

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Special Offering Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Coffee Fellowship	6	7 8:00pm AA/Al-anon	8	9	10 3:00 p.m. Set up Holiday Market & Bake Shop	11 9:00am – 1:00pm Holiday Market & Bake Shop
12 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Mission March Coffee Fellowship	13	14 8:00pm AA/Al-anon	15	16	17	18
19 8:30 a.m. Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	20	21 8:00pm AA/Al-anon	22	23	24	25
26 8:30 a.m. Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	27	28 8:00pm AA/Al-anon	29	30	31	

Amazing Grace, From Blind to Free (Oct. 19, Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis)

The immortal hymn, *Amazing Grace!*, was penned by John Newton after surviving a life-threatening storm at sea. This concert recounts Newton's extraordinary and compelling story from slave ship captain to crusader for the abolishment of slavery. The Minnesota premiere of *Amazing Grace!* (from *Blind to Free*) by composer Lloyd Larson marks the 2025 World Premiere of this musical presentation at Carnegie Hall in New York City (July) as well as the 300th anniversary of John Newton's birth.

The first half of the two-hour concert features glorious hymns and inspiring orchestrations, presented by the Twin Cities Praise Symphony under the direction of Dr. Bruce Pearson, world-renowned music educator, author, and composer.

The second half of the concert features the 45-minute work, *Amazing Grace!* (from *Blind to Free*), performed by the 200+ voice Twin Cities Festival Chorus under the direction of the composer, with orchestral accompaniment by the Twin Cities Praise Symphony and internationally acclaimed pianist, Dr. Diane Earle. Featured soloist is tenor Layke Jones, and dramatic narration is presented by Mark Cabaniss. Don't miss this "amazing" collaborative concert event that will touch your heart and uplift your spirit!

Pastor Paul had the opportunity to travel to NYC and sing this program under the direction of the composer, Lloyd Larson from Maple Grove. Paul will also be singing with the choir at the Orchestra Hall performance on Oct. 19. For more information, see the link below.

<https://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/tickets/calendar/rentals/amazing-grace>



Holiday Market & Bake Shop

Annandale United Methodist Church will host their Holiday Market & Bake Shop on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 9:00 to 1:00 in the Fellowship hall. This includes a Sloppy Joe lunch, Bake Sale, and Holiday White Elephant (Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas). The free will sloppy joe lunch with chips and pie will be served beginning at 10:00 am.

Because we are serving pie this year, we need your help. We would appreciate if every family donated at least one pie to serve with the lunch or to be sold on the bake sale. In addition, we need other items to sell at the bake sale and holiday white elephant items (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.)

Donations can be brought to the church anytime that the office is open as well as all day on Friday, October 11. Please price your baked goods.

The white elephant and the lunch will be free will. Volunteers will be setting up for the sale on Friday afternoon.

Your Outreach Committee

Barb McNellis, Barb Owen & Linda Elfstrand