

# Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 60th Year

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A MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
PASTOR

## GRACE

Have you ever wondered, “What actually is God’s grace?” Grace is defined as the free and unmerited favor of God as manifested in the salvation of sinners. In a Christian sense, God’s grace is unmerited mercy (favor/gift) that God gave to humanity by sending His perfect Son to die on a cross, thus delivering eternal salvation to all who are called to faith (whewww that’s a mouthful!)

God’s grace so vital that Luther would name it as one of the five ‘solas’ or pillars of the reformation. Can you name all five? (*Christ alone, Faith alone, Grace alone, Scripture alone, God’s glory alone*) Why is God’s grace so important? What does God’s grace do?

Paul writes to the Ephesians in chapter 2, verses 8-9, “*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*”

God's grace is that which makes the impossible, possible through the blood of God’s Son, Jesus the Christ. God’s grace allows forgiveness to the unforgiveable. God’s grace gives new life to the dead. God’s grace gives hope... for the whole world, including us!

In fact, that's the whole story of the Bible. An epic story about the wild, outlandish, extravagant grace of God – it’s without limits or borders or quotas. It stretches to the ends of the earth and beyond! And it’s for you...



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President	Ellie Kryzkowski
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Secretary	Sandy Hostettler
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## CHURCH FINANCIALS August 2021

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 14,226	\$ 11,500	\$ 90,423
Loose Offering	\$ 916	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,074
Other Income	\$ 4,980	\$ 6,631	\$ 50,803
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 20,122</b>	<b>\$ 19,131</b>	<b>\$ 146,300</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 16,871</b>	<b>\$ 20,923</b>	<b>\$ 141,216</b>
<b>NET INCOME / LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 3,251</b>	<b>\$ (1,792)</b>	<b>\$ 5,084</b>



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And here is the crazy thing - God's grace shows up in the most unusual, unforeseen, unexpected, unpredictable places.

Where have you seen God's grace at work? What are impossibilities that exist within your life? Where do you need to experience, to feel, to be overwhelmed with the grace of God?



And better yet, where does your neighbor need God's grace, and how can you be a conduit of it?!

We are Grace!

### Worship with Grace from anywhere!

All of our worship services are recorded and put online on our 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. We gather for worship at 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 LIKE? SOUND LIKE?

JOIN US ON SUNDAY AT 10AM AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER  
 WHAT DOES RESURRECTION LIFE LOOK LIKE? FEEL LIKE? SOUND LIKE?  
 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 us at

[revbendorf@gmail.com](mailto:revbendorf@gmail.com).



At our September Council meeting, the Council conducted their normal order of Business. We were very excited that our mailing for the next year's Stewardship campaign went out as scheduled. The theme for our campaign, is "BLESSED BY GRACE".

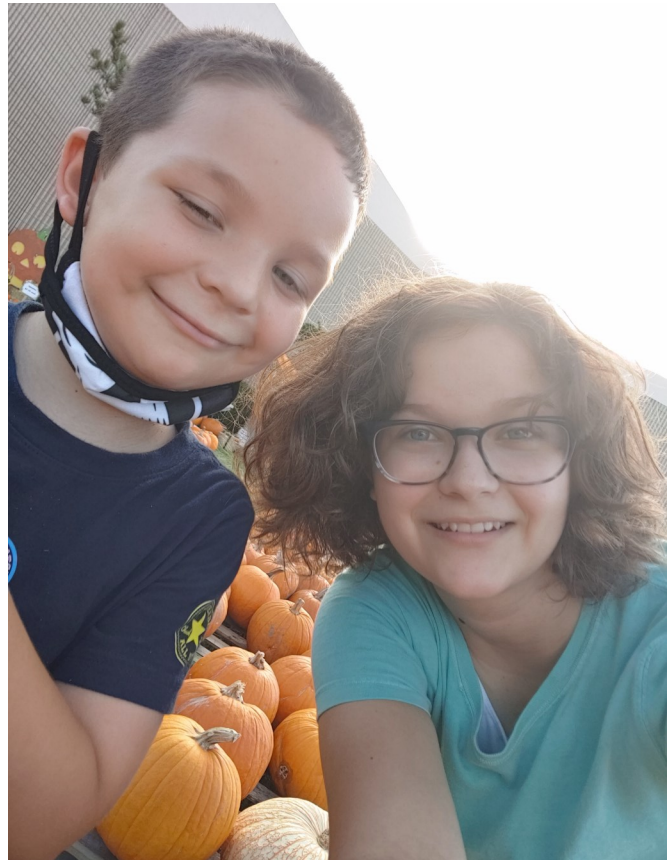
The theme was selected because despite whatever hardships we were faced with the last couple years, our Church was able to over-come the difficulties and remain strong. We were able to do this because of both the generosity and the kindness of all of you. We are eternally grateful to everyone for your continued support. We feel that we have been and continue to be blessed by you, the members of Grace!

As you review your Stewardship materials, please take the time to look over the many committees and groups that could use your help. Also, review your financial situation and determine what commitment you can make for next year.

In order to prepare a sound and accurate budget, it's very important that we receive your completed Stewardship commitment materials.

Thank you. Oh, don't forget the PUMPKINS ARE COMING, OCTOBER 16TH.

Ellie Krzykowski, Council President



Once again, I was able to have the opportunity to go to Luther Springs Summer Camp for a week this past Summer. The camp offers different things for each week. I chose the zips and ropes camp.

Due to COVID, there were some changes to the original schedule. However, the changes actually turned out to be even better than the original plan. The food, was as amazing, as it was the last time I attended. I had the opportunity to meet and make so many new friends. It was such a great and memorable week.

Thank you very much for sending me to camp, it meant a lot to me. I have worked at the Pumpkin Patch since I was 4 years old. It is one of my favorite things to do. I will be working again this year...see you there.

Isabella Fontanelli



## Fall Bible Study



In October we will go back to our weekly Bible Study sessions. We will meet via zoom on Thursday's at 10am. This Fall we will be jumping into the book of Acts and hearing how the promised Holy Spirit begins to build the church through the apostles. We would love for you to join in the discussion; no experienced required :)

Please send an email to Pr. Nate in order to obtain the zoom link. If you need help setting up zoom on your computer or device, let us know. All are welcome!

## 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](mailto:glc50@cfl.rr.com) Thanks!

## Stewardship Campaign: "Blessed by Grace"

Thank you for participating in our Fall stewardship campaign. On October 10th, Commitment Sunday, we will be praying over the "*Time and Talents*" and "*Financial Gifts*" returned forms. Stewardship is an act of faith and worship; giving back what God has first given to us: our time, talents and treasures. There is still time to return your forms before October 10th. Thank you, may God be glorified.

## Technology Project Update

As a church, our mission is to share the Good News of Jesus near and far. We continue to learn and adapt in how we do ministry in this digital age. We continue to work with our vendor in creating the most effective and efficient process for recording and streaming worship services. If you would be interested in helping with audio/visual, please let the office know. 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 view our online worship services at [www.gracelcob.org](http://www.gracelcob.org). Also, feel free to share the services with family and friends!

# October Need of the Month

## Pumpkin Patch



We need YOUR help to volunteer selling pumpkins!

Please sign up for 2-hour time slots at the “Patch” selling pumpkins.

The Pumpkin Patch is open every day until we sell out.

Sign up sheets are in the Lobby for the entire selling season.

*Please give us some of your time!*



**PUMPKINS** arrive on October 16th

On that day, we will be hosting an  
“Unloading-the-Pumpkins”  
party for all able-bodied helpers.

We also need decorators and sellers.

Pizza and drinks will be served when  
our work is done.



*Come join us!*



## **Service Opportunities**

Thank you so much for those who are cooking meals and providing snacks! We have members of Grace who are cooking and freezing meals monthly. These meals are given to families/individuals facing difficult times. The smiles we receive when delivering the meals say it all! Also, snacks are being provided by Grace members for our Confirmation class kids. Filling the mind, heart, soul and belly :) THANK YOU!

## **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Kickoff was September 29th! Confirmation class is on Wednesday evenings from 4-5pm. If you are in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2021-2022 school-year and would like to participate or if you are past 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have never been confirmed and would like to participate, please let us know. Confirmation is an opportunity to grow in our faith, our relationships, and to have fun exploring this amazing life we have been blessed with.

## **Welcome Sunday**

We will be having a “Welcome Sunday” to accept new members later this Fall. If you know of any friends or neighbors who do not have a church home 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!

## **New Worship Guidelines Update**

Sadly, Florida is experiencing a major spike in Covid infections. Our prayers are with those dealing with Covid, and those who are working tirelessly to care for patients. We ask all worshippers to continue to wear a mask inside the building. We ask that any conversations before or after worship occur outside (and not the narthex or sanctuary). We appreciate your cooperation in staying open and safe.





## PARISH NURSE NEWS- OCTOBER 2021

I'm still collecting medications for the Bunnell/Flagler Free Clinic- the box is in the conference room marked medications. Please no narcotics as they will not accept them.

### THE GOOD AND THE BAD ABOUT FATS:

Fats help our digestive system absorb certain vitamins from the foods we eat, however, there are still some fats we should all avoid. Saturated fats should be avoided or decreased in everyone's diet as it increases the level of LDL cholesterol (the bad cholesterol). This develops into an increased risk in heart disease. Good news is that unsaturated fats reduce the risk of heart disease according to scientific studies. Unsaturated fats are found in cooking oils at room temperature, nuts, seeds, avocado, and fatty fishes such as salmon, sardines, and herring. Saturated fats are found in butter, lard, full fat milk, cheeses and yogurt, and high fat meats. So, what should we try to eat? Try limiting fatty red meats with lean meats, fish, and poultry. Include plant oils like canola, sunflower, safflower, soybean, corn, and nut oils. Replace processed grains such as white bread and white rice with whole grains and brown rice. Eat plant based foods that contain healthy fats. Eat healthy!!!

Norma M. Weaver RN,CNOR

**Learning Today****Leading Tomorrow**

## Noah's Ark Preschool

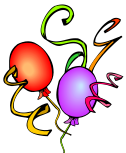
### October 2021- Newsletter

Visit our  
webpage:[gracelcob.org](http://gracelcob.org)

The first month of school is complete and we have all survived! The inspections have been detailed and flawless. We just received our license renewal for another year from DCF, the Early Learning Coalition has fully approved our VPK students, and our enrollment has increased by 4 more children. We have reached our limit based on the number of teachers we have, so we currently have a waiting list of 3 children, and we are looking for one teacher.

Our VPK students have all taken the first State of Florida test, and they have a lot of room to grow and learn between now and May of 2022. The assessment covers four areas; print knowledge, phonological awareness, oral language/ vocabulary, and mathematics. The questions usually mean picking out the appropriate picture in a grid of 4 pictures, however, near the end of the test, they have to answer logical questions, i.e. "Who is faster, a turtle or a tiger?" They are also doing daily seatwork, and learning their "sight" words to prepare them for reading, as well as tracing their name, and learning their "letters" and "numbers". Last year's VPK class is doing very well in Kindergarten, and thinks the work is easy, so what we are doing on a daily basis is working well for Kindergarten preparation.

We try to remember every moment is a teaching moment, and the little ones are sponges soaking up the learning. October is Halloween and the Pumpkin Patch and a big Halloween party. Stay tuned.



# Birthdays

## October Birthdays

- 05 Barbra Sparber-Barnes
- 06 Debra Rose Secunda
- 07 Bill Larson
- 07 Mary Wilde
- 10 Pastor Nate Bendorf
- 10 Sue Groover
- 11 Patti Asmus
- 13 Randy Johnson
- 20 Ruth Haeseker
- 21 May Johnson
- 22 Mattias Jeffery Hanke
- 23 Katie Lang
- 23 Sarah Covitt
- 26 Benjamin Berglund
- 27 Marlene Mye
- 27 Tammy Piparto
- 28 Joe Spero
- 29 Sandy Hostettler
- 30 Les Prairie
- 31 Franklin Quel



## November Birthdays

- 02 Richard Jeanes
- 08 Kenneth Pitt
- 09 Timothy Roberts
- 09 Riley Crabb
- 09 Jackie Vores
- 10 June Popelar
- 11 Tom Starling
- 14 Kelly Prairie
- 14 Joy Liddle
- 15 Robert Nelson
- 15 Barrett Johnson
- 20 Ann Jacoby
- 21 Winfred Kahn
- 21 Brad Dow
- 22 Carol Tissiere
- 24 Kenneth McCormick
- 26 Joan Compton



## October Anniversaries

- 06 Scott & Fran Burdick
- 13 Richard & Joyce Jeanes

## November Anniversaries

- 01 Franklin & Catherine Quel
- 14 Spencer & Doris Earnhardt
- 21 Fred & Lorraine Perrino
- 24 Paul & Ruth Pankau
- 25 Kenneth & Cindy Berglund
- 28 Howard & Barbara Sparber-Barnes

Let everything that breathes  
praise the LORD! Praise  
the LORD!  
Psalm 150:6

### 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**



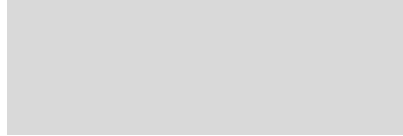
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## Activity Schedule

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Choir	Temporarily paused due to Covid
Coffee Fellowship	Temporarily paused 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 paused due to Covid

