



Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

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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.

Summer Unity Worship

10:00 A.M.



(through September 9th)

Beginning September 16th Worship Times

9:00 A.M. (Traditional)

11:00 A.M. (Contemporary)

Sunday School Rally Day

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God's Got Your Back! Back to School Blessings!

Sunday, September 2nd @ 10:00 A.M.
ALL Ages are invited to bring backpacks, school bags, briefcases to church on Sunday to receive a special blessing as you begin another school year.
This is for students, teachers, school workers, anyone learning!



Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST)

The week of October 6th
we will feed and house 30 homeless
women and children.

Please sign up to help and/or
take a tag off o the giving tree!





Things don't often work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain or joy or excitement, or hurt out of nowhere, leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. But that's life, some might say, that's just the way it is sometimes. Still, when these things happen, we wonder how God is involved in our lives? How does God "allow" these bad things to happen? Where is God when it hurts? Maybe God is closer than we think. Maybe it's when we're in these situations, where everything seems to be falling apart, that God takes an opportunity to remind us of how much God loves us!

As we all struggle through these things, or find the joy of happiness and excitement, or the pain of grief, sorrow and disappointment, we remember that we have a God that does incredible things. We have a God who suffered and died, crucified on a cross, for the sake of our salvation. We have a God who even when we were dead in sin, made us alive in Christ. We have a God that gives us grace upon grace, no questions asked. We just need to open our eyes and hearts to recognize and respond to this incredible God.

With the world in a frightful state sometimes it gets hard to see possibility and hope. In conversations, interactions and listening to where many of us are currently struggling, it is hope that we need. It is faith-strengthening dedication we yearn for. It is true Christian connection we are seeking. Then we remember, that it is with God that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

That is why, together, as a community of faith, we will embark on a 5 week series called Nooma. Created by Pastor Rob Bell, this series offers insightful spiritual short films to inspire conversation and reflection on Scripture, God and our faith journey.

We will experience the story together. Nooma is a fun way to think differently about Scripture and discuss our faith so it is practical and applicable to daily life. This will connect God and our lives in meaningful ways. Like parables, these Sunday practices will use meaningful life experiences to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship and God's unconditional love. There will be biblical connects, conversation starters and relevant questions to get our minds and hearts flowing with mindful reflection on God's amazing grace.

I am thrilled to share this journey and excited for the important ways we will grow in faith as a church community. With diligent dedication this will be a 5-week opportunity to grow in faith, spiritual depth and meaningful reflection as we open our eyes and hearts to how God is ALWAYS at work in our lives.

It is my prayer that we will all be moved, changed and inspired as we dive into this 5-week blessing. That we might be moved by God's amazing grace and open to the Holy Spirit's direction.

Peace,
+ Pastor Greer

Miscellaneous Information



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Thank you for all the donations!

For setting up and pricing, and for making the delicious goodies for the Bake Sale!

Thanks to Rachel Alsaiyad for taking this leadership role and for her team of workers!!

**10% of proceeds totaling \$400.00 to date is going to Neighbor's United,
a charity that helps local families.**

Amazing Grace profited \$4,100 + from this amazing Rummage/Bake Sale!!

Save the Date

**Trunk Or Treat
Sunday, October 21st**

**If you are interested in joining Amazing Grace
our New Member Class is
Sunday, November 4th from 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
New member Sunday is November 11th.**

Have your blood pressure taken by a member of our Parish Health Team
the first Sunday of each month.



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 - Erik Miller

Ministry Members

- ♦ Julie Ambris
- ♦ Nancy Engalan
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Angela Kenmuir
- ♦ Barb Potter
- ♦ Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown
- ♦ Pastor Greer



Council Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 18th and Oct.. 16th
at 6:00 PM

Witness Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison

Ministry Members

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

Learning Ministry

Nursery Coordinator - Cindy Lohr

Council -

Chair - Matthew Jewell

Pastoral Advisor – Pastor Greer

Confirmation Liaison -

Julie Ambris

Communications -

Sherri Loweke

Ministry Members

- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Terri Gilbert
- ♦ Joan Jenkins
- ♦ Sheila Roberts
- ♦ DeAnna Robinson
- ♦ Gail Williams

Finance Ministry

Chair - Angie Boccaccio

Council Liaison - Angie B.

Co-Treasurer - Keith Williams

Co-Treasurer - Shelly Shelby

Financial Sec. - Denise Rodi

Ministry Members

- ♦ Lisa LaBarge
- ♦ Terri Gilbert

Mutual Ministry

- ♦ Kathie Bair
- ♦ Kevin Liske
- ♦ Jim Williamson
- ♦ Pastor Greer

Church Officers

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

Council Members

Angie Boccaccio
Kevin Liske
Erik Miller
Lori Snyder

Parish Health Ministry

- ♦ LouAnn Bishop
- ♦ Pete Fisher
- ♦ Sheila Roberts
- ♦ DeAnna Robinson

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 want addressed at a council meeting or at a ministry meeting, 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
(summer office hours may vary, please call ahead)

Stewardship Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison -

Ministry Members

- ♦ Judi MacCosh
- ♦ Sheila Roberts

Property Ministry

Chair - Lisa LaBarge

Council Liaison - Kevin Liske

Ministry Members

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

Service Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison - Lori Snyder

Ministry Members

- ♦ Kozay Bates
- ♦ Colleen Chmelko
- ♦ Cathy Jarvis
- ♦ Winnie McDonald
- ♦ Joan Shelby
- ♦ Tammy Wenzel

Service to Others

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.

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.

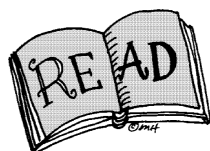
All trash cans are to be emptied and **trash removed from the building.**

Gluten Free Wafers

Available for those who are gluten intolerant. Go to Pastor's line to receive an individually wrapped wafer.

Book Club

Will meet Wednesday September 12th at 2:30 P.M.



Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night



Join us the first & third Friday of each month. 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.

Rubino's Road Test

Call (586)795-3399 to schedule a road test in our parking lot.

Food for the Poor

El Campamento village in Nicaragua donations are still being accepted. Put monetary donation in envelope, checks payable to Food For the Poor add SC#119005 in memo line and turn into the offering.

Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags to be passed out to the homeless on the streets in our community are available in the church office. You may pick one up at any time. If you give a blessing bag to someone, let the church office know where and it will be included in the next newsletter.

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 Mt. Calvary for their food pantry (place canned goods in the basket in 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's

Join us for fun and fellowship as we dine with fellow members of Amazing Grace. All ages welcome!

Sunday, Sept. 30th at 1:00 P.M.
Bahama Breeze
539 E. Big Beaver, Troy 48083

Sunday, October 28th at 1:00 P.M.
Brass Pointe
24234 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills 48336 (north of 10 Mile)

Sunday, Nov. 18th at 1:00 P.M.
Joe Kool's
1835 E. Big Beaver, Troy 48083





September Birthdays

Debbie Emmons	3
Todd Seeburger	3
Kelly Leven	4
Joanne Fisher	5
Katelynn Robinson	5
Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown	7
Erik Miller	8
Pastor Greer	14
Tom Jenkins	15
Kelliann Miller	15
Dawn Gruenberg	16
Anthony Rodi	16
Jacob Seeburger	18
Aleah Duerksen	19
Stan Haller	22
Caylee Lohr	22
Chet Klos	25
Michael Broadwell	25
Sandra Burgess	26
George Gerios	26
Scott Howland	26
Adam Alsaiyad	27
Cynthia Lohr	27
Rebecca Vanderveer	28
Brandon Belau	29



October Birthdays

Cassidy Morse	2
Rachael O'Neill	5
James Siciliano	5
Angelo Rodi	6
Johannah Booker	6
Haidyn Kline	11
Gerald Thiem	13
Cody Shelby	14
Carson Synder	14
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
Michael Rizzo	31
Diana Wise	31

Online Giving

A convenient alternative: If you're writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you may find it convenient to give online. In a few minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically. 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 are available on the welcome table in the Narthex for online givers to place in the offering plate.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Treasurer's Report

June

Income - 16,243

Expense - 17,468

July

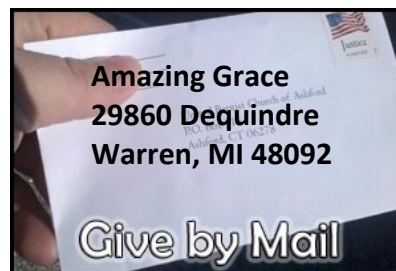
Income - 20,448

Expense - 16,688

We will continue to collect Intention to Give cards. Please drop your Intention to Give card in the offering plate at anytime.



**Going on vacation?
Remember to mail your
offering or give online.**



Faith In Life

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

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

Scan your card each time you shop at Kroger. They send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We have 19 households who shop at Kroger and swipe their card.

Amazon Smile

If you are shopping on Amazon, go to our web page, click "**Give Back**", then, 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 from 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, or, 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.

Planning meeting: Friday, Sept. 14th at 7:00 to plan future meetings and events.



Dear Members Of Amazing Grace,

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love,
The Thiem Family

Free to Home In Need

A new extra long twin size hospital mattress. See Barb Potter if interested.

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.

The new year brings many opportunities for spiritual growth and service.



Bible Study

(Second Tuesday of each month)
September 11th at noon
October 9th at noon
Bring your sandwich. Beverages and dessert are provided

WELCA Willing Workers

(Fourth Tuesday of each month)
Join us Tuesday,
September 25th
October 23rd
for dinner and projects at 6:00 P.M.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

President	Sherri Switzer
Vice Pres.	Barb Westerberg
Secretary	Mary Haller
Treasurer	Marilyn McQueen
Action (WW)	Sherri Switzer
Growth	Terri Gilbert
Community	Barb Jetmore

WELCA Convention

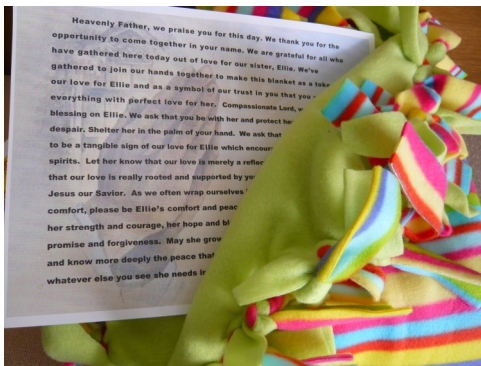
at Amazing Grace
Saturday, October 27th

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 from serious illness, 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 August 15, 2018, 290 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 for health concerns: Jean Beavers, Roy Burgess, Colleen Chmelko, Debbie Emmons, Bev Ericksen, Dorothy Greenstrand, Stan Haller, Ed Harm, Nancy Kenmuir, Wally Kenmuir, Kara Miller, Bob Potter, Betty Jean Switzer, Art Toellner, Earl Wright.

Families who grieve: Barrells, Kenmuir, Lohr, Mazurek, Rodi, Thiem, Toellner, Ziemann/Baenziger

Communion Visitation

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

Julie Ambris, Debbie Alsaiyad, Colleen Chmelko, Nancy Engalan, Pete Fisher, Terri Gilbert, Laura Jewell, Matthew Jewell, Mike Martinson, Denise Rodi, Joan Shelby, Mary Stevick.

Getting Information to the Congregation

We want to be sure information is communicated to the congregation. If there is a death in the congregation or important information we need to get to you, an e-mail is sent with the information.

If you do not have e-mail or do not check it regularly and would prefer **a phone call**, please contact the church office to be put on a updated zone list and you will receive the information by phone.

If you would like to remain a zone captain to make phone calls let us know that too. Thanks

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, 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.

Debbie Alsaiyad, Laura Jewell, Margarete Kammer, Judy MacCosh, Marilyn McQueen, Judy Sutherland, Jeanne Weiderman, Barb Westerberg, Mark Wisniewski.

All are welcome to join the Prayer Chain Ministry.

Our Sympathy

Is extended to the Barrells family upon the death of Terry Barrells who died on June 26th. Services were held at Edward Swanson & Son Funeral Home by Pastor Greer on June 29th.

To the Ziemann family upon the death of Millie, who died on July 28th. Services were held at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

To the Thiem family upon the death of Goshua Thiem, who died on July 29th. Services were held at Edward Swanson & Son Funeral Home by Pastor Greer on August 2nd.

Servants

Usher Teams

10:00 AM

September 2

Robert & Sharon Chilcutt	Mark Kaifesh
Colleen Chmelko	Pierce & Cassidy Morse
Mary Ann Masch	Bill Shelby
Mackenzie Robinson	

September 9

Mike Martinson	Jim Roberts, Angelo Rodi
Lisa LaBarge	Mark Wisniewski

September 16 and October 21

9:00

11:00

Mackenzie Robinson	Tom Jenkins
Jim Williamson	Ken Jewell
Georgette Williamson	Anthony Rodi
	Ben, John & Rob Sawyer

September 23 and October 28

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

September 30

Rick Biernat	Joan Shelby
Ann Brilliant	Jim Williamson

October 7

9:00

11:00

Robert & Sharon Chilcutt	Mark Kaifesh
Colleen Chmelko	Pierce & Cassidy Morse
Mary Ann Masch	Bill Shelby
Mackenzie Robinson	

October 14

Mike Martinson	Lisa LaBarge, Jim Roberts
	Angelo Rodi, Mark Wisniewski

Altar Guild

September	Sarah Miks, Cheryl Whiteman
October	Angela Kenmuir, Beverly Sidelinker

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.

September 3, October 1 & 8	Pete Fisher
September 10, October 8	Jack Kenmuir
September 17, October 14	Needed
September 24, October 21	Mary & Stan Haller

Offering Counters

September 2nd and 9th, October 14th and 21st

Kathie Bair Bill & Shelly Shelby

September 16th & 23rd, October 28th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

September 30th, October 7th

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

Grace Note Folders

September 6 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

September 13 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

September 20 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

September 27 - Angelo Rodi

October 4 - Mary Ann Masch

October 11 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

October 18 - Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

October 25 - Assemble Nov./ Dec./Jan Newsletter

Newsletter Staff

Editor - Denise Rodi

Proof Reader- Colleen Chmelko

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

Staff

Pastor Greer Cherney

Secretary Denise Rodi

Music Staff Christian Avila, Kathy Brinker, Alison Buckman, Gary Jones, Genna MacPhee, Gwen MacPhee, Drew Miller, Noah Miller, Dan Mulkeran

Choir Director Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

Choir Peter Fisher, Cathy Jarvis, Marilyn McQueen, Sherry Palmer, Tom Pesamoska, Wally Ponican, Barb Potter, Sheila Roberts, DeAnna & Mackenzie Robinson, Dorian & Lucille Staff, Barb Westerberg, Tammy Wenzel

Volunteer Pete Fisher, Matthew Jewell,

Musicians Erik Miller, Jeanne Yasso

Custodian Matthew Jewell,

MISD job site training program for a Autistic impaired students.
Lamphere Center Job Training



Coming to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church this Fall

- Faith Girlz allows girls to joyfully explore, grow and proclaim their Christian faith. Girls age 7 to 17 (we can sneak in a few younger).
- A club that targets girls at a critical time in their spiritual development. Nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so before reaching the age of 13.
- Faith Girlz is about, Loving yourself and Others.
- Faith Girlz is about Living as Jesus has instructed.
- Faith Girlz is about Growing in Faith.

Monthly Meetings with meaningful lessons.
(once a month on Monday Night 6:45 – 8:00 pm)

Monthly Gatherings for service projects, Fieldtrips, and Celebrating.
(once a month on Saturday.)

Make New Friends, invite old Friends, find friends with in our sister of Amazing Grace.
Learn the Faith Girlz Promise

Questions call Cindy Lohr 248-318-7179

Registration will begin August 26' 2018

Registration Fee \$10, Monthly Dues \$3. If You are unable to cover the registration or the weekly dues talk to me and I will find someone to sponsor you. You will receive and Handbook, Journal and Bag with a few Prizes

Confirmation

Confirmation Kickoff!

Who: Incoming 6th graders - returning 8th graders & parents/guardians

What: Info meeting & intro to Confirmation

Where: Learning Center

When: 12:30-1:30 P.M.

Why: FUN and FAITH!



Living Waters Ministries

Is raising funds for Camp Scholarships and YOU are invited to be generous! Living Waters Ministries runs the CHARGE Retreat (our middle school students love and attend!) as well as the GATHERING in Lansing (which our high school youth & young adults attend and love!) The fundraising goal will be done through a Ragnar Relay Run from Muskegon to Traverse City: 12 Runners, 200 Miles, 36 hours in September. It will be run by a team of committed faith leaders from Michigan to raise \$24,000.00 for camp scholarships. Donations received are designated to the LWM Scholarship Fund and will be used for the sole purpose of granting scholarships to campers otherwise unable to attend. The Team will raise these funds and resultantly change lives through the generosity of our donors. Please consider a donation. FUN FACT: Pastor Greer is a runner on this team! Please see Pastor Greer for more information! Or go to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> to donate.



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A Letter to the People Who Serve

September/October 2018

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
29860 Dequindre Road
Warren, MI 48092



Sharing the

Sunday "Unity" Worship

10:00 A.M.

(through September 9th)

Worship 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Sunday School

Beginning September 16th



Awesome Love of Jesus



Phone 586-751-7750
E-mail aglcwarren@gmail.com
Website www.aglc-warren.org
Pastor Greer Cherney - pastorgreeraglc@gmail.com

Amazing Grace is Wheelchair Accessible

