

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)

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

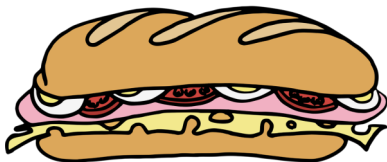
Sunday 11:00 am

Contemporary Praise with Holy Communion
(family life center)

Nursery Open: 8:15 am—12:15 pm

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Worship & Prayer with Communion

Don't Forget to Pick up Your Super Subs Today.



Distribution Location:
Family Life Center

Youth Football Party Today!!



Join us as we eat and watch the game on the big screen—bring a friend and your favorite football party food (we'll be ordering pizza)

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



Hymn-ology

Our hymns, and what happens when the familiar becomes unfamiliar.

How important is it to match a hymn text to an appropriate hymn tune? Many of the hymns in our hymnbook have several different melodies associated with them. But today at the 830am liturgical service, we are going to see and hear what familiar hymns would be like set to hymn tunes not commonly associated with them.

We will mix up the hymn tunes for the first, middle and last hymns, but we will return to the tune most familiar to the hymn on the final verse.

Opening Hymn - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, to the tune of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Middle Hymn - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, to the tune of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Final Hymn - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, to the tune of *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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 Gus Zimmer

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: Delores Steinhilber, 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 #213

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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

6:30pm, Rm #112 (café)

Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

Frank Cartwright, 301-674-0772

Study of 1 and 2 Peter

7pm, home of Bill & Cheryl Swartzwelder
301-934-4713

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study

Dinner 6pm, Study 6:30pm

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

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 10. If you'd like more information on the program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Alice Adams, amadams1@verizon.net.

Stewardship Verse

Luke 2:24 - "... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.'"



Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification is either a lamb or this pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us, and, of course, Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion but His all.



National Lutheran Schools Week
March 1—7, 2020

MARCH 7TH

6-8PM



Come on out for a fun evening at the Grace Lutheran Church & School

Sock Hop!

ALL members of Grace Lutheran Church and School are invited

Volunteers needed!! Please contact

Jill Thompson

(jthompson@growingwithgrace.org)

or DCE Amanda Bell

(abell@growingwithgrace.org)

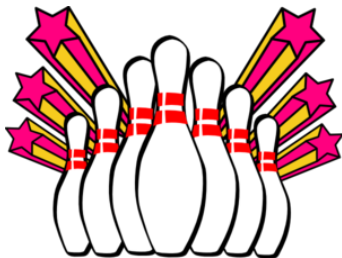
BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.
THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES;
THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY,
THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

ISAIAH 40:31



Stephen Ministry Verse

All Students grades 6th-12th
are welcome to join us at **GRUVE**
the Grace Lutheran Church & School Youth Group



February Bowling

Sunday February 16th

AMF WALDORF LANES

Meet there by 6pm
We will bowl till 8pm

Cost to Youth \$6

Questions?

Contact

DCE Amanda Bell

abell@growingwithgrace.org

Winter Wonderland
Semi-Formal Dance

All Middle School Students (6-8 grade) are invited to

"Dancing in a Winter Wonderland"

Semi-Formal Dance

on

Friday Evening, February 14, 2020

7-9pm

Contact Jill Thompson to reserve your tickets at

jthompson@growingwithgrace.org

RSVP by Feb. 7

Your Purchase of Gift Cards Means \$ for Our Youth!

The Scrip Gift Card program will continue throughout the year, with our youth earning a percentage from all sales. Order forms available online and the information centers. Shipping is \$8.50.



LWML Seeks Officers

The LWML Chesapeake District is seeking officers. In general, the term of all positions is four years. Each board member is expected to attend District Board of Directors and Executive Board meetings and the District Convention.

Below is a brief description of the positions to be filled. The name and email address of the current officer is included if you'd like to contact her/him for more information about the position.



Vice President - Christian Life: Promote programs of Bible study, write articles for the Chesapeake Breeze and work with the Christian Life Chairman to organize and implement the District Christian Life Retreat. (Current officer: Christine Maconachy, clmacon@aol.com)

Vice President - Mission Outreach and Grants: Responsible for the solicitation of Mission Grant Proposals to be presented at the District Convention; prepares a synopsis of each Mission Grant for the Convention Booklet; notifies all those who submitted proposals as to the outcome of the vote. Sends or presents letter and check when each Mission Grant is paid. (Current officer: Martha McGlynn, marthamcglynn@verizon.net)

Vice President - Organizational Resources: Responsible for society/group membership within the district. Also oversees the HOPE, Structure and YWR committees. List, maintain and store the altar furnishings. (Current officer: Pam Weimer, pweimer75@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Keeps records of deposits (provided by Financial Secretary) and disbursements. Makes all payments authorized by the Executive Committee. Prepares financial statements and provides fund balance and activity report for District Convention Booklet. Needs to be comfortable using Excel or other spreadsheet or accounting software. (Current officer: Linda Nau, naule@aol.com)

Junior Pastoral Counselor: Responsible for the Bible Study and participates in the worship service at the District Convention; attends the National LWML Convention. (Current Junior Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Keith Beasley, pastor@gslcp.org)

For other questions or to submit a nomination form (available in the information centers), please contact any of the LWML Nominating Committee members listed below.

Linda Nau, Committee Chairman	(naule@aol.com)
Paulette Gaines	(pgainesldg@aol.com)
Leslie Jaseph	(ljaseph@aol.com)
Christine Maconachy	(clmacon@aol.com)
Deb Poese	(deb.poese@verizon.net)



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 an 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? Ready to volunteer? 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.



LUTHERAN
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Lutheran Hour Ministries Provides Resources

LHM Learn: These **FREE** online courses and webinars cover five faith-strengthening categories and use an array of multimedia elements to help you gain a hearing for the Gospel message. They offer self-paced learning, time for self-reflection and journaling, easy access on any digital device, and so much more! There are dozens of available courses. Available at lhm.org/learn.

Daily Devotions will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the **FREE** app, or listen with Spotify, iHeartRadio, Alexa or Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons. Available at lhm.org/dailydevotions.

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 \$100**
- Black out shades for FLC (\$6,000) **contributions received: \$100**
- LED Light replace for all remaining parking lot poles contributions received: \$0

Simeon – Moved by the Spirit – Blessed by Jesus [Luke 2: 22-35]

Jesus comes to the temple to fulfill the law a second time.

Enter Simeon – a righteous member of Israel – Spirit-filled and Spirit-led

- Simeon is waiting for the consolation of Israel
- The Spirit is upon him and promises that he will see the Messiah
- His response is immediate to Jesus as the Christ – he intones the canticle we call the Nunc Dimittis

Simeon is set free by the Gospel – his eyes are opened by the presence of forty-day-old infant

- The salvation Simeon sees is prepared for in the OT – a salvation that is a *light before all people and a light of revelation to the Gentiles*
- Mary and Joseph respond for all people with wonder to the words of the Simeon's Song – the Nunc Dimittis

Simeon now acknowledges the faith of Mary and Joseph and adds a second part to his prophecy: the destiny of Jesus

- His humble birth is no accident
- This child is a stumbling block to everyone he meets – even his own disciples and family

The first sign in Luke is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes – a perfect image of humility and poverty

- Simeon introduces a second sign – the child is *destined to be spoken against* - the theology of the cross
- Simeon is the first to understand both the humiliation inherent in the Incarnation and the death and rejection of our Lord as the ultimate manifestation of that humiliation for us

Simeon proceeds bluntly – Mary: *a sword will pass through your soul in order that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed*

- The word of revelation – *Jesus will pass through Israel and the church like a sword*
- Mary is no different than any other disciple – we all experience the sharp pain of the teaching and the death of Jesus

The sword of Law and Gospel produces misunderstanding and ignorance throughout history concerning the person and identity of Jesus

- Jesus and his Holy Spirit must open the scriptures for us to see, hear, and trust him as the Messiah
- The identity of Jesus is the only dispute that matters for the entirety of history

The Song of Simeon – the Nunc Dimittis forms an appropriate and beautiful conclusion to the mystery of Holy Communion and the Incarnation

- When we sing the Song of Simeon - we capture the same fullness of spiritual confirmation and personal appropriation of the promises of God that Simeon did
- The Song of Simeon joins us to the apostles who sang a hymn at the conclusion of the Last Supper in route to the Mount of Olives
- What can be more appropriate than the peace of God promised by angels to shepherds and experienced by Simeon in the temple
- Holy Communion and the Song of Simeon truly are heaven on earth

12TH ANNUAL GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wine & Cheese

SOCIAL AND AUCTION

Saturday, May 2, 7-10PM

FEATURING:

- Upscale Wines and Craft Beers
- High-End Served Hors d'oeuvres
- Decadent Desserts
- Musical Entertainment

Non-Alcoholic Beverages Included

TICKETS: *Ticket Sales Begin April 1*

- \$45/person (advance)
- \$48/person (online)
- \$50/person (door)



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- 1 – 1lb Mahi Mahi Filets

\$31

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Menu items are subject to change.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (2)

2 pm	Ch. Hall Vets Ministry	off-site	Bill Eckman, 301-934-4874
5 pm	Suicide Support Group	120	Carolyn Weimert, 301-934-8243
6 pm	GRUVE Football Party	FLC	Amanda Bell, abell@growingwithgrace.org
6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

MONDAY (3)

6 pm	Women's Bible Study	112	Susan Gastler, sgastler@growingwithgrace.org
6 pm	Middle School Parent Night	208	Jeff Burkee, x 201
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 (4)

9 am	Ladies Christcare	116	Judy Knott, 301-743-3156
6 pm	BSA 1321 Monthly Meeting	116	Cris Purnell, 301-502-1720
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 (5)

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 (6)

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 (7)

7:30 pm	N.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>
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SATURDAY (8)



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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