

# 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**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>  
6-8PM**



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

### **Sock Hop!**

**ALL members and friends of Grace Lutheran  
Church and School are invited**

Volunteers needed!! Please contact

**Jill Thompson**

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

**Amanda Bell**

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

### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As announced at both services on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board of Servant Leaders, upon the recommendation of the call committee, has scheduled a Voters Meeting, in the form of a Call Service, on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at 3:00 PM in the Family Life Center, for the purpose of electing a Senior Pastor for Grace Lutheran Church and School. This is a special Voters Meeting and only matters directly related to calling a Senior Pastor will be on the agenda.

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## 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 Margaret Riggins

**General:** Brenda and Archie schoenbeck, 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:** Gary and Carol Whitsell, 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:countrygrandmab@gmail.com)

Jean Nelson, [jnelson1066@gmail.com](mailto:jnelson1066@gmail.com)

### THURSDAY

#### Crossways

6:30pm, Rm #112 (café)

Curt Springer, [curtaspringer@comcast.net](mailto: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 9. If you'd like more information on the program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Alice Adams, amadams1@verizon.net.

## Stewardship Verse

**Matt. 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."** We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fill up the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished, and the Law itself is upheld. For in Christ now we desire to fulfill the Law and to live out a godly Christian life. This is precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.



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The Board of Servant Leaders and the Call Committee will host town-hall style meetings to provide information about the call process and candidates. These meetings are open to all interested persons and are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday, February 9, 10:00-10:45 am (between worship services)
- Sunday, February 16, 10:00-10:45 am (between worship services)
- Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 – 7:45 pm (after worship service)
- Sunday, February 23, 10:00 – 10:45 am (between worship services)

The schedule for February 23<sup>rd</sup> will be:

8:30 am –Liturgical worship service

10:00 am –Town Hall Meeting

11:00 am –Praise worship service

3:00 pm – Voters Meeting / Call Service, Family Life Center

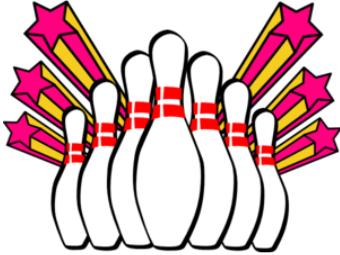
Rev. Chris Ogne, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bryans Road, MD and our circuit counselor, will lead the service.

Child care will be provided starting at 3:00 pm and continuing until the end of the Call Service.

While members and friends may attend this meeting, only those listed as members of Grace Lutheran Church in the official membership directory and who are age 18 or older may vote, as specified in our governing documents. If you have any question as to your status,

**volunteer**  
do good, feel good

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



**February Bowling**

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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.





NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

# JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-24

## MARCH 1-7, 2020

### Grace Lutheran School

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### Grow

The largest number: 4845  
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The largest even number: 9234  
The smallest odd number: 257

### Learn

### Succeed

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

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### Grades Pre K 2 - 8th Grade

For more information call Jen Armstrong at 301.932-0963 or email:

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

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### Grace Lutheran

### Summer Camp 2020

### June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

### Fun Activities!

- Arts & Crafts
- Sports
- Science Experiments
- Water Play
- Drama Club
- Cooking
- Dance & Tumbling
- Humane Society Visits
- Kona Ice Truck
- Themed Dress up Days
- and SO much more!!



For more information contact Lindsey Shafer at

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

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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## 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? 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  
HOUR  
MINISTRIES

## 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](http://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](http://lhm.org/dailydevotions).

## GLC&S 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

# FEBRUARY 2020

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For info leave message for Alice Adams, 301 885-1819



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## 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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Join the Fun!

CUB SCOUT PACK 1799



Open House

February 6, 2020

6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church

1200 Charles Street

La Plata, MD 20646

### The Purpose of Cub Scouting

We invite you to join us for friendship, fun, and adventure, and to grow in the spirit of Scouting – preparedness, readiness to help others, honesty, self-confidence, and responsibility. Cub Scouts offer fun and challenging activities to promote character development, citizenship, and physical fitness for boys who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. In our Pack, parents and leaders work together to help them grow in the ideals of Scouting.

For more information email: [Pack1799Cubscouts@gmail.com](mailto:Pack1799Cubscouts@gmail.com)



### Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Margaret Steffens in memory of Jane H. Chapman, Bill Chapman's mother.

Last week's flowers were given to the glory of God by Gene & Amelia Brandenburg in celebration of their daughters Alison and Andrea's birthdays.

## 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
- Emily Ferren who has been researching, completing and submitting grant applications.

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- Replacement of windows and doors in preschool (pending grant funding)
- Solar panels – audit to be scheduled this spring after reviewing references
- Scout shed
- AC and heating repair and maintenance – ongoing
- Sanctuary carpet repairs (insurance)
- Repairs to dry chemical suppression system
- Fire strobe light and fire horn replacement

### NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND REPAIRS

- Carpet cleaned in café and church hallway
- 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-

# SERMON NOTES

Jesus asks: Salt and light or useless and hiding under a bushel basket [Matt. 5:13–20]

## Saved disciples are salt and light

- The focus of our text is on sanctification not justification
- C H Lenski and Luther describe the righteousness of good works
- Jesus asks a simple direct question: If you were on trial for being a Christian, is there enough evidence to convict you?

## The text is tied up neatly with a bow – let’s open the gift

- Confirmation milestone - exercising our calling and identity as disciples
- Our dilemma – we are called by God
- If NOT exercising our gifts we are useless salt – our light is not shining
- Illustration: *A father teaches his son or does he?*

## The disciple shining the light of Jesus in the world is the second image used by Matthew

- Light casts out darkness: darkness associated with evil and being lost
- Just as salt losing saltiness is a contradiction – so is an invisible city on a hill and a lamp covered by a bushel basket
- In Matthew 7; Jesus rebukes useless salt and hidden light:

## How do we salt the earth and shine the light of Jesus?

- Good works of word and deed - disciples are called to be different
- Illustration: *Eric Liddell world class sprinter*

## The age-old trap – do good works justify and merit forgiveness?

- The good works of fallen, depraved creatures follow faith which justifies
- Our good works are finite and can never fill an infinite requirement
- Faith is the instrument of salvation - Luke 17:10 and I John 5:12

## Jesus answers a question: *he did not come to abolish the old testament but to fulfill it*

- Fulfillment means continuity with a nuance of discontinuity
- OT law and prophecy remains normative but only in Jesus as the fulfilled essence and truth of the new covenant

## Our last verse expects our righteousness to surpass the scribes and pharisees

- The scribes and the Pharisees are not disciples - they do not receive Jesus
- Their righteousness is based on human performance - Jesus is our righteousness

## Salt and light are the language of God spoken by Salty disciples

- You know a salty disciple when you see one

## Whenever the gospel takes root in our lives, the Holy Spirit always produces fruit in the obedience of good works

- Good works are not done by our own natural powers, but by faith reconciled with God and renewed by the Holy Spirit
- If disciples - you are salt and light - live the Word.



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](mailto:bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY (9)

10 am	Town Hall Meeting	Sanct.	Curt Springer, curtaspringer@comcast.net
2 pm	Ch. Hall Vets Ministry	off-site	Bill Eckman, 301-934-4874
2 pm	Top Ladies	116/FLC	<i>contact main office</i>
6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

## MONDAY (10)

1 pm	Stephen Ministry	116	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
6 pm	Women's Bible Study	112	Susan Gastler, sgastler@growingwithgrace.org
6 pm	GLS Open House	FLC/Sch	Jeff Burkee, x 201
6 pm	Choir Practice	sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com
7 pm	Stephen Ministry	112	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
7:20 pm	LutherRingers	sanct	Marty Staub, cmstaub@juno.com

## TUESDAY (11)

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 (12)

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 (13)

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
6:45 pm	Stephen Ministry	208	Paul Lenker, dcministry@growingwithgrace.org
7 pm	A.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>

## FRIDAY (14)

7 pm	GLS Winter Formal	FLC	Jeff Burkee, x 201
7:30 pm	N.A.	116	<i>contact main office</i>

## SATURDAY (15)

8 am	Prayer Vigil	Sanct	<i>contact main office</i>
10 am	Patuxent Babywearing	116	Jo Moran, jokraft2001@gmail.com