

✠ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 12, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 13, 2016

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-R437 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand
Psalm 98 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R785 When Peace like a River
C-R686 We Give Thee but Thine Own
S-R 881 Let All Things Now Living

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 worshipping 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 Re-Member Mission Team at First Congregational UCC.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Tom Brennan, 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, Tammy & Louie, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Don Coddington and Ingvar & Mildred Larsen, given by Eleanor Coddington.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is decorated with names available to be picked up this weekend. These gifts are for the Wish List through ACC; they must be brought back, wrapped, by Sun. Dec. 4th. Additional names will be added again for the School Homeless Program.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
November 24 ~ 5:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran

Turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy & drinks provided

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex by 11/20/16 and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread/rolls or dessert to share.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Also, the Pankeys and Schultzes will be at the church cooking by 3 p.m., so if you want to come early to play cards or board games before dinner, you are welcome to do so.

**Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey
at 354-2416 or Pat & Dale Schultz
at 356-2781 with questions**

JULEFEST BAKE SALE

**December 3
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (*Please note the change in time from your November newsletter.*) and continuing through the day. We appreciate any baked or homemade goods and canned items. We would also appreciate any craft items you make and would like to donate. If possible, please package and price your items. (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 if you can help on Friday or Saturday. Thanks! **Air-tight tins are needed for packaging. Please leave any you would like to donate in the kitchen. Thanks!

STUFFED ANIMALS IN PEWS
YOUTH FUNDRAISER

You have seen the stuffed animals in our pews over several weeks... Here is the story behind their presence. They are a YOUTH fundraiser... These animals have been loved - some may be lightly used and some may be brand new. They have: Sat among the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church during worship...Heard God's Word of Grace and prayers for comfort and healing...Experienced worship music and felt many praises raised!!! Loved and soaked in God's Love...Now - this animal comes to you to share these blessings!! Donations for any animal will benefit Youth Ministry Programs for those going to Living Water Ministry events like Summer Leadership Camps, Jr/Sr High/College Gatherings. THANK-YOU!!!

**The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
presents**

STARS OF WONDER
A CELESTIAL CELEBRATION
Season of Light Opening Reception
November 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Public welcome! Advance Tickets Only
\$15 per person
491 Johnson Street, Alpena
Ph. 989-356-2202

Refreshments ~ Music ~ Door Prizes
Be mystified by the star lore of our ancestors.
Carried away by the majesty of our universe.
Marveled by the Season of Light exhibits.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - November 6	\$ 4,794.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 8,636.00)

SERRV SALE!

Saturday, December 3 ~ 10 am - 2 pm
First Congregational UCC
201 S. 2nd Ave, Alpena

Jewelry, textiles baskets, ceramics, Fair Trade coffee, tea and food items! Crafts are handmade by artisans from around the world, including underprivileged parts of the U.S. Sales help to improve working conditions, health care and education for the artisan and their families by offering fair wages for their crafts. **New items! Christmas decorations! Mark downs!**

COMMUNITY BLUE
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 11 ~ 4:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
727 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena

Many people struggle with feelings of depression, loss, and sadness during the Christmas season because of the death of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job, a broken relationship, illness, a recent or upcoming move, or some other emotional trauma. The Blue Christmas service recognizes the burdens that people carry and reaches out to them with Scripture readings, music, prayers, and a message of hope that focuses on the comfort that God offers during the dark times of our lives by shining Christ's light into the broken places deep within us. This service offers a sacred place for those who are grieving losses or struggling with difficulties. Participants will be invited to light a candle in memory of someone or to mark a significant loss in their lives as well as write names or situations on pieces of paper that will be placed into a basket, prayed for, and then placed on the altar. Come experience the healing presence of God's love. Everyone is invited. For information call 356-1658.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 13th

9:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

Tuesday - 15th

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 16th

5:00 pm Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 19th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector June Scarborough
Communion Assts. Joelyn Rich
Ushers Saturday Mick & Kay Zinsli
Sunday Wayne & Anna Lewis,
 Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Phil & Pam Agius Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Phran Ludington,
 Sandra Christopherson
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Polly Cook, Elsa Phillips,
 Sandra Christopherson

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FIRST READING**Malachi 4:1-2a**

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

PSALM 98

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL**Luke 21:5-19**

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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