

**✠ HOLY HUMOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY ✠**  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 9, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 10, 2016

*Hymns*

- S- B754** Let Us Talents and Tongues  
Employ  
**C-R843** Praise the One Who Breaks the  
Darkness  
**D-R389** Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing  
**Psalms 30** (Psalms begin on page 339)  
**G-R368** With High Delight Let Us Unite

**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 Music Ministry/Prayer Groups at All Saints Catholic Community.

**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).

**NRN MISSION TRIP  
RUMMAGE SALE**

Friday, April 22 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 23 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PRAYERS:** Gordon Hansen, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Don & Verna Furze's Anniversary, given by Tammy, Kevin, Debbie, Erin and Carly.

**GRACE LUTHERAN  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships will be available in the Narthex, beginning March 1, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**  
**"Pray Where You Are"**

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Men and Women's Retreat  
Lunch will be provided.  
More info to come.

**DIRTY COPPER FUNDRAISER  
FOR THE NRN MISSION TRIP**

Do you have a frayed extension cord? Are you recycling an appliance that has an electrical cord on it? (cut it off) Old computer cords that are not being used? Maybe a piece of household electrical wiring? Copper pipes?

You have *DIRTY COPPER*

Please bring it to church. Put it in the bin and we'll take it to recycling for funds for the NRN Mission Trip in June.

**BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY  
Grace Lutheran will have  
"Bread Sunday" on Sunday, April 17.**

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 plan to do this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.**

**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

If you would like to place a geranium plant (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (May 15), please fill out the form located in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate or in the mailbox outside the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. Deadline to order is May 2nd!

**MYSTERY DINNER**

The Mystery Dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 14th.  
More info coming soon!

**DOUBTS - QUESTIONS - CONCERNS**

*Thanks to one and all* who wrote down their doubts, questions and concerns about faith in last weekend's services. They are posted on my office door. Some of the doubts expressed have been the doubts of the church from the beginning. Some more modern. Some thoughts and responses will be coming in various ways in the future - newsletter, Adult Christian Education classes, individual conversations, sermons, temple talks, etc. For those who were not here or those who were and may have other questions, more cards are welcome. Cards are on the table outside the offices. You are encouraged to sign them so you and I can have a conversation, but it is not necessary. Simply slip them under my door. Thanks again for your sharing in the service.

Pastor Tom

**THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner. It couldn't happen without everyone's support!

**RECYCLING ITEMS NEEDED**

We are in need of Walmart-type plastic bags for a recycling project. We could also use clean plastic bread wrappers. If you have these recyclable items, please drop them in the box located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

**SUNRISE RINGERS  
SPRING CONCERT**

**Sunday, April 17 ~ 3:00 p.m.  
Lincoln First United Methodist Church  
101 E. Main, Lincoln**

Come! Enjoy an afternoon of English handbell music. A free-will offering will be received.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon Clapp  
**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Vicki & Taylor Denstaedt  
**Ushers.** Mick & Kay Zinsli, Wayne & Anna Lewis,  
Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** ..... Phil & Pam Agius Family  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Phran Ludington, Jeanne Pankey,  
Chris Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Don & Verna Furze, Tammy Furze

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**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
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Chris Christopherson  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - April 3	\$ 5,470.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$2,630.00)

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday - 10th

9:30 a.m.

#### **Worship**

Children's Sunday School  
During Worship  
Sanctuary Reserved -  
Rehearsal

1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday - 12th

9:00 a.m.

#### **Quilting**

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Lounge Reserved**

#### Wednesday - 13th

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

2:30-6:30 p.m.

#### **Lounge Reserved**

#### Thursday - 14th

12-8:00 p.m.

#### **Sanctuary Reserved - Hospice**

#### Friday - 15th

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

#### Saturday - 16th

5:00 p.m.

#### **Worship**

#### **FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 9:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is

praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

**PSALM 30** (Psalms begin on page 339)

**SECOND READING** **Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**GOSPEL** **John 21:1-19**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and

got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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