

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ September 2016

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."



Gerald Lancaster, 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, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, and the Dorr family.

We also remember...

The family of Gladys Evans (Myra Cross' mother), who passed away August 7th.

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).

**Property Work Group
Organizational Meeting**
Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall



Anyone interested in joining the Property Work Group is invited to attend.

Interfaith Amigos Workshops and Presentation Their coming! September 22

PLEASE REGISTER

**11 AM Workshop @ ACC
Creating Trust in an Interfaith Environment**

**2 PM Workshop at ACC
The Value of a Core Teaching**

Register for the daytime workshops by
calling 657.9474
or
emailing ifaalpena@gmail.com

**7 PM Presentation @ AHS
Challenges to Interfaith Cooperation**

No need to register for evening program.

See Pastor Tom for more details

Cookies for the Amigos

Cookies are needed for Interfaith Amigos' Events on September 15 - the Community Book Discussion at Alpena County Library at 7 PM

Sign up on sheet in the Narthex by September 11. We need 10 dozen.

Anything not used that day will be frozen for use on September 22 at workshops at ACC and presentation at AHS.

*From the
Pastor*



With the adoption of the Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles at the Special Congregational Meeting on August 7th, our challenge now is to live them out in the life of Grace Lutheran and the things we do. We hold them as our guide and our criteria for making decisions for what goes on at Grace in the future. This is not cut and dried. We still need to be open to the Spirit's

moving, as we were at the Special Congregational meeting when a modification in wording was proposed and the members felt that it was the right expression of what we want to be and do.

We will be seeing and hear the Statement and Principles repeatedly in the days and months to come, not only for each of us to become familiar with them but for us to use them as a guide for everything we do.

Already we have a great example of this happening at Grace. Last spring, Corinne Fraley's daughter, Erin, asked her to save plastic bags for a project being done by the National Honor Society in Three Rivers, MI, (where Erin lives). These bags were being used to make mats for the homeless shelters in Kalamazoo, MI. and Muskegon, MI. Corinne began saving them and shared the story with others. She showed some members at Grace how to make the mats (it takes 700 bags for 1 mat and each mat is 6'X4'). Pam Kirchoff was so interested she went to Walmart and Meijer, showed them what she was doing and asked if she could have their recycled bags for this project; they were happy to help out. Pam said that whenever she goes to either store for more bags, someone always asks her what she's doing so she tells them about the project.

One of Corinne's neighbors who is a member of Trinity Episcopal was interested and asked Corinne to come show their members how to make the mats. Another member of Trinity who has a Girl Scout troop is interested in having her troop take this on as a project too. The project has snowballed with all sorts of possibilities here in Alpena "making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

Corinne and Pam are willing to share with others how to cut the bags, make plarn (plastic yarn) or crochet the mats. They have a step-by-step process display in the front narthex. Others at Grace have gotten involved and are part of the process for the mats. You can be too.

A seed planted by Corinne's daughter has sprouted here in Alpena starting at Grace—who knows how many mats will be made and sent from Alpena. This is exactly how the Holy Spirit works and what a perfect example of "making a Christ-like difference in our community and world".

Lets explore living out our Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles together as we do our part for building God's Kingdom of love, justice and grace here and now.

Peace

Pastor Tom

We Need You, You Old Bag

Needed: plastic Neiman's/Walmart/Meijer-type plastic bags. Bags are being used to make mats for people to sleep on. We have three mats made already and our workers are anxious to make more, but plastic bag supply has run low. We can use all the bags you can bring us. Please place them in the recycling box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!



Time Apart A Mini-Retreat for Men and Women

**New Life Lutheran Church, Spruce
Saturday, September 24
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

In this season of our lives we can welcome the transformative action of the Divine as we name and embrace our emotions. In examining particular patterns experienced with some of the painful emotions--specifically anger, shame and fear--we can become more deeply attuned to God's wisdom and compassion for ourselves and others. This time of input, reflection and sharing is an invitation to grow in your understanding and acceptance of the unique person you are. The retreat will be led by Jessie Vicha, who holds an M.A. in Spirituality from Loyola University Chicago. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Please bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Suggested donation \$20.00.

Registration ends September 14.

Call New Life Lutheran at 989.736.7816 or email newlifeluth@gmail.com to register.

Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle (Women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, September 21, in the Lounge at Grace beginning at 1:00 p.m. with Bible study, followed by a short meeting with time for refreshments with Eleanor Coddington as hostess. All women welcome to attend without obligation.



Quilting/Sewing Resumes



Quilting/Sewing will resume from 9-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, beginning September 6th. Many hands are needed and you can drop in just for an hour, any time... Please join us!

Annual Chicken Dinner & Bazaar

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
22000 Co. Rd. 452, Hillman

October 2, 2016

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00

Children (6-12 yrs) \$5.00

See poster on bulletin board.



"Anything about leash laws?"



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL**

and **Kids Against Hunger** are teaming up together at the Alpena Mall on **October 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to pack 40,000 meals! Volunteers are needed!**

If interested, please sign up in church office (354-2640) or call Thrivent Financial at 356-1330.

Thanks for everyone's help!

Kids Against Hunger® Toledo

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner



Outreach and Mission

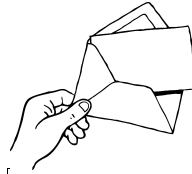
Local

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.

LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Please remember our Loving Care Members with a call, card or visit.



Retreat

MARK THE DATE!

Saturday, October 22

June Scarborough
will be leading another retreat
at Grace! More info to follow...

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday ~ September 11, 2016

LUTHER MANOR: Cleaning gardens and planting mums - bring garden tools

GRACE CEMETERY: Cleaning headstones per direction of Sandra Christopherson and Thelma Stevens. Power washers are needed for this project.

- * A sack lunch will be provided for everyone. We will eat right after church and then head out to do our projects. Wear your work clothes to church!!
- * Youth will be helping at Huron Humane Society, probably on Saturday. List is available for us to donate items on their Wish List.
- * Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please designate where you will be helping. Also indicate if you have a power washer you can bring.

Any questions, call:

Dawn Anderson, Chairperson (657-6923)

Joelyn Rich (340-0592)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS We are still collecting items (see list on bulletin board by front door). We will be assembling these kits the first weekend in October.

BREAD WEEKEND continues to be successful and is held the 3rd weekend of the month. The August amount was \$212. Money collected is sent to ELCA World Hunger.

REMEMBER OUR NEW SPONSORED CHILD ISHIMWE IN PRAYER!! Noisy Offering is collected the 4th Sunday of the month to support her through World Vision. You can read about her on the bulletin board in the dining room.



Have you changed your phone number? Gone to just a cell phone? Have a new email? Please let the office know so we have the latest information. Thanks.

Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640
 Rev. Tom Orth..... Home 356-8729
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 Music Director Berniece Lyon 464-7064

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Vice-President
Exec. Secretary	Sandy Malaski.....	356-6248
Treasurer	Dennis Werblow	354-5560

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Worship	Sharon Engstrom	354-5133
Discipleship	Joelyn Rich	340-0592
Property	Jeff & Sandy Welch	595-2195
Fellowship	Jeanne Pankey	354-2416
.....	Pat Schultz	356-2781
Finance	Rick Engstrom	916-5963

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
	Kay Grove	727-2054

AUGUST 2016

GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 16,672.00
BUILDING FUND.....	1,180.33
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	8.00
OTHER	2,591.20
TOTAL	\$ 20,451.53

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4)	140
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4)	258
TOTAL	398

Interfaith Amigos

Thursday,
Sept. 22, 2016

The Power of Interfaith Dialogue Keynote Event for the 30 Days of Peace

Workshop 1: Creating Trust in an Interfaith Environment

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Alpena Community College, Granum Theater

The Interfaith Amigos invite participants to engage in the kind of sharing they have found to be the essential but often missing step leading to more effective interfaith dialogue.

Workshop 2: The Value of a Core Teaching

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Alpena Community College, Granum Theater

How a core teaching or a core value can serve to identify aspects of our own traditions or our own thinking that make interfaith dialogue more difficult.

While all three events are free and open to the public, we ask that you please pre-register for the workshops.

Challenges to Interfaith Cooperation

7 p.m. • Alpena High School, Stanley Beck Auditorium

What hinders the development of trust and lasting cooperation among different religions? Why is it we find it so difficult to transcend our tendency to demonize the other? The Interfaith Amigos explore what keeps us from greater cooperation and what heals the distance between us.

ABOUT THE AMIGOS

Known for their unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor, Imam Jamal Rahman, Pastor Don Mackenzie and Rabbi Ted Falcon share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important in our world. They will openly address the usual taboos of interfaith dialogue as they help participants explore how each of their Abrahamic traditions both support as well as inhibit that deeper dialogue in order to create a more authentic conversation.



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"A masterful first-hand account of interfaith dialogue. Insightful, interesting, informative, and important ... [will be] of great interest to individual readers and a rich resource for religious communities seeking to create such dialogue."
—Marcus J. Borg, best-selling author, *The Heart of Christianity*
—Reverend J. Berg, author of *A Life of Faith* and other books

Getting to the Heart of Interfaith

The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of

a Pastor,
a Rabbi
& a Sheikh



Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon
and Sheikh Jamal Rahman

"Exuberant and courageous ... an inspiration and example for us all in these sadly polarized times. It is a reminder that it is possible to reach across the divisions and find not only common cause but hope and affection."
—Karen Armstrong, author, *A History of God: The 4000 Year Old Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam* and many other best-selling books

RELIGION Gone Astray

What We Found
at the Heart of
Interfaith

Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon
and Imam Jamal Rahman
coauthors of *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith*
the Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi & a Sheikh

Finding Peace through Spiritual Practice

The Interfaith Amigos' Guide to Personal, Social and

Environmental
Healing



Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon
and Imam Jamal Rahman
coauthors of *Religion Gone Astray*
and *What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith*

For more information/To Register:

ifaalpena@gmail.com • 989.657.9474



Interfaith Amigos-Alpena

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

SEPTEMBER 2016

ACOLYTES

04
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HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

04 DAWN ANDERSON
11 ANNE GENTRY
18 DONNA CZARNECKI
25 GARY NICHOLLS

USHERS

JOEL & LOGAN SUSZEK
GARY & KAY GROVE
JO ANN SMITH
BEV ATTWELL
RICK ENGSTROM
TOM BRENNAN (Saturdays)

GREETERS

04 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
11 JO ANN SMITH, EVERETT HASKE
18 ELSA PHILLIPS
25 SHELLY OLSEN FAMILY

COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG
CINDY SUSZEK

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART
SANDY MALASKI
BONNIE CROSS

FLOWERS

04 CROSS
11 CROSS
18 SUSZEK
25 LANG

COFFEE HOUR

04 VICKI, TREVOR, TAYLOR &
ISABELLE DENSTAEDT
11 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL,
PHRAN LUDINGTON
18 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
25 BETHANY POPOUR, JO ANN SMITH

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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

OCTOBER 2016

ACOLYTES

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HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

02 MIKE URLAUB
09 CHERYL WERBLOW
16 CORINNE FRALEY
23 SHARON ENGSTROM
30 RUBY HASKE

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON FURZE
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

GREETERS

02 JEFF & CAREY SCHILLER FAMILY
09 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ
16 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
23 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
30 JEFF & SANDY WELCH

COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT
KAREN SLAGHT

ALTAR GUILD

CINDY SUSZEK
CHERYL WERBLOW

FLOWERS

02 DULEBOHN
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16 FURZE
23 SCHULTZ
30

COFFEE HOUR

02 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
09 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
16 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
23 ELEANOR CODDINGTON,
DAWN ANDERSON
30 JEFF & SANDY WELCH

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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 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
Paula Hier
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

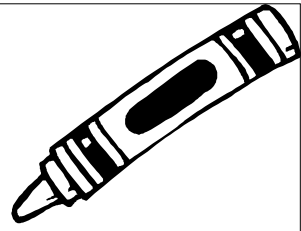


Wedding Anniversaries

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

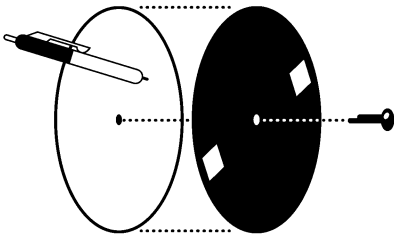
19th Joel & Cindy Suszek
Jim & Amy Townsend
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

Kid's Page



PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.

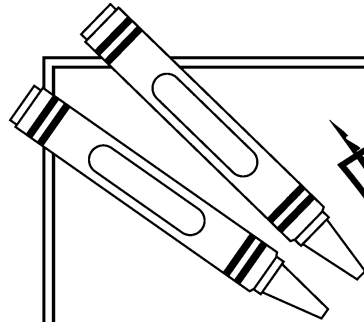


What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17. 47-62, 62-77. 22-21, 21-20. 50-51. 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20. 24-38, 38-53. 24-40, 40-55. 17-32. 47-48. 32-47. 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86. 56-57, 57-58. 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83. 55-70, 70-85. 58-43. 57-73, 73-88. 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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"So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV

