

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ September 2019

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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



Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost,

Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore,

Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Lyle Beck, Diane Royane, Phran and Max, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the families of...

June Cross (Don and Clarence Cross' Aunt) who passed away August 7th

Frieda Szczesniak (Staci Chroninger's grandmother) who passed away August 13th

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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).

## Save the Date for the 8th Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner October 13, 2019 at The APlex

Doors open at 11:00/meal served at 12:00pm

Tickets \$15/ Children 12 and under Free

Silent Auction/Chinese Raffle/50-50 Drawing

Dinner Tickets and Raffle Tickets are available from committee members and in the church office.



Please note: Auction Items are due on or before 9/15. Any item turned in after this date, will be held for next year's event.



**Sunday School**  
Sunday, September 8  
9:00 a.m.

We will meet upstairs in the Sunday School area and will conclude in time for our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.





Our Sunday mornings Adult Christian Education (ACE) class finished up our series *Dialogue On: Sexuality* in August, a curriculum that came from the ELCA publishing house Augsburg Fortress. The format is to pair techniques for having difficult and sensitive conversations with a topic that is tough to talk about. This is the second *Dialogue On* curriculum series we have done. The first being *Dialogue On: Refugees*. We expected this one to cover issues of sexuality that are issues in the church today. What most of us were surprised to discover was the range of topics that it covered: from heterosexuality, patriarchy and sexism to homosexuality and transgender issues. I believe all in the class felt they learned from the seven sessions of the series. The class felt it was a sufficiently informative series that it should be offered again so that more people could participate. So it will be offered early in 2020.

I want to share why class members felt this class was valuable and why it should be available again for more to participate. Here is some of what they said about the class.

From Bill & Nancy Platt

For Nancy and myself these classes have taught us we need to be open to the views of others. It's helped us to communicate with each other in areas which we do not necessarily talk about. It's also opened our eyes to the fact there is much more than LGBTQ. In fact, we didn't realize that the rest of the alphabet was added to it.

From June Daly

I found the "Dialogues on Sexuality" class to be very rewarding. I wasn't sure what to expect from the class, and I was very pleased to find that we covered many different areas.

Each chapter of this book has something unique to offer. The text along with the DVD which we viewed in class are very powerful and thought provoking. Reading and discussing the "Dialogues" book helped me to be more understanding of others, as well as learning some things about myself. The value of having meaningful relationships is a key component of the book.

From Pat Daly

DIALOGUES ON SEXUALITY seemed a daunting title for an ACE topic, one that gave me pause and threatened my comfort zone. How much would I be willing to participate?

Fortunately I joined this group for our seven week study on the complexity of varied human sexuality. The text, the video and the discussions each Sunday morning disrupted my equilibrium to varying degrees. I came away with new insights and challenges to consider as I work to follow the teachings of my faith.

From Phran Ludington

This book study helped me to realize that sexism exists within the church and the patriarchy that is so widespread and taken for granted. I became aware of my own "unconscious" bias. I realized that I exclude myself from situations based on my gender and I get excluded from situations because of my gender.

I came to better understand the pain, shame, fear and struggle that Christian men and women face when they are something other than straight. I learned that I want my church to be a safe place and I learned there is work to be done.

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I invite you to join in the series when it is offered again next year. Talk to those who participated to get a greater sense of the class and hear from them directly why they felt it was valuable for them personally. One neat thing we were able to do with Augsburg Fortress' permission is place the weekly videos online so they could be viewed even if the class was missed. That helped people have the same information as we moved forward even if not every class could be attended.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Pastor Tom*



Thank you to all my Church Family who kept me in their prayers during my recent hip surgery. Also, thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits and flowers I received during my

recovery. Someone said, "Step by step, day by day, you're going to make it. I asked God to give you patience until you get there." Those words were in my thoughts constantly!

Hugs to all, Patti Tucker



Thank you to everyone that contributed to the United Way Gear Up Initiative. We collected plenty of personal care items that were distributed to the students on the shopping day. Thank you, also, to those that helped with shopping and haircuts. Grace Lutheran helped 36 students from 3 counties start the school year clean and fresh, outfitted in new clothes and shoes and with school supplies.



THANK YOU to all that have helped with the mats for homeless program. The Alpena community has made 90 so far. That is more than a tenth of a mile if laid end to end. They are now being distributed in the Detroit area. I am still in need of people to cut and tie the strips, as well as crochet them. If you can help in any way, please contact me at 590-0203, Once again, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Corinne Fraley

Grace Lutheran Church  
**Quilters**  
**Card/Game Night**  
**October 24, 2019**  
**\$8.00 per Person**

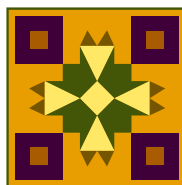


Doors open at 5 pm ~ Meal at 6 pm

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar

Limited seating - reservations required  
Contact Patti (354-5990) or Arlis (356-9583)

Proceeds to fund worldwide quilting projects.



## Quilting/Sewing Resumes

**September 3rd**

Quilting/Sewing will resume from 9-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, beginning September 3rd. Many hands are needed and you can drop in just for an hour, any time... Please join us!



**September 10th**

Our first rehearsal will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10. A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex. Please see David if you have questions.

## Lutheran World Relief School Kit Collection

- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks. Wide or collage ruled. **No loose-leaf paper**
- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler **or** inches on one side and centimeters on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt/safety scissors
- 5 – **UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS** with erasers
- 5 – **BLACK or BLUE BALLPOINT PENS NO INK GEL**
- 1 – Box 16 or 24 count crayons. **Crayola is the best, the cheaper off brands break too easily.**

We encourage you to purchase this complete list, as we can put together complete kits. Thank you.





Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
APO AP 96264

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

## 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.



## Community Rummage Sale For Mission Trip Grace Lutheran Church September 20 & 21, 2019

## 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/Stewardship... 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 .....  
LARCC..... Steve Hansen ..... 404-406-8079

## August 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 15,003.82  
BUILDING FUND ..... 1,812.33  
OTHER ..... 3,374.60  
  
TOTAL.....\$ 20,190.75

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (5) ..... 132  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 270  
TOTAL..... 402



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### LECTORS

01 CORINNE FRALEY  
08 DAWN ANDERSON  
15 CHERYL WERBLOW  
22 SANDY WELCH  
29 PATTI TUCKER

### USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE  
BRUCE ANSCHUETZ (Saturday)

### GREETERS

01 PHRAN LUDINGTON  
08 DAWN ANDERSON, MARY ROWADER  
15 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
22 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
29 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK

### COUNTERS

DALE & PAT SCHULTZ

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY, WAYNE LEWIS

### ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART  
SANDY MALASKI  
BONNIE CROSS

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

BILL & NANCY PLATT

### FLOWERS

01 MOORS  
08  
15  
22 LANG  
29 WELCH

### COFFEE HOUR

01 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
08  
15 CORKY GATES, JO ANN SMITH,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON  
22 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
29 JACK & PATTI TUCKER

***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!***



## Anniversaries of Baptism



**September 1**  
Britni Nowak

**September 2**  
Joanne Kindt

**September 5**  
Jon Crow  
Aaron Nowak

**September 10**  
Dawn Gentry  
Jim Hansen  
Brian Nelson

**September 12**  
Alena Poirier

**September 14**  
Astrid Fitzpatrick

**September 15**  
Scott Henning

**September 20**  
Mark Freel  
Caileigh Nitchman

**September 22**  
William Whitscell

**September 27**  
Jonathan Lang  
Wayne Lewis  
Marco Wade  
Owen Wade

**September 28**  
Rachel Engstrom

**September 29**  
T. J. Lappan  
Charles McKay



## Birthdays



**September 4**  
Kiowa Kirchoff  
Marcie Law  
Emily Townsend

**September 5**  
Bill Platt

**September 6**  
Mark Upham

**September 10**  
Walter Spigelmyre  
Ryan Werblow

**September 11**  
Donald Cross  
Steven Garant  
Marjorie Weber

**September 12**  
Shane Bullard  
Jacquelyn R. Timm

**September 14**  
Isabelle Denstaedt  
Nic Timmreck

**September 15**  
Thomas Bertrand

**September 18**  
Jorden Seck  
Maia Slominski

**September 21**  
Lawrence Nelson  
Gudrun Seck

**September 24**  
Judith Douglas

**September 26**  
Joseph Gentry

**September 27**  
Cheryl Lang

**September 28**  
Darlene Freel  
Ann O'Connor

**September 29**  
John Kuligowski  
Jessica McKenzie  
Dennis Werblow

**September 30**  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula  
Connie Suszek

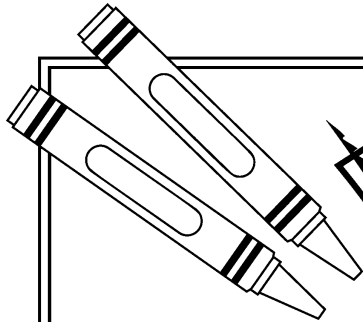


## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
Mark & Karen Upham  
Michael & Anne Wilson  
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen  
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie  
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek  
Jim & Amy Townsend  
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson  
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

# Kid's Page

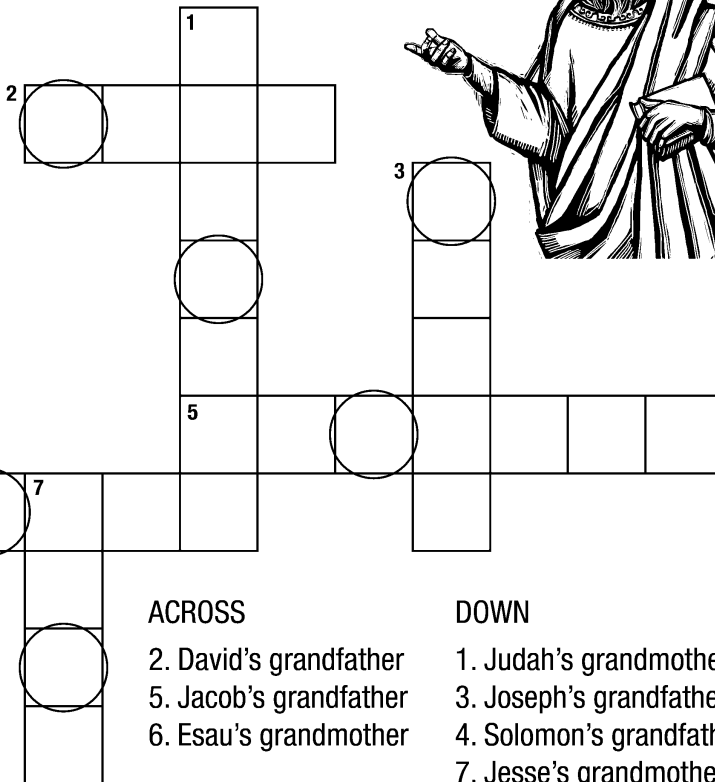


## PUZZLE

### Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

*Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.*



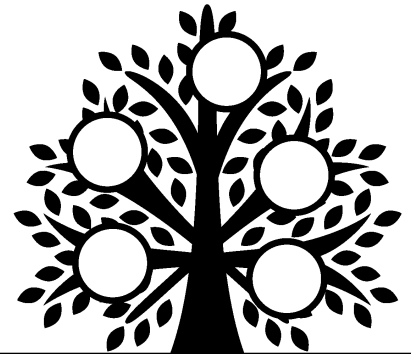
#### ACROSS

- 2. David's grandfather
- 5. Jacob's grandfather
- 6. Esau's grandmother

#### DOWN

- 1. Judah's grandmother
- 3. Joseph's grandfather
- 4. Solomon's grandfather
- 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV



## GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

#### What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

#### What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah, DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

**“Heal the earth and save all life.”**

“Peacemakers revere and care for all people and all creatures and all creation.

# September 2019

13<sup>th</sup> - 30 Days of Peace

**3** Mayor Matt Waligora makes 30 Day Peace Proclamation—City Hall at 6:00  
Peace Contest Begins

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mon       | Tue                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                            | Fri                                               | Sat       |
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| <b>WEDNESDAY - Sept. 11</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |           |                                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                   |           |
| 9:00 AM - Prayer for Peace at St. Paul Lutheran in Pastor John Shipman's Office<br>12:00 Noon - Peace Liturgy at Trinity Episcopal<br>7:00 PM - A United Vision of Peace at First Congregational |           |                                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                   |           |
| <b>15</b> PFAS A Clear and Present Danger Public Library<br>Presenter Dr. Kirk McAnsh 2:00                                                                                                       | <b>16</b> | <b>17 *</b> Dedication & Blessing of Alzheimer Garden and Peace Pole Senior Citizen's Center 12:00 | <b>18</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00<br>Peace Liturgy at Trinity Episcopal Noon | <b>19 *</b> The Fate of the Great Lakes Dave Dempsey Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center 7:00 | <b>13</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00 | <b>14</b> |
| <b>22</b> <i>A Time for Humanity</i> -Sr. Ardeth Platte, OP & Sr. Carol Gilbert, OP at All Saints Parish 2:00                                                                                    | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00                                                  | <b>25</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00<br>Peace Liturgy at Trinity Episcopal Noon | <b>26</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00                                              | <b>27</b> Prayer for Peace St. Paul Lutheran 9:00 | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b> Youth Celebrate Life Concert First United Methodist 2:00                                                                                                                               | <b>30</b> |                                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                   |           |



\* All Prayer for Peace at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 9:00 in Pastor John Shipman's office.





**“Heal the earth and save all life.”**

# October 2019

13th ~ 30 Days of Peace

*Sponsored by the Alpena Peace Coalition in memory of Sr. Lisa Marie Lazio*

“We do not inherit the Earth  
from our ancestors, we borrow  
it from our children.”  
*Ancient Indian Proverb*

| Sun                                                        | Mon      | Tue                                                                              | Wed                                                                                            | Thu                                                                                                             | Fri                                                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                  |
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|                                                            |          | <b>1</b> Prayer for Peace<br>St. Paul Lutheran 9:00                              | <b>2</b> Prayer for Peace<br>St. Paul Lutheran 9:00<br>Peace Liturgy<br>Trinity Episcopal Noon | <b>3</b> Prayer for Peace<br>St. Paul Lutheran 9:00                                                             | <b>4</b> Prayer for Peace<br>St. Paul Lutheran 9:00<br>Gospel Singers Trinity-<br>Episcopal 7:00<br>Peace Contest Ends | <b>5</b> Blessing of the<br>Animals - St. Paul<br>Lutheran Parking Lot<br>9am - Noon |
| <b>6</b> Peace Concert<br>St. Anne Catholic<br>Church 7:00 | <b>7</b> | <b>8 *</b> Sacred Creation<br>Presentation Alpena<br>Community of Christ<br>7:00 | <b>9</b> Prayer for Peace<br>St. Paul Lutheran 9:00<br>Peace Liturgy Trinity<br>Episcopal Noon | <b>10 *</b> Refugees or<br>Criminals A Look at El<br>Salvador Prof. Tim<br>Kuehnlein ACC<br>Granum Theatre 6:00 | <b>11</b> Peace Contest<br>Awards Ceremony with<br>Pastor Bill McClure &<br>Mayor Matt Waligora<br>Alpena Mall Noon    | <b>12</b><br><i>Questions?</i><br>Carol Skiba<br>916-7049                            |
|                                                            | ←        | The Peace Contest Exhibit - The Alpena Mall                                      |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |

**“You are one with all. All is one with you.” Native American**

| PARTICIPATING AREA CHURCHES               |                                                                             |                                                    |                                                 |                                                                                                   |  |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Grace Lutheran<br>1119 West Dunbar        | First Presbyterian<br>1600 W. Chisholm                                      | 1st Congregational UCC<br>201 South Second         | Trinity Episcopal<br>124 East Washington        | * All Prayer for Peace at St. Paul<br>Lutheran Church at 9:00 in Pastor<br>John Shipman’s office. |  |
| St. Paul Lutheran<br>727 S. Second Avenue | All Saints Catholic Parish<br>817 Sable Street                              | First United Methodist Church<br>167 S Ripley Blvd | Alpena Community of<br>Christ<br>126 Clinton St |                                                                                                   |  |
| Seventh Day Adventist<br>4029 US 23 South | The Church of Jesus Christ<br>of Latter Day Saints<br>411 Long Rapids Plaza |                                                    |                                                 |                                                                                                   |  |