

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ October 2015



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Baptisms

We pray for God's blessings for...

Caileigh Rose Nitchman, who was baptized September 20th. Caileigh's parents are Phil & Debby Nitchman and her sponsors are Vicki, Isabelle & Miriam Denstaedt.

Marco Thomas and Owen Edward Wade, who were baptized September 27th. Their parents are Caitlin Palmer and Steven Wade and their sponsors are Mark and Annette Wade.

Baby Picture Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the Timmreck family, who won the Baby Picture Contest!



Our annual stewardship campaign has begun. During the course of it,

you will be hearing from members why Grace Lutheran is important to them as well as some questions God is calling on you to answer. First of all **THANK YOU** for your response to last year's campaign. As you will notice from the weekly General Fund Giving report, where we were \$25,500 behind last year at this time we are now \$1000 to the positive. It is part of the spirit and energy and God's working going on in this place for the Kingdom of God being proclaimed. We have more work to do, more we are capable of doing. So the questions:

- What is God calling you to do in Kingdom building, spreading God's word?
- What gifts has God given you for that?
- Are you giving and doing all that you want and feel called to do?
- What steps are you taking to answer God's call in financial contribution and time for spreading the word of love and grace?

Help Needed

We are still in need of additional volunteers to complete our Altar Guild teams for the upcoming year. Training is available. If you would be willing to serve in this area, or if you would like additional information, please contact Chris Christopherson at 356-0430.



*From the
Pastor*



Well what month was that that we passed through? I thought it was supposed to be September!!! Several days in the 90s, more in the eighties. Wow!!

I know many have enjoyed the extra days of warmth. And I have too, well except for the warm nights. It is fall after all, at least I think. And there are signs of it. Some leaves are changing color, even in town. There is some hint of what is to come. (I almost missed the color season my first year in

Alpena, because the leaves in town weren't changing even in the first week of October and I hadn't driven out of town recently. When I finally did, I realized peak color was over and I learned about the microclimate of Alpena, and even my neighborhood, being on the bay.)

I speak often of the Kingdom of God, and I do it because I think the Bible, particularly the Gospels, talk of it. For me it is the already Kingdom God has established, but it is certainly not complete or living as God would wish. The in-breaking, the hints are around us. The full beauty of it is not yet known. The promise is in the air, like the sightings of red and yellow leaves on the trees that are still predominantly green.

Sometimes we must look harder than other times to get the glimpse of the Kingdom. Just as we see a few leaves and hope to see the whole tree ablaze when we go back for another look. That takes the effort to remember the tree and its location and then fit that trip into our schedule.

Well that is part of it, looking again and again. God has promised the Kingdom of peace, love and grace. And it will come about because that is God's promise, and as Luther says, our prayer is that it come to us also. I want to suggest the faith practices of prayer, scripture study, devotional reading, stewardship giving, worship and serving help us to see where the Kingdom is happening. They help us learn to look, take the time and see more clearly. Faith is given to us by God through the Holy Spirit. Faith growth, our discipleship, our realization of faith, comes as we practice our faith through some vary concrete steps.

May you be blessed with a feast for the eyes in the beauty of fall color and for the soul with views of the Kingdom

Pastor Tom

Large Print Worship Folder

A large print worship folder, hymns and weekly bulletin are available for any one who would like one. Please ask the ushers for it.

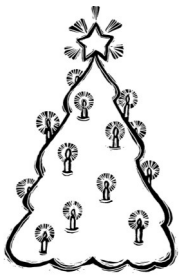
Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering has been moved to the 4th weekend of the month. On that Sunday, the Sunday School kids stay for the worship service and will have the fun of taking up the offering. Our September offering of \$92.25 was used to support Noella, our World Vision sponsored child.

Please Understand

We all love Bunny and want to show her our love and support, but we need to remember that her immune system is compromised right now and holding her hand or giving her a hug puts her at risk for contracting illnesses that her body is unable to fight off at this time. Thanks for your understanding.





Christmas Tree Fundraiser Breakfast Sunday, October 11

Please join us for a breakfast following the Sunday morning service on Sunday, October 11, 2015. This is a fundraiser breakfast to raise funds for a new Christmas tree for our sanctuary. The old one is in bad shape and needs to be replaced this year.

We will be providing pancakes, ham, drinks and table service. We request that everyone bring a dish to share. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex with how many are coming and what dish you plan to bring to the potluck.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Schultz at 989-356-2781 or Jeanne Pankey at 989-354-2416.

Family Fun Night Everyone Invited!

October 18 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt - Grace Cemetery

This year as a part of Catechism we are opening up a Sunday Evening (1 a month) for Youth & Family Fun Night (including a Pot-Luck Meal) as a means of reinforcing to everyone what is being taught in catechism. This night will be open to EVERYONE!!! All that is required is an open mind for having a bit of fun - bring a dish to pass - and a welcoming heart to greet one another in this fun environment.

The first Family Fun Night will be October 18th at 5pm at Grace Lutheran. We will start with a potluck meal and then we will head out to the Grace Lutheran Cemetery for a fun Scavenger Hunt. Wear Comfortable clothing and we can share rides to the cemetery for some fun searching and thinking about Lutheranism too!!!! **It is open to all congregational members!! Catechism learning is for Everyone - All The Time!!!**



Thank you to all of our Grace family for your cards, prayers and support. Your loving and caring kindness is greatly appreciated!

Richard and Bunny

Fellowship Euchre Tournament (for 9th Graders through Adults) & Game Night (for All Ages)

Sunday, October 11, 2015 ~ 6 pm

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. There will be a Euchre Tournament area as well as an area for those who want to play other games. Please bring whatever games you like to play. Also, please bring a friend. This is a great opportunity to invite others to Grace.

For the Euchre Tournament, everyone will be playing as an individual, so you don't need a partner. We will be playing 6 rounds (each person deals twice in each round). Cost for the tournament will be \$5/person. There will be monetary prizes for the top scores and some random draws too, so all have a chance to win. Please remember to bring some quarters because if you are Euchred, you will have to pay a quarter to the Euchre Pot. **The money collected in the Euchre Pot will go to the "Christmas Tree Fund", as we need to replace the Christmas Tree for the sanctuary.** It won't hurt quite as much because you can feel good about donating to a good cause. Cheat sheets will be provided at each table with a list of the value of the cards, to help the inexperienced players.

Please bring a snack, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert to share and whatever you like to drink (non-alcoholic, of course). Also, please bring a card table if you have one. Bring any games you like to play, if not in the Euchre Tourny. And, last, but not least, invite a friend or two. **Please sign-up on the sheet, on the table, in the Narthex.** If you have any questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member. **See you all there!!!**

Outreach and Mission

Local

Discipleship



Items Needed:

- * Tuna & Tuna Helper
- * Peanut Butter & Jelly
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup
(Just add water kind)
- * Elbow Macaroni

All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.

The Giving Tree

The tree will be put up Sunday, November 8, with tags available so be thinking how you would like to contribute to that project.



- * The total raised for the **5K Walk Me Home Foster Children Program** was \$2229.25. We will partner again next year with Child and Family Services; plans are started for next year's walk!
- * Thank you to all who took part in the **Loving Care/Rebirthday Party** on Aug. 23rd. Approx. 60 people attended. 2 of our loving care members were able to join us in worship and 3 others came to the brunch. The loving care members really enjoyed the fellowship! Let's continue to remember them with cards, prayers, phone calls and visits. Please see the Loving Care bulletin board for some updated info of new addresses on Erv Simi and Vicky Cripps/Clayton Fee.
- * Also thanks to all who participated in **God's Work, Our Hands** Sunday Sept. 13th. There were 14 members working at Luther Manor, 13 at the cemetery and 11 youth and adults at Huron Humane Society for a total of 38. Thanks to Dawn Anderson for chairing the event!! We will continue to collect items for Huron Humane Society.

Keeping in Touch with Our Loving Care Members

We will be making home visits to them on October 15th with some special treats for each of them!

Prayer Partners

We now have 28 teams. We encourage them to continue praying and communicating their prayer needs to one another in whatever way works best for them. Perhaps sit together in worship or coffee hour for some sharing time!

Homeless Walk

Saturday, November 7th

Put this on your calendar...let's get a bunch of Grace walkers. More info to follow!

Statewide - LSSM Foster Children Program

The program continues to have a great need for underwear (boys and girls) ages potty-trained through age 13. Also socks and toiletries. A collection basket is located in the Narthex.

Global

World Vision "Sponsor a Child" Program

Our "noisy offering", collected the 4th Sunday of September by our Sunday School students, helps us sponsor Noella. Our Sunday School students have sponsored Noella since 2007! Read all about her on the bulletin board in the dining hall.

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Program

This is a summer project with a goal of collecting enough items for 10 bags. A list of the needed items is on the bulletin board in the Narthex entry - help yourself to a list. Items purchased can be placed in the labeled bin outside Pastor's office. Any additional bags will be donated locally. **We will be assembling the school kits for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, October 11, after church. All hands welcome!**

Discipleship Survey on Bible Study

Thank you for the 59 returned surveys on Bible Study classes. The majority (40) wanted a combined evening class of women and men (44). Almost half (28) said monthly schedule would work, while 17 indicated every 2 weeks was their preference with a few weekly. Sixteen were interested in a retreat in the spring. Thank you and we will use this info in planning future class offerings.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Wednesdays at 10 AM is the deadline for submitting information for the following weekend's bulletin. Please have everything in to the office so that the bulletin can be produced in a timely fashion.



Please send in your items for the November (already!!!!) newsletter. It works best if you can email them in. Though they will be taken on paper, too.

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 Quilters Caroline Weise 354-8060
 Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
 LARCC Eleanor Coddington 354-8766
 Kay Grove 727-2054

September 2015

Finances

GENERAL FUND.....\$ 13,731.60
 BUILDING FUND..... 327.00
 CHRISTIAN GROWTH5.00
 OTHER 533.06
 TOTAL.....\$ 14,196.66

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 122
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 308
 TOTAL..... 430

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

OCTOBER 2015

ACOLYTES

04 ISAAC MATZKE
11 ALLISON URLAUB
18 MADISON TIMMRECK
25 ADAM URLAUB

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

LECTORS

04 DONNA CZARNECKI
11 GARY NICHOLLS
18 MIKE URLAUB
25 CHERYL WERBLOW

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON & VERNA FURZE
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

GREETERS

04 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
11 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW
18 PHIL & PAM AGIUS FAMILY
25 DUSTIN & ANGIE CRITTENDEN FAMILY

COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

LINDA GAPSKE
JOELYN RICH

ALTAR GUILD

CINDY SUSZEK
CHERYL WERBLOW
ANNE GENTRY

FLOWERS

04 DULEBOHN
11 GROVE
18 HATCH
25 FREEL

COFFEE HOUR

04 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
11 LINDA GAPSKE, CHARLOTTE WERTH
PAM KIRCHOFF
18 PATTI TUCKER, POLLY COOK,
ELSA PHILLIPS
25 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

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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!*

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NOVEMBER 2015

ACOLYTES

01 NIC TIMMRECK
08 MITCHELL AGIUS
15 PAIGE TIMMRECK
22 BROOKE SCHILLER
29 KODY BERTRAND

LECTORS

01 CORINNE FRALEY
08 SHARON ENGSTROM
15 RUBY HASKE
22 SANDY WELCH
29 VERNA FURZE

GREETERS

01 BARB WERLE, ELLIE WALKER
08 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
15 POLLY COOK, TAMMY FURZE
22 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
29 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY
WAYNE LEWIS

FLOWERS

01
08 LANG
15
22
29 GENTRY

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

USHERS

MICK & KAY ZINSLI
WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

ALTAR GUILD

DARLENE DEKETT
KAREN SUSZEK
JO ANN SMITH

COFFEE HOUR

01 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART
08 BARB WERLE, ANGIE CRITTENDEN,
ELLIE WALKER
15 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE
22 JOE & DAWN GENTRY, ANNE GENTRY
29 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

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October

Anniversaries of Baptism



October 1
Timothy Barrow

October 7
Alexis Crittenden

October 8
Ezrah Williams
Myles Williams

October 10
Wayne Christopherson

October 11
Anne Wilson

October 12
Kay Grove

October 15
Matthew Anderson
Molly O'Connor

October 18
Caitlin Kieliszewski

October 20
Jeanette Grove

October 21
Thomas Bertrand
Drew Gentry

October 23
Joanne Nicholls

October 27
Kelly Poirier
Piper Slominski
Emily Townsend

October 29
Michael Pankey

October 30
Angie Crittenden
Marcie Law
Connie Suszek



Birthdays

October 1
Timothy Barrow

October 2
Jean Barrow
Jim Berles
Adam Kirchoff
Alec Schaefer

October 3
Ellie Walker

October 5
Donald Weise

October 6
Christopher Piontkowski

October 7
Ken Amlotte
Kristin Berles
Richard Carlson
Kimberly McCourt
Michael Pankey

October 9
Erin Graham

October 10
Gary Grove
Steve Lappan

October 12
Michael Townsend

October 13
David Dekett

October 14
Tamar Furze

October 15
Kody Bertrand

October 18
Robert Hibner
Brian Schiller
James Timrick

October 20
Erika Nicholls

October 21
Jewel Lancaster

October 22
Jessica Slominski

October 23
Emma Nelson

October 24
Christy Jordan
James Townsend

October 25
Staci Chroninger

October 26
Dan VanEssen

October 27
Clayton Lee

October 28
Andrea Matzke

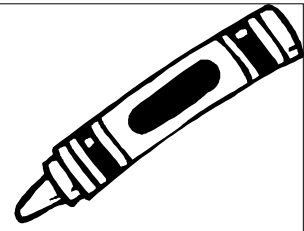
October 29
Caileigh Nitchman

October 31
Sean Caparo
Jessica Konarzewski
Sandra Welch

Wedding Anniversaries

<i>1st Dawn & Brett Anderson</i>	<i>24th Dale & Patricia Schultz</i>
<i>3rd Matthew & Ruby Haske</i>	<i>25th Philip & Lynn Kieliszewski</i>
<i>6th Joshua & Tiffany LaFave</i>	<i>29th Alan & Darlene Freel</i>
<i>13th Jack & Patti Tucker</i>	<i>30th Charles & Beverly Attwell</i>
<i>17th Ronald & Jo Ann Smith</i>	

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BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.



Meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



"B _____
 _____,

 _____g."

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV