

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 59th Year

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Jesus has risen! He has risen, indeed! Amen and Amen!

This is our proclamation. Our hope. Our faith. This is why we exist and what we exist for. This is the center of the church, the world and of our very lives. It is the gospel, the good news for you, me and the whole-wide world. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has traded His life for ours. He has lived the perfect life, paid the price, defeated the devil, broke the chains and offered new life...abundant life...resurrected life, to all who believe.

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:3

How do we live in response to this Easter news? Stemming from Acts 2:42-47, I can see many ways we are called to live out, personally and communally, this Good News.

Study the Bible

Our firm foundation is the Word of God in which we build all things upon. The Bible is the source of truth and norm that guides where we have come from, who we are now, and where we are going. The Bible molds and shapes all aspects of our life.

Worship: preaching, sacraments, praying and singing

Ministry is always focused around the grace and love of God and follows the Holy Spirits moving. As a community we gather around the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ and are commissioned [sent out] by our baptism to be ministers for Him in a world that desperately needs a Savior.

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

CHURCH FINANCIALS February 2021

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 13,132	\$ 11,500	\$ 25,341
Loose Offering	\$ 283	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,282
Other Income	\$ 6,527	\$ 6,631	\$ 13,034
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,942	\$ 19,131	\$ 39,657
EXPENSES	\$ 20,978*	\$ 20,923	\$ 38,012
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ (1,036)	\$ (1,792)	\$ 1,645

* Includes annual flood insurance of \$4,228.00



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Fellowship events

Ministry is about creating an environment where healthy relationships can occur. We participate in events that provide fellowship in order to foster openness, joy, and a sense of belonging for all people. Fellowship is about bringing people together and breaking down dividing walls, where people feel safe and cared for.

Service oriented

Life is always lived with the neighbor in mind. We seek to be an open community that is vibrant and life-giving because of the love of God for the entire world. Ministry is about faith that always leads to action. Loving God, Loving others.

What do you think about this list? It is by no means comprehensive, so what else would you add? I encourage you to think about the ministry that you are involved in personally and also the ministry of Grace Lutheran. What do we do well? What could we do better? In any case, we must always keep in mind that the ministry we have is founded on the belief that God has made Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, our Lord and Messiah (Acts 2:36). To Him be the glory, forever and ever!

Confirmation Class

Looking ahead to the 2021-2022 program year, we will be having confirmation classes. Confirmation class has traditionally been for those in 7th and 8th grade here at Grace Lutheran Church. Yet, if you are in 6th grade during the 2021-2022 school-year and would like to participate or if you will be past 8th grade and have never been confirmed and would like to participate, please let us know. This summer we will be figuring out when the timing and form of the confirmation program.

New Members

If you know of any friends or neighbors who come to Grace Lutheran Church and would be interested in joining this spring, please let the church office know. As members of Grace, we are all encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to the worship services and ministries here at Grace Lutheran Church. We want all people to feel welcome and to come and see what the Lord is up to!



Check out the new *Kidz Corner* in the narthex. Our young members are able to pick-up their ministry bag each week, which is filled with a new kid's bulletin, memory verse, and other worship supplies. The bags allow kids to participate in worship and learning each week in meaningful ways. We also have visitor bags available for our guests!

Our preschool playground received a few updates this last month, including; a few new swings, some new cars, and other updates!. Between the many kids and the weather, updates and fixes are continually being monitored.
If you would ever like to donate to our preschool, opportunities exist.

The Altar Colors of Easter

- ***Lent—Violet**—color reminds us of the suffering & passion of our Lord
- ***Good Friday—Black**—to remind us of our Lord's great suffering & death, and also, that without Him we are dead unto sin
- ***Easter—Gold**—emphasizes the joy of His resurrection & the richness of the day
- ***Ascension—White**—reminds us Christ ascended into heaven to become our advocate

The Gift Shop

The gift shop is reopening. We will be open every Sunday 15 minutes before church and 15 minutes after church.

We are currently in need of donations of small items.





The Church Council met on Wednesday, March 17th at 12:30 pm.
We reviewed financial and Committee Reports.

A meeting of all Committee Chairs is being arranged for the near future. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the future and possible changes of direction for various committees. You will be notified in advance of the date and time of the meeting. You will be expected to attend either in person or via zoom.

One of the things that came to light as a result of the Pandemic, was the need to update the technical capabilities of our Church. While we were able to utilize Zoom And YouTube, these avenues did not meet the needs of our members.

We are now in the process of updating all of our computer programs and technical equipment to better serve you. These enhancements will allow us to provide live streaming of church services, congregational meetings and various other activities. In addition, we will be able to offer on-line giving.

While this has been a tedious and time-consuming task, we have been fortunate enough to have the expertise of Tom Starling and Pastor Nate to lead the way. They have met countless vendors, other church leaders and researched the best and most cost effective ways to achieve our goal.

Tom is the Chair of the newly formed Technology Committee. He has been reaching out to people to join his Committee. If you are interested, please talk to Tom.

With the increasing number of people attending in-person worship, we are trying to provide additional seating. Keep in mind, **WE MUST STILL PRACTICE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES WE HAVE IN PLACE.** If you need assistance, check with one of the ushers. Also, a number of people have been sitting in the choir loft area and have not been adhering to social distancing practices. Please be considerate of others in the future.

Happy Spring! Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.
May God bless you and your families and keep you safe!!

Ellie Krzykowski, Council President



Bible Study



Bible study on Thursday's has 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

New Vaccine Site for Adult Persons with Disabilities in Flagler and Volusia Counties

The Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Florida Department of Health (FDH) has approved Disability Solutions for Independent Living, Inc. (DSIL) as a COVID Vaccine site for adult persons with disabilities in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

The COVID Vaccine Form is required and must be signed by a physician for anyone under 65. Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine will be sent this form electronically after registration.

If you or someone you know have interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at DSIL, please contact Disability Solutions and be prepared to answer the following questions:

- Do you have transportation to get to an appointment for the vaccine?
- Does your disability prevent you from accessing the vaccination site?
- Are you homebound?
- Do you give consent for Disability Solutions to share the information on this form with Florida Department of Health for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccination registration?

Call either 386-255-1812 or 386-566-2346 for registration and details.

A FDEM or DSIL staff member will contact you with more information about scheduling receiving a vaccine. Requests for accommodations, as required under the ADA, must be made a minimum of five days in advance to 386-566-2346



CAN YOU BREAK YOUR BAD HABITS?

If you know something is bad for you, why can't you stop? Drug users struggle to give up their addictions that harm their bodies, 70% of smokers want to quit to stop damage to their lungs, and many people have unhealthy eating habits that contribute to obesity. Scientists at National Institute of Health have found clues that explain why we can't stop our bad habits. We all have habits like brushing our teeth, driving to work, etc. But, there's a difference in that pleasure habits prompt our brains to release a chemical called Dopamine, which strengthens our bad habits over time as it creates cravings. So, our brain is working against us as we continue to crave what our bodies want. Fortunately, we have many regions in our brains to help break the bad habits. Some of the following may help our brains to break those habits:

1. Become aware of your unhealthy habits and stay away physically from those environments that encourage them.
2. Mentally visualize yourself in tempting situations and create an alternative that helps you rather than harming you.
3. Replace unhealthy routines with new healthy ones.
4. Motivate yourself to think positively about your health and well being.
5. Enlist support from family and friends to encourage you to change bad habits.

Bad habits can be hard to change for anyone, but it can be done!

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Norma Weaver, RN,CNOR

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.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday: March 28th

10:00am

Maundy Thursday: April 1st

6:30pm



Good Friday: April 2nd

12:00pm



Easter Sunday: April 4th

8:30am* & 10:00am

*On Easter Sunday, we foresee the 8:30am worship service offering more space for those who desire it



Order your
Easter Flowers
\$10.00 each



Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church (or) GLC. You may send your contribution to the church office or turn in your envelope by March 30th to be included in the Easter Flower List. **Please print your message clearly** so the Easter Flower List is correct!

Thank you to all my friends at Grace Lutheran Church for your cards, prayers, and calls during my recent illness and more. I miss you all! You are in my thoughts and prayers daily. My new address is 260 Sequoia Dr. NE Marietta, GA 30060. Phone # 404-754-5881

**~Love and Hugs
Barbara McCormick**

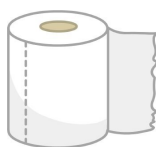
We are continuing to observe the rules and regulations established by the CDC and Florida Dept. of Health. The pews have been taped off so we only sit in every other pew. We are wearing masks and practicing social distancing, even during communion, and we have plenty of sanitizer available at all times. 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.

April Need of the Month Family Renew

Family Renew helps homeless families in need get back on their feet without separating the family. Some are single mothers with children (several who are escaping abusive relationships). Family Renew provides apartments for a period of one year, as well as training to ensure the family's success in staying on their feet. The Secret Attic supplies these families with home furnishings and clothing. Cleaning supplies are not provided. This is where we can lend a helping hand. Items needed are listed below.

Cleaning Supplies:

- Toilet Tissue (small packs)
- Laundry Soap (small packs)
- Dishwashing Soap (ie. Dawn)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Cleaning Agents (409, Spic & Span, Clorox Bleach, etc.)
- Paper Towels
- Storage Containers for food(ie. Glad brand Stackables)



Toiletries:

- Bath Soap
- Deodorant/Antiperspirant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner



These items can be purchased at most Dollar Stores and were recommended by Family Renew.

Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

Noah's Ark Preschool April 2021- Newsletter

Visit our
website:

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March and April, two of our very favorite months. We got to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, took the VPK second test of three, and then...got to go on spring break. All in the month of March. We will be back 3 days and it will be time for our Easter egg hunt, and then we get Good Friday OFF. How lucky can we be?

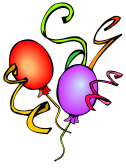
Our VPK classes did a great job on the testing. Two of them got perfect scores, with all 67 questions answered correctly. 6 of them only missed 1 question, 7 of them missed 2-4 questions, and the rest of the class missed more than 4 questions, however, NONE of them slipped below average, and by the time May rolls around for the final testing, they should do well enough to be deemed "ready for kindergarten".

The reading program has begun, and will accelerate when everyone returns from spring break. There are all ready some prize winners, and the more ambitious students are plotting how long it will take to get a second and third prize. The chart is on the door of Ms. Sue's office, and there are lots of stars on it.

We are in the process of slowly refurbishing our playground. Many of our riding toys are falling apart, as are some of the climbing apparatus. If anyone knows of any tricycles, tables, chairs, etc. which are in good condition, so they pass DCF inspection, please contact Ms. Sue.

We also do our seatwork, have art and music class, go to chapel with Pastor Nate, which is our FAVORITE thing to do, and of course, play outside. Our check in system with temperatures and sanitizers have kept Covid away, and we are most grateful because we have been Covid free since we reopened June 1, 2020.

Thanks again for all of your prayers and support throughout this difficult time for all of us.



Birthdays

April Birthdays

- 01 John Stratton
- 04 Kristine Kahn
- 07 Calle Rose Secunda
- 08 Kim Heffner
- 08 Barbara McCormick
- 09 James Crowley
- 10 Lawrence Isom
- 14 Karlene Gray
- 16 Joyce Northridge
- 20 Chuck Wilde
- 23 Erin Morgan
- 28 Lon Moeller



May Birthdays

- 04 Lois Reiter
- 04 Amanda Flaherty
- 05 Rocco Picerno
- 08 Gail Starling
- 09 Richard Brunelle
- 09 Kenneth Berglund
- 12 Bill Lort
- 12 Roxanna Mote
- 13 Doris Earnhardt
- 18 Gina Abate
- 19 Judy Dammes
- 21 Sandy Lort
- 25 Patricia Hubert
- 26 Betty Spies
- 27 Paul Kinzer
- 27 Kelley Lang
- 27 Carolyn Ulrich
- 28 Lynette Good
- 31 Colby Blum



April Anniversaries

- 03 Phil & Laraine Isom
- 04 Fred & Marlitt Boettcher
- 05 Justin & Kimberly Hyatt
- 09 Samuel & Pamela Smith
- 17 Bill & Sandy Lort
- 20 Al & Jan Kaeding

May Anniversaries

- 12 Mark & Jessy Crabb
- 19 Michael & Sarah Covitt

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



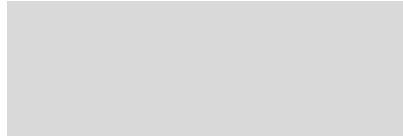
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Activity Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Choir	Temporarily cancelled due to Covid
Coffee Fellowship	Temporarily cancelled due to Covid
Gift Shop	15 minutes before & after Sunday worship
Quilters	Tuesdays at 9:30am
Church Council	Third Wednesday at 12:30pm
Bible Study	Thursdays at 10:00am via Zoom
Social Club Luncheon	Temporarily cancelled due to Covid

