

Good News From Grace



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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 59th Year

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When I was in my third year of college, I had the opportunity to study abroad at Lithuania Christian College in Klaipeda, Lithuania! I lived in apartment style campus housing with roommates from Lithuania, Latvia and Russia! It was an amazing cross-cultural experience that has shaped me in many ways still today. One of the major things I noticed right away in Lithuania was that when you greeted someone passing by and said, *“Hey, how are you”*, they would stop and actually tell you how they were doing, instead of the usual response of *“good and you”* I was accustomed to (a crazy concept, I know J)! Ever since that learning experience, I have tried to be more intentional about asking people, *“how are you”* and then listening for a real response. And when I do hear the usual response, *“good and you”*, I try to push back a little and ask again, truly, how are you doing.



So today when I ask, *“how are you doing”*, I really want to know how you are doing amidst the ups and downs and ins and out of life. I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you on the phone as I have tried to call our members found in the directory. I also left many voicemails. My intention for calling has been to get to know you better, and also to check-in and to see how you are doing. I hope that you would feel comfortable enough to call the church if there was anything we could do to help or pray.

Many folks who have been sheltering in home have expressed a desire and longing for Holy Communion (God's Word of grace in everyday elements)! When you feel it is safe and if you would like me to bring communion to your home (or porch, driveway or lanai), please just let me know! I (and my family) am really looking forward to the time when we can gather safely again for home visits and enjoy some table fellowship!

Have you come up with a word for 2021 (in reference to my January newsletter article)? I would love to hear what it is and why. As I continue to focus on JOY in 2021, I have noticed that one of the ways joy comes to the forefront is through choosing what to focus on and think about. One of the ways I have been experiencing joy is intentionally looking for God-moments throughout the day. In conversations, scenery, laughter, stories and shared experiences, God is present and God is breathing new life. Do you see it? Have you experienced it? I pray you do!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

In Christ, Pr. Nate

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Ellie Kryzkowski
Vice President	Bill Lort
Secretary	Sandy Hostettler
Council Members	Fred Boettcher Spencer Earnhardt Ruth Haesaker Tom Starling Carl Wince

CHURCH FINANCIALS December 2020

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 10,940	\$ 11,500	\$ 141,616
Loose Offering	\$ 860	\$ 1,000	\$ 8,419
Other Income	\$ 9,606	\$ 6,631	\$ 83,669
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,406	\$ 19,131	\$ 233,704
EXPENSES	\$ 19,521	\$ 20,923	\$ 203,469
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 1,885	\$ (1,792)	\$ 30,235



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It seems like we just took the Christmas decorations down and put them away, and now we are planning for Lent and Easter.

At our January Council Meeting, we discussed the preparations for Lent and Easter. As I am sure you understand, we will not be able to hold our traditional Wednesday night soup suppers due to the COVID precautions. However, we will still be holding a Wednesday night service, in person and on YouTube. On Ash Wednesday, February 17th, there will be two services, 12 noon and 630pm.

At this point we are researching how and if ashes will be distributed at the services due to the pandemic. Once again, we are proceeding with caution to assure your health and safety.

The Lenten and Holy week schedule will be posted in the bulletin. We are also planning a very special Easter service so stay tuned.

We are very fortunate that Pastor Nate decided to join our Church family. In the short time he has been here, he has accomplished so much. He is truly a blessing to our Church.

We are very excited that Pastor Nate and Tom Starling have been working to update the Church's technology. Our Website has been updated and they are currently working on updating computer equipment that will allow us to live stream our services, meetings and programs.

On behalf of the Church Council and the congregation, we wish to thank Joyce Northridge and Sue Underwood, for doing the Sunday readings and being our voice for the Congregational responses.

As many of you know, Judi Bacon and Ed Mikulski, have moved to Pennsylvania. They will be missed. We extend our deep gratitude for their many years of service to our church. We hope they will visit us in the near future.

Once again, we are very thankful and appreciative, for the your continued support and generosity.

Stay safe and God Bless!

.....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

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.

Trunk Sale

We had a fantastic trunk sale on Saturday the 16th of January. Our total sales were \$931.75 and since that time we have sold an additional \$60.00 with 3 more items listed on Craig's List. Thank you to Pastor Nate & Sarah, Bill & Sandy Lort and Carl Wince for their great salesmanship and arm twisting deals. A very special thanks to John and Trish Stratton for all of the hours spend pricing, looking up and listing of all the donations, and last but not least, thanks for all of you who donated merchandise for the sale. We will be using part of the proceeds to trim the palm trees and fix up the front entrance.



TIPS FOR THE STRESSFUL TIMES:

I'm sure that we are all under a great deal of stress with the pandemic and how it affects our daily life. These tips may help us all to cope and move to a more positive future.

1. Laugh more as it increases oxygen to our organs and increases blood flow to help the heart.
2. Petting your dog or cat gives you help with serotonin, prolactin, and oxytocin levels which helps to make up feel good. It also helps with building our immunity.
3. Exercise every day to increase and improve circulation and provide a nourishing environment for the growth of brain cells.
4. Drink Orange juice to build the immune system and to decrease the stress hormone cortisol.
5. Sing a song to aid in breathing, helping the heart and the immune system.
6. Breathe deeply to calm the body which reduces stress. Aromatherapy with lavender and rosemary have been known to help.
7. Read your Bible and remember that we can give up our fears and troubles to God!

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." Psalm 34:4-5

Norma Weaver RN, C.N.O.R

February Need of the Month

The mission of *Halifax Urban Ministries* is to respond to emergency needs of the hungry, the homeless and low income people. They respond through the distribution of pantry food, hot meals, baby food and baby formula, diapers and emergency financial assistance. They also provide cold weather shelter. *Halifax Urban Ministries* is open 7 days a week from 8:30am to 3:30pm for financial and food assistance and 5:00pm until 8:00pm for laundry and showers. They also provide haircuts the first Monday of each month. *Halifax Urban Ministries* is in need of the following:

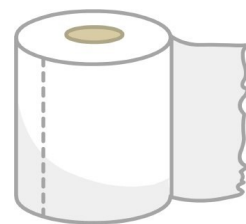


Canned Goods: Gallon sized cans of fruit and vegetables (for the hot meals program), canned goods such as vegetables, pastas (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, etc), beans, tuna corned beef, chicken, Vienna Sausages, canned fruit.

Dry Goods: Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.), pancake mix, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice, beans, cereal bars, oatmeal.

Other: Pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly.

Toiletries: Toilet tissue, laundry soap, dish liquid, pull ups, sanitary napkins, hair brushes and combs, washcloths and all other toiletry items.





Welcome New Members!



Chuck & Mary Wilde



Dave & Jackie Bendorf



Erin Morgan



Gail Atkinson



George Ross



Gina Abate



Jim & Kim Heffner



Julie Wanhala



Pastor John Austin



Paul & Rebecca Kinzer



Roy & Patti Asmus





Susan, Samantha & Allison Loukes






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!!!
Vote for your favorite team



Our sincerest sympathies to the family of **Mike Eland** at his recent passing. There will be a funeral service for Mike on Saturday, February 27th at 11:00am here at Grace Lutheran Church with Pastor Nate presiding. Please keep Nancy and her children in your prayers.

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.





Bible Study



Bible study on Thursday's have resumed at 10am via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Pr. Nate (revbendorf@gmail.com). We are studying the life of Jesus in the Gospels. Let's get into God's Word together!

Always verify emails, phone calls and text messages

For your safety, please always verify email addresses and phone numbers when you receive communications, including from Grace Lutheran Church. Scammers will use a false email address or phone number, but real names, to try to either capture personal information or get you to send money, gift cards or other resources. When in doubt, just call and ask. Grace's email addresses: glc50@cfl.rr.com (Richelle), noahsark1@cfl.rr.com (Sue), revbendorf@gmail.com (Pastor) Grace's phone number: 386-677-9141



Ash Wednesday

February 17th

Worship Service

12:00pm & 6:30pm

Weekly Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm every Wednesday. Due to Covid-19 there will not be any soup suppers during this year's Lenten season.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday: March 28th

10:00am

Maundy Thursday: April 1st

6:30pm



Good Friday: April 2nd

12:00pm & 6:30pm



Easter Sunday: April 4th

10:00am



We have a CD of religious music created by Lionel Marcoux, soloist, and Donna Hauge, violinist. This CD is available for \$10.00 with proceeds going to the social ministry committee. If interested in purchasing one please see Sandy Lort or Sue Underwood.

Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

Noah's Ark Preschool February 2021- Newsletter

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January became as busy as we predicted. It started with a visit from DCF for a routine inspection on January 5th, and ended with lots of reading. We passed the inspection with flying colors, and are good for another 4 months.

We have put the sight words into sentences and are putting lots of stars on the chart on Ms. Sue's door. We even have 4 great readers who have earned their first prize. ALL of the prizes are lined up around the room on tables in the multi purpose room. The child gets to pick whatever prize they want, and then it goes home with them at the end of their day. It's quite a treat to pick out something that catches their eye, and no one else gets a vote on the matter. Of course, there is nothing dangerous, risque, or harmful to them or anyone else; no guns, swords or weapons of any kind. Just dolls, trucks, games, transformers, and dress up "stuff".

Our testing begins next week, which should give us a good indication of what we have to work on for the balance of the year. They are currently reading and doing simple math, adding and subtracting, saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and of course, singing and singing. Now we will see if they recognize their numbers and letters when they are all mixed up, and not in order.

February always brings Valentine's Day, so of course we will have a party with fun and games in honor of the Day.

We also love going to chapel with Pastor Nate on Wednesday mornings. We get to go into God's house and learn about Jesus. We also have art on Wednesday with Ms. Carol, so that is now our favorite day of the week because we get to do 2 very special things in one day!

We have to get back to our seatwork and learn some more new things. Thank all of you for continuing to support us.



February Birthdays

- 02 Amber Thomas
- 07 Samantha Loukes
- 09 Ryan Covitt
- 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

March Birthdays

- 03 Robert Gerard
- 03 Jim Heffner
- 03 Carol Mahaffey
- 08 Carl Wince
- 10 Mary Buckwalter
- 16 Nicole Kaeding
- 16 Hayden Good
- 19 Ellen Krzykowski
- 25 Sue Tyson
- 26 Alan Burton
- 27 Diane Skelley
- 27 Nicolas Hazelip
- 30 Mark Crabb

February Anniversaries

- 04 Terence & Carol Tissiere

March Anniversaries

- 03 Marsha & Bob Leftwich
- 20 Wilfred & Kathy Kahn

Quilters

The quilters are sad to lose one of our members, Doris Keefer. Doris died on December 24, 2020. Her daughter, Corine brought Doris to the quilt group so that she would have something to do. Doris sewed so many quilt tops for us. She has left us 50 tops that she sewed during the pandemic! We will miss her quiet presence. When we are able to work together again, we will miss two members who have moved to be closer to family. Barbara McCormick now lives in Marietta, GA and Judi Bacon has moved to Philadelphia, PA. We will need more helping hands when we begin quilting again. No sewing skills necessary. Please consider joining our quilt group.

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



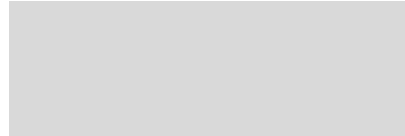
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Activity Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Temporarily
cancelled due to
COVID-19

