

✠ REFORMATION SUNDAY ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 28, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 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-R504** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
**Psalm 46** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R720** We Are Called  
**C-R732** Borning Cry  
**S-R654** The Church's One Foundation

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Ashley Timmreck  
"By Your Side" by Tenth Avenue North

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Mighty to Save"  
by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

**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 Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC.

**PRAYERS**

Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Mike Moors  
Given by his wife, Gerri  
and

In celebration of Allie Urlaub's Confirmation  
Love, your Grandparents

**CONFIRMATION**

God bless Paige Ashley Timmreck and Allison Paige Urlaub as they are Confirmed today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, following worship, for a reception in their honor.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

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

**ACTIVITY BAGS  
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
Continues Small Catechism Study**

This week we look at Luther's teachings on Baptism and Confession in the Small Catechism as well as Lutheran tradition. Join us at 11 or so in the Lounge after the reception for our 2 confirmands.

**CURRENT LWR KIT PROJECT**

Our current Lutheran World Relief kit project for Oct-Dec is Baby Kits. A list of items needed is located on the bulletin board by the front door!! Donated items may be placed in the Pack-N-Play in the entrance. Thanks!

**REFORMATION  
500TH ANNIVERSARY  
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE  
Wednesday Nov. 1 at 7 PM  
St Paul Lutheran Church**

Join with our Bishop Craig Satterlee of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA and Bishop Steven Raica of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord as they together lead a celebration of the unity we share in Jesus Christ commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**LOVING CARE MEMBER VISITS**

Loving Care Member visits will be Wednesday, November 8. We will assemble and deliver goodie bags. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us!

Notice  
of  
**SEMI-ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

In the Dining Hall  
**Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

On the agenda:  
Budget Adoption  
Election of Officers

**FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION  
IN MICHIGAN  
COMMUNITY FORUM  
THURSDAY NOV. 2 AT 6:30  
AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

Join in a forum about the funding of our public education system, primary, secondary and college, in the State of Michigan. Presentation by the Research Director for Citizens Research Council of Michigan with area superintendents invited to participate. Organized by the People for Social Justice.

**SWEET TREATS ON SALE NOV. 11 & 12**

Looking to sweeten your hunting season? Whether you are heading out into the woods in search of the big buck or enjoying a girl's/ family weekend at home, let us put a little sweetness into your life. The Alpena National Relief Network is hosting a **Bake Sale** on November 11 and 12 after the Saturday and Sunday church services. Look for your favorite cookies, breads, pies and brownies. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the 45 (or more) Alpena people traveling on a mission trip in June 2018.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls and food while I am recovering from my knee surgery. I am doing pretty well, but some days are better than others.

Myra Cross

### THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GRACE LUTHERAN

**Thursday, November 23 at 5 p.m.**

Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, and drinks provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the office narthex by November 19. and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread/rolls/butter or dessert to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. The Pankeys and Schultzes will be at the church cooking by 3 p.m. if you would like to come early to play cards or board games before dinner. Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey (354-2416) or Pat & Dale Schultz (356-2781) with questions.

### JULEFEST BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 2 ~ 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 1 from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated. If possible, please package and price your items or we will do that for you, if you prefer. Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 with any ideas and please let her know if you can help on Friday or Saturday. Thanks! **(This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.)**

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday -29th

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
Confirmation Reception  
follows in Fellowship Hall  
Adult Ed - Lounge  
11:00 a.m.

#### Monday - 30th

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Tuesday - 31st

9:00 a.m. Quilting

#### Wednesday - 1st

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved  
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service -  
St. Paul Lutheran

#### Thursday - 2nd

4:30 p.m. Lounge  
6:30 p.m. Public Education Funding  
Community Forum -  
Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday - 4th

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

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Oct. 22, 2017	\$ 2,936.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,691.00)

**SERVING OCTOBER 29**

**Ministers**..... God’s People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Tina Honecker  
**Organist**..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant**..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Bob Greene  
**Communion Assts.**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,  
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Polly Cook, Corky Gates, Jo Ann  
Smith, Sandra Christopherson

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**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam  
Denstaedt, Phran Ludington, Charles Snyder (Saturday),  
Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .....  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson

**FIRST READING** **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will

write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**PSALM 46** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING** **Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**GOSPEL** **John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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