

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 60th Year

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Do you ever ponder the question, “*What should I do?*” Or maybe you hear others asking it. In ministry, I hear that question a lot. As Lutherans we believe all of us are called to a vocation. But what does this mean?

What are you passionate about? What are you excited about when you look at your day? What are those areas of life, that when you are doing them, it seems like time just flies by. That you could spend hours upon hours doing and it seems like a blink of an eye?

One of my passions in life is getting to know new people and experiencing new places. Another passion of mine is creating spaces where people can experience God in new and exciting ways.

Where do you see the world groaning and hurting? When reading Scripture in today’s context, what do you see God up to in our world and communities today? Where is God calling for change and transformation and new life?

One of the areas I witness the world groaning is when people try to fill the God-shaped whole in their hearts and lives with the things of this world, whether it be consumerism, relationships, or something else (I am not exempt from this groaning).

Frederick Buechner writes in his book, *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*, that “*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet*”. All of us have unique passions, gifts, interests and skills that have been given to us by God. And all of us can read scripture and hear God’s call for transformation and renewal in places where we know that things are not as God intends. Where these two areas (or lines) intersect is where we are called to work (paid or volunteer). We call this our God-given vocation or calling in life.

So what is yours? Where is God calling you to work and be?

I would love to hear your responses, please feel free to reach via email, calling the office, or through a conversation!

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CHURCH FINANCIALS April 2021			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 11,210	\$ 11,500	\$ 50,472
Loose Offering	\$ 660	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,703
Other Income	\$ 7,259	\$ 6,631	\$ 29,702
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,129	\$ 19,131	\$ 82,877
EXPENSES	\$ 18,315	\$ 20,923	\$ 79,721
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 814	\$ (1,792)	\$ 3,156



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Kenyan Children's Choir coming to Grace!

On June 14 at 7pm the *Hakuna Matata Children's Choir* will be performing at Grace Lutheran! These ten children are part of the organization called "Connect with a Child", a holistic care ministry in Nairobi, Kenya that looks after the poor, orphaned and vulnerable. Invite a friend and come and be inspired by their singing, dancing and stories! Learn more at: <https://connectwithachild.org/>



Worship with Grace virtually from anywhere!

All of our worship services are recorded and put online on our Grace Website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. Whether you are traveling, a snowbird, or unable to make it to Grace on a Sunday morning, you can always worship with us virtually each week! Share our website with family and friends, like our Facebook page, and subscribe to the YouTube channel to stay connected!

Grace's website <http://gracelcob.org/>

Grace's Facebook page [https://](https://www.facebook.com/graceormondbeach/)

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Worship Services
 Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
 WHAT DOES RESURRECTION LIFE LOOK LIKE? FEEL LIFE!
 WOULD YOU?
 JOIN US ON SUNDAY'S AT 10AM AS WE WONDER TOGETHER
 WHAT LIFE WITH CHRIST AND LIFE IN THIS WORLD LOOKS
 LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. (REMEMBER THE TOMBS IS EMPTY)
 THE THIRD DAY, EASTER, CHANGES EVERYTHING.



Pastoral Visits available

I would love to visit and get to know you more! If you would like to schedule a home visit, go out for lunch, or meet outside at a park, please let me know. Call the church office or email at revbendorf@gmail.com.



Bible Study



Bible study this summer will occur periodically on Thursday's at 10am via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Pr. Nate (revbendorf@gmail.com). Let's get into God's Word together!

Technology Project Update

As a church, our mission is to share the Good News of Jesus. We continue to learn and adapt in how we do ministry, especially living through a pandemic over this last year. We have just installed a permanent camera in the back of our sanctuary. Snow-birds and those unable to worship with us in-person can continue to stay connected through weekly virtual worship services. If you would like to make a special gift for the technology project, write "technology project" on the memo of your check and drop it off in the office or offering plates at church. Make sure to checkout how the camera works by viewing our online worship services at www.gracelcob.org. Make sure to share the services with family and friends also!



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 Wed, May 26th. We reviewed and approved the April Council minutes, Financial Reports and all Committee Reports.

We are very excited to be moving ahead in updating the technology for our Church. This is allowing us to provide a better quality Sunday service on YouTube. Eventually, we will be able to offer you a live streaming service. There will be other enhancements that you will see in the very near future, as well. None of these things would have been possible without the help of Pastor Nate and Tom Starling. Many thanks to both.

As I'm sure you are aware, the CDC is continuously updating the Pandemic Guidelines. Recently, they relaxed the mask requirement for vaccinated people. Unfortunately, they still recommend that masks be worn for inside large gatherings. Therefore, we are continuing this practice. However, we will be reviewing our seating arrangement and other guidelines at our June meeting. We hope we will be able to make some appropriate changes in accordance to CDC guidelines.

Congratulations to the Noah's Ark VPK Class of 2021. They have successfully completed their VPK requirements and will be graduating on Thurs, June 3rd. They will be on their way to Kindergarten this fall.

The Council will not be meeting in July. We will be taking a much needed vacation. In 2020-21, we met every month and sometimes every week to set up pandemic guidelines and work with the Call Committee to find our new Pastor. I am so grateful, for our Council and all their hard work.

Please stay safe and enjoy your Summer. God Bless you!!

Ellie Krzykowski, Council President

June Need of the Month

GRACE 250 – HUM 400

Our community is in need of food. Just bring a few cans to church each Sunday. Collection box is in the lobby decorated like a racetrack thanks to the Noah's Ark students.



Our goal is **650** cans
250 will remain at Grace and **400** will go to
Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM).

Only cans will be counted for this project.

As a body of Christ, we should give our fair share to help others within and outside of our own congregation, for God has so richly blessed us.

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” - Proverbs 22:9

***Thank you for your support of
this project!***

-Social Ministry Committee



Online Giving Option Survey

Grace is seeking your input about providing an online giving option. This would be a safe and secure webpage on our website that you would be able to access from anywhere and anytime to give your offering, make a designated gift, or pay for a ministry or program fee. There would be a small transaction fee that the giver would have the option to cover or not (usually less than \$3). This option may be especially appealing for our snowbirds, travelers or those who prefer to use a credit card for giving. If you would utilize an online giving option, could you reach out and let us know. Email us at glc50@cfl.rr.com Thanks!

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 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, 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!

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. We will continue following these rules and regulations throughout the summer.



HELP, I'M LOSING MY HAIR!!

For some of us, it's frightening to experience hair loss not knowing why it's happening. Aging is definitely a factor, but there are other surprising reasons.

1. Medications for gout, depression, heart problems, acne, blood pressure, arthritis, and high blood pressure.
2. Hormonal shifts of pregnancy, menopause, and some forms of birth control.
3. Stress, especially large doses of stress which attack the immune system and affect your hair follicles.
4. Daily use of heat such as blow dryers, curling iron dries out resulting in brittle strands of hair. Also, hair sprays and other chemicals used in hair contribute to hair loss.
5. Other medical conditions such as autoimmune diseases, hormonal diseases, and thyroid disorders.
6. Smoking from the toxins in cigarettes mess with your hair follicles and can keep hair from growing too! Another good reason to stop smoking!!
7. Trichotillomania, a mental condition of pulling your hair out of your scalp.
8. Eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia as your hair need nutrients to maintain healthy hair on your scalp.

Treat your hair and your with care and discuss any sudden hair loss with your doctor. And, no I'm not losing my hair, just getting more grey!!!

"The hoary head is a crown of glory" Proverbs 16:31

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.



We received delivery of 4 benches honoring Dick and Barbara McCormick. Two of the benches are for the Garden of Resurrection, donated by their family, and the other two are for the front entrance of the church, donated by "Dick" and Barbara. They were made by John Day, Day Woodworking, who is located in Ormond Beach. Who are they?

They came to Ormond Beach with their family in 1968, and joined Grace Lutheran that same year. Dick served on the Church Council 5 different times, as well as serving as an usher, communion assistant, Sunday school teacher, and helped on whatever church projects needed an assistance over the past 45 years. The two things he was very proud of were his years serving on the building committee for our current sanctuary, and using his great sense of humor to really help make the "Neptune Players" performances highly entertaining. The "Neptune Players" was a group of Grace members who put on an annual performance to raise money for the new building. These were elaborate productions, complete with meals served by members, and usually lasted 3 days, and entertained so many in the Ormond Beach area. Barbara worked in the church office for 25 years, sang in the choir, was in charge of the quilters, and became the defacto church historian. She always said she was the quiet one behind the scenes, and her motto was, "there is good in everybody, go and find it"! She loved the Garden of Resurrection and it is only fitting that they would provide us with a place to sit for quiet contemplation, a moment of rest, or a place to chat. Thank you "Dick" and Barbara for everything you did for the members of Grace throughout the years. We will enjoy your benches!

Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

Noah's Ark Preschool June 2021- Newsletter

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website:

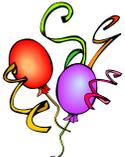
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The above picture is the graduating class of 2021. These 24 children are very ready for kindergarten. They know their colors, shapes, letters and numbers. They can do simple math, adding and subtracting, patterns, and graphing. They can read from the "Bob" books, as well as other simple books which have a couple of sentences on each page. We held our Graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 3rd out in the parking lot. Each graduate was announced and then their parents drove them up the circular drive, slowly, and each teacher gave them part of their graduation gifts. They got a tassel with the year attached to it, a sash with their name on it, a 2021 pin, a sign with their name, a standing display of their picture individually and a group shot of them in their graduation gown, complete with mortarboard. a USB of the graduation ceremony without anyone present, a rolled diploma, and a printed diploma. Then we gave them something for them, sunglasses, sanitizer, large bubble wand, and candy. Everyone stayed in their cars, got all of their presents and enjoyed themselves. That's the way graduation should be. Fun for all. Friday morning they came back to school for a pizza party, games, and their school project which was a calendar of pictures, using their handprints and foot prints.

We continue to survive Covid. Almost all of the teachers have been vaccinated, and all of the children have been well. We are off Monday, the 7th, and then summer school starts for 9 weeks. The best part of summer school is the fact that all of the children get to move up to the next grade, which is a big deal on Tuesday the 8th. They will stop and tell you, what a "big kid" they are, and all of the things they are going to do now that they are in the big class.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support throughout the year.



Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 01 Nancy Spero
- 02 Jessy Hazelip
- 03 Julie Wanhala
- 04 Roy Spangler
- 04 Gary Smock
- 06 Susan Lang
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 14 Norma Weaver
- 15 Donald Fahs
- 16 Dave Bendorf
- 16 Margaret Moody
- 18 Justin Hyatt
- 22 Arnie Porsch
- 22 Tyler Tanos
- 23 Izy Bendorf
- 24 Jordan Crabb
- 24 Derrick Hietala
- 29 Gary Buckwalter



July Birthdays

- 07 Kathy Kahn
- 08 Allison Loukes
- 08 Janice Kaeding
- 11 Phil Isom
- 13 Evan Bobak
- 14 Diana Dinell
- 22 Richard Thomassy
- 26 Dan Lang
- 28 Joseph Mote
- 30 Mark Hazelip
- 30 Terrance Tissiere
- 31 Roy Asmus
- 31 Gerry Taggart

Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

- 01 Paul & Becky Kinzer
- 17 Bud & Carolyn Gerard

July Anniversaries

- 01 Chuck & Mary Wilde
- 07 Dave & Jackie Bendorf
- 09 Gerry & Betty Spies
- 12 Roy & Patti Asmus
- 12 Butch & Debra Secunda
- 21 Bob & Sue Mabry
- 21 Wayne & Frances Jackson

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



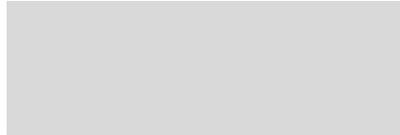
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Activity Schedule

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

