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# Good News From Grace



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 64th Year



As we flip the pages of our calendars, we notice Ash Wednesday happens on March 5, which initiates the Holy Season of Lent. Lent comes from the Latin for *springtime* which brings us to time of renewal of our lives and spirit somewhat like “spring cleaning” of our hearts, souls, and minds.

Many of us may have, in our younger years may have experienced Lent as a time of focusing on sin and judgment from God, especially during Wednesday Lenten services. It was a heavy time – especially for a child! In the ELW (aka “the red hymnal”) is part of the Invitation to Lent, there is a sentence of the liturgy: **“We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.”** This sentence gives us way to live and grow more deeply in Christ during which we acknowledge and take seriously our sin and human brokenness.

This coming Lenten season let us remember our Savior Jesus Christ has already broken the power of sin and death and invites us into a time of acknowledging our need for our Lord and walk with Him during this season, and seek His love and forgiveness.

Blessings,

Pastor Johanna Kiefner

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## CHURCH STAFF


Interim Pastor Organist Office Administrator Bookkeeper Financial Secretary	Rev. Johanna Kiefner Corine Keefer Ellie Faust Gail Atkinson Sandy Hostettler
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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Council Members:	Thomas Starling Richard Brown Richard Jeanes Barbra Sparber Barnes David Bendorf    Pete Koehneke Ted Macleod        Janet Renick
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## CHURCH FINANCIALS January 2025

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 9,764	\$10,000	\$ 9,764
Loose Offering	\$ 919	\$ 500	\$ 919
Other Income	\$14,243	\$ 4,019	\$14,243
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,926</b>	<b>\$14,519</b>	<b>\$24,926</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$16,032</b>	<b>\$17,255</b>	<b>\$16,032</b>
<b>NET INCOME / LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 8,894</b>	<b>(\$ 2,736)</b>	<b>\$ 8,894</b>



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**Online Giving Option!**

*You can now make your generous donations to Grace Lutheran Church from anywhere at anytime! Simply go to Grace’s website: [www.gracelcob.org](http://www.gracelcob.org) and hit the “DONATE HERE” button located in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Choose General Donation or Building Fund, click Donate, and fill-in the boxes. Add a note to make a designated gift and select one time or reoccurring. You will also have the option of covering the CC fees associated with each gift.*

*This is just one more way we can share the blessings we first have in Christ. Thank you!*

**“LUNCH BUNCH”  
March Luncheon  
Friday, March 21st at 12 noon  
McK’s Restaurant  
218 S Beach St.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Sign-up in the lobby!**



**Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025: 10am  
Good Friday, April 18, 2025: 12 noon  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025: 10am**



**CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL  
MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
SERVICE**

**Please join us for a weekly Wednesday Lenten  
Service beginning Wednesday,  
March 12, 2025 at 6pm**

**BIBLE STUDIES UPDATE**

Bible Studies will be meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am during lent. The new day will start on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.  
Everyone is welcome!

**Ash Wednesday Service**

It’s hard to believe, but March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The service for Ash Wednesday will be held at 4pm.  
Ashes will be dispersed and there will be Communion at the service.  
Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey!



**We are pleased to announce that Janet Renick will be joining the Church Council. She is replacing Robert Russell who resigned. We is a welcomed addition to the group.**

**Daylight Savings Time**

***Move your clocks ahead an hour on  
March 9th!***



## Social Ministry Report 2024

The congregation continues to be very generous in supporting the Social Ministry and the outreach that it provides to the many people in need. The donations have been greatly appreciated by all those involved both seen and unseen. The following is a synopsis of the activities and donations.

Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM)

Family Renew

Pregnancy Crisis Center

PACE

Jewish Center – Jerry Doliner Food Bank

Pumpkin Patch

Halifax Humane Society

Thrivent Canned Goods

St. Brendan Food Pantry

Monetary donations were made to the following:

Halifax Humane Society \$200

Jewish Center – Jerry Doliner Food Bank \$100

Family Renew \$200

Pregnancy Crisis Center \$100

PACE \$210

HUM \$100

Toys were delivered for the Family Renew Christmas party and several hundred cans of corn and beans for the Jerry Doliner food bank. Thank you to Diane Skelly for delivering the canned goods. The Grace food pantry canned goods were donated to St. Brendan's food pantry for distribution.

Volunteer Hours With the exception of Pumpkin Patch 78

Volunteer Hour Dollar Approximation \$1820

Dollar Approximation of Donations \$6,250

Respectfully Submitted, Mare Koehneke, Chairperson



# March Need of the Month

For the month of March we will be collecting cleaning and toiletry supplies for:

## Family Renew

Family Renew helps homeless families in need get back on their feet without separating the family. Some are single mothers with children (several who are escaping abusive relationships). Family Renew provides apartments for a period of one year, as well as training to ensure the family's success in staying on their feet. The Secret Attic supplies these families with home furnishings and clothing. Cleaning supplies are not provided. This is where we can lend a helping hand. Items needed are listed below.

### Cleaning Supplies:

- Toilet Tissue (small packs)
- Laundry Soap (small Packs)
- Dishwashing Soap (ie. Dawn)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Cleaning Agents (409, Spic & Span, Clorox Bleach, etc.)
- Paper Towels
- Storage Containers for food (ie. Glad brand Stackables®)

### Toiletries:

- Bath Soap
- Deodorant/Antiperspirant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

**These items can be purchased at most Dollar Stores and were recommended by Family Renew.**





We'd love to see you



**Mark your calendar for Coffee Hour. We'd love to have you.**

THRIVENT is sponsoring a coffee hour here at Grace on: Sunday, March 16, 2025 following morning worship.

Please take a moment to meet your local Thrivent Team and speak with them about Choice Dollars, Action Teams and any other questions you may have.

There will be giveaways & information available on how to lead an Action Team & direct your Choice Dollars. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you, and enjoy coffee hour & fellowship.

### Event details

**Sunday, March 16, 2025  
11:00 a.m.**

**Hosted by**  
True Course Financial Group

We hope to see you there!



Scan to learn more.

# Birthdays



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## March Birthdays

- 02 Lexi Kearns
- 02 Luke Kearns
- 03 Francine Berger
- 03 Jim Heffner
- 03 Robert Gerard
- 06 Brad Ardner
- 08 Carl Wince
- 08 Laurie Ardner
- 13 Janet Renick
- 19 Ellie Faust
- 24 Alison MacLeod
- 25 Sue Tyson
- 25 Stephanie Walsh
- 27 Diane Skelley
- 30 Mark Crabb

## April Birthdays

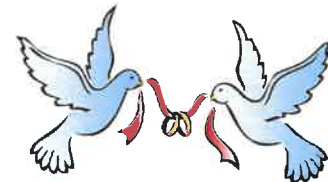
- 01 John Stratton
- 08 Kim Heffner
- 09 James Crowley
- 16 Joyce Northridge
- 23 Erin Morgan
- 24 Gust Manos
- 28 Randy Miller
- 28 Lon Moeller

## March Anniversaries

- 05 Dave & Francine Berger

## April Anniversaries

- 05 Justin & Kimberly Hyatt
- 17 Bill & Sandy Lort



### 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—\$40  
 Communion Elements \$30  
**COST:** \$70.00 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**



## Activity Schedule



### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE 10am on Sundays!

Coffee Fellowship

Immediately after Sunday Service

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*

Gift Shop

15 min before & after Sunday worship

Quilters

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Church Council

Third Thursday at 4pm

Bible Study

Wednesday 10:30 am

“Lunch Bunch” Luncheon

Third Friday of month

Locations change monthly

March Luncheon-March 21st 12 noon

“McK’s Restaurant, Daytona Beach”

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*

**GRACE HAPPENS HERE**