

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 63rd Year

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In Bethlehem and according to history, there is a grotto known to be where Jesus was born. In this grotto there is a continuous flame for centuries in honor of Lord's birth. There is an organization known as the Peace Light. Each year this flame makes its way to the United States and Germany where it is then distributed. I learned about this when I served as a Pastor, where the Boy Scouts who arranged for the Light to be shared with us as our own candles were lit.

Here at Grace, as we live more deeply into the hope and promise of the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem at Christmastime, I encourage us to be both peace and light in our lives, family and friends, the community of Grace, and to those who we meet.

Blessed Advent and Christmas Time. May the Light of the World shine brightly in our hearts and lives.

Peace Be With You,

Pastor Johanna Kiefner



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CHURCH STAFF

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Council Members	Joyce Northridge Thomas Starling Beth Graeler Sandy Hostettler Richard Brown Pete Koehneke Cathy Quel Bob Russell
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November 2024			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 10,510	\$ 13,500	\$ 117,860
Loose Offering	\$ 452	\$ 900	\$ 5,100
Other Income	\$ 2,762	\$ 5,910	\$ 81,204
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,724	\$ 20,310	\$ 204,164
EXPENSES	\$ 15,821	\$ 23,386	\$ 218,719
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ (2,097)	\$ (3,076)	\$ (14,555)

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR 2025

On Sunday, December 8th, 2024, at the Congregational Meeting , new Council members were elected to office for 2025. The following is the list of the 202 Church Council members:

Dave Bendorf

Richard Brown

Richard Jeanes

Pete Koehneke

Ted MacLeod

Robert Russell

Barbra Sparber-Barnes

Thomas Starling



MANY THANKS TO OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thank you Council Members that have finished their 2024 terms and will be departing the Church Council. You have served the Church well during some difficult times and everyone is grateful for all you have done.

Joyce Northridge

Sandy Hostettler

Elizabeth Graeler

Cathy Quel

Thank

You

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Join us on Christmas Eve, December 24th, either at 4pm or 7:30pm for a candle-light Christmas Eve Service. As in past years, we will have a harpist at the 7:30 pm service.

There will not be any service on Christmas Day.



2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you haven't already picked up your 2025 Church Envelopes, please do so. They are on the table in the lobby in alphabetical order. If you do not have envelopes, please see Ellie. Thank you.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st 2025! Happy Holidays!



Grace Gift Shop

Need a birthday gift, anniversary gift, or Christmas present? Make sure to check out the Grace Gift Shop, located in the fellowship hall. The gift shop is full of wonderful items! Proceeds from the gift shop go towards Grace's mission and ministry! Stop by before or after worship.

Quilters Are Working

Everyone is welcome.

No experience necessary.

Quilters meet Tuesdays at 9:30am They will not be meeting on Tuesday, 12/24/24.

to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Join us for this worthwhile project and good fellowship.



January Need of the Month



An alternative high school for girls which works toward improving the quality of life for girls at risk.

PACE promotes and enables young women ages 12 to 18 to develop self-esteem, further their education, and to develop personal, social and family relationship skills, thereby becoming productive citizens. The program provides small classrooms with individualized curriculum, individual, group and family counseling at no cost to the student or family and also provides a 3 year transition services component to insure continued success after completion.

PACE is in need of:

Toiletries—shampoo, conditioners, combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.

School Supplies—paper, pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, folders, etc.

Make-up—lip gloss, eye shadow, eye liner, etc.

Christmas Church Decorating

On Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th, many members of the Congregation got together and decorated the Church for Christmas. Trees were fluffed. Wreaths were fluffed and ornaments were re-glued. As always, the hardest part of the task was finding the numerous electrical outlets to plug in trees, wreaths and various other lights. The project was done in record time and the Church looks beautiful. Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time during this hectic time of the year to help.



“LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON”

Friday, December 20th, 2024

12 noon

Rose Villa Restaurant

43 West Granada

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Sign-up in the Lobby!

Join in the Fun! Everyone is Welcome!!!`



Birthdays

December Birthdays

- 10 Pete Koehneke
- 16 Gail Atkinson
- 23 Carole Hedges



January Birthdays

- 01 Carol Macleod
- 02 Deb Kearns
- 08 Scott Burdick
- 11 Ted Macleod
- 12 Jessy Crabb
- 20 Cathy Quel
- 23 Joyce Jeanes
- 27 Lionel Marcoux



Anniver-



December Anniversaries

- 17 Eric & Lexi Morgan
- 20 Tom & Gail Starling

January Anniversaries

- 07 Paul & Elizabeth Graeler
- 25 David & Joy Liddle
- 28 Cliff & Lu Gaw

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!



Altar Flowers and Communion Elements



- WHO:** You!
- WHAT:** Altar Flowers \$40 and/or Communion Elements \$30
- 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



Activity Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE 10am on Sundays!

Coffee Fellowship

Gift Shop

Quilters

Church Council

Bible Study

Lunch Bunch Luncheon

Immediately Following Service

15 minutes before & after Sunday worship

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Third Thursday at 1:00pm

On Hold

Friday, December 20th—12 noon

Rose Villa Restaurant



Merry
Christmas

