

✠ **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 19, 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-R658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts
Psalm 95 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
C-R623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
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 Youth & Family Ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**ACTIVITY BAGS
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

PRAYERS

Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, 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, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What are the challenges facing church today? What are the challenges facing being a Christian in today's culture? Join us for a return of ACE (Adult Christian Education) this Sunday in the Lounge at 11.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

CROSSES FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, the Discipleship Work Group is asking that everyone in the congregation bring in a cross to display in the dining hall. We will have tables along the wall to display them. Just write your name and what kind of cross it is. Let's see how many we can display! Let us be drawn to these symbols of Christ and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering that the crosses represent.

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Auction and Raffle - We are approaching the deadline for donations at our Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner. This year's deadline is April 10, so if you have any "treasures" for either category please let us know. Contact Sandy (989-657-4480), Patti (989-354-5990) or Myra (989-379-3734) and sign up in the Narthex. We appreciate your continued support and proceeds benefit The Friendship Room and The Foster Closet as well as both Grace Lutheran and St Paul's Lutheran Church. **Tickets** are \$12.00 and **available in our office or from committee members**. Children under 12 are free. Come and have some fellowship with our church community and invite friends and family.

CARING CONVERSATION MONDAY MARCH 20TH

Human Sexuality/LGBTQ Concerns & Faith
Come for a potluck at 5:30 and a conversation following with members of our Synods Task Force on Open Hearts, Open Church. All questions and voices are welcomed and invited. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. See Pastor Tom for more information.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday April 3rd 7 p.m. at St Paul

Bishop Satterlee annually leads Chrism Masses around the Synod. In this service the oil (chrism) used at baptism and anointing the sick is blessed, clergy renew their ordination vows and lay renew their commitment as disciples of Christ. This year Episcopalians have been invited to join and it will be combined with the Episcopal Evensong worship setting. All are invited to participate.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

APPRECIATION POTLUCK BRUNCH

The Appreciation Potluck originally scheduled for Sunday, March 26, is being postponed to a later date (to be determined). Please watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for a new date and more information.

HOME PLATE 2017

We've had 6 seats open up on the bus for the Detroit Tigers Home Plate program and game on Saturday, April 29. Cost is \$64 per person. Includes Home Plate Program, Food Coupon, and Baseball Game (against the Chicago White Sox) and bus ride to and from Alpena. Bonus - an "on-the-field Photo Day," sponsored by the Detroit Tigers, is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. for all Home Plate attendees. Contact Vicki Denstaedt 916-9258 for more info.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Help is needed for an Easter breakfast potluck to be held between services on Easter Sunday. **We can use help with set up, working during the breakfast, and clean up.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) or Pat Schultz (356-2781)

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE **Soup Supper 6 p.m. ~ Worship 7 p.m.**

March 22	First Congregational UCC "Moving in Love" Rev. Bill McClure
March 29	St. Bernard Roman Catholic "Moving in Peace" Rev. Sue Platt
April 5	First Presbyterian "Moving in Suffering" Rev. Paul Lance
Maundy Thursday April 13	Trinity Episcopal "Moving Through Death" Rev. Bob Case
Good Friday Tre Ore 12-3 April 14	First Presbyterian

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 19th - Bread Weekend

8:50 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 p.m.	Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 20th

5:30 p.m.	Caring Conversation Potluck
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Tuesday - 21st

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
7:00 p.m.	Council

Wednesday - 22nd

6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m.	Worship at First Congregational UCC

Thursday - 23rd

5-6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
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Saturday - 25th - Noisy Offering Weekend

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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SERVING MARCH 19

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Berniece Lyon
Organist	Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant	Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector	Joe Gentry
Communion Assts.	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers	Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze, Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters	Dawn Anderson
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader, Kelli Liske
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FIRST READING**Exodus 17:1-7**

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM 95

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 5:1-11**

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL**John 4:5-42****GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - March 12, 2017	\$ 4,646.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,362.00

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