

✠ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., July 17, 2016

Hymns

G-R533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Psalms 15 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R519 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
C-R658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts
S- R513 Listen, God Is Calling

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 Administration Ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday August 7th following worship

The recommended Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles are being presented for discussion and a vote on adoption.

BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY

Bread Weekend ~ July 16 & 17

Bread is being sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund.

PRAYERS: Gar Nicholls, Roger Pankey, Fred Wegmeyer, Bunny Lyon, Gordon Hansen, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and Kay. We also remember the family of Mary Garant (Steve and Larry Garant's mother), who passed away July 6th.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Honey Bun - Happy Birthday. Love you and miss you dearly. Sweetie Pie

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).

**ALPENA COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

July 25-29, 2016

Registration forms are located in the Narthex. More info is located on the insert in your bulletin. Share the information with family, friends and neighbors. **Registration deadline is July 18th!**

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
OF THE
ALPENA COMMUNITY NATIONAL
RELIEF NETWORK MISSION TRIP
July 25th at 7:00pm
St. Anne's Fellowship Hall**

This is open to the Alpena Community as we hope to share our experiences with all of you. Video will be shown of work done as well as sharing time. Please come and bring a friend! We all thank you for your support!!

Vicki Denstaedt

**INTERFAITH AMIGOS
IN ALPENA, MICHIGAN
Thursday September 22**

An imam, a rabbi and a pastor who began working together following 9/11 share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important today and how each tradition support as well as hinder that deeper dialogue. With 2 workshops during the day and an evening presentation, they support effective collaboration on issues of our time.

For more info:

Facebook: Interfaith Amigos-Alpena
or

Email: ifaalpena@gmail.com

or
call 989.657.9474

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 17th

9:30 a.m.

Worship

Potluck Brunch
Following Worship

12:30 p.m.

Mini-Golf - Lee's
Mini-Golf/State Street

6:30 p.m.

National Relief Network
Mission Trip Planning
Team Meeting

Monday - 18th

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

Tuesday - 19th

3:30-7:00 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

7:00 p.m.

Council

Wednesday - 20th

2:30-6:30 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 21st

5-8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Reserved

Saturday - 23rd

5:00 p.m.

Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - July 10	\$ 3,251.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 2,162.00)

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers.....God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorBerniece Lyon
LectorBeverly Attwell
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Gary Nicholls
Ushers..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Tom Brennan,
Bev Attwell, Rick Engstrom
Greeters..... Joel & Corinne Fraley
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Chris Christopherson, Phran
Ludington, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,
Ellie Walker

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

PSALM 15

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SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or

powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now

been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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