



**Amazing Grace**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER**

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**Worship Sundays @ 10 am**  
**Adult Sunday School, Sundays @ 11 am**  
**Wednesdays: Homework Help @ 5 pm**  
**Midweek Grace @ 7 pm**

# Whole Lotta Love

There are six words in our new slogan, "Grow in Love, Love by Serving." Only one word appears twice: the word 'love.'

It's not by accident.

Everything we do here is firmly rooted in love. It starts with God's love for us. Nothing in all of creation- **nothing**- can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35-39). God loved you so much that he gave his only son for you (John 3:16). God's love is foundational to everything we do, and everything we are.

Out of this comes our love for each other. We love others because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). We do not serve primarily out of duty or obligation, though those can be an important part of any loving relationship. Rather, serving is how we express our love. We could express our love lots of ways, and we should, but service is the main way.

The love of God, and our subsequent love for others, are the root of our growth and our service. We grow, and serve, because of love. Let's talk about growing first.

Absent the love of God, we cannot grow. I share this because in many situations where we would normally think about growing, content is king. The focus is on the information being learned, not on the environment in which it is taught. For us, this is backwards. That is to say, the environment is more important than the content. To put it bluntly, I'd rather have bad content in a loving environment than great content in an unloving one.

The same is true of our service. We could easily find a charity, go through the motions, and do some good in the world. We could do that. But we don't, because that's not who we are. We serve because we love. So really, the kind of service does not matter all that much. There are a lot of ways we can show love, and most of them are equally valid. What matters more is not what we do, but that it is done in love. Love is the driving force behind our service. How we serve matters a whole lot less than the love behind it. Because, again, it's all about love.

This has profound implications for how we move forward, because it means that **who we are matters more than what we do**. We can do an awful lot, but if we aren't doing it in love, no one will grow, and no one will be served. Love is what matters most. Without that, we're wasting our time.

And if we aren't filled with love for God and others, what to do about that? Well, then we go back to the beginning. We encounter the love of God poured on each of us. We face the cross and embrace the love of Christ poured out in his suffering, death and resurrection. Because God's love for us is where everything starts.

The text "a Whole Lotta Love" is written in a decorative, orange cursive font. The letters are interconnected and have a soft, glowing appearance. The word "a" is small and lowercase, while "Whole", "Lotta", and "Love" are larger and more prominent. The overall style is elegant and artistic.

Remember: God loves you, and so do I.  
-Pastor Scott

## Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinners

We are scheduled to once again take evening meals down to the Lutheran Campus Ministry house on **Tuesday, 9/6 and Tuesday, 11/15**. We will be having a planning meeting in the next couple weeks. If you would like to help plan, pay for, prepare, or serve this meal, please put your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Pastor Devin Strong is the Lead Pastor of Lutheran Campus Ministry now; it will be fun to serve with an old friend. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Wayne Linke.



## Annual Fish Fry!

Join us for Amazing Grace's Annual Fish Fry on **Saturday, August 20**. The festivities will begin at 6 pm outside on the front lawn. In the event of rain, we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall. Fish, BBQ and hushpuppies will be provided. Please bring side dishes or a dessert to share. Family, Friends and Neighbors are invited and welcome! John Ferguson will be our DJ for the evening.

## Thank You!

Roxana and Wuilver Palma wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support while their son Dylan had his appendix out. Thank you for the meals, love and support!





## Pokemon Go Update

We continue to see gamers coming through our parking lot to play the Pokemon Go game. A big thank you to Dave Linke for his creative sign messages on our outside sign and to Sharon Ritchie for the creation of another sign in the parking lot, which welcome gamers to our church!

## You are Invited to the Happy Trails Gala Saturday, August 20 , 6-9 pm

The Inaugural Lutheranch Gala Dinner and Silent Auction **to benefit Lutheranch** NovusWay Ministries at The Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway SE, Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA.

Distinguished Guests: Mr. John Schuerholz and Bishop Julian Gordy

Attire-Black Tie Optional

\$125 per ticket, Payments accepted by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover

Sponsorship Opportunities and Reserved Group Seating Available

RSVP to Margo Rabon, [828-209-6327](tel:828-209-6327) or [mrabon@novusway.com](mailto:mrabon@novusway.com)

28 Spruce Drive, Arden, NC 28704



Doors open at 5:30. Please plan to arrive early to be seated by 6:00. Free parking.

If you cannot attend the Gala, contributions are still welcome and appreciated!

# NEWS TODAY

## Lutheranch "Standing on the Promise" Campaign Update

What amazing things can be accomplished when God works through us!

We are officially halfway through our 3-year commitment to the Lutheranch "Standing on the Promise" campaign and it's time for an update. If you remember, our initial goal was to raise \$20,000.

Drum roll please!... As of July 12<sup>th</sup>, as a congregation, we have pledged \$33,412 in donations and so far \$22,725.83 has been collected!!!

Thank you all so much for your generosity and continued support of this amazing ministry!

God's peace!  
Mimi Layton



**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

### What Do You Think?

As many of you know, last year Amazing Grace was given a wonderful monetary gift of \$22,000 from St. James Lutheran Church to use toward ministry.

The Council would like to know what you think we should do with these ministry

funds? Please share your opinion with a Council Member. As a reminder these Council Members are: Mimi Layton, Elaine Schwartz, Liz Linke, David Rager, Bob MacKinnon, Philip Speddon, Bob Lee, John Ferguson, and Trish Ladd-Thomas.

## Women's PJs & Robes for SaltLight Center

We had such a good response to the PJs and Robes outreach project earlier this year for the SaltLight center, we want to do it again starting August 7<sup>th</sup> and ending September 25<sup>th</sup>. The SaltLight Center is in Lawrenceville. The Mission of the SaltLight Center is to provide opportunities for the community to meet the immediate needs of homeless single women and women with children in Gwinnett County. The donations may be gently used or new. Therefore, if in the process of cleaning closets or dresser drawers you come across these items that are no longer used or have been replaced by the purchase of new sleep wear, please give thought to donating them. Consider shopping at the upcoming clearance sales too. We will have a collection box in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you. <http://familypromisegwinnett.org/saltlight-center/>



### Return to Two Worship Services

Amazing Grace returns to two Sunday morning worship services @ 8:30 am and 11:00 am on **Sunday, September 18.**

## God's Work, Our Hands



## God's Work Our Hands

On **Sunday, September 18** we will again be participating in the nationwide ELCA God's Work, Our Hands outreach event.

Do you have an idea of an outreach ministry we could support for this day? If so, could you please share your idea(s) with Bob MacKinnon, Outreach Chair either in person or via email. Bob's email is [roblin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:roblin1@bellsouth.net)

One of the projects for the God's Work, Our Hands at the Church will be to clean out and straighten up the Storage Room in the Fellowship Hall. If there are any items that are yours or your group's that need to be kept, please let me know or put a sign on it with your name. Otherwise they will either be disposed of, given

away or put in the outside Storage Room. Other projects will possibly include painting, cleaning windows, trimming bushes or any other projects that need to be done. If you have any suggestions on what that needs to be done please let me know. David Rager, Property Chair 770-906-1083

## Rally Day

Rally Day will be on **Sunday, September 11.**

On this Sunday we celebrate the return of the new Sunday School learning hour at Amazing Grace.



## Midweek Grace

An important meeting to discuss the future liturgy services of Midweek Grace will take place on **Sunday, August 21**, after the 10 am worship service. All who are interested should plan to attend this important meeting.

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## School Supplies

School supplies have been distributed to neighborhood children, but you can still help! We had such a great response to this program that we went over budget. Additional contributions are welcome!

## Important COOP Meeting

On **Tuesday, August 16** @ both 10 am & 7 pm @ the Lawrenceville COOP, there will be an important meeting to discuss the new Director of the Lawrenceville COOP, as Linda Freund, longtime director for the COOP, will soon be retiring. All who are interested are welcome to attend.



## Simply Giving Drawing

Anyone who signs up for Simply Giving before the end of August will have their name entered in a drawing. To have their lunch bought by Pastor Scott.

Simply Giving is our automated offering program. You decide when and how much, and then funds are automatically transferred from your bank account to the church's. It's so simple. All you have to do is fill out this form (which you can also pick up on Sunday) and place it in the offering

and you will be entered in the drawing.

Simply Giving is a great program, and once you are signed up, you will be glad you did. So sign up this week, and get entered in the drawing!

# NEWS TODAY



## Low Country Boil

It's a Low Country Boil for Lutheran Campus Ministry Atlanta, and we need your support.

LCM serves GA Tech, Georgia State, Emory and Agnes Scott.

Please come to our fun event on **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, at Living Grace Lutheran Church in Tucker

(1812 Cooleedge Rd.) at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$50/person, and anyone under 21 is admitted free! Tickets are available online at the LCM Atlanta webpage ([www.gracepeople.org](http://www.gracepeople.org)).

Can you donate an auction item for the silent auction? Any questions, please contact Evelyn Cannon ([epcmail@bellsouth.net](mailto:epcmail@bellsouth.net)).

This fundraiser accounts for at least 10% of the Lutheran Campus Ministry's annual budget. Your contributions to this ministry are very much appreciated!

## VBS Recap

On August 7 in worship we had our VBS celebration. It was a great day and a fantastic end to a great program. I wanted to highlight for you some of what happened and draw some important connections for you.

Here are some numbers:

- + Thirty four children participated in VBS this year. Thirty four! That's an increase of 40% over last year! That is an incredible amount of growth!
- + Eighty percent of those children do not worship here.
- + Over twenty different adult members volunteered.



Needless to say, VBS was big this year, and it was a big success! Thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen!

Pastor Scott

# The Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank

As I type my blurb about the Lawrenceville Coop Food Bank, I am staring at a calendar that lets me know that schools open very soon for Gwinnett County as well as the surrounding counties that share our county borders! I applaud all the donations received and hard work of this past summer's volunteers! Thank you, Amazing Grace, for the part we played in helping to make sure all of our children in our area were fed during the hottest summer I can remember! This one was a real beast to get through!

I am also asking that even though the 2 for 1 give away is over, please do not relax with your donations! There are always going to be neighbors among us who are out of work or are under employed who will need to visit the Coop Food Bank once a month for a vital week's worth of groceries to assure their families get something to eat! As Jesus told Judas Iscariot in John 12:8... "*You will always have the poor among you...*" And Proverbs 14:21, it states... "*blessed are those who help the poor. ...*"

There is a real need right now for personal care items like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes! Canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned soups (even though it is still warm, soup makes a good meal); microwavable items like ravioli, soups (here also), canned meats (Spam, Treet, tuna, etc. small canned Hams (at Big Lots for \$3.00) are not so expensive and help give the body protein! Vegetables 'do the body good' also (taken from an old commercial)!

As I always say in my articles, whatever your family uses, most others use and need also! Just pick up an extra can or box of whatever you buy and it can be used by clients at the Coop Food Bank!

I have not mentioned lately that monetary gifts are also accepted to help clients pay a bill or buy a prescription. That is as easy as writing a check payable to Amazing Grace, mark it for the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank and drop it into the offering plate and it will be sent by our treasurer off to the Coop Food Bank! OR, you may write a check directly to the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank and mail it to their address:

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank  
P.O. Box 1328  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

One last note to let everyone know that Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Volunteer Orientation held at the Lawrenceville Coop to let people know what the Lawrenceville Coop is all about. Volunteers are needed all the time to help stock shelves, to help fill clients' food orders, pray with clients, interview clients and all kinds of things! If you would like more information, please talk to Bob MacKinnon, 678-327-6199, or at church on Sunday mornings!

I would like to thank Shirley Haselow for my ending Bible verse this month! Thank You, Shirley, for taking the time to share this with me for my article! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness! It is another quote from Proverbs, this time from 22:9. It is... "*Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. ...*"

Since last month, we have big-heartedly donated 116 items to the Coop Food Bank! Thank you, Amazing Grace, for your generous sharing of God's gifts through the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank!

God Bless You Always,  
Linda MacKinnon





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## **THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY**

In the second of his letters to the people of Corinth, the Apostle Paul talks about the sharing of resources so that no one in the community has to do without.

He inspired generosity when he told them in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Giving is an expression of our faith. It's a way to show our generosity, faithfulness and willingness to help those that Paul described as "having too little." For God so loved the world that he *gave*—let's joyfully follow his example and do the same. Giving provides an opportunity to:

**Connect with others.** As with the people of Corinth, giving allows us to rely on one another and help when there's a need.

**Be part of something bigger.** Find a cause that you are passionate about and see how you can be of service to them.

**Make a difference.** Your support can make a direct impact on organizations and the people they serve.

There are endless ways to support the causes that matter to you. Giving can be contagious and jump-start a generosity movement throughout your community. Your willingness to give back invites others to do the same.

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In Attendance: Pastor Scott Seeke, Mimi Layton, Bob MacKinnon, David Rager, Angie Rhilinger, Elaine Schwartz, Philip Speddon, Debbie Teal, John Ferguson, Trish Ladd-Thomas

Opening devotional: Pastor Scott  
Spiritual Autobiography: John Ferguson

**Secretary's Minutes:** A motion was made by Elaine Schwartz and seconded by Bob MacKinnon to accept the minutes, and the motion carried

### **Combined Treasurer and Financial Administrator's Report for June 2016**

June 2016 regular giving was \$24,827.59, plus Interest and Rental Income of \$79.49, for a total of \$24,907.08, which is \$8,527.97 over budget. We had a big month in June as we received very sizable donations from a couple of parishioners via stock gifts. Those gifts caught us up from a top line perspective. Expenses were \$18,096.82, which was \$21.97 under budget.

June 2016 YTD Income was \$1,026.42 less than June 2015 YTD Income.  
June 2016 YTD Expenses were \$22,614.55 more than June 2015 YTD Expenses.

2016 Year to Date Giving/Income is \$1,429.80 over budget.  
2016 Year to Date Expenses are \$9,425.76 under budget.

Dedicated Accounts – We have a balance of \$34,602.22 in various accounts, which includes June 2016 receipts of \$2,238.00 and expenses of \$1,887.70. Balance of Old Capital Campaign Dedicated Account, which is included in above balance equals \$2,584.88.

June 2016 cash on hand is \$119,548.72, which includes \$34,602.22 Dedicated; therefore, not in reserve/not liquid for general expenses.

A motion was made by Trish Ladd-Thomas and seconded by John Ferguson to accept the report, and the motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report for July 2016**

#### Membership Changes

Howard Lankford died June 9.

#### Simply Giving

Enrollment is slow. Further promotion is needed, and will be done. *Debbie added during the meeting; only about 6 have enrolled.*

#### AFFIRM

Seven youth attended and had an amazing experience. I will be attending next year, and would very much like to get an adult from our church to attend.

#### Mutual Ministry

The committee met for the first time on June 20. Next meeting is July 19. For now, meetings will be monthly.

#### Policy Updates

I ask Council to discuss and vote on my proposed amendments to the Wedding Policy. *This discussion was tabled to the next meeting to give more time for review and feedback.*

#### VBS

VBS is going well. There are 34 children attending, up from 24 last year, which is an increase of approximately 40% over last year. Judie Lee has done a great job organizing VBS again this year, and many others have pitched in to make it a great success. Final week is August 3, though there is no VBS on July 27, and the kids will sing in worship on August 7.

#### Hispanic Outreach Strategy Team (HOST)

Rudy Beilfuss has agreed to lead this team. I ask Council to approve his appointment. *Motioned by Debbie, Seconded by Mimi. Approved.* He and I will then work together to fill out the rest of the team.

#### Candidates for Ministry Eduardo Hernandez and Mimi Layton

Thanks be to God that we have two members who have begun the process! There are four steps. Mimi

has begun Step One, which is the Discernment Phase. Eduardo has begun Step Two, in which he and the Synod agree that he is a good candidate, and he is now actively seeking second step approval, which is to begin seminary classes. Eduardo has chosen the TEEM path, and there are numerous requirements he must satisfy. For our purposes, the two that are most important are:

- Having a congregation in which he can serve as a student
- Having a congregation which will call him as a pastor once he completes his studies. To satisfy this requirement he needs to be working fifteen hours per week, plus benefits.

There are many other specifics of both of these are yet to be determined. I ask Council vote to approve Eduardo as an unpaid student pastor (*Trish motioned. Philip seconded. Council Approved*), with duties yet to be assigned. I ask Council to instruct the Hispanic Outreach Strategy Team to explore the possibility of calling Eduardo as part of the broader Hispanic outreach strategy they are developing. We need to have an answer to this second question within a year, at the latest.

Faith Community Network - We have been invited by Gwinnett Medical Center to join their Faith Community Network. *Mimi motioned to accept. Debbie seconded. Council approved.* Here's how it works:

- Gwinnett Medical comes to church on a Sunday to promote and sign people up
- Once signed up, our members' names go into the Faith Network Database, and they become linked with our church
- Anytime a member of our church goes to Gwinnett Medical, the church will be notified by the hospital, unless the member specifically states that we should not be contacted.
- There is no cost, and no obligation or commitment on the part of participating members to use Gwinnett Medical Center

First Communion Classes - A parent has requested these classes be offered, so we will offer them sometime in the fall.

A motion was made by Trish Ladd-Thomas and seconded by Bob MacKinnon to accept the report, and the motion carried.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Nurture – July 2016**

Small groups continue to meet.

### **Discipleship – July 2016**

Learning my role and meeting with Pastor this week.

### **Outreach – July 2016**

We have been approached an organization, Care 4 All Children, wanting to know if we would be interested in partnering with them in placing foster children. They would be willing to come out and make a presentation of around 10 minutes on a Sunday. They sent me some information and it looks like they deal with hard to place children. *Council agreed to allow them to come give a brief presentation.*

Pastor Scott received a call from Chuck Ferraro with from Family Promise. They serve families struggling with homeless-ness. They also would like to partner. We talked about this a couple of years ago. I think this is a week commitment of the use AGLC twice a year. There was an interest in possibly doing something with them. We may want to too let it be known they are looking for help and see if anyone steps up to look into it. *Council's first concern is lack of restrooms; however, we agreed to hear more about it and find out if there is a local Lutheran or non-Lutheran church needing a partner.*

We had such a good response to the PJs and Robes earlier this year for the Salt-Light shelter, which is an outreach of Family Promise, it has been suggested that we have another drive to collect PJs and robes in September. We could start advertising in the bulletin and newsletter giving everyone a chance to pick up PJs and robes if they see them on sale.

I received a response to the question of what to do with the gift from Saint James. The thought was since we received this gift because of our outreach programs a good portion of the money should be used for outreach. (*See other comments below on this topic*)

It has been refreshing to see our U.S. flag in the sanctuary. It has been mentioned that it would be nice

to see the Christian flag on the other side of the altar. An offer has been made to make a donation to purchase a Christian and I would be in total agreement with such a purchase. (*See further discussion below.*)

We have 3 blood drives scheduled to take us through the year. The dates are July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00- 1:00 with a low country boil after the 10:00 service, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-1:00, and December 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00-1:00.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> I received notice that I have been approved by Safe Gatherings vetting process.

### **Worship & Music – June 2016**

It was decided that a Music and Worship committee would be (re)established, meeting on a quarterly basis beginning with the new school year. The committee would be made up of the integral players such as those involved in music selection, Altar Guild, and any other members who wish to be involved. Other communication with staff would take place monthly or weekly, as needed, depending on special services. An invitation to the congregation to be on the committee will be extended at the Fair in September on Rally Day.

Two members both mentioned that the service on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was disappointing. They suggested patriotic hymns should have been played, and the military persons in our congregation should have been recognized. (*See further discussion below.*)

Wednesday night VBS and the bilingual services are well underway; we have around 25 – 35 children in attendance each week and their families. (*See further discussion below.*)

It was mention that we could incorporate slides into our regular Sunday services that have the Lord's Prayer in both English and Spanish. It was felt that this would be an easy way to help our Hispanic families feel at home in our regular services.

We are now singing as the Offering is presented as suggested and agreed.

From the Council Retreat, it was suggested that we have pictures and announcements on the display screens before Worship begins. It was suggested that those making announcements should come to the front of the church (podium), and use the microphone so that all of the congregation can hear. *Council decided to not provide pictures or announcements on the display screens before Worship.*

### **Property – July 2016**

Weeds pulled at area by office door and weed killer sprayed at grass in asphalt.  
Door knob on women's restroom door loose.  
Toilet seat in women's restroom loose.

A motion to accept the commission reports was made by Elaine Schwartz and seconded by David Rager, and the motion carried.

### **New Business**

- Formation of Strategic Planning Committee to establish policies, including how to handle reserve account, slush fund.
  - ◊ *Pastor stated other churches used Past Presidents, so Mimi agreed to talk to them and other members.*
- Discuss separating St. James gift, establishing a separate line item, separate from the Great Commission fund.
  - ◊ *This will be taken care of by Bob Lee on the Dedicated Account list.*
- Discuss printed material and how it can be used as PR. This includes the printed copy of the newsletter and Christ in Our Home Devotional booklet. Possibly increase the quantity ordered of Christ in our Home.
  - ◊ *Council agreed to order 10 more of current quarter's version and order 5 in Spanish (if available). Going forward, we want 30 in English and 5 in Spanish. Mimi will create a Clear Label of contact information for us to stick onto the back of the booklets.*
- Look into cost of ID badges for council members and if the council position can be removed after the end of the term so just the name remains.
  - ◊ *Elaine is going to research.*
- Discuss Wednesday night grace and vacation bible school and what it looks like going forward.

- ◇ *Pastor (with Ana) will talk to parents who started coming because of VBS to determine a pulse of continuing to come for Homework Help. Further research will also be done with members and parents of VBS students about children attending Mid-Week Grace after VBS is finished. Frequency will also be researched to determine preference.*
- Discuss the lack of patriotic recognition on Independence Day. *Council agreed it would have been nice to sing patriotic hymns.*
  - ◇ *Council discussed use of American Flag in Sanctuary and/or appropriate placement of American Flag. Council also discussed researching prices of Christian Flag. If Christian Flag is purchased, Council suggested to place one flag behind the piano and one flag near opposite door (not to block door or walk-way) on special patriotic occasions.*
- Discuss Eduardo Hernandez and his path to the ministry and AGLC's involvement.
  - ◇ *See italic text within Pastor's Report.*

### **Old Business**

- Discuss any feedback from congregation regarding how to spend the St. James gift. Tie this into capital campaign as well as establishing a policy as to how many months reserve we should keep.
  - ◇ *Council did discuss feedback we had received which covered various categories. See Strategic Planning Committee, as described above, which a portion of their duties will include deciding the use of the St. James money.*
- Additional discussion on the wedding policy, if there should be additional cost to non-members vs members.
  - ◇ *See Pastor's Report – Tabled for next Council meeting giving more time to review content of current wedding policy.*
- Discuss the Faith Community Network.
  - ◇ *See Pastor's Report. Mimi motioned. Debbie seconded. Council Approved.*
- Discuss the request by Establish Life Church to use AGLC facilities.
  - ◇ *Pastor updated us that they are most likely not going to rent our space.*
- Elaine requested to add to next month's agenda – Web Master

### **Thank You's**

Kathy and David Berfield for pulling weeds and spraying weed killer in parking lot.

David Berfield for fixing door knob and toilet seat in women's restroom.

Angie Rhilinger and David Berfield for VBS music and to all leaders of VBS

Out of the \$33,412 in pledges made to Standing on the Promise for LutherRanch, we are around half way through and have paid \$22,725.83. Thank You AGLC! Ask Mimi Layton if you have any questions.

Debbie Teal for taking minutes during July's meeting in Liz's absence.

Spiritual Autobiography for next month: Liz Linke  
Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Liz Linke.

# WELCOME AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort 7 pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Discernment Group	<b>2</b> 10 am Staff Meeting; 11 am Good Old Guys Meet	<b>3</b> 5 pm School Supplies Distribution; 6:30 Midweek Grace	<b>4</b> 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Men's Group @ IHOP	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10 am Worship Service with VBS Celebration, 11 am Adult Sunday School	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort	<b>9</b> 11 am Good Old Guys Meet 7pm Council Meeting	<b>10</b> NO Homework Help; 7 pm Midweek Grace	<b>11</b> 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group	<b>12</b> 6:30 am Men's Group @ IHOP	<b>13</b>
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