

# Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Celebrating Our 64th Year



January/February Newsletter 2025

In January we enter into the latter days of Christmas when the Star guided the magi – The Wise Men – who paid attention to a new star in the heavens. These Wise Men were gentiles who recognized that this new Light signified Good News and the Hope of the World. For them, this was the most important event in their lives and in the world – a New Light came into the Universe, and they made haste to see this Miraculous Birth, this Child named Jesus.

For those of us who have heard this story of the birth of Jesus, I wonder where and how have you experienced the mystery of the the Gift of this Baby – the Savior of the World. Where, in this Christmas-Epiphany Season, have we noticed the Presence of Something New this Holy Season. Where have there been times of hope, love, generosity. Where have you seen love between people, or joy or laughter. How have you noticed times of peace or laughter?

Our Savior and Lord is with us and around us – and invites us to pay attention to those times of Light or Peace or Hope or Joy. Jesus is here and always will be.

God Bless You and Happy New Year!

Pastor Johanna Kiefer



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## CHURCH STAFF

<p>Interim Pastor Organist Office Manager Bookkeeper Financial Secretary</p>	<p>Rev. Johanna Kiefner Corine Keefer Ellie Faust Gail Atkinson Sandy Hostettler</p>
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## COUNCIL MEMBERS 2025

<p><b>Dave Bendorf</b> <b>Richard Brown</b> <b>Richard Jeanes</b> <b>Peter Koehneke</b></p>	<p><b>Ted MacLeod</b> <b>Barbra Sparber Barnes</b> <b>Thomas Starling</b></p> <p><i>*Officers will be selected and approved at the January 16th Council Meeting</i></p>
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Month Ending (End of Year Financials will be distributed at a later date)			
INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$		\$
Loose Offering	\$	\$	\$
Other Income	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET INCOME / LOSS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

	<p>Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA) "Like" us on Facebook! Share us on YouTube!</p>		<p><b>WWW.GRACELCOB.ORG</b> <i>Share and tell!</i></p>
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# 2024 'NEEDS OF THE MONTH'

We hope to be able to help so many organizations in 2023, including:

**January**—P.A.C.E. (Practical, Cultural, Education)

**February**—Halifax Urban Ministries  
(Souper Bowl Sunday, bring in Soups)



**March**—

**April**—Family Renew

**May**—The Pregnancy Center

**June**—Grace 250/HUM 400 Can Drive

**July**—Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties/Toilet Paper Drive  
And "God's Work Our Hands" Projects

**August**—Hope Place (Personal Care Items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

**September**—Pumpkin Patch/Volunteer Sign-up

**October**—Project Community Halloween-Decorations

**November**—100 cans of Corn & 100 cans of Green Beans for the Jerry Doliner  
Food Bank-Homeless Christmas Dinners

**December**—Toy Donations fo Family Renew Children's Christmas Party



**Many thanks to Pete & Mare Koehneke, Janet Renick  
and Diane Skelly**

**For all their efforts in collecting and distributing items on behalf  
of Grace Lutheran Church for the various organizations.**





Join us for Bible Studies



*We are pleased to announce that Bible Studies will begin Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 am and every Thursday at 10:30am, thereafter. Everyone is welcome to attend. Depending on the number of people that will attend, it will be held in the Conference Room or the Multi-purpose Room. If you haven't already signed up, please call or stop by the Church Office. Thank you.*



**Souper Bowl Sunday—Feb. 9th**

Please bring in cans of soup for **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY, February 9th.**

*Let's utilize the 'Super Bowl of Caring' as a day of giving soup to feed those in need. This is a nationwide drive of the ELCA.  
We are Blessed to be a Blessing!*



**BYOC—Bring your own cans!!!**



With Appreciation for Jobs Well-Done

*Many thanks to the 2024 Members of the Church Council whose terms ended 12/31/24— Joyce Northridge, President, Sandy Hostettler, Treasurer, Beth Grae-ler, Secretary and Cathy Quel, Robert Russell, Council Members  
2024 was not an easy year. Despite all trials and tribulations, you all served the Church well. Thank you for your time and efforts and a job well done!*



**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**

to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Join us for this worthwhile project and good fellowship.

**Quilters are in need of large boxes for quilts. If you have any, drop off at Church Office.**

# 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:***

***Gift Cards in Small Denominations \$5 or \$10***

***For: Family Dollar, Five Below, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts  
and Dollar General***

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Rest in Peace, Sue

We are sad to announce that Sue Lang passed away on Monday, 1-6-25, after a long illness. Sue was active in the Church Choir and on other committees over the years. Please keep Sue's Family in your prayers.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, February 9th  
After the Worship Service

**Agenda**

- Meeting Called to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Congregational Meeting Agenda

**Business**

- Approval of Previous Congregation Meeting Minutes in 2024
- Review and Approval of Financial Reports for 2024
- Approval of the End of Year Reports of the Congregation

**Closing Prayer  
Adjourn**



*Just a reminder:*  
**Annual Reports are due  
Sunday, January 18th.**



Some of the Quilters finishing up their latest Creation!

Farewell Quilts

On Sunday, 1-26-25, we will bless the quilts that have been lovingly made by our quilters. The quilters are also currently in need of someone, with a truck, to transport the quilts to the transfer station in Jacksonville. This has to be done sometime between Monday, February 3 to Friday, 2-7, 2025. Please contact Ann Jacoby if you can help out.

Thank you quilters for a job well-done!

LUNCH BUNCH"-  
JANUARY LUNCHEON

January 17th, 2024

12 noon

Tiki Docks

3633 S. Ridgewood

Port Orange, 32129

Sign-up in the Lobby

*(February Luncheon To be Announced at a later date)*



# Birthdays



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## January Birthdays

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

## February Birthdays

- 02 Amber Bobak
- 09 Ryan Covitt
- 13 Liam Bobak
- 13 Donna Hauge
- 13 Scott McLeod
- 19 Michael Covitt
- 22 Beth Graeler
- 23 Anna Ellingworth
- 28 Carolyn Gerard
- 28 Aidan Liddle

## January Anniversaries

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

Let everything that breathes  
praise the LORD! Praise  
the LORD!  
Psalm 150:6

### 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  
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

Following Service as announced  
15 minutes before & after Sunday  
worship

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Thursday, 1/16 @ 1 pm

Thursdays beginning 1/23 at  
10:30am - Church

1/17/25 12 noon

Tiki Docks, 3633 S Ridgewood,  
Port Orange

