

Grace Lutheran Church
is a caring community
of disciples, proclaiming
the good news of
Jesus Christ.

Grace Notes

February, 2019

“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.” Paul’s words set us free from the terrible grip of knowledge and righteousness. Not one of us knows the depths of the Father’s love. Not one of us lives up to our awesome calling. I am overwhelmed by the healing God has touched me with in my life as He has brought me through the agony of depression. And yet even with my experiences, Paul tells us that we do not know the fullness of the Father’s love or who He truly is. Our God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, cannot be imagined. Our God is love and what that means is still to be revealed even as our hearts are filled with the Spirit’s gifts of faith and hope and love every day. The only knowledge we can rely on is the darkness of faith. The only law we live by is love.

Our time in Japan has been good. Lilia goes to an Anglican international school where the classes are in English but she is also learning Japanese. Molly is learning scientific techniques from her Japanese colleagues. And I am visiting Shinto shrines and temples, preaching a little at a small Anglican community here in Kobe, and slowly picking up the language with the help of my Google Translate app. You all are in my thoughts every morning in prayer and I look forward to being with you again in about five weeks!

This month, please take time to think about how much Grace means to all of us and to you. Take time to make Grace even more a part of who you are by making our church your church. Volunteer for a position helping out on Sundays, make a pledge of financial support to help us with our annual budget, or send me a note about an idea you have come up with to add to the life of our family.

Your service is needed. Habitat for Humanity is helping with a new bedroom and bathroom for Vinny Kastar, but some volunteer hands are needed. The work is done on Thursdays and Saturdays. Please let Katie know if you can lend a hand.

Grace needs your help. We are looking for a few adults to supervise the nursery during our worship. The supervisors do not need to be in the room, but should be available to the kids who are volunteering to monitor the nursery if the monitors need guidance or assistance. Your service will not keep you from participating in worship and will make it possible for our parents to share in worship with us more attentively. Let us know if you are interested in helping out or learning more.

Do you have dreams for our church? Have you had an idea you wish you could try out on our congregation? Talk to me. Grace is your church. Let’s make it what you need it to be.

As always, I am here for you and want to hear from you. Send me an email and we can chat... I look forward to corresponding with you.

With faith and hope and love,

Micah

Kiitos Paljon

Thank you to Paul and Chance Bridgers for stripping and waxing the floors. They look INCREDIBIE

Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Birthdays

Savannah Jarriel 4

Tina Sten 5

Sandra Maki 17

Cheryl Bloom 21

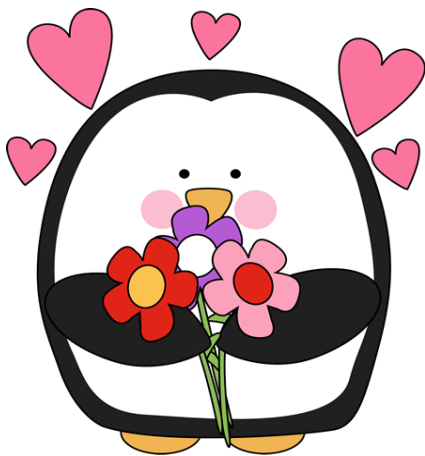
Mason Bukovich 24

Amanda Krznarich 5

Denise Maki 10

Kevin Semmens 18

Paul Wightman 21



Anniversaries

Tom and Cheryl Stimac
10th

Quilters

Wednesday,
Feb. 6th & 20th

Tai Chi

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Ending session is March 5.

Knit, Pray, Crochet

Every Tuesday,
1:00pm
All are welcome.

Are You Chilly During Worship?

If so there are shawls and lap afghans in the narthex for your use. Please return them after worship. Thank you to our Knit, Pray, Crochet group for making these.

*Faith sees the invisible,
believes the incredible,
and receives the impossible.*

AARP INCOME TAX HELP

The Evangelism Team will help you to sign up for the AARP income tax preparation at the Portage Lake District Library and we will transport you there and back if you'd like us to help. Tax help time slots are limited and aren't available until the first of February, so, if you want to use this service, please see Pam Long before the first of February or very soon after.

February Worship Text

Sunday, Feb. 3

Luke 4:21-30

The prophet
Jesus not accepted.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls the
disciples to
fish for people.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Luke 6:17-26

Blessings on the poor,
woes on the rich.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies.

 THE 
STEADFAST
Love
OF THE
LORD
N E V E R
CEASES

LAMENTATIONS 3:22 (NRSV)

Lutheran Dictionary

by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Communicant: One who takes Communion or is entitled to do so.

Evangelism: The work of bringing the Gospel to the unconverted, especially by direct preaching and teaching.

Homily: A plain religious discourse or sermon, explaining a Scripture passage.

Miracle: A supernatural event revealing the wonderful power of God.

Revised Version: A translation of the Bible into modern English first published in 1885. The American Revised Version appeared in 1901. The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published in 1946, the complete Bible in 1952.

Congratulations to the following elected at our annual meeting

Council Members

Chris Bohjanen and Jeanine Baillod

Fortune Lake Representatives

Emily Raffaelli and Lisa Raffaelli

Fall Conference Representatives

Tom and Cheryl Stimac and Chris and Marianne Bohjanen

We are still looking for two members to go to the NGL Synod Assembly in May. This year the Assembly will be at Bethany Lutheran Church and Bay College in Escanaba, MI. If you are interested, please see Cheryl. Please prayerfully consider going to this wonderful event; it is a great experience.

Complete in
Jesus!



Thanks
Christian Education Team
Sunday School Teachers
Confirmation - Vicar Micah



Grace
Lutheran is a
member
of the
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
in America.



Upcoming Pulpit Supply

Sun., February 3rd ~ Rev. DJ Rasner

Sun., February 10th ~ Rev. Langseth

Sun., February 17th ~ Rev. Langseth

Sun., February 24th ~ Pam Long

Sun., March 3rd ~ Rev. DJ Rasner

Our Interim Pastor
while Vicar Micah
is gone is Pastor
Julie Belew.

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Susan Koskela at home

Jean Simila at the Bluffs

Delores Paavola at home

Elaine Aro at Gardenview

Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs

Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs

Amanda Mountjoy at home

Bill & Sandra Mannisto at the Bluffs

Service Workers for February

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Counters	Anette Mattfolk Jeanine Bailod	Pam Long Heather Aro	Chris Davis Sue Slinde	Cheryl Stimac Marianne Bohjanen
Reader	Annette Mattfolk	Pam Long	Cheryl Stimac	Tammy Harju
Ushers	Heather and Dave Aro	Pam Long Janet Kokko	Tom and Cheryl Stimac	Tom and Cheryl Stimac
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Communion Assistant				
Greeter	Brandon Butkovich		Pam Long	Cheryl Stimac
Fellowship	Birthday and Anniversary	None	None	Potluck
Sunday School Teacher	Janet Kokko Lauri Kneebone	Lauri Kneebone Janet Kokko	Katie Tormala Lauri Kneebone	Chris DeForge Lauri Kneebone

*It's in God's
light that we
always shine
the brightest.*

Attention Volunteer Coordinators!

There is now a monthly sheet in the mailboxes located in the library. Please write down your Sunday Service Workers on this sheet for Katie. This will help simplify the line of communication between you and Katie.

January Council Highlights

Pam and Joe will do a walk through at the parsonage. They will determine what needs to be painted. Remax continues to show the parsonage to possible renters.

Janet made a motion that we pay Jim Tronti \$300.00 for snow removal at the parsonage, for January, February, and March combined. Chris seconded the motion, with all in favor. This will be paid when the parsonage is not rented.

The weekly income will remain in the bulletin, using the new budgeted numbers.

Katie and Micah are in need of new computers. After a discussion, this will be tabled until more information is found and shared with the council.

The water fountain will be removed, and the wall needs repair. This will be a lengthy process

Carillon Bells have not been working. Katie has tried to reprogram them several times with no success. Joe will look at them with Katie.

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Chris Davis	482-5567
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Chris Davis	482-5567
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Grace Lutheran Council

Cheryl Stimac (President)	281-7909
Joe DeForge (Vice President)	482-8068
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)	482-0817
Vicar Micah Cavaleri	281-9558
Heather Aro (Secretary)	482-0341
Chris Bohjanen	(482-8459)

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Tom Stimac 281-7910 Joe DeForge 482-8068
 Heather Aro 482-0341 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

Pam Long (482-4065)
 Janet Kokko (482-2368)
 Jan Maierle (482-2011)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 AA	2
3 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship	4	5 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	6 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting	7 12:30 Games at Grace	8 8:00 AA	9
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Prayer Calendar – February 2019

1 Pray for **all clergy spouses, especially those attending the Clergy Spouse Retreat** in Iron Mountain today through February 3.

2 Pray for **pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:** Bob Langseth (2/03), Doug Norquist (2/10), Craig Mansur (2/12), Doug Schoen (2/14), and Don Ludemann (2/14).

3 As so many feast on this **Super Bowl Sunday**, pray that we will all be generous in our giving for Super Bowl offerings and our support of local, national, and global hunger programs.

4 Pray for all our African American brothers and sisters as they celebrate their heritage during **African American History Month**.

5 On this **Chinese New Year's Day**, we pray for the Christian Church in China and all Christians throughout the world.

6 Pray for the members of **Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Rohrersville, MD; Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Frederick, MD; Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Keymar, MD; and Myersville Parish, Myersville, MD.**

7 Pray for **pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month:** Kenneth Ranos (2/9), Steven Solberg (2/12), and Chrys Hendrick (2/14).

8 Pray for **church musicians, choirs, worship committees, and leaders** as they make plans for the Season of Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

9 Pray for **the poor in our neighborhoods and communities** – those who shiver in the cold outside because they are homeless or inside because they cannot afford to heat their homes, those who have to choose between food and medication, those who make terrible choices between necessities because they cannot afford all that they need.

10 Pray for **all the Rostered Leaders in our Synod**, especially those attending the Theological Leaders Event in Marquette today and tomorrow, and for the Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson as he travels to be with these leaders.

11 Pray for **homeless shelters and food pantries** as they care for those in need.

12 Pray for **all who participate in text studies** as they preach the Good News in congregations, schools, care facilities, and other settings around our Synod.

13 Pray for **pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:** Jim Wendt (2/15), Andrew Plocher (2/17), Les Niemi (2/25), and Wally Leno (2/27).

14 On this Valentine's Day, **pray for all couples that their love will grow, pray also for those who are lonely, alone, and/or missing loved ones that they will find comfort and companionship.**

15 Pray for all those **families and individuals dealing with any of the various types of mental illness.** Pray also that all levels of government will provide resources to keep patients safe and provide effective treatment for them.

16 Pray for **Mission Interpreters** throughout our Synod and those who are being trained today at Zion Lutheran, Manistique.

17 For all those **families and children who are not getting enough to eat**. Raise up congregations and local programs to help them understand proper nutrition and provide them with nutritious meals.

18 On this President's Day, **pray for our current president Donald Trump** – that he will lead our nation with compassion for all and work for equity and justice in our nation and in our world.

19 Pray for all our **ELCA Seminaries** and for all the seminary students. This month we lift up in prayer **Bill Wendorf** from our synod.

20 On this **World Day for Social Justice**, pray for all who have suffered injustice and oppression due to their identity, pray also for all who are advocates for those who have suffered at the hands of others and for those who work to change our social systems and government programs.

21 Pray for the members of **New Hope Lutheran Church, Columbia, MD; New Light Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie, MD; and Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD.**

22 Pray for the members of **Mtoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**, and their **NGLS mission partner Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marquette.**

23 Pray for **all those enjoying the outdoor winter activities** that make our Synod such a beautiful and special place to be even when it's cold outside.

24 Pray for **our Companion Synod Committee** as they meet today at Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming – that we may strengthen our ties to our partners in ministry across the sea.

25 Pray for **our Synod Endowment Board** as they meet today at our Synod Office in Marquette – that they may see the needs in our communities and respond with wisdom and compassion.

26 Pray for **our Synod Staff** as they meet today at our Synod Office in Marquette – that they may be blessed by God in all they do and lead us as we spread God's blessings throughout our Synod, Nation, and World.

27 Pray for **Bishop Katherine Finegan and all our ELCA bishops** as they meet at the Conference of Bishops today through March 5. May they feel God's peace and presence as they work together across our church and our nation.

28 Pray for **artists who share their wonders with the world** – that we may all see God's creative ways reflected in their gifts shared with us.

“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”