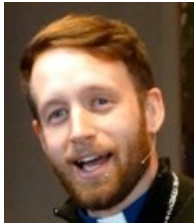




AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE-JULY 2022



Pastor's Column

Submitted by Lead
Pastor Tim Maybee

Dear Amazing Grace,

The Bible tells the truth twice. Lutheran theology names these two truths “law” and “gospel.” Gospel is the ultimate voice of God, which proclaims to us that we are accepted and loved not because of anything we’ve done but because of who God is and what Christ has done. Now, when we think of “law” we rightly think of the rules that organize our lives and communities (this is to say nothing of unjust laws—a subject for another time). Without this “civil use” of the law, our lives would probably be considerably worse. Law in the Bible is also revealed whenever we are convicted or shown our brokenness. This use of the law drives us to the cross where we receive God’s grace. Reckoning with our brokenness opens us up to receive and live on the basis of God’s grace.

The Bible tells the truth twice. It both communicates our salvation and holds up a mirror so that we can confront, understand, and deal with human brokenness.



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IT DEPENDS
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Recently, there has been a remarkable rise in campaigns to ban books and avoid teaching the parts of our history that may be hard to deal with. This radical action has been centered mostly in schools, but it is not limited to such institutions. Even public libraries are facing calls to remove books that deal with race, racism, and white supremacy, as well as issues facing LGBTQ communities.

While there are certainly conversations to be had about age-appropriate ways of talking about some topics, shielding children completely from the hard truths of our world, from our brokenness, will not result in a more just or more loving world. In order for us to live together on the basis of God’s grace and to pursue the loving community that Jesus points us to in his Kingdom—preaching in the gospels, we

Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.

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

June/July Events

Guest Preacher
Hosanna Cheung

Sunday, July 10
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesday Nights
6:00 p.m. Upper Room

**Women's Bible
Study**

Tuesday, June 21 and
Tuesday, July 19
9:30 a.m. Upper Room

Note:

There will not be a July
AGLC newsletter.
Watch for our next
newsletter in August!

have to be aware of and reckon with our brokenness. Resisting the banning of books and calling for openness in teaching our history is, in this way, a deeply Christian action.

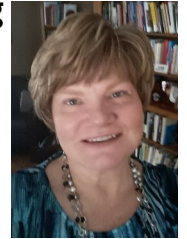
By giving us God's Word, God has shown us trust. God trusts us to be able to maturely reckon and rumble with our brokenness, sin, and pain. God trusts us to look at the sometimes violent and horrifying history of God's people. God trusts us to look hard at ourselves and our societies so that we might be shaped by justice and love. We must trust that our children and larger communities are capable of this work of critical thinking and self-examination.

The brokenness and injustice that surrounds us will not be overcome without such a reckoning.

This summer, several of us will be having conversations about children and youth ministries at Amazing Grace. As we do so, we will consider how we can talk honestly and openly with our kids about God's love and about the ways that love has been resisted, our common human brokenness. I am so incredibly grateful and excited to do this work with you. God is doing wonderful things in and through you, Amazing Grace. I can't wait to see what God has next for us!

Council Corner—June/July Update

Submitted by AGLC President, Cyndi Berg



Greetings!

We are blessed to have ministry teams actively engaged in both immediate and longer-term initiatives to create meaningful, faith-filled experiences in worship, fellowship and education as well as reaching out to serve one another and our neighbors. Please know that each team would welcome your contributions. If you are interested in learning more about what a particular team is working on and how you might get involved, please contact the team chair:

Jeannie Hultman, Worship and Music
 Katie Klopfleisch, Christian Education
 Wendy Hoffman, Stewardship
 Judy Rhein, Evangelism
 Bruce Klopfleisch, Business Management and Property Management

Following up on two property-related items, I share an action taken by the AGLC Church Council and details about an upcoming clean-up day.

Property Task Force –

Over the years, AGLC, from time to time, has been approached by land developers interested in the AGLC property for potential easements and/or purchase agreements. We heard an update on recent inquiries from Bruce Klopfleisch and Bill Bleckwenn at our April 24 congregational meeting. Through additional consultation between Bruce, Bill and the AGLC executive committee, there was a clear consensus that we are not currently interested in pursuing any sales or easements for the property. This was further discussed with the full council at its May 10 meeting. We understand that it is essential to gather ample input and feedback from the congregation on issues related to the property. We also agreed that it is important to be prepared to handle future inquiries and/or proposals.

To that end, the council acted to establish a task force:

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The AGLC Council approves establishing a Property Task Force, acting in good faith and in alignment with AGLC's mission and values, to gather input and feedback from congregational members; raise appropriate questions; consider best practices; and seek counsel and research resources applicable to our context to develop a master plan for the AGLC property which will include a process for review of any and all development proposals presented. The task force will report back to the executive committee, council and congregation with regular updates as their work progresses. Ultimately, any proposed master plan would be presented to the congregation for approval.

We anticipate that this will be a short-term project with the bulk of the work completed over the next months. Bill Bleckwenn has agreed to lead this effort and Bruce Klopfleisch, Pete Malamen and Norm Beckman have agreed serve on the task force. Additional members may be added, as needed. I value the wealth of experience, knowledge and commitment to ALGC's ministry that this group will bring to this important work. I am grateful for their willingness to take on this project and bring it to a successful outcome.

Spring Clean-Up Days -

We will be hosting another spring clean-up day on Sat. June 4, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. (Thank you to those who were able to help on May 21). There will be both indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring work gloves and any tools or supplies you think could be helpful. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Berg at cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Grace and Peace +

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

Prayers for the Graduates of 2022!

Suttyn Barnhart: Niece of Russ and Lisa Barnhart, graduating high school.

Elyssa Hurwitz: Paul Rhein's niece, graduating from Jewish Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Jewish Experiential Education

Mary Yotter: Graduating from Wartburg College with degree in engineering sciences including minors in chemistry and math

Peter Schnorak: Graduating from Lake Superior College with an Associates Degree of Applied Sciences Engineering CAD Technology

Bennett Henke: Graduated from Baylor University with a degree as a Communication Specialist in International Studies

Also:

Eli Morgan and Caleigh Tautges



2022 Synod Assembly

On May 13th and 14th, we attended the St Paul Area Synod Assembly at St Andrew's church in Mahtomedi. The theme for this year's Assembly was "Emerging in Hope". Also in attendance was Pastor Tim along with Helen Yotter and Annie Morgan in their roles as Synod Council and Committee members respectively.

The Assembly was a mixture of Worship, featured speakers and business meetings. Opening worship on Friday began with "A Prayer Service for Children of Indian Boarding Schools" written by a native theologian. It included drumming, songs and a reading of names of children who died at boarding schools in the US. A full festival worship service followed. The offering taken during the service was directed to Lutheran Disaster Relief-Eastern Europe Crisis Response to help respond to the war in the Ukraine.

The featured speakers all spoke about children and youth. Dr Amy Marga from Luther Seminary spoke about looking at children with a Biblical lens over the years. At times children were thought of as a burden and at other times children were worth an education. Alexis Oberdorfer works with LSS and is involved with the therapeutic preschool the Synod will be supporting thru their "Planting Hope Campaign". She educated the assembly about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). ACEs are traumatic events affecting children such as abuse, neglect, parental substance use, divorce, incarceration, etc. The more ACEs a child has the greater risk there is for the child. The preschool provides counseling, activities, and a safe environment to mitigate these risks. Marcus Pope the president of Youthprise in Minneapolis talked about his experiences working with youth over the years. One thing he likes to encourage is youth becoming involved with doing something and the good feeling that results from accomplishing or doing something positive for society.

The business part of the Assembly was interesting and presented efficiently. This included the election of committee members, approving the Synod budget and the passing of resolutions.

We want to thank AGLC for giving us the chance to go the Synod Assembly. We encourage others to say yes when asked to attend an Assembly in the future. It was interesting and an uplifting experience seeing the larger Church at work.

Barb and Pete Malamen



Worship and Music—June/July Update

WOW spring weather took so long to get here, I was beginning to think we'd have to go south to get warm.

May brought a lot more discussion than usual this time of year at our Worship & Music meeting. We found it necessary to update our Responsibilities for Ushers & Altar Care. We spent so long in Full Pandemic mode that we decided to have training in June, scheduled as follows:

Sunday, June 5

Greeters/Readers 8:45 a.m. (led by **Julie Lincheid**) in the upper room

Sunday, June 12

Sound 10:35 a.m. (or after service-led by **Nate Lincheid**) in the sanctuary

Altar care 10:35 a.m. (or after service-led by **Nancy Pollock**) in the sacristy

Sunday June 26

Ushers 10:35 a.m. (or after service-led by **Jeannie Hultman**) in the fellowship hall

If for any reason you are unable to attend the training, please contact the person leading the group.

We are still thinking about and discussing livestreaming, nothing concrete yet, but want to let you know it's still on the table. We talked about different ways we might raise money for it at our meeting.

I hope you all can get out and enjoy our beautiful weather God has blessed us with.

Have an amazing summer!!

Together we journey,
Jeannie Hultman



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets Tuesday, June 21 at 9:30am in the Upper Room.

June begins a three part summer Bible study titled *Crafted in Christ*. Session one is "A summer of rest and renewal".

The study is found in *Gather* magazine, the May/June edition. You do not need to subscribe to the magazine to join in the study. All are welcome.

Tuesday, July 19 at 9:30am is the time for session two of the summer Bible study.

Special Guest from ENGLAND!

Sunday, July 10

This summer a special guest will be coming to the U.S.—and to Amazing Grace. Her name is Hosanna Cheung, originally from Hong Kong, now from England. She will be preaching—and be available for conversation/discussion—in our congregation on Sunday, July 10th.

Hosanna, now in England, is working among the almost two million Chinese from Hong Kong, who, after the Beijing government took control of Hong Kong, moved to England. Among these she has formed house church fellowships and has served as interpreter in English-language congregations. She is also organizing a youth camp for some of them this summer. Through her work she is bringing hope—and Jesus' promise of an “abundant life”—to many of these uprooted people.

Hosanna is coming to the U.S. to work with CSV's camp ministry team (including some from camp WAPO), as they make plans for camps in England during summer of 2023. She has been a key person in the previous camp ministry of China Service Ventures (CSV) in mainland China

If you have questions or are interested in hosting her in your home sometime during that weekend, call Charlotte Gronseth (651)-646-2292 and, if I am gone, leave a message.



In the Hebrew of Psalm 23, goodness and mercy do not “follow” us all the days of our lives. That translation is far too bloodless for the verb radaph. It means “chase after or pursue.” The goodness and mercy of God don't follow us like a good little puppy dog. They gallop after us like a celestial stallion. They chase us down labyrinthine paths like the hound of heaven. They stay hot on our heels. The goodness and mercy of our Shepherd radaph us all the way to heaven's gate and into the arms of our Father.

—Chad Bird

A Deeper Look at the Language of Psalm 23

Submitted by
Pastor Tess

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.

June 26 *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

A sweeping four-generation saga of a Korean family in Japan enduring and prospering through the 20th century.

July 24 *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom

Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival at sea. Three days pass. Short on water, food, and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves and pull him in. The man claims to be the Lord.

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

June Worship Volunteers

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters	Barb Henke and Jean Jantzen	Wendy and Jack Hoffman	Mary Garfield	Bruce and Katie Klopfleisch
Ushers	Russ Barnhart and Julie Linscheid	Craig and Helen Yotter	Cyndi Berg and Chuck Frid	Barb Henke and Jeannie Hultmann
Readers	Charlotte Gronseth	Norm Beckman	Judy Rhein	Pete Malamen
Sound	Nate Linscheid	Pete Malamen	Katie Klopfleisch	Miranda Barnhart
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Jeannie Hultmann	Alison Hild	Julie Linscheid	Lisa Barnhart
Counters	Helen Yotter	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Craig Yotter

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

July Worship Volunteers

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Greeters	Barb and Pete Malamen	Nancy Pollock and Teri Santema	Connie and Terry Raddatz	Dave and Darlene Wold	Ras and Gloria Rasmussen
Ushers	Wendy and Jack Hoffman	Norm Beckman and Todd Erickson	Katie Klopfleisch and Cyndi Berg	Craig Yotter and Russ Barnhart	Pete Malamen and Chuck Frid
Readers	Helen Yotter	Bruce Klopfleisch	Barb Malamen	Jean Jantzen	Barb Henke
Sound	Russ Barnhart	Nate Linscheid	Markus Linscheid	Miranda Barnhart	Bruce Klopfleisch
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Teri Santema	Helen Yotter	Julie Linscheid	Nancy Pollock	Alison Hild
Counters	Helen Yotter	Mary Garfield	Pete Malamen	Craig Yotter	Craig Yotter

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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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