

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 60th Year



Do you have questions?

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Matthew 21:24

Is answering a question with another question just a Jesus thing? I mean, it seems that sometimes when we relate and/or converse with Jesus, we get more questions than we get answers. I wonder if the chief priests, the elders and the disciples felt that way also. In Matthew 21:23, Jesus is asked by the chief priests and elders how and why He is doing what He is doing. Jesus responds to their question with a question of His own. Not necessarily a difficult question to answer, but more so a tough truth to comprehend and live with.

In one way – it's frustrating. We are a people that want answers, we want facts, we want the truth. And we want them all right now. But Jesus doesn't just hand them to us. Truth and faith are not delivered to us on a silver platter, but rather revealed to us over time through the bumps and dips, ups and downs in this journey of life. And when we look up from this journey, we do not even see a silver platter, but instead a wooden cross.

Here are a few more questions to ponder; How is your relationship with Jesus? What does it mean for you to trust and obey God? What difference does the Gospel mean in your life?

What questions do you have about life and faith and how they intersect? Please share, I would love to hear them.

In Christ, *Pr. Nate*



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Vice President	Joyce Northridge
Secretary	Beth Graeler
Council Members	Ruth Haeseker Sandy Hostettler Cathy Quel Tom Starling Carl Wince

CHURCH FINANCIALS June 2022

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 16,957	\$ 13,000	\$ 64,464
Loose Offering	\$ 1,478	\$ 740	\$ 7,241
Other Income	\$ 5,498	\$ 5,531	\$ 35,871
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,933	\$ 19,271	\$ 107,576
EXPENSES	\$ 20,277	\$ 20,408	\$ 102,161
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 3,656	\$ (1,137)	\$ 5,415



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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!



Sunday Morning Worship - come and serve!

Ever feel a nudge to serve at Grace? 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.

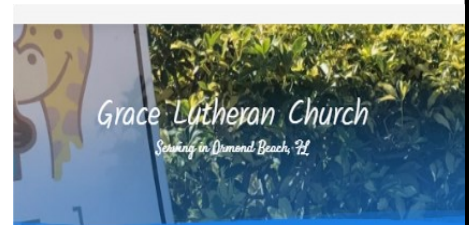
Let Ellie in the office know what your interested in!

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!

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 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? PAUL LIKES TO REMIND US!
 JOIN US ON SUNDAY'S AT 10AM AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER
 WHAT LIFE WITH CHRIST AND LIFE IN THIS WORLD LOOKS LIKE AND YOUR LIFE. KNOWING THE TOMB IS EMPTY!
 THE THIRD DAY. EASTER. CHANGED EVERYTHING.



Pentecost 2022 - The Spirit is Moving

Thank you members and friends who worshiped in-person or virtually with Grace Lutheran on June 5th and responded so positively to our visit with Pr. Slavik from Word of Life Church in Palm Coast. We were able to provide over \$2,000 to the ministries of Word of Life Church; which include supplying basic needs (water and food) to people still living in Ukraine and to refugees who have left the war-torn country. As the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early followers of Jesus (Acts 2), the Spirit continues to move, inspire and equip followers of Jesus today! Praise God!



A "Thank You" from Pr. Slavik

I wanted to thank you again for inviting me to the church and giving me an opportunity to share a little bit about my life, ministry. We are sending the relief funds to the pastors in different parts of Ukraine. Here is what is happening:

1. Evacuate people from dangerous zones - more than 2300 people have been evacuated. 2. Feed the people - more than 6500 lunches have been given out. 3. Gave around 1000 food packages to the needy. 4. Gave out more than 25000 liters of water. 5. Gave out about 5000 loaves of bread. 6. Give out clothing and mattresses. 7. Around 40 non-Christian people started coming to church. Four new people will be baptized soon. Every time we feed or provide relief to the people, we share the Gospel with them. This is just from one pastor in Ukraine, and there are many more who do the same kind of work in Ukraine now. Thank you so much for the financial blessing to the Ukrainian people. All the money goes to the Ukraine relief fund. Thank you so much!

Pr. Slavik Cheban



SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON



The July Social Club Luncheon will be held on **Friday, July 15th at 12 noon at the RiverGrille, 950 US 1, Ormond Beach**. Sign-up Sheets available outside the Church Office. Any questions, please contact Virginia Weingartner, Social Club Chair, 386-676-2477. Join us for good food and conversation! All are Welcome!

July Need of the Month

Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL is for children ages 15 months through VPK. We are dedicated to providing your little ones with great love and care while they take their first steps into a creative learning environment.

General Supplies Needed:

Zip Lock Bags (all sizes)
Construction Paper (all Colors)
BATTERIES for educational toys
(AA & AAA only)

Baby Wipes- Alcohol Free
Glitter
Googly Eyes (all sizes)

*Dear Members: We are able to buy most of our items in bulk now, which allows us to give every child the same supplies. Thank you for understanding why we **do not** want any donations of crayons, glue sticks, pencils, etc. Your monetary donations or any of the items shown above are very welcome.*

**Adopt A Child
For \$10.00**

which will provide "Back-to-School" supplies for one child for the whole school year!



July/August Liturgical Lay Ministry

July 2022 Schedule

Lectors:

July 3	Ellie Faust
July 10	Lon Moeller
July 17	Rich Miller
July 24	Barbra Sparber Barnes
July 31	Beth Graeler

Communion Assistants:

Joyce Moore & Joyce Northridge

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

Greeters:

July 3	Bill & Sandy Lort
July 10	Fred & Marlitt Boettcher
July 17	Paul & Judy Dammes
July 24	Ellie Faust
July 31	Rich & Diane Miller

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

August 2022 Schedule

Lectors:

August 7	Ellie Faust
August 14	Lon Moeller
August 21	Jackie Bendorf
August 28	Barbra Sparber Barnes

Communion Assistants:

Beth Graeler & Sue Underwood

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

Greeters:

August 7	Sandy Hostettler & Joyce Northridge
August 14	Frank & Cathy Quel
August 21	Paul & Judy Dammes
August 28	Ellie Faust

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

Thank you





We have a new fort to climb on. It currently has one slide but the second curvy one is on order and will arrive later in the summer.



This is the toddler play area covered with astro-turf over rubber matting. They have a caterpillar to crawl over and/or thru and a pirate ship to sail the seas. The main play area is covered with a tarp and then mulch is put over the tarp. We built a riding area where the toddlers used to be, so the older kids can have a race track. All of the climbing areas, swings and slides have landing pads to protect against any falls which might occur. The whole play ground was pressure washed this past weekend.

This is the "picnic area which is shaded, giving the children a place to rest, sit, get some water & visit with their friends.





A NOTE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I sit here at home writing this report, it concerns me how tough things are in the world right now. However, as I reflect on the tensions and problems that surround us, I realize how, like so many of you, I always find peace when I enter the doors of Grace. As I meet and greet all of you and listen to Pastor Nate's Sermons, I am provided with tranquility and joy.

I truly enjoy our Fellowship Hour prior to our Sunday service. While I enjoy chocolate donuts with Izy Bendorf, I get an opportunity to share time with some of you. Everyone is welcome. **Please join us Sundays between 9am and 9:45 in the Social Hall for good conversation and refreshments.** Many thanks to Tim Roberts and Sue Underwood for all their help in organizing the Coffee Hour!

The June Social Club luncheon was a great success. **The July Social Club Luncheon will be held on Friday, July 15th, 12 noon at the RiverGrille located at 950 US 1, Ormond Beach.** Sign-up Sheets are available outside the Church Office. Please join us for lively conversation and good food. We are grateful to our new Social Club Chair, Virginia Weingartner for all her hard work.

As most of you are aware, the entrance and exit areas into our parking lot are not level. I am reaching out to Ormond Beach City Officials to rectify the problem. We have tried to take care of it ourselves and have not been successful. Possibly, with the large number of beach goers utilizing the parking lot, we can get some assistance.

Once again, I am asking for volunteers to join help us with the Property Committee. Please contact myself or Steve Johnson, if you are interested.

Please note there will not be Council Meetings in July or August. However, should an emergency or serious issue arise, we will call for an Emergency Meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer! ... *Bill Lort, Council President*

MUSIC ANYONE...

Sara Booth, our Music Director, will begin offering piano, violin, cello, and/or vocal lessons beginning in July. Please contact her at musicministryglcobts@gmail.com regarding availability, price, etc. You may also stop and talk with her after church, if that is more convenient. If you are interested in learning something new, brushing up on old skills, or are a serious player, please feel free to contact her.

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASS

Sara Booth will also be holding a music appreciation class beginning July 10th and running through July 31st. The classes will begin at 9:15am and end at 9:45am. Everyone is welcome, including children. Sara has a very good background in this area of music, and looks forward to enlightening us.



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Noah's Ark Preschool

July 2022 - Newsletter

Visit our webpage
at:
www.gracelcob.org

"We graduated 23 VPK students in June. The graduation ceremony was held in doors in the sanctuary, and the picture shown below reflects their proud moment, in full cap & gown. They all received their diplomas, their tassel, their sash, a picture folder, a program, a thumb drive with their full performance on it, and a bucket of fun things just for them. The parents were very appreciative of the indoor ceremony, and it is fair to say, "a good time was had by all!" Part of their performance was in Spanish and part was in English, which really added to the uniqueness of the evening. We had a pizza party in the morning, along with a lot of fun and games for them to celebrate how hard they have worked this year. Thank you Marigold and Patti for a job well done.

The playground got a makeover, and the kids are very happy. The whole school had to stay inside for 2 weeks, but it was well worth it, as the pictures on the next page will attest. They are still waiting for the other slide to come in, the safari truck, and one more climbing item to be determined but we are getting there.

Summer school has started, and we are averaging 20-25 students until all of the Family vacations are completed. We are conducting tours almost daily so we can fill up the classrooms when school starts on the 15th of August. We are now waiting for this years VPK application and contract to be approved.

July is support Noah's Ark month, so anything you can contribute to help us get our supplies will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.



Florida-Bahamas 35th Synod Assembly Recap (June 3-5th)

Bishop Suarez opening comments

The theme of the conference will be: **Joyful – Patient - Faithful**

Romans 12:9-12

*“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; out do one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the lord. **Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.**”*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Luis R. Torres-Hostos: (1) Patient in Affliction, (2) Faithful in Prayer, and (3) Joyful in Hope

1. Patient in Affliction

Our brains are wired for self-preservation....To discriminate at it's most basic, means, to recognize a distinction, to differentiate.

When humans began living in groups....Thousands of years ago they learned to be suspicious of others: outsiders of other groups of humans, people who didn't look like them etc. That was a survival mechanism. We still use it today without thinking.

The more different the “other” is....The more our brains discriminate. But we must remain vigilant that our innate tendency to mistrust what is different doesn't lead to the other definition of discrimination. To make an unjust or prejudicial distinction in the treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, sex, age, or disability.

Take a leap of faith and **CHOOSE** to see God in the “other”, no matter how different from us.

2. Faithful in Prayer

Being faithful in prayer requires.....

Intentionally: Setting aside a defined time and place to pray.

Humility: We must acknowledge that we are not the Good Samaritan, but we are the beaten man on the side of the road. We must strive to forgive ourselves before we ask for God's forgiveness.

Patience: If it was easy, everyone would do it all the time.

3. Joyful in Hope

No matter how much is going on around us - remember, we keep looking forward. We are never without hope. We know that “this too shall pass” and that brighter days are up ahead because our God is good, and his love for us is everlasting and unfailing.

“But those who hope in the lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:3)

If God calls us to be joyful in hope, who are we to say no?

Respectively submitted,

Rich and Diane Miller



Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

03 Marlitt Boettcher



Anniversaries

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

August Anniversaries

01 Mark & Jessy Hazelip
12 Steve & Annette Johnson
25 Arnie & Judy Porsch
29 John & Patricia Stratton

03 Sandra Larson
08 Mary Kernekin
09 Lorraine Young
10 Valerie Covitt
13 Dave Berger
13 Caleb Thomas
14 John Austin
15 Casey Crabb
16 Hunter Good
16 John O'Dacre
16 Rebecca Kinzer
17 Sue Underwood
18 Susan Loukes
20 Helen Berry
20 Regina Crockett
22 Spencer Earnhardt
22 Casey Secunda
26 Marianne Wenzel
28 Paul Pankau

*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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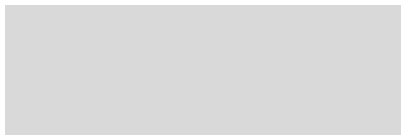
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Activity Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE 10am on Sundays!

Choir
Bell Choir
Coffee Fellowship
Gift Shop
Quilters
Church Council
Bible Study
Social Club Luncheon

Summer Break
Sundays after worship
9:15am-10am on Sunday
15 minutes before & after Sunday worship
Tuesday's at 9:30 am
Third Thursday of the month at 1pm
Once a month virtually over summer
July 15th, 12 noon at RiverGrille

