✞ TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✞
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 17, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 18, 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-R815	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Psalm 82	(Psalms begin page 339)
D-R438	My Lord, What a Morning
C-B749	When Love is Found
S–R439	Soon and Very Soon

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. This weekend we pray for the Prayer Group at Trinity Episcopal Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Patti Tucker, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin. We also remember the families of June Cross (Don and Clarence Cross' Aunt) who passed away August 7th and Frieda Szczesniak (Lee Szczesniak's mother, Staci Chroninger's grandmother) who passed away August 13th.

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u>!
Grace Lutheran Rummage Sale
September 20 & 21, 2019

Save the Date
Grace Lutheran Church
QUILTERS CARD/GAME NIGHT
OCTOBER 24, 2019

LWR SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

Discipleship will soon start collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits help students around the globe with their education. Education is an important tool to breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
AT STARLITE BEACH PAVILLON

Sunday, August 18th, we will gather at Starlite Beach at our normal 9:30 am worship time for our Sunday Worship service. Join us in God's great outdoors. Inclement weather location will be back at church.

Save the Date for the 8th Community
CELEBRATING AND SHARING DINNER
OCTOBER 13, 2019 AT THE APLEX

Doors open at 11:00/meal served at 12:00pm

Tickets $15/ Children 12 and under Free

Silent Auction/Chinese Raffle/50-50 Drawing

Please note: Auction Items are due on or before 9/15. Any item turned in after this date, will be held for next year's event

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - August 11	3,774.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	$ (8,577.72)

THANK YOU

Thank you to all my Church Family who kept me in their prayers during my recent hip surgery. Also, thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits and flowers I received during my recovery. Someone said, "Step by step, day by day, you're going to make it. I asked God to give you patience until you get there." Those words were in my thoughts constantly!

Hugs to all, Patti Tucker

UW GEAR UP INITIATIVE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the United Way Gear Up Initiative. We collected plenty of personal care items that were distributed to the students on the shopping day. Thank you, also, to those that helped with shopping and haircuts. Grace Lutheran helped 36 students from 3 counties start the school year clean and fresh, outfitted in new clothes and shoes and with school supplies.

SERVING AUGUST 17-18

Ministers ..... God's People
Pastor ..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director ..... David Delano
Lector ..... Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .....Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters ..... Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital ..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .....Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters .....Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour .....None/Outdoor Worship
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

THE LONGEST TABLE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
Pedestrian Bridge behind NOAA
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The United Way of Northeast Michigan and Who Is My Neighbor is pleased to present "The Longest Table!-Alpena. The free, public event welcomes residents to sit down and "break bread" with people they might not know, to foster conversations, strengthen and build connections, and to share ideas about Alpena County.
Open to adults and high school students who are willing to mix and mingle informally with people they meet that day. *In the event of inclement weather the event will take place at Thunder Bay Theatre.*

To help us prepare for you, please email us at downtownalpenami.gmail.com, call 356-6422 (Alpena Downtown Development), 354-2221 (United Way), or sign up through Event Brite at www.eventbrite.com.

SERVING AUGUST 24-25

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Music Director.....David Delano
Lector ..... Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers.....Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters.....Anna Lewis
Hospital .....Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour.....Don, Verna & Tammy Furze
Cookie/ Doughnut Pick Up.....Rick & Sharon Engstrom

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 18th
9:30 a.m. **Outdoor Worship at Starlite Beach Pavilion**
11:00 a.m. Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 19th
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 p.m. "Sensible Shoes" Women's Group - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - 20th
11:30am-4pm Kitchen Reserved
7:00 p.m. Council

Wednesday - 21st
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 22nd
8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 24th **Noisy Offering Weekend**
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 23:23-29**

[23]Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? [24]Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. [25]I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" [26]How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? [27]They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. [28]Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. [29]Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM 82

[1]God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

[2]**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

[3]Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

[4]**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

[5]They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

[6]**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

[7]nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

[8]**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2

[29]By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. [30]By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. [31]By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. [32]And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—[33]who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, [34]quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. [35]Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. [36]Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. [37]They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—[38]of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. [39]Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, [40]since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. [12:1]Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, [2]looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] [49]"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! [50]I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! [51]Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! [52]From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; [53]they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." [54]He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. [55]And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. [56]You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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