



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

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Mission Statement

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church exists to fulfill God's call. We believe God calls each ministry of the church to develop opportunities for all members to experience the Love of Jesus and to reach out and share it with those yearning for greater spirituality and meaning in their lives.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00 PM Contemporary
7:00 PM Traditional



WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

November 30, December 7, 14, 21



6:00 PM - Appetizer Fellowship

Bring an appetizer to share
(cheese & crackers, salsa & chips, etc.)

7:00 PM - Holden Evening Prayer Service

Worship Times

Sunday 9:00 AM (Traditional)
Sunday 11:00 AM (Contemporary)

December 25th and January 1st
One worship service at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School after the children's sermon
at the 11:00 service

Intergenerational Faith Formation



Join us December 4th
12:30 P.M. Chili Meal
1:30 P.M. Caroling

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POINSETTIAS

To beautify the church
for Christmas Eve
available in red, white or pink
\$8.50 per plant.
Sign up on main bulletin board.



WELCA Dinner/Auction

Thursday, December 8th
(see page 7 for more details)



Sisters in Christ
Waffle Breakfast and
Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 AM.
(see page 7 for more details)

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY

One Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY

One Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.



ADVENT IN 2 MINUTES

God, in our waiting, help us to let go of our own anxieties, knowing that you are ever merciful. Amen.



As we enter this season of Advent we ask ourselves, are you ready? Not for the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and black Friday deals, but are you ready for your Savior? Are you ready to recognize that this season of Advent is all about Jesus Christ? Are you ready to focus on the gift of baby Jesus who comes as a refugee, as a child to a teenage mother, as an unexpected gift that will save the world?

So often when we get to this time of year we forget the magic of the Magnificat and underestimate the Holy revolution of the annunciation. This magnificent time of year prepares us for the birth of the Savior and reminds us to prepare our hearts to welcome a whole new way of existence. We get so consumed by our own concerns and our own busyness that we forget that Advent and Christmas is all about JESUS!

Our shared hope is not dependent on ourselves, on our own goodness or ability, on our own community, no matter how good and cozy our faith community may feel to us. Our shared hope is not in our identity, just as John the Baptist reminded the people of Israel: do not rely on the fact that you are children of Abraham. God in fact raises up children from what is lifeless, from the dead. Here we are reminded of our baptismal hope. In baptism we have died to the identities, the cultural and societal norms that we have created for ourselves or in which we find some comfort or meaning. God steps in and pulls us up out of the waters, raises us to new life, new identity, new creation. It is now in this new creation that we live and wait and hope and welcome and witness as community that completely belongs to Jesus Christ.

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

As this Advent begins, my prayer is we are rooted and grounded in the promise of a baby, the promise of a Savior, the promise of a new birth that will transform the world and all of our lives. Thanks be to God. Prayers for a blessed, mindful Advent, where Jesus is the center of all that we do, say, the way we live and breathe and exist.

Peace,
Pastor Greer

The Healing Power of Prayer

2016 is the 10 year anniversary of the AGLC Prayer Blanket Ministry!!

Our Prayer Blanket Ministry began in 2006, by our former Parish Nurse Marie Herbon, RN. The Prayer Blanket Ministry, which is housed under the Parish Health Ministry, quickly grew. To date AGLC has made over 2233 blankets!

Most of these blankets have been given to AGLC Members. Additionally and joyfully, many blankets have also been given through our Prayer Blanket Ministry to those *outside* of AGLC walls!

Since it is the 10 year anniversary of AGLC PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY this is the opportune time to review what the Prayer Blanket is, how this ministry is able to reach out to people, and ways to help the Prayer Blanket Ministry continue to grow!

WHAT IS A PRAYER BLANKET?

A Prayer Blanket is a double sided fleece fabric blanket with fringed edges. When the blanket is made, these fringes are tied into knots. As each knot is tied, a prayer is said for the recipient of the blanket.

WHO CAN GET A PRAYER BLANKET?

Prayer Blankets are available to anyone, AGLC member or non-member, who is experiencing spiritual, physical or emotional life changes. These can be either difficult *or* joyful life changes. Examples of difficult life changes could be an illness, surgery and/or job loss. Joyful life changes could be graduation, marriage, and/ or pregnancy. These are just a few examples, there are no limitations!! Prayer Blankets are for everyone!!

HOW DO I REQUEST PRAYER BLANKET?

Requesting a blanket is simple! You can request a blanket for someone with a life change, this can be a friend, family member, acquaintance or even *yourself*. There are Prayer Blanket request forms in the maroon folders in each pew. Simply fill out a request form and place it in the offering plate during service. Another option is to complete a request form and give it to Denise in the church office, or any member of the Parish Health Ministry.

HOW CAN I HELP THIS MINISTRY CONTINUE TO GROW?

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is funded through the AGLC yearly budget, and also through private financial donations designated for AGLC Prayer Blanket Ministry. Donations of fabric are always welcome (see Denise or any Parish Health Ministry Member fabric yardage needs). You are *always* welcome to donate your time. We are always looking for volunteers to shop for and cut blanket fabric. Most importantly, the AGLC Prayer Blanket Ministry needs **YOUR PRAYERS**. Many Sundays there is a blanket in the narthex waiting for prayers. Feel free to tie just one knot, or many! Every prayer said for the recipient adds to the healing power of the blanket!

Please, feel free to get involved, or remain involved. There is **POWER IN PRAYER!**

Prayers to all, Janet Broadwell RN, BSN

God in all His grace will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10



Several items have been donated to Amazing Grace such as walkers, canes, wheelchair, and bedside commode, if you need to borrow any of these items see Janet Broadwell, our Parish Nurse, or Denise in the church office.



Ministry Members

Worship Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison - Nancy Engalan

Ministry Members

- ♦ Debbie Alsaiyad
- ♦ Julie Ambris
- ♦ Mark Broadwell
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown
- ♦ Betty Jean Switzer



All Ministry Night
Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 7 PM
Council Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7 PM

Service Ministry

Chair - Elaine Dalton

Council Liaison - Elaine Dalton

Ministry Members

- ♦ Kozay Bates
- ♦ Janet Broadwell
- ♦ Colleen Chmelko
- ♦ Cathy Jarvis
- ♦ Winnie McDonald
- ♦ Mary Ann Masch
- ♦ Joan Shelby
- ♦ Becky Vanderveer
- ♦ Tammy Wenzel

Stewardship Ministry

Chair - Laura Jewell

Council Liaison - Laura Jewell

Ministry Members

- ♦ Ken Jewell
- ♦ Angie Kenmuir
- ♦ Judi MacCosh
- ♦ Sheila Roberts

Witness Ministry

Chair - Gail Williams

Council Liaison - Kristin MacPhee

Ministry Members

- ♦ Mary Haller
- ♦ Marilyn McQueen
- ♦ Barb Westerberg

Property Ministry

Chair - Lisa LaBarge

Council Liaison - Lisa LaBarge

Ministry Members

- ♦ George Gerios
- ♦ Jean Gerios
- ♦ Margarete Kammer
- ♦ Bob Potter
- ♦ Jim Roberts
- ♦ Keith Williams
- ♦ Mark Wisniewski
- ♦ Earl Wright

Learning Ministry

Chair & Nursery Coordinator

Cindy Lohr

Council Liaison

Matthew Jewell

Confirmation Liaison

Julie Ambris

Communications

Sherri Loweke

Ministry Members

- ♦ Terri Gilbert
- ♦ Joan Jenkins

LIGHT Youth Team

Liaison - Kara Miller

- ♦ Noah Miller
- ♦ Pastor Greer

Finance Ministry

Chair - Ken Jewell

Council Liaison - Matthew Mazurek

Co-Treasurer - Keith Williams

Co-Treasurer - Mark Wisniewski

Financial Secretary - Ken Jewell

Church Officers

President Debbie Alsaiyad
Vice Pres. Kathie Bair
Secretary
Co-Treasurers Keith Williams
Mark Wisniewski

Council Members

Elaine Dalton
Nancy Engalan
Laura Jewell
Matthew Jewell
Lisa LaBarge
Kristin MacPhee
Matt Mazurek

Parish Health Ministry

- ♦ LouAnn Bishop
- ♦ Janet Broadwell
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Joanne Fisher
- ♦ Margarete Kammer
- ♦ Rochelle Mazurek

Mutual Ministry

- ♦ Kathie Bair
- ♦ Ken Jewell
- ♦ Kevin Liske
- ♦ Jim Williamson
- ♦ Pastor Greer

Watch For Your Weekly E-Mail Updates

On Tuesdays e-mails are sent through Constant Contact with updates of activities and worship times at Amazing Grace for the current week. Please take a look at it to keep informed. If you are not receiving it, please let Denise know.

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Service to Others

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Meetings are in the Narthex on the second Tuesday of each month, the next date is Dec. 13th at 7:00 P.M.

Dysfunctional Families Group

Meetings are in the Social Hall on Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.

They are under the umbrella of Adult Children of Alcoholics but changed the name to Dysfunctional Families Group. All 12 Step Groups are direct descendants of Alcoholics Anonymous...the granddaddy.

L.S.S.M. English Class

Lutheran Social Services of Mich. (LSSM) holds English as a Second Language class in the Learning Center Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 11:30 AM.

Social Hall Use for Members

Effective Immediately

- **To reserve** the Social Hall for a private event, please contact Denise in the church office to set the date on the church calendar. There is a minimum donation of \$50 at time of reservation.
- The member making the request **must be present** at the event.
- All items in the Social Hall used in the event must be **returned to the proper storage place.** (table, chairs, etc.)
- All kitchen **items used must be cleaned** and returned to the proper storage area.
- All trash cans are to be emptied and **trash removed from the building.**

Book Club

Will not meet in December. They will resume January 18, 2017 at noon.



Movie Monday

No movie in December. They will resume January 16, 2017.



Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month, the December dates are the 2nd and 16th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.



Mondays at 7:00 PM. Drop in \$5.00.

Rubino's Road Test

Call (586)795-3399 to schedule a road test in our parking lot.

Recycling

Bring: Mail, Newspapers, Catalogs, Magazines, paper, and place them in the Abitibi Paper Retriever bin at the back of the parking lot.

AAA Fundraiser

For each person that clicks on <http://www.deltaadvantage.com> and completes a AAA quote Ledges Group Insurance Agency will donate \$10.00 to Amazing Grace.

We are still collecting

- unwanted eyeglasses
- cell phones
- rinsed pop cans/bottles, put them in the designated box in the Learning Center. The money will purchase Bibles for new members & Sunday school
- used ink cartridges (the church gets \$2.00 per cartridge which will help with office expenses we can recycle 20 per month. That's \$40 each month the church saves!)
- canned goods for Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary for their food pantry (place canned goods in the basket in the Narthex).
- Target, Meijer, Kroger gift cards for people in need. Please give them to Pastor Greer for distribution.

Thank you for your support!



Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for us. We truly appreciate all of the visits to the hospital and nursing home during our Mom's illness. She always considered the congregation as part of her family, so we know you feel the loss too. Her funeral service was a beautiful celebration of her life and the luncheon put on by the church was amazing. She is now at peace with our Lord. Our sincerest thanks for the love that was shown.

Loraine Siess' Children,
Brian Siess, Lynne Flowers and
Kim Siess



December Birthdays

Mike Trysh	1
Aaron Gilbert	2
Rochelle Mazurek	2
Sarah Loweke	8
James Williamson	8
Roy Burgess	9
Mary Jo Matsui	9
Karim Alsaiyad	10
Julie Ambris	13
Janet Broadwell	13
Tammy Kaifesh	14
Spencer Whiteman	15
Stephanie Barrells	18
Toby Booker	20
Reid Matiyow	20
Peter Manos	22
Nancy Engalan	23
Jesus	25
Bradley Wells	25
Jean Beavers	26
Alexander Boccaccio	27
Christian Middler	27
Kody Whiteman	27
Mackenzi Kline	29
Amy Breckenridge	31
Alexa Sutherland	31

Coffee Hour Hosts

If you are interested in serving coffee after worship please contact the church office.

Online Giving

A convenient alternative to writing checks If you're writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you may find it more convenient to give online. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year. To give online, visit our church's website at aglc-warren.org, locate the online giving link (top menu bar) to donate.

Secure donation services are provided by Vanco Services, LLC. Vanco processes electronic donations for more than 15,000 churches and nonprofit organizations. The Simply Giving® Program endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union is operated by Vanco Services. SimplyGiving® is a registered trademark of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent Federal Credit Union assumes no responsibility for the products and services offered by Vanco Services under the Simply Giving® Program.

Simply Giving offering cards available on the welcome table in the Narthex for online givers to place in the offering plate.

Thrivent Members

Follow our Thrivent representative Bryan Knop on Facebook or LinkedIn. [Facebook.com/bryanknop](https://www.facebook.com/bryanknop) [LinkedIn.com/in/bryanknopthrivent](https://www.linkedin.com/in/bryanknopthrivent)

Amazing Night Out Good Samaritan Benefit

Thank you to the fundraising team who organized this event. To the musicians, who played and sang and to Julie Ambris, Mark Broadwell, Noah Miller who organized the music for the evening. Also to the people who baked for the auction and to those who generously bid on the baked goods. To those who donated the raffle baskets, who set up and cleaned up, and to the 100+ who attended! We could not have done it without all of you!!

Cake Auction	\$ 450.00
Ticket Sales	519.00
50/50 Raffles	168.50
Donations	1,651.00
Raffle Baskets	264.00
September Donations	480.00
October Donations	<u>767.00</u>
	\$ 4,299.50
Gift Cards	\$ 515.00

Total raised from September 1 through the fundraiser \$4,814.50

Fundraising Team Coordinators

Denise Rodi & Julie Ambris

Team Members - Debbie Alsaiyad, Judy Sutherland, Cheryl Whiteman.

Trunk or Treat Fun!

Thanks to the Seeburger's for providing food for our Trunk or Treat festivities in October.

The Learning Ministry also greatly appreciates the numerous volunteers and all those "young and old" who came together to enjoy the food and festivities, as well as some creatively decorated trunks!

Shopping? Amazing Grace gets the rewards when you shop at Kroger

Rewards members will need to re-enroll to continue earning in the Kroger Community Rewards program. All participants must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for Amazing Grace. To enroll you can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Just scan your card each time you shop at Kroger and they send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We currently have 21 households who shop at Kroger and swipe their card.

Amazon Smile

If you are shopping at Amazon go to our web page click **"Give Back"**, click on the yellow box "Get Started" or use this web link for purchases and AGLC receives 5%: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3381697>.

Grace Notes

The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday "Grace Notes" is by 11:00 AM each Tuesday.

Ministry In Action Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail your information/articles no later than the 15th of each month to Denise Rodi at aglewarren@gmail.com

Written information may be submitted in the newsletter box in the work room.

Save 10% At These Local Businesses!

Northern TV and Vacuum

Located on John R. in Mad. Hgts. Just bring in the ad found on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Eat at Cozy Cabin

2129 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren (east of Dequindre), Tell them you are from Amazing Grace and receive 10% off your food order.



We are a "heart-filled" group of warm and wonderful Christian women of Amazing Grace.

Those who would like to participate in our "Secret Sister", fill out a form (June and December) drop it in the basket, and draw a name.

This person will be your "Secret Sister" for the next 6 months, you will pray for, send them a card monthly, and leave them small surprises on the coat rack at church for their birthday, holidays or when you choose. It is a special feeling to know you are being thought about and prayed for by your "Secret Sister".

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We will be together is Saturday, December 10th at 10 A.M. for our annual Waffle Breakfast and Ornament Exchange. Bring a wrapped new ornament to participate in the game and "Secret Sisters" will be revealed. Sign up to bring an item for the waffle breakfast.

Mission of WELCA

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. To love one another as God has loved and forgiven us.



Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13th at Noon
Topic: "Devotional Advent Waiting Advent is a Time of Darkness and Possibility"
Bring a sandwich & snack to share.

No WELCA Willing Workers in December

WELCA Christmas Dinner/Auction

Thursday, December 8th
at the Gazebo Hall (13 & Mound).
Gather at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Auction following dinner,
please bring an item to be auctioned.
Cost \$20.00, sign up at church.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!

Triennial convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 13 to the 16, 2016.
Flyers are in the Narthex.

Know that you were formed by God's hands, dreamed up in his heart and placed in this World for a purpose. Remember God does not give you more than you can handle.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

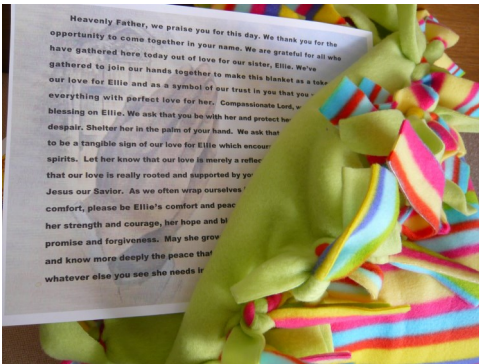
President	Sherri Switzer
Vice Pres.	Barb Westerberg
Secretary	Mary Haller
Treasurer	Marilyn McQueen
Action:	Sherri Switzer Millie Ziemann (WWW)
Growth:	Terri Gilbert (Bible Study)
Community:	Barb Jetmore

Power of Prayer

Prayer Blanket Ministry

*Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has
been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the
LORD's hand
double for all her sins.*

Isaiah 40: 1,2



Our Prayer Blanket Ministry makes prayers real to those who are having surgery or who are suffering serious illness or infirmity or any other struggle in life. Brought together into each blanket is the gift of prayer: the symbol of faith in God and in His power to comfort, strengthen and heal. This ministry began in April 2006, and as of November 21, 2016 233 blankets have been made.

Prayer blanket request forms are found in the attendance books. To request a blanket for a member of Amazing Grace who is in the hospital or seriously ill, fill one out and place it in the offering plate, or contact Janet Broadwell or Denise Rodi.

Pray for...

Please remember to keep in your prayers these members and friends of Amazing Grace

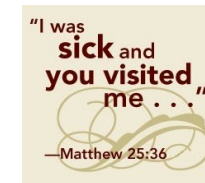
Roy Burgess, Dorothy Greenstrand, Barb & Bob Potter, Jean Regan, Jim Roberts, family of Loraine Siess, Art & Doris Toellner, Vera Vroman.



Communion Visitation Ministry

Please contact the church office or Pastor Greer for a visit.

Julie Ambris
Debbie Alsaiyad
Janet Broadwell
Colleen Chmelko
Terri Gilbert
Matthew Jewell
Denise Rodi
Mary Stevick



Nancy Engalan
Laura Jewell
Mike Martinson
Joan Shelby
Earl Wright



Thank you isn't enough. Amazing Grace is truly a community of wonderful, caring people. We were so overwhelmed with support in so many ways in the days and weeks following Tanner's death. We are still wonderfully supported by so many of you. We have been told by many of our friends and family that the service and luncheon were amazing and our response to them was always, "that's truly the kind of people they are." Your thoughts, prayers, words, and donations of time and money were, and continue to be, so appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With love and gratitude.
The Lavelly's

Prayer Chain Ministry

Our Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. If you have an immediate prayer concern and would like our team members to pray for you or your loved one, please call the church office or one of our team members. Once the prayer chain has been activated, the first person calls a team member, who calls the next team member, who calls the next team member...you get the idea! Within a very short time, our whole team is praying for you. As Christians, we pray with absolute confidence that God hears all of our prayers. We are here for you whenever you need us.

- ◇ Debbie Alsaiyad
- ◇ Janet Broadwell
- ◇ Barb Jetmore
- ◇ Laura Jewell
- ◇ Margarete Kammer
- ◇ Judy MacCosh
- ◇ Rochelle Mazurek
- ◇ Marilyn McQueen
- ◇ Judy Sutherland
- ◇ Barb Westerberg
- ◇ Mark Wisniewski

All are welcome to join the Prayer Chain Ministry. Prayer is such a vital part of our faith and we can all pray.



Prayer Chain

Servants

Usher Teams

9:00

11:00

December 4

Colleen Chmelko	Mark Kaifesh
Mary Ann Masch	Angie & Wally Kenmuir
Bob Potter	Jack Kenmuir
Mackenzie Robinson	Pierce & Cassidy Morse
	Bill & Destinie Shelby
	Judy Sutherland

December 11

Mike Martinson	Lisa LaBarge
Earl Wright	Mike Lohr
	London & Makayla McDonald
	Jim Roberts
	Mark Wisniewski

December 18

Mackenzie Robinson	Tom & Joey Jenkins
Jim Williamson	Ken & Matthew Jewell
Georgette Williamson	Ben, John & Rob Sawyer

December 25

Lucimar Turner	Angie & Alex Boccaccio
Earl Wright	Mike Martinson
	Bob & Jean Regan
	Jacob Seeburger

Altar Guild

December	Angie & Wally Kenmuir, Jack Kenmuir
January (2017)	Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

Visitor Hospitality

Cookie Runners deliver a plate of cookies and a church newsletter to first time visitors. Please help by baking or delivering home made cookies. See Denise Rodi.

December 4	Mary & Stan Haller
December 11	Pete Fisher
December 18	Jack Kenmuir
January 8, 2017	needed

Offering Counters

December 4th

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

December 11th and 18th

Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby

December 25th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

Bulletin Folders

December 1 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

December 8 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

December 15 - Mary Ann Masch

December 22 - Newsletter Crew (pizza)

December 28 (Wed.) - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

January 5, 2017 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

January 12 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

January 19 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

January 26 - Newsletter Crew (out lunch)

Newsletter Staff

Editor - Denise Rodi

Proof Reader- Colleen Chmelko

Newsletter Crew - Colleen Chmelko, Margarete Kammer, Mary Ann Masch, Joan Shelby, Mary Stevick, Mary Thornton, Doris Toellner, Jeannie Weiderman

Staff

Pastor

Greer Cherney Johnson

Secretary

Denise Rodi

Volunteer Nurse

Janet Broadwell

Music Staff

Emily Asbury, Christian Avila, Kathy Brinker, Alison Buckman, Gigi Gaitan, Genna MacPhee, Gwen MacPhee, Drew Miller, Erik Miller, Noah Miller, Gary Jones

Choir Director

Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

Volunteer Vocalists

Mark Broadwell, Matthew Jewell, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna Robinson, Jeanne Yasso

Custodian

Matthew Jewell, MISD job site training program for autistic impaired students, Lamphere Center Job Training

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation at Amazing Grace!

Leaders: Pastor Greer & Julie Ambris

Youth: Alex Boccaccio, London McDonald, Ben Sawyer, Jonathan Sawyer, Jacob Seeburger, Sarah Switzer, Noah Yasso, Noelle Yasso

Confirmation is an ever-evolving faith formation process as we creatively explore faith together.

Our Confirmation class is EXTRAORDINARY and deep theological thinkers.

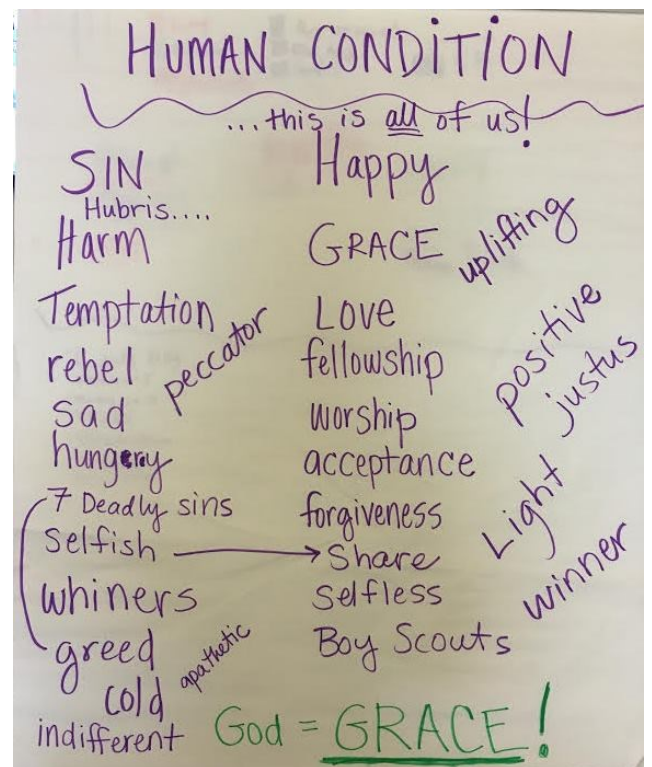
We have an absolute blast with these wonderful youth!

We meet: one Wednesday Night a month 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

&

one Saturday a month from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

This year so far, we have focused on learning: Un-complicating the Bible, Service Project with MCREST, Stewardship (you may have seen the Confirmation kids in the Stewardship video in worship), the Human Condition (which is the picture here), Psalms and we look forward to studying much more this year.



This is the list of human characteristics our brilliant youth came up with during class (look at some of the words they came up with?!). Then we discussed good Lutheran theology, that we are ALL Simul Justus et Peccator- Simultaneously Saint and Sinner.

Upcoming lessons include, Judges & King David, the Annunciation and always, always, always.....GOD'S AMAZING GRACE!

The kids are required to complete Worship Notes, Service Hours and regularly participate in the life and ministry of Amazing Grace.

We LOVE this group of young people and feel blessed to share in their journey of faith. We journey alongside them and hope you will be sure to talk to them and get to know them.

Peace and Joy,
+ Pastor Greer & Julie Ambris +

Sunday School

AGLC December 2016 Learning Ministry Update



Enjoy a Parents Night Out on Saturday, December 10

Bring your children or grandchildren ages infant through 6th grade to Amazing Grace at 4pm, then enjoy time to Christmas shop or squeeze in some much-needed “me” or “we” time before you pick up your children by 10pm. Kids can come in their pajamas. We’ll provide a pizza dinner, and they’ll enjoy making crafts, playing games, and watching a holiday movie.

A suggested donation of \$20 per child would be appreciated, or \$40 for 2 or more children in the same family. For more information, please contact Joan Jenkins (joanmjenkins@comcast.net).

December Learning Ministry Topics & Activities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adult Bible Study</u>	<u>Confirmation Class</u>	<u>Sunday School:</u> Sundays during 11:00am worship service in Learning Center
Week of December 4	Wednesday, December 7 @ 11:30–12:30pm Narthex	Saturday, December 3 @ 10:00am–2:00pm	<i>INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION for all ages 12:30 – 3:00pm in the Social Hall (includes lunch)</i> Lesson: Chili & Christmas Caroling (offsite) <i>Nursery will be open at 11:00am <u>every</u> Sunday</i>
Week of December 11	Wednesday, December 14 @ 11:30–12:30pm Narthex	Wednesday December 14 @ 6:00 – 8pm Learning Center	Lesson: God’s Peaceful World Readings: Isaiah 11:1-40 <i>Teachers:</i> Jeannie Weideman, TBD <i>Assistants:</i> TBD
Week of December 18	No Bible Study	No Class	Lesson: Angel’s Visit Readings: Matthew 1:18-25 <i>Teachers:</i> TBD <i>Assistants:</i> TBD
December 24th	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00pm Contemporary Worship 7:00pm Traditional Worship </div> </div>		
Week of December 25	No Bible Study	No Class	(single 10:00am worship service) No Sunday School. Children Welcome in Worship!

Get Ready for our Annual Gifts to Jesus Program

This year’s program will be on Sunday, January 8 in the sanctuary at 12:30pm following our 11:00am worship service. All members of our congregation are encouraged to celebrate the creative spirit of Christmas by sharing their gifts of art, music, dance, poetry reading, or other unique talents and artistry in all its forms.

Contact Joan Jenkins to let her know the gift you’ll be presenting to Jesus or if you have questions (joanmjenkins@comcast.net).



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A Letter to the People Who Serve

December 2016

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
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Sharing the Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM (traditional)

11:00 AM (contemporary)

December 25th and January 1st
One Worship service at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School after children's sermon
during the 11:00 service



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