

✠ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 16, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 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

G-719 (vs. 1-4)

Psalm 27

D-R790

C-R759

S-R537

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

(Psalms begin page 339)

Day by Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

On Our Way Rejoicing

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 Environmental Sensitivity raised by First Congregational UCC.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Marge Weber, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Dewayne Nail, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the family of Lawrence McClarren (from Pastor Tom's home church)

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

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 have reached our goal for March - THANK YOU.***

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - March 9/10	4,886.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,269.00)

DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING

Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
March Giving	595.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (3,813.38)

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.

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).

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Deadline March 31, 2019

Remember that you can designate Grace Lutheran Church if you have available Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. To direct Choice Dollars, go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

FREEZER AVAILABLE

The little freezer that was previously used in the pantry is looking for a new home. It is located in the side entrance area near the kitchen. There is no charge for the freezer, but a free will donation is greatly appreciated.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 17th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

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

Wednesday - 20th

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship at St. Paul,
followed by luncheon
1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge
3-4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship
at First United Methodist

Thursday - 21st

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 23rd

**5:00 p.m. Noisy Offering Weekend
Worship**

SERVING MARCH 16-17

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Wayne & Anna Lewis
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

SERVING MARCH 23-24

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Lector Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
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Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Ruby & Olivia Haske
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS

At St. Paul ~ 11:30 a.m.
with Luncheon Following or
at the Following Churches with
Soup Supper~6:00 p.m. & Worship~7:00 p.m.

March 20 First United Methodist
"Jesus is condemned
by the Sanhedrin"
Rev. Tom Orth
March 27 First Congregational UCC
"Jesus is denied by Peter"
Fr. Joe Muszkiewicz
April 3 St. Paul Lutheran
"Jesus is judged by Pilate"
Rev. Bill Rayment
April 10 All Saints Catholic Parish
St. Anne's Church
"Jesus is scourged and
Crowned with thorns"
Very Rev. Bill McClure

FIRST READING Genesis 5:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to
Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I
am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

PSALM 27 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example

you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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