



Amazing Grace

Lutheran Church

December 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sundays:

8:30 am Worship Service

10:00 am Children and Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesdays: 5:30 pm Homework Help

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FROM THE PASTOR

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria (Luke 2:1-2).

This is how the Gospel of Luke begins its account of the birth of Jesus. Jesus' birth is located by Luke firmly within a particular point in history. The birth of Christ is not some sentimental Hallmark fiction made up to make us feel better this time of year. Luke begins by naming the movers and the shakers of Jesus' time. Augustus Caesar ruled the Roman Empire. Obviously he was someone of note, a person powerful enough to order a worldwide census be taken and force all people within the empire to return to their ancestral homes to register. Quirinius is a real person, whose name appears elsewhere in the annals of history.

This beginning to the story is also why I think the Christmas story is relevant to all of us; and not just because the whole Christmas extravaganza we go through this time of year was begun as a celebration of the birth of a child, born a peasant in a livery stable nearly 2000 years ago, a child whose name is barely mentioned in connection with the co-opted cultural celebration we dutifully engage in this time of year.

Using contemporary references, it is as if Luke were saying, "In the days of Donald Trump's presidency, while Brian Kemp was declaring himself governor of Georgia...Even Syria, a name that is often in the news these days, receives mention in the Luke's birth narrative. By locating the Christmas story within actual history, Luke is announcing to us that the birth of Jesus has importance for every time in history. Jesus Christ was born at a specific time and in a specific place. He came into the world at an extremely violent time in history, when people lived under the boot of Roman oppression, and another Roman puppet ruler, King Herod, according to Matthew, thought nothing of dispatching his henchmen to murder male infants and toddlers in Bethlehem, in an attempt to murder the child Savior.

In many ways this time in history was not all that different from our time. We have witnessed similar violence, terror and atrocities, so the Christmas story is definitely for us; and it is not the kind and gentle story

we want to make it. It's no secret why we like to transform the Christmas story into the tranquil scene that is pictured on most of the Christmas cards we receive. Who doesn't want an escape from the world the way it is, from time-to-time? During the Advent and Christmas seasons, I think we all hope that people will, if only for a period of a few weeks, become a little bit nicer and less calculating, gentler and more generous. It's a nice sentiment, a beautiful wish!

The Christmas story though is not a story for the faint of heart, or for the hopelessly sentimental. It is not a story about weakness or meekness. The Savior is not "little Lord Jesus no crying he makes." Jesus came into the world under less than ideal and less than sanitary conditions, wrapped in cloth likely torn from Joseph's soiled tunic. He survived the threat from King Herod, and all the host of things that often took people's lives before they reached adulthood. Through the Word made flesh, God knew what it was to be human, to be needy, to be on the run, to be a refugee, to be tortured and die unjustly. He stood up to the powers that be of his day, and endured the worst they could unleash. Therefore, he is more than a match then for the evils of our day.

So this Christmas, as you prepare for the coming of Christ, don't prepare yourselves for a cute, cooing infant, prepare yourselves for the one whom Isaiah calls, "**Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, ever-lasting Father, Prince of Peace,**" (Isaiah 9:6) one who comes into the world to take on the evils of the world, which are no different in our day than they were in the time Luke speaks of. He comes to contend with these evils, and he does so with dignity, and honor, with the authority that comes from God and with courage. "**The government rests upon his shoulders**" (Isaiah 9:6). He lives in solidarity with us as we face the struggles and hardships this world sets upon us. And he has already overcome these powers through his birth, life, courageous teachings, death and resurrection." Our Messiah is not a wimp, he is one tough Savior. In the classic Reformation Church hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," Martin Luther speaks of the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged, and of God himself "fighting by our side with weapons of the Spirit." Jesus won the decisive victory over the enemy on Easter. He is our champion, and will face down the evils and the terror we must confront with us!

Blessings! Pastor Mike

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our AGLC Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on December 9th between services at 10 AM. We will vote to approve a budget for 2019, receive the results of the Audit Committee, and elect a Nominating Committee.



SEMI-ANNUAL **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the slate of candidates for the nominating committee. The congregation will vote to approve the slate of names at the Semi-Annual Meeting on **December 9**.

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| 1. Lisa Larsen-Moss | 2. Debbie Teal |
| 3. Wayne Linke | 4. Butch Whitehead |
| 5. Elaine Schwartz | 6. David Berfield |



PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY

Pastor led Bible Study will continue on December 4, 18 and 25 @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The group is finishing the study of 1,2 and 3 John and will begin a study of 1 and 2 Peter, so this is a good time to give the Bible Study a try.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children, ages 8 and up, are invited to join our Children's Choir. Please stay for one hour after the 11:00 church service on December 2 and next Sunday, December 9 to practice two songs for the Christmas Cantata on December 16, 2018. Lunch will be provided. Being a participant in this Children's Choir will be an exciting experience in a child's life at Amazing Grace.



COME ONE, COME ALL

The Altar Guild invites you to participate in an Advent Celebration next Saturday, December 8 @ 10:00 am. We will be decorating the church for Christmas. There will be food, laughter, and fellowship! Please join us!

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decorations



BABY SHOWER

The congregation is invited to a baby shower for our very own Norma Hernandez, one of the Homework Help Mamas. The shower will be on Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to share in this joyous occasion!



NEW MEMBER CLASS

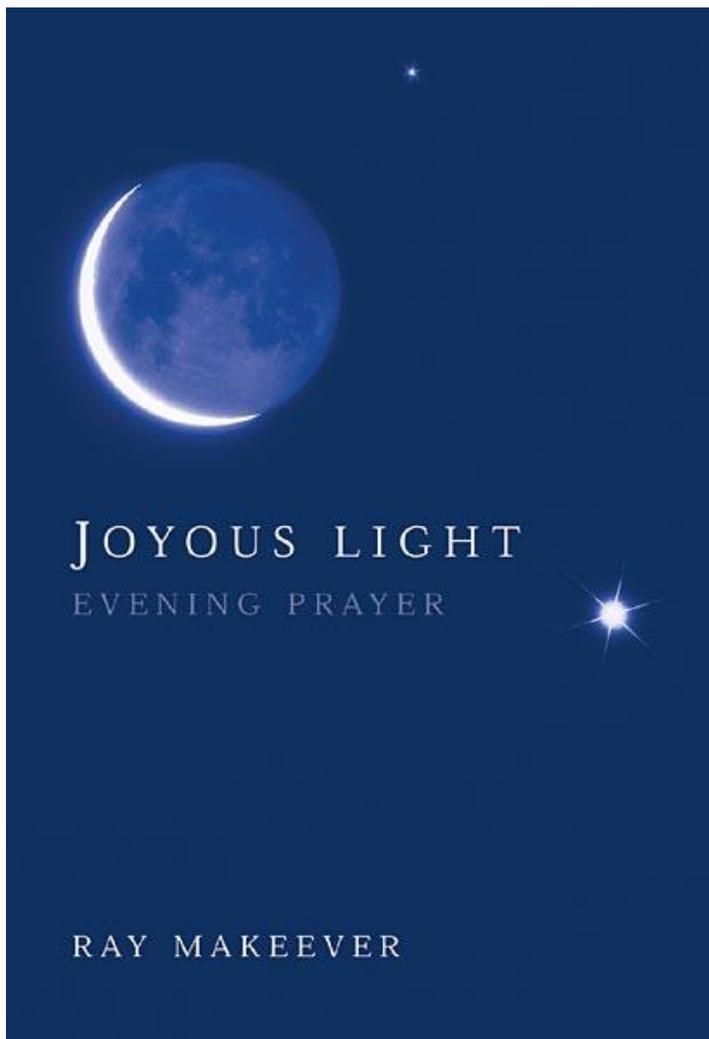
Pastor Mike has led a New Membership Class and the Congregation receiving four or five new adult members by the end of December.



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Welcome to the return of Mid-Week Grace for Advent. Once again this year we will be holding mid-week services on Wednesday evenings, featuring the Joyous Light liturgy and skits written by Pastor Mike and performed with the help of members of Amazing Grace. So please join us on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19 at 7:00 P.M.

The skits will explore Christmas from the perspective of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Usually, we tell the story of Christmas from the point of view of Mary, who is front and center in the story of Jesus' birth. Joseph is usually relegated to the background of the story. But this year during our midweek services we will explore the Christmas story from the perspective of Joseph. Please join us!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Lois Simon, Charles Anschuetz, and their cast of thousands, are busy preparing the annual Christmas cantata which will be presented on December 16 at 11:00 A.M. There will be **no 8:30 am service on December 16**. Just one service @ 11 am featuring the Cantata "O Come, Ye Faithful".



CANTATA LUNCHEON

The congregation is invited to a luncheon on Sunday, December 16th immediately following the 11:00 service. Food will be provided by our Homework Help "Mama's" to say thank you to AGLC and Merry Christmas! We hope you can attend this festive and full day of celebration!



Weekly Ministries at Amazing Grace:

Prayer Discernment Group, meets on the 2nd & the 4th Mondays of the month in the Sanctuary @ 7 pm

Piano Class, meets on every Friday @ 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Good Old Guys Group, meets every Tuesday at the Bethesda Park Senior Center @ 11 am

Pastor-led Bible Study, meets on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

Alleluia Girls Bible Study, will resume every Wednesday starting on September 29 @ 9:30 am

Homework Help, meets every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm

Men's Barnabas Reunion Group, meets every Thursday in the Youth Room @ 7 pm

NA Group, meets every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 pm

Men's Breakfast, meets every Friday @ the IHOP on Hwy 29 @ 8:00 am



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Once again this year there will be a Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 23 at Amazing Grace under the direction of Deb Millum and starring the children of Amazing Grace and Homework Help. The play is entitled, "Pepita's Poinsetta," and it tells the story of a Mexican tradition of bringing gifts to the manger, to Jesus, and of the origin of the poinsettia plant. Any children who would like to be included please speak to Pastor Mike or Ms. Deb. Also any adults who would like to be involved with the pageant, please speak to Pastor Mike or Deb Millum. The Pageant will be presented on December 23 at 11 am. There will be a traditional service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent held at 8:30 am that morning.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE 2018

Once again this year there will be two worship services on Christmas Eve. The Family Service will be at 5:00 P.M. and will be geared towards families and the children on Amazing Grace. The later service will be a traditional service of Word, Sacrament, Carols and candle light, and will be at 10:00 P.M.



MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On Friday, November 30, Louise Radloff, a member of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, was honored, as the expansion of the Louise Radloff Administrative Center was dedicated. Louise is a member of the Gwinnett County Board of Education and the Chair of the Gwinnett County Board of health, who has helped to create one of the finest health services agencies in the State of Georgia. As such funding was provided to expand the already existing Louise Radloff Administrative Center to include better facilities for programs like WIC Nutrition, and Emergency Preparedness. The pictures included with this article shows Louise cutting the ribbon for the expansion, and having fun pretending to direct the Meadowcreek High School Jazz Ensemble, who were invited to play for the occasion. Louise has been involved in health services and education in our county for 30, and has created mentoring programs for youth in the school system and is involved with English as a second language, as well as a host of other programs. She is an outstanding example of what Luther called the Priesthood of all Believers. Louise responded to the call to public service, and through her many initiatives and her service Louise lives out her Christian faith among the people of the community and the county. Pastor Mike was on hand at Friday's event, by invitation of Louise Radloff, to give the invocation for the dedication.





Name	Birthday
Jennifer Linke	2-Dec
Donovan Mendez	2-Dec
David Berfield	8-Dec
Sandra Page	8-Dec
Gary Haselow	9-Dec
Annette Irwin	17-Dec
Valery Palma	17-Dec
Kimberly Palma-Rodela	19-Dec
Michelle Templeton	24-Dec
Linda Linke	25-Dec
Pamela Donahue	26-Dec
Roxana Rodela	29-Dec
Deborah Brady	31-Dec
Emily Hoffmaster	31-Dec

LAWRENCEVILLE CO-OP



In the meantime, we are running low on our food donations and the number of clients being served is continuing to rise. If you already have a Food Drive planned, please let us know that date. Also, it would be helpful, if you could add something in your communications asking for food donations to the Co-Op. Our website is updated weekly with the most needed items.

Current Needed Food Items

- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Ham
- Chili and Beef Stew
- Rice and Pasta Mixes
- Refried Beans
- Saltine Crackers

Most Needed Personal Care Items

- Soap, Deodorant and Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent
- Feminine Needs

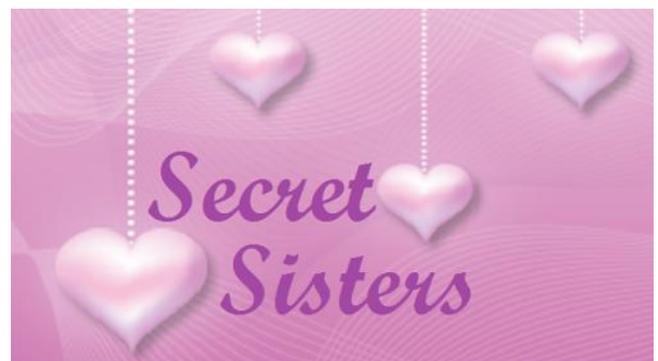
Mission Statement

The mission of the Co-Op is to glorify God and to demonstrate God's love. The Co-Op is an intentionally Christian organization seeking to honor the Lordship of Jesus Christ in word and deed by following His example in sharing and caring for neighbors in need. The Co-Op seeks to preserve clients' dignity while encouraging self-responsibility and spiritual growth.

SECRET SISTERS REVEALING!

It is time to reveal the identity of the Secret Sister who has been gifting you all year long! Please plan to attend a meeting next **Sunday, December 9th** immediately following the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall for this event. Light refreshments will be served. I hope you all had a year of fun. I have enjoyed hosting this fellowship with you. If you enjoy this ministry, we need a volunteer to continue for next year.

In Christ, Phyllis Moss





**Order Your Poinsettias for the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 16 is the last day to order**

I/We wish to donate a Christmas Poinsettia at a cost of **\$15** per plant. This purchase will adorn the altar area for our church while also benefiting Dunwoody High School's Volleyball team fundraiser.

Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

(Please Print)

of plants: _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Place the form either in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Checks should be made payable to: **“Amazing Grace Lutheran Church”, MEMO Section “Poinsettias”**.

Poinsettias can be picked up after the last Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

ANGEL TREE

Amazing Grace is sponsoring children this Christmas from Chesney Elementary. Counselors have received holiday assistance requests from numerous, homeless families. Gift suggestions include toys, shoes and gift cards from Wal-Mart.

In addition, the Angel Tree contains gift request for our Homework Help Children

Pick a gift tag and return wrapped gift along with the tag by December 16.

Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas special for these children. Contact Kathy Berfield @ 678-662-7546 for more information.



ADVENT COAT DRIVE

This Advent, Amazing Grace will be sponsoring a Coat Drive for the community. The idea sprang from the Gospel reading for December 9, from Luke chapter 3. As Luke presents the preaching of John the Baptist preparing the way for the coming of Jesus, several members of the crowd ask, "What should we do?" to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. One of the answers John gives is this, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none (Luke 3:11). Almost all of us I think have two coats, one that we don't use anymore that is gently used. Thus between now and December 9 we will be collecting coats at Amazing Grace. Any children's coats we receive will be funneled to Bethesda Elementary school, and adult coats will be passed on to Step By Step Recovery, an agency that works with people who are coming out of the court system, and in need of job and life training. Thank you for your help, as we continue to serve our community, and the populations who are in need, as part of our observance of Advent this season!





In Attendance: Lisa Larsen-Moss, Trish Ladd-Thomas, Liz Linke, Pam Rink, Bob Lee, Debbie Teal, Wayne Linke, Vickie Speddon, Pastor Mike Millum
Absent: Lee Bennett, Bob MacKinnon
Guests: Nicole Speddon
Opening devotional: Pastor Mike
Spiritual Autobiography: Trish Ladd-Thomas

Secretary's Report: The October minutes were approved via email by consensus on October 16 2018.

Combined Treasurer and Financial Administrator's Report for August

October 2018 Regular Giving was \$17,072.00, which is \$2,428.00 under budget. Expenses were \$15,657.34, which was \$2,676.53 under budget. October was a better month than September; Giving was more and Expenses were less so we are still moving in the right direction.

October 2018 YTD Income was \$13,006.64 less than October 2017 YTD Income.
October 2018 YTD Expenses were \$10,272.27 more than October 2017 YTD Expenses.

2018 Year to Date Giving/Income is \$598.14 under budget.
2018 Year to Date Expenses are \$8,113.64 under budget.

Dedicated Accounts – We have a balance of \$34,663.79 in various accounts, which includes October 2018 receipts of \$250.00 and expenses of \$24.45.

October 2018 cash on hand is \$98,250.85 which includes \$34,663.79 in dedicated funds; therefore, not in reserve/not liquid for general expenses.

THE COMBINED REPORT IS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS VOTE

Pastor's Report for October

1. Hospital Visits = 14, administered the Commendation of the Dying to Kendra Koch.
 2. Home visits = 7
 3. Homebound visits = 4
 4. Office visits = 4
 5. Church Meetings = 6
 6. Five Sundays, 10 worship services, and 10 preaching opportunities
 7. Bible Studies = 2
 8. Synod Events = 1 The Annual Leadership Convocation
 9. Baptisms = 1, weddings = 0, funerals = 1
 10. Youth Events = 3, Fall Fair for the children with the youth hosting, Corn Maze for Youth Fellowship and Planning Meeting with Youth for the Thanksgiving Eve Service.
 11. Confirmation Classes = 3
- Generally speaking, October has been a busy month, with many events worth celebrating. It began with the celebration of First Holy Communion for 4 children.
 - October 14-21 we began our Fall Stewardship focus. Followed by the celebration of both

Reformation Sunday and the Confirmation of Sarah Calabrese on October 28. Then November picked up where October left off, with All Saints being celebrated November 4, and Consecration Sunday as the culmination of the stewardship campaign on November 11. In between we planned and led the Fall Festival for over 40 children and teenagers. Now Thanksgiving and Advent are right around the corner.

- October and early November have also been very busy with hospitalizations. I drove to Grady Hospital on almost a daily basis for two weeks to be with Kendra Koch and sit with the family as she kept vigil at her bedside. There are currently two other members in the hospital, one at Gwinnett Medical, the other at Piedmont Hospital. So it has been a busy month with hospital visitation compared with other months.
- The Youth Fellowship has been busy in the last month. They helped plan and host the Fall Festival for the elementary children of the church. They did a fun outing to a corn maze under the leadership of Trisha Powell and Deb Millum. I could not attend due to the funeral reception for Kendra Koch the same afternoon. Finally a group of them met on Sunday evening, November 11 to plan and practice to host the Thanksgiving Eve service. With every youth event thus far we have added participants, while maintaining the core group members we started off with at our fall retreat. If we could get them all at one time we would have a group of about 15 youth. I have always been very involved with youth ministry. What makes this group of youth different however, from other groups I have worked with is it is mixed between white teenagers and Hispanic youth, many of whom have come to us through homework help. I have always had wonderful teens in my youth fellowship groups, but in the past, they have mostly come from white middle class homes, and with that you get a certain amount of attitude, and a reluctance to interact with new comers; or to welcome those they did not already know well. With this group, I have noticed there has been no attitude of disrespect towards adult leaders. This seems characteristic of the Hispanic youth to be very respectful of adults at all times, a trait that is no doubt stressed in the home. All the youth get along very well, and there are no cliques in the group thus far. This has been I think a very promising beginning; astounding really with you think that most people at AGLC were under the impression we had no youth. The next event will be for the youth to take leadership roles in our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Youth will lead the liturgy, do the prayers, read the scriptures; and the message for that evening will be the youth presenting a play written by me, entitled "Angels Unaware." Besides helping to prepare the youth for their leadership roles my only part in the service that evening will be to preside at Communion.
- During the last month David Trevino and I completed the Video we presented on Consecration Sunday entitled, "Do You See What I See?" Work began on this in the spring, and was completed in the last few weeks, with David editing the piece and having it read to show this past Sunday. The intention was to show it at both services, and this was to be the Video Sermon at both services. Unfortunately we were unable to get the video to play at the 8:30 service, forcing me to "wing it at 8:30," which was certainly not as effective as being able to show the video. The reason I wanted to use the video, which is a rather unusual way to present a sermon, was that I wanted to show the congregation how active we are in our outreach and to show everyone the impact ministries like Homework Help make on the children and adults who take part. Most congregation members hear about the ministries, but have never witnessed the good work that is done. This video format was the only way to show it to people as well as talk about it. I was very pleased with the way the video turned out. David Trevino has excellent filming equipment and did an excellent job editing it together so it flowed. I found myself experiencing a great deal of pride in our congregation as we put this video together. I hope members of the congregation felt a similar sense of pride in the quality outreach we are currently doing, and planning for the future as well.
- Though no one has yet moved into the development across the street, we are well underway in compiling out Welcome Wagon packets thanks in large part to Louise Radloff. I spoke to

her a while back about helping given her many contacts in the community and man did she come through. We have materials from the schools, the health district, including mental health information. We need to put together the information we want to include about the church, and it will be pretty much good to go.

- Upcoming, we will begin work on the Christmas Pageant under the direction of Deb Millum this year. She has already spoken to prospective member Robin Clavijo, who has volunteered to work on music with the children of our church, about coming up with a song for the children to sing during the pageant. We need to get rehearsals on the calendar and start rehearsing soon.
- I know I have mentioned a membership class in each of the last three pastor's reports. I have three or four confirmed participants: Robin Clavijo, Marisol Lopez, possibly her daughter Marilyn, who is in 9th grade and a little on the old side to begin confirmation, and Chad Boyd. This class has been difficult to schedule. But I believe I have it worked out that we will be able to meet on Sunday after the services are over. Thus, I believe we will be able to welcome some new members finally into our congregation.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Nurture – Vickie Speddon

Large group continues to be busy trying to provide for the events we would like to host. However, they still suffer from not enough help in working these events. We continue to ask the congregation to please consider signing up with Lud to offer help in this area of need. We cannot hold large food events without the proper help.

As we know by now, our annual Thanksgiving potluck will not be this year as we are going to have a low country boil pot luck. We look forward to that this coming weekend.

Visitation has been working hard on finding ways to keep communication open between what is going on here at AGLC and them at home. One idea is to make sure there are extra monthly newsletters set aside for them to take with them while they make these home visits. They are also considering a phone tree list so that the homebound will be called with updates in between the visits they receive. Any other thoughts or suggestions are welcome, please let Kay McKenny or I know.

Card Ministry has been another area of communication to our congregation members that is now void. Linda MacKinnon has left some big shoes to fill as she did such an awesome job with this ministry. If anyone is interested in picking this ministry up we would be so grateful to have you. Please talk to me about it.

There are other active groups here at the church and they are open to anyone to get involved with. Many of them need volunteers to help them achieve their optimum potential for enjoyment. If you need help in finding a group to join or wish to try and start a different group, I am here to help you find your niche. Please feel free to let me know.

Discipleship – Bob MacKinnon

No Report Submitted

Outreach – Wayne Linke

- Amazing Grace provided dinner to the Campus Ministry at GT on October 23. It consisted of BBQ, beans, chips, salad, brownies, and bottled water. Wayne

- Blood drive this Sunday Nov. 18, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM- including a low-country-boil on the yard. The next blood drives will be Sunday Jan. 13 and Sunday March 10. Bob MacKinnon
- Last week our Facebook posts reached 4,208 people, 19 people visited our page, 111 people checked in at our church, and 335 people engaged our page. We have 293 people who are linked to our page. I think the inflated numbers were because of our building use for the election. Wayne
- We are planning a Grace Bag build as soon as the time and talent sheets are tabulated so we can engage the people that sign up for it. Lud
- We are going to crank up our "chemo cap" group in the next few weeks. Debi Linke
- Homework Help continues to amaze me in the way the participants express their thanks and gratitude to all who help, and the feeling of family that surrounds that program.

Worship & Music – Debbie Teal

- We continually need more volunteers for Hospitality, Acolytes, Readers, Children Messengers, PowerPoint Operators, Worship Assistants, etc., especially for the 8:30 service.
- Choir rehearsal occurs Wednesday nights starting at 7:15pm. We can always use more voices. We're looking forward to the Sunday, December 16th at 11:00AM Cantata.
- World Communion Day, October 7th was celebrated.
- First Communion and a baptism of four children was celebrated.
- Confirmation for Sarah was celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 28th.
- All Saints Sunday was remembered on November 4th.

Property – Lee Bennett

- Annual fire extinguisher inspection done.
- Rear projector and screen installed in sanctuary.

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Old Business

- Nominating Committee
 1. Lisa Larsen-Moss
 2. Debbie Teal
 3. Wayne Linke
 4. Butch Whitehead
 5. Elaine Schwartz
 6. David Berfield
- Audit Committee - Financial Administrator (Pam Rink) and 2 members. Debbie Teal has stated that she no longer wants to be on the committee. Trish Ladd-Thomas has agreed to

serve on the committee, and Jacob Crowe will stay on as the 3rd member.

- Alarm Call List Update - Lee will have an update in December

New Business

- 2019 Budget - has been prepared and presented to council. A few minor errors were discovered that Bob will correct and will send to the office to be printed for distribution for the meeting. Budget will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Semi-Annual Meeting in December.
- Semi-Annual Meeting: Lisa & Trish will conduct the meeting from the lectern and the rest of the council will sit at the front of the sanctuary.
- Budget
- Audit Report
- Nominating committee
- Service length issue discussion
- Problems with flushing toilets - there is a plumber coming to check on the urinal in the men's room, could he look into why this might be?
- Bulletins - Do we need as much or as many? We now have the 3rd screen at the back of the sanctuary, do we need to have a full bulletin, or can we just print out a sheet with announcements in both English & Spanish, along with the weekly calendar and list of volunteers? Or could we print less bulletins?
- One Service 12/16 for the Christmas Cantata.

Thank You's

- A big thank you to all our members who do participate and help out in every way they are able.
- Thank you to Connie for extra Altar Guild touches for World Communion Day, First Communion and Baptism, Confirmation, Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday.
- Thank you to all those who provided meaningful items for the First Communicants, Gavin Marchman for his baptism, Sarah Calabrese as she was Confirmed, and the setup of the family portraits for All Saints Sunday.
- Thank you to David Berfield for going up the ladder to fetch a balloon string from the fan!
- Thank you to Wayne Linke and David Berfield for installing the screen and reverse projector in the sanctuary.

Spiritual Autobiography for next month: Debbie Teal
Closing Prayer *CONSENSUS TO ADJOURN*

Respectfully submitted by Liz Linke.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 Worship Service; 10 am Sunday School Hour; 11 am Worship Service; Children's Choir	3 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort	4 11 am Good Old Guys Meet; 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 9:30 am Alleluia Girls; 10 am Staff Meeting; 5:30 pm Homework Help; 7:00 pm Joyous Light Evening	6 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group	7 8:00 am Men's Group; 5:00 pm Piano Class	8 10 am Christmas Decorations
9 8:30 Worship Service; 10:00 Semi-annual Meeting; 11 am Worship Service; Children's Choir; Secret Sisters	10 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort; 7:00 pm Prayer Discernment Group	11 9:30 am Visitation Ministry; 11 am Good Old Guys Meet; 7:00 pm Council Meeting	12 9:30 am Alleluia Girls; 5:30 pm Homework Help; 7:00 pm Joyous Light Evening	13 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group	14 8:00 am Men's Group; 5:00 pm Piano Class	15
16 11 am Cantata Service; After service Cantata Luncheon	17 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort	18 11 am Good Old Guys Meet; 6:30 pm Bible Study	19 9:30 am Alleluia Girls; 10 am Staff Meeting; 5:30 pm Homework Help; 7:00 pm Joyous Light Evening	20 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group; 7:30 pm	21 8:00 am Men's Group; 5:00 pm Piano Class	22
23 8:30 Worship service; No Sunday School; 11 am Christmas Pageant; 4:30 pm Baby Shower	24 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Services	25 Christmas Day	26 No Ministries	27 No Ministries	28 No Ministries	29
30 8:30 Worship Service; 11 am Worship Service	31 New Year's Eve					