

# Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Celebrating Our 62nd Year

Dear Grace Lutheran Members and Friends -

This Easter season we have been studying what resurrection life is all about. Digging into the Gospels, we have observed that resurrection life is abundant life in Christ that entails connection and community, presence and promises, a journey and a Way...

In the midst of this journey, through much prayer and discernment, I have decided to submit my resignation as Pastor from Grace Lutheran Church of Ormond Beach, effective June 21, 2023. This complex and difficult decision has been prayed over and discussed with many mentors and colleagues as my family seeks to follow God's calling in our lives - as we yearn to live out resurrection life in word and deed.

Over these last two and a half years, we have had quite the journey at Grace! We have experienced some amazing mountaintop moments, and also some really difficult moments. This is the journey of resurrection life in this broken, and yet blessed, world. Amidst the highs and lows, we continue to be diligent in seeking God's presence and praying for God to guide and lead us as a community and as individuals.

Families and friends of Grace Lutheran Church, from a heart full of gratitude, THANK YOU! My family has been blessed through Grace Lutheran Church in so many ways. Our time here has been filled with many memories of joy, thanksgiving, and unique God-moments. Grace Lutheran Church is such a supportive and encouraging congregation, always willing to help and serve in whatever ways possible. We all have much to be grateful for!

Resurrection life is truly a journey and as the writer of Ecclesiastes 1 declares, "for everything there is a season". Grace Lutheran Church will continue to be a community where people gather together to hear and follow God's Word, to create lifelong and meaningful relationships, and to go and make disciples, serving our neighbors across the street and world. Although I will no longer be your pastor, we all continue our journey in resurrection life, following the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6), working in the same Kingdom, serving the same Lord.

I pray that the momentum, direction, and energy we have gained at Grace Lutheran will continue into the future. As Grace continues to repair the building, define its mission, and serve its neighbors, God's presence and promises remain true and strong. God is with us. God is for us.

My prayer amidst this transition is that I have blessed you as much as you have blessed me. That I have shown you the Light of Christ as much as you have shown me. And that I have inspired you to grow and share your faith in Jesus as much as you have inspired me. We keep pressing on in faith, hope and love, trusting that it is God alone who holds all things in His hands. To Him be the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

*In Christ, Pastor Nate Bendorf*

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CHURCH FINANCIALS AS OF APRIL 30, 2023			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 15,916	\$ 13,000	\$ 60,064
Loose Offering	\$ 1,348	\$ 740	\$ 5,585
Other Income	\$ 8,496	\$ 5,031	\$ 31,384
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,760	\$ 18,771	\$ 97,033
EXPENSES	\$ 26,434	\$ 22,187	\$ 117,542
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ (674)	\$ (3,416)	\$ (20,509)



**Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**"Like" us on Facebook!**  
**Share us on YouTube!**



**WWW.GRACELCOB.ORG**  
*Share and tell!*

## Grace Care Kits

We are putting together small care kits to have on-hand at Grace, as we get frequent asks for help. We would like to include small gifts cards (Publix, local gas stations) and bus passes in these care kits. If you would like to help, please consider dropping off some small increment (\$5, \$10) gift cards for food and/or gas or some local bus passes. Thank you!



## 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.

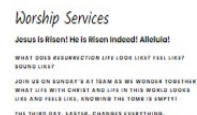
*Come and be involved. Come and experience. Come and serve.*  
Let Ellie in the office know what your interested in!

## 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!

Grace's website: <http://gracelcob.org/>  
Grace's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/graceormondbeach/>





## Quilters

Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 9:30 am. Beginning in the fall they will meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 starting on September 12, 2023.

New members are always welcomed. Donations of fabrics made of cotton (preferred) and cotton/poly are needed. We also need sheets: twin, full, queen, or king in all colors or prints. We cannot use white or microfiber sheets. Hope to see you then. Questions? Call Ann Jacoby, 386-212-9476.

## ***Congratulations Confirmation Class 2023!***



# June Need of the Month



GRACE 250/  
HUM 400 CAN DRIVE

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.

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.

# JULY Need of the Month

## **NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL**

### **FOR CHILDREN 2 YRS THROUGH VPK**

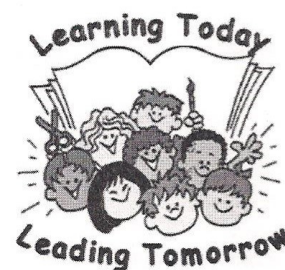
*We are dedicated to providing your little ones with great love and care while they take their first steps into a creative learning Environment*

**General Supplies Needed:** Zip Lock Bags (all sizes), Construction Paper (all colors), Batteries AA, AAA or C, Baby Wipes (alcohol free), Glitter and Googly Eyes (all sizes)



OR

Donate any amount to enable us to buy items in bulk, to give every child the same supplies. Your monetary donation is very welcome!



### Social Club News

As you have all probably heard, we have a new Social Club Chairperson Janet Renick. Since taking over, Janet has been hard at work researching possible venues and making arrangements for future luncheons. Please let Janet know any suggestions for future luncheons or any other ideas for social events you think would be fun for us to do.

#### June Social Club Luncheon

Friday, June 16th

12 noon

The RiverGrille

950 N US Highway 1

Ormond Beach

Sign-up sheets in lobby

#### July Social Club Luncheon

Friday, July 21st

12 noon

Red Lobster

2625 West International Speedway

(near the Speedway)

Daytona Beach

Sign-up sheets will be available  
the week of June 19th in the lobby



#### *Online Giving*

Did you know that Grace now has an online giving option? Just go to our website at [www.gracelcob.org](http://www.gracelcob.org) and click on the blue "Donate Here" button on the top right hand corner of the screen to get started!

#### **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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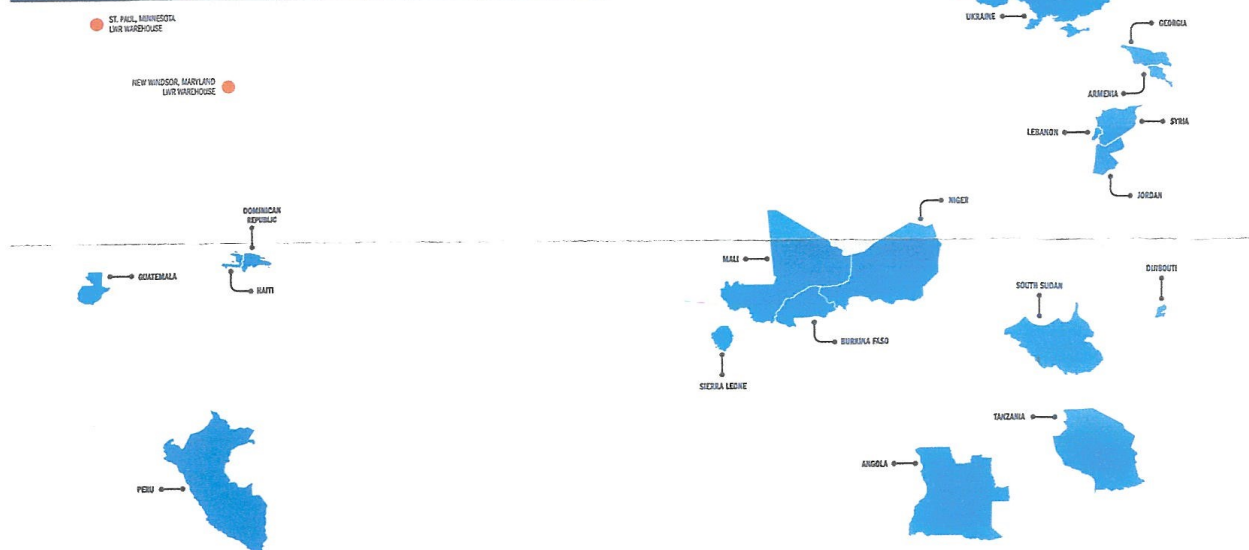


The Quilts made by our Grace Quilters ship out of Maryland. By reviewing the information below, you can see all the countries our quilts went to.

Thank you to our Quilters for sharing your talents with the world!!



## WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?



[facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief](https://facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief)  
[instagram.com/luthworldrelief](https://instagram.com/luthworldrelief)  
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[youtube.com/LutheranWorldRelief](https://youtube.com/LutheranWorldRelief)

COUNTRY		SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
ANGOLA	Maryland		18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland		12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota		14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota		10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota				15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland		36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota		7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota		8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland		7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland		15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland		22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota		11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota		15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland		11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota		10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland		3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland				6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota		7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland		6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
TOTAL			220,317	1,650	90,860	94,060	46,560	8,815	31,950

**462,262**

**QUILTS & KITS**

**IN 19 COUNTRIES**

**220,317**  
 QUILTS

**1,650**  
 BLANKETS

**94,060**  
 PERSONAL CARE KITS

**90,860**  
 SCHOOL KITS

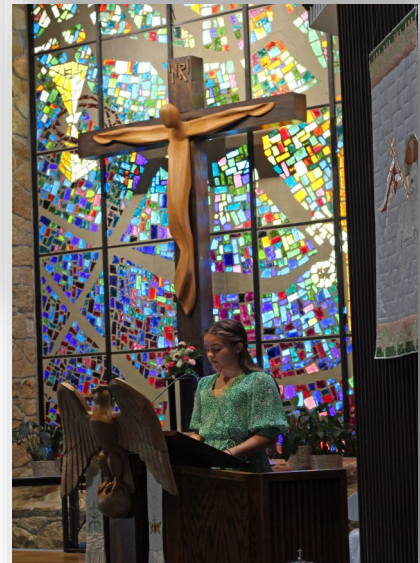
**46,560**  
 BABY CARE KITS

**8,815**  
 FABRIC KITS

**31,950**  
 FACE MASKS

## ***Baptism and Confirmation Blessings!***

***Congrats Bailey, Luke, Christopher and Izy***



### **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: [glc50@cfl.rr.com](mailto:glc50@cfl.rr.com) (Ellie) [noahsark1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:noahsark1@cfl.rr.com) (Noah's Ark Preschool), [revbendorf@gmail.com](mailto:revbendorf@gmail.com) (Pastor)

Grace's phone number: 386-677-9141

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



Learning Today



Leading Tomorrow

## Noah's Ark Preschool

June/July 2023 - Newsletter

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

***“We’re singing the Florida Alphabet, stick around you ain’t heard nothing yet!”***

Our Volusia Pre-Kindergarteners sang with a full heart and voice on graduation night the Florida Alphabet, leaving us with many laughs at the many wonders of Florida. It was clear to all who attended that they knew their alphabet and much more. Parents, grandparents, guardians and friends listened in delight as each student participated in the closing ceremonies. Thank you to the staff of Noah’s Ark for all that you do to prepare our children for their future in the world of education.

As summer moves into full swing, the teachers and administrators are currently discussing the plans for the new school year, with new curriculums in mathematics and reading. We are hoping to reach for the stars with our students and their academic skills. Our registration for VPK (Volusia County Pre-Kindergarten) is filling up quickly so mention our name to friends and family with young children entering Pre-Kindergarten so that they can experience a fun educational experience at Noah’s Ark Pre School.

Summertime is a great time to spend quality time with your child. This summer, set aside time to read to your child each day and time to engage in academic activities. Expand your child's knowledge and skills by helping them to explore colors, shapes, patterns and unusual things in the environment. Summer the sun is shining brighter and longer, when the sun is warm and sunny, we want to be outside and playing. Don’t forget sun block and to hydrate!

The end of the school year is always a special but we often look at our graduates with pride and sadness. We are proud of their accomplishments but sad to say goodbye as they move on to kindergarten. We taught our children to hold hands against the troubles of the world, to share, to clean up their mess, play fair, say they’re sorry, work hard, play even harder, take time for naps and enjoy the sites, for life passes them by much too quickly.

***“If it could only be like this always – always summer, always young and always happy...”***

*Yours in Christ,*

Barbra Sparber-Barnes, MA, PhD

Chairperson, Noah’s Ark Board of Directors





Dearest Grace Lutheran Church Members:

As we begin the quiet months of Summer, it is a good time to reflect on the progress made in our Music Program during the past year. Over the past few months, we have been blessed with opportunities to share our talents and spread the message of God through music.

Some of the highlights were our performances during Holy Week, culminating with the Easter Sunday services. We spent weeks preparing for the Holy Week and Easter services, rehearsing our songs and fine-tuning our arrangements. Both Easter services were great successes. We received many compliments from the congregation for our heartfelt performances.

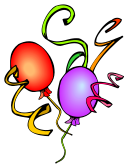
In addition to our talented ensembles, the Church Choir and the Bell Choir (the "Incredibells"), we had the pleasure of working with some area professional musicians. At the Easter Services, we were joined by the Choir Director from the Flagler Beach Playhouse, Ashley Carlton, and Alicia Conley, professional singer and voice teacher at Planet Studio. We also were blessed to have our very own resident artists: Lionel Marcoux and Spencer Earnhardt throughout Holy Week and Easter Services. Our visiting organist, Corine Keefer assisted with both Easter Services, as well. The children's choir, from the Flagler Playhouse, directed by Ashley Carlton, took part in the 10 am Easter Service, which added some extra flair.

We are grateful for the opportunities we have had and the progress we have made. We are excited to see what the future holds for our Music Program and are committed to continuing to use our talents to serve God and spread His message of love and hope through music.

Thank you all, once again, for your unconditional support, for your prayers, for your words of encouragement and your kind thoughts and deeds for our music program. Hoping and praying that you all might have a wonderful Summer and see you back in the Fall.

*Sara Booth, Music Director*





## Birthdays

### June Birthdays

01 Nancy Spero  
 02 Jessy Hazelip  
 03 Julie Wanhala  
 03 Eric Weingartner  
 06 Susan Lang  
 08 Mare Koehneke  
 13 Jonathan Eckert  
 14 Ivey Benson  
 14 Norma Weaver  
 16 Dave Bendorf  
 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  
 09 Sara Booth  
 11 Phil Isom  
 11 Kelli Stoneking  
 13 Evan Bobak  
 14 Diana Dinell  
 15 Lu Gaw  
 18 Christine Herman  
 19 Richard Miller  
 20 Susan Howard  
 21 Bob Russell  
 22 Richard Thomassy  
 24 Barbara Blanchfield  
 26 Dan Lang  
 30 Mark Hazelip  
 30 Terrance Tissiere  
 30 Sheryl Forbes



## Anniversaries

31 Roy Asmus

31 Catherine Miller

31 Gerry Taggart

### June Anniversaries

01 Paul & Becky Kinzer  
 08 Dave & Stephanie Walsh  
 17 Bud & Carolyn Gerard  
 18 Art & Deb Olson  
 22 Randy & Catherine Miller

### 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

### *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:** \$30.00 each or \$60.00 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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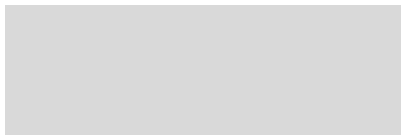
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CURRENT RESIDENT

OR



## Activity Schedule

**WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE**      10am on Sundays!

Choir	On vacation until Fall
Bell Choir	On vacation until Fall
Coffee Fellowship	On Hold
Gift Shop	15 minutes before & after Sunday worship
Quilters	June 27th at 9:30 am
Church Council	June 15th at 1:00pm
Bible Study	To be Announced
Social Club Luncheon	June 16th, 12 noon

