November 2026



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

7160 South Robert Trail

Inver Grove Heights

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www.aglcigh.org

Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.

Livestream or watch past worship services:

AGLC's YouTube Channel

Upcoming Events

AGLC at Feed My Starving Children
Wed. Nov 11, 7:15p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship & Pie
Wed Nov 25, 7p.m.

Advent/Christmas Decorate
Sat. Nov 28, 9a.m.

Pastor's Corner



Submitted by Lead Pastor Tim Maybee

Dear Amazing Grace,

Are you familiar with "Pando?" Pando is the name given to the largest living organism on earth, by "measures of weight, landmass, and species." It is a single clonal organism, a quaking aspen tree. However, it does not look like a single tree. Instead, there are roughly 47,000 stems that look like individual trees but are genetically identical parts of one tree, connected by a root system that covers roughly 106 acres. For comparison, Amazing Grace has 11 acres of land. The root system is estimated to be about 16,000 years old. What appears to be just an ordinary forest is, in fact, a single tree. This single tree is home to its own complex ecosystem. The whole system thrives or dies together.

Being a relatively orthodox Lutheran pastor, it is not often that I turn to the likes of John Calvin for much of anything. That being said, the great thinker and theologian does have much to add to the conversation that is the Christian faith. I was reminded of this recently when I stumbled upon some old notes from a class in seminary. In Calvin's *Institutes*, the reformer writes that, "Without knowledge of self, there is no knowledge of God. Our wisdom, insofar as it ought to be deemed true and solid wisdom, consists almost

entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves." For Calvin, we come to know God's goodness when we understand the humble state of our human existence. I would add that the converse is also true. We come to know ourselves as beloved children of God when we come to a greater understanding of who God is.

This deeply true message has been on my mind recently, as I've embarked with my spiritual director on writing what she calls my "spiritual autobiography." With her encouragement, I have been slowly recounting formative experiences from throughout my life. I am coming to see God at work in new ways and getting a better sense of who God is as I come to better know myself. What's more, I've been challenged to start this autobiography not with my birth, but a couple of generations back. At the center of the new insights I'm coming upon is my growing sense that faith is not simply a private, personal thing. Faith does not happen in a vacuum but is the result of growing trust in God through relationships with others. Faith is born in, and formed by, community. My own faith pulls from experiences that my parents and grandparents had well before my birth.

In a sense, we are, each of us, the opposite of Pando. Pando looks like many trees but is really one. We look like one thing, but we really contain multitudes. What would a spiritual autobiography look like for you? Who is part of the great forest of your faith?

God created us for relationship and God calls us into community. In this season, we will be asking you to make a pledge for giving in 2027. This is not just about keeping the institution of our congregation going. Instead, giving is one tangible way to put into practice the truth that we do not live in a vacuum. With our resources working together, Amazing Grace can join together to serve the world around us. We are better together.

Your sibling in Christ,

Pastor Tim

Worship & Music November Update

Hello Amazing Grace family,

This is the time of year, most of us anyway, think of things in our life that we are thankful for. There are so many things to be thankful for! I know I have said it many times, but among the many things I am thankful for, our Amazing Grace family is very high on that list! I love the ways in which we all show up for each other, and when someone needs some grace, we are just as quick to grant that as well. Together, we are the hands and feet of Jesus!!!

Please save the date, if you are able, to decorate for Advent/Christmas: The Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28 from 9 a.m. until the work is done. Many hands make light work. There will be light refreshments. Thank you!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*

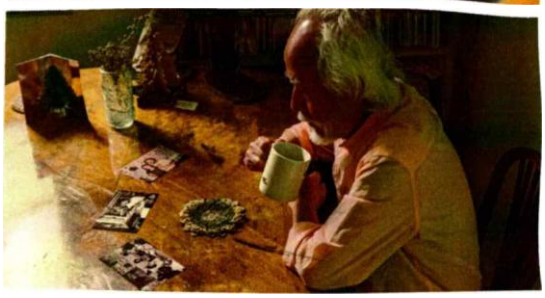
Together we journey,

Jeannie Hall

Spirituality & Dementia







Mon., November 9, 2026
1:00 to 3:00pm (Central Time) via Zoom

ASL Interpreters will be present.

Faith Community Nurse Network and Lyngblomsten Community Services collaborated to bring you this session where attendees will learn from experts in spiritualty and dementia regarding their work and research (theological practice and lived experience) with people living with dementia in a neuropalliative setting and their caregivers.

Presenters:

Rev. Kelly Spahr, M.Div., AC-Clinical Bioethics, BCC Chaplain,
Neurology Supportive & Palliative Care Service

Judy Long, Palliative Care Chaplain
University of California - San Franciso's Symptom Management Service and UCSF's Parkinson's Disease Supportive Care Clinic

To learn more about this workshop & register to attend:

Please use the QR code to the right or visit
https://fcnntc.apæn.egnumæmlnxlportal/neonevents/event

Questions or Assistance: email contact@fcnntc.org

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Announcements

AGLC at Feed My Starving Children

Amazing Grace has 18 spots reserved for the 7:15 p.m. shift at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, November 11.

Contact Pastor Tim or sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to participate.

November/December Session of Yogadevotion

Registration is open for the November/December session of Yogadevotion at AGLC. The 7-week session will run Mondays 6-7pm, November 2 to December 14. The cost is $84 and$15 for single classes (drop-in).

You can register online using this link:
https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=5739129&stype=-7&sTG=24&sView=day&sLoc=0&date=2026-11-02

Updating AGLC Directory

Moved? New phone? Nothing changed?

We are working to update and verify the contact information we have in the church directory. Please take a minute to fill out this contact information form, **even if nothing has changed**! We will compare it to what is in the directory. The church will gather the information and print any changes to share with members who would like to update their directories.

A paper copy is available at church if you prefer to provide your information that way.Any questions? Please see Miranda Barnhart (who is gathering and organizing this information).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30am in the Upper Room. This study again shows us "Bold faith, on an unexpected journey". The title is "Proclaiming Resurrection in Hope". As Mary Magdalene's story declares, God entrusts women to carry resurrection hope

to a hurting world. The study is found in *Gather* magazine. It is not necessary to subscribe to the magazine to attend the study. All are welcome!

Spirit of Giving

Bring joy to an older adult this Christmas. The Spirit of Giving program collects gift cards and monetary donations that Lyngblomsten will use to purchase individualized Christmas gifts for each resident on its Como Park campus. For many residents this is the only gift they will receive. You can make a difference!

- Donate a gift card from Walmart, Target or Kohl's
- Write a check payable to Lyngblomsten Foundation listing Spirit of Giving in the memo line
- Give online at www.Lyngblom.org/Donate. From the designation drop-down, select Spirit of Giving.

Gift cards & monetary donations are due by Tuesday, December 8, 2026.
Please mail your gift to:
Spirit of Giving, c/o Lacey Davis
Lyngblomsten Care Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Thank you for your generosity!

Seeking Thanksgiving Meal Food Donations

Neighbor's Inc. is preparing for their Thanksgiving meal distribution, which serves approximately 400 families/individuals throughout our community. To help them out, we will be collecting boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix and cornbread mix through Sunday, November 15.

Please place donations in the Neighbor's bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

Faithful Readers – So Many Books!

November 22 People of Means by Nancy Johnson Two women. Two pivotal moments. One dream for justice and equality. The first moment is 1959, the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. The second comes in 1992 with the ruling from the trial of the officers in the Rodney King beating. The novel offers a glimpse into the quest for racial equality, the pursuit of personal and communal success and the power of love and family ties.

November AGLC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 10:40am Sunday School 10:45am Faith Formation	2 6pm Yogadevotion	3 Election Day (AGLC hosting site) 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Executive Team Meeting	4 6pm Youth Group	5 10am Inver Glen Worship	6	7 10am Betty Frid Visitation 11am Betty Frid Funeral 12pm Betty Frid Luncheon
8 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fatih Formation 10:40am Sunday School	9 6pm Yogadevotion	10 10am Stewardship and Evangelism	11 7:15pm Service Event at Feed My Starving Children	12	13	14
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22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Faith Formation 10:40am Sunday School	23 6pm Yogadevotion	24	25 7pm Thanksgiving Worship	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 9am Advent Christmas Decorating
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November Worship Volunteers

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Greeters	Janet Aguirre	Scott Ferris	Teri Santema	Glenn Armstrong and Cathy Polesak	Helen Yotter
Ushers	Jason Teiken and Julie Linscheid	Katie Klopfleisch and Bartholomew Wilson	Rick and Cyndi Berg	Russ Barnhart and Jeannie Hall	Todd Erickson and Bruce Klopfleisch
Reader	Helen Yotter	Heather Tautges	Mary Garfield	Jason Teiken	Bartholomew Wilson
Sound	Miranda Barnhart	Bruce Klopfleisch	Sophie Ball	Nate Linscheid	Pete Malamen
Altar Car/Acolyte	Jeannie Hall	Linda Erickson	Nancy Pollock	Teri Santema	Jeannie Hall
Counter	Craig Yotter	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Tim Sanborn	Craig Yotter

December Worship Volunteers

	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 27
Greeters	Nancy Pollock	Teri Santema	Mary Garfield	Gail Marek
Ushers	Glenn Armstrong and Cathy Polesak	Mark Bartlette and Jeannie Hall	Rick and Cyndi Berg	Julie Linscheid and Todd Erickson
Reader	Barb Malamen	Julie Linscheid	Bruce Klopfleisch	Scott Ferris
Sound	Russ Barnhart	Jason Teiken	Katie Klopfleisch	Miranda Barnhart
Altar Car/Acolyte	Julie Linscheid	Lynda Bartlette	Linda Erickson	Nancy Pollock
Counter	Helen Yotter	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Tim Sanborn

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AGLC President – Susanna Jackson

Deadlines:

Newsletter Submissions
Due by the 20th of the month to Sarah Bjorklund sbjorklund@aglcigh.org

Friday Email Announcements
Due Wednesdays by Noon to Sarah Bjorklund sbjorklund@aglcigh.org

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