



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 20 No. 4

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!
Last day is May 21st for summer break.

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 May 7th.

Bible Study

Led by Pastor Greer
Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
(May 3rd through May 24th)

Summer Worship Times

May 28th and June 4th
One worship service at 10:00 only.
(June 4th - outdoor worship service/picnic)

June 11th through August 27th
9:00 A.M. (Traditional)
11:00 A.M. (Contemporary)



Faith Formation Event/Chili Cook Off



Sponsored By Men of Grace
Sunday, May 7th at 12:30 P.M.

You be the judge, best tasting, most unique.
We also will be making blessing bags for the
homeless. Bring items (toothpaste, small water
bottles, snacks, deodorant, hand wipes, etc.)

WELCA DAUGHTER'S LUNCHEON



Saturday, May 13th at noon

"Birds and Blossoms

A Real Tweet Picnic 'WELCaming' Spring"

Menu: assorted sandwiches, salads and desserts.
Presentation on exotic rescued birds by Kristine
and Cameron Kolliker.

Sign up on the main bulletin board.
Cost: \$8 ladies, \$5 ages 5-12, under 5 free.



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Pastor's Corner

Wonderful Wednesdays is an exciting new adventure we are THRILLED to begin this summer at Amazing Grace! With combined efforts of Faith Formation Ministry Team, Worship Team and anyone who desires to participate in a church wide learning and faith exploration, this is sure to be an INCREDIBLE summer!

What is Wonderful Wednesdays you might ask?! Well, I can't wait to tell you!

Wonderful Wednesdays will combine a Vacation Bible School approach with Bible Study and Worship, for people of ALL AGES! You may have heard the term Intergenerational?! Which means that ALL ages come together to learn, grow and experience God's Amazing Grace together. This approach is not something we just made up, but has been studied by many and is proven to be an important way to learn and grow in faith together. With people of all ages we pray that God will use our youngest hearts and our more experienced lives to create meaningful relationships as well as impactful conversations and life-long opportunities for a shared faith experience.

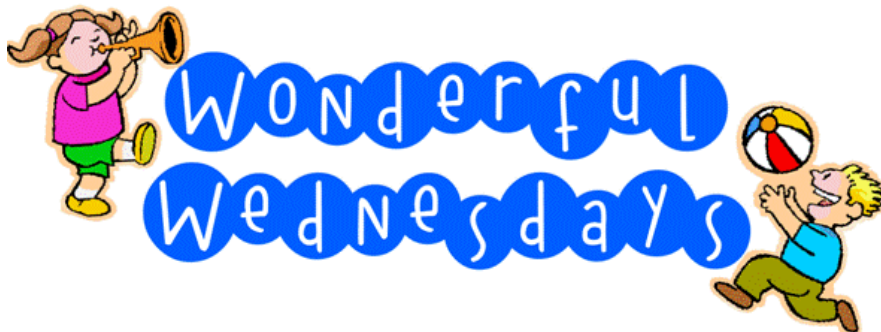
On every-other Wednesday evening, anyone who comes to Wonderful Wednesdays, are invited to a shared meal in the fellowship hall, then break out small groups (by age) for Bible Study (adults) led by Pastor Greer and Vacation Bible School Learning for (kiddos) led by our excited and talented Faith Formation Team. As each age group explores the same Bible story and Living Water theme, we will find creative ways to connect those stories to our shared experience. To close the evening everyone is invited to join in a beautiful worship service that combines faith, fun and fellowship. Be prepared for an interactive and experiential worship with lively songs, interaction and opportunities to share faith.

This approach is exciting and innovative and will offer opportunities for new and exciting worship experiences, intergenerational relationships, learning for all ages and a summer full of fun and faith. God is alive and active and what better way to embrace God's exciting activity then to worship, wonder and wiggle together?! We are so excited and can't wait to get everyone excited with us! Since we will continue to worship on Sundays with Traditional and Contemporary worship services, this mid-week (every other) approach will be different and engage the senses and invite everyone into a deeper learning in new and exciting ways.

As your pastor, I invite you to invite people in your neighborhood, bring your families and share the good news of what God is up to at Amazing Grace! As summers get busy and people go on vacation, I want to strongly encourage you and yours to remember that God doesn't take 'time off' from us, and our faith should not take 'time off' either. The church continues to work hard to serve God's people and Wonderful Wednesdays is an important way that God reminds us how important it is to get together as people of faith and to continue to build up God's kingdom in this world. Please get excited with me and the wonderful ministry teams that are making this summer one to remember! Watch for information in the weeks ahead as we ask for volunteers, helpers and ask for people to sign up for summer fun!

We invite you to spend your Wednesdays at Amazing Grace alongside one another and in prayerful and faithful fun! I am so excited for this adventure and hope you will invite, reach out and get pumped to share God's amazing grace and experience a summer filled with fun and faith!

Peace,
Pastor Greer





Spring Fever, is it real? Is it the opposite of cabin fever? Yes and maybe.



AAAAH. We've been waiting all winter to break out of the house and into our shorts. Isn't it about time? Pack away the long underwear and get out the bathing suits right? Why does this time of year get our motors running at high idle? Is it just the warmer temps or is there something else going on. First of all spring fever doesn't actually involve having a fever. You won't be laid up in bed or going to the doctor. There isn't a cure either. There are actual physical symptoms though. You may have itching and sneezing this time of year but that's probably allergies and that's a different problem altogether.

According to WEB MD people do actually experience an energy surge. This is good! Who doesn't need more energy? This could be because sunlight increases melatonin levels, which influences sleep and also mood.

OK. So here's some sure signs you've got spring fever:

1. You feel like exercising, walking, running, biking you get the picture. Go get 'em tiger!
2. You're eating lighter

Craving fresh salads and farmer's market fruit? [That's a sure sign of spring fever.](#) Most [people typically eat fewer fruits and vegetables in the winter](#), as fewer are in season than in the spring and summer months. In the warmer months, we tend to eat lighter foods with more vitamins and proteins.



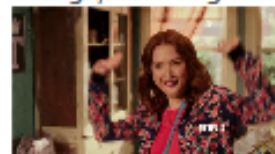
3. You're sleeping less

In spring, you may find it harder to go to sleep at your usual time. This isn't just attributed to daylight saving time. The additional sunlight tells our bodies to [produce less melatonin](#), a main ingredient in putting your brain in sleep mode.

4. You can't stop smiling . You're happier, and you find yourself smiling, whistling, being nice for no reason, and heck, you're even clicking your heels on the street corner. These are all symptoms of spring fever (depending on your level of quirkiness). Apparently, this is due to a chemical change, according to a 2008 study which found an [increase in serotonin during the transition to spring](#). Serotonin affects our mood, and as the Huffington Post noted from a piece in *LA Times*, it is "likely involved in that sudden [lust for life](#) we feel in springtime."



5. Sweeping and Swiffer-ing have become hobbies you look forward to. Skip the shopping trip or sunbathing you had planned for Sunday afternoon; you want to clean *all the things*. You are not alone in this seemingly uncontrollable urge. Apparently, spring cleaning, though not triggered for biological reasons, is [so deeply embedded in our Western culture](#) (cleaning products and services are known to heighten their ads in the springtime) that it feels like it's ingrained in our subconscious. Still, this is a symptom of spring fever.



GET WELL SOON

Genesis 1:14

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

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 - Nancy Engalan

Ministry Members

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



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

Witness Ministry

Chair - Gail Williams
Council - Kristin MacPhee
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 & Joanne Fisher
- ♦ Terri Gilbert
- ♦ Doug Johnson
- ♦ Sheila Roberts
- ♦ DeAnna Robinson

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 - 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

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

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 would like addressed at a council meeting or a ministry meeting please 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

All Ministry Night
Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 PM
Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16th at 7 PM

Service to Others

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Meetings are in the Narthex on the second Tuesday of each month, the next date is May 9th 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 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

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 Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 P.M. The book is "After You" by Jojo Moyes.

Hostess: Mary Haller



Movie Monday

May 15th at 1:00 P.M. watch "La La Land" with Ryan Gosling & Emma Stone in the Learning Center (if it is available). 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 May dates are the 5th and 19th 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!

Friday, May 26th at 6:30 P.M.
Mr. Miguel's, Mexican,
26837 Ryan, Warren

Sunday, June 25th at 1:00 P.M.
Masters Restaurant
13 Mile, west of Dequindre

Sunday, July 30th at 1:00 P.M.
Olive Garden
30600 Van Dyke, 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!





May Birthdays

Barbara Jetmore	3
Wally Kenmuir	5
Lori Moran	5
Bill Shelby	6
Jean Gerios	8
Kyle Lambrix	8
Edison Leven	12
Kevin Whiteman	14
Michelle Szulborski	15
Miranda Holmes	16
Zachary Holmes	16
Rachel Loweke	18
Nathan Yasso	20
Gretchen Lovelock	21
Kathy Brinker	24
Shannon Barrells	25
Grant Honsowetz	27
Colleen Chmelko	28
Jeff Beyer	31
Tony Mazurek	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.

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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.

Baptisms

Ava Kate Abeshi and Grace Marguerite Abeshi, daughters of Vaniel & Ashley Abeshi, granddaughters of Caryn & Frank Ruzich, great granddaughters of Wally Ponican, were baptized on April 16th. They were born on May 27, 2016.

New Member Sunday

On April 2nd we welcomed the following members of Amazing Grace. Add them to your directory.

Danielle Bursey, Ariasia & Delilah
2709 Nanton
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Tony Dalton
28605 Freda Court
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Jason Lavelly
1348 Tennyson Drive
Troy, MI 48083

Sarah Miks
520 Manchester
Madison Heights, MI 48071
5miks@beaumont.edu

Melanie Myers
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Troy, MI 48084
mmelanie@gmail.com

James Siciliano
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Madison Heights, MI 48071
james.b.siciliano@gmail.com

Beverly Sidelinker
321 S. Laurel
Royal Oak, MI 48067
b445rpm33lp@aol.com

Doug Tingley
4459 Spruce Court
Warren, MI 48092
powerwagon345@yahoo.com

Address Changes

Phyllis Yelick
Brookdale
4900 Northfield Parkway, Apt. #C-2
Troy, MI 48098

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

To sign up go to their web page www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Just scan your card each time you shop at Kroger. They send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We 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>.

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

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 social activity is Thurs., May 11th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.

Bible Study will not meet in May due to Memorial Day weekend.

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

Easter Breakfast

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to everyone who helped at the Easter Breakfast. Including kitchen help, decorating, clean up and servers. There was over 85 people who attended and \$375 was collected for Food for the Poor.

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, May 9th at Noon

Bring your sandwich. Dessert provided. Hostess: Julie Ambris
Topic: "You Are Not Alone"

Ten reflections from diverse women of many generations

- ♦ When you are afraid
- ♦ When you must say goodbye
- ♦ When you don't want to be generous
- ♦ When you are at crossroads
- ♦ When people around you are struggling
- ♦ When you need forgiveness
- ♦ When you feel alone
- ♦ When you are sure you are right
- ♦ When life is going your way
- ♦ When I am feeling jealous

Come listen and/or share your story.

WELCA Daughter's Luncheon

Saturday, May 13th at noon (for information see newsletter cover).

WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 P.M.
Join us for dinner and crafts

There is still time to sign up for the Triennial Gathering July 13-16, in Minneapolis, MN. welcatg.org or call [800-638-3522](tel:800-638-3522), ext. 2730

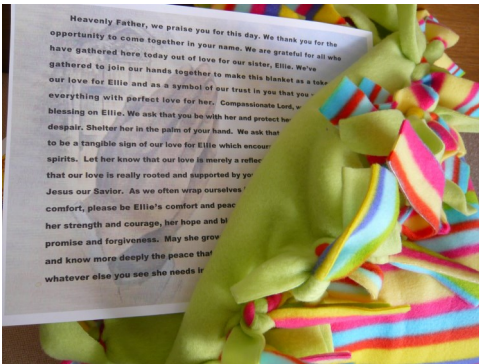
WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

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

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 April 19, 2017 245 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, Dorothy Greenstrand, Barb Jetmore, Tony Mazurek, Barb & Bob Potter, Jim Roberts, 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



Blessing Bags

At Family Sunday School February 5th we made over 50 "blessing bags" for our members to distribute to people on the "streets". These bags include, snacks, hand warmers, tooth brushes/paste, combs, soap, bus ticket, hand wipes, kleenex hand lotion. etc. (all small sizes). We will be doing this again at the May 4th Family Sunday School/Chili Cook Off sponsored by Men of Grace. You may bring any of these items or be creative and bring other items you think they could use.

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

May 7

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

May 14

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

May 21

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

May 28

10:00 Worship Only

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

Altar Guild

May	Cathy Jarvis, Angela Kenmuir
June	Jean Beavers, Terri Gilbert

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.

May 7	Mary & Stan Haller
May 14	Pete Fisher
May 21	Jack Kenmuir
May 28	Needed

Offering Counters

May 7th and 14th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

May 21st and 28th

Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby

Bulletin Folders

May 4 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

May 11 - Mary Ann Masch

May 18 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

May 25 - Newsletter Crew (pizza)

June 1 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

June 8 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

June 15 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

June 22 - Newsletter Crew (out to lunch)

June 29 - Mary Ann Masch

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

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, 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

Confirmation Corner

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Confirmation during Lent has been a new experience and journey for many, from Ash Wednesday, Confirmation Retreat, a “STAR” studded Palm Sunday with appearances from 2 soccer sport stars, Alex and Jonathan, Oscar winning Sarah Starlett from Hollywood, Jake the Politician, and even the great Al-Ben Einstein, and a Rock Star Olivia “a little out there!” We even had a protester with a sign that read Jesus is our Messiah, our King, our Star! What kind of King do you serve? Who is the King of your life? Who do you worship?

The class attended Maundy Thursday service. They carried protest signs that read to crucify Jesus, as we walked to the Sanctuary for the stripping of the altar (by members of the Worship Ministry), preparing the Sanctuary for Good Friday service. They attended Good Friday worship and participated by extinguishing the 7 candles. Then coming to Easter Sunday service the Highest Holy Day for Christians.

The CHARGE Retreat was awesome! We had a youth Sunday service at Amazing Grace and sharing our experience from the retreat at Faith Formation and a pizza lunch provided by Thrivent. A very special thank you to all of you who supported us financially and with your thoughts and prayers.

During class time we have been learning all about Lent and an emphasis on Holy week. We also have discussed the Lutherans having only 2 sacraments Baptism and Holy Communion.

Note: For those of you who challenged your knowledge last month on the parament colors on the altar. Here are the answers from last month Confirmation Corner.

Column 1 - P, P, W, P, Gold, W, Blue, W, P, W, W

Column 2 - W, W, Black or None, G, W, W, G, R, R, W

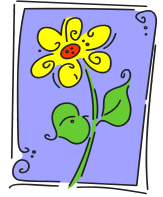
Hope you had fun!

Thank you! In Christ's Peace and Love,

Pastor Greer and Julie Ambris

Sunday School

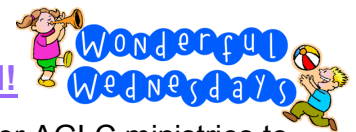
AGLC May 2017 Faith Formation Ministry Update



Please Join our Sunday School End of the Year Celebration

Attention parents and grandparents of Sunday School students, as well as all teachers and volunteers: **Please join us after the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, May 21 for a celebration luncheon.** Lunch will be followed by a short parent/guardian meeting to gather your feedback on this year's Sunday School program – what you like and how we can make the program even better! During this discussion time, children will be helping decorate backpacks and playing games.

Vacation Bible School Goes Inter-Generational!



The Faith Formation Ministry is excited to announce that we'll be working with other AGLC ministries to co-sponsor a mid-week evening intergenerational Vacation Bible School program!, **"Wonderful Wednesdays!"** The program will offer something for everyone - including a group dinner, inter-generational and age-specific learning and social activities, and worship service. Stayed tuned for more information.

May Learning Ministry Topics & Activities:

Date	Adult Bible Study	Confirmation Class	Sunday School: Sundays during 11:00am worship service in
Week of May 7	Wednesday, May 10 @11:30am		FAITH FORMATION for all ages 12:30 – 1:30pm in the Social Hall (includes chili lunch-hosted by Men of Grace) We will be making Blessing Bags for the homeless
Week of May 14	Wednesday, May 17 @11:30am		Craft and song practice (all grades together) <i>Teachers: Pete Fisher & Jeannie Weideman</i>
Week of May 21	Wednesday, May 24 @ 11:30am	12:30—2:00pm	Last day of Sunday School Children sing song during children's worship Sunday School Family Celebration at 12:30pm <i>Teachers: all available</i>
Week of	NO BIBLE STUDY		Sunday School on break until September

Don't Forget about our Nursery

The AGLC nursery is available for infants and toddlers during Faith Formation meetings the first Sunday of every month, and will remain open during summer worship services as well. If you have any questions about our nursery or would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy Lohr.



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