



# 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.

### Worship Times

December 3, 10, 17th

9:00 A.M. (Traditional)

11:00 A.M. (Contemporary)



### Christmas Eve Service

5:00 PM (Contemporary)

7:00 PM (Traditional)

One worship service at 10:00 A.M.  
December 24th (Christmas Eve)  
and December 31st (New Year's Eve)

### Intergenerational Faith Formation

Join Pastor Greer the first Sunday of every month  
at 12:30 P.M. in the Social Hall  
for family focused faith and lunch.  
Dec. 3rd decorate the tree & Christmas Caroling.

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### Wednesdays In Advent

December 6, 13, 20th

6:00 PM - Pot Luck Dinner, sign up to bring a dish  
to share, help set up and clean up

7:00 PM - Holden Evening Prayer Service

### WELCA Dinner/Auction

Thursday, December 7th

6:00 P.M. Gathering, 6:30 P.M. Dinner

At the Gazebo Hall, Warren

Cost: \$20.00.

Please bring something new or re-gift an item  
for the auction.

Sign up on the main bulletin board  
by December 3rd.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!



### Sisters in Christ Annual Waffle Breakfast and Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 AM.

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.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!





Dearest Sisters and Brothers of Christ,

As we begin the Advent Season, I invite you to slow down, not speed up. To breathe deeply the spirit of Christ and remember the light shining in Bethlehem will change our world.

This Advent, we embark on a journey of faith, illumined by the light of Christ. We will see the birthplace of Christ in a whole new way this Advent season with The Bright Star of Bethlehem weekly series for worship. Each week in this series, family members of all generations will gather together in worship to learn more about what Jesus, the Bright Star of Bethlehem, has to reveal to people of all ages about the blessings of creation, hope, unity and joy he came to bring.

- Week 1: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to be born a star—the Star of Creation, and the ruler over heaven and earth. Worship will revolve around the theme of creation and how each one of us has a special place in God's creation because of Jesus.
- Week 2: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to be the Star of Hope to a people long forsaken. We will talk in worship about how Jesus calms all our fears and gives us hope, even when things look hopeless.
- Week 3: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to shine as the Star of Unity. We will focus on the fact that sin divides us sometimes, but Jesus came to bring peace and harmony back into the world.
- Week 4: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to enlighten the world as the Star of Joy. We will celebrate the joy of knowing that Jesus turns all of our frowns upside down through his birth.

As an Advent giving focus, everyone will be invited to fill a Starfish Food for the Poor box to send to Nicaragua to help complete El Campamento/New Jerusalem village. As we try and pull in the remaining housing funds to get all 37 families moved in by Christmas Food for the Poor has begun construction on the Community Center! Thank you for your continuous support on this project and the beneficiaries. If anyone from our congregation is interested in joining on the community inauguration celebration and mission trip to Nicaragua, we officially have dates, March 12th-16th. You will need to pay for your trip, but it will be well worth it! If anyone is interested please let me know and I can provide you with additional information. This is an open trip to members of any church who have participated in the project and a great opportunity to serve in the country, and build relationships with those whose lives were transformed through this project. What a great way to help shine the light of Christ on this world!

This Advent, we will devote our time to remembering the real reason for the season and for our salvation. This is not just any light, this is the light of Christ, the light that changes everything! Remembering that Jesus is the reason for the season this can be an Advent that shines a bright light!

**“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,  
which the Lord has made known to us.” (Luke 2:15)**

Peace,  
Pastor Greer



**ALL AGES are invited for Family Faith Formation  
(AKA Family Sunday School)**

**This is a chance for ALL ages to come together to grow in faith.  
No matter your age, family situation, or where you are on your faith  
journey.....if you are single, married, have kids, if you are a kid or  
high schooler.....**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**


**The 1st Sunday of each month we come together to enjoy a meal,  
share in a service project & faith formation as a family of God.**

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 3rd  
12:30 P.M. for Chili lunch, decorating the Christmas tree in the  
Sanctuary, and Christmas Caroling at Oakmont at 2:00 P.M.  
Sign up to bring chili, cheese, bread, desserts, milk etc.**

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Have your blood pressure taken by a member of our Parish Health Team  
the first Sunday of each month. The next date is December 3rd.



 Several items have been donated to Amazing Grace such as walkers, canes, wheelchair, foam cushion to  
elevate foot, bedside commode, if you need to borrow any of these items see Denise in the church office.



# Ministry Members

## Worship Ministry

**Chair** - Denise Rodi

**Council Liaison** - Erik Miller

### Ministry Members

- ♦ Julie Ambris
- ♦ Nancy Engalan
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Angela Kenmuir
- ♦ Barb Potter
- ♦ Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown
- ♦ Pastor Greer



**All Ministry Night**  
Tuesday, December 5th

**Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM

## Stewardship Ministry

**Chair** -

**Council Liaison** -

### Ministry Members

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

## Property Ministry

**Chair** - Lisa LaBarge

**Council Liaison** - Kristin MacPhee

### Ministry Members

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

## Service Ministry

**Chair** -

**Council Liaison** - Lori Snyder

### Ministry Members

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

## Witness Ministry

**Chair** -

**Council** - Angie Boccaccio

### Ministry Members

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

## Learning Ministry

**Chair & Nursery Coordinator**

Cindy Lohr

**Council** - Matthew Jewell

**Pastoral Advisor** – Pastor Greer

**Confirmation Liaison** -

Julie Ambris

**Communications** -

Sherri Loweke

**VBS Volunteer** - Joan Jenkins

### Ministry Members

- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Terri Gilbert
- ♦ Sheila Roberts
- ♦ DeAnna Robinson

## LIGHT Youth Team

**Liaison** - Kara Miller

♦ Noah Miller

♦ Pastor Greer

## Finance Ministry

**Chair** - Ken Jewell

**Council Liaison** - Laura Jewell

**Co-Treasurer** - Keith Williams

**Co-Treasurer** - Terri Gilbert

**Financial Secretary** - Ken Jewell

### Ministry Members

- ♦ Lisa LaBarge

## Church Officers

**President**

Debbie Alsaiyad

**Vice Pres.**

Kathie Bair

**Secretary**

Cheryl Whiteman

**Co-Treasurers**

Keith Williams

Terri Gilbert

## Council Members

Angie Boccaccio

Laura Jewell

Matthew Jewell

Kristin MacPhee

Erik Miller

Lori Snyder

## Parish Health Ministry

♦ LouAnn Bishop

♦ Pete Fisher

## Mutual Ministry

♦ Kathie Bair

♦ Ken Jewell (consultant)

♦ 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, let Denise know.

If you have a concern you want addressed at a council meeting or at ministry meeting contact Debbie Alsaiyad (council) or the ministry chairperson (listed on this page) to have it added to the agenda.

**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. 12th at 7:00 PM.

### Dysfunctional Families Group

Meetings are in the Learning Center 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.

### 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.), and all food items and decorations taken home
- 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. January 10th meet at 1:00 P.M. to discuss the book is "Boys in the Boat". Bring your sandwich. Dessert and beverages will be provided

### Movie Monday

Will not meet in December. See you January 15, 2018.



Has been discontinued until further notice.

### Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night



Join us the first & third Friday of each month. December dates are the 1st and 15th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.

### Recycling

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

### Salvation Army Toy Drive

Bring unwrapped new toys, put them under tree in the Narthex. Deadline: December 10th.

### Poinsettias

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



### 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!

### The Yum Yum Club

Join us for fun and fellowship as we dine with fellow members of Amazing Grace. All ages welcome!

Sunday, December 17th, 1:00 P.M. at Masters Restaurant (13 Mile, west of Dequindre)

If you are planning on attending or need directions call the church office 4 days prior to the dinner.

Sunday, January 21st, at 1:00 P.M. at Pasqual's Restaurant 31555 Woodward, Royal Oak

Sunday, Feb., 18th at 1:00 P.M. Kim's Chinese Restaurant 102 E. Long Lake, Troy





## 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
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

## The Rented Christmas Play

Dan Lambrix will be playing the part of Fred in this Christmas play about a rich man spending Christmas with orphans and loves it so much he adopts all 5 of them. Dec 7th, 8th, and 9th 7:00 P.M. show times at Clinton-dale High school, 35200 Little Mack Clinton Township 48035 for info call 586-219-0782. For tickets see Dan.

## 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](http://aglc-warren.org), locate the online giving link (top menu bar) to donate.

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

## Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team

Thank you to the 13 volunteers who helped cook, serve, clean up, check in the guests and to Jim Switzer and Sherry Palmer who stayed all night during an open week at First United Methodist Church November 5th.

Also thanks to those who attended Family Sunday School and made delicious sandwiches and created special cards for their lunches.

## Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags to be passed out to the homeless on the streets in our community are available in the church office. You may pick one up at any time. If you give a blessing bag to someone, let the church office know where and it will be included in the next newsletter.



Dear Friends,

This is all about the beautiful prayer blanket that you created.

Mary and Stan Haller visited me at Beaumont where I had just had hip replacement surgery. She explained the origin and story of the blanket. And then she told me this was to be on loan to me during my recovery.

When I got home I had a chance to examine the blanket, and decide it is a real work of art and love.

The butterfly motif has real significance. Easter comes to mind. I began to use it each time I did my exercises. As it covered me, I felt warm and loved. It is wonderful to finger each knotted piece, and know that it represents a prayer. I began to use this time to relax, meditate, think good thoughts and say prayers of my own...a great experience.

Just know that your special ministry project and gift is bringing comfort to the world.

God's blessings on all of your activities.

Most Sincerely,  
Marge Hoy

P.S. Yes, I wrote this in August, and then didn't send it to Mary right away. So, since then I've used the Prayer Blanket on other occasions when I was dealing with new issues that come along. Prayer is powerful!

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

To sign up go to their web page [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Just scan your card each time you shop at Kroger. They send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We have 19 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>.

## 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.

### Ministry In Action Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail your information/articles no later than the 15th of each month to Denise Rodi at [aglcwarren@gmail.com](mailto:aglcwarren@gmail.com)  
Written information may be submitted in the newsletter box in the work room.



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

If you are participating in the "Secret Sister", program, remember to keep your "Secret Sister" in prayer, and send her a card, occasionally, leave "small surprises" on the coat rack in the hallway at church to let her know you are thinking of her. It is a special feeling to know you are being thought about and prayed for by your "Secret Sister".

Our next get together is December 9th at 10:00 A.M. for our annual Waffle Breakfast and Ornament Exchange.

## Gluten Free Wafers

Available for those who are gluten intolerant. Go to Pastor's line to receive an individually wrapped wafer.

## Baptism

November 12th we celebrated the baptism of Eleanor Lynn Barwin, daughter of Matthew & Shannon, sister of Emily. Eleanor's sponsors are Stacey Barrells & Amanda Sheretko.

## Grace Notes

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

## 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 12th at noon  
Bible Study: Topic:  
Advent Devotional  
Joy to the World  
The Joy of Giving  
The Gift of Presence  
Toward the Light  
Room for our Celebration  
Our Sorrow.  
Bring your sandwich. Beverages and dessert provided.  
Hostess: Beverly Sidelinker

## WELCA Willing Workers

Will not meet in December.

## WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

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

*The poet Henry Burton wrote:  
Have you had a kindness shown?  
Pass it on: 'Twas not given for you alone,  
Pass it on: Let it travel down the years  
Let it wipe another's tears."  
Without any desire for thanks or recognition,  
the stranger simply did a good deed,  
then vanished into generous anonymity."*

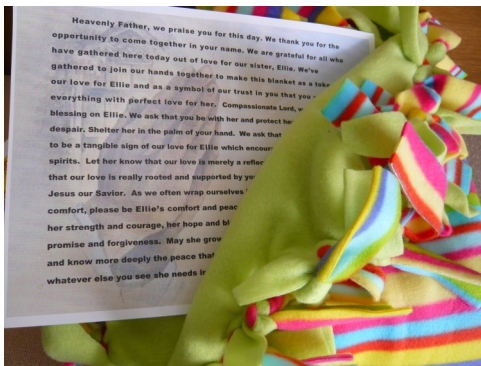


# Power of Prayer

## 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 15, 2017 279 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 Denise Rodi.

## Pray for...

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



Roy Burgess, Debbie Emmons, Bev Ericksen, Dorothy Greenstrand, Margarete Kammer, Nancy Kenmuir, Wally Kenmuir, Trish McMinn, Art and Doris Toellner, Vera Vroman.

## Communion Visitation Ministry

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

Julie Ambris  
Debbie Alsaiyad  
Colleen Chmelko  
Nancy Engalan  
Terri Gilbert  
Laura Jewell  
Matthew Jewell  
Mike Martinson  
Denise Rodi  
Joan Shelby  
Mary Stevick  
Earl Wright

"I was  
**sick** and  
**you visited**  
**me...**"  
—Matthew 25:36

THANKS

Thank you for the prayer blanket. It was a great source of comfort. I hope this small gift can provide another blanket for someone else. God bless you.

Thank you very much,  
Sheral (Elaine Dalton's sister)

## 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
- ◇ Laura Jewell
- ◇ Margarete Kammer
- ◇ Judy MacCosh
- ◇ 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 3**

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

### **December 10**

Mike Martinson	Lisa LaBarge
Earl Wright	Jim Roberts
	Angelo Rodi
	Mark Wisniewski

### **December 17**

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

### **December 24**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

### **December 31**

**10:00 A.M.**

Jim Williamson	Rick Biernat
Earl Wright	Ann Brilliant
	Joan Shelby

## Altar Guild

December	Angie & Wally Kenmuir
January	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.

<b>December 3</b>	Jack Kenmuir
<b>December 10</b>	Needed
<b>December 17</b>	Mary & Stan Haller
<b>December 24</b>	Pete Fisher
<b>December 31</b>	Jack Kenmuir

## Offering Counters

### **December 3rd**

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

### **December 10th**

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

### **December 17th and 24th**

Mark Kaifesh, Bill & Shelly Shelby

### **December 31st**

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

## Grace Note Folders

**December 7** - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

**December 14** - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

**December 21** - Newsletter Crew (pizza)

**December 28-** Mary Ann Masch

**January 4** - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

**January 11** - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

**January 18** - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

**January 25** - Newsletter Crew (out to 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

**Secretary** Denise Rodi

**Music Staff** Christian Avila, Kathy Brinker, Alison Buckman, Gary Jones, Genna MacPhee, Gwen MacPhee, Drew Miller, Erik Miller, Noah Miller, Dan Mulkeran

**Choir Director** Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

**Choir** Peter Fisher, Cathy Jarvis, Mackenzi & Haidyn Kline, Marilyn McQueen, Sherry Palmer, Tom Pesamoska, Wally Ponican, Barb Potter, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna & Mackenzie Robinson, Dorian & Lucille Staff, Barb Westerberg, Tammy Wenzel

**Volunteer** Pete Fisher, Matthew Jewell,

**Vocalists** Jeanne Yasso

**Custodian** Matthew Jewell, MISD job site training program for a Autistic impaired students.



**Pastor Greer is taking a Continuing Educational Trip to the Holy Land in January.**

This is designated for a Clergy Pilgrimage, organized through Good Shepherd Travel. January 4-14, 2018 will be a time of intentional reflection and spiritual journey to the places Jesus walked. As part of most pastor's letter of call, congregations are encouraged to support their pastor on continuing education each year, to ensure their pastor is always learning. This is beneficial to your pastor's spiritual health and journey, as well as your own. I plan to bring back exciting stories of my pilgrimage to give inspiration to my teaching, preaching and witness to God's grace and faithfulness.

I will arrive in Tel Aviv and continue on to Tiberius, Nazareth. Then off to the city of Haifa to visit Mount Carmel. This will be a full pilgrimage that will involve visits to: Stella Maris to visit the church of Prophet Elijah, Nazareth, visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, and Mary's well. From there we continue our way to Galilee, on the way we visit Cana of Galilee, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, Tabgha, site of the multiplication of the fishes and the loaves, Mount of Beatitudes for a time of prayer and reflection. Other visits include, Caesarea Philippi, St. Peter's Primacy. Mount Tabor, Qumran, Jericho, Jerusalem, Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Baptism site (Jordan River), Jericho, a float in the Dead Sea. Old city of Bethlehem, The Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Field in Beit Sahour, Mt of Olives, Gethsemane Mt. Zion, Ein Karem, Old City Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre • The Western Wall and the Temple Mount, view of the Dome of the Rock and El-Aqsa Mosque.

This is a blessed, sacred journey and I am thrilled to have the opportunity. Through a generous gift from my family, I am humbled to take this voyage to the Holy Land and experience the places we read about in Scripture. I will share a copy of the full itinerary before I depart on this sacred expedition. Prayers appreciated and I can't wait to share the stories and joy when I return.

Peace,  
Pastor Greer



This is a Region-wide Event! From Michigan to Ohio, Indiana, etc, over 700 high school and young adults gather to find hope, solidarity and faithful guidance. Pastor Greer is leading the Worship Team for this event. Noah Miller is on the Worship Team and presenting with Pastor Greer for two Skillshop Sessions to teach about planning, leading and creating excellence in worship. Donations toward Noah's costs are welcomed! Please see Pastor Greer with questions.

# Sunday School

## AGLC December 2017 Faith Formation Ministry Update



### We Need Bottles for Bibles!

Don't forget that our Sunday School is collecting returnable bottles in the Learning Hall. The funds collected from bottle returns will help us provide Bibles for the children in our Sunday School program.

### December Learning Ministry Topics & Activities:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>Sunday School: Sundays during 11:00am worship service in Learning Center</b>
Week of December 3	Wednesday, December 6 Advent worship service @ 7pm	No Class	<i>FAMILY SUNDAY for all ages 12:30 in the Social Hall</i> <b>Lesson:</b> Chili lunch and Christmas Caroling at Oakmont <i>Nursery will be open at 11:00am <u>every</u> Sunday</i>
Week of December 10	Wednesday, December 13 Advent worship service @ 7pm	Sunday, December 10 @ 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Learning Center	<b>Lesson:</b> Angels Visit <b>Readings:</b> Luke 1:26-38 <i>Teachers: Terri Gilbert, Jeannie Weideman, and Joan Jenkins (Lori Snyder assisting)</i>
Week of December 17	Wednesday, December 20 Advent worship service @ 7pm	Sunday, December 17 @ 12:30 – 2:00pm in the	<b>Lesson:</b> Jesus is Born <b>Readings:</b> Luke: 2:1-20 <i>Teachers: Cindy Lohr, Gail Williams, and Pete Fisher (DeAnna Robinson assisting)</i>
Week of December 24th	No Bible Study	No Class	No Sunday School <i>Morning worship at 10:00am (Lessons &amp; Carols) Evening worship services at 5:00pm (Contemporary) and 7:00pm (Traditional)</i>
Week of December 31	No Bible Study	No Class	No Sunday School

### Get Ready for our Creative Expressions Program

This year's program will be on Sunday, January 28th 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 a Faith Formation Ministry member if you have any questions.



## MINISTRIES IN ACTION

*A Letter to the People Who Serve*

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**Sunday Worship Services**

**9:00 AM (traditional)**

**11:00 AM (contemporary)**

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



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