

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ June 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."



Sherie McTaggart, Darlene Freel, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie

Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave

Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

We also remember the family of Alan Freel, who passed away May 13th.

Worship Work Group Survey

Time and Talent survey sheets are included in this newsletter and available on the information table in the Office Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas.

(Training will be provided.) **Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling.**

Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve. Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Questions, please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

Alpena Community Ecumenical VBS Day Camp

**"Branching Out:
Connecting Through Christ"**

July 10-14, 2017

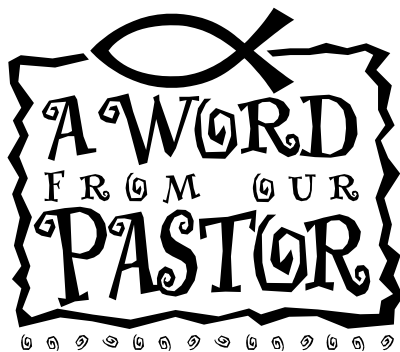
Each day from 9 am to 3 pm

**First United Methodist Church
167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena
989-354-2490**

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Youth and adult volunteers from Grace are needed. Schedules are flexible, help when you are available. Please contact Elsa Phillips at 884-1809 if you are able to help.





It's May and things are finally growing. We can believe that spring and eventually summer are really coming. It is a time for us to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and growing things.

On the first weekend of June, we will celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early disciples and their community. We recognize it as the birth of the church, celebrating it with the liturgical color of red for fire of the Spirit. This is a time to remember the Spirit is with us still. It is our advocate, our comforter and our guide. We are

being lead on our faith journey every bit as much as the disciples and the early church were lead on theirs.

The Sundays that follow all the way to the end of the liturgical year in November are in the season of Pentecost and the liturgical color is green. It is a time for the growing faith of the church. In our faith, we turn to thinking of our growing faith.

In this season, Jesus will be teaching about his way, what following that will mean. The focus will be what discipleship looked like then for Jesus' followers in the stories of scripture and what it will look like for us today.

Several of you have told me of times recently when you had to figure out what "sharing God's love" would look like in a given moment. You referred back to Grace's Purpose Statement as you made your decision on what welcoming looked like and what making a Christ-like difference would be right then. I am glad you found the resource of the Purpose Statement a guide as you lived out your faith in your every days. To me that is a sign of a growing, living faith. So as we hear the stories of the early church, we can follow where they were going and find the path for our lives today.

In this season of growing and life, let our faith be growing and living too. May the blessing of God's word enrich your lives and our life together.

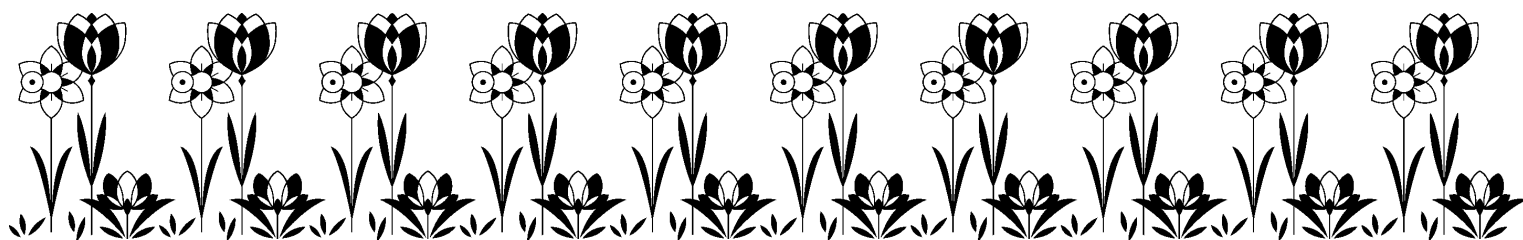
Peace, shalom. salaam

Pastor Tom

A SPECIAL REQUEST

If you have any information for me or to give to Peggy at weekend worship services, I ask that you put it on paper and give it to me or simply leave it under our office doors.

Thank you.





Alpena High School

Kayla Bertrand

Enrolled in the Early College Program
at Alpena High School

She will attend Alpena Community College
this Fall with plans to attend
Saginaw Valley State University
in the Fall of 2018 pursuing a degree in
Occupational Therapy

Everett Haske

He will attend
Kirtland Community College - Gaylord
this Fall pursuing an M-Tech degree in
Heating and Cooling

Caileigh Nitchman

Completed Early College program - May 2017
She will attend Central Michigan University
this Fall pursuing a degree in
Music Theater

Aaron Nowak

He will attend Central Michigan University
this Fall in a pre-dentistry program
pursuing a degree in
Oral Surgery

Grace Lutheran Scholarship Recipients

Everett Haske

Caileigh Nitchman

Aaron Nowak

Alpena Community College

Rachel Chroninger

Associate in Science
Summa Cum Laude

She will continue at
Michigan Technological University
pursuing a degree in
Chemical Engineering

Taylor Chroninger

Associate in Arts
Summa Cum Laude

She will continue at
Lake Superior State University
pursuing a degree in
Accounting

Logan Suszek

Liberal Arts-Science/Business Degree
He will continue at Northern
Michigan University this Fall
Majoring in English



*We are blessed as a congregation to
honor our youth as they graduate and
begin this new phase in their lives.*

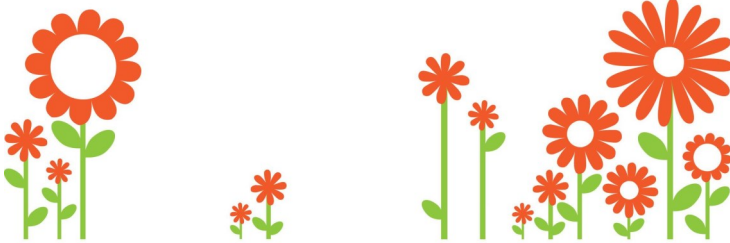




Thanks to everyone for all the cards, prayers and comfort during this time of Alan's passing.

I want to thank everyone who donated food, helped and was in charge of the very nice lunch that was put on for us. We really appreciated it.

Darlene Freel & Family



Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle (Women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at JJ's Restaurant beginning at 12:30 p.m. All women are welcome, with everyone covering the cost of their own meal. Please make reservations with Darlene Freel by June 17 for this annual gathering of women.

Quilting/Sewing Group Takes Break Til Fall

May 30th was the last day for the Quilting/Sewing Group this Spring. They will begin again in September. Watch for times and make plans to join in any Tuesday. The need is great around the world.

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.

Walk Me Home Event

Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Duck Park

We will again need workers and walkers/runners. This year we will have a prize also for the funniest hat worn. Mark your calendars for June 10th!!!

See the full page insert in this newsletter for more information.

Christmas in July

Don't miss it!!! More details coming soon...



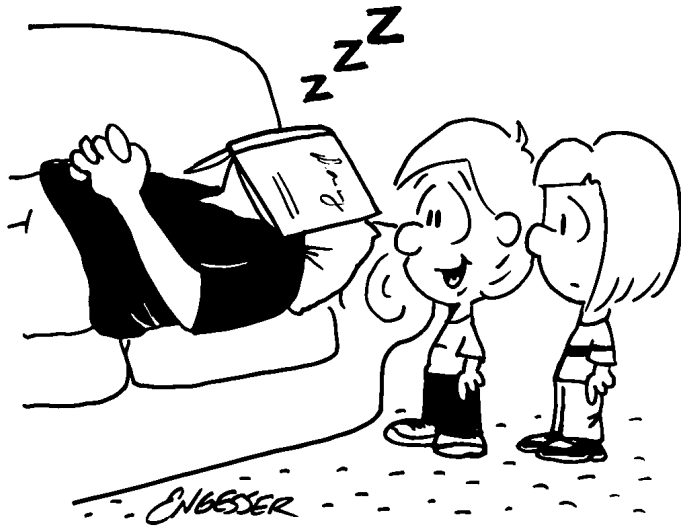
Samaritas project for April - June. The Samaritas large wicker basket is by the door in the Office Narthex. We are collecting underwear and socks for 2 year olds through age 13. **This project is for the Foster Children of Samaritas.**

Bread Weekend May 20-21 brought in \$200 for World Hunger. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Next bread weekend is June 17-18. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Noisy Offering continues to be the 4th weekend of the month. One of our projects we support with this money is our World Vision sponsored child, Ishimwe.

Plarn Homeless Mats New Statistics Posted

Be sure to check out the latest Plarn Statistics located in the Fellowship Hall.



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640
Rev. Tom Orth..... Home 356-8729
..... Cell..... 916-8759
Office Manager Peggy Tomaszewski... 255-8850
Music Director Berniece Lyon 464-7064

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President Tom Lappan..... 356-3718
Vice-President Rick Engstrom..... 916-5963
Exec. Secretary Sandy Malaski..... 356-6248
Treasurer Don Barnard 340-1055

WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education Elsa Phillips 884-1809
Worship Sharon Engstrom..... 354-5133
Discipleship..... Joelyn Rich 340-0592
Property Jeff Welch 595-2195
Fellowship Jeanne Pankey 354-2416
..... Pat Schultz 356-2781
Finance Dennis Werblow 354-5560

OTHER V.I.P.s

Stewardship..... Wayne Christopherson .. 356-0430
Youth Director Vicki Denstaedt..... 916-9258
WELCA Darleen Freel..... 354-8866
..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
Samaritas Kay Grove 727-2054
Quilters Caroline Weise 354-8060
..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
LARCC Eleanor Coddington.. 354-8766
..... Sandy Welch 916-5006

May 2017

Finances

GENERAL FUND \$ 14,917.00
BUILDING FUND 1,596.67
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 10.00
OTHER.....5,476.60
TOTAL \$ 22,000.27

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 127
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 314
TOTAL 441



Saturday, June 10th - 9 a.m.

Duck Park., Chisholm and Long Rapids Rd., Alpena,

4th Annual 5K Walk/Run

1st, 2nd & 3rd place medals male & female for each group

- ♦ 12 and under
- ♦ 13-19
- ♦ 20-39
- ♦ 40+

Prizes for First & Second place overall
winner for Walkers and Runners

Walk Me Home is about raising awareness of the needs of foster children in Northeast Michigan. Walk Me Home Northeast Michigan will raise funds to support the life changing programs and activities for foster children provided by

Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan.

**To register or donate to this walk, go to the
Walk Me Home site at:**

www.firstgiving.com/walkmehome/nemichigan2017

**where you can create a team of family members, classmates,
friends, or business associates, join a team or donate.**

**Walk Me Home
Northeast Michigan
Partner**

Grace Lutheran Church

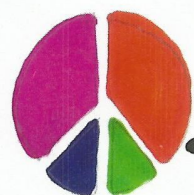
119 W. Dunbar Street Alpena, MI 49707

Call Child & Family Services NEMI 989-356-4567 for more information

We are looking for workers and for people to sign up and walk/run!!!
Sign up sheets for workers and walkers/runners are available in the Narthex.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



BUILDING

peace · tolerance ·

Community



♥ FREE EVENT

♥ FOOD, BEVERAGES for purchase

- MUSIC
- POETRY
- SPEAKERS
- ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND THE YOUNG AT HEART.....

PLACE : 124 FLETCHER STREET

DATE : JUNE 3, 2017

TIME : 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

for more information

989-464-6211 OR 989-255-9541

CHAD J. SZATKOWSKI ©

Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACE VBS)

First United Methodist

First Congregational

First Presbyterian

Grace Lutheran

St Paul Lutheran

Trinity Episcopal

is hosting...

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ACE- VBS Day Camp Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's Gender: _____

T-Shirt size _____ Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ Work phone: _____

Home Congregation (church & city) _____

Parent location while child is at camp (work, home, etc.) _____

Name of special friend your child would like to be with: _____

Name of persons other than parents to whom child may be released.

1. _____ 2. _____

Name of individuals child CANNOT be released to.

1. _____ 2. _____

Family Permission to Photograph/Videotape- Release to Utilize

We grant permission for any photographs or videotapes of our child as he/she is involved in VBS activities during the week of July 10-14, 2017, to be used in "telling the story" of **ACE- VBS**, in participating church web-sites, newsletters and other media releases.

Parent/guardian signature

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.

Allergies (food, medications or other include insect stings, hay fever, asthma):

Other medical conditions (behavioral, emotional or mental health problems):



Emergency contact person if unable to contact parents:

Name _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Any activity restrictions? _____

Any recent illness, injury, or infectious disease? _____

Additional information _____

Insurance Carrier/Plan name & Group # _____

Has participant had the necessary immunizations to attend school? _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Medications to be given while at camp:

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Reason for taking medication</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

All medications must be in original containers with participant name on label.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE.

This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. _____ has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. The Church leader has permission to provide routine health care & administer prescribed medications. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the Church leader to seek emergency medical treatment. I give permission to the physician selected by the Church leader, to secure and administer treatment for the person named above.

Parent Signature

Worship Services at Grace 2017

Please check the following activities you are willing to participate in at Grace Lutheran Church including any in which you already participate:

Lector (reading the lessons)	_____	Counter	_____
Altar Guild (set up and clean up for communion)	_____	Participate on a work group	_____
Communion Assistant (during communion)	_____	Indicate group	_____
Usher (at worship services)	_____	*****	
Greeter (prior to worship services)	_____	Name	_____
Coffee Hour (prepare & clean up)	_____	Address	_____
Choir Member	_____	Phone	_____
Acolyte	_____	Email	_____
Bell Choir	_____	If you will be away for an extended period of time during the year, please list dates:	_____

		Such service is a blessing to others and those that serve find they are blessed in doing so. A BIG THANK YOU!	

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

JUNE 2017

ACOLYTES

04
11
18
25

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

04 ASHLEY TIMMRECK
11 SANDY WELCH
18 BEVERLY ATTWELL
25 RUBY HASKE

USHERS

DALE SCHULTZ CHARLES SNYDER
STEVE GARANT LINDA BATCHELOR
VICKI, TREVOR, ISABELLE, MIRIAM DENSTAEDT

GREETERS

04 DUSTIN & ANGIE CRITTENDEN FAMILY
11 BARB WERLE, ELLIE WALKER
18 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
25 POLLY COOK, TAMMY FURZE

COUNTERS

CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
MARGE WEBER

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH
BEVERLY ATTWELL

ALTAR GUILD

JOANNE NICHOLLS
KATHY PIONTKOWSKI

FLOWERS

04 COOK
11 SUSZEK
18 FURZE
25 LAPPAN

COFFEE HOUR

04 CORKY GATES, PATTI MAC NEILL,
PHRAN LUDINGTON
11 VICKI, ISABELLE & MIRIAM DENSTAEDT
18 TUFFY & BONNIE CROSS
25 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM

***PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone
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

JULY 2017

ACOLYTES

02
09
16
23
30

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

02 ANNA LEWIS
09 JOE GENTRY
16 BOB GREENE
23 VICKI DENSTAEDT
30 DAWN ANDERSON

USHERS

JOEL & LOGAN SUSZEK
GARY & KAY GROVE
JO ANN SMITH
BEV ATTWELL
RICK ENGSTROM

GREETERS

02 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
09 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
16 VICKI, TREVOR & ISABELLE DENSTAEDT
23 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
30 JOEL & CORINNE FRALEY

COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG
CINDY SUSZEK

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

ALTAR GUILD

CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
JEANNE PANKEY

FLOWERS

02 A. GENTRY
09 NICHOLLS
16 D. CROSS
23
30 LAPPAN

COFFEE HOUR

02 BRIAN & BETHANY POPOUR
09 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
16 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
23 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
30 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART

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June



Birthdays

June 1

Raymond Reynolds

June 17

Geraldine Rhoads

June 4

Hope Kamyszek

June 18

Jessica Gillard
Erin Nowak

June 5

Shelly Olsen
Valerie Slaght

June 20

Rhonda Anderson
Angie Indish
Sara Lappan

June 7

Whitney Barrow
Mary Lang

June 21

Amelia Kamyszek

June 9

Thomas Brennan

June 25

Vicki VanEssen

June 11

William Matzke

June 26

Savannah Kamyszek

June 13

Nicholas Fraley

June 27

Jo Ann Reinholz

June 14

Jeanette Grove

June 29

Nathan Engstrom
Anne Gentry
Isaac Matzke
Gerri Moors

June 15

Denise Caparo

June 16

Beckett Granata
Harry Kautz
William Whitscell

June 30

Trey Garant
Andrew Lappan
Mary Lappan
Lucas Palmer
Marco Wade
Owen Wade

Anniversaries of Baptism



June 1

Deborah Anderson

June 2

Matthew Gillard

June 3

Nancy Amelotte

June 7

Kendra McInerney

June 8

Dawn Anderson
Emma Barber
Laurie Hansen

June 10

Lorraine Leathead

June 11

James Clemens, Jr.

June 12

Peggy Tomaszewski

June 13

Amelia Berles

June 14

Pamela Nowak
James (J.J.) Timrick

June 15

Shane Adamski
Connor Freel
Craig Weise

June 16

Brianna Himes

June 20

Pamela Agius
Kayla Bertrand
Everett Haske

June 21

Tiffany LaFave
Kimberly Poirier
Kristin Rich
Bryan Stafford

June 23

Julie Townsend

June 24

Betty Bedford
Dale Schultz

June 25

Nicholas Fraley

June 26

Alecia Lewis
Tyler McKenzie
Stacey Townsend

June 27

Tracie Granata
Roger Pankey

June 29

Chad Lewis
Erin Nowak
Karen Suszek

June 30

Lorah Lappan



Wedding Anniversaries

8th Peter & Pamela Nowak

11th Philip & Christy Jordan

14th Mark & Rhonda Himes

17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm

18th Bradley & Angela Indish

21st William & Marilyn Whitscell

22nd David & Janet Chroninger

23rd Mark & Tawny Freel

27th Alec & Sharlene Kennedy

30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson

Kid's Page



HELD IN
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

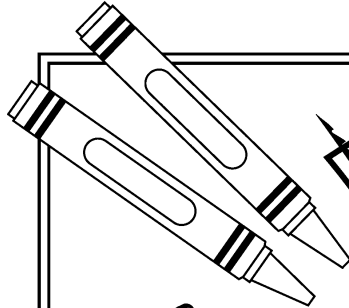
What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

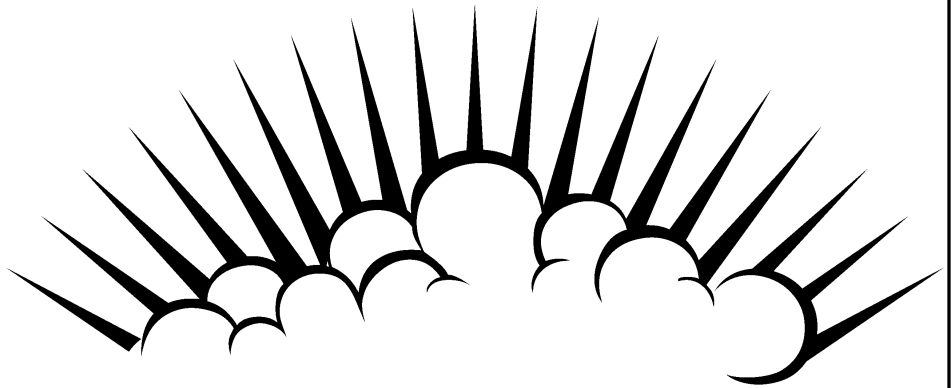
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_,

'Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV