



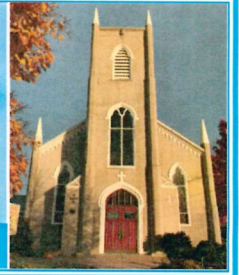
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Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church



April 2024



Grace & American Lutheran Church

During my Annual Meeting sermon, I mentioned our initial conversations with American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Clinton Township as we began exploring the possibility of creating shared ministry. Our vestry had met with the ALC leadership council the week prior to our annual meeting to discuss how we could start doing some activities together and we have a sub-committee meeting regularly to plan these events. I would like to share some things that are in the works for our two congregations.

Joint Worship Services: On Sunday, April 14 Grace will not have any services in our building. Instead, everyone is invited to join us at ALC – 38795 Mulberry Street, Clinton Township, MI 48036 at 10:00 am for one combined service. Then on Sunday, May 5, everyone from ALC will be coming to Grace for our 10:30 am service.

Tiger's Baseball Game: We have reserved 30 seats at Comerica Park for "Faith Day" which is Saturday, June 22nd. The day starts early at the ballpark at 9:30 am with various presentations by Tiger players describing how their Christian faith makes them better professional athletes. We are looking into a shared bus for transportation. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Vacation Bible School: This weeklong program runs July 15th – 19th from 9 am – noon. This is geared toward children from pre-school through 6th grade and will take place at American Lutheran Church.

Open Invitation: Both congregations are currently doing regular outreach ministries and parishioners from each are invited to attend and participate as they wish. These programs are listed in our bulletin so feel free to drop in on these ongoing events.

Pastor Steve Sabbatical: My sabbatical starts on Sunday, May 26 and concludes on Sunday, September 1st. Hence my last in office day will be Thursday, May 23 and I will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 3. While I am away, Pastor Candida from ALC will be here every Sunday during the summer for one service at 10:30 am. We will not have an 8:30 service during the summer, rather, we invite the early service attendees to go to ALC for a 9:00 service or come to the 10:30 Service here at Grace. Pastor Candida will not have office hours here during the summer, but she is available for pastoral emergencies and funerals. We will post her contact information later and it will be in every Sunday bulletin during the summer.

In September, our vestry and the ALC council will reconvene to discuss how these events and summer worship schedule worked. At that meeting we will decide if we want to continue pursuing shared ministry and what that would look like. We will certainly keep you updated as these conversations happen. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of our vestry members!

Easter Blessings!

Pastor Steve

Worship Opportunities

Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 am
TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

www.gracechurchmtclemens.org

TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE BY PHONE VIA ZOOM

8:30 Service: Call 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300

Password: 246040

10:30 Service: YouTube

Link on website

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am in Guild Room

Worship resources are available on our website anytime.



From the Music Ministry

Happy Spring, Grace!

Welcome to this season of birth, renewal, and growth as we commemorate Christ's return from death to life. I hope you're as ready as I am to open your windows, turn up your music and enjoy all the beauty this time of year offers to us so freely if we simply take time to pause and notice.

Expect to feel this same joy as we sing songs full of hallelujahs and praises to our risen Lord along with others reflecting Christ's greatest commandment to love each other and spread His message of love and compassion to those we meet.

Here at Grace, I am grateful to minister and worship with a group of people who are more than a choir; who care deeply and sincerely about each other and the message delivered each Sunday in song. I hope this message may soon go further into the community as the idea of participating in community functions was recently mentioned which we can attest is vital to taking Grace's message to those who cannot be here physically.

So, if you'd like God to use you "anytime or anywhere" (in song at least) as we prepare for this upcoming season, you are welcome, welcome, welcome to join our band that one choir member describes lovingly as "small...BUT MIGHTY!" on Wednesday's at 6:30 for rehearsal, companionship, and often a few good laughs.

See you then!

God's peace,

Josh Dulin



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ Of Grace church

I want to Thank You for your participation in the two Taize services we held during Lent.

The first one we prayed for World Peace and for peace within us. Our second service was even more Lent for we asked for forgiveness and gave forgiveness to those that trespassed against us. And Pastor Steve sent us with God's forgiveness and blessings.

From the feedback of those that attended, hopefully, we will have more of these types of services.

May Easter bring you much happiness as we patiently wait for the Holy Spirit to ascend on us this Eastertide as we move into Pentecost.

God's Peace and Blessings

Your Sister in Christ

Tish Germain

Lay Worship Leader

ALC Events

Prayer List

Suzanne Strawinski Tom Wernet Katie Wernet Scarlet Rose Joyce Johnson Shirley Babcock Harold Siebert Karla Anna Cummings The Trivelloni family The Bell Family I will be printing the Evangel the first week of each month, so if you have something that you wish to share with your church family, please send the info to me by the last week of the previous month.

American Lutheran Facebook Page - if you have a Facebook page friend us. If you want to stay connected and have not given us your email address, please send a message to amluth.pastor@gmail.com or Delinda's cell phone 586-215-5313



Ronald McDonald House

Remember to save your tabs! American Lutheran is collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald House. They can be placed in the container in the narthex. Pull tabs from pop, beer, pet food cans, etc. all work, but please only bring aluminum ones. Thank you for your help!



Sewing Ministry

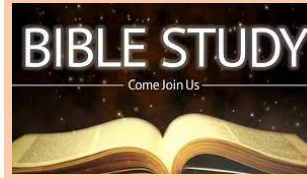
Dress A Girl Days for Girls (DfG) pad kits Dolls of Hope We sew together the 1st Saturday of each month in the fellowship hall from 10:00-noon. You can also sew just on your own. We have added a new sewing project for sewing dolls and bears for children. This one is called Dolls of Hope.

Classes, Groups and Meetings

- 1) Yoga Saturday Morning 10:00 Contact Shari Beattie 586 -746-7745
- 2) Zumba Gold Every Thursday 11:00 -11:45 am. Contact Marlene @ 586/216-6786.
- 3) Tops Every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Renal 586-321-3575
- 4) Bridge Club Every Thursday 9:30 am. Contact Doris Nagorsen. 586-463-9680
- 5) Tai Chi Meets in the parking lot or Fellowship Hall Every Tuesday 5:30 or outside weather permitting. Contact Delinda 586-215-5313
- 6) Line Dancing Contact Darlene Sadowski 586-255-3037 Beginner and Intermediate Line Dance class Friday from 10-12.
- 7) Dress a Girl 1 st Saturday each month We meet in the fellowship hall. Call/text/ email Nancy Boeck @ 248-703-0861 nancyboeck37@gmail.com

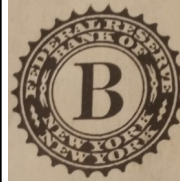
April Birthdays

Toni Hindman	4/09
Ann Farrell	4/10
Pam Sherry	4/12
Robert Destafano	4/14
Gay Gillespie	4/16
Chris Heath	4/18
Jerry Gardner	4/26
Gary Keranen	4/28
Harvey Kahl	4/28



Sundays at 9:30 am at Grace
 Bible Study will take place in the Guild Room

“B” BUCKS for Blessings in a Backpack



If your wallet has any dollar bills with B on them, please pass them along to help us fill backpacks with weekend food for hungry Mt. Clemens students.



COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
 Sundays (Nov-March) at 4:00 pm

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 Curbside distribution.

Book Club

The book club will meet on Thursday, May 23 at 6pm, at Ann Strevel’s home.

The book to be discussed is “The Women”, by Kristen Hannah. This is a new book and probably has a long waiting list at the library, so please speak to other members who might be able to loan you the book.

We are looking forward to some new people joining us at the next meeting. Please call Ann Strevel if you have any questions or concerns.



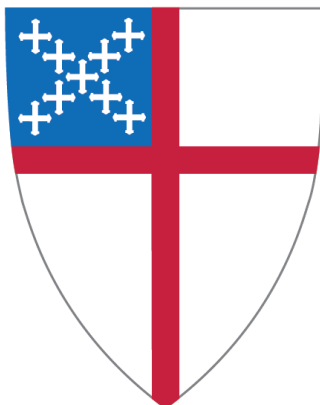
Recommended Donations

Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables and Fruits, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Tuna Fish/Canned Chicken, SpaghettiOs, Hamburger Helper, Instant

Mashed Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal, Applesauce in Cans

COMBINED SERVICES

Sunday, April 14 at 10:00am we will have ONE combined service with American Lutheran Church, at American Lutheran (38795 Mulberry St. Clinton Twp, MI 48036). There will be no services held at Grace on this day!



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2024 Vestry

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Cheryle Kahl	Bill Siewert	Scott Satterly