

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

Please pray about our church's mission and ministry together. Pray about your offering for this year. Pray about your response to the upcoming letter from the Stewardship Ministry Team which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for this year.

Be ready to complete your statement of intent to Amazing Grace and bring it to church on Growing in God's Amazing Grace Sunday, March 15. Or you can complete your statement of intent to Amazing Grace electronically on our webpage (www.amazinggracelutheran.church) under the stewardship tab on the homepage.

Together as we reach out with the gospel to one another and to the community, the Lord will bring about blessings and continue to show us amazing grace! Thank you for being part of this exciting church family.



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GROWING IN GOD'S AMAZING GRACE



As disciples of Christ,
we proclaim God's
amazing grace to ALL!



INTRODUCTION

How have you proclaimed God's amazing grace recently in what you say and do? This is our purpose as Jesus' disciples and as God's church. Every time we worship together, each time we welcome the stranger, celebrate the sacraments, study the Holy Scriptures or roll up our sleeves to help those in need, we do so to share God's grace. And, we share God's amazing grace so well! This is the core of our church identity. Amazing Grace is a loving and hospitable church family that is so very concerned about helping those in need and welcoming the stranger. We worship together well, have fun playing together and are not afraid work hard to share God's grace with those outside our walls. By the help of God, we are a caring, generous and loving people who are passionate about making a difference in the world!

The Spirit is moving. We are growing together in faith and in the Lord. It's exciting to be on this mission journey at Amazing Grace as we embody what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. In this journey we've seen God's grace going before us as we've changed the lives of so many through worship, fellowship and outreach ministries. In this journey we've cared for one another well, we've leaned on each other in times of heartache and trouble and we've celebrated with one another in times of triumph. On this journey we've seen God busy and active at work in the life of our church and in our own lives and we want more. We want to be better disciples. We want to know Jesus more. God is calling us into deeper relationship with God, with each other and with the world, and there is more work to be done.

NEEDS

As we consider God's call for us to carry out his mission and ministry in this place, church leadership has identified areas where God is calling us to invest more of our time, talents and treasures in 2020.

- Community groups, Waxhaw town leaders, service organizations, small groups, special interest/self-help clusters and exercise groups frequently ask for the use of our building and so we view God using this space for true community outreach and ministry. **Our church building** is a hub for spiritual wellness, help, respite and God's greatness in our community.
- The Amazing Grace family has a strong passion to **walk with those in need** outside our church walls and so we feel God calling us to invest further in opportunities to feed the hungry, provide support for the broken, aid the homeless, care for the children of our surrounding neighborhoods and provide help for those who are suffering.
- We feel God calling us to help form and nurture the future leaders of the church; to **remain faithful in our baptismal promises** to grow together in the faith. Leadership and staff training, ministry consultation services and coaching would serve us well in this area of ministry. It's clear that this church cares about the needs of God's people and our community and sets as a priority caring ministries for each other, both inside and outside our church walls.

MINISTRY INITIATIVES FOR 2020

Our focus this year is to grow deeper in the Lord and strengthen the ongoing ministries of the church. Our goal is to increase operational giving by \$18,000 or more in new offerings throughout the year. Here's how these new gifts will be invested.

INVESTMENT IN OUR BUILDING \$6,000

Complete the renovation work to the downstairs fellowship hall so that our space may be welcoming and useful for a variety of community groups, service organizations, small groups, special interest/self-help clusters and exercise groups, etc. We see our building as a hub for ministry and want it to be used regularly as such.

Complete renovation of downstairs bathroom, kitchen renovation, replace lighting, flooring, maximize storage, etc.

INVESTMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORS \$4,000

Create an on-site food pantry to be able to stock the blessing box more fully and more regularly. This would also be a resource for the church to help those who come to us with needs for food, child care products, hygiene products, etc.



Give the outreach ministry team the ability to dream and discern what more God may be calling us to do to care for the people in need in our community. They will be asked, with the help of a consultant, to evaluate our current outreach ministries and discern how they can be invested in to further this ministry, change the lives of our neighbors and expand the kingdom of God.

Strengthen our relationships with and support of local help ministries (Fixing it for Christ, Common Heart, Bright Blessings, Turning Point, Waxhaw church coalition, etc.). Invest benevolent dollars and volunteer hours into these local ministries that serve our neighbors well.

INVESTMENT IN UPHOLDING OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES \$8,000

Work with church consultants or ministry coaches to develop a platform to increase our commitment to and ministry opportunities around forming and nurturing each other in the faith, raising children in the faith and developing future leaders in the church.

Commit to further staff training, staff expansion, training for church leadership and working to determine how the ministry of Amazing Grace needs to be staffed for future growth.



Because of the gift of God's amazing grace in your life, your participation will help us reach our goal of

\$18,000 OR MORE IN NEW GIFTS IN 2020.

The charts below show where we are now in our weekly financial stewardship and how we can reach our goal.

