

AMAZING GRACE

a weekly newsletter of

Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. Ed Huber, Pastor

Jeff Burkee, Principal

Amanda Bell, DCE

WORSHIP TIMES & LOCATIONS

Sunday 8:30 am

Liturgical with Holy Communion
(sanctuary)

Sunday 11:00 am

Contemporary Praise with Holy Communion
(family life center)

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

Nursery Open: 8:15 am—12:15 pm

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Worship & Prayer with Communion

***NEW* Adult Bible Study**

When: 7pm, Sunday, January 26

What: Study of 1 and 2 Peter

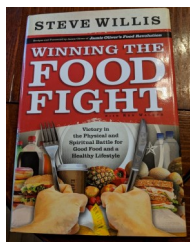
Where: Home of Bill & Faith Evans

Please join us for fellowship and engaging conversation. Contact Bill or Faith Evans at 301-643-3808 if interested so they can order enough study guides.



Commit to a Healthy You for 2020

The Sunday Morning Daniel Plan Group is beginning the new decade with a new book!



Building from the Daniel Plan's foundation of eating healthy to serve and praise our God, "Winning the Food Fight" will inspire you with stories of real people who have made the connection between spiritual wellness and physical health. Pastor Steve Willis' is a pastor in Huntington, WV, known as the "fattest city in America" and the focus of celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution.

Join us Sunday mornings, at 9:45am as we seek to apply the Word of God to our daily life. We'll meet in room #203 (outside the school offices).

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

Those Who Sorrow: Family and friends of Ernie Kalinowsky and Rev. Dr. Art Scherer

General: Amanda Worchel, Nick Cooper, Donna Moore, Les Wilson, Gerry Burkee, Donnie Hatsell, Jennifer, Bill Lakner, Cindy Bohmann, Liesel Weimer, Larry, Glen Irwin, Don Shisler, Les Wilson, Alice Morrill, Addie, Matt, Pete Gehris, Robert, Carl Fletcher, Dean Elliott, Linda Otto, Chris Otto, Bob Kidwell, Steve Lindsey

Those Battling Cancer: Cindy Bohman, Bert Ferren, April Ellis, Alicia Cordelle, Michael, Brenda, Bruce Rowe, Dave Gehris, Gale Elrod, Dorothy Maddox, Gloria Spicer, Don Shisler, Rev. David Percy, Denise Clark Hall (hospice), 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: Shirley Biondi, Jill Esancy, Connie Hein, Del Riege, Bob Springer, Dan Waltz

Our Military/Civilians Overseas: Jeffrey and Jackie (Mozingo) Downie, Troy Dupont, Marshall Gibbs, Rebecca Mozingo

Missionaries: Bob and Salme Bugenhagen, Mark and Megan Mantey (Uganda) Matt and Caroline Edelen (Papua Indonesia).

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Digging Deeper

Join Any Time

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.

Contact: Curt Springer at curtaspringer@comcast.net or 301-848-2642.

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

Study of 1 and 2 Peter (beg. 1/26/20)

7pm, home of Bill & Faith Evans

301-638-3808

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

Community Life

We Need You!! Grace Lutheran Church and School has lots of ways for you to get involved. One way is through our "Hospitality Network". From volunteering in our for Coffee Hour, to creating a loving and caring environment for funerals, to working special events and receptions, this ministry brings joy to those we serve.

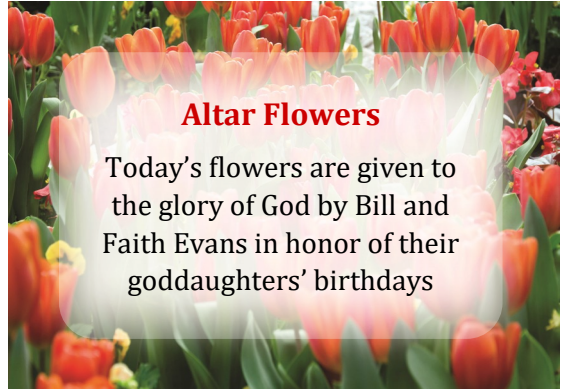


Team members: Terri and Jim Anderson, Nancy Miller, Alice Adams, Bruce and Betty Rowe, Lori DeLoache, and Sandy Curtis.

We can always count on the Scopps and Cartwrights to fill in when needed.

Thanks to Jeff Burkee for always making sure the Café is in tip top shape and to Lily Boswell for always taking care of the Tuesday Ladies during their meeting days.

We would love to have you join our team. Please contact Becky Hoffman 301-751-1167.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Faith Evans in honor of their goddaughters' birthdays

Bull & Oyster Roast

to benefit LMS Compassion Place

SAT, APR 25, 2020 • 1:30-5:30 PM

Richlin Ballroom

1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, MD 21040

Tickets: \$50 person • Tables hold 8-10

Call 410-636-0123 or email tickets@CompassionPlace.org

<https://CompassionPlace.org> for more info



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

As noted in the last call process update, in early November, the Southeast District (SED) President provided GLCS with a list of pastors for consideration as our next senior pastor. The call committee reviewed the list of pastors, held phone conversations (via video-tele-conference (VTC)) with several pastors, and have invited a few pastors to visit GLCS in January. At this stage in the call process, we do not share the names of the pastors the call committee is considering; we are mindful the pastors may not have told their congregations they are open to considering a call.

As we look ahead, it's possible we may have a Call Service in late February or March. The Board of Servant Leaders will announce the Call Service (which is also a Voters Meeting). Prior to the Call Service, there will be Town Hall Meetings where the congregation will be provided additional information on the call process and the pastors.

The members of the call committee are: Paula Jones, Paul Lenker, Pat Lewis, Jo Moran, Erin Pomrenke, Rhonda Rich, Curt Springer, Dan Stine, Gretchen Toliver, and Gary Whitsell. The call committee continues to ask for your prayers and support as we seek to find the pastor we know that God intends for us to have. If you have any questions or would like additional information, email Curt Springer at curt.springer@comcast.net or call 301-848-2642.



All Students grades 6th-12th are welcome to join us at
GRUVE, the Grace Lutheran Youth Group

January Ice Skating

Sunday January 19th

Meet at The Capital Clubhouse
by 2:30pm
We will skate till 4:15pm

Cost to Youth \$6

An illustration of two cartoon penguins wearing winter hats and scarves, ice skating on a light blue surface with snowflakes falling around them.

February Football Party

An illustration of a brown and white football with laces.

Sunday February 2nd

Family Life Center, 6pm-8pm
(We will be done around
halftime of the game)

Super Subs

On sale from **NOW** thru Jan. 26.

An illustration of a sub sandwich with various fillings and a bite taken out.

Pick up after each worship service on
February 2nd

Order forms are available on the church
website and on the information center.

Gift Cards

An illustration of a black gift card with a red ribbon and the words "GIFT CARD" in gold.

Order forms available on the
church website and on the
information centers. Shipping is \$8.50.

Any Questions contact
DCE Amanda Bell
abell@growingwithgrace.org

February Bowling

An illustration of ten white bowling pins with red and yellow stars on top, arranged in a bowling triangle.

Sunday February 16th

AMF WALDORF LANES

Meet there by 6pm
We will bowl till 8pm

Cost to Youth \$6



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 concerns

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.

Children's Bags are available in the back



"let the little children come to me..."
Luke 18:16, NIV

of each service. If you would like to keep you children in service with you but they may need something to keep them occupied, please pick one up and return it after the service.

Volunteer
do good, feel good

Compassion Center Volunteers Needed

The Southern Maryland Compassion Center is in need of volunteers during the following days and times:

When the trailer is here:
Th/F/Sa, 10am—2pm

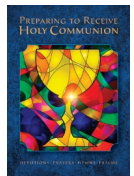
When the trailer is not here
Th/Sa, 10am—12pm

Handyman/Mr. Fix-it for small repairs and maintenance.

If you are available—even if it's just one time—please contact Barbara Hays, 301-518-7321.

This is a vital resource to our community but it's only available if we have the volunteers. Please prayerfully consider whether the Lord may be calling you to this ministry.

Preparing to Receive Holy Communion



A small book: Preparing to Receive Holy Communion has been placed in the pews of the sanctuary and on the table of the Family Life Center. It is a resource for preparing to receive the Lord's Supper. You are encouraged to use it along with Lutheran Service Book prayers as you consider the mystery of the Sacrament of the Altar in your life and for devotion and doctrinal reflection as you prepare for the Blessed Sacrament

There are prayers and seven penitential Psalms used by the church for centuries to confess our sin and ask God for mercy and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Classic hymns and poems give voice to our deepest thoughts about the gifts of the Holy Eucharist.

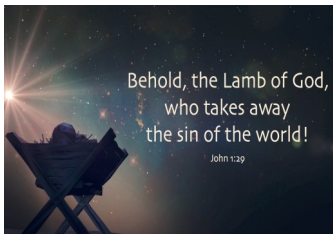
Please leave the books where you find them for the next user. This book is also available as a download from Concordia Publishing House (\$6.99).

Updated Youth Page—see page 5 for events and fundraisers!!



Stewardship Verse

John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’ ” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? Did they understand that God would be the



true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never outgive God, for all that we have is His.



Financial Notes

2019 contribution statements were mailed on Friday.

Please review your statement and contact Andi in the church office with any questions, aproctor@growingwithgrace.org or 301-932-0963.

Join the GLC&S Prayer Team



We are looking for individuals to be a party of our Prayer Team Ministry. This ministry team would be comprised of individuals who are committed to an active prayer life, specifically praying for the ministries and families of Grace Lutheran Church & School

- ◆ Every member of the church and school by name
- ◆ Our volunteers and the ministries of the church and school
- ◆ Our sick, shut-ins and needy
- ◆ New members, those newly baptized, confirmed and/or married
- ◆ Every staff member by name

Additionally, this group would plan and schedule special prayer services.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry. If you are interested in serving on the team—or leading this ministry—please speak with Pastor Ed or contact Andi in the church office, 301-932-0963 or aproctor@growingwithgrace.org.



The Lamb of God Calls the First Disciples [John 1:29–42a]

Identity crisis: not so for John the Baptist and Jesus

- *I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness*
- *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*

The OT prophet John uses a double OT allusion to the identity of Jesus

- Passover *Lamb of God* of Exodus 12 and scapegoat of Leviticus 16 that *takes away the sin of the world*

As the Lamb of God Jesus says to every one of us – you are no longer a sinner

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - *²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*

John the Baptist makes hay with the well-known slogan of the Lutheran Hour – *We Preach Christ Crucified*

TEXT TRANSITION: John exits – Jesus takes center stage

- Andrew and John hear the words: *Behold, the Lamb of God* and follow Jesus
- In fact, they must catch up to Jesus who questions them: *What do you want?*

Evangelism 101: The first thing Andrew does after spending a day with Jesus is find his brother Simon and say: We have found the Messiah (which means Christ)

- We know little about Andrew other than he is the first called disciple yet his trademark is bringing people to Jesus

[MBWA] - Jesus meets people in their vocations and the vagaries of life

- D.L. Moody on evangelism
- Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell allegory about doing evangelism
- Cromwell's point is driven home at Messiah Lutheran – a short lived church planting in Waldorf

If Saint Andrew came to an evangelism meeting – he would say let the conversation begin

- Andrew is not put off by the nones - he remains committed to five simple words
- The more people think about and engage faith practices – the more they talk about it

CS Lewis pegged our digital culture in 1946

- Science explains life while busyness – work, entertainment, always-on technology fills up life
- Saint Andrew Snapchat power user!

As shown by Saint Andrew – the majority of faith conversations that lead to transformative life change happen face to face with a close friend or family member

- Stay with Jesus and tell others you have found him – Jesus will do the rest
- John 14:6 – *Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him* [You can say this to others]

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 spring after reviewing references
- Scout shed
- AC and heating repair and maintenance – ongoing
- Carpet cleaning in café and church hall scheduled

NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND REPAIRS

- Repair dry chemical suppression system
- Fire strobe light and fire horn replacement
- Phone system provider change due to VoIP availability/savings
- Curtain rod repair and curtain maintenance in the FLC
- Mop sink room between church bathrooms received a new faucet, paint and flooring.
- Planters updated for winter
- 5 LED exit signs and LED lighting installed in mezzanine
- Snow removal contract signed for 2019-2020 and snow stakes installed

Projects Awaiting Full Funding

- Parking Lot Paving (\$95,000 - \$131,937.00) contributions received: \$0
- FLC Chair Replacement (\$14,000) contributions received: \$0
- Upgrades to trash receptacles & hand towel units in school and FLC (\$3,000) contributions received \$10
- Black out shades for FLC (\$6,000) contributions received: \$10
- LED Light replace for all remaining parking lot poles contributions received: \$0

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

Entry to the Building



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 doorbell indicated and someone will open the door for you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (19)

1 pm	Kalinowsky Visitation	Sanct	<i>contact church office</i>
2 pm	Kalinowsky Funeral	Sanct	<i>contact church office</i>
3 pm	Kalinowsky Repast	FLC	<i>contact church office</i>
2 pm	Ch. Hall Vets Ministry	off-site	Bill Eckman, 301-934-4874
2:30 pm	Youth Ice Skating	off-site	Amanda Bell, abell@growingwithgrace.org
6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

MONDAY (20)



Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—Offices Closed

TUESDAY (21)

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
7:30 pm	N.A.	FLC	<i>contact main office</i>

WEDNESDAY (22)

12 pm	Exec. Staff Meeting	112	<i>contact main office</i>
1 pm	Admin. Staff Meeting	112	<i>contact main office</i>
5 pm	Lutheranism 101	116	<i>contact main office</i>
7 pm	Praise Team Practice	FLC	Jake Pomrenke, 240-346-3215
7 pm	Daniel Plan	112	Jean Nelson, jcnelson1066@gmail.com

THURSDAY (23)

12:45 pm	Nursing Home Ministry	off-site	<i>contact main office</i>
6:30 pm	BSA #1321	FLC	Cris Purnell, 301-502-1720
6:30 pm	Crossways	112	Curt Springer, curtaspringer@comcast.net
6:30 pm	Cub Scout #1799	203	Jane Cunningham, janecunningham@verizon.net
7 pm	A.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>

FRIDAY (24)

7:30 pm	N.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>
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SATURDAY (25)

5 am	SHARE Delivery/Sorting	FLC	Alice Adams, 301-885-1819
8 am	SHARE Pick Up	112	Alice Adams, 301-885-1819



Grace is proud to use Equal Exchange coffees and teas. These products are also available for purchase and make great gifts and items for gift baskets. Please see the display in the café or contact Becky Hoffman, bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org.

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The largest number: 9,845
The smallest number: 132
The largest, even number: 9,834
The smallest, odd number: 257



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Looking for a Great School for the coming year???

Join us at our Open House February 10 6-8 p.m.

Grades Pre K 2 - 8th Grade

For more information call Jen Armstrong at 301 932-0963 or email:

jarmstrong@growingwithgrace.org

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