

✠ **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 13 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 14, 2016

Hymns

G-R319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

C-R629 Abide with Me

S- R545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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 Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church.

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).

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDER

A large print worship folder, hymns and weekly bulletin are available for anyone who would like one. Please ask the ushers for it.

PRAYERS: Tammy Furze, Thelma Stevens, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Bunny Lyon Clapp, Richard Clapp, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ken Liske, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Ed & Elfie Jahnke's wedding anniversary, February 12th.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held
Sunday, March 13
following 9:30 a.m. worship.
Please plan to attend!

**MID-WEEK LENTEN
SOUP SUPPER AT GRACE**

Grace Lutheran is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 17. We are planning for 175-200 people, and we are in need of soups (approximately 15) and breads. We are also looking for setup and cleanup help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) for more information.

**COMMUNITY
CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner to be held at the Apex on April 3. Jon Benson, owner of J J's Catering, will once again donate a delicious meal. The silent auction and Chinese raffle return, too. Tickets will be in the church office soon at the cost of \$12 and children under 12 are free.

The silent auction and Chinese raffle will be looking for donations. If you have a wonderful idea or some treasure you would like to donate, please let Sandy Malaski at 989-657-4480 or Myra Cross at 989-340-1523 know and they will help make the arrangements.

It will be a wonderful time to enjoy fellowship and a catered dinner!

NEEDED FOR CC&S DINNER

Blue wine bottles are needed to create centerpieces for the Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner. Bottles may be dropped off in the kitchen any time. See Eleanor Coddington for more information.

BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY

Grace Lutheran will have

“Bread Sunday” on Sunday, February 21.

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 3rd Sunday of every month.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Winning a lottery

If you had won the Powerball Lottery of 1.5 billion or even a portion of it, how would it have affected your life? What would have changed for you? What values would have helped you decide what to do? See you at 11 in the Lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will NOT meet in February but will resume meeting on March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. This is due to the fact that on Feb 17 we will be hosting the "Soup and Bread" supper for the Lenten services at Grace.

FLINT WATER CRISIS

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Flint Water Project. In addition to the designated Community Outreach Dollars (\$200) we raised \$419.75, for a total of \$619.75 to be sent to Salem Lutheran Church in Flint.

Some resources for more information:
<http://mittensynod.server303.com/news/flint-water-crisis/>

<http://mittensynod.org/docs/FlintWaterFAQ.pdf>

BAKED POTATO & DESSERT NIGHT

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Saturday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

(immediately following worship)

We will have baked potatoes with all the fixings and yummy desserts. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship! **Plan now to attend and bring a friend!**

FISH FRY

St. Rose of Lima

3433 Herron Rd., Herron

Fridays during Lent

(February 12 - March 18)

Adults: \$10 ~ Children 5-12 \$5/4 & under free

Dinner includes: Fried and baked fish, baked potatoes and French fries, coleslaw, jello, coffee, kool-aid and milk. Pie and pop will be sold by the St. Rose Youth Group. Sponsored by the St. Rose Men's Club.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 14th

9:30 a.m. **Worship**
Children's Sunday School
During Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 15th

NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE

Tuesday - 16th

9:00 a.m. Quilting
3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday - 17th

BULLETIN DEADLINE
2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Worship - Grace Lutheran

Saturday - 20th

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

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 3,981.00 |
| Weekly giving - February 7 | \$ 3507.00 |
| Year-to-date over/(under) | (\$1,981.00) |

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS

Easter flower order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. **Deadline to order is March 4.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

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Lector Corinne Fraley
Acolyte
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Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Tom Brennan, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Brian & Bethany Popour
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Bethany Popour, Angie Crittenden,
Barb Werle
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Coffee Hour Patti Tucker, Polly Cook,
Elsa Phillips

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FIRST READING**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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SECOND READING**Romans 10:8b-13**

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL**Luke 4:1-13**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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