

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ April 2016



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## **We also remember the families of...**

Lester Fettes (Ruby Haske's father), who passed away February 27th.

Betty Bordine, who passed away March 1st.

## **Prayer List**

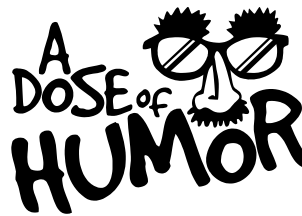
Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).



## **Scholarship Applications**

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships will be available in the Narthex, beginning March 1, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For

further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).



**Holy Humor**  
**Saturday/Sunday**  
**April 9 and 10**

Please join us at the tenth annual Holy Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they would like to share please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service.

## **NRN Mission Trip**



Friday, April 22 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 23 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **Save the date!**



**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**"Pray Where You Are"**

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Men and Women's Retreat**

**Led by June Scarborough**

**Lunch will be provided.**



As I write this, Easter is several weeks away. Of course all of church is focused now on that day and the time leading up to it, Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter services. It is really hard to think beyond that right now. Even many things of the world are focused that way too. More than the service, there are the flowers, the breakfast, even new spring clothes. All too easy to get all wrapped up in all the things of Easter that end that day.

Yes it is good to focus on Easter, the events of Easter, the gift of Easter to us. Yet Easter is taking us someplace beyond just the day. Easter is not a one time gift. Rather it is a gift for the future and our living in that future. It is Jesus' resurrection that makes our ongoing resurrection possible. Our ongoing leaving behind all the tombs of anger, fear, greed, jealousy, hurt, pain, being hurtful to others and on and on. All those things bind us and entomb us, so that we too need resurrection and new life.

That is why we can not look just to one day and stop. Rather we are looking forward and beyond that day and what is now. We are looking forward to all the promises of life, peace, wholeness, grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Easter day points us to the power of God over this world. That the worst this world can do, does not stop God's grace and love from abounding more after that. Our vision can not stop at Easter day, rather with the grace and love of Easter Day move forward.

So I wish you an Easter Season of taking the love and grace from that day and moving further into God's Kingdom, being able to show some of that love and grace in your life and your living to others and a world sorely needing it.

Peace

*Pastor Tom*

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**Interfaith Amigos  
are coming to Alpena  
Keynote Speakers for 30 Days of Peace  
September 22, 2016**

Imam Jamal Rahman, Pastor Don Mackenzie and Rabbi Ted Falcon in their presentations share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important in our world, and how each of their Abrahamic traditions both support as well as inhibit that deeper dialogue. There will be 2 workshops during the day at Alpena Community College and an evening presentation at Beck Auditorium at the Alpena High School.

To learn more about them see:  
<http://interfaithamigos.com/Home.html>

Pastor Tom is working on the publicity and marketing for the event. **HELP IS NEEDED in lots of ways.** Interested? See him.



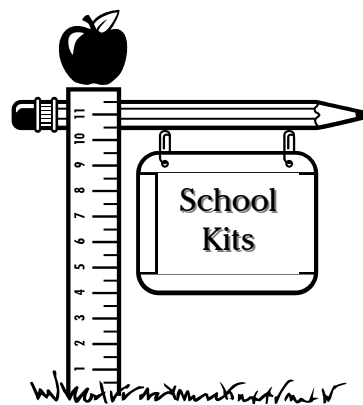
## ***Dirty Copper* for the NRN Mission Trip**

Do you have a frayed extension cord? Are you recycling an appliance that has an electrical cord on it? (cut it off) Old computer cords that are not being used? Maybe a piece of household electrical wiring? Copper pipes?

You have *DIRTY COPPER*

Please bring it to church. Put it in the bin and we'll take it to recycling for funds for the NRN Mission Trip in June.

Last October a box full of School Kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief along with the Quilts. It was decided that the left over supplies would be given to a local school. On Feb. 10, four very full totes of pencils, crayons, scissors, markers, glue, etc. were gratefully accepted by Ella White Elementary School.



Discipleship  
Work  
Group

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## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Trip to Poland by Alecia Lewis FUNDRAISING EFFORT**

At the end of May I will be joining a team of 14 volunteers traveling to Gliwice, Poland with Habitat for Humanity. While our team is in Poland we will be renovating a family's home to assist with the housing shortage there. Poland has one of the worst housing situations in Europe. About 15% of the population live in substandard housing with no sewage or adequate heating systems. Approximately 5 million people live below the poverty line and Poland is the only country in Europe with less than one room per person.

I am asking for donations to assist with the expenses of the trip. My fundraising goal is \$1750. The funds will be used to pay for lodging, meals, and transportation to and from the job site each day while in Poland. Money raised above the cost of in-country expenses will be split between the Habitat affiliate in Poland and Habitat in the US to help keep their programs going in the future.

If you would like to support me in these efforts, contributions can be made directly to Habitat in two ways:

**- Mail:** send a check to  
Habitat for Humanity International  
PO Box 369  
Americus, GA 31709  
Include my Habitat ID: 9397-8717  
And our team code: GV16486

**- Internet:** visit [share.habitat.org](http://share.habitat.org) and search for Alecia Lewis. You will find a place to make donations and some more information about the trip.

**Donations (requested to be submitted by April 5)** of any amount are helpful and greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please email me at [Alecia.renee88@gmail.com](mailto:Alecia.renee88@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.  
Alecia Lewis

# Outreach and Mission

## Local

### Discipleship



#### Items Needed:

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

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

### **Child & Family Services/Grace Lutheran Walk-Me-Home Event Saturday, June 11, 2016**

This year's Walk-Me-Home event for Child and Family Services Foster Children Program will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Plan to take part this year. Consider forming teams—get some competition going. Prizes will be given this year! Pledge forms will be available in May. More info to follow. Foster Closet of Alpena is located in basement of Free Methodist Church. Need kids' clothes and toys.

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## Statewide

### **LSSM Foster Children Program**

Let's not forget about collecting underwear and socks for children ages one through thirteen. A collection basket is located by the Narthex door.

### **Update on Flint Water Project through the Synod**

Money collected for Salem Lutheran Church in Flint. I talked to Pat, Secretary at Salem and she expressed their gratitude; she said the generosity of Lutheran churches in the U.S. is overwhelming. At this point, they have a small filtration water system in place and they have started the process of replacing pipes. They are doing water give-aways twice a week, nutrition give-aways to children with high lead levels and giving away water pitchers with filters. Salem is a very busy place!!!

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## Global

### **Bake Locally Act Globally**

**Grace Lutheran will have "Bread Sunday" on Sunday, April 17.**

We are asking the congregation to bake bread, any type, and bring it to the church on Saturday or Sunday, prior to the service. We will price the loaves. The bread will be sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. **We plan to do this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.** We collected \$157.50 selling bread on March 20. Thanks to all who baked and purchased bread! If you have questions, please contact Phran Ludington, Joelyn Rich, Chris Christopherson, or Jeanne Pankey.



### **World Vision "Sponsor a Child" Program**

Noella—our World Vision Sponsored child. An Easter card with a greeting from us at Grace was sent to her along with \$60 to help with projects in her village in Rawanda. The following greeting was sent: Yesu aragukunda (Jesus loves you) and Pasika Nziza (Happy Easter). Noisy Offerings done the 4th Sunday of the month were used for Noella in Jan. (\$85.15) and Feb. (\$100.65).

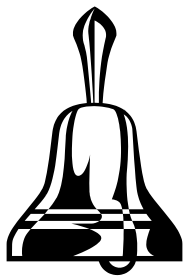


Thank you for the prayers, happy thoughts and cards that have been sent my way. I appreciate all of them.

Thelma Stevens

Thanks for the cards and prayers I have received from my friends at Grace. They mean so much to me.

Debbie Anderson



## Sunrise Ringers Spring Concert

Sunday, April 17, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Lincoln First United  
Methodist Church  
101 E. Main, Lincoln

**Come! Enjoy an afternoon of  
English handbell music.**

**A free-will offering will be received.**

## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

#### CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640

Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home ..... 356-8729  
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President ..... Tom Lappan ..... 356-3718  
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Education ..... Taylor Denstaedt ..... 916-9250  
Worship ..... Sharon Engstrom..... 354-5133  
Discipleship..... Joelyn Rich ..... 340-0592  
Property ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch..... 595-2195  
Fellowship ..... Thelma Stevens ..... 340-0599  
Finance ..... Rick Engstrom ..... 916-5963

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Youth Director ..... Vicki Denstaedt..... 916-9258  
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..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
L.S.S.M..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054  
Quilters ..... Caroline Weise ..... 354-8060  
..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
LARCC ..... Eleanor Coddington ..... 354-8766  
..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054

## March 2016

#### Finances

GENERAL FUND.....\$ 15,131.00  
BUILDING FUND..... 470.00  
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ..... 10.00  
OTHER ..... 8,152.65  
TOTAL.....\$ 23,763.65

#### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 142  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (3) ..... 202  
EASTER WORSHIP (2) ..... 119  
TOTAL ..... 463

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## APRIL 2016

### ACOLYTES

03  
10  
17  
24

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

03 TAYLOR DENSTAEDT  
10 PATTI TUCKER  
17 BOB GREENE  
24 ANNA LEWIS

### USHERS

MICK & KAY ZINSLI  
WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### GREETERS

03 JEFF & CAREY SCHILLER FAMILY  
10 PHIL & PAM AGIUS FAMILY  
17 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
24 JOHN & PATTI TUCKER

### COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

VICKI DENSTAEDT  
TAYLOR DENSTAEDT

### ALTAR GUILD

PHRAN LUDINGTON  
JEANNE PANKEY  
CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### FLOWERS

03  
10 FURZE  
17 FRALEY  
24 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

03 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
10 DON & VERA FURZE, TAMMY FURZE  
17 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
24 VICKI, TREVOR, TAYLOR &  
ISABELLE DENSTAEDT

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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

## MAY 2016

### ACOLYTES

01  
08  
15  
22  
29

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

01 JOE GENTRY  
08 VICKI DENSTAEDT  
15 ANNE GENTRY  
22 DONNA CZARNECKI  
29 GARY NICHOLLS

### USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
JOEL & CORINNE FRALEY  
CORKY GATES  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
NIC TIMMRECK

### GREETERS

01 BEVERLY ATTWELL, MARY ROWADER  
08 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
15 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
22 DUSTIN & ANGIE CRITTENDEN FAMILY  
29 BARB WERLE, ELLIE WALKER

### COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH

### ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ  
VERNA FURZE  
TAMMY FURZE

### FLOWERS

01 LAPPAN  
08 GENTRY  
15 DENSTAEDT  
22 HANSEN  
29 COOK

### COFFEE HOUR

01 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL,  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
08 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
15 BETHANY POPOUR, JO ANN SMITH  
22 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
29 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS

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# April

## Anniversaries of Baptism

**April 1**  
Jon Carr

**April 2**  
Kaitlyn Tomaszewski

**April 3**  
Ruby Haske  
Dorene Schultz

**April 4**  
Norm Timm

**April 7**  
Tyler Suszek

**April 8**  
Don Cross

**April 11**  
Shane Jaroch

**April 12**  
David Hansen

**April 14**  
Jeanette Chroninger

**April 15**  
Anna Greene

**April 20**  
Thelma Stevens

**April 21**  
Taylor Agius

**April 22**  
Vicki Cripps

**April 24**  
Donna Czarnecki

**April 25**  
Jacob Gapske  
Denise Timrick

**April 26**  
Reed Lappan

**April 27**  
Grant Anderson  
Patrick McCourt

**April 28**  
Mike Dekett

**April 29**  
Michael Herrmann  
Sophia Kamyszek

**April 30**  
Alisha Poirier



**April 1**  
Jim Clemens  
Ashley Reed  
Bryan Stafford  
Larry Suszek

**April 4**  
Debbie Anderson

**April 6**  
Janet Carlson

**April 7**  
Robert Greene  
Everett Haske  
Ezrah Williams  
Myles Williams

**April 8**  
Tyler McKenzie

**April 9**  
Phran Ludington

**April 10**  
Shawn Manning  
Nicholas Schillerstrom  
Logan Suszek

**April 11**  
James Malaski

**April 12**  
Pastor Tom Orth

**April 13**  
Jeanne Pankey  
Piper Slominski

**April 14**  
Kendra McInerney

## Birthdays

**April 15**  
Wesley Garant  
Myles Granata  
Alec Kennedy

**April 16**  
Pamela Agius  
Sage Doan

**April 18**  
Alecia Lewis

**April 19**  
Ryan Reynolds

**April 20**  
Connor Freel

**April 22**  
Stacey Piontkowski

**April 23**  
Mike Schiller

**April 24**  
Madison Timmreck

**April 25**  
Terry Bertrand

**April 26**  
Sharon Engstrom  
Lorah Lappan

**April 27**  
Nancy Amelotte

**April 30**  
Molly O'Connor

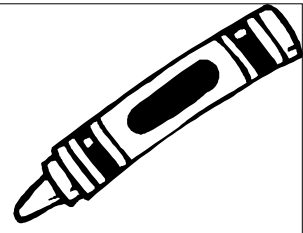


## Wedding Anniversaries

6th Don & Verna Furze  
8th Donald & Myra Cross  
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart  
14th Dustin & Angela Crittenden  
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley  
18th Richard & Janet Carlson  
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger



# Kid's Page



## SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.

## PUZZLE

### A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

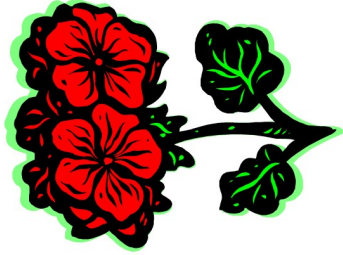
*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 \_\_\_\_\_, the  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV



### **PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORM**

If you would like to place a geranium plant (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (May 15), please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. Please specify below, the number of geraniums you wish to order and your dedication. Enclose cash or check payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

**ORDER DEADLINE.....MAY 2nd!**

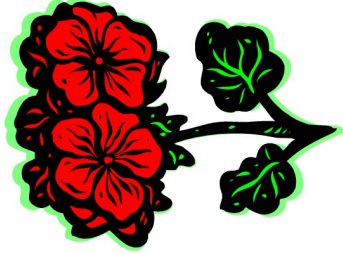
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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**



### **PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORM**

If you would like to place a geranium plant (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (May 24), please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. Please specify below, the number of geraniums you wish to order and your dedication. Enclose cash or check payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

**ORDER DEADLINE.....MAY 2nd!**

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