

# Amazing Grace

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Our mission to the Inland Empire is to be **heralds of the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ, healers to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and upholders of God's will and Word.**

## A MESSAGE from Pastor Maggard

Dear Saints at Grace Lutheran Church,

Beginnings are such exciting times. They also bring uncertainty, especially when you have faithfully been served by such a loving under shepherd for so long. The good news is that it is the Lord's church and He is faithful and uses men of varying talents. There will be differences in how I do things, but the same Lord serves you His Holy Word and Holy Sacraments. Hear what our Lord says in Lamentations 3:22-26:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.*

The Lord is indeed our portion and He is faithful to us always! He will continue to bless us through these exciting times. I am excited to be here and to serve as your new under shepherd. It will be exciting to see how the Lord blesses us as we gather together around the Apostolic teachings and the Lord's Supper. May the Lord whose mercies never come to an end continue to bless you and keep you.

In Jesus, **Pastor Maggard**

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### SUMMER IS HERE!!!

Dear Grace family,

School is out, vacations loom and a basic need to gather with friends and family to celebrate is upon us. All I want to say is to remember that God is your vacation and gathering place to celebrate the saving grace of His beloved Son Jesus Christ. As you go about your busy weeks and months of summer, let the Sabbath give you the rest and recuperation that only He can provide. Remember that the Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath. Take advantage of the gift and rejoice in the promise.

In His Service!!!

**Chuck Stringham, President**

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 11th**

## STEWARDSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 16:8 - ***Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples!***

This morning I logged onto the LCMS website to get inspiration for a newsletter article. Instead of going directly to the Stewardship section, my eyes spotted the daily devotional section. I had never looked at this before, but the above scripture caught my eye. I immediately thought about all the celebrations of the past couple of weeks, the formal ending of a profession and the formal beginning of one; goodbyes and welcomes. We give thanks for 18 years of a dedicated servant reminding us of all the Lord has done for us. We give thanks for His faithfulness in sending us a new Under Shepherd, the right man at the right time.

The rest of the daily devotional, written by Pastor Ken Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries, went on to tell a story about a young boy not happy with the amount of his allowance. He decided to bill his parents for the chores he completes each week. His mom turned to her pastor for advice on how to handle his ungratefulness.

Mom and Pastor drew up two lists in response. You can probably guess that the first list was a bill for room and board and everything else that parents do out of love for their children. Of course, Mom's bill was much more than her boy could afford.

Pastor Klaus points out that throughout scripture we read about people who think God should appreciate all the work they do for Him and even Jesus' friends argued about who was most worthy. Do you ever slip into this mode of thinking? Do you ever feel a greater ownership because you work harder, volunteer more hours, or even because you give more?

Pastor Klaus reminds us that this is the wrong way to look at things and to remember that the Lord has done everything for us. We give thanks for Him who continues to love and bless unlovable us.

Oh, do you wonder about the other bill given to the boy? It forgave his debt in full because of parental love, ZERO due, just as God so loved the world he erased our debts, our sins, with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us always be grateful, give thanks for all He does for us. Let us give of our talents and treasures for His glory and not for our own.

In Christian love,

**Barbara Dellinger, Stewardship Chair**

## EVANGELISM UPDATES

We are looking at a possible **Daring Diners** in July at church featuring Craig Smith and his oriental cuisine. If we can confirm a date we will get the information out quickly.

Then for August we are planning on setting up a booth in downtown Rialto for National Night Out which is scheduled for August 7th.

Sign-ups for both activities will be in the Narthex soon. That's all for now.

**God's Blessings, Joe**



### Remember Our "Shut-ins":

Helen Mathews (c/o P. O. Box 116, Waldorf, MN 56091), Jane Mathews, Margaret Dickenson, Evelyn Smith, Esther Katt, Pamela Woodcox, Jan Mansell, Charlie and Millie Thompson and Joyce Waters.

### Those with Health Concerns:

Kurt and Denise Wampole, Joann Miller and Tony Mantz.

### Those Grieving:

Keep Mike and Carol Draney in your prayers following the passing of their nephew. Continue to keep Linda Wallis and family in your prayers.

### Expecting:

Congratulations to John and Leslie Richmond. Prayers for extra care as this is a "high-risk" pregnancy, they are expecting a baby boy in November.

### Our Military and Families:

Kurt Wampole, Jr., Summer Connell, Noah Nery and Jacob Livoni.

### Your Donations for the Lord's Work

Total Offerings 2017 . . . . . \$ 208,426.08  
(2017 . . . . . Monthly Avg \$ 17,368.84)



### 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter offerings: . . . . . \$ 45,357.81  
. . . . . Quarterly Monthly Avg \$ 15,119.27  
April offerings . . . . . \$17,579.50  
May offerings . . . . . \$12,865.00

### Anniversaries

17 Larry & Debbie Schwartz  
23 Tom & Stephanie Brewer  
29 Daniel & Eleanor Holm

### Birthdays for July

01 Lynda Olson  
02 Chuck Stringham  
12 Diana Klemm  
17 Rebecca Mantz  
19 Erin Maggard  
20 Kim Franzen  
21 Nancy Telizyn  
Ryan Franzen  
22 Dave Nehls  
24 Ken Nobis  
27 Pastor Maggard  
28 Sherry Herrera  
Scott Klemm  
Kim Pickinpaugh  
30 Gail James  
31 Charles Thompson

### OLD GLORY

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner or the Stars and Stripes, but whatever they call me, I am your flag. I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze.

What happened? I'm still the same old flag, but now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. Then I see the children running around and shouting. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Let us always remember and to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy.

**Happy 4th of July!**

### A DAILY PLAN

1. SAY SOMETHING TO GOD every day... "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know unto God." (Phil.4:6)
2. LET GOD SAY SOMETHING TO YOU every day. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow there" ... (1 Peter 2:2)
3. SAY SOMETHING FOR GOD every day... "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify the Father which is in heaven." (Matt.5:16)
4. DO SOMETHING FOR GOD every day... "Therefore, say beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor.15:58)

# LENDING A HAND –

# JULY 2018

## USHERS

All ushers need to try to be at church by 8:30 a.m. Ushers please call the Elder-of-the-Day the night before if you cannot serve. Thank you

- 1 Randy York . . . . . Jim Kline, Ron Pickinpaugh, Dave Nehls
- 8 Greg Nelson . . . . . Bill Choske, Mike Draney, Larry Adams
- 15 Brent Rosen . . . . . Scott Klemm, Allan Dellinger, Glen James
- 22 Richard Franzen . . . . . Chuck Stringham, Brent Rosen
- 29 Mike Miller . . . . . Jim Kline, Ron Pickinpaugh, Dave Nehls

Note-Communion Elder: Richard Franzen

## ACOLYTES

- 1 Elders or volunteer
- 8 “
- 15 “
- 22 “
- 29 “



## GREETERS

- 1 Grace Family
- 8 Kim & Richard Franzen
- 15 Jim & Diane Kline
- 22 Grace Family
- 29 Dolores Smith



## COUNTING COMMITTEE

- 1 Barbara Dellinger, Dolores Smith
- 8 Betty Guinn, Maletta Miller
- 15 Barbara Dellinger, Brent Rosen
- 22 Mike Draney, Katryn Mantz
- 29 Judi Parker, Bill Choske

## FLOWER CHART

- 1 Joe & Patti Guerra  
Kathy Holm
- 8 OPEN
- 15 Larry & Debbie Schwartz
- 22 Joe & Patti Guerra  
Richard Franzen
- 29 Sherry Herrera  
Tamara Mahomes



## ORGANIST/PIANIST

- 1 Dolores Smith
- 8 Dolores Smith
- 15 Gail James
- 22 Gail James
- 29 Gail James

## DONUT & COFFEE CLEAN-UP

- 1 OPEN
- 8 Barbara Dellinger
- 15 OPEN
- 22 OPEN
- 29 Dolores Smith



ALTAR CARE . . . . . Kim Pickinpaugh, Maletta Miller  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE . . . . . JULY 11TH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2018</h1>			Worship/Com Service every Sunday at 9:00 AM/Sunday School 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Study at 10:30 AM			
1 Bd. of Elders	2	3 Bible Study 7:00 pm	4 FOURTH OF JULY	5 Bible Study 10:30 am	6 PASTOR'S DAY OFF  OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 Council Meeting 11:30 am	9	10 Bible Study 7:00 pm	11	12 Bible Study 10:30 am	13 PASTOR'S DAY OFF  OFFICE CLOSED	14
15	16	17 Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19 Bible Study 10:30 am	20 PASTOR'S DAY OFF  OFFICE CLOSED	21
22	23	24 Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26 Bible Study 10:30 am B'day lunch bunch 12:30	27 PASTOR'S DAY OFF  OFFICE CLOSED	28
29  FOOD OFFERINGS	30	31 Bible Study 7:00 pm				