

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ May 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."



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Worship Work Group Survey

Time and Talent survey sheets are included in this newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) **Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling.** Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve. Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

Prayer List

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).



Graduating?

Are you, or is someone you know, graduating? Please drop the information off at the church office (or email the office at

officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) including the name, graduation date, institution of learning, and future plans of the graduate. We would like to publish this information in our June newsletter.

Nursery

Now Available on Sundays

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the fellowship hall.





FROM OUR PASTOR

Is winter ever going to end? Is spring going to get here? After getting dumped on twice in the month of April, and having a third of all our winter snow this month, you have to wonder!

Yet we know spring is coming. There have already been hints. Plants bursting forth from the ground. Buds appearing on trees. The days lasting longer and staying light beyond 8 o'clock.

We know spring is coming. All our experience and knowledge points us to that. Even as this year seems different than past years, we can still count on spring coming. We have been through the cycle of the seasons before. We have some confidence that the future of green and growth and warmth is coming.

Amidst all the stuff going on in the world, where the world is seemingly dumped on again and again, where violence and hate seems to be the thing of the moment, we need to know that God's kingdom of peace, grace and love is coming to this world. Coming in the same way that God's spring and growth is coming to us also. As far distant as it may seem, like spring in the last few weeks.

Like looking for the signs of spring, we need to look for the signs of God's Kingdom, God's Reign in this world. The challenge maybe that the signs are not ones we have seen before. Rather than the recurrence of annual signs like of spring's arrival, signs of God's Kingdom breaking out may be new and different than we have experienced in the past. So we have to look harder, be more aware and be consciously looking for placing where peace and love and grace prevail. And really open to new possible expressions of them unlike what we have seen before. Maybe we have to grow in faith and action to see the new.

And as we share the signs of spring coming, we also need to share the signs that God's Kingdom is coming. That peace and love have the upper hand and will prevail. Perhaps more than that share we must be the signs for others.

That's a challenge. Still we have just been through Easter and have seen God's power over death and the worst of this world. Love prevailed then. And it was powerful enough to convince those hiding in upper rooms and scattered by the events to come together to tell the story of God's love for us and with us. Our signs of spring and God's reign are all around us in the history of our faith and the history of the world. And we are the ones to make more signs for the present generations and those to come.

May you prevail in God's calling on you and be a sign for others to see.

May you share God's love

Pastor Tom



We encourage everyone to wear red
on Pentecost Sunday
May 20th

Adult CE series at Grace Lutheran Making Sense of the Cross

We'll begin our summer ACE - Adult CE on Sundays - with a study of the book Making Sense of the Cross by David Lose.

It tackles the topic central to our faith - what does the cross do and how does it work. Questions that many have and have had throughout Christian History about the cross.

David Lose has been an ELCA Lutheran seminary professor, Lutheran seminary president and currently is again a church pastor. This book is one of a series on Making Sense of . . . that he has written covering a number of topics in faith. The book's format is a conversation of questions and answers leading to further exploration of the topic. Theologically, of atonement, describes one-ment. cross make us God. There been just one answer in the history of our faith. Rather a number of explanations have been offered. This is an important question as the way we understand the cross shapes the way we view and understand God.

The book will be \$13. Let me know by May 15 and the church can order for everyone.

We'll start the class on Sunday June 10 and plan on 6 sessions with the option to spend more time if we find a session that we want to take further time on.

See Pastor Tom to order a book. Or for any questions you might have.

Hospital visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or Pastor Tom directly. The hospital **DOES NOT** notify churches or pastors of admissions *DESPITE* the question you are asked on admission.



We had a wonderful Easter Breakfast Potluck on April 1, 2018, with 65 to 70

people in attendance. We would like to send a big THANK YOU to all who attended and brought food, and to those who helped in various ways with the breakfast. We especially want to thank Pat Schultz & Jeanne Pankey for their efforts on the Easter Breakfasts in the past, and thank Phran Ludington and Wayne Lewis, for stepping up to organize the breakfast this year. We also thank Barb Szczesniak for the fun center pieces; Thelma Stevens and Elsa Phillips for making Norwegian pancakes; Jeanne Pankey & Phran for shopping and making sure we had everything needed and for keeping everyone in line; Matt & Ruby Haske, Kay & Gary Grove, Roger Pankey and Bill Platt for all their help with setup, organizing and clean-up. We hope we didn't miss anybody. We appreciate everyone's efforts!!

The Fellowship Committee

The Seventh Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner

Thank you to all who helped in making the Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner a success! It is always amazing how volunteers give of their time and efforts, along with those who attend who enjoy the fellowship, food and bidding. Jon Benson and his crew surely put on a wonderful meal and we are so blessed. The benefits of this event are countless and we want to thank everyone who participated! More details to follow.

A special thank you from the Auction Committee for the many wonderful donations received for the Chinese raffle and silent auction. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and truly helped make this a successful event!





July
9-13 **VBS!**

Vacation Bible School is starting this July 9 at First United Methodist Church (same location as last year). Several churches are joining efforts in providing this day camp to our community's children and as such we will be in need of volunteers from each church. So if anybody is interested in helping out this year it will be greatly appreciated. We had a great turnout last year with volunteers and children. Ages of children that can attend are 5 through 12 years. Any questions please contact me or Nancy Platt at 989-340-0154. More details to follow!

Elsa Phillips
989-884-1809

Spring Clean-Up

May 12, 2018

9 a.m. to Noonish

(Church will be open at
8 a.m. for those who
can begin earlier)



- Interior cleaning as usual (rain or shine).
- Garden(s) clean up and raking.
- Parking lot fence repair.
- Clean up behind the parish education building. The side facing the neighbors behind our church.

We need as many hands as possible.
Many hands make light work!



Do you have a green thumb?

We would like to beautify our grounds with lots of flowers this year and are looking for someone willing to coordinate a committee to make this happen. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Jeff Welch (595-2195) or the church office.



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!



Grace collects food items for the food pantry at Trinity Episcopal. These items include; Tuna & Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake mix (just add water type) & syrup and elbow macaroni. These items are used to fill emergency food boxes for

individuals that are in need of food, due to a number of circumstances. Other non-perishable items may be donated to help fill in the boxes. We collect the donated food items in a basket, outside the church office door.

Lateral File Cabinets Needed

The church office is in need of locking 42" commercial lateral file cabinets like the one pictured below (any color). We are looking for two 4-drawer cabinets and one two or three-drawer cabinet. If you have information on used cabinets that might be available, please contact Peggy at 354-2640. Thanks!



The 2018 Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. **Please sign the chart AND fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table under the flower chart in the Narthex). Completing this form lets the office know what you would like listed in the bulletin.** Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the office.



GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640
 Rev. Tom Orth Home 356-8729
 Cell 916-8759
 Office Manager Peggy Tomaszewski .. 255-8850
 Music Director David Delano 207-322-2074

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President Tom Lappan 356-3718
 Vice-President Rick Engstrom 916-5963
 Exec. Secretary Debby Nitchman 916-8213
 Treasurer Don Barnard 340-1055

WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education Elsa Phillips 884-1809
 Worship Sharon Engstrom 354-5133
 Discipleship Phran Ludington 471-9117
 Dawn Anderson 657-6923
 Property Jeff Welch 595-2195
 Bill Platt 340-0154
 Fellowship Jeanne Pankey 354-2416
 Pat Schultz 356-2781
 Finance Dennis Werblow 354-5560

OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director
 WELCA Darleen Freel 354-8866
 Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
 Samaritas Kay Grove 727-2054
 Quilters Caroline Weise 354-8060
 LARCC Eleanor Coddington . 354-8766
 Steve Hansen 404-406-8079

Immigration, Justice and Love

The Catholic

Perspective on Immigration

Sponsored by All Saints Parish
 and hosted by
 All Saints Catholic Women

Saturday, May 5, 2018

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All Saints Parish Hall

(behind St. Anne's Church, Lockwood St.)

Who is my neighbor?

Presenter:

Fr. Wayne Dziekan

Director of Social Justice and Peace
 for the

Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord

April 2018

Finances

GENERAL FUND\$ 15,492.00
 BUILDING FUND 1,448.00
 CHRISTIAN GROWTH 7.00
 DRIVEWAY FUND 675.00
 OTHER 9,082.38
 TOTAL\$ 26,704.38
 (Does not include 4/28&29)

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (2) 67
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (2) 142
 EASTER SUNDAY (2) 138
 TOTAL 347
 (Snow storm 4/14&15, services cancelled)
 (Does not include 4/28&29)

Worship Services at Grace 2018

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Lector (reading the lessons)	_____	Counter	_____
Altar Guild (set up and clean up for communion)	_____	Participate on a work group	_____
		Indicate group	_____
Communion Assistant (during communion)	_____	*****	
		Name	_____
Usher (at worship services)	_____	Address	_____
Greeter (prior to worship services)	_____	Phone	_____
Coffee Hour (prepare & clean up)	_____	Email	_____
Choir Member	_____	If you will be away for an extended period of time during the year, please list dates:	
Bell Choir	_____	_____	

Acolyte	_____	Such service is a blessing to others and those that serve	
Nursery Attendant	_____	find they are blessed in doing so. A BIG THANK YOU!	

Please return completed forms to the church office or place in the offering plate during worship.

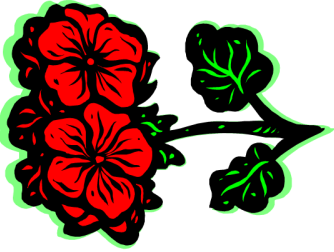
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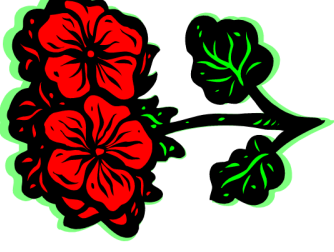
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In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

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AWAY AT COLLEGE



Rachel Chroninger
281 Hubbell Apt. 1
Houghton, MI 49931

Taylor Chroninger
Student Village A3A
680 W. Easterday Avenue
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Isabelle Denstaedt
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St. Louis, MO 63119

Connor Freel
Saginaw Valley State University Nursing
6090 Academy Dr.
Saginaw, MI 48604

Riley Garant
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Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Grace Kuligowski
Baker Hall East - Room #29
1044 W. Bristol Rd.
Flint, MI 48507

Andrea Matzke
(Just completed Culinary School in TC)
3200 Brookside Drive
Apt. 1 - Mailbox 5
Traverse City, MI 49696

Caileigh Nitchman
Herrig Hall 207
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Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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University Center, MI 48710

Morgan Wooll
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918

*Please contact the church office to
add a college student to this list.*



Wesley Garant (USAF)
107 West DL Ingram Avenue
Unit 103 C
Clovis, New Mexico 88101
(Now deploying to Iraq)

*Please contact the church office to
add a name to this list.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

MAY 2018

ACOLYTES

06
13
20
27

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

06 CHERYL WERBLOW
13 MIKE URLAUB
20 CORINNE FRALEY
27 SHARON ENGSTROM

USHERS

JOEL SUSZEK
GARY & KAY GROVE
RICK ENGSTROM
JACK TUCKER

GREETERS

06 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
13 PAUL, VICKI & MIRIAM DENSTAEDT
20 JO AN NSMITH, ANNE GENTRY
27 DON & VERA FURZE

COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT
DALE SCHULTZ

ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ
VERNA FURZE
TAMMY FURZE

FLOWERS

06 GENTRY
13 CHRONINGER
20 HANSEN
27 LAPPAN

COFFEE HOUR

06 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
13 BARB WERLE, ANGIE CRITTENDEN
ELLIE WALKER
20 JOE, DAWN & ANNE GENTRY
27 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

***PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone
to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday
scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!***

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JUNE 2018

ACOLYTES

03
10
17
24

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

03 RUBY HASKE
10 SANDY WELCH
17 PATTI TUCKER
24 ANNA LEWIS

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON FURZE
MATT & OLIVIA HASKE
ISABELLE DENSTAEDT

GREETERS

03 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
10 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL
17 JOE & DAWN GENTRY
24 GARY & KAY GROVE

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KATHY PIONTKOWSKI

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03 SLAGHT
10
17 GROVE
24 LAPPAN

COFFEE HOUR

03 DON, VERA & TAMMY FURZE
10 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ
17 POLLY COOK, JO ANN SMITH, CORKY
GATES, SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON
24 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM

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Anniversaries of Baptism



May 1

Ashley Brodziak

May 2

Alec Schaefer

May 4

Jerry Charter
Gordon Hansen

May 5

Kody Bertrand

May 6

Michael Lang

May 7

Jeanne Pankey
Ella Sandula
Kady Sandula

May 8

Phran Ludington

May 9

Sheri Smith

May 10

Taylor Denstaedt
Trevor Denstaedt

May 11

Christopher Piontkowski
Stacey Piontkowski

May 12

Marjorie Weber

May 13

Joshua Engstrom

May 14

Derek Hibner
Jorden Seck
Logan Suszek

May 17

Wesley Garant
Hannah Kamyszek
Hope Kamyszek
Savannah Kamyszek
Kathryn Reynolds

May 25

Lori Graham

May 27

Erica Wilson

May 28

Darlene Dekett

May 29

Jeffrey Welch

May 30

Terry Bertrand

May 1

Linda Batchelor
Lorraine Leathead
Ethan McIntosh
James (J.J.) Timrick

May 2

Grace Kuligowski
Scott Lancaster
Harper Suszek

May 3

Chad Lewis
Beth Matzke
Craig Weise

May 4

Thomas (T.J.) Lappan
Mya Styma

May 6

Dawn Anderson
Olivia Viegelaun

May 7

Dorothy Gentry
Robert Lang
Kimberly Poirier

May 8

Matthew Anderson

May 10

Julie Townsend

May 11

Michele Amelotte

May 12

Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger
Nancy Platt
Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15

Laurie Hansen
Alena Poirier

May 16

Jan Charter

May 17

Audrey Garant

May 18

Jacob Gapske
Karen Suszek

May 19

Michael McCourt
Rebecca Trelfa
Brett Werblow

May 22

Pamela Kirchoff
Roger Pankey
Barbara Szczesniak

May 23

Scott Coddington

May 24

Betty Bedford
Joanne Kindt

May 25

Polly Cook

May 26

Darlene Dekett
Stacey Townsend

May 29

Miriam Denstaedt

May 30


Gary Graham



Wedding Anniversaries


2nd Stephen & Janie Hansen
3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch
8th Jon & Mari Crow
10th Bob & Rosa Greene
17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
22nd Gordon & Dorothy Hansen
30th Eric & Emma Barber

Kid's Page

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	Y

" _____ your _____
 and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
 _____."
 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

