

# AMAZING GRACE

a weekly newsletter of

## Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. Ed Huber, Pastor

Jeff Burkee, Principal

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### WORSHIP TIMES & LOCATIONS

#### **Sunday 8:30 am**

Liturgical with Holy Communion  
(sanctuary)

Education & Fellowship Hour: 9:45—10:45 am

#### **Sunday 11:00 am**

Contemporary Praise with Holy Communion  
(family life center)

Nursery Open: 8:15 am—12:15 pm

**Wednesday: 6:30 pm Worship & Prayer with Communion**

**Organ Delivery, Monday, Nov. 11**  
**Dedication, Sunday, Nov. 17**

## Veterans Day Chapel

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1200 Charles Street La Plata, MD 20646



The faculty, staff, and students of Grace Lutheran School prayerfully request the honor of your presence as we host our 6th annual Veterans Day Chapel.

Chapel will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the FLC and will begin promptly at 8:45 am. Second grade will provide a continental breakfast for guests at 8:05 am.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Digging Deeper

Join Any Time

With our Sunday morning worship schedule, there is now dedicated “education time” and all adults are invited to join the Sunday School class. We meet in the school library ~9:45 and spend about 40-45 minutes reviewing the Bible readings for the day and other related biblical topics. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Curt Springer at [curtaspringer@comcast.net](mailto:curtaspringer@comcast.net) or 301-848-2642.

### **Simple Gifts—a Series of Devotions on Stewardship.**

Copies of *Simple Gifts, a series of devotions on stewardship* are available in the narthex and the family life center. This devotion is published by the LCMS as a resource for individuals and families. We hope this will be a valuable tool for you as we prepare for Stewardship Sunday on November 17.



## **Statement on Holy Communion/The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Faith in Christ and His word is necessary for a blessed reception including Baptism in the name of the Trinity and faith in [1] Christ as Savior, [2] Jesus' clear words that the Sacrament is His body and blood, [3] the Lord's promise that in the Sacrament his or her sins are forgiven, and [4] receipt of the promised forgiveness reaffirmed and strengthened in his or her union with Christ and other Christians. The unbaptized and uninstructed person who does not yet know or believe in Christ and His promises is unprepared and should not commune. The unrepentant person who does not seek Christ's forgiveness for sins— either general or particular— or refuses to forgive someone is unprepared and should not commune. The doubting person who denies or is unconvinced of what Jesus says of His bodily presence in the sacrament or its promised forgiveness is unprepared and should not commune.

## **Prayer Before Communion**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

*Let us pray for you . . . [prayers@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:prayers@growingwithgrace.org)*

**Those Who Sorrow:** Family and friends of Rev. Floyd Duff

**General:** Glen Irwin, Don Shisler, Les Wilson, Faith Riggins, Pat Murray, Jane Gibbs, Jan Davis, Sherie Zimmer, Alice Morrill, Addie, Matt, Pete Gehris, Mattie Kincaid, Robert, Carl Fletcher, Rev. Art Scherer, Dean Elliott, Linda Otto, Chris Otto, Bob Kidwell, Miranda & Christian Sprague, Del Riege, Steve Lindsey, Gisela Jaschik

**Those Battling Cancer:** Bruce Rowe, Dave Gehris, Gale Elrod, Dorothy Maddox, Gloria Spicer, Don Shisler, Rev. David Pearcy, Denise Clark Hall, Chuck Wilson, Jean Nelson, Laura Decker, Kevin Bobish, James Dobbs, Jon Gehris, Mary Nelson, Adam Lumpkins, Merry Dawson, Carrie Wyman, Paul Proctor, Tim Motz, Muriel, Dana, Ken Ritch, Peter Tretner, Christina Allen, Rob, Carol Whitsell, Alice Levine, Lois Hookham, Jesse Stump, Chris Moorhouse, Nichole Garner, Megan Jenkins, Carol Ann Sowers

**Those in Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins:** Dan Waltz, Shirley Biondi, Bob Springer

**Our Military/Civilians Overseas:** Troy Dupont, Marshall Gibbs

# Sunday School & Bible Studies

## CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Opening—9:45am, Sanctuary

We meet as a group in the sanctuary and then move to our respective rooms at 10am.

### Preschool - Rm #120

Ann Stine & Dawn Cartwright

### Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades - Rm #215

Linda Samara

### 3rd & 4th Grades - Rm #212

Dan Stine

### 5th & 6th Grades - Rm #210

Frank Cartwright

### 7th Grade Confirmation - Rm #310 (modular)

Rev. Ed Huber, Amanda Bell, DCE

### 8th Grade Confirmation - Rm #116

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fellowship and Coffee Hour

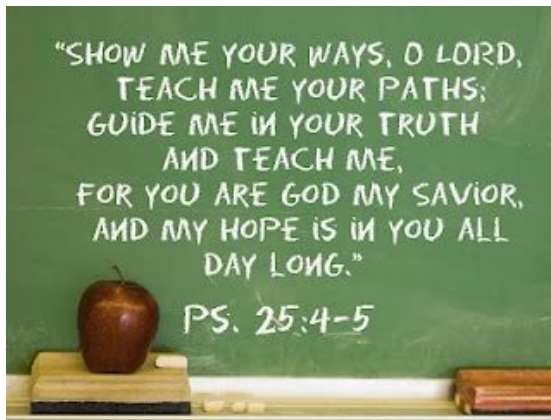
**Rm #112 (café)**

Today's Bible Readings: Digging deeper into the Scripture readings for the day.

**Rm #208 (library)**

The Daniel Plan: Biblical based approach to a healthy lifestyle.

**Rm #203**



## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAY

#### Men's Fellowship Group and Bible Study

6:30 pm, Rm #112 (café)

Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

Frank Cartwright, 301-674-0772

#### A Study of Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

7pm, home of Bill & Cheryl Swartzwelder

301-934-4713

### MONDAY

#### Women's Bible Study

Dinner 6pm, Study 6:30 pm

Rm #112 (café)

Susan Gastler, 301-751-4867

### TUESDAY

#### Ladies Bible Study

9am, Rm #116

Judy Knott, 301-743-3156

### WEDNESDAY

#### Daniel Plan

7pm, Rm #112 (café)

Cathy Burkee, countrygrandmab@gmail.com

Jean Nelson, jnelson1066@gmail.com

### THURSDAY

#### Crossways

6:30pm, Rm #112 (café)

Curt Springer, curtaspringer@comcast.net



**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm**

Bring your own board games and card games to share.  
Dinner will be provided.  
Any questions contact DCE Amanda Bell

## **Butter Braid Orders Due TODAY!!**

**Delivery: Thursday, Nov. 21**

Any questions talk to DCE Amanda Bell.



## **Children's Bags**

are now available in the back of each service



This is a trial to see how they work—let DCE Amanda Bell know if you have any suggestions.

## **Christmas Breakfast**

Volunteers needed for Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 7

Any Questions contact DCE Amanda Bell

[abell@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:abell@growingwithgrace.org)



## **Community Christmas Wrapping**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm

Join us for a time of fellowship and service as we wrap presents for Community Christmas.

Dinner Volunteer needed!

Any Questions contact DCE Amanda Bell



## Help For Your Food Budget

SHARE, a non-profit, community-based organization, provides healthy and nutritious groceries at an almost 50% discount. This is accomplished through high-volume purchasing and thousands of volunteer hours.



Monthly packages cost \$23 and include \$40-\$50 worth of basic and healthy groceries, typically made up of 4-6 lbs of frozen protein and 8-12 lbs fresh fruits and vegetables, sometimes with seasonal grocery or dessert items. "Specials" are also available each month.

See [November's menu on page 7](#). If you'd like more information on the program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Alice Adams, [amadams1@verizon.net](mailto:amadams1@verizon.net).

## Organ Fund Update

Since the total in the Organ Fund exceeds the goal amount for the Rodgers Inspire 233 organ (\$43,900) by quite a significant amount, we will continue to raise funds in the hopes of obtaining the Rodgers Inspire 343 organ for the amount of \$64,700, as presented by Marty back in September.

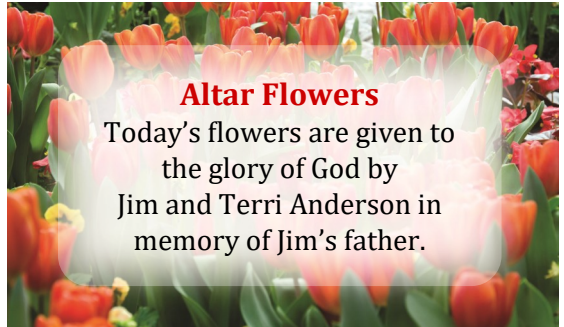


As per the existing contract we have six months to raise the difference and purchase the Rodgers Inspired 343 organ for only the additional cost (no additional shipping or installation charges) in place of the one now on contract. We have been approached by several members who hope to continue to raise money for the Inspire 343. Funds raised to date—\$52,800. Additional amount needed—\$11,900. These members would like to request that the congregation also consider donating to help raise the additional monies needed.

## We are Hiring in Extended Care!

*Please share if you know anyone who would be a good fit!!*

Seeking kind and dependable Extended Care Teacher and Aide for preschool aged children. Must love working with children! Responsibilities include creating and implementing developmentally appropriate lesson plans while maintaining a happy, healthy and safe environment for our children. Looking for afternoon help and possibly some mornings, Monday through Friday. Must obtain medical clearance and successfully pass criminal background check. If interested please contact Lindsey Shafer at [lshafer@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:lshafer@growingwithgrace.org).



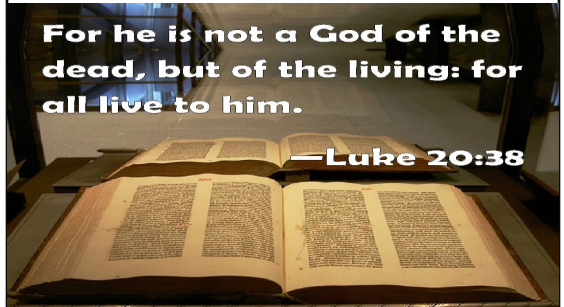
### Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Terri Anderson in memory of Jim's father.

**We** are people of the Resurrection. We know our future. And this knowledge colors all our actions in this world. Since we know we are destined to live in God's kingdom forever, what kind of lives ought we to live? Where should our priorities be?

**For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him.**

**—Luke 20:38**



## Stay Informed



The best way to stay up-to-date with all the news and events at Grace is through our email lists. We currently have 2 lists:

Prayer Warriors: Used solely for prayer request

News & Announcements: Everything else (including weather closings).

If you'd like to add your email to our lists, please contact Andi in the church office at 301-932-0963 or [aproctor@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:aproctor@growingwithgrace.org).



*Stewardship*  
a way of life

**Stewardship Sunday**  
**November 17**

## Stephen Ministry Verse



**I HAVE REDEEMED YOU**

**I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME**

**YOU ARE MINE**

**ISAIAH 43:1**

[www.Knowing-Jesus.com](http://www.Knowing-Jesus.com)



## Back by Popular Demand— GIFT CARDS!!

Find holiday gifts for everyone while raising money for our youth.

Whether you buy gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises money for our youth.

Purchase gift cards for your weekly groceries, gassing up your vehicle, or for a special night out.

Choose from hundreds of stores - Please check out the order forms for Scrip Gift Cards at the table in the Narthex.

Return your order for to DCE Amanda Bell and *your cards will be here with in a week.*

**On Sale ALL Holiday Season!!**

Any Questions talk to DCE Amanda Bell.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Short-Term Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a short-term counter, for January—March.

Counters record the Sunday offering, work in teams of two and serve approximately once every 5-6 weeks.

If you are interested, please contact Andi at [aproctor@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:aproctor@growingwithgrace.org) or 301-932-0963.

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# NOVEMBER 2019

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1200 CHARLES ST, LaPLATA

FOR INFO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ALICE ADAMS @ 301 885-1819

**Orders for monthly host sites due 11/11  
Distribution Day - 11/23, 8:30-11am**



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plus, fresh seasonal produce such as sweet potatoes,  
white potatoes, celery, onions, apples and oranges

10-12# TURKEY WITH EXCITING  
FROZEN SIDES

**THANKSGIVING  
DINNER \$37**

MIXED GREENS,  
GREEN BEANS,  
MACARONI & CHEESE, MIXED  
VEGETABLES, SWEET POTATO  
PATTIES, MASHED POTATOES, AND A  
HOLIDAY PIE



AND ALL YOU NEED ON THE  
SHELVES, INCLUDING THE SPICES  
**HOLIDAY PANTRY \$24**

STUFFING MIX, CRANBERRY SAUCE,  
CHEDDAR BISCUIT MIX  
ORNBREAD MIX, CRUSHED PINEAPPLE,  
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP,  
FRENCH FRIED ONIONS,  
GRAVY MIX, VEGETABLE OIL, BROWNIE  
MIX, HOLIDAY BAKING SPICES, & HERB  
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Menu items are subject to change.

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PLUS  
10-12 #  
TURKEY \$41**

# FACILITIES UPDATE

Thank You to our dedicated servants who keep our facility and grounds in working order.

- Grounds Crew: Bill Burroughs, Scott Gingerich, Jerry Miller, Bill Swartzwelder and John Funk
- Butterfly Garden: Paula Grant and Nigel Wyllie
- Lightbulb Replacement: Bill Burroughs
- Electrical and Lighting Upgrades: Billy Hoffman
- Kitchen Equipment Maintenance and Misc: Bill Hoffman

Thank you to Emily Ferren who has been researching, completing and submitting grant applications.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

- Replacement of windows and doors in preschool (grant funding)
- Solar panels – audit schedule to be arranged this fall
- Scout shed
- AC and heating repair and maintenance – ongoing
- Replacement of hooks & door closures in restrooms (FLC & prek)

## **NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND REPAIRS**

- Mop sink room between church bathrooms received a new faucet, paint and flooring.
- Planters updated for fall
- 5 LED exit signs and LED lighting installed in mezzanine

## **Projects Awaiting Full Funding**

- Parking Lot Paving (\$95,000 - \$131,937.00)
- FLC Chair Replacement (\$14,000) - grant fund decision by November
- Upgrades to trash receptacles & hand towel units in school and FLC (\$3,000)
- Black out shades for FLC (\$6,000)
- LED Light replace for all remaining parking lot poles

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and/or continues to contribute towards these projects. We will let you know when an item has been fully funded and the project can begin.

Please contact Becky Hoffman, 301-751-1167, [bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org) or Jeff Burkee, 301-932-0963 x, 201, [jurkee@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:jurkee@growingwithgrace.org) with any questions.

## **Entry to the Building**

With the relocation of the church offices, there are now two ways to enter the building during the school/business day.



1. If you are volunteering or will be working in the school you must sign in through the school office and receive a visitor badge.

2. If your visit concerns only the church and you will not be entering the school portion of the facility, you can enter via the doors at the café or the sanctuary.

Please use the doorbells indicated and someone will open the door for you.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our children, employees and facility secure.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY (10)

2 pm	Ch. Hall Vets Ministry	off-site	Bill Eckman, 301-934-4874
6 pm	GRUVE Game Night	FLC	Amanda Bell, x 111
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Frank Cartwright, 301-674-0772

## MONDAY (11)

1 pm	Stephen Ministry Mentors	116	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
6 pm	BSA #1321	203	Cris Purnell, 301-502-1720
6 pm	Women's Dinner & Study	112	Susan Gastler, sgastler@growingwithgrace.org
6pm	Choir Practice	Sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com
6:10 pm	Yoga Basics	FLC	Annah Rinaldo, annahrinaldo@gmail.com
7 pm	Stephen Ministry Mentors	116	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
7 pm	LutherRingers	Sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com

## TUESDAY (12)

9 am	Ladies Christcare	116	Judy Knott, 301-743-3156
6:30 pm	Men's Aftercare	209	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
6:30 pm	Women's Aftercare	112	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
7 pm	Venture Scouts	116	Ivan Cunningham, ivancunningham@gmail.com
7:30 pm	N.A.	FLC	<i>contact main office</i>

## WEDNESDAY (13)

7 pm	Praise Team Practice	FLC	Jake Pomrenke, 240-346-3215
7 pm	Daniel Plan	112	Jean Nelson, jcnelson1066@gmail.com

## THURSDAY (14)

12:45 pm	Adult Day Care Ministry	off-site	<i>contact main office</i>
6:30 pm	BSA 1321	Sanct	Cris Purnell, 301-502-1720
6:30 pm	Crossways	112	Curt Springer, curtaspringer@comcast.net
7 pm	A.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>

## FRIDAY (15)

12 pm	GLC Book Club	112	Maggie Mahaffey, 301-643-3978
7:30 pm	N.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>

## SATURDAY (16)

10 am	Patuxent Babywearing	116	Jo Moran, jokraft2001@gmail.com
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**Nov. 30 ~ Small Business Saturday in La Plata at Martins**

**Dec. 1 ~ Advent by Candlelight**

**Dec. 7 ~ Christmas Breakfast**



# SERMON NOTES

## Elite Sadducees – One Bride for Seven Brothers [Luke 20: 27-40]

1. Elite - late sociologist C. Wright Mills
2. The scribes and Pharisees and Sadducees are the functional and structural elite who compete with Jesus
3. We meet the aristocratic elite of Jerusalem – the Sadducees for the first time in Luke 20
4. The Pharisees and scribes are the right-wing, conservative Bible thumpers of the day – always eager to point out whenever someone else breaks their rules!
5. The controversy in our text starts with the Sadducees but ends with the scribes.
6. The topic of resurrection introduces a sub-plot between the competing Sadducees and Pharisees
7. Let the debate begin: the Sadducees attempt to trap Jesus over the question of levirate marriage in the resurrection – a resurrection they do not believe in
8. The Sadducees are wrong at the outset by equating marriage in this age with the age to come
9. Jesus presents the doctrine of resurrection from the canon of the Sadducees – Exodus 3
10. The reaction of the scribes is partisan – acknowledging Jesus as a great teacher
  - It is not an acknowledgement of faith
11. The Sadducees, Pharisees, and scribes are wired with the central contradiction of the power elite
  - They violate the very laws they are sworn to uphold – Roman, Jewish, and God's
12. Jesus remains a figure of controversy and rejection to this day because he occupies social space against the elite.
13. The great difference between doctrine and life is obvious, even as the difference between heaven and earth.
  - Life may be unclean, sinful, and inconsistent; but doctrine must be pure, holy, sound, unchanging ... not a jot, tittle, or letter may be omitted from God's truth
  - The identity of Jesus – the law of God - the atonement and resurrection are not controversies – they are historical fact and foundational matters of faith
  - [John 11] *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*