



AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

Submitted by
Lead Pastor
Tim Maybee

Dear Amazing Grace,

My own call to ministry revolves around what I would describe as a life-long, growing sense that another world is possible. As a child, I was privileged to participate in a church that firmly believed that the Christian faith is about so much more than “going to heaven when you die.” We were taught that our faith is more about living in light of God’s abundant love and compassion now. Because of this, my childhood church connected me and the other church members with outside organizations and partners who were actively seeking a better, more just and loving world for ourselves and our neighbors.

I have tremendously fond memories of serving, as a middle and high schooler, at the Connection Cafe in Des Moines, where I grew up. The Connection Cafe served food to people experiencing poverty and houselessness and did so in a way that preserved people’s dignity and stressed equality. Weekends at Connection Cafe taught me to see myself in solidarity alongside people

whose lives are very different from my own. It taught me to question why we live in a world where I have more than enough and so many others have so few. The relationships I formed there introduced me to a God who passionately partners with God’s people to pursue just, peaceful, and compassionate communities.

These partnerships across difference and distance made a lasting impression on me and ultimately compelled me to study religion and enter the ministry. Such lively, life-giving partnerships still motivate me to act in faith, and I am not alone in this. So many people have come to know the liberator-Christ through fruitful mission and ministry partnerships.

For all these reasons, when I was interviewing with Amazing Grace two and a half years ago, I was so grateful to hear about the long-term connection we’ve had with the Isaiah Community Organizing group. Isaiah is a “multiracial group of faith communities, Black barbershops, childcare centers, and more fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.”

On February 20 I had the great joy of gathering with a couple hundred of our neighbors at the State Capitol to speak with our representatives about ensuring better, more affordable access to the basic human right of healthcare. A

Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.

Livestream or watch
past worship
services:

[AGLC's YouTube
Channel](#)

Sunday School

After worship

March

Events

Lenten Dinners

Wednesdays

5:30-6:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays

7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday

March 24

Easter Sunday

March 31

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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at sbjorklund@aglcigh.org
by 20th of each month.

group of four of us spent time with State Senator Matt Klein, Representative Rick Hansen, and Representative Mary Francis Clardy. Stories were boldly shared and commitments were made to push along a current bill which will grant more equitable access to healthcare statewide. It is a powerful thing to pursue a more just world in cooperation with one's neighbors and one's political representatives. I left the event feeling deeply connected to God, my neighbors, and myself as a child of God.

A couple days later, AGLC member Mark Morgan attended a similar gathering, this time with a focus on the climate. Mark reflected on the experience: "I believe we had somewhere between 400 and 500 concerned citizens from around the state of MN for an event in the capitol rotunda and then meetings with many legislators to discuss our concerns. Our focus was on Climate / Decarbonization of our energy infrastructure as well as housing affordability since the two issues are very inter-connected. It was a blessing to see so many concerned citizens (and

youth) participating in democracy. Anyone can do it! Our legislators WANT to hear from us! :) There is much more work to do to make sure our voices are heard. Please reach out if you would like to learn more. Below is a little more information on Unidos:

Unidos MN (formerly known as Navigate MN) is a grassroots organization that builds power with Minnesota's working families to advance social, racial and economic justice. As an organization born from the DREAMER movement, the topics of immigration, education, and climate justice are at the core of our work. We are an intersectional, intergenerational, women, Latine-led organization. (website: Unidos MN (unidos-mn.org))."

God calls us to partner for peace with our neighbors. I am excited to walk with you as we join together to serve the world around us.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim Maybee

A couple of pictures from the day of climate action, courtesy of Mark Morgan:



Worship and Music Update: March 2024

We begin our Lenten journey tomorrow with Ash Wednesday. The Lenten Theme at Amazing Grace this year is based on a book, "Somewhere in the unknown World, by Kao Kalia Yang." It is a collection of powerful stories of refugees who have found new lives in Minnesota's Twin Cities. Yang shares the stories of many refugee families, helping us to know of the struggles that each endures, to have a safe life. Many of these families have left their Country because they were not safe. Many left their extended family, some maybe even immediate family members who are still in danger. I encourage you to get the book and come along on this Lenten journey. May we all take some quiet time this Lent to reflect on how God can use us to help make someone's life a little easier.

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength."

Isaiah 30:15 NLT

Together we journey,
Jeannie Hall

Yogadevotion

The next session of Yogadevotion at Amazing Grace begins Monday, March 4 and extends through Monday, April 22. Class time is 6 to 7pm. The 8 weeks cost \$88.

Yogadevotion is a practice of breath, prayer and movement led by a trained yoga instructor. The practice helps to encourage healthy living and peaceful presence. Beginning and experienced yogi are welcome in this community. All you need to participate are comfortable clothes and a yoga mat.

Registration is also possible for drop in classes if you want to try the class or can't schedule the full 8 weeks. Register at the following link. <http://yogadevotion.com/class/yogadevotion-at-amazing-grace-inver-grove-mn-3/>

Faithful Readers: So Many Books!

We gather on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe on Promenade in Eagan for our book discussion. There is an attempt to read a variety of books and authors. Book title suggestions are welcome. All interested readers are welcome to join in the discussion. Let's all read together faithfully!

March 24 The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson a book in the bag selection

A haunting novel spanning several generations **The Seed Keeper** follows a Dakotah family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and protect what matters most.

April 28 The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

This book is based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during WWII. It reminds us of the importance of libraries, books and the human connections that can be found in both.

May 19 The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende

The lives of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi-occupied Europe and a mother and daughter fleeing 21st century El Salvador intersect in this novel about war and immigration.

June 23 Leave No Trace by Mindy Mejia

A man and his son go on a camping trip to the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota. They fail to return and searchers find their camp site ravaged as by a bear. The pair is presumed dead. Ten years later the son reappears. He is violent and uncommunicative. Can anyone reach him and fill in the previous ten years.

July 28 Deacon King Kong by James McBride

In September 1969, a cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of a housing project, pulls a gun from his pocket and in front of all shoots the project's drug dealer at point blank range. The reasons for and the consequences of this act are at the heart of this novel.

August 25 Loyalty by Lisa Scottoline

This book is an emotional, action-packed epic of love and justice set during the rise of the Mafia in Sicily.

September 22 Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty a book in the bag selection

If your mother was missing would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the situation faced by the Delaney children. Two of the children think their father is innocent; while two are not so sure. As the two sides square off against each other, all will begin to reexamine their shared family history.

October 27 The Unsettled by Ayana Mathis

This is a multigenerational novel set in the 1980's in racially and politically turbulent Philadelphia and the tiny town of Bonapart, Alabama about a mother fighting for her sanity and her survival.

November 24 The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry

When a woman stumbles across a mysterious children's book, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during WWII are revealed.

December Holiday Break

There is no discussion this month. Share a favorite book with someone

March Worship Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to help with Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. If you will be at church, please consider helping out!

	March 3	Wed March 6 7pm	March 10	Wed March 13 7pm	March 17	Wed March 20 7pm
Greeters	Teri Santema	Nancy Pollock	Connie and Terry Raddatz	Janet Aguirre	Ras and Gloria Rasmussen	Wendy Hoffman
Ushers	Wendy and Jack Hoffman	Julie Linscheid	Russ Barnhart and Cyndi Berg	Katie Klopfleisch	Pete Malamen and Todd Erickson	Todd Erickson
Readers	Barb Malamen		Julie Linscheid		Mary Garfield	
Sound	Nate Linscheid	Markus Linscheid	Miranda Barnhart	Pete Malamen	Bruce Klopfleisch	Jeannie Hall
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Julie Linscheid		Lisa Barnhart		Linda Erickson	
Counter	Helen Yotter		Pete Malamen		Mary Garfield	

Gerten's Spring Bedding Plant Sale

Ordering is now open for spring bedding plants sale through Gertens.

Ordering closes on April 1. Plant pick up is Monday, May 13 in the morning. Sellers will need to pick up their orders and deliver to their customers.

To access the site and place an order:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.
3. Store ID code for **Amazing Grace Lutheran Church: 134**

Adult Education Sunday, March 10

We are all the Prodigal Son. What separates us from God and community? What can we do to mend this breach?

Join the discussion in the upper room on Sunday, March 10 following our worship service.

Holy Week Worship and Music Help Needed

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to help with Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. If you will be at church, please consider helping out!

	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday 11 a.m.
Greeters	Darlene Wold	Jean Jantzen		Brooke & Alex Bartlette	
Ushers	Russ Barnhart and Julie Linscheid				
Readers	Jean Jantzen			Barb Malamen	
Sound	Nate Linscheid				
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Jeannie Hall				Nancy Pollock
Counter	Tim Sanborn				

April Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to volunteer to help with a worship service,
please contact [Julie Linscheid njlinscheid@gmail.com](mailto:njlinscheid@gmail.com)*

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Ingrid Emerson	Norm Beckman	Mary Garfield	Wendy and Jack Hoffman
Ushers	Bruce Klopfleisch and Cyndi Berg	Todd Erickson and Jeannie Hall	Russ Barnhart and Pete Malamen	Julie Linscheid and Katie Klopfleisch
Readers	Charlotte Gronseth	Helen Yotter	Judy Rhein	Bruce Klopfleisch
Sound	Katie Klopfleisch	Markus Linscheid	Miranda Barnhart	Nate Linscheid
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Teri Santema	Julie Linscheid	Lisa Barnhart	Linda Erickson
Counters				

March AGLC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	4 6pm Yogadevotion	5	6 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner 6pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 10 am Inver Glen Worship	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Adult Education Sunday	11 6pm Yogadevotion	12 10 am Knit and Chat 10 am Stewardship and Evangelism	13 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner 6pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	18 6pm Yogadevotion	19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	20 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner 6 pm Confirmation Lent 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship 10:40 am Intergenerational Sunday School Event	25 6pm Yogadevotion	26	27 Holy Week: No Confirmation 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	28 7pm Maundy Thursday	29 7pm Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter Sunday Worship 9:30 am and 11:00 am						



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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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