

✠ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 14, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 15, 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-R815** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Psalm 40:1-11 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R574 Here I Am, Lord
C-R715 Christ, Be Our Light
S-R665 Rise, Shine, You People!

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 Music Ministry/Prayer Groups in All Saints Catholic Community.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

PRAYERS

Travis Konarzewski, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkovicz, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Harris Christopherson, given by Sandra Christopherson.

**TRAINING FOR
ALTAR GUILD, USHERS AND
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
Sunday, January 15
Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LARCC is again having a worship service to promote unity amongst the Christian Traditions. This years theme is Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). This theme comes from The Council of Churches in Germany (ACK) and their work toward the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Grace hosts this year's service on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 pm. As an addition this year there will be a soup supper at 6 pm prior to the service. Join us for worship and supper. Look for sign up sheets soon.

**RUTH CIRCLE
JANUARY MEETING**

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, January 18, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a Bible lesson, short business meeting leaving time for fellowship. All women welcome with no obligation. Darlene Freel is Chairman again this year.

**FELLOWSHIP EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
(for 9th Graders through Adults)**

&

GAME NIGHT

(for All Ages)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

Eating begins at 6:00 p.m.

Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

More information and sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
CELEBRATION**

Mon., Jan. 16 ~ Alpena Community College

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Film & Discussion led by Matt Dunckel, Alpena Community College, Newport Center, Room 106 The film is "BLACK AMERICA SINCE MLK: AND STILL I RISE." This PBS film asks profound questions about the state of black America—and our nation as a whole. This event is free and open to the public.

5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Chili Supper, Adults \$8.00, Students \$4.00, Alpena Community College, Lumberjack Shack Proceeds benefit "Wash Your Coat," a project for our community that provides free laundromat service to those in need. Tickets available at the door. The Chili Supper is sponsored by First Congregational UCC, Grace Lutheran, St. Paul Lutheran, and Trinity Episcopal Churches.

6:30 p.m. Part 2 of the Movie Discussion "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise", Newport Center, Room 106

This PBS film asks profound questions about the state of black America—and our nation as a whole. This event is free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m. Discussion on Creating a Beloved Community/Understanding White Privilege, Alpena Community College, Newport Center 106 How are issues like education, health care, poverty, housing, and economic status related to white privilege? This event is free and open to the public.

For more info, please call 989.340.1171.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 15th

8:50 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
Installation of Officers
Altar Guild, Usher &
Communion Assistant
Training Follows the Service

Tuesday - 17th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 18th

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge

Thursday - 19th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 21st - Noisy Offering

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

Sunday - 22nd - Noisy Offering

8:50 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship -**
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder, Steve Garant,
Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour ... Vicki, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt

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Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Dale Schultz, Charles Snyder, Steve Garant,
Vicki, Trevor, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt
Greeters Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour Corky Gates, Patti macNeill,
Phran Ludington

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - January 8, 2017	\$ 3,364.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 752.00)

FIRST READING**Isaiah 49:1-7**

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM 40:1-11

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the

testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL**John 1:29-42**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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