



# Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 19 No. 11

## 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.

### All Saints Sunday, November 6th

We remember all who have moved into eternal life in the past year.

Forms are available on the welcome table if you would like to submit names of loved ones to be included in the prayers. Please hand forms to an usher.



### Worship Times

Sunday 9:00 AM (Traditional)

Sunday 11:00 AM (Contemporary)

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

### Intergenerational Faith Formation

The first Sunday of each month  
12:15 - 1:30 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall  
Join us November 6th!

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### 3rd Annual Amazing Grace Night Out Good Samaritan Benefit

Saturday, November 5th  
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Taco/Nacho bar, cake auction, raffles and continuous musical entertainment throughout the evening.

#### Tickets

\$5.00 donation (\$6.00 at the door),

Donations are welcome, at any time, mark your envelope "Good Sam" and place it in the offering.



Sunday, November 6th

Praise & Pie Thanksgiving Eve Service  
November 23rd at 7:00 P.M.





Dearest Family of God,

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church is a generous group of people! People committed to furthering the kingdom of God. People committed to the life and ministry of this church. People committed to generosity and grace. It is continually amazing how generous this congregation is with time, talent and treasure.

Hearing stories of faithful giving and living are an inspiration to each generation of givers. We are all still learning how faithful giving and living affect our lives as members of the body of Christ. What we do know is that when we give joyfully, God does incredible things. Now, often when we hear about Stewardship we all might cringe a bit or drag our feet. Be honest, it's ok. But does anyone know why we do a stewardship 'drive' in the Fall each year? Historically, the stewardship drive was done in the Fall because it was Harvest time and all the farmers had the bounty from their years' crops and could offer with abundance. But, I don't really know how many farmers we have in our congregation now...so why would we limit ourselves to "Fall Harvest Giving"? What if we lived a year-round kind of stewardship? What if we lived stewardship as a way of life?

That is what we are excited to do this year and in the years to come. To live out of abundance, not scarcity. To practice faithful living and giving as a lifestyle! We will ask that each family or giving unit fill out and return an "Intention to Give" card this November and prayerfully consider how to increase your regular offering. This allows us to grow and continue the life-giving ministries of Amazing Grace. I understand that talking about money and asking for additional giving can be uncomfortable, but I am going to ask anyway. If we are a family together, then we need to take care of our home and have these conversations. We want everyone to grow in their generosity journey! We pray that each giver considers what God calls them to give and lives out of abundance.

Do you know how many Americans tithe or give 10% of their income? Can you guess? Only 13%!!!! So, if you feel called to tithe, then tithe, feel free to give 10% of your income, what a gift! But know that tithing is not an expectation and that is ok. In America, only 0.26% give to the Church and 0.9% of giving does not go to the Church. So, really giving to the church in today's world is rare and unique. Wouldn't it be cool to be rare and unique and challenge the status quo? Wouldn't it be fantastic to be able to increase our congregational giving by 10% this year?

Faithful sisters and brothers, let's raise our budget by 10% and let's try to exceed that goal and really see what God can do with our faithful giving and living! If you have given nothing in the past, please consider giving \$1/day to the Amazing Grace Church family you love and consider that with your gift, you will increase our opportunity to serve by \$365/year. If we all consider giving a little bit more, we can trust that God will do incredible things through these gifts. Let's do this together!

Peace,  
Pastor Greer



# WE GIVE THANKS

After taking the cup, he gave *thanks* and said, "Take this and divide it among you".  
[Luke 22:17 \(NIV\)](#)

The leaves on the trees are beginning to change their colors and we are once again reminded of all of the glorious gifts God our Father has given us. Do you look upon a beautiful sunset and take it for granted, or do you gaze in awe at the wonder that we have been given? It is a time to reap the harvest of what has been sown and, like the squirrels, begin to store up for the coming winter. Our bodies begin to crave "comfort food" in preparation for the cold weather. We also be long for the warmth and love of our family and friends.

### ALL SAINTS DAY



As we begin the month of November we remember those we have lost this past year by celebrating All Saints Day. In many Lutheran Churches, it is observed on the first Sunday of November. We generally regard all true Christian believers as saints and use this day to remember all Christians both past and present by a reading of those members of our congregation or their loved ones who have died in the past year.

Then let us not forget the feast to come at the end of the month! Just as the animals of the forest begin to put on their winter coats and prepare for hibernation, we also begin to see changes in our eating habits and also the amount of our physical activity. The days are getting shorter and we are confined to indoor spaces much more. This is very natural and we shouldn't be too concerned with a few extra pounds put on during this time. It is however a time to get together with our friends and family and *share the blessings that God has provided and share with those who have less.*

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

[1 Corinthians 10:31 \(NIV\)](#)

May God bless all of you during this month and always.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Fisher



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



# Ministry Members

## Worship Ministry

**Chair -**

**Council Liaison -** Nancy Engalan

## Ministry Members

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



**All Ministry Night**  
Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 7 PM  
**Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 7 PM

## Service Ministry

**Chair -** Elaine Dalton

**Council Liaison -** Elaine Dalton

## Ministry Members

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

## Stewardship Ministry

**Chair -** Laura Jewell

**Council Liaison -** Laura Jewell

## Ministry Members

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

## Witness Ministry

**Chair -** Gail Williams

**Council Liaison -** Kristin MacPhee

## Ministry Members

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

## Property Ministry

**Chair -** Lisa LaBarge

**Council Liaison -** Lisa LaBarge

## Ministry Members

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

## Learning Ministry

**Chair & Nursery Coordinator**

Cindy Lohr

**Council Liaison**

Matthew Jewell

**Confirmation Liaison**

Julie Ambris

**Communications**

Sherri Loweke

**Ministry Members**

- ♦ Terri Gilbert
- ♦ Joan Jenkins

## LIGHT Youth Team

**Liaison -** Kara Miller

- ♦ Noah Miller
- ♦ Pastor Greer

## Finance Ministry

**Chair -** Ken Jewell

**Council Liaison -** Matthew Mazurek

**Co-Treasurer -** Keith Williams

**Co-Treasurer -** Mark Wisniewski

## Church Officers

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

## Council Members

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

## Parish Health Ministry

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

## Mutual Ministry

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

## WELCA Officers

**Women of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of America**

**President** Sherri Switzer  
**Vice Pres.** Barb Westerberg  
**Secretary** Mary Haller  
**Treasurer** Marilyn McQueen

**Ministries**  
Action: Sherri Switzer  
Millie Ziemann  
(WWW)  
Growth: Terri Gilbert

**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 Nov. 8th at 7:00 P.M.

### Dysfunctional Families Group

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

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

### L.S.S.M. English Class

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

### Social Hall Use for Members

Effective Immediately

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

### Book Club

The next discussion is Wednesday, November 9th at noon. The book is "Tell the Wolves I'm Home" by Carol Rifka Brunt.

Hostess: Gretchen Lovelock.



### Movie Monday

November 21st at 1:00 P.M. come and watch "The Man Who Knew Infinity" in the Learning Center. Snacks served, bring your own beverage.



### Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month, the November dates are the 4th and 18th 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.

### 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!**

### Recycling

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

### AAA Fundraiser

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

### Pictorial Directories

Photo directories are available for families who were photographed. Pick up your copy in the Narthex. One copy per household.



## November Birthdays

Noah Miller	1
Kim Siess	1
Laura Jewell	1
Tiffany Sutherland	3
Kara Miller	4
Cameron Howland	5
Keith Williams	5
Emma Honsowetz	7
Cole Pine	7
Sherri Switzer	9
Randy Broadwell	9
Noah Yasso	9
Doris Toellner	10
Henry Hirschberger	11
Caryn Pine	12
Michael Lohr	14
Abbey Pine	14
Catherine Harm	15
Jean Brunke	15
Andrea Severns	17
Tom Lovelock	19
Lorrie Gentry	20
Erika Holmes	20
Matthew Mazurek	26
Karen O'Neill	29
Alexander Johnson	30
Janice Lambrix	30

**We celebrate all birthdays for the month on the first Sunday with cake during coffee hour.**



## 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.**

## 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)

## Thank You



For another successful MCREST week!

This is an awesome congregation and you did an awesome job!

Amazing Grace received a thank you card from the MCREST guests.

Some of the comments were:

- Thank you for all your love & support. God Bless, Kenya
- You are so much kinder than you need to be! Katherine
- It was an awesome week. Thanks for making us each feel special. Jackie

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## Commemorative Courtyard Brick Orders

Here are a few of the bricks recently installed in our courtyard:

IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF  
TANNER LAVELY

ROSEMARY LOUISE  
THOMAS  
JUNE 24, 2016

SAMUEL D. AMBRIS  
BORN – 11/9/1979  
BAPTIZED - 1/13/1980

IN LOVING MEMORY  
CATHERINE LESNIAK  
BELOVED  
WIFE & MOTHER  
CHERISHED FRIEND  
12/20/1933 – 6/2/2016

IN LOVING MEMORY  
ROBERT "BUD" SWITZER  
HUSBAND, DAD  
GRANDPA  
7/27/1931 - 3/4/2016

## 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](http://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>.

## 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.

## 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.

## Coffee Hour Hosts

We are asking 2 – 3 families per service to bring enough snacks for about 25 people each Sunday. Please sign up on the main bulletin board!



We are a "heart-filled" group of warm and wonderful praying Christian women, who are given the name of a "secret sister" twice a year, and take on the commitment of praying daily for their Sister. This "secret sister" is sent a card once a month, as a reminder that she is being prayed for by her "Sister in Christ." ) Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share. Saturday, Nov. 19th we will continue discussing the movie "The War Room" at 10:00 A.M.

## 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.

Our Mission is carried out in three areas:

## Community Growth Action



## Bible Study

Tuesday, November 8th at 12 Noon  
Topic: Paul and the Power of Failure: When God Chooses the Unlikely.

Hostess: Mary Stevick  
Bring a lunch, dessert and drinks are provided.

## WELCA Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, November 17th  
7:00 P.M. at Amazing Grace  
All men and women are invited!

## IS IT A SCAM?

Are you frustrated by unwanted phone, computer, or in-person contacts?

At the November WELCA Quarterly meeting Lt. Bowenal from the Warren Police Department will speak and give tips on how to recognize and handle possible scams currently circulating in our community.

## WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:00 PM for dinner and crafts.

## 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. Please take a look at it to keep informed. If you are not receiving it, please let Denise know.

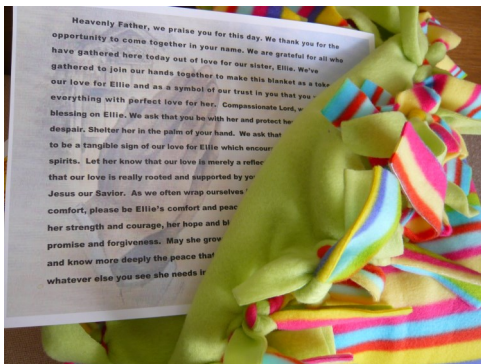


# Power of Prayer

## 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 October 15, 2016 222 blankets have been made.

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

## Pray for...

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

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



## Communion Visitation Ministry

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

Julie Ambris

Debbie Alsaiyad

Janet Broadwell

Colleen Chmelko

Terri Gilbert

Matthew Jewell

Denise Rodi

Mary Stevick

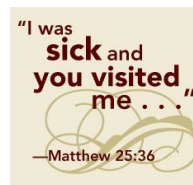
Nancy Engalan

Laura Jewell

Mike Martinson

Joan Shelby

Earl Wright



# THANKS

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- Thank you for everything. God bless. Rebecca, Antoniece
- Thank you all, really enjoyed it here. Antonia
- Everyone was pleasant and wonderful. Thanks for everything! Heidi
- Thanks for all you have done all week. God Bless all of you. Carla
- Thanks so much for your generous helpfulness. Stay strong as God's servants. Frances
- Thanks for your compassion and love. Tanisha
- Thank you for your love and support. Novyce
- Love you much. Carla

## 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.

## Our Christian Sympathy

is extended to the family of Loraine Siess who entered into life eternal on October 22nd. Her funeral service was held at Amazing Grace on October 25th followed by a beautiful luncheon. Thanks to all who donated and helped.



# Servants

## Usher Teams

**9:00**

**11:00**

### **November 6**

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

### **November 13**

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

### **November 20**

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

### **November 27**

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

## Altar Guild

November	Sheila Roberts, Betty Jean Switzer
December	Angie & Wally Kenmuir, Jack 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.

<b>November 6</b>	Mary & Stan Haller
<b>November 13</b>	Pete Fisher
<b>November 20</b>	Jack Kenmuir
<b>November 27</b>	needed

## Offering Counters

**November 6th**

Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby

**November 13th and 20th**

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

**November 27th**

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

## Bulletin Folders

**November 3 -** Mary Ann Masch

**November 10 -** Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

**November 17 -** Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

**November 23 -** (Wed.) Newsletter Crew (out lunch)

**December 1 -** Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

**December 8 -** Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

**December 15 -** Mary Ann Masch

**December 22 -** Newsletter Crew (pizza)

**December 29 -** Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

## Newsletter Staff

**Editor -** Denise Rodi

**Proof Reader-** Colleen Chmelko

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

## Staff

**Pastor** Greer Cherney Johnson

**Secretary** Denise Rodi

**Volunteer Nurse** Janet Broadwell

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

**Choir Director** Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

**Volunteer Vocalists** Mark Broadwell, Pete Fisher, Matthew Jewell, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna Robinson

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

# Worship Team Report

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**Greetings from your Worship Team at AGLC.** Your Worship team strives to offer a meaningful and respectful worship experience each and every time! This month we'd like to review "Usher Guidelines." If you wish to join an Usher Team, please contact the church office to do so. Perhaps understanding what this entails will prompt you to offer your time on an Usher Team!

*Note: Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled worship service. Bring a contagious smile, please! Each Usher is responsible for notifying his/her captain if he/she cannot serve at a regularly scheduled service.*

## Before Each Worship Service Begins

- Plug in the Baptismal Font. **(Before the 9:00am worship service)**
- Check Grace Notes and set up for any special worship events (baptism Sundays need the shell in the font filled with HOT water.
- Check with Pastor regarding any specific instructions or requests.
- Make sure pita bread and chalice are on the altar.
- Light candles about 5 minutes prior to the service. The Baptismal candle is to be lit during the season of Easter as well as on any Baptismal Sunday.
  1. Pause before going up the steps with a slight bow.
  2. Light the baptismal candle when appropriate
  3. Next light the altar candles from **left to right (extinguish right to left.)**
  4. Light candelabras from **inner to outer (extinguish outer to inner.)**
- Stand by double doors in the narthex, keeping them closed. Open doors for guests when possible.
  1. Distribute Grace Notes, which are located on the Usher table in the back of church.
  2. Assist seating the congregation as needed.
  3. Serve as Greeters. Ideal set-up is when we have at least 4 Ushers! One Usher at the main doorway, one usher by doorway outside the workroom, 2 Ushers by the sanctuary doors.
- Set up extra chairs if needed.

## After the Service Begins, at Both Services

- Assist seating late comers.
- Make sure ALL back doors are closed and locked (5 sets) after the opening song.
- Count all present in worship before children go to Sunday School, and record the amount on the calendar in the Work Room (outside secretary's office.)
- Walk through building a couple times during the service, and keep a close eye on the main front doors. If unknown visitors come in, welcome them.
- One Usher should place the offering plate on the altar, the other Usher is to place the stool behind altar.

## Communion

- Inform Sunday School it is time for communion during the Offering.
- Use continuous communion for distribution.
- Ushers collecting empty glasses will commune first. The usher(s) letting people out of seats commune last.
- Choir and Praise Team will receive communion first
- At the 9:00 am service, one station, dismiss the right (facing the altar) side out first. At the 11:00 am service we have 2 stations, begin with side aisles, front rows, simultaneously.
- Two Ushers, you may ask children, commune first and hold the empty trays for used communion cups.

## After the Service

- Extinguish candle during the last song in the **reverse order of lighting.**
- Open each sanctuary door entering into the Narthex.
- Straighten the sanctuary following your service, picking up grace notes and garbage left behind. Sweep up any bread crumbs on the wooden floor where communion was served.
- Attendance Books: After the 11:00 service, remove top page if names have been recorded. Place in secretary's mailbox in the Work Room.
- Following the 11:00 service, turn off lights when majority of congregation has left and be sure to unplug the Baptismal Font!
  1. Check and lock all outside doors, which include: Social Hall – door to courtyard double doors, In Hallway – double doors outside Learning Center, Learning Center – small door outside Pastors office, Narthex – main doors, door to Narthex.

Thank you for your willingness to serve AGLC. It is so appreciated!

Nancy Engalan, Council Liaison

# Sunday School

## AGLC Learning Ministry November 2016 Newsletter



### Our Nursery Program is Now Open

The Learning Ministry was excited to begin our new nursery program in October. This new ministry will share the love of Christ with infants through children age 3, providing loving care in a secure environment. Congregational volunteers will staff the nursery on Sundays from 10:50am through the end of the 11:00am worship service. Children ages 2-3 years will participate in Sunday School in the nursery following the Children's Sermon. For more information, please contact Cindy Lohr or a member of the Learning Ministry.

### New Intergenerational Faith Formation "IFF" Program is Off to a Great Start!

More than 50 members of our congregation attended our first Intergenerational Faith Formation program in October! We hope others of all ages join us to grow, learn, and engage in faith together. Pastor Greer will be offering this program the first Sunday of every month immediately following the 11:00am worship service. Come join us!

### November Learning Ministry Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adult Bible Study</u>	<u>Confirmation Class</u>	<u>Sunday School:</u> Sundays during 11:00am worship service in
Week of November 6*	Wednesday, November 9 @ 11:30 – 12:30pm in the Learning Hall		<b>All Saints Day</b> <i>INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION for all ages</i> 12:15 – 1:30pm in the Social Hall (includes lunch) <b>Lesson:</b> Giving Thanks with Pastor Greer
Week of November 13	Wednesday, November 16 @ 11:30 – 12:30pm in the Learning Hall	Sunday, November 13 @ 12:30 – 1:30pm in the Learning Hall	<b>Lesson:</b> God's Love is Forever <b>Readings:</b> Luke: 21:5-19 <i>Teachers: Jeannie Weideman, Pete Fisher, TBD</i> <i>Assistants: TBD</i>
Week of November 20			<b>Lesson:</b> Christ the King <b>Readings:</b> Luke: 23:33-43 <i>Teachers: Joan Jenkins, TBD</i> <i>Assistants: TBD</i>
Week of November 27	Wednesday, November 30 @ 11:30 – 12:30pm in the		<b>Lesson:</b> God will bring Peace <b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 11:1-10 <i>Teachers: Matthew Jewell, TBD</i> <i>Assistants: Ken Jewell</i>

\* Remember daylight savings time ends

### Sunday School Kids Encouraged to do Weekly Acts of Kindness

To reinforce how each student can help share the love of Jesus, teachers in our Sunday School program will be encouraging students to do one act of kindness each Sunday.

## MINISTRIES IN ACTION

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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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