

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



URGENT Need: Compassion Center Volunteers

The Southern Maryland Compassion Center provides household items, clothing, food and support to those in need in our community. The center, staffed solely by volunteers, is facing a critical shortage in people available to serve. If we don't have volunteers, the center is not able to open and those who stop by are turned away—individuals and families who have been referred to us through the Department of Social Services, LifeStyles, local churches and other community based organizations.

Do you have a hour or two a week you can spare? Can you work one Saturday a month? Whatever your availability, we need you!! This could be a great opportunity for service hours for older teens or as a family ministry project. Days & times are listed below:

When the trailer is here:

Thur-Fri-Sat: 10am—2pm

When the trailer is not here:

Thur and Sat: 10am—12pm

* We are also in need of a Handyman/Mr. Fix-it for small repairs and maintenance.

Would you like to learn more? 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.

Ready to volunteer? Please contact Barbara Hays at the number listed above.

SUPERSUB ORDERS DUE TODAY!



Turn in order forms to DCE Amanda Bell



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 James Dobbs

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, 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, Jon Gehris, Mary Nelson, Adam Lumpkins, Merry Dawson, Carrie Wyman, Paul Proctor, Tim Motz, Muriel, Dana, Ken Ritch, Peter Tretner, Christina Allen, Rob, 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)

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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



Altar Flowers

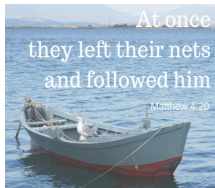
Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Rich and Marge Coppola in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Stewardship Verse

Matt. 4:20 –

“Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown and their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship and the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is that we know that all we have is the Lord's to be used for His purpose, and we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.



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.

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.

Your **PROMISE** revives me;

*it COMFORTS me
in all my troubles.*

-Psalm 119:50



Stephen Ministry Verse

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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.

View February's menu on page 6. If you'd like more information on the program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Alice Adams, amadams1@verizon.net.



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.

Current team members: Terri and Jim Anderson, Alice Adams, Bruce and Betty Rowe, Lori DeLoache, and Sandy Curtis.

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

SMENHTHNOY

All Students grades 6th-12th are welcome to join us at

GRUVE

the Grace Lutheran Church & School Youth Group

Super Subs

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



Pick up after each worship service on **February 2nd**.

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

February Football Party



Sunday February 2nd

Family Life Center, 6pm-8pm

(We will be done around halftime of the game)

February Bowling



Sunday February 16th

AMF WALDORF LANES

Meet there by 6pm
We will bowl till 8pm

Cost to Youth \$6

FEBRUARY 2020

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Distribution: February 22, 8-10AM



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SIRLOIN STEAK BOX

8-8OZ INDIVIDUALLY PACKED SIRLOIN STEAKS

\$29

SEAFOOD BOX

- 4 – 3oz Lobster Cakes
- 2 – 1lb bags of Shrimp
- 1 – 1lb Salmon Filets
- 1 – 1lb Mahi Mahi Filets

\$31

POULTRY BOX

- 1 – 2.5lb pkg Chicken Breasts
- 2 – 8oz pkgs Chicken Strips
- 1 – 3.5lb pkg Chicken Drums
- 2 – 1lb pkgs Ground Turkey

\$21



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Menu items are subject to change.

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SERMON NOTES

Jesus Begins Ministry by Calling Disciples to Go Fishing [Matthew 4: 17-22]

We looked at the first call of the disciples last week in John Chapter 01

- Our text in Matthew is the second calling of Andrew and Peter and John and James
- Verse 17 is one of the most important transitions in Scripture: *From that time Jesus began to preach*
- The Gospel is an urgent message

Much has happened as Jesus prepares for his preaching ministry and exodus to the cross in Jerusalem

This call is like the first call to Andrew and John - simple and direct: *Follow Me*

The point Matthew is making – no one becomes a follower of Jesus by personal initiative

- Jesus is no Hebrew Rabbi where students chose him
- Jesus calls us – we dare not diminish the overwhelming divine authority of his call
- When Jesus says *Follow Me* to the first apostles – he is confiscating man for himself

The call of God is performative – the fishermen follow Jesus

Jesus calls four fishermen and promises to make them fishers of men

- Net fishing from the shoreline or dropping a *net* into the sea is the imagery
- The occupation of the Galilean fisherman is labor-intensive involving strain, long hours, hazards, storms, persistence, and often few results.

There is an implied antonym in the text

- Fish are caught, killed, cooked, and eaten
- People are caught so as to remove them from the eternal flames of hell and to give them new life

All too often the focus of evangelism is on results and numbers rather than the process of sharing our joy in Christ

We cannot help but witness

- By what we do or what we do not do [Corinth]
- No matter where we are – HYMN 826
- Even when not speaking our actions count

Jesus still calls fishers of men just like he did at the Sea of Galilee

- The law convicts us of our sin
- The Gospel gives grace and forgiveness
- That is Good News you can share – you can share the love of Jesus
- Go fishing!

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

NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND REPAIRS

- Carpet cleaned in café and church hallway
- 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 (26)

2 pm	Ch. Hall Vets Ministry	off-site	Bill Eckman, 301-934-4874
6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

MONDAY (27)

6 pm	Women's Bible Study	112	Susan Gastler, sgastler@growingwithgrace.org
6 pm	Choir Practice	sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com
6:10 pm	Yoga	FLC	Annah Rinaldo annahrinaldo@gmail.com
7 pm	Stephen Ministry	112	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
7:20 pm	LutherRingers	sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com

TUESDAY (28)

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 (29)

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 (30)

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 (31)

7:30 pm	N.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>
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SATURDAY (1)



Save the Date! Saturday, May 2, 7-10pm

12th Annual Grace Lutheran Church & School
Wine & Cheese Social and Auction

Tickets sales begin April 1, 2020

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



Learn



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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:

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