

✠ **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 16, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 17, 2019

## 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

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>G-696</b>   | Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult |
| <b>Psalm 1</b> | (Psalms begin page 339)         |
| <b>D-R765</b>  | Lord of All Hopefulness         |
| <b>C-R471</b>  | Let Us Break Bread Together     |
| <b>S-R876</b>  | Let the Whole Creation Cry      |

### 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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of  
Joel Suszek's Birthday, February 18,  
Given by his wife, Cindy

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, March 3**  
**Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

#### On the Agenda:

Receive Annual Reports  
Please plan to attend!

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR  
WORSHIP AND THE BULLETIN**

For adding Joys and Concerns to our Intercessory Prayers, we are now using the Prayer Requests forms found in the pew envelope holder. The ushers will pick it up from you at the end of announcements. Please sign it indicating that you have the permission of the person(s) to have their name said in worship and/or printed in the bulletin. Thank you.

**DRIVEWAY FUND**

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will retire the remaining \$6900 by the end of the year. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. We are over February's goal with the Euchre Tournament proceeds - **THANK YOU.**

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,382.00   |
| Weekly giving - February 9/10           | 3,321.00      |
| Year-to-date over/(under)               | \$ (1,543.00) |

**DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Monthly Goal          | \$ 575.00     |
| February Giving       | 495.00        |
| Euchre Tournament     | 391.00        |
| Driveway Fund Balance | \$ (4,923.38) |

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  
OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Harry Kautz  
Don LaBarre  
Kelly Pankey  
Bob & Susan Stacey

**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

**REMINDER FOR TAKING  
ALTAR FLOWERS TO SHUT-INS**

Just a reminder to please either check directly with those placing flowers on the altar or with the office prior to taking flowers from the altar to give to our shut-ins. Many of those placing flowers would like their flowers delivered to a shut-in following our weekend services, however, some prefer to pick their flowers up (sometimes not until Monday or Tuesday for those attending on Saturday evening) to give to someone or enjoy for themselves.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Office Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2019. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990). Please contact the office if you would like an application emailed to you (354-2640).

**RUTH CIRCLE**

All women are welcome to the next meeting of the Ruth Circle (which includes ALL women) scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. We hold Bible study, discussion and a short business meeting (includes the Julefest of 2018) leaving time for fellowship.

**COMBINED CHOIR FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Combined choir at Ash Wednesday service, open to everyone from the congregation who wants to take part. Rehearsals on February 25th and March 4th at 6 p.m, and on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) at 5:30 p.m.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 17th**

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

**Monday - 18th**

6:00 p.m. "Sensible Shoes" Women's Group - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday - 19th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Council

**Wednesday - 20th**

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge  
3-4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary

**Thursday - 21st**

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 23rd** **Noisy Offering Weekend**  
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES  
NOW AVAILABLE**

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are headphones available. Or hearing aids with T Coil activated will be able to receive the sound directly from the devices you take to your seat.

**SERVING FEBRUARY 16-17**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector**..... Anna Lewis  
**Communion Assts.**..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
Phran Ludington, Sandra Christopherson (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour**..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

**SERVING FEBRUARY 23-24**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector**..... Bob Greene  
**Communion Assts.**..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
Phran Ludington, Sandra Christopherson (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour**..... Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington  
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**FIRST READING**                      **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**PSALM 1**                                      (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING**      **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have

perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**GOSPEL**                                      **Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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