



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 19 No. 10

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.



**Reformation Sunday
October 30th**

Traditionally in the church this is a red festival day, you are encouraged to wear red to show your spirit!

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**

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MCREST

**(Macomb County Rotating Emergency
Shelter Team)**

**October 9 - 16th Amazing Grace will house
and feed 30 homeless women and children.
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At Amazing Grace

Sunday October 23rd at 12:30 P.M.

**Kids wear your Halloween costume and
trick or treat at the cars in the back parking
lot, followed by hot dog lunch!**

**Donations needed, you may decorate your
car and pass out candy!
Sign up sheets to come!**

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.**

**Buy your tickets today or any Sunday.
\$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.**



It's Time to Reimagine Faith Formation! ... for the 21st Century. ...

It's time to Reimagine Faith Formation for a twenty-first century world. We need a “new conception” of faith formation that is faithful to our continuing mission of making disciples and promoting life-long faith growth *and* that is designed for people in the twenty-first century.

It's time to create a new 21st century Faith Forming Ecosystem in our faith community that provides holistic, comprehensive, lifelong faith formation for all ages and generations - an ecosystem that seamlessly integrates. . . **Intergenerational Faith Formation!** What does this mean? You might ask.... It means that we will invite ALL AGES and ALL GENERATIONS to come together to intentionally: grow, learn, engage in faith together.

The first Sunday of each month we will invite ALL AGES and ALL GENERATIONS to come together, after the contemporary 11:00a.m. worship service to engage in Intergenerational Faith Formation. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall 12:15-1:30p.m. to eat a meal together, and share our faith journey through interactive activities lead by me (and others) which will start faithful conversations with people of all ages. The goal is to get conversations started and to actively engage faith in different ways with different ages and generations. We can all learn something from each other, no matter how young or how ‘seasoned’ you are.

On these first Sundays of each month, we will not have Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group or any other activities to model that Amazing Grace Lutheran Church takes Faith Formation seriously TOGETHER as well as the other Faith Formation experiences of Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group. That means there are intentional opportunities scheduled so that we can focus on Intergenerational Faith Formation as well as Age-specific Faith Formation.

On Intergenerational Faith Formation (hereafter known as IFF) we will encourage that people of different ages sit at tables together so everyone can start to build relationships and interact with people you may not have otherwise had the joy of interacting with. If we say we are a family..... then let's be a family together and make sure we are getting to CONNECT and get to know our family. For example, we will encourage a young family of 4 to sit at a table with some of our wonderful ‘seasoned’ members and some confirmation kids and high school students. This way, ALL ages are able to interact and get to know each other, while also surrounded by their own family. Families will be learning together while also CONNECTING to a variety of members from our wonderful congregation. These intergenerational relationships are the foundation to creating lasting and meaningful CONNECTIONS that will last a lifetime. Kids and adults, grandparents and pre-schoolers, teenagers and parents will be experiencing opportunities and space where they can talk, pray, share and grow in faith together!

This is concept of Faith Formation is being adopted and studied across religious communities and I am excited to bring this to Amazing Grace. I believe that God will create a wonderful space for us to come together and CONNECT.

Also, coming to Amazing Grace..... SPARK Sunday School for kids during the 11:00a.m. worship, Nursery care during the 11:00a.m. worship & Sunday School, Confirmation, High School Youth Group the LIGHT in the youth room, Adult Bible Study with Pastor Greer will begin October 26 on Wednesdays at 11:30a.m.

You see, people of God, we are ALL engaging in God's ongoing activity to form our faith, guide our faith journey and be open to what the Holy Spirit is doing in us, through us and among us as we learn how to participate in furthering the kingdom of God in our hearts and in the world around us. I can't wait to journey with you!

Peace,
Pastor Greer

I am currently reading the book *EAT, PRAY, LOVE* by Elizabeth Gilbert for the first time. This was quite a popular book several years ago and Julia Roberts even starred in the movie that followed, maybe you read the book or saw the movie. Well, while reading this book, I discovered the glaring difference between Prayer and Meditation. Here are some things I have gathered to help explain a very significant difference and how both are vital for a healthy spirit...

FAITH | MAY 27, 2011

Is There a Difference Between Prayer and Meditation? I Hope So...

Amy Julia Becker

If you had walked into our bedroom this morning, you would have found me sitting in the middle of our bed. My eyes were closed, my legs crossed in what yoga practitioners call "half-lotus" (and what my children call "crisscross applesauce"). I was using "ujjayi" breathing, something I also learned from yoga. My hands rested on my knees, palms up. It would have been easy to assume I was meditating. But I wasn't. I was praying. I've written before about the ways yoga has helped me to incorporate my body into my Christian practice of prayer. This morning, sitting in an intentional posture drew my attention to my body. It helped me remember that I was bringing my whole self to God. It gave me a physical reminder of my spiritual state—without constant attention, my back curved and my shoulders slumped until I remembered to straighten up again and sit tall. Placing my hands on my knees with palms up gave me a physical posture of surrender, humility, receptivity. A physical way for me to receive from God and offer myself in return. And the breathing. Ujjayi breathing is slow and purposeful. You take a deep breath in, filling the diaphragm, feeling the air expand your lungs. You push the air out using a tone that sounds like listening to the inside of a conch shell. As I breathed in, I prayed, "Breathe on me, breath of God." And on the exhale, "Breathe through me, breath of God." With each breath, I added some thoughts... "Breathe on me in my areas of weakness... Breathe on me in my doubts... in my fears..." With each exhale, "Breathe through me as I care for our children... Breathe through me as I write... Breathe through me as I visit with family this weekend..." In meditation, as I understand it, breathing is meant to clear the mind, to bring a person to a place of clarity, letting go of everything but the present moment. Prayer is different. In prayer, I am turning over my scattered thoughts to God. I am offering the past, the present, and the future. I am connecting with one outside myself, one who can effect change in the world by the work of the Spirit in human lives. I believe that meditation can bring peace and even some degree of personal healing, and I believe that such peace and healing can be a gift to others. I am grateful to the yoga teachers who taught me how to incorporate my body into meditation. I am also grateful to Jesus, who taught me to pray.

Earlier this year I took an educational course (paid by my employer) titled "Yoga for Healing and Physical Rehabilitation" and wow did I learn SO much all while practicing yoga and meditation for 6 hours in one day. I took the course because I have always appreciated the art and exercise of yoga but I guess I only understood meditation as a time to be STILL and QUITE but not really as an attempt to HEAR what God is trying to accomplish in my life at this very moment.

If you have never meditated (you do not need a yoga class to do at all, you could be simply sit on your bed) I challenge you to start for just a few minutes a day. If you have never taken a Yoga class, I challenge you to put this near the top of your bucket list.

I am not suggesting for anyone to pray any less AT ALL but in a world where everyone talks too much, maybe try to be still and listen to our amazing Creator and hear what he says to your heart while under quiet meditation.

Happy listening,
Rochelle Mazurek



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
- ♦ Brandi Lavelly
- ♦ Betty Jean Switzer



All Ministry Night
Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7 PM
Council Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 18th 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

Learning Ministry

Chair - Cindy Lohr

Council Liaison - Matthew Jewell

Communications - Sherri Loweke

S.S. Co-Superintendents -
Joan Jenkins
Karen O'Neill

Ministry Members
Terri Gilbert

Finance Ministry

Chair - Ken Jewell

Council Liaison - Matthew Mazurek

Co-Treasurer - Keith Williams

Co-Treasurer - Mark Wisniewski

Financial Secretary - Ken Jewell

Ministry Members

- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Keith Williams

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

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

Youth Team

- ♦ Kara Miller
- ♦ Noah Miller
- ♦ Pastor Greer

Parish Health Ministry

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

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
(Bible Study)

Community: Barb Jetmore

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

Service to Others

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Meets at Amazing Grace the second Tuesday of each month, the next date is October 11th at 7:00 P.M.

Dysfunctional Families Group

Meets at Amazing Grace 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 Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 P.M. The book is "Inferno" by Dan Brown.

Hostess: Margarete Kammer.



Movie Monday

October 17th at 1:00 P.M. come and watch "Me Before You" in the Learning Center. Snacks served, bring your own beverage.



Euchre/Pinochle/Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month, the October dates are the 7th and 21st at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.



Lutheran Bowling League

Senior Men Wanted. Must be a Lutheran and 55+. October 5, 2016 through March 1, 2017 practice at 10:15 A.M. at Rose Bowl Lanes. Bowling starts at 10:30 A.M.



Cost \$11.00 per week



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.



October Birthdays

Cassidy Morse	2
Rachael O'Neill	5
Angelo Rodi	6
Johannah Booker	6
Haidyn Kline	11
Gerald Thiem	13
Cody Shelby	14
Carson Synder	14
Sara Hager	16
Dan Lambrix	17
James MacPhee	17
Dick Aurand	19
Brian Honsowetz	20
Olivia Pine	20
Tim Robinson	20
Hannah Lariviere	22
Ed Harm Jr.	24
Phyllis Yelick	25
Richard Breckenridge	25
Mark Wisniewski	25
Destinie Shelby	27
Debbie Alsaiyad	28
Ed Harm	29
James Wheeler	30
Michael Rizzo	31

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, 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)

Seeburger's Cheeseburgers Fundraiser for MCREST Update

\$100 was earned from 10% of all sales from August 28th. Thanks to all who supported this event and to the Seeburger family for their generosity!

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MCREST

October 9th -16th will be the week we house 30 homeless women and children through the MCREST program. St. Thomas Lutheran Church offered to assist us this year and provide food and volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday of that week. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time. **Please take a look at the sign up board in the Narthex, and consider signing up. Your help is needed!**



Where Transition Begins!

Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) provides homeless and displaced individuals the opportunity for successful transition to independence!

All Crafters Invited to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

Fun & fellowship day with creative people at St Thomas, Sterling Heights. Saturday, October 8th. 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Registration forms on our "Community" bulletin board. \$40.00, includes a 6' table. Questions? Contact cropstthomas@yahoo.com.

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>.

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
CD or 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, October 13th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share. Saturday, October 22nd 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, October 11th at 12 Noon
Topic: Jesus and the Evil

Eye: When God blesses the under-serving

Hostess: Mary Haller

Bring a lunch, dessert and drinks are provided.

WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 PM
Dinner and Crafts

BIENNIAL CONVENTION FOR SYNOD WELCA

At Hoy Trinity on 5 Mile Road in Livonia on October 14 and 15th, Fri. Oct. 14th from 10 AM to 3 PM. will be the business meeting. Sat., Oct. 15th from 9:00 -3:00, Cost is \$30 per person. Crafting, tying blankets, chair exercise, informative topics to be discussed. 2 sessions in AM, 2 sessions in PM. Lunch at 12 noon with installation of officers to follow. Questions contact Sherri Switzer.

Commemorative Courtyard Brick Orders

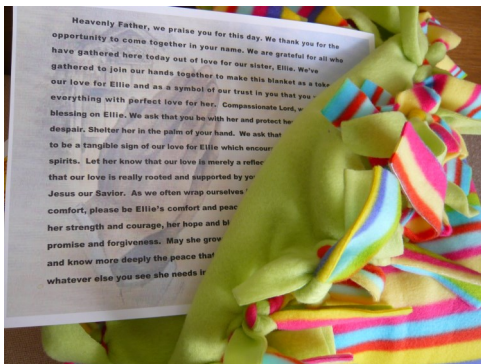
An order will be placed in October. Please have your \$100 donation with form in by October 7th.

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 September 15, 2016 220 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, 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

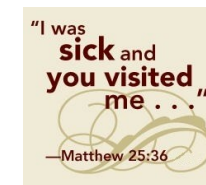
Colleen Chmelko

Terri Gilbert

Matthew Jewell

Denise Rodi

Mary Stevick



Nancy Engalan

Laura Jewell

Mike Martinson

Joan Shelby

Earl Wright



Thank you so much for all your cards, calls, and prayers for my recovery from various cancer treatments. It has been a struggle, but with your help, I am feeling much closer to normal again. The prayer blanket I received for minor surgery several years ago certainly came in handy during chemo. This is a wonderful ministry our church provides. Thanks for your continued prayers for Bob, as well.

In God's loving care,
Barb Potter

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during my sister Gloria Duerksen's illness and funeral.

Sincerely,
Barb Westerberg

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.



We extend christian sympathy to Barb Westerberg, Michael Duerksen and their family upon the death of Gloria Duerksen.

Servants

Usher Teams

9:00

11:00

October 2

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

October 9

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

October 16

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

October 23

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

October 30

Jim Williamson	Ann Brilliant
Earl Wright	Rick Biernat
	Joan Shelby

Altar Guild

October	Cathy Jarvis, needed
November	Sheila Roberts, Betty Jean Switzer

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.

October 2	needed
October 9	Mary & Stan Haller
October 16	Pete Fisher
October 23	Jack Kenmuir
October 30	needed

Offering Counters

October 2nd and 9th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

October 16th and 23rd

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

October 30th

Mark Kaifesh, Bill Shelby, Shelly Shelby

Bulletin Folders (Wednesdays)

October 6 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

October 13 - Mary Thornton, Jeannie Weiderman

October 20 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

October 27- Newsletter Crew (pizza)

November 3 - Mary Ann Masch

November 10 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

November 17 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

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

Newsletter Staff

Editor - Denise Rodi

Proof Reader- Colleen Chmelko

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

Staff

Pastor Greer Cherney 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

Greetings from your Worship Team here at AGLC. Your Worship team strives to offer a meaningful and respectful worship experience each and every time! This month we'd like to offer opportunities to become a "Reader." Perhaps understanding what this entails will prompt you to offer your time on a Sunday morning. Of course a "sign-up" sheet is on the main bulletin board, and usually offers a couple of months at a time. Here are a few pointers for readers:

- Arrive 15 minutes before service begins.
- Readings will be mailed or emailed to you. A copy is also placed on the Lectern.
- When reading from the Lectern, please adjust the microphone to almost touch your mouth while you **read slow, loud and clear.**
- Introduce each reading as indicated on your copy.
- After each reading, end with "This is the word of the Lord." (Also printed on the reading.)

As a reader at 11am, we ask that you become the lead Communion server. If uncomfortable with this position, you can certainly let us know and another assistant assigned for that day will do so. At the 9:00am service, Pastor will commune you and you in turn will serve her. Pastor will be serving bread to the congregation and we ask that you serve the wine. During the 11am service, we ask that you **follow Pastor and serve wine to the Praise Team and other assistants first.** Pastor will then serve communion to you and you in turn will serve communion to her. You can keep the wine tray as **you will be serving wine**, unless otherwise discussed with assistants. (Note: Pastor does not commune from the wine chalice.)

- Along with the other communion assistants, allow Pastor to first step down to the floor.
- When the congregation has been served, remain **in front of the altar**, return bread and wine to Pastor who is located behind the altar.
- All assistants step down to the wood floor, face the altar, pause for a moment and then turn and return to your seats.

So see, not too difficult! Yet, greatly appreciated! Thanking you ahead of time!

Nancy Engalan
Council Liaison

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.

Sunday School

October 2016 AGLC Learning Ministry News-



Sunday School Kicks Off With Rally Day

Sunday School is off to a great start! It began with Rally Day on Sunday, September 25, when students and parents enjoyed treats and learned more about our 2016 – 2017 Sunday School program.

This year's Sparks curriculum will feature separate learning components for children up to 6th grade, including infants and toddlers. Infants through Preschool age children will gather in the Nursery, while the older groups (ages Kindergarten – 2nd Grade and 3rd – 5th Grade will meet in the Learning Center.

Thanks to the teachers and others who have volunteered their time to teach our youth this year – we are truly blessed to have you be a part of our ministry! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Joan Jenkins (joanmjenkins@comcast.net) or any member of the Learning Ministry.

October Learning Ministry Schedule:

Date	Adult Bible Study	Confirmation	Sunday School: Sundays during 11:00am worship service in Learning Hall
Week of October 2			Intergenerational Faith Formation (12:15 – 1:30pm) Lesson: Faith with Pastor Greer <i>Teacher Installation @ 11:00am worship service</i>
Week of October 9		Sunday, October 9 MCREST service event	Lesson: Ten Men Healed
Week of October 16	Wednesday, October 19 @ 11:30am-12:30pm		Lesson: Jacob Wrestles
Week of October 23	Wednesday, October 26 @ 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday, October 23 lesson following Trunk or Treat	Lesson: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector <i>Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 23</i>
Week of October 30	Wednesday, November 2 @ 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday, October 30 confirmation class @12:30pm	Lesson: Zacchaeus

Parents – Sunday School Needs Your Support!

It takes many hands to successfully run Amazing Grace's Sunday School program. So beginning this year, we are asking that parents of Sunday School students support our program by volunteering to assist in Sunday School at least once during the year, and helping with one extra-curricular Sunday School event.



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A Letter to the People Who Serve

October 2016

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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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