

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 63rd Year

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GIVING

It's that time of year when we begin to celebrate summer, prepare for hurricane season, and remember those who gave so much so we could have the freedoms that we celebrate and cherish day in and day out.

When we think about freedom, our thoughts turn to those who sacrificed so much so we could live our lives free from tyranny. Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." So few gave so much so people would be free from tyranny.

This Memorial Day, people will be watching parades, waving flags, attending memorial ceremonies, going on picnics, to the beach, inviting friends over to share a meal and remember, albeit briefly, why we gather together on Memorial Day. The quote that is associated with Memorial Day is, "All gave some, and some gave all." This quote is attributed to Howard William Osterkamp, a Korean War veteran.

"Freedom is not free." This quote is attributed to Col. Walter Hitchcock. Col. Hitchcock is recognizing those who gave so much so people could live free of tyranny.

The reason that I bring all of this up is because, I believe, that we only pay lip service when it comes to remembering those who gave so much so we could have the freedoms that we enjoy today. National holidays, such as Memorial Day, are meant for us to really reflect on those who sacrificed for our freedoms.

You see, when we celebrate being free, we aren't just celebrating freedom to live the way we want to live. We are celebrating much more than that. Think about it.

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CHURCH FINANCIALS- May 2024			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 12,465	\$ 13,500	\$ 63,555
Loose Offering	\$ 339	\$ 900	\$ 2,726
Other Income	\$ 5,853	\$ 5,910	\$ 39,551
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,657	\$ 20,310	\$ 105,832
EXPENSES	\$ 12,523	\$ 23,386	\$ 120,993
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 6,134	\$ (3,076)	\$ (15,161)


Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)

WWW.GRACELCOB.ORG

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A short two months ago, we celebrated Easter. We celebrated Jesus being raised from the dead. Just recently, we celebrated Pentecost. Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to the apostles and to us. Do we understand that God gave the full measure of His divine son so we could be free to do His will in His kingdom on earth? So we could be free from sin, have God's full measure of forgiveness of our sin, and have life eternal with Him in heaven. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is God's greatest gift to us.

There are those, too, who are giving their lives for the gospel. They are telling others about the love God has for all people in areas of the world that reject God. Many have died bringing the gospel to people throughout the world. They gave all for the gospel and they continue to do so. You can read their stories and VOM.org. The VOM stands for Voice of the Martyrs.

As we celebrate and remember those who gave all for our freedoms, and those who are giving their all for the gospel. I ask you to please consider what you are willing to give for the gospel right here in your own backyard. God certainly needs you to bring the gospel to people in Ormond Beach and to Grace Lutheran Church.

“For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16.

In Christ+

Pr. Tom



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/>

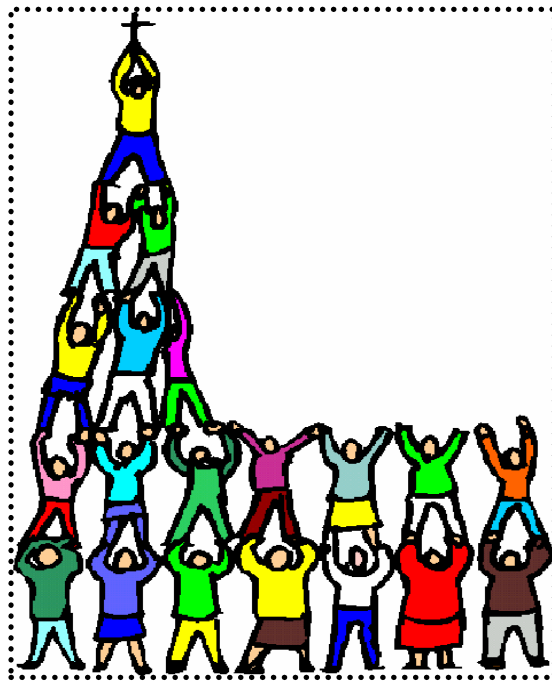
Grace's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/graceormondbeach/>

Updating the Website

Spencer Earnhardt has been diligently working on updating the Grace Lutheran Church Website. He has been able to download recent Newsletters and Calendars, which is a big help in keeping everyone updated and informed. He is now working on reviewing the current content of the website, updating information, eliminating outdated information and changing the entire website to be more appealing and user-friendly. The website had not been updated in some time. So, as you can well-imagine, this has not been an easy task.

Updating the website is not only needed, but also crucial in our effort to attract new members. He is making it colorful and easy to navigate. It will be updated on a regular basis. It will allow anyone accessing the website, to get the most accurate information in a timely manner.

Many thanks to Spencer for his work in getting this done both efficiently and timely.



Throughout the Summer, the quilters will be meeting the first Tuesday of the month for June, July and August. These dates are as follows: June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th.
Relax and enjoy the break.



Need of the Month



Homeless Prevention & Intervention



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.



**“Lunch Bunch”
 June Luncheon
 Friday, June 14th, 2024
 12 Noon**

**Oceanside Beach Bar and Grill
 (Formerly Betty’s Restaurant)
 1900 Ocean Shore Blvd
 Ormond by the Sea, FL
 Sign-up in the Narthex
 All Are Welcome!!!**



Lunch Bunch Ideas

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for future luncheons, please let Janet Renick know. She is always open to visiting new places or exploring any other clever ideas.



We are trying to update the Church Directory. If you haven’t had your picture taken or have not submitted a picture, please call the Church Office. Also, it is very important that we have updated address, phone number(s) and email addresses. **PLEASE DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!**



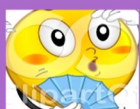
**Thrivent/Tortuga Baseball Game
 Saturday, August 3rd, 2024
 Details to follow!!!
 Come join in the fun!!!**



CO-CHAIR NEEDED FOR PUMPKIN PATCH

At this point, no one has stepped up to help to act as a co-chair for the Pumpkin Path It won’t be long before we need to start planning for our annual event. In order to do that, we need someone to agree to be the Co-Chair.

It doesn’t involve a lot of work and the Pumpkin Patch is only operational for a few weeks in October. **Please, please someone step-up and help.** Ellie will do all of the paper work, reports, money matters, etc. All the co-chair has to do is help organize schedules and helpers for pumpkin unloading. Please call Ellie in the Church Office or stop by. Thank you!!!



Safe Travel, vacation friends!!





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All Are Welcome!

Whether you are a visitor, vacationer, or new community member, we invite you to celebrate with us. Come make new friends, join us in worship and learn about all of the programs we engage in to service our local community. There is a special children's sermon each Sunday! A Social/Fellowship hour follows services.

Regular Weekly Service is Sunday at 10 am.



Noah's Ark VPK Final Graduation

On Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 Noah's Ark Preschool held their final VPK Graduation. The graduation was a very well attended event with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and church members.

Since it was a final goodbye to the preschool, we planned a memorable event. Students from past years joined this years' graduates as flag bearers and led the procession in front of the graduates. There were approximately 15 former students ranging from ages 5 to 20. Music was also provided by a 2009 Noah's Ark VPK graduate.

There were 14 graduates in the 2024 Noah's Ark Class. The ceremony opened with the students and former students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the graduates performed some musical numbers and also added sign language for every song.

The VPK teachers, Ms. Patti Heaney and Ms. Marigold Williams, presented the students with their diplomas, The program concluded with a special graduation song. A small reception was held in the Fellowship Hall to honor the students. Congratulations to the Class of 2024. We know you will do great things in the future.

Ms. Patti with her VPK Class



Ms. Marigold with her VPK Class




**Class of
2024**



Noah's Ark Preschool
June 2024 - Newsletter

Visit our webpage
at:
www.gracelcob.org

"Now is time to say goodbye to all our friends and company"

Saying goodbye is so sad, as we think of all the fun that was had in the halls and classrooms of Noah's Ark. Since 1991, our classrooms welcomed the eager, the shy, the ones who fought to stay with their parents and, of course, to those who never wanted to go with a stranger.

I'd rather be saying hello and welcome you into our warm, loving and caring space. Over the years, we have used those two words to welcome and send off hundreds of children. Many of our children are now raising their own children, but sadly there will be no more Noah's Ark to welcome new little ones to our loving learning space.

I am not sure that I am truly sad, for we have touched so many. We made a difference in so many of the lives of our students. Some have gone on to college, some served in our military and others went to work in our community. Thank you for giving us the chance to start you on your road to learning. Along the way you made friends, and some remain friends, but you took with you the gift to learn and pass it on to others.

I would like to thank the teachers that put so much love and understanding in the work that they did with our children year-in and year-out. Always, with a smile and a warm hug. Thank you, Ms. Ceci, Ms. Mercedes, Ms. Marigold, and Ms. Patti. Till we meet again.

Thank you to Grace Lutheran Church for believing in a dream and allowing us the opportunity to live that dream.

Yours in Christ,
Barbra Sparber-Barnes, MA, PhD
Chairperson of Noah's Ark Preschool Board of Directors

"Don't be dismayed by goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before we can meet again"

Thank you Grace Lutheran Church!

The Property Committee Update

Jack Atkinson has resigned as Chair of the Property Committee and the Church Council. Jack has put in countless hours on the Property Committee. As you look around the Church and the property surrounding the Church, you can see the many things he has done to both improve and beautify Grace. After years of neglect in many areas, this was not an easy task. He has followed-up with contractors and others, to make sure that the needs of the church have been met in the most productive and inexpensive ways. There are no words to express our sincere gratitude for all his hard work. So, please, if you see Jack, say thank you for a job well done! He will be missed.



With Deepest Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the following members who have recently lost loved ones:

Fred & Marlitt Boettcher

Lost their Grandson, Cooper Daniel. He fought a long-time battle with cancer.

and

Jackie Vores

Lost her Daughter, Evelyn

She passed away suddenly.

Please check with Ellie in the Office if you would like the addresses to send cards.

Birthdays



Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 03 Julie Wanhala
- 06 Susan Lang
- 08 Mare Koehneke
- 13 Jonathan Eckert
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 16 Dave Bendorf
- 18 Justin Hyatt
- 22 Arnie Porsch
- 23 Richard Brown
- 24 Jordan Crabb

July Birthdays

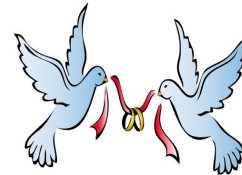
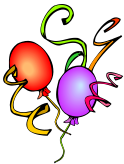
- 07 Kathy Kahn
- 11 Kelli Stoneking
- 13 Evan Bobak
- 15 Lu Gaw
- 18 Christine Herman
- 19 Richard Miller
- 20 Susan Howard
- 21 Bob Russell
- 24 Barbara Blanchfield
- 26 Dan Lang
- 30 Sheryl Forbes
- 31 Roy Asmus
- 31 Catherine Miller
- 31 Gerry Taggart

June Anniversaries

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

July Anniversaries

- 01 Chuck & Mary Wilde
- 07 Dave & Jackie Bendorf
- 12 Roy & Patti Asmus
- 15 Brad & Laurie Ardner
- 15 Pete & Mare Koehneke



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 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: \$40.00 Flowers and \$30.00 Elements - weekly
WHERE: Dated sign up book in Lobby
WHY: To commemorate a loved one or an important event
HOW: See Ellie in the Church Office
Thank You very much



Activity Schedule



WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE 10am on Sundays!

Choir	On-Hold UFN
Bell Choir	On-Hold UFN
Coffee Fellowship	Immediately following Sunday Service (Limited Sundays in Summer)
Gift Shop	15 minutes before & after Sunday worship
Quilters	First Tuesday of month June, July and August
Church Council	Third Thursday at 1:00pm
Bible Study	On-Hold UFN
Social Club Luncheon	June 14th—12 noon Oceanside Beach Bar & Grill

