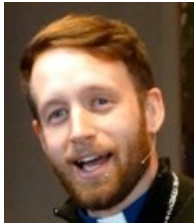




# AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2022



## Pastor's Column

Submitted by Lead  
Pastor Tim Maybee

Dear Amazing Grace,

“The Mission of the Christian Movement in the twenty-first century is to confess hope in action.”

The theologian, Douglas John Hall wrote these words at the turn of the twenty-first century more than twenty years ago and I believe that he is still right. In the first fifth of this century, the church has been at its best when it has confessed hope in action. We have been at our best when we've walked alongside and seen ourselves among those who are suffering and struggling, when we've called for more just conditions for those who are often ignored, and when we've built solidarity across lines that have historically divided us from one another. On the other hand, we have been at our worst when we've worked to dominate society and center our own interests (especially over the needs of those who have been thrust into vulnerability).

I am sure that you can come up with examples of the church confessing hope in action (everything from disaster

response and aid to refugees and immigrants, to directly feeding the hungry and calling for improved working conditions, and on and on) but this month, I'd like to focus on how we might confess hope in action in a simple, yet profound way in our every day lives.

You may have noticed in the first paragraph that the church has been at its best when it has concerned itself with relating to neighbors outside of the walls of the church building. This should come as no surprise if we have spent any time with the Gospels. Jesus' ministry is out and about in the world. He goes and meets people where they are and he shares in their concerns. Earlier this summer, we read the text from Luke 10 wherein Jesus sends his disciples *out*, two-by-two, to meet their neighbors in cities around Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. It appears that Jesus is all about building relationships, meeting neighbors where they're at, and sharing in their concerns.

Back in April I read an article by the reporter, John Leland. In it, Leland describes what he calls the “epidemic of loneliness,” which we are living through. He explains that, while we were already lonely before 2020 (he cites a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation that found that one in five Americans report that they are always or often lonely), the pandemic made this societal illness

## **Sunday Worship**

9:30 a.m.

Recordings of  
In-person worship  
posted weekly to  
[AGLC's Website](#)  
[AGLC's YouTube  
Channel](#)

## **August Events**

### **Bible Study**

*Tuesday Nights  
6:00 p.m. Upper Room*

### **Women's Bible Study**

*Tuesday, August 16  
9:30 a.m. Upper Room*

### **Faithful Readers**

*Sunday, August 28, 2pm  
Barnes and Noble in  
Eagan*

## **Newsletter Articles**

*Submit your newsletter  
articles to Sarah Bjorklund  
at [sbjorklund@aglcigh.org](mailto:sbjorklund@aglcigh.org)  
by 20th of each month*

exponentially worse. Different nations have begun officially responding to this epidemic. For instance, Japan has appointed a “Minister of Loneliness” within the government to address loneliness and high rates of mental illness and self-harm associated with it. In light of this I wonder where the church is called to be? What does confessing hope in action look like in the middle of an epidemic of loneliness?



*Japan's Minister of Loneliness, Tetsushi Sakamoto.*

Maybe when we think about being sent into the world by Christ, we can consider it an invitation to simply show up and get to know our neighbors. The church too often thinks that we must have a sales pitch or an end game of getting our neighbors to come to us. This desire isn't necessarily bad, but it does cause us to ignore the fact that our first job is simply to know and be known by our neighbors, near and far. So, Amazing Grace, you can confess hope in action right now by simply going for a walk. Who do you notice? Who is your neighbor? Can you strike up a short conversation with them?

As we prepare for fall in the church, I hope we hold the idea of confessing hope in action as a frame for the way we build our ministries. Following Christ today means realizing the loneliness in ourselves and others and working to break down the dividing walls between us. Go, beloved! Know and be known!

## New Look to Friday Email Updates

You may have noticed the weekly AGLC email update had a new look and feel this past Friday, July 29.

We are using a new email format to help make reading the weekly updates easier and with a nice refreshing new look.

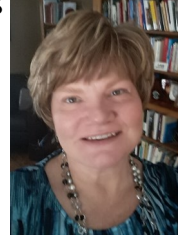
We are also working on getting the AGLC website updated. If you are aware of any pages that need updates, please contact Sarah to provide information and/or photos for this project.

 A screenshot of the AGLC Weekly Update email format. At the top, it says "AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH" with three crosses to the right. Below that is a yellow banner with the text "Joining Together to Serve the World Around Us". Underneath is "WEEKLY UPDATE" in large orange letters. On the left is a photo of a church building with a cross on top and flowers in the foreground. On the right, it says "Sunday Worship July 31 at 9:30 a.m." and "If you aren't able to join us for worship, check out past worship recordings on our [AGLC YouTube channel](#) or our [AGLC website](#)."

Submitted by: Sarah Bjorklund, Communications Coordinator, [sbjorklund@aglcigh.org](mailto:sbjorklund@aglcigh.org)

## Council Corner: August Update

Submitted by AGLC President, Cyndi Berg



I hope this finds you and yours doing well in these early days of August. The council and most ministry teams took a well-deserved break from meetings during the month of July. Though, I will note that the Evangelism Team, led by Judy Rhein, has been steadily working on outreach to a few AGLC households to ensure they know we are back worshipping in person on Sunday mornings and to extend an invitation to meet Pastor Tim. These efforts provide examples of the hospitality and welcome that help to build strong relationships – a core value of our faith community.

Thank you to those of you who were able to help with clean-up days on May 21 and June 4. We were able to weed and refresh the front gardens as well as attend to some upkeep in the lower level, sanctuary and Upper Room. And there were many enjoyable conversations that took place among the dust, weeds, and mulch. The work is ongoing, to be sure. The attention given, often without asking and behind the scenes, to the many details that keep the AGLC property a pleasant and safe space for all is noticed and appreciated!

A few communications-related updates to share:

- The electronic church sign facing South Robert Trail has (finally) been repaired. Pastor Tim, Adam Johnson and Pete Malamen invested extra time in figuring out the issues and working with the repair technicians.
- Sarah Bjorklund is working to update the AGLC website. If you are aware of any pages in need of updates, please email Sarah information and/or photos for this project ([sbjorklund@aglcigh.org](mailto:sbjorklund@aglcigh.org)) – input is essential for Sarah to keep the site current and relevant. Gratitude all around.

Planning continues for the Pop-up Car Shop scheduled for September. Adam Ingalsbe is providing leadership for this project which affords us opportunities to live out advocacy and service in the IGH community. We are blessed to be a blessing. To learn more, please see Adam's article on page 5 of this newsletter.

As the council reconvenes in August, we will be looking ahead to planning for fall and initial preparations for the FY2023 budget. Our meeting is scheduled for Tues. Aug. 16. If you have any agenda items or topics to suggest for an upcoming meeting, please let me know ([cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com](mailto:cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com), or catch me on a Sunday morning). And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, I welcome your thoughts and feedback.

May the *peace of God, which surpasses all understanding*, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

*“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”*  
– Romans 12:5

## Worship and Music—August Update

In July Worship and Music took a break from meeting. At our June meeting we discussed ordering some of the new **All Creation Sings (ACS)** hymnal. We are hoping you will enjoy singing from our new hymnals. Personally, I am really looking forward to it!

In August we will be cleaning the Sacristy. We know there are items we don't need any more i.e., vases. If you would be interest in giving these items a home, we will set them on the table with a free sign if anyone would like them.

After some discussion, we have decided that in order to move forward with livestreaming, we need to include people from more committees. I will keep you updated as I know more.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer; relaxing, fun at the beach, vacationing, sitting on the patio, camping, etc.!!

Together we journey,  
Jeannie Hultman



## Neighbor's Inc. Donations

We always have an **AMAZING** March food drive, and this year was no exception. Thank you, again, to everyone who helped make it a huge success.

That being said, we tend to get very few donations throughout the rest of the year, but the need continues for Neighbor's.

This year I would like to focus on a certain item each month for the food shelf. In July, we celebrated National Macaroni and Cheese day. Thank you to all who participated!

Neighbors  
Helping  
Neighbors

Please keep an eye out for future announcements in the Friday update and Sunday bulletin and help when you can.

Submitted by Lisa Barnhart

## Looking for “hood” Samaritans!

AGLC is hosting a **Pop-Up Car Shop** on Saturday, September 24th to help our neighbors with minor car services and help them stay on the road to get to work, school, and stay connected to friends and family.

We are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks leading up to September 24th as well as during the event. The car services we'll provide include replacing light bulbs, checking and topping off fluids, replacing windshield wipers, and checking engine error codes. Each car will be worked on by a pair of volunteers: one with some car knowledge and one who is willing and able to learn! We will also be serving food and providing activities for families to relax and have a little fun while they visit AGLC.

We need volunteers for the following areas:

- ◇ Directing traffic
- ◇ Crafts and activities with kids
- ◇ Preparing and serving food
- ◇ Set up / tear down / clean up
- ◇ Car maintenance
- ◇ Prayer team

There is a core planning team meeting regularly leading up to the event, and we will have a couple of test runs prior to September 24th to pave the way to success. Even if you're feeling tired, we can merge your talents into our effort and find you a good lane.

If you'd like to help in any way or would like more information, send a transmission to Adam Ingalsbe at [adam.ingalsbe@gmail.com](mailto:adam.ingalsbe@gmail.com) or 612-283-0169.



## Part-Time Job Openings


Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School and Preschool in Eagan is looking for a few nurturing individuals to join our preschool staff and school age after school program this coming school year. Positions we are hiring for include:

- Part time preschool aide. This is a part time position between the hours of 8:00AM-1:00pm, 3 days a week with the potential to become more.
- Rule 3 qualified substitute teachers and aides for preschool.
- Individuals to work in our after school programs (3:00-5:30 pm). This is a perfect position for a high school/college student or someone looking to work with children a few hours a week.
- K-8th grade substitute teachers.

For more information or to apply, please contact Preschool Director, Heather Bielec at [heather.bielec@tloschool.org](mailto:heather.bielec@tloschool.org), Principal Kathryn Jones at [kathryn.jones@tloschool.org](mailto:kathryn.jones@tloschool.org), or the school office at 651-454-1139.



## Faithful Readers—So Many Books!



We gather at 2 pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe on Promenade in Eagan. We meet the fourth Sunday of the month. The books for the rest of 2022 are listed. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Let's all read together faithfully.

**August 28** *Little Fires Everywhere* by Ng Celeste

A book kit selection. The intertwined stories of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the mother and daughter who upset their lives.

**September 25** *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict

The story of Clementine Churchill, the ambitious woman beside Winston Churchill.

**October 23** *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin

Historical fiction that draws on the oral histories of the Great Plains blizzard of 1888 to tell the experiences of two teachers, a servant and a reporter trying to protect the children of the area.

**November 27** *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchet

At the end of WWII, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to build an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. He buys the Dutch House, an estate in the suburbs outside Philadelphia. The house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves.

**December**

Share a favorite book with a friend.

Questions and title suggestions contact Barb Malamen  
Phone 651-454-1858 Email [bmalamen@aol.com](mailto:bmalamen@aol.com)

## August Worship Volunteers

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Greeters</b>	Helen Yotter	Susan Ricketts	Chuck and Betty Frid	Norm Beckman
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Klopfleisch and Jean Jantzen	Jeannie Hultmann and Pete Malamen	Helen Yotter and Julie Linscheid	Wendy and Jack Hoffman
<b>Readers</b>	Julie Linscheid	Susan Ricketts	Charlotte Gronseth	Mary Garfield
<b>Sound</b>	Miranda Barnhart	Nate Linscheid	Markus Linscheid	Jeannie Hultmann
<b>Altar Care/ Acolyte</b>	Lisa Barnhart	Julie Linscheid	Teri Santema	Helen Yotter
<b>Counters</b>	Helen Yotter	Pete Malamen	Craig Yotter	Mary Garfield

Contact [Julie Linscheid](#) if you would like to help volunteer for a future worship service!



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**Deadlines:**

*Newsletter article submissions are due  
by the 20th of the month to Sarah*  
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*Friday Email Announcements are due  
Wednesdays by 6pm to Sarah*  
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*Bulletin Announcements are due  
Wednesdays by Noon to Adam*  
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