

✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 10, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 11, 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.”***

HYMNS

G–R834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Psalm 51:1-10 (Psalms begin page 339)
D–R8779 Amazing Grace
C–R608 Softly and Tenderly
S– R807 Come, Thou Fount of Every 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 Foster Children/Foster Families - Grace Lutheran Church.

PRAYERS

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, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Richard G. and the Dorr family.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Don Cross' birthday, given by his wife, Myra.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

**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

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!

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - September 4	\$ 2,515.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 7,701.00)

COOKIES FOR THE AMIGOS

Cookies are needed for Interfaith Amigos' Event on September 15 - the Community Book Discussion at Alpena County Library at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please sign up by September 11. We need 10 dozen cookies. Anything not used that day will be frozen for use on September 22 at workshops at ACC and for the presentation at AHS.

TIME APART
A MINI RETREAT FOR MEN & 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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. *Remember...we email the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters to our members. If you are not receiving yours, please check with the office to make sure we have the correct email address on file. Thanks.*

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 11th

9:30 a.m. Worship

God's Work, Our Hands Day Projects
Following Worship

Tuesday - 13th

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved

4:00 p.m. Worship WG

Wednesday - 14th

5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 15th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Saturday - 17th - Bread Weekend

5:00 p.m. Worship

30 Days of Peace Events

7:00 p.m. Sept. 11	LARCC Worship Service - First Presbyterian
6:00 p.m. Sept. 12	Movie "Critical Concerns" - 312 B East Chisholm St.
12:00 p.m. Sept. 14	Peace Liturgy - Trinity Episcopal
7:00 p.m. Sept. 15	Community-wide Book Discussion Interfaith Amigos - Library
6:00 p.m. Sept. 16	Poetry, Jazz & Blues - Center Building (2nd Ave.)

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People

Pastor Rev. Tom Orth

Music Director Berniece Lyon

Lector Joe Gentry

Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Bev Attwell, Rick
Engstrom, Tom Brennan (Saturdays)

Greeters Jo Ann Smith, Everett Haske

Hospital Janet Chroninger

Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross

Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek

Coffee Hour Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill, Phran
Ludington

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FIRST READING**Exodus 32:7-14**

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

PSALM 51:1-10

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I

had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL**Luke 15:1-10**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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