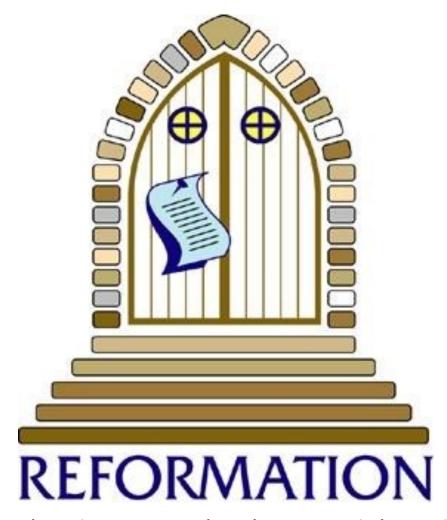
Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

October 28 & 29, 2023



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" Bell Choir

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(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

(the assembly stands as you are comfortable)

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, we are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.



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GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

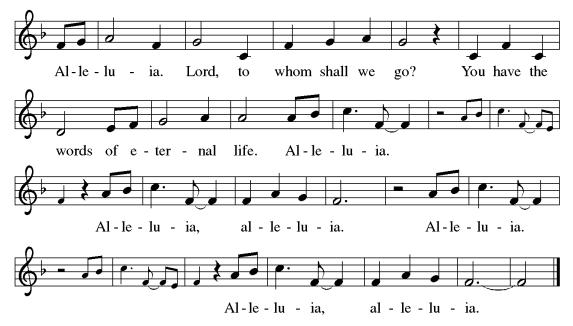
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 8:31-36

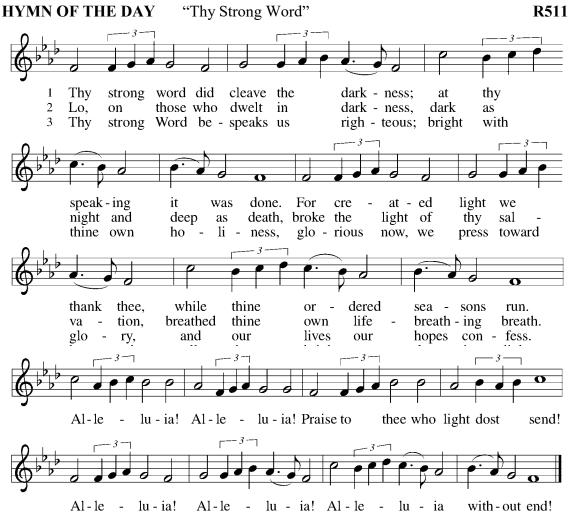
Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)



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P: Let us pray...God of power, God of plenty,

C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

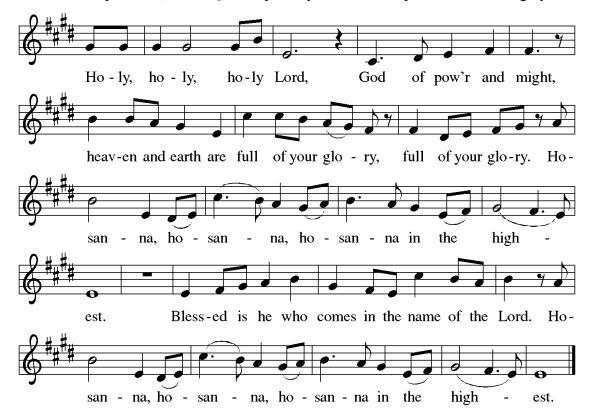
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void,...(concluding)...Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

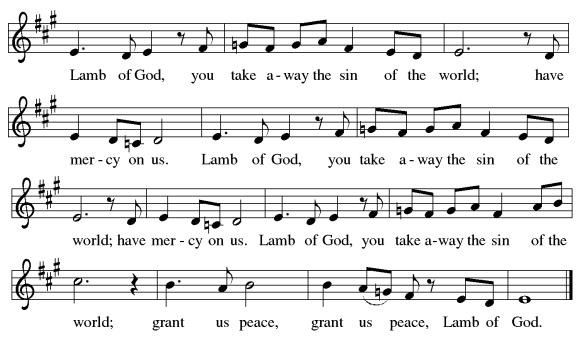
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

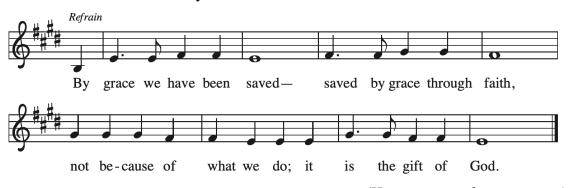
HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)



COMMUNION HYMN "By Grace We Have Been Saved"

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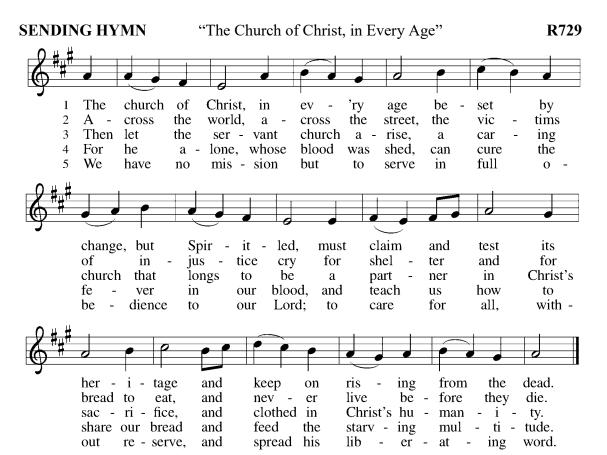
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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** Let us pray...Blessed be your name, O God,
- C: for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

Danish Amen (Bell Choir & Congregation)



POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Michael Moors, Given by Gerri Moors and
In Memory of Jack Tucker, Given by his family.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Chrisy Bright, Assistant to the Bishop for our Synod, for leading worship, preaching and celebrating the eucharist this weekend while Pastor Tom has been away at the Ecumenical Community of Michigan retreat (formerly LARC Retreat) this past week.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Carl Smith, WMHRLD family, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Joseph Bleau (Donna Morgan's father), who passed away on October 12th.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Samaritas/Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/Holland, Rev. Clay Bates, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP

Daylight Saving Time ENDS – *FALL BACK* - for Sunday November 5th. This is great preparation for the Semi-Annual Meeting that Sunday after worship.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT - Tuesday, October 31

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exact times may be adjusted to the official city of Alpena Trick or Treat times. Donations of treats to be given out are also needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office. We had over 100 kids stop by last year! This is great opportunity to Meet and Greet Grace's neighborhood families, see all of the wonderful costumes, AND snitch a few pieces of candy while handing out treats! Please sign up on the sheet located in the Office Narthex or email/call the office to be added to list. Thanks!

"Halloween: a day when we get it right. Strangers come to us, beautiful, ugly, odd, or scary, and we accept them all without question, compliment them, treat them kindly and give them good things. Why don't we live like that?"

Steve Garnaas-Holmes (a poet, songwriter and retired pastor)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, November 5

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda. Contact the Church Office for a Zoom link. *Meeting packets are available in the Office Narthex*.

BAKE SALE

Ruth Circle will be hosting the **Bake Sale**, **December 2**. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO

We have placed an ad for a new accompanist in the Alpena News and posted it on our Facebook page. If you would share that post, it will be spread to all your friends and get the word out even more. That will help us immensely to find someone. Thank you.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry could use loaves of bread and a jar of jam or peanut butter.

Perch's IGA is having their Fall canned fruit and vegetable sale and our pantry is running low on these items. If you shop there, consider picking up a few cans for the pantry. Thanks for all the donations.

Next Little Food Pantry Collection - November 11 & 12

For this collection, we would like to concentrate on packets of baby food, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, and toilet paper. On that weekend, please place the items at the altar and we will bless them along with our offering. Thank you.

GRACE LUTHERAN THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Thursday, November 23, 2023 ~ 5 p.m.

Grace Lutheran will provide a church family Thanksgiving Day dinner at 5:00 pm. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to pass – your favorite side, dessert, rolls, salads, whatever you feel inclined to bring! We will offer delivery to our Loving Care Members at 4:00 pm to allow them to also partake in our Thanksgiving Dinner. For delivery, please call Peggy at 989-354-2640. Delivery will be made shortly after 4:00 p.m. so our delivery crew can make it back to eat as well. If you can help with delivery please contact Peggy so she can list the drivers we will have as well.

Please sign up and include the number attending and the dish you wish to bring and share. (Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex.) There is also a sign-up sheet for Set-Up Committee and Clean-Up Committee for those who want to assist. Requests for delivered meals need to be called in to the church by Monday, November 20 so deliveries can be coordinated. All are welcome!

NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which began October 1, if you have volunteered to serve.

We have several openings in the new schedules that need filling. We are especially in need of Communion Assistants, Ushers and Altar Guild. If you are available on just Saturdays or just Sundays you can still help. If you are only available certain months you can still help. Contact Sharon Engstrom 989-354-5133 or Dawn Gentry 989-356-2816 for information or to volunteer.

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser ~ **November 4 from 4-7 pm** Join us for a scrumptious spaghetti dinner and silent auction at 500 S. Brooke St., Alpena. Dinner: Spaghetti, coleslaw and dessert. Silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and a raffle for a handmade queen size quilt. Gluten-free options and takeout boxes will be available. **Pay at the door.** \$12/plate with options with a family cap \$30 at the door. Children 7 and under are free. See poster in Office Narthex for more info.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

A list of November birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the news page our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2023-birthdays

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 18,344.00 Monthly Giving - September \$ 17,034.05

We received:

92 envelopes, 58 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 29th 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Sunday School Choir Practice Worship
Monday 20th	1
Monday - 30th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Tuesday - 31st	
8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
5:30 pm	Trunk or Treat at Grace
Wednesday - 1st	
8am-noon 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Open Bell Choir Practice MLK Committee-Loung
Thursday - 2nd 8am-noon	Church Office Open
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Friday - 3rd 8am-noon	Church Office Open
<u>Saturday - 4th</u> 5:00 pm	Worship

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

SERVING OCTOBER 28/29

Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Chrisy Bright
	Claire Schreiber
	oanimentKat Tomaszewski
	Anna Lewis
Communion	
Assistants Sher	ie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith
Ushers Way	ne & Chris Christopherson,
June	Daly, Cindy Domrase
Greeters	Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild Cine	dy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan
	Charter, Don LaBarre
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Joe & Dawn Gentry
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SERVING NOVEMBER 4/5

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector Bob Greene
Communion
Assistants Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
June Daly, Cindy Domrase
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