

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ September 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."



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Richard G.



Come one come all and
join us Sept 17 at Grace for
Sunday school
roundup!! All children ages
3 to 12 are invited to
participate and we would

like the parents to attend too. Fun activities for
the kids along with snacks and parents will hear
about upcoming Sunday school news and
happenings. We will meet upstairs in the school
room 9 am and conclude at 9:30 just in time for
service. Nancy and I look forward to seeing
you all again this year and we have a lot of
good news to share and spread!

God Bless,

Elsa Phillips 884-1809

God's Work, Our Hands

September 9th ~ 1:00-5:00

**Family Fun Day for
Foster Children and Their Foster Families**

Let's have fun!!!

(No rakes, shovels or garden gloves needed)

Saturday September 9th we have the
opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in
our community. Grace Lutheran is partnering
with Arzo Amusement Park to provide a fun-
filled family day for foster kids and their foster
families. This event is this years God's Work, Our
Hand's (hearts, in this case).

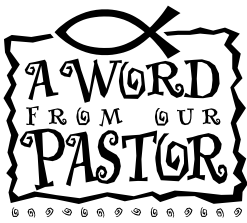
The members at Grace are encouraged
to volunteer and get to know a different
segment of our community. Help spread some
joy, delight and smiles. A small group of like-
minded people can make a difference; that
difference has a ripple effect. Let's join together
to start a ripple.

This event runs from 1:00-5:00. Lunch will be
served. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Any questions, call:

Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or
Joelyn Rich 340-0592





With the coming of September 1, we transition into a number of new seasons. The school year has started already. There are hints of the look and feel of fall that is coming. Things start up at church: the quilters return in force, the kids Sunday School starts again, God's Work, Our Hands occurs.

This is a time of transitions. The interesting thing about transition times, things can happen. There are changes going on and that can be a little unsettling. But in that unsettling are new possibilities. Maybe things won't be exactly like before. Maybe something different will intrude. That little bit of tension in the air that doing different things brings with it a question or two.

If we are really honest with ourselves, there is always change going on. We are different than we were last year. At the least, a year older. We have learned some things in last year, had some new experiences that likely changed us. We maybe missing some people that are no longer here. So it is indeed a time of transition for us too.

So what are we to do with that unsettling, that tension, those questions. Well maybe ask, "Where is God in it?" Are we to do something different with these possibilities before us? With these new resources, what special and unique thing can be done for God's Kingdom? Is it something old in a new way? Is it something new?

What I hold onto are the assurances that everything is God's care. We rest in God's love and Christ's grace in all we do. In that, we know that whatever is ahead, new or old, we can count on God as we go forward into new seasons.

So for me that is what stays the same. God's love and care. That is what is to be counted on. Amid all the changes going on, that is the basic and most fundamental thing to rely on. And that is not going to change. With that comes the strength to go forward into a season of transitions, and possibilities.

With that in all we say and do, let us count on God. And with God, let us transition every more deeply into God's Kingdom of grace and love.

Welcome into God's ever growing Kingdom, lead by our ever constant loving God.

Peace, Shalom, Salaam

Pastor Tom

Thrivent Member? Do You Know about *Action Grants*???

\$250 for projects

As a Thrivent member you can apply for \$250 grants for *service activities or support of fundraising or education events*.

Grace has used them for:

Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner advertising, quilting supplies and machine repairs, Walk Me Home Foster Children event, Martin Luther King Day activities, Yulefest Bake Sale, God's Work Our Hands flowers at Luther Manor and supplies for Humane Society.

As a full member, you can do 2 a year, associate members 1 per year. Easy to apply for. You can come into the office and Peggy will help you do it on the computer.

Let the office know if you are a Thrivent member. We will help you use the grants for church projects or community projects you are involved in.

Help us use the resources of God's Kingdom to *make a Christ-like difference in the community and world*

Thank you

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.



Holy Cow Project Thanks to all who helped make the Holy Cow project such a success. Our goal for this project done the month of July was \$500 which would purchase 1 cow through ELCA World Hunger. Our total raised was \$1,011 so in addition to the cow, we also purchased 7 goats, 7 pigs, and 5 groups of chicks (10 per group). Holy Barnyard!!!

Thanks again for "making a difference in our world".

Bread weekend resumed Aug. 19-20th. \$201 was raised and will go to World Hunger.

School Kits Remember the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project which goes through the end of September. The list of supplies needed are on the bulletin board by the entrance door. Last year we sent 22 kits along with the quilts...we're aiming for 25 this year. The supplies can be placed in the wicker basket by the door!!

Noisy Offering continues to be done the 4th Sunday of the month and is used for our World Vision sponsor child, Ishimwe.

Quilting/Sewing

On Tuesday, Sept 5th the quilting/sewing group will begin the season at 9:00am running to 11:30am EVERY TUESDAY in the dining room. There are many jobs to be done, and everyone is welcome to join in even for an hour and we make time for goodies and fellowship too.

COME JOIN US FOR



2nd Wednesday of each month beginning on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT.13, 2017

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Church
124 E. Washington Avenue, Alpena

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please call Dial-A-Ride at 356-4596 by Sept. 11
if you need **FREE** transportation.

FUN

A MEAL

ACTIVITIES

ALL AGES

Children's Closet & Baby Pantry In Need of Clothing

Children's Closet and Baby Pantry are again in need of clothing for winter (but we take summer clothing as well). Children's Closet has their winter giveaway in October and is very low on clothes for school age children, especially jeans and tops. We give these clothes to the neediest families in our community and want them to look good going to school. Please help by donating clothes that don't fit your children at the St. Bernard's Parish Center on the Lockwood entrance. If you have any questions, please call Doris Puls at 356-9545. Thanks! Our mission is: Freely we have received, freely give.



St. Paul Harvest Dinner



St. Paul Lutheran Church
727 S. Second at Mirre

Friday, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017
Two Seatings - 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Adults...\$12.00
Children 10 & under...\$6.00
Children under 5...free

Tickets available at
St. Paul Lutheran Church office
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Phone: 356-1658

*Roast Beef - Roast Pork - Sauerkraut -
Squash - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy -
Vegetables - Homemade Bread -
Homemade Pies and a beverage*

Kinship Care

Are you a grandparent or family member age 55 or older raising a child? Did you know that there are mini-grants available to help purchase emergent items for your child or seasonal clothing or help them participate in sports or other activities?

at Alpena Senior Citizens Center, 501 River St.
Call 989-356-3585 to Apply



ALPENA *Senior Citizens* CENTER

This program funded in part with funds through the Older Americans Act, Aging and Adult Services Agency of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Region 9 Area on Aging.



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**Please JOIN US
at our upcoming events!**

We will need Thrivent runners for the Tunnels to Tower race on September 16th.

Thrivent will pay for the first twenty members to run for this great cause! Please call us at (989) 356-1330 to sign up or go on-line at Thrivent Community Northern Michigan.



On September 11, 2001 firefighter Stephen Miller ran back into the World Trade Center and risked his life to save others. Please join us in this memorial run/walk in honor of this great American Hero and all first responders and military who dedicate their lives to our safety.

AND

Kids Coalition Against Hunger meal packing event at the Alpena Mall on Saturday, October 21st. Starting at 10:00 a.m. Please call us to sign up at 356-1330.

Some kids and their families around the world and in our own community lack the proper foods that deliver stable nutrients to them. Please join us in packaging meals to help these households in the local community to become more self-sufficient by providing nourishing food to them.





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*Please contact the church office to
add a college student to this list.*

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..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
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..... Sandy Welch 916-5006

August 2017

Finances

GENERAL FUND \$ 14,214.50
BUILDING FUND 1,312.67
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 159.00
OTHER.....2,825.61
TOTAL \$ 18,511.78

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 128
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 296
TOTAL 424

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

HURRICANE HARVEY

AUGUST 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U.S.* \$_____ DDG0073

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most, U.S.* \$_____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email Address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Write "*Hurricane Response, United States*" or "*Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S.*" on your check's memo line.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



September 2017

30 Days of Peace

"We are one human race
community."

Sponsored by the Alpena Peace Coalition in memory of Sr. Lisa Marie Lazio

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Peace contest has begun	2
3	4	5 Peace Proclamation by Mayor Matt Waligora at <i>City Hall</i> 7:00	6	7	8	9
10 LARCC Opening Prayer at <i>Grace Lutheran</i> 7:00	11	12	13 Peace Liturgy at <i>Trinity Episcopal</i> at noon	14 Saving Democracy - Open Discussion at <i>St. Anne Parish Hall</i> 7	15 Poetry Jazz and Blues at the <i>Blue Phoenix</i> 6:00-8:00 (104 2nd Avenue)	16
17 We are good people divided—What to do? - Peter Dougherty 2:00-4:00 <i>Alpena Library</i>	18 Rethinking Capitalism - DVD & Discussion 3:00 <i>Grace Lutheran</i>	19	20 Peace Liturgy at <i>Trinity Episcopal</i> at noon	21 Assembly at <i>Alpena Jr. High</i> celebrating UN International Day of Peace	22 Movie - Freedom Song 6:30 <i>Grace Lutheran</i>	23
24 Sacred Creation Taize Service at <i>First United Methodist Church</i> 5:00	25	26	27 Peace Liturgy at <i>Trinity Episcopal</i> at noon	28 Dedication of Peace Pole at the <i>Senior Citizen Center</i> (501 River) 1:00	29 Movie - Mother Theresa <i>Grace Lutheran</i> 3:00	30



October 2017

30 Days of Peace

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth Celebrates Life Concert 2:00 <i>First United Methodist</i>	2	3 Rethinking Capitalism - DVD & Discussion 6:30 <i>Grace Lutheran</i>	4 * Peace Liturgy at <i>Trinity Episcopal</i> at noon	5	6 Peace Contest Ends	7
8 Peace Concert at <i>St. John the Baptist</i> - (Franklin & First) 7:00	9	10	11 * Peace Liturgy People are People (Refugees) 7:00 <i>Grace Lutheran</i>	12	13 Peace Contest Awards Ceremony at <i>Alpena Mall</i> Noon	14
		Student Peace Exhibit at Alpena Mall — October 8 through October 13				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Questions?</i> Call Carol Skiba at 989- 916-7049
22	23	PARTICIPATING AREA CHURCHES				
		Grace Lutheran 1119 West Dunbar	First Presbyterian 1600 W. Chisholm	1st Congregational UCC 201 South Second	Trinity Episcopal 124 East Washington	
29	30	St. Paul Lutheran 727 S. Second Avenue	All Saints Catholic Parish 817 Sable Street	First United Methodist Church 167 S Ripley Blvd	Alpena Community of Christ 126 Clinton St	
		Seventh Day Adventist 4029 US 23 South				

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

SEPTEMBER 2017

ACOLYTES

03
10
17
24

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

03 MIKE URLAUB
10 CHERYL WERBLOW
17 CORINNE FRALEY
24 SHARON ENGSTROM

USHERS

MICK & KAY ZINSLI (Saturdays)
WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

GREETERS

03 GARY & KAY GROVE
10 LINDA BATCHELOR, CHARLES SYNDER
17 BRIAN & BETHANY POPOUR FAMILY
24 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS

COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

DALE SCHULTZ
SHERIE MCTAGGART

ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART
SANDY MALASKI
BONNIE CROSS

FLOWERS

03 MOORS/CROSS
10
17 LAPPAN
24 LANG

COFFEE HOUR

03 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
10 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
17 BARB WERLE, ANGIE CRITTENDEN,
ELLIE WALKER
24 ELEANOR CODDINGTON

***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!***

September

Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1
Britni Nowak

September 2
Joanne Kindt

September 3
Philip Jordan

September 5
Jon Crow
Aaron Nowak

September 10
Dawn Gentry
Jim Hansen
Brian Nelson

September 12
Alena Poirier

September 14
Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15
Scott Henning

September 20
Mark Freel
Caileigh Nitchman

September 22
William Whitscell

September 27
Jonathan Lang
Wayne Lewis
Marco Wade
Owen Wade

September 28
Rachel Engstrom

September 29
T. J. Lappan
Charles McKay



Birthdays

September 2
Shane Bullard

September 4
Kiowa Kirchoff
Marcie Law
Emily Townsend

September 6
Mark Upham

September 9
Joelyn Rich

September 10
Walter Spigelmyre
Ryan Werblow

September 11
Donald Cross
Steven Garant
Marjorie Weber

September 12
Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14
Isabelle Denstaedt
Nic Timmreck

September 15
Thomas Bertrand

September 18
Krista Lang
Jorden Seck
Maia Slominski

September 21
Lawrence Nelson
Gudrun Seck

September 24
Judith Douglas

September 26
Joseph Gentry

September 27
Cheryl Lang

September 28
Darlene Freel
Ann O'Connor

September 29
John Kuligowski
Jessica McKenzie
Caroline Weise
Dennis Werblow

September 30
Ella Sandula
Kady Sandula
Connie Suszek



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Mark & Karen Upham
Michael & Anne Wilson
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek
Jim & Amy Townsend
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

Kid's Page



APPLE SNACKS



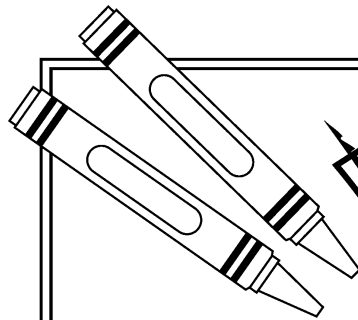
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

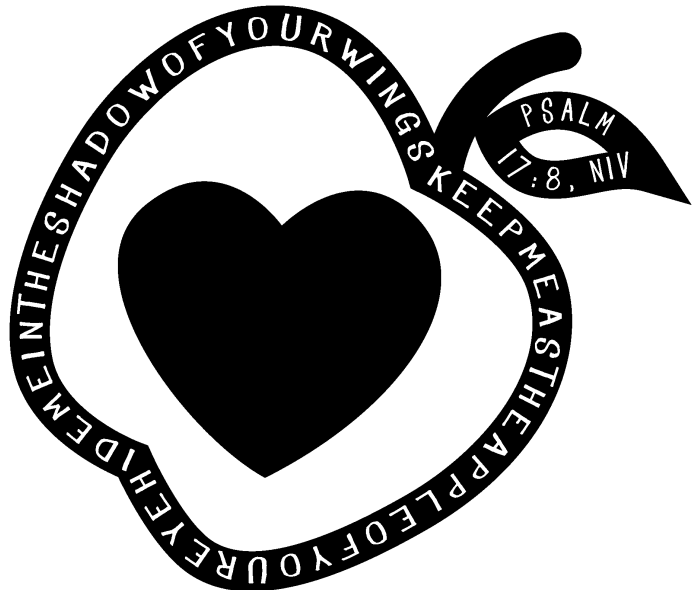


PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____ ;

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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” Psalm 17:8, NIV