

✠ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 16, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 17, 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-R452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R588 There's Wideness in God's Mercy
(Tune of 712)
C-R482 I Come with Joy
S-R543 Go, My Children, with My 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 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 Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers at All Saints Catholic Parish.

PRAYERS

Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, 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, Jim Kratz, 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. We also remember the family of Dave Chroninger, who passed away September 9th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

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 ED
Luther's Small Catechism
Adult CE at 11 in the Lounge

Join us as we begin a 7 part series on Luther's Small Catechism. We'll look at the Catechism, scripture and tradition, Luther's story and Reformation history. Come together to learn and discuss the Small Catechism. See you in the Lounge.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Reminder... If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

HURRICANE RELIEF
THRU LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
Give support to the victims of hurricanes.

On your weekly envelope, you can use the Other line and mark Hurricanes. Or using a pew envelope, simply write Hurricanes on that. We'll send in all the contributions at the end of the month.

THANK YOU

Please accept my deepest thanks and gratitude to each of you for remembering me with the loss of Gary. He is deeply missed by my family and your cards, phone calls and words of encouragement are so appreciated. I love my Grace family and thank you so much.

Joanne Nicholls

SCHOOL KIT PROJECT REMINDER

Remember our school kit project for Lutheran World Relief ends the last weekend in September. Our goal this year is 25 kits. To meet this goal the following items are needed: 22 2 1/2" erasers; 62 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); 25 pencil sharpeners; and 68 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8X10 1/2" (no loose-leaf paper. These items can be placed in the wicker basket by the front door. Thanks for helping us meet our goal!!!

MISSING DVD

We are trying to locate a DVD entitled "The Rabbit Hole" that was located on the book shelves in the hallway outside the Lounge. Many of the items on these shelves, including this DVD, belong to the Remembering Our Children support group that meets on the first Monday of each month. If you have borrowed it to view, we would appreciate your returning it to the bookcase at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

CARD/GAME NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
Grace Lutheran Church
Doors open at 5 pm, Serving at 6 pm
\$7.00/person

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar
Quilt Raffle

Reservations: Arlis - 356-9583
Patti - 354-5990

Limited Seating
Sponsored by Grace Quilters

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, September 20, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Bible study "We believe in God" is a study of the Apostles Creed which is in the "Gather" magazine and several copies will be available. All women are welcome for this lesson, a short meeting and refreshments provided by Joanne Kindt.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRUCK

The Lutheran World Relief truck will be loading October 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Alpena area. Our quilts will be loaded as well as the kits which have been assembled this year, so please bring everything to our parish hall by October 8th.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -17th - Bread Weekend

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Roundup
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed - Lounge

Monday - 18th

3:00 p.m. 30 Days of Peace Movie - Lounge

Tuesday - 19th

9:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Council

Wednesday - 20th

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Friday - 22nd

6:30 p.m. 30 Days of Peace Movie - Lounge

Saturday - 23rd - Noisy Offering Weekend

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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 17

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays),
Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Brian & Bethany Popour Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,
Ellie Walker

SERVING SEPTEMBER 24

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays),
Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Wayne & Anna Lewis
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Eleanor Coddington

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week	
to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Sept. 10, 2017	\$ 4,674.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,226.00)

FIRST READING**Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 14:1-12**

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and

lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL**Matthew 18:21-25**

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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