

✠ **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 9, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 10, 2017

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–R836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Psalm 119:33-40 (Psalms begin page 339)
D–R656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
C–R638 Blessed Assurance
S–R731 Earth and All Stars!

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the homebound parishioners at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

PRAYERS

Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, Jim Kratz, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

**ACTIVITY BAGS
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Adult CE continues exploring the Reformation

Another short video puts the Reformation times in more historical context. Then we will explore other information and questions about the impact the Reformation continues to have. We meet at 11 in the Lounge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Come one come all and join us September 17 at Grace for Sunday school roundup!! All children ages 3 to 12 are invited to participate and we would like the parents and grandparents to attend, too. Fun activities for the kids along with snacks and parents/grandparents will hear about upcoming Sunday school news and happenings. We will meet upstairs in the school room 9 am and conclude at 9:30 just in time for service. Nancy and I look forward to seeing you all again this year and we have a lot of good news to share and spread!

God Bless,

Elsa Phillips
989-884-1809

ALTAR FLOWERS

Reminder... If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF THRU LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Give support to the victims of Harvey.

On your weekly envelope, you can use the Other line and mark Harvey. Or using a pew envelope, simply write Harvey on that. We'll send in all the contributions at the end of the month.

30 DAYS OF PEACE CALENDAR

Copies of the 30 Days of Peace events calendar are now available in the office narthex. The opening prayer service for the 30 Days of Peace will be held at Grace on September 10 at 7 p.m.

THRIVENT EVENTS

We will need Thrivent runners for the **Tunnels to Tower race on September 16th**. Thrivent will pay for the first twenty members to run for this great cause! Please call us at (989) 356-1330 to sign up or go on-line at Thrivent Community Northern Michigan. On September 11, 2001 firefighter Stephen Miller ran back into the World Trade Center and risked his life to save others. Please join us in this memorial run/walk in honor of this great American Hero and all first responders and military who dedicate their lives to our safety.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger meal packing event at the Alpena Mall on Saturday, October 21st starting at 10:00 a.m. Please call us to sign up at 356-1330. Some kids and their families around the world and in our own community lack the proper foods that deliver stable nutrients to them. Please join us in packaging meals to help these households in the local community to become more self-sufficient by providing nourishing food to them.

MISSING DVD

We are trying to locate a DVD entitled "The Rabbit Hole" that was located on the book shelves in the hallway outside the Lounge. Many of the items on these shelves, including this DVD, belong to the Remembering Our Children support group that meets on the first Monday of each month. If you have borrowed it to view, we would appreciate your returning it to the bookcase at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

PREPARING FOR THE END OF LIFE A program to help you and your family prepare for your care or the care of a loved one at or near the end of life

**Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.
K of C Hall, 1880 Hamilton Rd., Alpena**

Sponsored by
Alpena Knights of Columbus Council 529

Information on speakers and the presentation
is located on the bulletin board.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -10th

9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed - Lounge
7:00 p.m.	LARCC 30 Days of Peace Opening Prayer Service

Tuesday - 12th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting
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Wednesday - 13th

3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 16th - Bread Weekend

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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SERVING SEPTEMBER 10

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Organist	Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant	Miriam Denstaedt
Lector	Sandy Welch
Communion Assts.	Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers	Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters	Linda Batchelor, Charles Snyder
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross
Counters	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour	Wayne & Chris Christopherson

SERVING SEPTEMBER 17

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Organist	Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant	Miriam Denstaedt
Lector	Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts.	Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers	Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters	Brian & Bethany Popour Family
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross
Counters	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour	Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Sept. 3, 2017	\$ 2,758.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,842.00)

FIRST READING**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119:33-40 (Psalms begin page 339)**SECOND READING****Romans 13:8-14**

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is,

how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL**Matthew 18:15-20**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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