

Good News From Grace



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 60th Year

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"What is the best thing about Grace Lutheran Church? Or, what is the thing that Grace Lutheran Church does best?"

How would you answer these questions? Every church has its strengths and God-given gifts, and I believe it's important to recognize these areas and lift them up for the glory of God and for the good of our neighbor. For some churches it's feeding and sheltering the surrounding community, for some it may be equipping and training young disciples, for some it may be music ministry, and for other churches it may be sending out global missionaries. All of these gifts, usually referred to as spiritual gifts, are the natural result of Christ's presence among His people through the power of the Holy Spirit. In places like 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3-8 and Ephesians 4:11-16, Paul teaches about spiritual gifts and allows us to think about and recognize our own God-given gifts as communities of Christ-followers. What is important to remember is that these gifts are indeed God-given and thus all glory, honor, and praise is given back to God for His activity amongst and through His people (the church).

In speaking about spiritual gifts, Paul writes, *"To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:7). God blesses His followers with these gifts for the good of all people. And looking around at Grace, it doesn't take long to see the Spirit of the Lord at work; in the busy hands of our quilters, in a discerning mind at a council meeting, and in a welcoming voice at a Sunday morning worship service. These are all wonderful examples of God's Spirit moving in and around Grace Lutheran.

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

CHURCH FINANCIALS May 2021

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 14,415	\$ 11,500	\$ 64,887
Loose Offering	\$ 893	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,596
Other Income	\$ 8,537	\$ 6,631	\$ 38,239
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,845	\$ 19,131	\$ 106,722
EXPENSES	\$ 20,519	\$ 20,923	\$ 100,240
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 3,326	\$ (1,792)	\$ 6,482



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And so I ask you, in your opinion, what is the best thing that Grace does? Where do you see God at work through the presence of the Holy Spirit here at Grace Lutheran? Please let us know. I am eager to hear your responses so that we can continue to lean into and develop these areas for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

And finally, when we begin to see God at work in and through the church, it doesn't take long to notice God at work in places all around us. God is moving at Grace and beyond...may we be a people with eyes to see, ears to hear, and feet to follow!

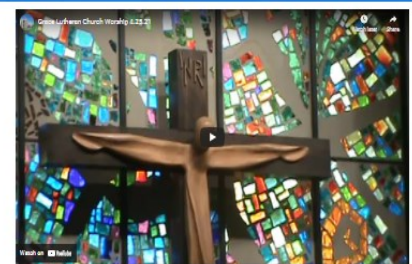
In Christ,

Pastor *Nate*

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://www.facebook.com/graceormondbeach/>



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

COME AND WORSHIP...

In person worship is happening at Grace following the CDC guidelines for safety, the option for worship is 10am on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you visit. Worship services are also posted virtually on Grace's website, YouTube page, and Facebook page.

Worship Services

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WHAT DOES RESURRECTION LIFE LOOK LIKE? FEEL FREE TO

JOIN US ON SUNDAY AT 10AM AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

WHAT ARE YOUR CHALLENGES AND LIFE IN THE WORLD LOOKS

LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. KNOWING THE TIME 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.



As I have mentioned in the last few Monthly Newsletters, the Church Council has been reviewing the various Church Committees we currently have in place.

The purpose of this review, was to evaluate and determine what we could do to expand the function of our committees to better serve the needs of our Church. This meant in some cases restructuring committees, adding new committees and revising functions.

With the addition of our new Pastor, we have seen a revitalization and growth. We have many new Church members that are eager to get involved and we welcome them to become members of our various committees.

These are some of the new and/or restructured committees.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. This Committee will continue to explore ways to update the Church's computer technology. The Committee Chair is Tom Starling. Advisor to the Committee is Pastor Nate.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE. The Committee will work on setting up programs to enlighten and educate members regarding health and safety matters. They will also assist in gathering resources to assist members with medical needs. The Committee Chair is Norma Weaver, the Parish Nurse.

The Worship and Music Committee has been restructured into smaller committees that more clearly defines their purpose. The Committees are as follows:

Music Ministry-The Church Music Director will work directly with the Church Pastor to select appropriate music based on the Church Season and the lesson of the day. The Music Director will organize and lead both the Church Choir and the Bell Choir. This is a paid position, supervised by the Church Council in accordance with the provisions of an executed contract.

Liturgical Lay Ministry:

- Altar Guild - prepares altar and Communion elements for Church Services.
- Readers - Appropriately train, select and schedule readers for Church Services.
- Communion Assistants Appropriately train, select and schedule Communion Assistants.

Joyce Northridge is the Liturgical Lay Leader.

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Ushers:

- Identify and direct Church attendees to available seating.
- Distribute Sunday Bulletins
- Identify attendees needing special assistance
- Invite, in appropriate pew order, attendees for Communion
- Upon conclusion of services, dismiss attendees, in appropriate pew order.

The ushers will be co-chaired by Steve Johnson and Bill Lort.

Evangelism:

- Provide Greeters for all Church Services
- Provide information and follow-up to prospective new Church members
- Initiate out-reach Community programs to attract new Church members.

The Evangelism Committee will be co-chaired by Sandy Hostettler and Ellie Krzykowski

While change is never easy, it often becomes necessary. When we had to close our Church during the Pandemic, we had to change many things in order to survive.

Some Church members set aside their own fears and anxieties, to work with the Church Council to keep the Church functioning and prepare for the reopening. It was then that we came to realize the time had come to change business as usual.

Ellie Krzykowski,
Council President

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. Also, feel free to share the services with family and friends!



Summer Bible Study



August 19 at 10am via zoom is our next summer bible study check-in. Email Pr. Nate for the zoom link.

July



Need of the Month

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

We are dedicating this month's NEED to Noah's Ark to help with the purchase of classroom supplies for the coming school year.

All students will be provided with identical materials to use throughout the year. Some general supplies which are also needed are listed below:

Baby Wipes-alcohol-free (packs/refills)
BATTERIES for education toys (AA& AAA)
Elmers glue sticks (must be this brand)
White Cardstock
Ream of copy paper
Dry Erase Pens
Large Googly Eyes
Pom Poms
Ziploc bags (all sizes)

Adopt A Child for \$10.00
which will provide "Back-to-School" supplies for one child for the whole school year!

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!

Worship Guideline Update

We have opened up the seating and are recommending that you stay 6 feet apart. You may begin verbally responding to the liturgy if you are wearing your mask. We will continue asking you to wear your mask until we feel confident that the Covid variants have subsided. We will continue monitoring the Covid situation and make adjustments accordingly following ELCA and CDC recommendations. We appreciate your cooperation as your health and safety is our utmost concern.



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CATARACTS ARE A FACT OF LIFE

Yes, cataracts are a fact of life for most seniors. So, what exactly is a cataract? We all have a lens in our eyes which is a magnifying glass that controls fine focusing. As we age, the lens changes and becomes cloudy. That is a cataract. Most people have deteriorating vision, need more prescriptions for glasses, have difficulty seeing fine print, and some see halos while driving at night.

So, how do you know when to have cataract surgery? Once it affects your lifestyle and your cataract “ripens”, it’s time to have it extracted. People waiting too long to have their cataracts extracted can present problems as the longer the cataract develops, it becomes physically dense. This creates an increase of many risk factors during and after surgery. If left untreated, cataracts can cause total blindness.

The procedure itself is a very short period of time. The time spent to dilate and numb your eyes with drops is what takes time as each patient has a different time metabolizing medications. You are also given medications to sedate and provide amnesia by the anesthesia staff.

If anyone needs a recommendation for an Ophthalmologist, just let me know and any questions too. And, yes I’ve had my cataracts extracted by the same doctor that I worked with for many years!

Norma Weaver, R.N., 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.



Elizabeth Arban & Logan Vinson

Logan and “Lizzy” are cousins and they were both born in the month of March. Logan has attended Noah’s Ark since January of 2018 and he just graduated this past month from VPK. Elizabeth attended Noah’s Ark for a short period of time before we closed last March for Covid. They are best friends and their mothers sponsored each other.

Hakuna Matata Children's Choir: Blessed to be a blessing!

THANK YOU to our wonderful congregation for your support of the *Hakuna Matata Children’s Choir* from Kenya! We are truly blessed to be a blessing. As they blessed us with their songs and dance, we blessed them with financial support of their dormitory floor and through child sponsorships. If you would like to continue to support *Connect with a Child* or sponsor a child, go to www.connectwithachild.org or write a check to Grace Lutheran with “*Kenyan Choir*” in the memo line and place it in the offering plates today. Check out their performance on our website or YouTube channel.

Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

Noah's Ark Preschool

July 2021- Newsletter

Visit our
website:

noahsarkormond.com

Summer school has started and we have been averaging 25-28 students per day. We are still checking the temperatures at the door, using sanitizer on the hands, and making sure their rooms, toys, etc. are clean every day.

We are still fortunate that we haven't had a problem, and we hope with due diligence, we don't have one. If everything continues downward, we will be back to "normal" when school starts in August.

We are currently signing up children for VPK for the coming year. We aren't full yet, but the numbers are climbing weekly. The Early Learning Coalition has approved our application, profile, and school calendar for next year, so we are almost there. They are preparing the contract now. DCF conducted another inspection by E mail, pictures, records, and reports. We passed with flying colors, so we are good until the annual inspection for license renewal in September.

All of the children did move up a grade, except a few who are finishing up the "potty training" battle so they can go across the hallway. Their reactions have been very amusing as well as interesting. They have adjusted very well, however, they still may have a meltdown or two if their friend won't play with them or share something with them. The VPK graduates who are here for the summer really are self assured, and we hope that will carry over into kindergarten, but we are not too sure as it is a much bigger school with lots more kids, and they truly are the new kids on the block.

July is sponsor a child month at Noah's Ark, and we hope you will donate towards their supplies again this year. We will be adding more STEM toys to the class room to increase and develop their thinking process. Then there is the usual supplies such as crayons, glue sticks, construction paper, craft supplies, pencils, cardstock, etc. The little ones need batteries, AA & AAA,(work in their learning toys), and the bigger crayons. We get all of their supplies from special sales and a school distribution center, so whatever you can donate to help us purchase these supplies is a blessing. Thank you again for your prayers and support.



Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

03 Marlitt Boettcher
03 Sandra Larson
08 Mary Kernekin



10 Valerie Covitt
12 Robert Robinson
12 Pamela Smith
13 Dave Berger
13 Caleb Thomas
14 John Austin
14 Samantha Hietala
15 Casey Crabb
16 Hunter Good
16 Rebecca Kinzer
17 Sue Underwood
18 Susan Loukes
20 Helen Berry
20 Regina Crockett
22 Spencer Earnhardt
22 Casey Secunda
22 Taylor Tanos
26 Marianne Wenzel
28 Paul Pankau



Anniversaries

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

August Anniversaries

01 Mark & Jessy Hazelip
12 Steve & Annette Johnson
21 Gary & Linda Smock
22 Joseph & Roxanne Mote
25 Arnie & Judy Porsch
29 John & Patricia Stratton

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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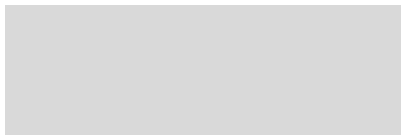
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Activity Schedule

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

