

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ January 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."



Peggy Tomaszewski, Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie

Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen &

Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Kevin Salesman, Laurie Foster, Kevin Reiser, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brad Grove, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.



We also remember the family of...

Martin Suszek, who passed away December 29th.

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).

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Worship Service

Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**All Saints Parish
St. Anne's Church**

**6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper
7:00 p.m. Service**

Once again we will gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to work toward more understanding as we worship together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme chosen for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). Throughout 2019, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Exploring Lutheranism & Grace Lutheran Church Classes in January

Learn more about Lutheran tradition and Grace Lutheran in particular. Join us for 3 Thursday evening sessions on January 17, 24 & 31 at 5:00 for about hour time of discussing and exploring together. This class would be great for anyone wanting to refresh themselves on Lutheran tradition. If you are considering joining us at Grace, this would be an excellent way to discover more. Contact Pastor Tom for more details.



Well I hope that you had a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

We start the new year with all the expectations that brings. Maybe too many expectations are put on the new year. Perhaps by us. We don't have to accomplish every thing in one fell swoop.

Our lives are a process of daily renewal in our baptism. Luther was one to remind himself daily that he was baptized and a child of God. That is the gift, that daily we are renewed in Jesus Christ and can always begin again.

And maybe that is all that needs to said.

Blessings

Pastor Tom

The MEMORIAL & GIFTS LIST Needs New Items Send Suggestions to Council

With the purchase of the refrigerator and the hearing assistance system from our Memorial and Gifts list, several more items could be added to the list. If you have a thought of something that would help the church better fulfill its purpose doing mission and ministry for God, please make a proposal to the appropriate workgroup. The procedure for adding an item to the list is part of the Memorial & Gifts policy adopted at our November 2018 Semi-Annual Meeting. The policy and procedure are available from the church office.

CURRENT MEMORIAL & GIFT LIST

SPECIFIC ITEMS or PROJECTS

Lateral File - Pastor's Office \$ 700

Banners for Sanctuary \$2500

Banner Storage System \$ 400

Driveway Funding

Exterior Painting

ONGOING

Building Fund

Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund
(At the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan)

Grace Lutheran Scholarship Fund
(At the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan)



Thank you to the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift. There are some activities I'm looking forward to this coming year and this will help make them possible. Your gift is very much appreciated.

Pastor Tom

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The Yulefest Bake Sale made \$1,146.45 this year. Thank you to all who baked and bought items at the sale on December 1st. The Ruth Circle uses this money for their mission and ministry. Thanks to them for all the work to make the Sale possible .

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Thank you to everyone that purchased gifts for the individuals on the Wish List Tree. We made a difference in the holidays for a total of 14 people in 4 different families. We are certain there will be happier holidays because of our generosity. Together we make a Christ-like difference. Thank you. --The Discipleship Group

Member Updates & Information

Jan Charter has gone back to work as an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission in order to work with the Ukrainian antitrust authorities in the Ukraine. She arrived in Ukraine Tuesday, November 18th. At this time it is for an unknown number of months. She has created a blog called www.CharterUkraine.blogspot.com to share her experiences there. Check it out.

Quilting Group Donations for Christmas 2018

This year the Quilting Group donated 10 quilts, sheets, and pillows, along with shoes, boots and clothing, to the Christmas Wish List for children in the Alpena area. Thanks to the Quilters and also the Church for helping with the extra items. We continually strive to make a Christ-like difference in our Community and our World.

The Quilters

The Little Food Pantry

The Little Food Pantry is constructed and in front of the church. The purpose of this pantry is to help our neighbors that might need a little extra with food and personal needs. Our goal is to stock the pantry ourselves, initially, but hopefully the community will get engaged and contribute.

We can stock the pantry with non-perishable foods, rice, pasta, boxed items that are the "add contents to boiling water", peanut butter, crackers, snacks, sugar, flour.

During the cold weather we will not be able to have liquids, but possibly these items can be available inside the church. We can also put paper products, personal care items, famine hygiene items,

crayons, coloring books. As we move into this more, we will get a feel for what is needed. It will be a learning curve in the beginning.

New Life Lutheran in Hubbard Lake has a pantry and it is visited often. Something they do there is a party bag which contains a cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, sprinkles, balloons and all of this is in a gift bag.

The items that go into the pantry can be smaller package sized items. Like flour, it doesn't need to be a 5lb bag. If you have questions you can talk to Dawn Anderson or Phran Ludington. Once this project get rolling it will be a snap. Thanks.





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.



Un-Decorating the Church

All are welcome to join us to help us pack the Christmas decorations away on Saturday, **January 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

Altar Guild Team Members Needed in February

We are in need of more help for our February Altar Guild Team.

If you would be willing to serve in this area (training is available), please contact the Church Office (354-2640). Thanks!



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..... David Delano	207-322-2074

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President	Tom Lappan	356-3718
Vice-President.....	Rick Engstrom	916-5963
Exec. Secretary.....	Debby Nitchman	916-8213
Treasurer	Don Barnard	340-1055

WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education	Elsa Phillips	884-1809
Worship	Sharon Engstrom	354-5133
Discipleship.....	Phran Ludington	471-9117
.....	Dawn Anderson	657-6923
Property	Jeff Welch	595-2195
.....	Bill Platt	340-0154
Fellowship	Jeanne Pankey	354-2416
.....	Pat Schultz	356-2781
Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow		354-5560

OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director.....		
WELCA	Darleen Freel	354-8866
.....	Dorothy Hansen	354-3563
Samaritas.....	Kay Grove.....	727-2054
Quilters		
LARCC.....	Steve Hansen	404-406-8079

December 2018

Finances

GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,325.00
BUILDING FUND	1,651.00
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	9.00
DRIVEWAY FUND	145.00
OTHER	4,489.25
TOTAL.....	\$ 29,619.25

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (5).....	152
SUNDAY WORSHIP (5)	397
CHRISTMAS EVE (2)	293
TOTAL.....	842



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, January 21, 2019 *Alpena Community College

2:30-3:45 p.m. Discussion led by Matt Dunkel

Alpena Community College, Room CTR 106

Discussion about "Race as a Cultural Construct" led by Matt Dunkel, Geography & History Faculty Instructor at ACC. This event is free and open to the public.

5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Chili Supper * Adults \$8.00, Students \$4.00

Alpena Community College, Lumberjack Shack

Proceeds benefit "Wash Your Coat," a project for our community that provides free laundromat service to those in need. Tickets available at the door. The Chili Supper is sponsored by First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grace Lutheran Church, St Paul Lutheran Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

6:30 p.m. Discussion on Diversity in Alpena

Alpena Community College, Granum Theatre

Rev. Tom Orth, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and Rev. Bill McClure, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church will lead a discussion with members of our community from different ethnic backgrounds.

For more information, please call 989.354.6031

Activities planned by Alpena MLK, Jr. Day Committee with the support of Alpena Community College, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grace Lutheran Church, Outreach Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thrivent, Trinity Episcopal Church, United Way of Northeast MI

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

JANUARY 2019

LECTORS

06 MIKE URLAUB
13 CORINNE FRALEY
20 CHERYL WERBLOW
27 SHARON ENGSTROM

USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
MIKE & DONNA MORGAN
VICKI PIONTKOWSKI (SATURDAYS)

GREETERS

06 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
13 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
20 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW
27 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG
CINDY SUSZEK

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

ALTAR GUILD

KAY ZINSLI
KELLI LISKE

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

FLOWERS

06
13
20 FREEL
27

COFFEE HOUR

06 JOE & DAWN GENTRY
13 DON, VERA & TAMMY FURZE
20 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ
27 MIKE & DONNA MORGAN

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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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FEBRUARY 2019

LECTORS

03 SANDY WELCH
10 PATTI TUCKER
17 ANNA LEWIS
24 BOB GREENE

USHERS

DALE SCHULTZ
PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT
PHRAN LUDINGTON
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON (Saturday)

GREETERS

03 STEVE & JANIE HANSEN
10 WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
17 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
24 PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

COUNTERS

GARY & KAY GROVE

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY
WAYNE LEWIS

ALTAR GUILD

BETHANY POPOUR

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24 DAWN ANDERSON
PHRAN LUDINGTON

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Birthdays



January 2
Mitchell Agius
Sharlene Kennedy

January 16
Levi Konarzewski
Allison Urlaub

January 5
Judy Black

January 19
Rhonda Himes

January 7
Gordon Hansen

January 22
Michael Lang
Elsa Phillips

January 9
Arnold Jahnke

January 25
Pamela Nowak

January 10
Michael Herrmann
Elfie Jahnke
Kat Tomaszewski

January 29
Madelyn Boyd

January 12
Richard Engstrom
David Hansen

January 30
Judy Dorr
Adam Urlaub

Anniversaries of Baptism



January 1
Alec Kennedy
Jessica Timm

January 19
Sandra Malaski
Meredith Smith

January 7
Douglas Chroninger
Olivia Haske

January 20
Matthew Freel

January 15
Michael Townsend

January 21
Kassandra McInerney
Ricky Slater

January 16
Betty Dulebohn

January 24
Brody Nowak

January 17
Sandra Christopherson
Erika Nicholls

January 25
Lisa McIntosh

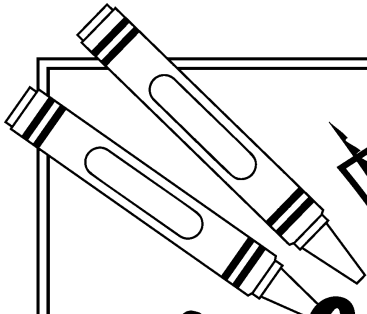
January 18
Nancy Stachnik

January 30
Hannah Matzke
Erin McCourt

January 31
Brent Welch



Kid's Page



PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



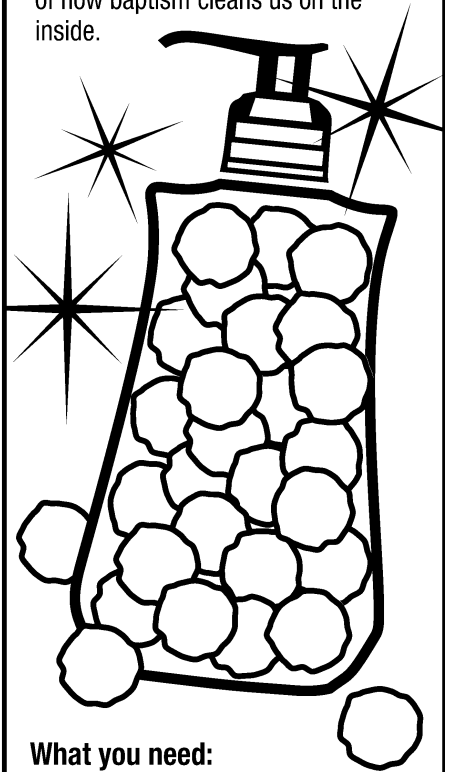
We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer



What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.