

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 1, 2020 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 2, 2020

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-R712
Psalm 15
D-R726
C-R474
S-R717

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
(Psalms begin page 339)
Light Dawns on a Weary World
Bread of Life from Heaven
Let Justice Flow like Streams

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 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Loving Care Members at Grace Lutheran Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Thanksgiving for My Church Family
Given by Gerri Moors

PRAYERS

Bethany Popour, Gerald Lancaster, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Alec Kennedy, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Kevin Reiser, Karlene Trump, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, Dave Stebbins, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Bill Carr, who passed away this past week.

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).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reading Matthew

We continue with our journey of reading through Matthew, raising questions along the way and looking for connections between the parts. Join as we explore all the verses of Matthew and not just the lectionary texts we hear at worship services. We meet in the Lounge at 11.

“SUPER” SUB SALE FOR ALPENA NRN JUNE 2020 MISSION TRIP

Pick Up at Grace: February 1-2

Questions: Staci - 989.590.3937

SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS

Some members at Grace with asthma can react to and have difficulty breathing with various perfumes or colognes. For those with special sensitivity, it can be surprising how little it takes to cause the reaction and even moving further away doesn't always help as the scent can travel a good distance. We would ask that you consider wearing as little as possible or even refraining from any perfumes or colognes for worship services allowing others to worship in ease and comfort.

THANK YOU TO MEIJER

Meijer has generously donated \$500.00 to Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry. This donation from Meijer and the donations that come in from the congregation and community help to make a "Christ-like difference in our community". Thank you to Meijer and thank you to our family at Grace.

Discipleship Co-Chairs,
Dawn Anderson and Phran Ludington

OUTDOOR SIGN FUNDRAISER

Euchre Tournament

(for 9th Graders through Adults)

& Game Night (for All Ages)

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Potluck at 4:30 p.m.

Games begin at 5:30 p.m. or so

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. There will be a Euchre Tournament area as well as an area for those who want to play other games. Please bring whatever games you like to play. Also, please bring a friend. This is a great opportunity to invite others to Grace. Sloppy Joes, coffee, pop & water will be provided. Please bring a dish or snack to share. **Please sign up for Euchre, games and potluck on the sheets located on the table in the Office Narthex.** See the information sheet on the table for more details. If you have any questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 2nd

9:00 a.m.

Choir - Lounge

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Adult CE - Lounge

Tuesday - 4th

9:00 a.m.

Sewing/Quilting

NO Choir Tonight

Wednesday - 5th

3:00 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

NO Bell Choir Tonight

Thursday - 6th

5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 8th

5:00 p.m.

Worship

NO CHOIR/BELL CHOIR THIS WEEK

Please note... We will not have choir (Feb. 4) or bell choir (Feb. 5) practice this week.

SERVING FEBRUARY 1-2

- Ministers**..... God’s People
- Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth
- Music Director**.....David Delano
- Lector** Bob Greene
- Communion Assts**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
- Ushers** Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett, & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz&Tami Romel(Sat)
- Greeters**.....Jeff & Sandy Welch
- Hospital**Janet Chroninger
- Altar Guild**..... Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles
- Counters** Dale & Pat Schultz
- Coffee Hour**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
- Cookie/Doughnut Pickup**..Sharon & Rick Engstrom

SERVING FEBRUARY 8-9

- Ministers**..... God’s People
- Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth
- Music Director**.....David Delano
- Lector** Paul Denstaedt
- Communion Assts**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
- Ushers** Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett, & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz&Tami Romel(Sat)
- Greeters**..... Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
- Hospital**Janet Chroninger
- Altar Guild**..... Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles
- Counters** Dale & Pat Schultz
- Coffee Hour**..... Joe & Dawn Gentry
- Cookie/Doughnut Pickup**..Sharon & Rick Engstrom

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available from ushers.

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM 15

(Psalms begin page 339)

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - January 25-26	3,831.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 4,484.33)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so

that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL**Matthew 5:1-12**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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