

# 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**

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



### **Mite Boxes Due TODAY!**

LWML District Mites for 2018-2020 are due by the end of March. Please turn in your LWML Mite Box today so that they can be counted and forwarded to the district by the end of the month.



**Thank you** to the GLCS faculty and staff for our first Lenten Meal on Ash Wednesday. The pancake supper was a hit!

The Crossways Bible Study group has the meal on March 4—fried chicken and mac & cheese.

March 11—the Scouts will prepare and serve spaghetti, salad and garlic bread.

The Youth Ministries program will serve soup and sandwiches on March 18.

On March 25, the Daniel Plan and Sunday evening Men's Bible Study will serve Chili and Cornbread.

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study will prepare Sloppy Joe's for our final Lenten meal on April 1.

We hope you'll plan to join us for meals, fellowship and worship on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Meals begin at 5:30pm in the family life center.

Worship begins at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

## 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)*

**General:** Carolyn Weimert, Brenda and Archie Schoenbeck, Nick Cooper, Donna Moore, Les Wilson, Gerry Burkee, Donnie Hatsell, Jennifer, Bill Lakner, Cindy Bohmann, Liesel Weimer, Larry, 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**

Rev. Ed Huber, Amanda Bell, DCE

## 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, [jcnelson1066@gmail.com](mailto:jcnelson1066@gmail.com)

### THURSDAY

#### Crossways

6:30pm, Rm #112 (café)

Curt Springer, [curtaspringer@comcast.net](mailto:curtaspringer@comcast.net)

**Baby Shower** *It's a girl!*  
HONORING

**Erin and Jake Pomrenke**

April 4, 2020  
1:00pm  
Family Life Center  
Grace Lutheran Church

**Books for Baby**  
Instead of a card we have a little request to bring a book that you like best. Either well-loved or brand new please sign your book with a line or two letting baby know this gift is from you!

**Diaper Raffle**  
Bring a pack of diapers—any size—for a chance to win a prize!

Erin and Jake are registered at [Babylist.com](http://Babylist.com)  
**{It's a Girl!}**

**RSVP: Pam Gingerich, 301-653-4676 or [psgingerich@aol.com](mailto:psgingerich@aol.com)**

Sunday, March 1, 2020



## Where are the Flowers?

A Lenten tradition observed at Grace is the absence of flowers on the altar. Lent is a penitential season and flowers are usually associated with rejoicing. For this reason, the altar is bare. You will also notice the absence of “Alleluias” in liturgy and music.

All these things are done to amplify the resurrection message of Easter Sunday when we will gather together in worship areas filled with Easter flowers; we’ll once again sing “Alleluia” to our Savior and King; and we will transform an old cross—a symbol of sin and death—into a beautiful Resurrection Cross—a symbol of Christ’s victory over sin and death.



**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.

# YOUTH NEWS

## Lenten Meal

Youth Ministries will be preparing and serving the Lenten meal on March 18. We will be doing soup and sandwiches plus desserts.

Make sure to sign up!

Any questions talk with DCE Amanda Bell.



## March Madness



Let's watch some basketball and talk about what it truly means to compete.

Sunday, March 22

6pm - 8pm

Family Life Center

*Dinner Provider needed*

Make sure to sign up!

## UBUNTU



**Let's get to know each other!**

Sunday, March 8

6pm - 8pm

Family Life Center

*Dinner Provider needed*

Make sure to sign up!

## SAVE THE DATE!



**More Info to Come!!!**



**VBS July 13-17**





## Fellowship for ALL members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church and School

**March 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm**

**Family Life Center**

**Cost is \$1/person**

**Themed Costumes Encouraged**

**Sign up link available at  
[www.growingwithgrace.org](http://www.growingwithgrace.org)  
or talk to**

**DCE Amanda Bell  
[abell@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:abell@growingwithgrace.org)**



**Volunteers needed**

### 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 March's menu on page 8. 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).



### 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 [arocor@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:arocor@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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**MARCH 2020**

Host Site: GRACE Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles St, LaPlata, MD  
For information leave a message for Alice Adams. 301 885-1819



**Orders Due March 9th**  
**Distribution Day March 21, 8-10AM**

**HEALTHY, SEASONAL FOOD**

**BUY AS MANY AS YOU'D LIKE**

**VALUE  
PACKAGES**

**\$ 23**



**Split Chicken Breast – 2.5 pounds**  
**Chicken Sausage – (2) 12oz packages**  
**Tilapia Filets – 1 pound**  
**Cheddar Cheese – .5 pounds**  
**Elbow Macaroni – 1 pound**

**Plus 6-9 lbs. of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you!**

**T-Bone Steaks**



Four 16oz individually wrapped T-Bone steaks

**\$32**

**Spiral Ham**



SMOKED SPIRAL CUT HAM,  
8-POUND AVERAGE

**\$22**

**BREADED  
CHICKEN WINGS**

8 lbs. of FULLY COOKED BREADED WINGS. Ready for oven or fryer!!!

**\$27**



**LIMITED!**

**Grilled Chicken Strips**

Three, 2lb bags of fully cooked grilled chicken strips.

Perfect to add to salad or pasta and great in wraps or stir-fry.

**\$23**

**SHARE grows STRONGER with EVERY PURCHASE**

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BALTIMORE, TO CHARLES TOWN, TO MANASSAS,  
TO LEXINGTON PARK, TO HAMPTON ROADS

CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS:  
Debit/Credit Cards, EBT, Cash/Money Order  
Menu items are subject to change.

**301.864.3115   800.21.SHARE   SHAREdc.org**





# 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!!

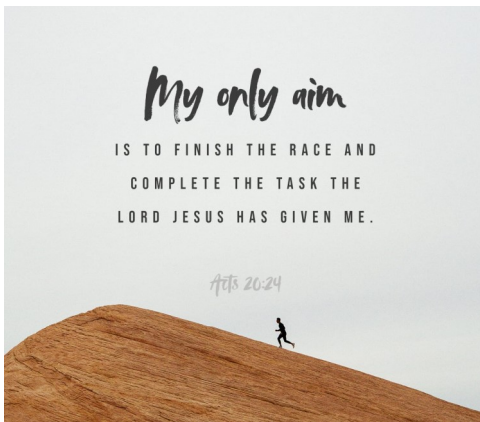


For more information contact Lindsey Shafer at  
[lshafer@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:lshafer@growingwithgrace.org)

## Stewardship Verse

**Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”** Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

## Stephen Ministry Verse



  
**Catherine**  
FOUNDATION  
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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# GOLF TOURNAMENT

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# WICOMICO SHORES

**June 4th 2020**  
**9:00am Shotgun Start**  
**Entry Fee: \$90**  
Includes: Golf, food, drinks, prizes, & mini-games

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## One Player will win a New TV!

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Bring maternity clothing, children's 0-2T clothing, baby supplies, baby food, diapers and formula to earn/receive mulligans

SIGN UP AT  
[ABOVEPARGOLFTOURNAMENTS.COM](http://ABOVEPARGOLFTOURNAMENTS.COM)

## 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 pre-school (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 (ongoing)
- Fire strobe light and fire horn replacement (ongoing)
- Rehab of playground benches
- Inspection under all modular for standing water

### NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AND REPAIRS

- Modular roof repair and replacement
- 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
- Gutter installation on 8th grade modular

The good pleasure of the Father is to have his Son tempted by Satan  
[Matt 4:1-11]

After baptism, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan and repeat the history of Israel

- I Corinthians 10 and Hebrews 3
- Jesus in contrast to Israel
- The purpose of temptation for Jesus is to confirm him as the perfect Son of God
- The context of personal agency construction

In the Book of Numbers, twelve Israel chiefs scout out the land of Canaan – the Promised Land for forty days as a future home

- God punishes Israel a year for each day for rejecting his promise – [Numbers 14:34]
- The personal fast of Jesus last forty days – he secures for us the promise of heaven rejected by Israel

The First Temptation: *Command these stones to become bread*

- Satan attempts to get Jesus to use his own power to serve himself with bread

The Second Temptation: *Throw yourself down from the pinnacle of the temple and let the angels of God protect you*

- The temple is the place of God's refuge and protection
- In this temptation; Satan – is deceitful in citing Psalm 91: 11-12

The root of the first two temptations - Jesus is the Son of God [fact]

- In the first temptation – will Jesus use his miraculous power?
- In the second temptation – will Jesus use the power of God to protect him?

The Third Temptation: Fall down and worship the slanderer

- The grand example of national apostasy is the golden calf
- Satan promises the glories of the world to Jesus and attempts to clone Israel with a temptation of gross idolatry
- His promise is a lie – Jesus orders Satan to depart: *be gone Satan!*

Matthew presents a descendent Christology in the sequence of the three temptations

The same pattern of temptation appears again at the crucifixion

- Onlookers encouraged by Satan tempt him – *if he is the son of God let him save himself*

Lessons Learned

- Take Satan seriously.
- We are not equipped to engage the Devil - Jesus is VICTOR over Satan
- Satan attacks the identity of Jesus and our identity as a child of God
- CS Lewis and *A Mighty Fortress is our God*
- Jesus is the *little word that fell him* – our Substitute

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY (1)

8:15 am	Coffee Hour	café	Becky Hoffman, x 112
6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	112	Dan Stine, 301-645-8956

## MONDAY (2)

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 Basics	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 (3)

9 am	Ladies Christcare	116	Judy Knott, 301-743-3156
6 pm	BSA 1321 Meeting	116	Cris Purnell, smtroop1321@gmail.com
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 (4)

1 pm	Admin Staff Meeting	112	<i>contact main office</i>
5:30 pm	Lenten Meal	FLC	Becky Hoffman, x 112
7 pm	Board of Servant Leaders	116	Bill Evans, wjevansjr@gmail.com
7 pm	Praise Team Practice	FLC	Jake Pomrenke, 240-346-3215
7 pm	Daniel Plan	112	Jean Nelson, jcnelson1066@gmail.com

## THURSDAY (5)

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 (6)

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

10 am	TLOD	sanct/116	<i>contact main office</i>
6 pm	GLC&S Sock Hop	FLC	Amanda Bell, x 111

