCTION ITEMS DONATION SHEETS

are located in the Office Narthex.

Please consider donating an item to support this wonderful event!

**See Dawn Anderson, Cheryl Werblow,
or call the church office at 354-2640
to get your tickets.**

Proceeds from the dinner benefit United Way School of Clothes; Foster Children's Fund as well as Grace Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

RUTH CIRCLE

All women are welcome to attend the Ruth Circle (Women of Grace) meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the newly cleaned up Lounge. We have Bible Study and a short business meeting followed by refreshments.

Darlene Freel, Leader

EASTER CARDS FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Easter cards for our Loving Care Members are located on the table in the Office Narthex. Please sign the cards, by March 25, to let our members know we are thinking of them and wishing them a blessed Easter.

WANTED

The Quilters are in need of used sheets (full or larger size if possible) and unlined drapes. Your donations help us keep costs down and allow us to make more quilts to donate each year. We appreciate your help with this ministry!

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 p.m.

Worship ~ 7:00 p.m.

March 21 First Presbyterian
 "The True Vine"
 Rev. Paul Lance

March 29 Trinity Episcopal
 Maundy Thursday
 Rev. Karen Thompson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 30 Good Friday Tre Ore
 12-3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran

March 31 Easter Vigil
 5:00 p.m.

April 1 Easter Worship
 8:00 & (Easter Breakfast Potluck
 10:30 a.m. between services)

SERVING MARCH 18

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Eugene Bacon
Music Director David Delano
Lector Verna Furze
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Dawn Anderson, Caroline Weise, Phran Ludington

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - March 11	\$ 3,514.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (675.15)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<u>Sunday - 18th</u>	Bake Weekend
9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed - Lounge
<u>Monday - 19th</u>	
5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday - 20th</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
5:00 p.m.	Worship WG Mtg.
7:00 p.m.	Council
<u>Wednesday - 21st</u>	
1:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle - Lounge
3-5:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Service - First Presbyterian
<u>Thursday - 22nd</u>	
5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m.	CC&S Dinner Committee Mtg. - Lounge
<u>Saturday - 24th</u>	Noisy Offering Weekend
5:00 p.m.	Worship
6:00 p.m.	Mystery Dinner

SERVING MARCH 25

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 51:1-12

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Hebrews 5:5-10**

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL**John 12:20-33**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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