Good News From Grace







Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 60th Year

God is so good!

As we enter into the summer months, we begin to experience some transitions. The academic year is coming to an end, the weather has changed, vacation plans are coming to fruition, (snow)birds are migrating, and more. As we reflect back on this last academic and program year, we have a lot to give thanks and praise for!

We have continued to provide meaningful in-person worship services in a safe manner; along with effectively broadcasting our worship services virtually every week. We have celebrated wonderful seasons of Christmas and Easter and journeyed through Advent and Lent together – focusing on our new life of faith that is found 'in Christ'. Our Bible Study group walked through the entire book of Acts, looking at the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and world (Acts 1:8). Our Confirmation class learned the Biblical narrative from Genesis to Acts, seeing how God continues to come and choose us, even amidst our failures and mistakes. And in our VPK chapel services, we learned, sang, danced and memorized verses about God's great love for us and all people! These are just a few of the many wonderful experiences we have recently shared together as a church.

It truly has been an amazing program year! I am excited for the ways that God is moving at Grace Lutheran Church and beyond. I cannot help but wonder, what will this summer and the next academic year bring? Where will God continue to lead us and guide us? And how will we respond, individually and as a church body; listening, trusting and obeying?

Where have you seen and experienced the fingerprints of God at Grace Lutheran Church and beyond? And what are you excited for as you think about what God is up to in this time and place? To God be given all glory and praise!

In Christ, Pr. Nate

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CHURCH FINANCIALS May 2022						
INCOME		MONTH-Actual		MONTH-Budget	YE	AR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$	13,200	\$	13,000	\$	47,507
Loose Offering	\$	1,111	\$	740	\$	5,763
Other Income	\$	6,479	\$	5,531	\$	30,373
TOTAL INCOME	\$	20,790	\$	19,271	\$	83,643
EXPENSES	\$	19,246	\$	20,408	\$	81,884
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$	1,544	\$	(1,137)	\$	1,759



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Pastoral Visits available

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



Sunday Morning Worship - be a part of the team!

Sunday mornings are an exciting time at Grace. We would love for you to be involved! What gifts, skills and interests do you have? There are a lot of opportunities; *video production, communion setup, Scripture reading, acolyting, communion serving, sound system technician, coffee fellowship setup, greeting, ushering.*..where would you like to contribute? Training is provided for all roles. As the church, we participate in worship for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

Come and be involved. Come and experience. Come and serve. Let Ellie in the office know what your interested in!

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!

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

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Pentecost Sunday, June 5th!

We will be having a special guest joining us for worship on Pentecost Sunday! Pr. Slavik is from Word of Life Church in Palm Coast. Pr. Slavik has an amazing story as

he grew up in Ukraine and is now pastoring a congregation in Palm Coast. Come and hear what God is up to! *WE WILL BE TAKING UPA FREE WILL OFFERING FOR HIS MINISTRY!*

And remember to wear red for the Holy Spirit!

Social Club Luncheon

The Social Club will be meeting for our monthly luncheon at *Martin's Restaurant* on Friday, June 10th at 12 noon. Sign-up sheets are located outside the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. There will be great food and great company! All are welcome!

Virginia Weingartner, Social Club Chair







Confirmation Class Fun!

The confirmation class sharing the Good News in the sand at the beach! The youth have done an amazing job this year in serving, learning, sharing and growing in faith, wisdom and love!





June Need of the Month







Halifax Urban Ministries is a faith based nonprofit that has served our community since 1981. Almost all of our funding is through financial donations by the local community. 94% of each dollar directly provides services to our guests. We offer homeless prevention & assistance services throughout Volusia County from HUM service centers and distributed services at 30 partner & school locations. Flagler residents may access services at our Ormond Beach locations.

Our mission is to prevent homelessness among low-income families by providing emergency assistance & to intervene on behalf of homeless people.

We Need Your Help – Get Involved

There are many ways you can help HUM help our neighbors in need and make our community a better place. You can help by donating food, volunteering your time or services, attending or sponsoring a fundraiser, committing to sponsor a room at Hope Place, or introducing Halifax Urban Ministries to a friend who may want to get involved.

Please donate only non-perishable foods that are not out of date.

Most needed are canned pasta, chili, beef stew, corn, green beans, pork n' beans, soup, tomato sauce, navy or pinto beans, plus peanut butter & boxed breakfast cereal, macaroni & cheese, pasta, and rice.

We also need baby items like diapers, formula and

wipes and hygiene products like deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, razors etc.



Liturgical Lay Ministry June 2022 Schedule

Lectors:

June 5 Joyce Northridge

June 12 Lon Moeller

June 19 Jackie Bendorf

June 26 Christine Herman

Communion Assistants:

Barbara Sparber-Barnes and Kay Marr

(Contact Joyce Northridge with any questions or if you would like to serve.)

Greeters:

June 5 Ruth Haeseker

June 12 Les & Kelly Prairie

June 19 Peter & Mare Koehneke

June 26 Joyce Moore

(Contact Sue Underwood with any questions or if you would like to serve)





Bell Choir Rehearsals

The Grace Lutheran Bell Choir hopes to provide some prelude music once a month at worship—but we need more ringers!! Come join us!

Practices on Sundays after Worship

Invite a friend & give it a try!

NEXT PRACTICE WILL BE JUNE 19TH

Do you enjoy working on projects?

We have been blessed with an amazing and beautiful campus here at A1A and Neptune, and we want to be good stewards of it. We are in need of *Property Team* members to help plan and execute maintenance and care. If interested, please let Ellie know in the office.

Snowbirds and Vacationers

As you travel, don't forget, you can stay connected to Grace Lutheran Church wherever you are at:

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PARISH NURSE NEWS-June 2022

We've all eaten at the golden arches and other fast food venues, but beware of what's in those fast foods we eat. Hamburgers may have growth hormones and antibiotics in them. And, many have more calories than what's posted. French fries have lots of ingredients, including sugar and artificial coloring. Preservatives in fries are sodium acid pyrophosphate, and tert-butylhydroquinone. Vision problems have been linked to high doses of these two ingredients. Sodas are loaded with sugar, especially when we supersize our drinks. Hot dogs have nitrates which is a preservative linked to cancer, and the salt and saturated fat are high in them. Chicken nuggets may have more than chicken in them, including bones, connective tissue, skin, loads of salt and fat. There's one fast food outlet serving fried eggs that have soybean oil, modified corn starch, triglycerides, propylene glycol, artificial flavor, citric acid, xanthan gum and believe it or not egg whites and yolks!

So, pick your food choices wisely. I stick to grilled chicken and fruit whenever it's served. Sometimes, we don't have a choice of where we eat, but we do have a choice of what we eat!!

Norma Weaver, R.N., CNOR

Congratulations to ~ Ava Rose ~ Child of God on her baptism!

May 15th, 2022





A NOTE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At the May meeting of the Church Council there was some discussion about discontinuing the coffee hour that is held Sunday mornings before service in the Fellowship Hall. Unfortunately, since resuming the coffee hour, there has not been enough interest and so few people have attended. It takes a considerable amount of time and effort to prepare and clean-up for the event. It does not seem worthwhile to continue with it for the small number of attendees. If you are interested in continuing the coffee hour, please let me know and I will try to get an extension to continue. If not, there will no longer be a coffee hour beginning the first Sunday of June. If you want it to happen, use it or you will lose it.

Ann Jacoby has resigned as Chair of the Social Club. Many thanks to Ann for all her effort and help over the years. We resumed our Social Club Luncheons on Friday, May 20th at Alfie's Restaurant. The luncheon was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship. We are pleased to announce that Virginia Weingartner has agreed to take on Chairing the Social Club. The June luncheon will be on Friday, June 10th, 12 noon at Martin's Restaurant in Flagler Beach. Martin's has been newly renovated and offers a wide selection of food items. The sign-up sheet is located outside the Church Office. We look forward to more people attending. Many thanks to Virginia for her help.

We are looking for committee members. We specifically need more people on the property committee to care for our beautiful campus. You don't need to be an expert but just have some good common sense and be willing to help when needed.

Bill Lort—President

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.

Grace's email addresses: <u>glc50@cfl.rr.com</u> (Ellie) <u>noahsark1@cfl.rr.com</u> (Sue), <u>revbendorf@gmail.com</u> (Pastor)

Grace's phone number: 386-677-9141

When in doubt, just call and ask the office. Thank you!



Noah's Ark Preschool June 2022 - Newsletter

Visit our webpage at: www.gracelcob.org

Ceading Tomorrow

We had an exciting and busy month of May. We began the month with the planning • of the new playground, the middle of the month was test time, and the end of the month saw us preparing for VPK graduation and renovating the playground.

• We received a grant from the American Rescue Plan through the Early Learning Co- alition which is very welcome, however, it is also laden with restrictions for it's usage/application of funds. We were able to provide CPR training for our teachers at no cost to them, we paid for all of their background renewal screenings, as well as gave them a small retention bonus. The grant is payable in 3 installments, so we put the balance of the first installment in our savings account and began the planning for our renovated playground. We are getting new climbing toys, creating a large racetrack to ride the tricycles around, covering the toddler area with astro turf, rebuilding • the swing set/fort & getting new awnings & furniture. We will be getting a new slide, some new tricycles, and more climbing toys when we get our second installment. We also paid for one half of the new air conditioner for the 2 yr old room that was 13 years old. With the second installment we will purchase another slide, get some additional riding tricycles, and increase the hourly pay of our teachers. The third installment will let us get new carpets for the classroom, as needed, and make some small renovations to the classroom. We are being careful and prudent with this windfall, and stretching it quite far, and the balance will be placed in our savings account for future needs as well as hiring another teacher or two.

We are also celebrating the success of our VPK students, and their test scores. All 23 students are considered "Ready for Kindergarten" and 96% of them met or exceeded expectations for doing Kindergarten work. Hats off to Patricia Heaney and Marigold Williams for another great year of teaching.

Graduation will be Thursday, June 2nd at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. It will be an abbreviated ceremony, reflecting the current Covid conditions, however, all students will wear their cap & gown and get their diplomas. Summer school will begin Tuesday, June 7th.

Thanks to each and everyone of you for the wonderful support we have received throughout the year!!!!







Dear Grace Lutheran Church Congregation,

On April 27th, the music ministry had a fun outing at Halifax Plantation's Clubhouse Restaurant. We celebrated the arduous work we had done for Holy Week and Easter Services. We also bid farewell to all our fellow choir members who headed back to their Summer homes. Many thanks to Barbra Sparber-Barnes who made all the arrangements. Pastor Nate, Sara and Izzy also were able to join us for a fun time together.

Over the Summer, I will be working with Pastor Nate on preparations for the Christmas Cantata. We will also work on selecting music for regular Sunday services. The Bell Choir will be performing on selected Sundays through-out the Summer, beginning on June 26th. It should be an exciting Summer!

As we look to the Fall, we are tentatively planning to host special musical events. Internationally recognized and Professor Emeritus of Stetson University, Dr. Michael Rickman, is our possible first performance. Details regarding his performance will be published as soon as everything is finalized.

I will not be providing articles for the Newsletter during July or August. However, if there are any special musical announcements during this time, I will keep you informed.

I would like to invite everyone who would like to be a part of our Church or Bell Choirs to reach out to me. I can be contacted by at the following: email musicministryglcobts@gmail.com, or text #musicministry at (386) 2757271.

Thank you and enjoy the Summer. *Sara Booth, Music Director*











June Birthdays

01 Nancy Spero

02 Jessy Hazelip

03 Julie Wanhala

03 Eric Weingartner

06 Susan Lang

08 Mare Koehneke

14 Ivye Benson

14 Norma Weaver

16 Dave Bendorf

16 Margaret Moody

18 Justin Hyatt

22 Arnie Porsch

23 Izy Bendorf

24 Jordan Crabb

24 Derrick Hietala

July Birthdays

07 Kathy Kahn

08 Allison Loukes

08 Jan Kaeding

11 Phil Isom

11 Kelli Stoneking

13 Evan Bobak

14 Diana Dinell

15 Lu Gaw

18 Christine Herman

19 Richard Miller

20 Susan Howard

22 Richard Thomassy

26 Dan Lang

30 Mark Hazelip

30 Terrance Tissiere

31 Roy Asmus

31 Gerry Taggart

June Anniversaries

01 Paul & Becky Kinzer

17 Bud & Carolyn Gerard

18 Art & Deb Olson

July Anniversaries

01 Chuck & Mary Wilde

07 Dave & Jackie Bendorf

12 Roy & Patti Asmus

12 Butch & Debra Secunda

15 Brad & Laurie Ardner

15 Pete & Mare Koehneke

21 Bob & Sue Mabry

23 John & Janey O'Dacre

Happy Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations!

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 and place in the offering plates—many quarters make a difference! **Grace Quarterstone Project**



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 10am on Sundays!

Choir To Be Announced **Bell Choir** June 19th at 11am **Coffee Fellowship** To Be Announced

15 minutes before & after Sunday worship Gift Shop

Quilters June 28th at 9:30 am **Church Council** June 16th at 1:00pm **Bible Study** To be Announced

Social Club Luncheon June 10th, 12 noon at Martin's Restaurant



