

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ July 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."



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Alpena Community Ecumenical VBS Day Camp

**"Branching Out:
Connecting Through Christ"**

July 10-14, 2017

Each day from 9 am to 3 pm

**First United Methodist Church
167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena
989-354-2490**

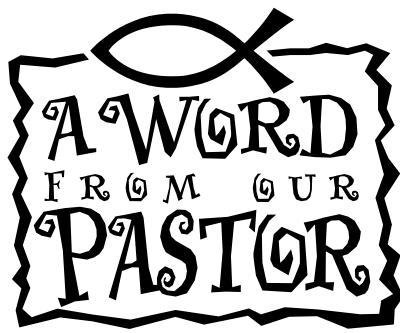
This is a free event for children ages 5-12. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Activities include Bible Adventures, Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, and Games! Flyers and registration forms are available in this newsletter, in the Grace Lutheran office narthex and on our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org. Completed forms may be mailed to/dropped off at First United Methodist Church.



"Got first place in Bible trivia
by being a Noah't all!"

**Youth and adult
volunteers from Grace
are needed. Schedules
are flexible, help when
you are available.
Please contact Elsa
Phillips at 884-1809 if
you are able to help.**





Summer is officially upon us. We know it by days with more light and warmer temperatures. And I think we really know it by the change in schedule most of us experience. Outside activities take precedent. Be it gardening, or concerts in the park or mowing the lawn or just walks around town, it is the season to be out and about moving. This is the season of activity and growth.

Some people doubt whether this time in the life of Christianity is a season of activity and growth. Or is it a time of decline and dormancy, like fall and winter might be considered in our seasons of the calendar year. We can all tell stories of church decline. How the second floor used to be full of children for classes, all the rooms in use. How full sanctuaries used to be for worship services. Many long for the good old days. Are we still making a difference in lives of people today?

Yes, it certainly is different than before. Yet let me give you some numbers that can make us think differently and that we are in season of activity and growth for the church.

The last Children's Sunday School class of the year in May had 12 children. It was not the only time this year that there was doubt digit class sizes for children. In June, 19 people join the church and we recognized 7 more people who had joined in past months. Recent Adult Christian Education classes (ACE classes) on Sunday mornings had 17 and 12 people in them.

I see a season of activity in the life of Grace Lutheran right now. I see a church increasingly engaged in sharing God's love in the world. And in doing so in a variety of ways, making differences for God's Kingdom here on earth.

And in that, there is a particular challenge: to help each other see and participate in the activities and the growth of life and discipleship here at Grace. The story for too long has been less. Now things are happening and we need to see that, know that, experience that and then do that for ourselves.

Not only for ourselves though. Importantly, we need to look for ways that each of us can participate in what is happening here. Finding out what others like to do. Finding ways for them to use those gifts and skills for tasks the we, Grace Lutheran, are about. Inviting them personally to join in the on-going work of making a difference in our community and world. Try some new things. Like the new people participating in the Walk Me Home Fundraiser for Foster Kids in June. That is what we need to be all about.

We need to look around and really see that we are in a season of activity and movement and growth of God's Spirit in this place and for this time.

Thank you to all of you for many doing things. And I challenge you to find more ways, new ways to do things for God's Kingdom work. There is more to be done. God is with us.

TBTG

Pastor Tom



**The Walkers ~ First Baptist Church (1261 W. Washington Ave.)
Sunday, July 16 at 11 a.m. Worship Service and 6 p.m. Concert**

The Walkers are a singing family group who together have a mission to bring a message of hope and encouragement to people and communities across the United States and Canada through Christian Country and Southern Gospel Music. They provide a fun, uplifting message through music and spoken word that touches people's hearts and brings forth joy. They will be leading the worship songs at the 11 a.m. service and will be in concert at 6 p.m.

Outreach and Mission - Local

Walk Me Home Event Wrap Up

Thanks to all who helped and/or walked/ran in the Walk Me Home Event on Saturday, June 10th. Prizes were given to:

- 1st Place Walker – Stacy Chroninger
- 2nd Place Walker Rachel Chroninger
- 1st Place Runner -- Elaine LaBarge
- 2nd Place Runner -- Jared LaBarge

This year the runners were timed and medals were given to the top 3 runners in each of 4 age categories (male and female). Nic Timmreck was 1st place runner in the 13-19 year old male category. Kelly Kendziorski was 3rd in her category. All money is due by June 30th so total amount will be given in next month's newsletter.

Discipleship



The collection basket is located outside the church office. All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.

Items Needed:

- * Tuna & Tuna Helper
- * Peanut Butter & Jelly
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup
(Just add water kind)
- * Elbow Macaroni

Save the date!

God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Dawn Anderson to chair. More info to follow...



School Kit Program July - September. Our Lutheran World Relief project for July through September is the School Kit Program. These will be sent along with the quilts in the fall. See details on the bulletin board where you can take a list of the items needed. Last year we sent 22 kits---let's try to surpass this number!!!

Noisy Offering continues to be the 4th weekend of the month. One of our projects we support with this money is our World Vision sponsored child, Ishimwe.

Bread Weekend Bread Weekend will resume August 19-20th. We will be trying a new project "CHRISTMAS IN JULY." Specifics are included below and we will be having bulletin inserts during July with info about the ELCA World Hunger Program.

Christmas in July

The month of July is devoted to raising awareness to world hunger and the resources available through ELCA World Hunger Project. We have participated in the project with the bread weekends and those have been a great success. This month we will have a tree in the Narthex adorned with ornaments. These ornaments are for the purchase of a cow for a family. Grace has a goal of 500.00 to purchase a cow, the envelopes provide with the bulletins are designated for this purchase.

There will be a giving tree, as well as a receiving tree, in the narthex with cow ornaments on it. As you make a donation for the cow, take an ornament from the giving tree and place it on the receiving tree. The ornaments will only indicate that a donation has been made.

There will be a table in the narthex close to the tree that will contain info and pamphlets. This project one way we live our purpose statement "making a Christ-like difference in our world".

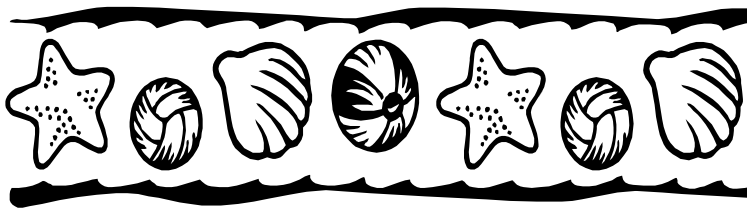
In the near future you will see and hear about ways to honor individuals with the gift of giving. Ways to hope global hunger and communal needs around the world. We can help with many different avenues and we just need to know about those avenues. All of it makes a difference and we, at Grace, can be a part of that difference.



Ruth Circle

Members of Ruth Circle met Wednesday afternoon for lunch at JJ's restaurant, including Pastor Tom, Peggy Tomaszewski and 3 of Grace Lutheran's new members. No lesson was discussed and special thanks were extended to Darlene Freel for leading the Circle for another year as President and Dorothy Hansen for serving as secretary/treasurer.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting on September 20, the 3rd Wednesday of the month as usual, and remember that all women are welcome for Bible study, a short business meeting and time for fellowship.



Thank you so much for all the prayers and thoughts I have received from my church family. They are greatly appreciated.

Gloria Moore

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..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
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Quilters Caroline Weise 354-8060
..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
LARCC Eleanor Coddington.. 354-8766
..... Sandy Welch 916-5006

June 2017

Finances

GENERAL FUND \$ 16,435.00
BUILDING FUND 1,511.67
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 10.00
COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2,400.00
OTHER..... 4,732.73
TOTAL \$ 25,089.40

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 125
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 349
TOTAL 474

North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly
May 21-23 2017 in Mount Pleasant
Sharon and Rick Engstrom Voting Members from Grace Lutheran Church

The assembly theme was: "Freed by God's Grace" John 8:36

There were 257 voting members and 27 visitors attending on most days.

The schedule for the assembly was very full and had us in worship services, meetings and enrichment activities from breakfast to bedtime.

There was a Native American emphasis to the assembly this year. Mount Pleasant is the location of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Ziibiwing Center.

The keynote address was given by Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, Bishop of the Southwest California Synod. He is the first Native American bishop in the ELCA. He is a member of the Osage Nation. He is also the ELCA's first synod bishop who is gay and partnered. He is a noted church historian who frequently taught courses on Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation.

The ELCA Churchwide Representative was Ms. Prairie Rose Seminole. She is the ELCA's Program Director for American Indian Alaska Native Ministries of the ELCA. She is an enrolled tribal member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota descendant of the Sahnish/Arikara, Hidatsa, Northern Cheyenne and Lakota Nations and of German Russian heritage.

Elections for the Synod Council were held. Vernon Jones from St. Paul, Alpena was among those elected.

A resolution in support of the Johnson Amendment was passed. The Johnson Amendment was adopted by Congress and included in the Internal Revenue Code in 1954 to regulate what tax-exempt organizations can do in the political arena. The current administration has promised to repeal the Johnson Amendment.

The budget for 2017-18 was adopted. Synod Compensation Guidelines for Clergy, Deacons, Synodically Authorized Ministers and Other Staff were adopted.

Pastor Chrysanne Timm was installed as Assistant to the Bishop. Her office is in the Samaritas Senior Living in Acme.

Two enrichment activities we did were: 1. A guided tour of the Ziibiwing Culture Center. This was very informative about the tribes in that area of Michigan. 2. Viewed a National Geographic documentary, *Before the Flood*, with Leonardo DiCaprio. It was about global warming.

The 2018 Synod Assembly will be held in Lansing and Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will be there.

The Mitten Synod website and elca.org are sources of information about the church and synod.

Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACE VBS)

First United Methodist

First Congregational

First Presbyterian

Grace Lutheran

St Paul Lutheran

Trinity Episcopal

is hosting...

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Registrations can be mailed/dropped off at

First United Methodist Church

Go to www.alpenafumc.org to print registration.

ACE- VBS Day Camp Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's Gender: _____

T-Shirt size _____ Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ Work phone: _____

Home Congregation (church & city) _____

Parent location while child is at camp (work, home, etc.) _____

Name of special friend your child would like to be with: _____

Name of persons other than parents to whom child may be released.

1. _____ 2. _____

Name of individuals child CANNOT be released to.

1. _____ 2. _____

Family Permission to Photograph/Videotape- Release to Utilize

We grant permission for any photographs or videotapes of our child as he/she is involved in VBS activities during the week of July 10-14, 2017, to be used in "telling the story" of **ACE- VBS**, in participating church web-sites, newsletters and other media releases.

Parent/guardian signature

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.

Allergies (food, medications or other include insect stings, hay fever, asthma):

Other medical conditions (behavioral, emotional or mental health problems):



Emergency contact person if unable to contact parents:

Name _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Any activity restrictions? _____

Any recent illness, injury, or infectious disease? _____

Additional information _____

Insurance Carrier/Plan name & Group # _____

Has participant had the necessary immunizations to attend school? _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Medications to be given while at camp:

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Reason for taking medication</u>
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All medications must be in original containers with participant name on label.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE.

This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. _____ has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. The Church leader has permission to provide routine health care & administer prescribed medications. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the Church leader to seek emergency medical treatment. I give permission to the physician selected by the Church leader, to secure and administer treatment for the person named above.

Parent Signature



**Grace Lutheran
5th Annual Mini-Golf Tourney
at Lee's Miniature Golf on State St.
followed by Ice Cream Treats
at Downtown Scoops
Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.**

We will start the day off right with our 9:30 a.m. church service. Then we will provide a sub sandwich lunch, so you don't need to go home for lunch first. Donations will be accepted. Please note on the sign-up sheet how many will join us for lunch. You are welcome to join us for lunch even if you don't want to join for the mini-golf. After we've got the kitchen cleaned up, we will head on over to Lee's Miniature Golf on State Street and hope to be golfing by noon.

This will be a fun family summer event. You can sign up with your team or individually and we will get someone with whom you can golf. Come join us for some friendly competition. Bring a friend, if you'd like. Please sign-up by Wednesday, 7/5/17, on the sheet in the Narthex or e-mail me at alewis0321@gmail.com and let me know who will be coming.

The cost for mini-golf will be a discounted price of \$3/person. There will be monetary prizes for various holes on the course, and we will draw for the winner if there is a tie. Some might like to use their winnings towards a Downtown Scoops treat afterwards. If you'd like to join us at Downtown Scoops, you might want to bring some extra money with you, in case you don't win any of the prizes.

Hope to see you all there. Please call Anna Lewis at 657-3324 or Sandy Malaski at 657-4480 with any questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

JULY 2017

ACOLYTES

02
09
16
23
30

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

02 ANNA LEWIS
09 JOE GENTRY
16 BOB GREENE
23 VICKI DENSTAEDT
30 DAWN ANDERSON

USHERS

JOEL & LOGAN SUSZEK
GARY & KAY GROVE
JO ANN SMITH
BEV ATTWELL
RICK ENGSTROM

GREETERS

02 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
09 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
16 VICKI, TREVOR & ISABELLE DENSTAEDT
23 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
30 JOEL & CORINNE FRALEY

COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG
CINDY SUSZEK

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

ALTAR GUILD

CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
JEANNE PANKEY

FLOWERS

02 A. GENTRY
09 NICHOLLS
16 D. CROSS
23
30 GROVE

COFFEE HOUR

02 BRIAN & BETHANY POPOUR
09 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
16 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
23 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
30 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART

***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!***

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

AUGUST 2017

ACOLYTES

06
13
20
27

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

06 ASHLEY TIMMRECK
13 VERA FURZE
20 MELISSA TIMMRECK
27 DONNA CZARNECKI

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON FURZE
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

GREETERS

06 DON & VERA FURZE
13 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
20 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL
27 JOE & DAWN GENTRY

COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY
WAYNE LEWIS

ALTAR GUILD

KAREN SUSZEK
JO ANN SMITH

FLOWERS

06 LAPPAN
13
20
27

COFFEE HOUR

06 ELEANOR CODDINGTON,
DAWN ANDERSON
13 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
20 PAM KIRCHOFF, CHARLOTTE WERTH,
JO ANN SMITH
27 POLLY COOK, ELSA PHILLIPS,
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON

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Anniversaries of Baptism



Birthdays

July 1

Sharon Engstrom

July 4

Caitlin Wade

July 5

Myles Granata
Ann O'Connor

July 6

Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger

July 7

Whitney Barrow
Grace Kuligowski
Harper Suszek

July 8

Charity Corwin

July 14

Richard Carlson

July 15

Scott Lancaster

July 17

Michele Amelotte

July 20

Rhonda Anderson
Amelia Kamyszek

July 22

Mike Schiller

July 24

Vicki VanEssen

July 27

Gerry Rhoads

July 29

Kathy Piontkowski
Olivia Viegelaahn

July 30

Linda Batchelor

July 1

Dale Schultz

July 2

Jonathan Lang

July 3

Kay Zinsli

July 4

Riley Gohlke

July 6

Wayne Christopherson
Jon Crow

July 7

Grant Anderson
Larry Garant
Elaine Hatch

July 9

Joanne Nicholls

July 12

Gloria Moore
Brittany Nowak

July 13

Clifford Broderson

July 15

Myra Cross
Vicki Denstaedt

July 16

Clarence Cross

July 17

Leslie Reynolds

July 18

Jean Kissau
Scott Kuligowski

July 21

Margaret Clemens
Dorothy Hansen
Brian Nelson
Patti Tucker

July 22

Joel Fraley
Kay Grove

July 23

Scott Henning

July 24

Christena Christopherson
Jim Hansen

July 25

Jim Dekett

July 26

Randall Gapske

July 27

Pam Gohlke
Anthony Thompson

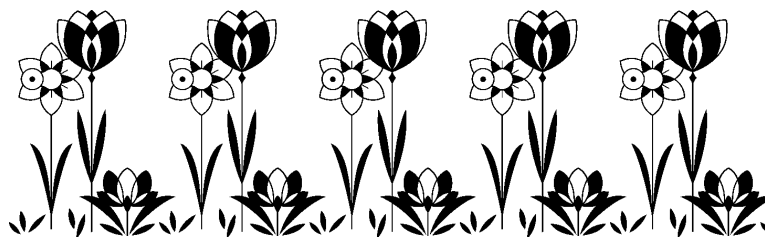
July 28

Brandie Gapske
Paige Timmreck



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Ken & Jo Ann Apsey
6th Ken & Nancy Amelotte
Gary & Joanne Nicholls
14th Jim & Denise Timrick
Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
16th Bob & Mary Lang
19th Fred & Joanne Kindt
23rd Don & Caroline Weise
25th Wayne & Anna Lewis
27th Scott & Judy Black
29th Greg & Ellie Walker
30th Ray & Leslie Reynolds



Kid's Page



Friendship Snack Mix



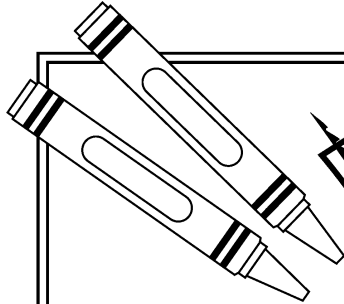
Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shinier, insider, hinders, inspired, rehash, finished