

Good News From Grace



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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 59th Year

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

J.O.Y.



That's my word for 2021. Joy. A simple three-letter word with a lot of meaning and significance.

It is so good to be here, at Grace Lutheran Church in Ormond Beach. As I continue to learn, listen and explore the ins and outs of Grace Lutheran Church, I feel so blessed to meet so many wonderful people, to hear the encouragement and support from you and to experience our remarkable community. The staff and leaders at Grace have been delightful (and patient) in teaching me, welcoming my family, and assisting in any questions I may have. Thank you, people of Grace Lutheran Church!

I am excited to continue to listen and learn in the days and months ahead. I would love to meet you and hear your stories! I am making my way through the church directory, trying to reach out to everyone to introduce myself and check-in. If you have not received a phone call from me yet, you should soon. And of course, always feel free to reach out anytime by calling the church office or through email. I (and my family) are open to visiting also, finding safe ways to gather (meeting outside and/or wearing masks) and having conversation.

2020 was an unexpected and tough year. New vocabulary (social distancing) and behaviors (mask wearing) were learned and adapted to. Fatigue and frustration has set in, as many plans, goals and expectations were shattered. Yet, even within and amidst the chaos of a pandemic, God continues to move, to stir, and to breathe new life. God is still present. Jesus is still Lord. This is the Good News that we cling to, find our hope and joy in, and share with the world around us.

Joy. That's my word for 2021. What is your word or mantra for 2021? What are you going to focus on? I encourage you to pick a word or phrase, write it down, and share it with family and friends. I would love to hear it also – what is your word for 2021.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

Or, simply put;

"Rejoice always" 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ, Pr. Nate

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CHURCH FINANCIALS November 2020			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 14,330	\$ 11,500	\$ 130,676
Loose Offering	\$ 295	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,559
Other Income	\$ 8,846	\$ 6,631	\$ 74,063
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,471	\$ 19,131	\$ 212,297
EXPENSES	\$ 23,272	\$ 20,923	\$ 180,197
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 199	\$ (1,792)	\$ 32,100



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As I am sure many of you will agree, this past year has been a very difficult one for all of us. Last February when the Church Council met, we were focusing on plans for our Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers, preparing for Lent, Holy Week services and our Easter Celebration. It never entered our minds that both our personal and Church lives would be dramatically changed. A pandemic, known as COVID-19, put an end to plans. Instead of Lent and Easter preparations, we were preparing to shut down everything in our Church.

Initially, we thought it would be just a few weeks. However, the weeks turned into months. During the entire shut-down, the Church Council worked together. We kept track of our members, helped those in need, and established a virtual Sunday service. As time passed, it became apparent that we needed to prepare our Church for the day we could safely offer in-person worship. So the Council went to work to establish procedures that would ensure the health and safety of our members for in-person worship. We had countless meetings and became very proficient in holding virtual meetings via Zoom.

The Church Council is very appreciative to all of you for your generous financial support these last few months.

We continue to monitor the situation and change procedures when necessary. Many thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding.

A special thank you to Joyce Northridge and Sue Underwood for leading our Lay Services the last few months. We are also very happy to welcome Pastor Nate Bendorf as our new Pastor.

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, take the time to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us. Even during difficult times, we have never been alone.

I am so thankful for all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Ellie Krzykowski, Council President



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 7th
After the Worship Service



Agenda:

- Meeting Called to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Congregational Meeting Agenda

Old Business:

- Approval of Congregation Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2020
- Review and Approval of Financial Reports for 2020

- Approval of the End of Year Reports of the Congregation

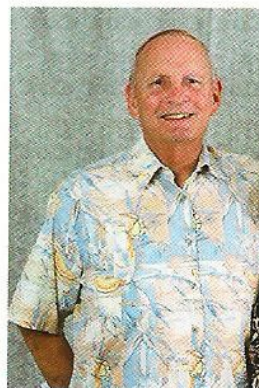
New Business:

- Approval of changes in the church constitution

Meeting is adjourned

Closing Prayer

Adjourn



It is with profound sadness that we are informing you of the passing of Mike Eland on Thursday December 12, 2020, after a long illness. Mike was a native born Floridian, born and raised in Jacksonville, who loved the ocean and dearly loved to fish. He spent his "working" hours in food service, and retired from food service at a hospital in North Carolina. He and Nancy were married 48 years ago, right here at Grace Lutheran Church, in the old sanctuary. When they retired and came back to the Ormond Beach area, they rejoined the church, and were very active members. They participated in all of the events at the church, and ALWAYS lent a helping hand to whatever project was in the forefront of our activities. Mike was very involved with the sound system, he unloaded and sold pumpkins, put up and took down Christmas decorations, and was always asking how he could be of service. He took great delight in helping others. When he had free time, he loved to go fishing or working on a woodworking project. Please keep, Nancy, his wife, and his two sons, Ken and C.J. in your prayers. A funeral service will be held in January, here at Grace. May Mike rest in peace.



Keeping A Healthy Immune System:

Thanks to Covid 19, we need to keep our immune system healthy to fight off illness. The saying "An apple a day can keep the doctor away" may help. Eating a diet rich in Vitamins can help to build that immunity. Vitamin C is a good immune booster and a lack of it can make you more prone to getting sick. Because our bodies don't produce or store it, we need to eat food rich in Vitamin C. Oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, strawberries, bell peppers, spinach, kale, and broccoli are good sources. Vitamin B6 helps with reactions to fight off infections. Eat tuna, cold water fish like salmon, chicken, green vegetables, and chickpeas. Vitamin E is an antioxidant that enables the body to fight infections. Nuts, seeds, and spinach are foods rich in vitamin E.

If you want to take dietary supplements to help the immune system, always talk with your doctor first as there may be other elements in them that affect medications you may be taking.

Building a strong immune system by maintaining healthy eating habits will hopefully help us all get through any infections!

Norma Weaver, RN,C.N.O.R and praying we all stay healthy!!

Technology Committee

Going into 2021, we are forming a "new" technical committee, under the leadership of Tom Starling. The purpose of this committee will be to upgrade and update our tech equipment, which hasn't been done since it was installed in 2016. We want to be able to livestream our church services for those who cannot attend our service in person. If you are interested in joining this committee, please see Tom Starling, Chairman, for further details.

2020 Needs of the Month

You have helped so many organizations this year:



Family Renew
Good Samaritan Society
Halifax Urban Ministries



P.A.C.E. (Practical Academic Cultural Education)
Toys for Needy Children at Osceola Elementary School and
Family Renew

Our own special events included:

Bake Sale
Noah's Ark Preschool
Pumpkin Patch
Souper Bowl Sunday
Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner
for our needy families



Thank you so much for all of the support we have received throughout the year in spite of Covid-19, and all of its restrictions.

-Social Ministry Committee
Sandy Lort (chairman)
Marlitt Boettcher
Jan Jaspers
Judy Lee
Patricia Major
Joyce Moore
Kay Paciello
Mary Ann Stoneking

*Thank
You*

January Need of the Month



An alternative high school for girls which works toward improving the quality of life for girls at risk.



PACE promotes and enables young women ages 12 to 18 to develop self-esteem, further their education, and to develop personal, social and family relationship skills, thereby becoming productive citizens. The program provides small classrooms with individualized curriculum, individual, group and family counseling at no cost to the student or family and also provides a 3 year transition services component to insure continued success after completion.

PACE is in need of:

Toiletries—shampoo, conditioners, combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.

School Supplies—paper, pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, folders, etc.

Make-up—lip gloss, eye shadow, eye liner, etc.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Please bring in cans of soup for **"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY, February 7th**

This is our annual plea to use Super Bowl Sunday as a day of giving soup to feed the homeless. This is a nationwide drive of the ELCA, and all congregations are participating. So many people are still hungry and really depend on our help.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 7th BYOC—Bring your own cans!!!

TAKING DOWN THE DECORATIONS

Everyone is invited to come help Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Please add your name to the **SIGN-UP SHEET**

in the entryway



Jerry Doliner Food Bank

We supported the Jerry Doliner Food Bank differently this year because of Covid-19. Rather than collect cans of corn and beans for their Christmas dinner, we donated \$200.00 towards the Christmas dinners as well as contributed \$100.00 towards their gifts for teens. Gloria Max was so appreciative of the gifts, and wanted everyone at Grace to know how important it was to have this much support when they really needed it. Thank you one and all for your continued contributions to Social Ministry.

Bake Sale

We wish to thank everyone who prepared baked goods for our sale, as well as all of you who bought the baked goods. Our total sales for this year were \$305.00, which is fantastic during the pandemic. Hope you enjoyed what you bought.

We are continuing to observe the rules and regulations established by the CDC and Florida Dept. of Health. The pews have been taped off so we only sit in every other pew. We are wearing masks and practicing social distancing, even during communion, and we have plenty of sanitizer available at all times. The bulletins are placed on a table in the narthex to be picked up when you enter. Your health and safety have been at the top of our "Covid" planning.

Interested in being a member of Grace Lutheran Church?

A church is a community of people who join together and are called to love God and love others. If you or someone you know (a family member, friend, neighbor) are interested in joining the community of Grace Lutheran Church to live out this calling together, please let us know. We will be accepting new members at our worship service on January 17th, with an orientation on January 10th after the worship service (11am). Associate membership is also available for those who may have another home church affiliation. Contact the church office for more information glc50@cfl.rr.com or 386-677-9141.

B.I.B.L.E.

Yea that's the book for me! Bible study on Thursday's will resume January 7th at 10am. We will be offering a hybrid option, meeting in-person at Grace, but also 'zooming' in anyone interested in connecting virtually. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Pr. Nate (revbendorf@gmail.com). From Christmas to Easter, we will be studying the life of Jesus in the Gospels. Let's get into God's Word together!

Church Office and Noah's Ark will be closed Thursday, December 31st & Friday, January 1st which is New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Trunk Sale

The Trunk Sale will be held on January 16th from 9am-noon in the church parking lot.



Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

Noah's Ark Preschool

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Visit our
website:

noahsarkormond.com

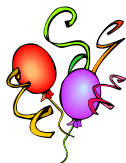
December is our month to shine like the sun, except this year's December had a bit of tarnish on it's crown due to Covid-19. Our famous Christmas concert was cancelled, however, all was not lost because we got to have our Christmas party. What a great time we had. We changed it to a pajama party complete with dancing to Christmas carols, watching the movie, "Elf on the Shelf", getting to pick a new stuffed animal from 'Santa's workshop', getting a new book to read and be read to, and last but not least, having pizza for lunch. The teachers sent us home with lots of 'stuff' including a candy cane from the Christmas tree. We also had the "Elf on the Shelf" check on us everyday, and of course, he would report back to Santa every night if we were good or not. Such pressure to be under, right before Christmas!

We also got to return to chapel with Pastor Nate. Before we closed for Covid-19, we went to chapel with Pastor Meyer every Wednesday, but he "retired" this fall and sent Pastor Nate in his place. We really like chapel, so it is fun to go every Wednesday again, especially during Christmas with all of the lighted trees and wreaths.

January kicks off with us putting our sight words together in sentences, which in turn leads us to READING a book. Ms. Sue all ready has her chart on the door and we can't wait to fill it up with stars. After we read 12 books we get a prize, that we get to pick out ourselves from the VPK toy shop. Then it's time to read more books and get more prizes. We are so excited! We also will be receiving our second test from the State of Florida. We can't wait to see if we are smarter than we were in September. January will be a busy busy month.

We want to thank everyone at Grace for continuing to support us throughout the year, and even though we can't sing, yet, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!





Birthdays



Anniversaries

January Birthdays

01 Carol Macleod
08 Scott Burdick
09 Paul Dammes
11 Ted Macleod
11 Lorraine Perrino
12 Jessy Crabb
15 Patricia Westbrook
20 Cathy Quel
21 Judi Bacon
23 Joyce Jeanes
26 Walter Secunda

February Birthdays

02 Amber Thomas
10 Gerry Spies
11 Stanley Buss
13 Donna Hauge
13 Liam Bobak
16 Linda Smock
19 Michael Covitt
19 Patricia McNamara
22 Elizabeth Graeler
23 Anna Ellingworth
23 Gabriella Rodermond
28 Carolyn Gerard
28 Fred Boettcher
28 Aidan Liddle

January Anniversaries

03 Pastor Dennis & Betsy Meyer
07 Paul & Elizabeth Graeler
09 Judi Bacon & Ed Mikulski
15 Rocco & Tammy Picerno
16 Les & Kelly Prairie
25 David & Joy Liddle

February Anniversaries

04 Terence & Carol Tissiere



Just a reminder

Annual Reports are due Friday, January 8th.



The Power of a Quarter



GLC has really been successful with the “clink” of our **quarters**. We have paid for so many things that upgrade the church over the past 5 years we have been collecting **quarters**. Please put a couple of quarters in your purse or pocket for our latest goal to get new chairs to place around the table in the lobby.



Altar Flowers and Communion Elements



WHO: You!

WHAT: Altar Flowers and/or
Communion Elements

COST: \$25.00 each or \$50.00 both - weekly

WHERE: Dated sign up book in Lobby

WHY: To commemorate a loved one or an
important event

HOW: Use pew envelope or drop off a
check in the church office

Thank You very much



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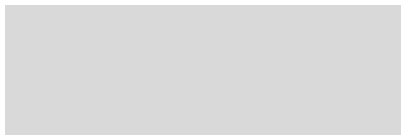
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CURRENT RESIDENT

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Activity Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Choir
Coffee Fellowship
Gift Shop
Quilters
Church Council
Bible Study
Social Club Luncheon

Temporarily
cancelled due to
COVID-19

