

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ November 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."***



Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan,  
Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise,  
Judy Kautz, Debbie

Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv  
Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine  
Leathhead, Gloria Moore,

Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen &  
Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma  
Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, Bill  
Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Trapp  
Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig,  
Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric  
Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis  
Diamond, and Richard G.

We also remember the family of  
Jan Severson, who passed away  
October 16th.



**Semi-Annual  
Meeting**

**Sunday, November 5**  
following

**9:30 a.m. Worship**

### **On the agenda:**

- Budget Adoption
- Election of Officers



We would like to introduce  
Theresa "Tina" Honecker  
as our new Music Director,  
leading the choir and  
coordinating the music for  
our services.

Tina is a music teacher  
with a Bachelor in Music  
Education concentrating  
in vocal music. Additionally she has a Master in  
the Art of Teaching with a focus on Curriculum,  
Instruction and Assessment for K - 12. She has  
taught music, general music for K - 8, choir and  
band, in a number of schools.

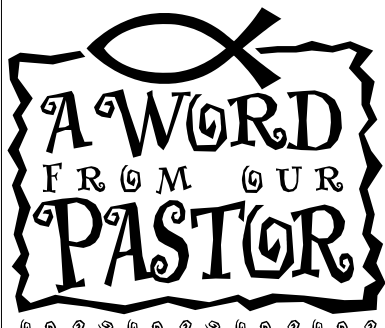
Originally from the east side of Detroit, after  
spending some time in Maui, she returned to  
Michigan to get her music degrees. Two years  
ago she moved to Alpena to be near her  
daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Bill and  
their 3 daughters, Callysta, Miranda and  
Victoria. She has been substitute teaching in  
the Alpena schools and offering lessons in  
voice, guitar and ukulele.

## Confirmation



God bless Paige Ashley Timmreck  
and Allison Paige Urlaub who were  
Confirmed on October 29.

Following worship, a reception was  
held in their honor.



I took my every year 2 week vacation for fall color . . . and there wasn't any. Well except someone reminded me, green is a color. So I appreciated the greens. Somewhat. And the few hints of color that were starting to show. I had yet to experience a color season so late in my 13 years in Alpena. My expectations were much different. I had expected to be in the peak color time. I was going to explore and find some great places to photograph. I was going to spend some significant time outdoors enjoying photography that I haven't been able to do for a while. I expected to make some photographs and hoped some of them would be good. I had my expectations.

We get in mind our expectations, our mental scenarios of what should be. When our scenarios don't come true, we often do not see what is around us right now, completely missing out on the beauty or opportunities that are present. We only see it our way and don't see it any other way. We do not see the many shades of green as possibilities. Or while I was kayaking several evenings on the Wildlife Sanctuary, there were just incredible clouds. If I had broaden my possibilities in thinking what to photograph, there could have been other subjects besides fall color.

The irony is earlier this year I had done just such an exercise to expand my photographic thinking. I had chosen Little Flanders Field at Evergreen Cemetery as a subject and went without completely preconcieved notions, trying to discover what was there. I deliberately started out taking a bunch of really standard ordinary photos, straight on, from the side, moving around a little, changing lenses and just trying some things. Some worked did. Some didn't. Then I tried some variations on those. Continuing to experiment with what was in front of me. Finally after 45 minutes and running out of daylight, I found a spot that was the best yet. Nothing I had imagined. Just continuing to work at it with an open mind had brought new results and distinct possibilities.

There are many ways we have been doing church, usually based on the ways we have done it in the past. Truthfully we haven't been real daring. We haven't ventured far afield from the tried and true. Except now the tried and true isn't working in the new world we find ourselves. And it is the time to try different things.

I don't really know what those different things might be. In several recent continuing ed workshops I have attended, they talked of the value of trying out new things. Trying things out even without all the answers how it would work. And letting the results, whether success or FAILURES guide you. In fact, some suggested if you weren't having some failures, you weren't trying to much new.

When we get set in our thinking that we *know* what God wants, we are also limiting our possibilities, only see what we have imagined. Our God imagines a big, bright new world beyond our imagining. Sometimes we need to step back from all our preconceptions and try something different. It might be a wild ride. But it will be a ride with our God.

Peace, shalom, salaam

*Pastor Tom*



**November 23  
5:00 p.m.  
at  
Grace Lutheran**

Turkey, dressing, potatoes &  
gravy & drinks provided

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex  
by 11/19/17 and indicate if you are  
able to bring a salad, vegetable,  
bread/rolls or dessert to share.

Feel free to invite your friends  
and neighbors to join us.

Also, the Pankeys and  
Schultzes will be at the church  
cooking by 3 p.m., so if you  
want to come early to play  
cards or board games before  
dinner, you are welcome to  
do so.



**Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey at 354-2416 or  
Pat & Dale Schultz at 356-2781 with questions.**



***Julefest Bake Sale*  
December 2  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sale items may be brought in on Friday,  
December 1 from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We  
appreciate all baked or homemade goods,  
canned items, and craft items donated. If  
possible, please package and price your items  
or we will do that for you, if you prefer.

Please invite your family and friends to this  
annual event sponsored by the women of  
Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 with  
any ideas and please let her know if you can  
help on Friday or Saturday. Thanks!

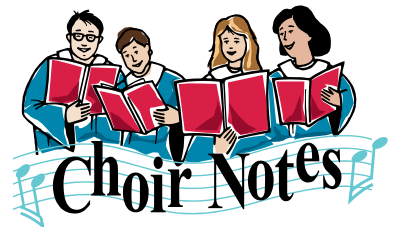
**This event is sponsored by the women of Grace,  
but all members of the congregation are invited  
to donate items or help and shop on the day of  
the event.**

**Sweet Treats on Sale  
November 11 & 12**

Looking to sweeten your hunting season?  
Whether you are heading out into the woods in  
search of the big buck or enjoying a girl's/  
family weekend at home, let us put a little  
sweetness into your life. The Alpena National  
Relief Network is hosting a **Bake Sale** on  
November 11 and 12 after the Saturday and  
Sunday church services. Look for  
your favorite cookies, breads, pies  
and brownies. All proceeds from  
the sale will benefit the 45 (or  
more) Alpena people traveling on  
a mission trip in June 2018.



**From the  
Music Director**



Thank you for making  
me feel like part of the  
family here at Grace  
Lutheran Church. My family growing up was a  
singing family so hopefully more of you will want  
to join the choir. We meet on Mondays in the  
sanctuary at 5:00 and again at 9:00 on Sunday  
mornings in the lounge to practice before  
church. If you can't make those practices I can  
send a tape of us singing the song by e-mail to  
listen to.

I could really use everyone's help to let me  
know what your favorite songs are to sing in  
church or that you might want the choir to sing.  
Either you can tell me next time you see me or  
email me at: [honeckert@gmail.com](mailto:honeckert@gmail.com)

Thanks Again,

Tina Honecker



Thanks to everyone for the  
prayers, calls and food  
while I am recovering from  
my knee surgery. I am  
doing pretty well, but some days are better  
than others.

Myra Cross

# 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 MEMBER VISITS

Get out your Loving Care Member List....we're going to do a Flurry of Cards for them for Thanksgiving. Please take the time to brighten their day!!



**THE GIVING TREE** will be up the weekend of Nov. 4-5<sup>th</sup> with ornaments with child's name, age and item wanted. These names are for the ACC Wish List. All gifts are to be wrapped and returned under the tree by Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

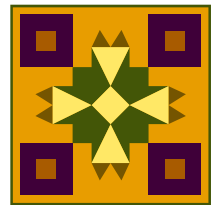


**Lutheran World Relief** The current Lutheran World Relief collect is Baby Kits. Remember...Pack and Play is by the door and the list of needed items is on the bulletin board above the pack and play.

**Noisy Offering** continues the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month for our World Vision sponsor child, Ishimwe. We will be sending her Christmas gift of money soon so that she receives it in time for Christmas. Last year, her family purchased 4 goats with the money...picture of that is on bulletin board in dining hall.

### QUILTS PROGRESS FOR 2017

This year the Quilters made a total of 286 quilts. We sent 234 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and the other 52 went to Graduates and other events. 25 School Kits, 9 Baby Layettes, 14 sewing kits, 1 personal care kit. We would like to Thank everyone for all the support and donations throughout the year. Since 1986 we made a total of 3,597 Quilts.



### SHARING OUR LUTHERAN HERITAGE

Thanks to all who shared memorabilia/symbols of something important about their Lutheran heritage!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** will be our caroling party for our Loving Care members. There will be a potluck brunch for all members right after church that morning and then those who wish to come caroling, we will leave at noon. Please bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies that day so that we can make up plates of cookies to share with our loving care folks.



**"HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!"**



In the upcoming months we will be featuring interviews of our new members to help us get to know them better! Soon we will have new member photos up on a kiosk in the narthex! We are so happy to have each of these folks joining our Grace family!!!







## Altar Flowers

**Reminder...** If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.



Don't forget...

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 5 at 2:00 a.m.**

## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

**CHURCH OFFICE** ..... 354-2640  
Rev. Tom Orth..... Home ..... 356-8729  
..... Cell..... 916-8759  
Office Manager ..... Peggy Tomaszewski... 255-8850  
Music Director ..... ..

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President ..... Tom Lappan..... 356-3718  
Vice-President ..... Rick Engstrom..... 916-5963  
Exec. Secretary ..... Sandy Malaski..... 356-6248  
Treasurer ..... Don Barnard ..... 340-1055

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education ..... Elsa Phillips ..... 884-1809  
Worship ..... Sharon Engstrom..... 354-5133  
Discipleship..... Joelyn Rich ..... 340-0592  
Property ..... Jeff Welch ..... 595-2195  
Fellowship ..... Jeanne Pankey ..... 354-2416  
..... Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
Finance ..... Dennis Werblow ..... 354-5560

### OTHER V.I.P.s

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

## October 2017

### Finances

GENERAL FUND ..... \$ 18,746.00  
BUILDING FUND ..... 1,436.67  
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ..... 5.00  
OTHER.....6,064.09  
TOTAL ..... \$ 26,251.76

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 111  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (5) ..... 446  
TOTAL ..... 557

# AWAY AT COLLEGE



Rachel Chroninger  
281 Hubbell Apt. 1  
Houghton, MI 49931

Logan Suszek  
1910 Sugar Loaf Avenue Apt. 31  
Marquette, MI 49855

Taylor Chroninger  
Student Village A3A  
680 W. Easterday Avenue  
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Ashley Timmreck  
7400 Bay Road  
Pine Grove 7720-8  
University Center, MI 48710

Isabelle Denstaedt  
227 Hazel Avenue  
WVA 05 511-A  
St. Louis, MO 63119

*Please contact the church office to  
add a college student to this list.*

Riley Garant  
2701 W. Michigan Apt. 302  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Grace Kuligowski  
Baker Hall East - Room #29  
1044 W. Bristol Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

Caileigh Nitchman  
Herrig Hall 207  
403 E. Broomfield St.  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Aaron Nowak  
Larzelere Hall  
203 W. Bellows Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Brody Nowak  
1122 West Campus Drive  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Valerie Slaght  
315 Van Antwerp Hall  
Marquette, MI 49855



Wesley Garant (USAF)  
107 West DL Ingram Avenue  
Unit 103 C  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

*Please contact the church office to  
add a name to this list.*



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## NOVEMBER 2017

### ACOLYTES

05  
12  
19  
26

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

05 PAUL DENSTAEDT  
12 VERA FURZE  
19 DAWN ANDERSON  
26 DONNA CZARNECKI

### USHERS

DALE SCHULTZ  
VICKI, PAUL, & MIRIAM DENSTADT  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
CHARLES SNYDER (Saturday)  
TREVOR DENSTAEDT (Saturday)

### GREETERS

05 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
12 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
19 POLLY COOK, TAMMY FURZE  
26 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG  
CINDY SUSZEK

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH  
PHRAN LUDINGTON

### ALTAR GUILD

### FLOWERS

05 HATCH  
12 CODDINGTON  
19 LAPPAN  
26 WELCH

### COFFEE HOUR

05 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
12 JACK & PATTI TUCKER  
19 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
26 DAWN ANDERSON, PHRAN LUDINGTON,  
CAROLINE WEISE

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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

## DECEMBER 2017

### ACOLYTES

03  
10  
17  
24  
31

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

03 JOE GENTRY  
10 ANNE GENTRY  
17 BILL & NANCY PLATT  
24 Early VICKI DENSTAEDT  
Late JUNE SCARBOROUGH  
31 SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

### USHERS

JOEL SUSZEK  
GARY & KAY GROVE  
RICK ENGSTROM  
JACK TUCKER

### GREETERS

03 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
10 PAUL, VICKI & MIRIAM DENSTAEDT  
17 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
24 Early DON & VERNA FURZE  
Late RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
31 CORKY GATES, PATTI MACNEILL

### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### ALTAR GUILD

GENTRY FAMILY  
DENSTAEDT FAMILY

### FLOWERS

03 GENTRY  
10 GOHLKE  
17 CROSS  
24 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
31 FURZE

### COFFEE HOUR

03 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
10 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
17 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
24 NO MORNING SERVICE  
31 JEFF & SANDY WELCH

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# November



## Birthdays

**November 2**  
Olivia Haske  
Cindy Suszek

**November 4**  
Harold Kissau  
Britni Nowak

**November 5**  
Lori Graham

**November 8**  
Edward Jahnke  
Melissa Timmreck

**November 10**  
Hannah Matzke

**November 11**  
Linda Gapske  
Gracie Gillard  
Brent Welch

**November 12**  
Diane O'Connor

**November 13**  
Doug Chroninger

**November 15**  
Betty Dulebohn

**November 17**  
Kassandra McInerney

**November 18**  
Nancy Stachnik  
Karyn Vass

**November 20**  
Judy Kautz  
Kelli Liske  
Sherie McTaggart

**November 21**  
Kevin Graham

**November 24**  
Melissa Chabot  
Tara Lang

**November 25**  
Jeffrey Diamond  
Monica Jahnke  
Erin McCourt

**November 26**  
Davis Crittenden

**November 28**  
Janie Hansen  
Lisa McIntosh  
Brody Yuchasz

**November 30**  
Matthew Timrick

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**November 1**  
Beverly Suszek

**November 11**  
Jessica McKenzie

**November 12**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom

**November 13**  
Norman Schillerstrom

**November 21**  
Elaine Hatch

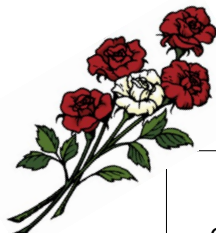
**November 23**  
Gudrun Seck  
Ashley Timmreck  
Madison Timmreck  
Melissa Timmreck  
Nicholas Timmreck  
Paige Timmreck  
Dan VanEssen

**November 24**  
Chris Christopherson

**November 26**  
Christy Jordan

**November 27**

**November 29**  
Scott Kuligowski  
Brian Schiller  
Ellie Walker



## Wedding Anniversaries

9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek  
11th Walter & Karen Spigelmyre  
25th Anthony & Laura Thompson

# Kid's Page



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.

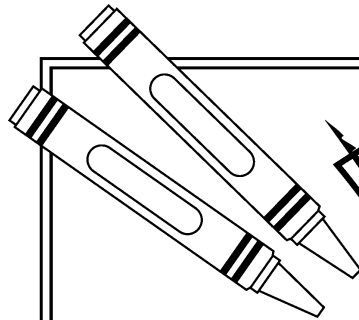


## What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

## What you do:

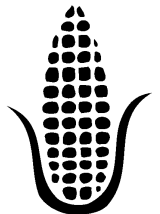
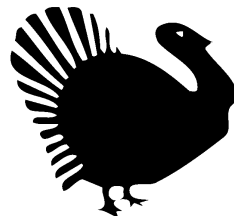
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

*Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.*



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,  
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,  
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_  
9 16 18 1 9 19 5  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ name in \_\_\_\_\_  
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7  
and \_\_\_\_\_ with  
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with  
thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV