



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 20 No. 1

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.



Sunday 9:00 A.M. (Traditional)
Sunday 11:00 A.M. (Contemporary)

Sunday School after the children's sermon
at the 11:00 service beginning January 8th.

January 1st
One worship service at 10:00 A.M.



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
January 8th

Children of all ages 3-99
Share your gifts at our



Program

January 8th at 12:30 P.M.

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Join us at the Creative Expressions Program



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The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12).

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” Matthew 2:1-2

The acknowledgment of worship to Jesus here, as practiced by the Wise Men and elsewhere in Matthew has Christological (*the study primarily concerned with the nature and person of Jesus*) significance, marking Jesus as the one in whom God is present. This story of the visit of the Wise Men also foreshadows the opposition that will be shown to Jesus by the powerful people of his day. In this story, the religious leaders of Israel do the bidding of a political ruler who wishes to destroy Jesus. Later the situation will be ironically reversed: the political ruler (Pilate) will do the bidding of religious leaders who have decided Jesus must die.

A literary masterpiece, this story in Matthew's gospel has captured the imagination of Christians for centuries and inspired the formation of numerous legends, songs and powerful images. The magi came to be identified as kings, probably due to an association of this passage with Isaiah 60:3- (**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn**). They came to be called "wise men," an identification so enveloping that it is even used in English translations of the Bible (including NRSV). In the Middle Ages, the Western Church decided there were three magi (the Eastern church has twelve) and assigned them names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. So, there it is.

Such legends are not insignificant for Christian faithfulness, but they may distract us from the story Matthew tells. Matthew's story is indeed about kings and wise men, but these figures are people other than the magi. Remember, the main king in this story comes as an infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger.

The focus for epiphany is the appearance of God to people outside the religious community. The Gospel of Matthew reminds us that segregation and separation of the powerful and the lowly, the rich and the poor, the kings and the servants, began to erode with the coming of Christ, who was revealed to some who were thought to be on the outside. The church's observance of epiphany must encourage humble admission that God's glory may be manifested where we least expect it. Sometimes God's people become light for others (Isa. 60:3); sometimes they appear blind to the light others can see (Matt. 2:1-6). But always, the light is there, as God graciously, mysteriously, and defiantly breaks into human lives.

My prayer for us this epiphany is that we might see Christ's light and let our light shine for Christ in the world.

Peace,
Pastor Greer

Cooking Up Relief in the New Year: Turmeric and Other Anti-Inflammatory Spices

Written by Mary Ellen Ellis

Medically Reviewed by George T. Krucik, MD, MBA on October 9, 2013

Inflammation Explained

Inflammation is the body's natural response to illness, injury or infection, often causing redness, swelling, or heat. It possibly causes loss of function of the involved tissues. Acute inflammation is typically a protective and localized response to infection or injury. It's designed to heal the body and restore normal tissue function. If inflammation persists for a prolonged period of time, it becomes chronic inflammation. Chronic inflammation can be the result of an infection, autoimmune reaction, or allergy.

Certain foods have been identified as "anti-inflammatory" and may help to reduce chronic inflammation and pain. Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish, certain nuts, and even chocolate have all been acknowledged for their anti-inflammatory properties. Research into exactly how well these foods can reduce inflammation in the body is mixed, but promising.

Turmeric

Spice it up to reduce Inflammation. Turmeric is a brilliant yellow spice common in Indian cuisine that you can find in any grocery store. Turmeric has been used as a medicine for centuries to treat wounds, infections, colds, and liver disease. Studies have shown that curcumin, a compound in turmeric, may reduce inflammation in the body.

Ginger

Ginger is a zesty spice used in many Asian cuisines. You can buy it powdered or as a fresh root in most supermarkets. Ginger has been used as a traditional medicine to treat stomach upset, headaches, and infections. The anti-inflammatory properties of ginger have been praised for centuries, and scientific studies have confirmed its benefits.

Cinnamon

Cinnamon is a popular spice often used to flavor baked treats. But cinnamon is more than just a delicious additive in our cakes. Studies have proven that the spice has anti-inflammatory properties, which could help to ease swelling. Keep a good supply of cinnamon on hand and sprinkle it in your coffee or tea, and on top of your breakfast cereal.

Garlic

The anti-inflammatory properties of garlic have been proven to ease arthritis symptoms. And a little bit goes a long way in many dishes. Use fresh garlic in almost any savory dish for added flavor and health benefits. If the taste is just too much for you, roast a head of garlic for a sweeter, milder flavor.

Cayenne

Cayenne and other hot chili peppers have been praised for their health benefits since ancient times. All chili peppers contain natural compounds called capsaicinoids. This is what gives the spicy fruits their anti-inflammatory properties. It has long been used as a digestive aid. However, cayenne has more recently been shown to ease pain associated with arthritis and headaches. Chili peppers are widely considered to be a powerful anti-inflammatory spice, so be sure to include a dash of cayenne in your next dish.

Black Pepper

If cayenne is just too hot for your liking, you'll be happy to know that the milder black pepper has been identified for its anti-inflammatory properties as well. Known as the "King of Spices," black pepper has been valued for its flavor and anti-bacterial, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory benefits. Studies have shown that the chemical compounds of black pepper, particularly piperine, may be effective in the early acute inflammatory process.

Clove

Cloves have been used as an expectorant, and to treat upset stomach, nausea, and inflammation of the mouth and throat. Research is still mixed, but evidence shows that clove may have anti-inflammatory properties. Powdered clove works well in baked goods and in some savory dishes, like hearty soups and stews. You can also use whole cloves to infuse both flavor and nutrition into hot drinks like tea or cider.

In Health,
Rochelle Mazurek

I hope you enjoy trying new recipes or adding new flavors to your current recipes. My go-to morning anti-inflammatory is sprinkling in turmeric, ginger and cinnamon in my coffee grounds just before turning on the coffee maker!

Ministry Members

Worship Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison - Nancy Engalan

Ministry Members

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



All Ministry Night
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 7 PM
Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 7 PM

Witness Ministry

Chair - Gail Williams

Council Liaison - Kristin MacPhee

Ministry Members

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

Stewardship Ministry

Chair - Laura Jewell

Council Liaison - Laura Jewell

Ministry Members

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

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

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
- ♦ Pete 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.

Service Ministry

Chair - Elaine Dalton

Council Liaison - Elaine Dalton

Ministry Members

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

Finance Ministry

Chair - Ken Jewell

Council Liaison - Matthew Mazurek

Co-Treasurer - Keith Williams

Co-Treasurer - Mark Wisniewski

Financial Secretary - Ken Jewell

Ministry Members

- ♦ Lisa LaBarge

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 Jan. 10th at 7:00 P.M.

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.

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.

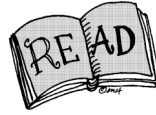
Social Hall Use for Members

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

The next discussion is Wednesday, January 11th at noon. The book is "The Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant. Hostess: Marilyn McQueen.



Movie Monday

January 16th at 1:00 P.M. come and watch "Florence Foster Jenkins" with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant in the Learning Center. Snacks served, bring your own beverage.



Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month, the January dates are the 6th and 20th 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.

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!

THANKS

Hi All,

I want to thank you for the generous scholarship I have received through your church.

I am a 3rd year student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, studying to be a Pastor. I am loving seminary and I am learning to take our theology of Grace and work to be able to share it with others.

I am currently on internship at St. Philip Lutheran Church in Trenton. I preach and preside every Sunday but would really like to connect with your church in some way to be able to thank you all and to share a bit of my story.

Because of your generosity I am able to focus on my ministry!

Thank You,
Branden



January Birthdays

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| Judith Bialy | 2 |
| Kathy Honsowetz | 3 |
| Mary Stevick | 3 |
| Denise Rodi | 7 |
| Marilyn Jenkins | 8 |
| Elisabeth Duerksen | 9 |
| DeAnna Robinson | 9 |
| Pauline Beyer | 10 |
| Lexi Whiteman | 10 |
| Barb Potter | 12 |
| Noelle Yasso | 13 |
| Makayla McDonald | 19 |
| Wally Ponican | 20 |
| Mackenzie Robinson | 20 |
| Jacobi Lavelly | 22 |
| Genevieve MacPhee | 23 |
| Mavis Dunn | 24 |
| Dylan Manos | 24 |
| Cheryl Whiteman | 25 |
| Jeannie Weiderman | 27 |
| Quinton Whitfield | 28 |
| Allen Holmes | 29 |
| Melissa Wheeler | 30 |
| Earl Wright | 31 |

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.thrivent](https://www.facebook.com/bryanknop.thrivent)
[Linkedin.com/in/bryanknopthrivent](https://www.linkedin.com/in/bryanknopthrivent)

Introducing Your Mutual Ministry....

Because Amazing Grace has not consistently had a Mutual Ministry team, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the team members and explain the ministry's role. Team members are Kevin Liske, Jim Williamson, Pastor, Kathie Bair, and Ken Jewell serves as consultant. Think of Mutual Ministry as the congregation's Human Resources department. The team develops job descriptions and contracts as well as performing annual evaluations for paid staff and people in lead volunteer positions. Another important function of Mutual Ministry is to help resolve conflicts within the congregations. Matthew tells us to attempt to resolve conflicts privately and respectfully on our own first. If that is not successful, seek out others to assist to resolve the matter in love. So far the team has developed job descriptions for all positions they are needed for. We have begun evaluating staff and getting contracts signed. I am happy to say that we are working hard and off to a great start. If you have any questions for Mutual Ministry, please stop one of us and we will be happy to chat with you.

Address Changes

Debbie Emmons
 21385 Behrendt
 Warren, MI 48091

Terri Gilbert
 15334 Crescentwood Ave.
 Eastpointe, MI 48021

Carol Sperry
 C/O The Palms of Sebring
 725 South Pine Street
 Sebring, FL 33870

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.

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 meeting is Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.

Bible Study is Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 A.M.

Coffee Hour Hosts

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

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, January 10th at Noon
Topic: "Galatians, No Other Gospel, Christian Faith and Christian Freedom"

Bring your sandwich. Beverages and dessert supplied by hostess: Denise Rodi

WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, January 24th
Dinner and Crafts
Hostess: Lucimar Turner

Women of the Year Luncheon
March 18, 2017

Amazing Grace will be honoring Joan Shelby and Rachel Alsayad!
10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Ukrainian Cultural Center, 11 Mile and Ryan Road.
More information coming.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller, Author 1880-1968

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

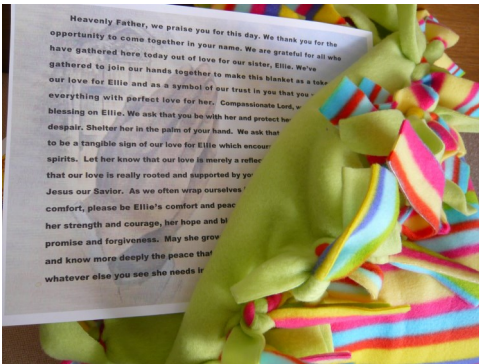
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| President | Sherri Switzer |
| Vice Pres. | Barb Westerberg |
| Secretary | Mary Haller |
| Treasurer | Marilyn McQueen |
| Action | Sherri Switzer |
| | Millie Ziemann (WWW) |
| Growth | Terri Gilbert (Bible Study) |
| Community | Barb Jetmore |

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 December 15, 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 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, Jim Roberts, 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
Nancy Engalan
Terri Gilbert
Laura Jewell
Matthew Jewell
Mike Martinson
Denise Rodi
Joan Shelby
Mary Stevick
Earl Wright



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 Denise in the church office.

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

January 1

10:00 Worship

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

9:00

11:00

January 8

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

January 15

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

January 22

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

January 29

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| Jim Williamson | Rick Biernat |
| Earl Wright | Ann Brilliant |
| | Joan Shelby |

Altar Guild

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| January | Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby |
| February | 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.

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| January 8 | Needed |
| January 15 | Mary & Stan Haller |
| January 22 | Pete Fisher |
| January 29 | Jack Kenmuir |

Offering Counters

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright
Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby
Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

Bulletin Folders

January 5 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick
January 12 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby
January 19- Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weideman
January 26 - Newsletter Crew (out lunch)
February 2 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright
February 9 - Mary Ann Masch
February 16 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick
February 23 - Newsletter Crew (pizza)

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 Weideman

Staff

Pastor Greer Cherney Johnson

Secretary Denise Rodi

Music Staff Christian Avila, Kathy Brinker, Alison Buckman, Gary Jones, Genna MacPhee, Gwen MacPhee, Drew Miller, Erik Miller, Noah Miller, Rocco Popielarski

Choir Director Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

Choir Peter Fisher, Cathy Jarvis, Marilyn McQueen, Tom Pesamoska, Wally Ponican, Barb Potter, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna & Mackenzie Robinson, Dorian & Lucille Staff, Betty Jean Switzer, Barb Westerberg, Tammy Wenzel
Volunteer Vocalists Pete Fisher, 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/Youth 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

DECEMBER 27-30, 2016

Radisson & Lansing Center
Downtown Lansing in Michigan



Pastor Greer and Noah Miller will be attending the Youth Gathering in Lansing, Michigan
Please keep them and the youth in your prayers.

**JUNIOR HIGH
CHARGE**

Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City
March 24-26, 2017



Sunday School

AGLC January 2017 Learning Ministry Update



Join us January 8th for our Annual 'Creative Expressions' Gifts for Jesus

Following the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, January 8, our congregation's youth and people of all ages will be celebrating the birth of Christ and Epiphany by sharing their gifts with Jesus— gifts include singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments, performing skits and reading poetry. We still need volunteers to help with the program and to donate snacks for our post-program reception. To learn more about how you can help out, please contact Joan Jenkins (joanmjenkins@comcast.net).

January Learning Ministry Topics & Activities:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Adult Bible Study</u> | <u>Confirmation Class</u> | <u>Sunday School:</u> <u>Sundays during 11:00am worship service in</u> |
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| Week of January 1 | No Bible Study | No Class | <i>No Intergenerational Faith Formation meeting this month</i> <i>(10:00am worship service only No Sunday School.</i> <i>Children Welcome in Worship!</i> |
| Week of January 8 | Bible Study Wednesday, January 11 @ 11:30a.m. | Creative Expressions Sunday, January 8th | <i>Children will be practicing for the Creative Expressions program</i> Lesson: Jesus' Baptism (will be sent home) Readings: Matthew 3:13-17 <i>Teachers: Pete Fisher & Jeannie Weideman</i> |
| Week of January 15 | Bible Study Wednesday, January 18 @ 11:30a.m. | Sunday, Jan 15 12:30-2:30pm Daniel/Prophets | Lesson: The Lamb of God Readings: John 1:29-42 <i>Teachers: Gail Williams & Joan Jenkins</i> |
| Week of January 22 | Bible Study Wednesday, January 25 @ 11:30a.m. | Sunday, Jan 22 12:30-2:30pm Lord's Prayer | Lesson: The Disciples Readings: Matthew 4:12-23, 9:9-13, & 10:1-4 <i>Teachers: Judy Sutherland & Matthew Jewell</i> |
| Week of January 29 | No Bible Study February 1 | No Class | Lesson: The Beatitudes Readings: Matthew 5:1-12 <i>Teachers: Joan Jenkins & TBD</i> |

Parents – Sunday School Needs Your Support!

It takes many hands to successfully run Amazing Grace's Sunday School program, and we have asked parents to volunteer to assist in Sunday School at least once during the year, and help with one extra-curricular Sunday School event. If you have not yet done so, please sign-up on our Sunday School Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Calendar.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION

A Letter to the People Who Serve

January 2017

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
29860 Dequindre Road
Warren, MI 48092



Sharing the

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM (traditional)

11:00 AM (contemporary)

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

January 1st

One Worship service at 10:00 A.M.



Awesome Love of Jesus

Phone

586-751-7750

E-mail

aglcwarren@gmail.com

Website

www.amazing-grace-lutheran.org

Pastor Greer Cherney Johnson - pastorgreeraglc@gmail.com

Amazing Grace is Wheelchair Accessible