



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 20 No. 3

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.
All children ages 2 – 6th grade are welcome!

Family Sunday School
Faith Formation for People of All Ages

Join Pastor Greer the first Sunday of every month
at 12:30 P.M. in the Social Hall
for family focused faith and lunch.
Next date is March 5th.

Bible Study
Led by Pastor Greer
Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



Ash Wednesday
March 1st
7:00 P.M. Worship

Wednesdays in Lent
6:00 PM Soup Supper
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5th
Sign up to bring a pot of soup/chili, bread, milk etc.
7:00 PM Worship

WELCA Woman Of The Year

Congratulations to Rachel Alsaiyad (left) and
Joan Shelby (right) who were chosen as the
WELCA Woman of the Year for 2017.

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Sunday, March 12th

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Lent: Spring Cleaning For The Soul

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we anticipate a time of reflection during the Lenten season, we prepare our hearts for a time of reflection, repentance and a so-called “Spring Cleaning for the Soul.” We will enjoy Shrove Tuesday together as a way of indulgence and reminder of the many blessings we enjoy in abundance, and then we will move into Ash Wednesday. And on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, hundreds of millions of Christians receive ashes on their foreheads in churches all over the world.

Why ashes? Since Old Testament times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mortality. When ashes are placed on our foreheads we hear the words: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It’s a reminder that the world, that often seems so important to us at this moment is passing and we need to give more thought to what comes at the end of our earthly life, which is: eternal life.

Ashes are also a sign of our need for repentance and a heartfelt acknowledgment that we are sinners and fall short of the glory of God. To many in the modern world, the very concept of sin seems old-fashioned. Yet, sin is part of our human nature, brokenness is our human condition and we NEED Jesus. We need to repent and trust the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) will show up for us again and again.

If you intentionally hurt a good friend, whether you are religious or not, something deep inside of you tells you that you need to say you’re sorry. What’s more, whether you say it out loud to your friend, or just think it to yourself, you’ll resolve not to hurt them again. But chances are good that someday you will. And that is similar to the all-too-human cycle of sin and sorrow and sinning again.

As the Church points out, we are all sinners and we all need repentance. We all need to confess our sin and sinfulness and ask for God’s forgiveness. And as people of the resurrection, we trust and lean into God’s gift of abundant grace. Lent gives us an intentional time of the year to do just that (although our prayer is that we practice confession/repentance year-round).

The word “Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime. Think of it as a form of spring cleaning for the soul. In the early years of the Church it was confined to a few days before Easter. But by the fourth century it was extended to forty days before Easter, a period associated with the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in the desert, tempted in the wilderness, just after his baptism (Matthew 4:1-11). “Forty days before Easter” may be somewhat misleading. The Church doesn’t count Sundays among the forty days, so the period of Lent, lasting from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, actually covers 46 days. Whether 40 days or 46 days, in the great scope of things Lent is a momentary pause to rethink the fundamental purpose of our lives. But it can also be the occasion of a momentous transformation; a first step on the path, at the crossroads, of becoming the people God has called us to be. I’ll see you at the crossroads of this journey.

Lent Prayer: Martin Luther – You are my righteousness, I am your sin
In Christ we can become what we were not. Amen!

Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not. – *Martin Luther*

Peace +
Pastor Greer

**Congregational Meeting to close the financial books for 2016:
Sunday, March 12th at 12:15 PM**

Why Walk?

So many workouts, so many excuses. Running? Cramps in your side. Swimming? Hate getting wet. Pilates? Expensive. Spin class? A headache. Walking? Um... Finally, an exercise truly devoid of downsides. It may not be flashy or cool, but according to growing scientific evidence, walking, done often and properly, can deliver an array of benefits that are just as impressive as those often gained from sportier regimens.

You might call walking America's untrendiest growing trend. Between 2005 and 2010, the number of adults who walked for 10 minutes or more at least once a week rose from 56 to 62 percent—an increase of almost 20 million people—as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

An influx of pedestrian-friendly communities around the country has something to do with it. In the past decade, many cities, including New York, Chicago, and Boston, have transformed busy traffic routes into pedestrian-friendly pathways. In 2011 the Cleveland City Council passed a “green streets” ordinance, which requires that a certain percentage of funding for road projects be spent on pedestrian-focused amenities, including crosswalks and energy-efficient lighting. In 2012 Los Angeles saw its first street-to-plaza conversion, turning an underused road into an 11,000-square-foot walking zone. “When people can travel to shops, schools, and parks without a car, walking is no longer a task on the to-do list but a natural part of their day,” says Mark Fenton, a former member of the U.S. National Racewalking Team and a public-health and transportation consultant.

Urban planning aside, plain old nagging has also nudged Americans onto their feet. Over the years, doctors, insurance companies, and public-health officials have banded together to make their message loud and clear: Walk—it's good for you. Paul T. Williams, Ph.D., a staff scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, in Berkeley, California, goes so far as to call walking “a wonder drug, except that you don't need a prescription and you don't have to pay for it.” He's not exaggerating. Walking regularly will not only get you into decent shape (no more getting winded after chasing a bus) but also do a whole lot more, as the latest findings suggest. <http://www.realsimple.com/health/fitness-exercise/benefits-walking/walking-10>

¹⁷ Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”
Genesis 13:17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)



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.



Ministry Members

Worship Ministry

Chair - Denise Rodi
Council Liaison - Nancy Engalan

Ministry Members

- ♦ Julie Ambris
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Angela Kenmuir
- ♦ Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown
- ♦ Betty Jean Switzer



All Ministry Night
Tuesday, March 7th at 7 PM
Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 21st at 7 PM
Learning Team will meet the second
Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM

Witness Ministry

Chair - Gail Williams
Council Liaison - Kristin MacPhee

Ministry Members

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

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 Sec.- Ken Jewell
Ministry Members

- ♦ Lisa LaBarge

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

Church Officers

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

Council Members

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

Parish Health Ministry

- ♦ LouAnn Bishop
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Margarete Kammer

Mutual Ministry

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

Watch For Your Weekly E-Mail Updates

Every Tuesday e-mails are sent through Constant Contact, with updates of activities and worship times at Amazing Grace for the current week. Please check your e-mail to keep informed. If you are not receiving it, please let Denise know.

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

Stewardship Ministry

Chair - Laura Jewell
Council Liaison - Laura Jewell
Ministry Members

- ♦ Ken Jewell
- ♦ 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

Service Ministry

Chair - Elaine Dalton
Council Liaison -
Ministry Members

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

Service to Others

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Meetings are in the Narthex on the second Tuesday of each month, the next date is March 14th 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.

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.

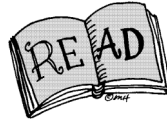
Social Hall Use for Members

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.), 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

The next discussion is Wednesday, March 8th at noon. The book is "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katrina Bibvald.



Movie Monday

March 20th at 1:00 P.M. come and watch "Mr. Church" with Eddie Murphy in the Learning Center. Snacks served, bring your own beverage.



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.

Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month, the March dates are the 3rd and 17th 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.



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!

Sat., March 11th at 2:00 P.M. (notice time change) at Mongolian Buffet, Warren. Lunch \$11.99.

Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 P.M. Buddy's, Warren.

Fri., May 26th 6:30 P.M. Mr. Miguel's, Mexican, Warren

If you are planning on attending or need directions call the church office 4 days prior to the dinner. Ideas for future restaurants are welcome!





March Birthdays

Peter Fisher	3
Alex Broadwell	6
Sheila Roberts	6
Matthew Hager	8
Edna Williamson	8
Michael Martinson	12
Mike Duerksen	14
Georgette Williamson	16
Jean Regan	19
Dominic Duerksen	20
Joan Shelby	23
Dana Trysh	24
Jeff Switzer	26
Michelle Cayer	28
Avery Howland	28
Cathy Jarvis	29
Mary Ellen Mazurek	29
Sarah Switzer	29

Thrivent Members

Follow our Thrivent representative Bryan Knop on Facebook or LinkedIn. Facebook.com/bryanknop.thrivent
 LinkedIn.com/in/bryanknopthrivent

Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2016 can be directed until March 31, 2017. Go to Thrivent.com.

Commemorative Bricks

Order forms for bricks are available on the table in the Narthex, Turn it in with your \$100.00 donation by March 19th.

Shopping?

Amazing Grace gets the rewards when you shop at Kroger. Rewards members need to re-enroll each April to continue earning \$\$ for AGLC! All participants must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for Amazing Grace. To enroll go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Scan your card each time you shop at Kroger. They send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We currently have 21 households signed up.

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.

Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, March 19th
 12:30 - 2:30 P.M.
 Help send Olivia Seeburger to the World Dwarf Games 2017 in Canada (a division of the Para Olympics)
 Suggested donation \$5.00 per person.



Blessing Bags

At Family Sunday School February 5th we made over 50 "blessing bags" for our members to distribute to people on the "streets". We will be making them again soon. Donations accepted anytime.

Those that have been distributed include:

We handed out a blessing bag to a lady at Dequindre & 696 on Feb. 5th. Boccaccio Family.

Pastor Greer handed out two bags at 696/Dequindre and 8 Mile Road/175.

Ann Brilliant gave one to a lady on the bus.

Mackenzie and I were on our way to the dentist and we gave a homeless man and his dog a blessing bag at the corner of Vernier and I94. He was very grateful and humbled by our kindness. He immediately opened one of the Chef Boy RD meals that we put in the bag and fed it to his dog. Mackenzie and I felt very happy to be able to help him and his little dog. DeAnna Robinson.

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining Amazing Grace, our New Member Class is Sunday, March 19th from 12:30-3:00 P.M. Reception of new members will be April 2nd. Please sign up on the main bulletin board or speak with Pastor Greer.



Sponsored By Men of Grace

Sunday, May 7th
 12:15 P.M.

Women of the Church



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 social activity is Thurs., March 9th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.

Bible Study is Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 A.M.

Mark your calendar Saturday, June 24th pot luck lunch at Laura Jewell’s home. Secret sister reveal!

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.

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, March 14th at Noon

Topic: “Galatians, Heirs of the Promise”. Bring your sandwich. Beverages and dessert supplied. Hostess: Betty Jean Switzer

Women of the Year Luncheon

March 18th at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, Warren. At 10:30 A.M. with lunch at noon. Cost: \$25.00.

WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, March 28th

Join us for dinner and crafts
Hostess: Sharon Chilcutt, Pat Simpson

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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
	(Bible Study)
Community	Barb Jetmore

Woman of Year

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As WELCA we’d like to recognize all the helpful and hardworking

women of Amazing Grace. Often they go unseen because they just like to stay in the background, but these ladies help to keep the church running smoothly. Once a year WELCA chooses one (or two) of our ladies to honor. For 2017 we’ve chosen Joan Shelby and Rachel Alsaiyad. This is the first year we’ve chosen a lady for the under 35 category, our sweet Rachel. Joan and Rachel are both such caring, kindhearted and hard working ladies and will represent Amazing Grace and WELCA honorably.

Joan Shelby is one of those “behind the scenes” ladies always helping out, but hidden in the kitchen, or in the back room counting, etc. Joan always has a ready smile and positive attitude. She reports that many women in her life inspired her to serve the Lord. Her aging grandmother, who raised her saw that she attended church regularly. Two of her teachers, also played inspiring roles, and her mother-in-law served by doing such things as ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Lastly, the warmth and unconditional love of the ladies who welcomed her into Amazing Grace, inspired her to take on all the roles that she does. Joan, has served on Altar Guild, Newsletter, money counter, usher, Eucharistic Minister, on the Service Committee, Monday Movie, and the coffee hour. Outside the church, she has volunteered with Forgotten Harvest, Meals On Wheels, Catholic charities, the city of Warren Health Seminars and election polls. Joan has a son, and daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, and two great grandsons and, of course, her church family.

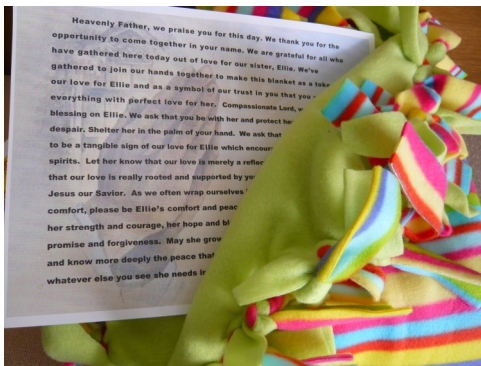
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Power of Prayer

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 February 16, 2017 242 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, Tony Dalton, Mavis Dunn, Debbie Emmons, Dorothy Greenstrand, Tony Mazurek, Barb & Bob Potter, Jim Roberts, David Sawyer, Betty Jean Switzer, Art & 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



Our Christian Sympathy

is extended to the family of Carol Sperry, long time member of Amazing Grace and Holy Redeemer who died on February, 12th.



I can't begin to thank you all for the thought and time you put in making the beautiful prayer blanket! God lead me to Amazing Grace for a reason! Love you all!

Thank you and God Bless!
Beverly Sidelinker

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

March 5

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

March 12

Mike Martinson	Lisa LaBarge
Earl Wright	Mike Lohr
	Jim Roberts
	Mark Wisniewski

March 19

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

March 26

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

Altar Guild

March	Sheila Roberts, Betty Jean Switzer
April	Angie & Wally Kenmuir

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.

March 5	Needed
March 12	Mary & Stan Haller
March 19	Pete Fisher
March 26	Jack Kenmuir

Offering Counters

March 5th

Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby

March 12th and 19th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

March 26th

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

Bulletin Folders

March 2 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

March 9- Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weideman

March 16 - Nancy Engalan

March 23 - Newsletter Crew (out lunch)

March 30 - Mary Ann Masch

April 6 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

April 13 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

April 20 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weideman

April 27 - 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, Mackenzi & Haidyn Kline, Marilyn McQueen, Tom Pesamoska, Wally Ponican, Barb Potter, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna & Mackenzie Robinson, Dorian & Lucille Staff, Betty Jean Switzer, 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,
Lamphere Center Job Training

Sheep Sharing...And Caring Confirmation Corner

There is a “TIME FOR EVERYTHING”, and a “SEASON” for every activity under heaven: A time to be born and to die, to plant and to uproot, to kill and to heal, to tear down and to build, to mourn and to dance, to scatter and to gather, to embrace and to refrain, to search and to give up, to keep and to throw away, to tear and to mend to be silent and to speak, to love and to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This is a time for sharing and caring with Confirmation Corner. We hung out with Daniel and his friends (Old Testament). It was blast of heat and very “hot” as we entered the fire in the furnace. It was a time for God’s protection to live, not a time to die. If life is getting a little “hot” for you brothers and sisters in Christ, “COOL OFF” in “CHRIST”, God will help you, the wings of the “HOLY SPIRIT” are a fan for your soul.

The Confirmation Class has a “TIME TO SHARE”, “HIGH and LOW” in their life. A time for each one to speak and a time to listen. We had an eye opening lengthy discussion as Noah Yasso shared his high at school was learning about racism and sexism (equality for all). We also listened as Ben and Jonathan Sawyer share about their brother who was recently hospitalized. The class made a card, and each of us signed it and prayed for him.

Coming up....March 24-26, six of us will be going on a week-end retreat to Traverse City sponsored by Living Waters Ministry. We will be needing help with funds to register and to rent a van for the week-end. We will be putting envelopes on a board in the Narthex with different dollar amounts on each. Please consider taking one and placing it in the offering plate with your donation. The class will be helping with various events: dinners in the coming months. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK WELCA FOR DONATING \$200.00. WELCA is the national group of women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which includes all women of the church.

“NOW IS THE TIME” for thanking all you for your love, prayers and support of our youth in Confirmation class. May the Spirit of God fill you and overflow like a river in each of you. May the ‘Living Water’ of Christ keep you cool.

Thank you! In Christ's Peace and Love,
Pastor Greer and Julie Ambris

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Rachel Alsaiyad was born into and grew up in Amazing Grace. She is a 23 year old Wayne State University student studying math and English. Rachel plans on becoming a high school teacher after graduating in 2018. Currently, she is living at home with her “awesome” parents, Karim and Debbie Alsaiyad and her two brothers, Tommy and Adam. Rachel, as a child, enjoyed going to Sunday School, and she participated in lots of plays and dramas and was an enthusiastic participant in all the church events. She participated in Youth Group and became a leader. She has been a Sunday School teacher, volunteered in nursery, helped with MCREST week, runs power point, helps with communion, etc. Occasionally she'll serve as reader or play the flute for us. Rachel, like Joan embraces the loving feeling she gets from being part of a church family. Currently, Rachel is extremely busy. She is a full time college student and works as manager at Auto Zone. Also she has a boyfriend, Rob. So, Rachel must limit herself as to how much volunteering she can do currently at Amazing Grace, but we know she will always be a big part of Amazing Grace and will always welcome her and her helpful ways and sunny attitude.

Congratulations Joan and Rachel!

Sunday School

AGLC March 2017



Let's Make Safety a Priority

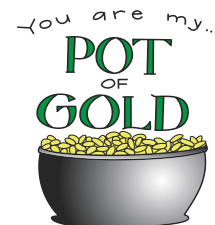
For safety reasons, children or grandchildren who are attending Sunday School should be escorted back to the Learning Center by a parent, teacher, or assistant when Sunday School starts. Children who are not attending Sunday School should remain in the sanctuary during the worship service, accompanied by their parents or grandparents.

March Learning Ministry Topic & Activities:

Date	Adult Bible Study	Confirmation Class	<u>Sunday School:</u> Sundays during 11:00am worship service in Learning Center
Week of March 5	Wednesday, March 8 11:30 am	Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00am	<p><i>Family Sunday School for all ages 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Social Hall (includes lunch)</i> Lesson: Why Lent?</p> <p>Lesson: The First Sin Readings: Genesis: 3:1-24 <i>Teachers: TBD</i></p>
Week of March 12	Wednesday, March 15 11:30 am	Saturday, March 18 @ 10:00am	<p>Lesson: Abram's Call Readings: Genesis: 12:1-9 <i>Teachers: Pete Fisher, TBD</i></p>
Week of March 19	Wednesday, March 22 11:30 am	no class	<p>Lesson: Woman at the Well Readings: John 4:5-42 <i>Teachers: Pete Fisher, TBD</i></p>
Week of March 26	Wednesday, March 29 11:30 am	Confirmation Retreat	<p>Lesson: Pool of Siloam Readings: John 9:1-41 <i>Teachers: TBD</i></p>



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



Sunday School meets after the children's sermon at the 11:00 worship service.
All children ages 2 – 6th grade are welcome!

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

A Letter to the People Who Serve

March 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**



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