

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ October 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."



Myra Cross, Kelly Pankey,
Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell,
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Lorraine Leathead, Gloria

Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski,
Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry,
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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 families of...

Dave Chroninger, who passed
away September 9th.

Jim Kratz, who passed away
September 16th.



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).



New schedules for October
2017-September 2018 have
been completed and are
posted on the bulletin board
across from the Fellowship Hall.
Copies are available to be
picked up.

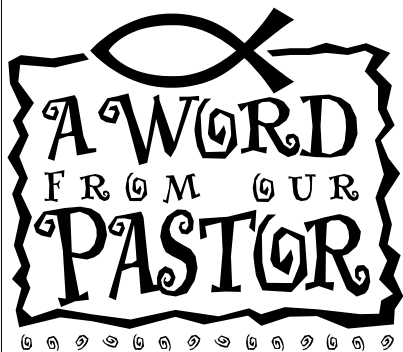
Exploring Lutheran Tradition & Grace Lutheran Church

Learn more about Lutheran tradition and Grace
Lutheran in particular. Join us for 3 Wednesday
evening sessions on Oct 25, Nov 8 & Nov 29 at
6:30 for about 1 ½ hour time of discussing and
exploring together. If you are considering joining
us at Grace, this would be an excellent way to
discover more. Yet anyone interested in
learning more about Lutheran history in this 500th
year commemoration of the Reformation is
invited to participate. Contact Pastor Tom for
more details.



Luther's Small Catechism Class

Join a weekday evening class on Luther's Small
Catechism. This is the 500th year anniversary of
the Reformation. Lets learn more about
Lutheran heritage. The Small Catechism was a
seminal document for Luther's desire to spread
Christianity in every home. And learned by
generations of Lutherans in catechism classes.
We'll follow a guide to discuss what it meant in
history and for us now. The classes are Thursday
at 6 pm on Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 16 & conclude
on Nov. 30. Sign up at the office and pickup a
book for \$11. Any questions see Pastor Tom.



Last year Church Council decided to support foster children and foster families in our community as a special project of Grace Lutheran Church. For two years now, we have supported the Walk Me Home Walk/Run to raise funds for Foster programming at Child and Family Services. We made an offer to the Foster Closet to use some second floor space when they had to relocate. Ultimately they found a much more usable space for their project and services.

Then in September, we embarked on a new adventure supporting foster children and foster families directly with our Foster Fun Day at Arzo Fun Park. I have to tell you, the stories I heard church members tell of the day were just great, some priceless. One young man who was a guest told others "it was the best day ever." Another story was of a boy not really liking bumper cars then ending up going 3 times for a go kart ride and bouncing high on the trampoline. Or a toddler who was just motoring all over the place with a church member in tow while the foster mom just had the chance to sit back and watch.

The day was a gift to us seeing and knowing we made a difference for some kids and gave the families a day that they did not have to plan. I really invite you to hear from some of our members who were there. Let them tell you the experiences they had with the guests and what the day meant to them.

Mike and Mary Arzo of the Amusement Park were so generous. As the day went on and the kids kept having fun, the rides and activities kept being available for all to enjoy well beyond the original offer we had with them. That made the day all the more special because as we got to know the guests and they us, we continued to have fun together.

So just to let you know if you missed out this year, there is a chance to participate in it next year, because the date was already set with the Arzos before this year's day was over. **Mark your calendar for Saturday September 9th 2018 and join in.**

And I invite you to think of more ways we as Grace Lutheran and you as an individual can "make a Christ-like difference" in someone's life who has more than just a few challenges ahead of them. We heard the absolutely devastating statistics from Meg Nesbit of Child and Family Services about foster children when they age out of the foster system and thus without family start their adult life. They have more than their share of things to deal with and little support.

So I invite you to start thinking of how we can make a difference in lives that really need to know there is some one who will love them.

Thank you and lets continue to work toward God's dream of a Kingdom here on earth where no one is without or alone or forgotten or unloved.

Peace, shalom, salaam.

Pastor Tom



Sunday, October 8 at 1 p.m.

Please bring power washers and garden tools. A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex or call the office to have your name added to the volunteer list.

Questions: Sandra Christopherson at 340-1449.

Please accept my deepest thanks and gratitude to each of you for remembering me with the loss of Gary. He is deeply missed by my family and your cards, phone calls and words of encouragement are so appreciated. I love my Grace family and thank you so much.

Joanne Nicholls

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God bless the person who gave me the cake and balloon. It was very nice and I appreciated it very much.

Darlene Freel

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Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, support and comfort following Dave's passing. A special thank you to Pastor Tom, to the ladies for the amazing luncheon and to all who donated food and helped in some way that day. Dave loved his Grace family and we are very grateful.

God bless you all,

Dave Chroninger Family

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It is with deep gratitude that we would like to thank this congregation for donating, volunteering and supporting the Foster Fun Day. We did a small thing with Great love and through hugs, laughter and new friendships we have reaped enormous benefits. With a grateful heart, we give you thanks.

The Discipleship Committee

## Card/Game Night Thursday, October 19, 2017



**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Doors open at 5 pm**

**Serving at 6 pm ~ \$7.00/person**

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar  
Quilt Raffle

Reservations: Arlis - 356-9583  
Patti - 354-5990

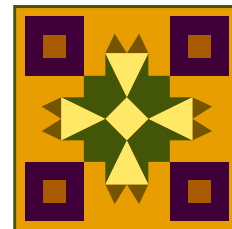
Limited Seating  
Sponsored by Grace Quilters

### Missing DVD

We are trying to locate a DVD entitled "The Rabbit Hole" that was located on the book shelves in the hallway outside the Lounge. Many of the items on these shelves, including this DVD, belong to the Remembering Our Children support group that meets on the first Monday of each month. If you have borrowed it to view, we would appreciate your returning it to the bookcase at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

### Quilts

During the summer, Kay & Gary Grove delivered the following to Lutheran Social Services in Saginaw: 17 Quilts (pretty ones) made by the quilting group on Tuesdays. They will be distributed to the needy in that area of Michigan and we have done for many years as a gift from Grace Lutheran.



### Lutheran World Relief Truck

The Lutheran World Relief truck will be loading October 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Alpena area. Our quilts will be loaded as well as the kits which have been assembled this year, so please bring everything to our parish hall by October 8th.

# 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 visit will be Thursday, October 12, to deliver goodie bags. All are invited to join us!

A New Member Bulletin Board is coming soon -- watch for it!!!

### People Are People Community Program on Immigration Issues Wed., Oct. 11 - 6:30 p.m. at Grace

Grace's Council offered our church as a site for a public community forum on immigration issues. The program begins at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 11, with presentations on a comparison of Christianity and Islam by Rev. Dr. Bob Case, the refugee resettlement programs of Samaritas (Lutheran Social Services of Michigan) who is the largest refugee resettlement agency in Michigan and 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the country by Rev. Dr. Nic Shillack and Sarrah Buagella of Muslims for American Progress in Dearborn. There will be Middle Eastern and Latin American desserts as part of the evening.

The evening's program is being sponsored by ALCU People Power Freedom Cities, Association of Lifelong Learners at ACC, League of Women Voters of Alpena County, People for Social Justice, Northeast Michigan Ministerial Association, Alpena Peace Coalition and Building Bridges to Understanding. It has been included on the calendar for 30 Days of Peace.



**Bread weekend** will be stopped until next year. We raised \$103 in September for ELCA World Hunger.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project** finishes up Oct 1st and we invite the youth and kids to help assemble the kits after church on that Sunday. Our goal this year is 25 kits. They will be sent out with the quilts. Our Kit project for Oct-Dec is Baby Kits, A list of needs will be on the bulletin board by the front door!!

There will be a table in the narthex for members to bring items that is memorable to you as a Lutheran to celebrate Reformation 500. Members enjoyed bringing in their favorite crosses during Lent and have asked that we do this sort of thing again. So, let's see what this will bring!

**Noisy Offering** continues to be done the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and is used for our World Vision sponsor child, Ishimwe. We will be sending money to Ishimwe for Christmas!

**ELCA World Hunger** We will be displaying the ELCA World Hunger animal ornaments in October as a reminder for ideas to buy for Christmas and other occasions!

### Public Education Funding in Michigan Forum at Grace Thursday Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday November 2nd, People for Social Justice Education Group is offering a public program on public education funding in Michigan. Craig Thiel of Citizens Research Council will present information on current status of funding in Michigan. The Citizens Research Council was established to bring about sound governmental policy through factual research, is respected for independent, nonpartisan approach and noted for factual, objective issue analysis. A number of area school superintendents have been invited to participate sharing their experiences in their districts. Grace's Council offered our church after a number of other community sites were not available on the date the speaker was available.



**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.

## New need for plastic bags!

St. Matthew and Spruce Lutheran Churches have taken on this project and will be continuing to make plastic mats for the homeless. Completed mats will be given to those in need in the Chicago area. We will continue to collect plastic bags here at Grace to pass on to St. Matthew and Spruce Lutheran Churches. Thank you for recycling your plastic bags for such a good cause!!!

## Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal Packing Event - Alpena Mall

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m.**

Please call us to sign up at 356-1330. Some kids and their families around the world and in our own community lack the proper foods that deliver stable nutrients to them. Please join us in packaging meals to help these households in the local community to become more self-sufficient by providing nourishing food to them.

## 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  
..... Sandy Welch ..... 916-5006

# September 2017

## Finances

GENERAL FUND ..... \$ 18,000.00  
BUILDING FUND ..... 1,467.67  
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ..... 9.00  
OTHER..... 7,116.08  
TOTAL ..... \$ 26,592.75

## Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (5) ..... 156  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 296  
LARCC WORSHIP ..... 26  
TOTAL ..... 478



Rachel Chroninger  
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Taylor Chroninger  
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add a college student to this list.*



Wesley Garant (USAF)  
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*Please contact the church office to  
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# WELCOME

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Barb Werle  
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Bill & Marilyn Whitscell  
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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## OCTOBER 2017

### ACOLYTES

01  
08  
15  
22  
29

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

01 Sharon Engstrom  
08 Cheryl Werblow  
15 Patti Tucker  
22 Anna Lewis  
29 Bob Greene

### USHERS

Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
Corky Gates  
Jo Ann Smith  
Nic Timmreck  
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)

### GREETERS

01 Rich & Sherie McTaggart  
08 Jo Ann Smith, Anne Gentry  
15 Dale & Pat Schultz  
22 Joel & Cindy Suszek  
29 Jack & Patti Tucker

### COUNTERS

Gary & Kay Grove

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

### ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Suszek  
Cheryl Werblow

### FLOWERS

01 PLATT  
08 LANG  
15 FURZE  
22 SCHULTZ/TUCKER  
29 MOORS

### COFFEE HOUR

01 Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry  
08 Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
15 Don, Verna & Tammy Furze  
22 Dale & Pat Schultz  
29 Polly Cook, Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith,  
Sandra Christopherson

***PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone  
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

## NOVEMBER 2017

### ACOLYTES

05  
12  
19  
26

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

05 PAUL DENSTAEDT  
12 Verna 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 LAPPAN  
12 CODDINGTON  
19  
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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## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 1**  
Timothy Barrow

**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 7**  
Alexis Crittenden

**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**  
Shane Bullard  
Jeanette Grove

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 23**  
Joanne Nicholls

**October 27**  
Kelly Poirier  
Piper Slominski  
Emily Townsend

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey  
Mya Styma

**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**  
Mike Morgan  
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**  
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**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Sandra Christopherson  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Sean Caparo  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch



### Wedding Anniversaries

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st Dawn & Brett Anderson   | 13th Jack & Patti Tucker       |
| 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske       | 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith        |
| 4th Bill & Nancy Platt      | 24th Dale & Patricia Schultz   |
| 6th Joshua & Tiffany LaFave | 30th Charles & Beverly Attwell |

# Kid's Page



## Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

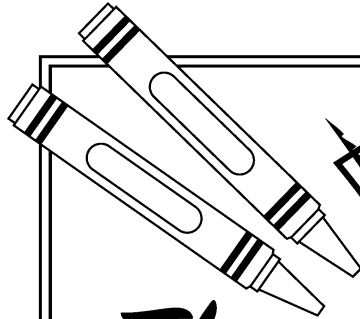
### What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers



### What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



## PUZZLE

### The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.*

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| I | x | V | p | E | N | M | q | O | S | a | r |
| E | r | S | e | G | R | m | A | C | E | d | T |
| R | U | n | T | H | T | H | R | k | O | U | G |
| H | j | J | E | S | f | U | S | u | C | o | H |
| R | b | I | y | p | S | T | J | O | i | H | N |

" \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
 through \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ "

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV