✞ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✞
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 27, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 29, 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–R669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!
Psalm 15 (Psalms begin page 339)
D–R738 God Created Heaven and Earth
C–R754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You
S–R546 To Be Your Presence

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 Loving Care Members at Grace Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Travis Konarzewski, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, 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, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Has God graced you with musical talent? Would you be willing to share it with the congregation? If you would be willing to provide special music for our worship services, please let a member of our Worship Work Group know. Thanks!

Sharon Engstrom
Dorothy Hansen
Dawn Gentry
Ruby Haske
Carolynne Wegmeyer

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please let the office know (354-2640).

FELLOWSHIP EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & GAME NIGHT WAS A LOT OF FUN!!

We had a great time at the Euchre Tournament and Game Night on Friday, 1/20/17. We started off with a delicious potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a Euchre Tournament and Game Night at 6:45 p.m. There were 22 Euchre players and 20+ Domino and Scrabble players.

The Euchre Tournament winners were as follows:
First place – Jack Tucker – Score 43
Second Place – Dale Schultz – Score 41
Third & Fourth Place Tie – Wayne Christopherson, Joel Fraley, Ruby Haske, Debbie Krans – Score 40
Last Place Tie – Isabelle Denstaedt, Anna Lewis, Cheryl Werblow – Score 24
2 Random Draws – Jim Hayka & Steve Wilson

The Euchre Pot of $17.25 was donated to the Driveway Fund, along with donations of the winnings of many of the tournament winners, for a total donation of $112.25 to the Driveway Fund!! Thank you very much to the players for their generous donations!

Thank you to all who attended, to those who brought tasty treats for us to enjoy, and to those who helped with setup and cleanup. It was a fun evening and a great time to get to know each other a little better! Watch for pictures that will soon be posted on the bulletin board.

Fellowship Committee

COMMUNITY CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER APRIL 23, 2017

Put the date on your calendar for fun, a great meal and auctions to support good causes

We're starting up this year's committee! Interested in helping? **Join us February 7 at 6pm** here at Grace for the 1st meeting of the year.

For more info see Grace co-chairs:

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 29th

8:50 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	**Worship**
12:30 p.m.	Catechism - St. Paul

Monday - 30th

6:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Tuesday - 31st

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
6-9:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 2nd

5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 4th

5:00 p.m.	**Worship**

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers ..... God's People
Pastor ..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director ..... Berniece Lyon
Lector ..... Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder, Steve Garant, Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt
Greeters ..... Wayne & Anna Lewis
Hospital ..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ..... Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters ..... Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers ..... God's People
Pastor ..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director ..... Berniece Lyon
Lector ..... Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze, Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters ..... Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital ..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ..... Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle, Bethany Popour
Counters ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour ..... Brian & Bethany Popour

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - January 22, 2017	$ 3,421.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	($ 1,497.00)

FIRST READING **Micah 6:1-8**

1 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead
your case before the mountains, and let the
hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you
mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his
people, and he will contend with Israel.
3 "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4 For I brought you up from the land of
Egypt, and redeemed you from the house
of slavery; and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people,
remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised, what Balaam son of Beor
answered him, and what happened from
Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the
saving acts of the LORD." 6 "With what shall
I come before the LORD, and bow myself
before God on high? Shall I come before
him with burnt offerings, with calves a year
old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with
thousands of rams, with ten thousands of
rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my
transgression, the fruit of my body for the
sin of my soul?" 8 He has told you, O
mortal, what is good; and what does the
LORD require of you but to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk humbly with
your God?

PSALM 15 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 The message about the cross is
foolishness to those who are perishing, but
to us who are being saved it is the power of
God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the
wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of

the discerning I will thwart." [20]Where is the
one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not
God made foolish the wisdom of the
world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the
foolishness of our proclamation, to save
those who believe. [22]For Jews demand
signs and Greeks desire wisdom, [23]but we
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block
to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24]but
to those who are the called, both Jews and
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the
wisdom of God. [25]For God's foolishness is
wiser than human wisdom, and God's
weakness is stronger than human strength.
[26]Consider your own call, brothers and
sisters: not many of you were wise by
human standards, not many were
powerful, not many were of noble birth.
[27]But God chose what is foolish in the
world to shame the wise; God chose what
is weak in the world to shame the strong;
[28]God chose what is low and despised in
the world, things that are not, to reduce to
nothing things that are, [29]so that no one
might boast in the presence of God. [30]He is
the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who
became for us wisdom from God, and
righteousness and sanctification and
redemption, [31]in order that, as it is written,
"Let the one who boasts, boast in the
Lord."

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
the mountain; and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to
speak, and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for
they will be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will
inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
will see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when people revile
you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account.
[12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

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