

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



May / June 2025

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 64th Year



As a child, by the time we came to the third Sunday of Easter, all that was left in the Easter Basket were the black jellybeans – (and I still don't care for black licorice flavored jellybeans) – and didn't want to see another egg salad sandwich for some time – and I like egg salad. In other words – Easter was pretty much over. Sigh.

How many of those who celebrated Easter a couple of weeks ago are still in the “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!” “Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!” And how many black jelly beans do you still have in the candy dish? Is the Joy of the Resurrection still filled in heart, mind and soul? No judgement – just how the everyday – ness may distract us from the promise and hope and joy. Each of us, most likely, have every day matters that can deflect us from the promise of the Resurrection. Yet! And Yet again! Our Lord Is Risen! And we can hold onto this, to hold onto to gift of Christ's promise of his Love, Salvation, Tenderness – and that No Matter What – Jesus will carry us, embrace us, come to us with tender mercy – and be with us in not matter what journey in life we are in. So take a moment to contemplate on the gift of the black jelly bean – for it, too, brings that even the difficult times our Lord is with you and loves you.

Blessed Easter Season!

Pastor Johanna Kiefer

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	Peter Koehneke
	Ted MacLeod
	Janet Renick

CHURCH FINANCIALS-April 2025

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 11,274	\$ 10,000	\$ 47,287
Loose Offering	\$ 1,334	\$ 500	\$ 3,469
Other Income	\$ 5,675	\$ 4,019	\$ 35,059
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,283	\$ 14,519	\$ 85,815
EXPENSES	\$ 8,710	\$ 17,255	\$ 53,501
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 9,573	\$ (2,736)	\$ 32,314



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From the Council President:

As we recover the the busy Holy Week schedule, I cannot help but feel a sense of renewal which I think comes each year as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Along with that sense of renewal is also a feeling of gratitude for all of the people who help so much in providing the services of Holy Week. It truly does take a team of committed people to accomplish so much in such a short period of time.

While we are always appreciative of the individual efforts that go into keeping Grace Lutheran Church operating, we can always use more help. We need people to volunteer to fill some of the positions that allow us to operate at a high level without burning out the people who habitually volunteer to do whatever needs to be done.

Think about what skills or talents you could bring to Grace Lutheran Church and come forward and volunteer your time and talents. There are many committees that provide the services that we all share. We are starting a new committee which will have as its goal to make Grace the friendliest church in the area. We have named this committee the Outreach Committee. We need folks to take part and present ideas for projects that Grace can undertake to reach out to the community to welcome new members to Grace. Everyone has talents that can be utilized by Grace. Please pray and come forward and volunteer your time.

Thomas Starling, Council President

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/>

Recipe for Mini Cheesecakes

Submitted by Ellie Faust

Ingredients:

For the Crust:

18 Graham Crackers
4 tbsp. unsalted butter
1/4 cup sugar
2 tbsp. brown sugar
3/4 tsp of cinnamon

For the Cheesecake Filling:

1 lb cream cheese softened
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 large eggs (room temp) 2 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup sour cream

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Add graham crackers to food processor or chopper and pulse until in small pieces. Add sugars and cinnamon and pulse. Melt butter and add to mixture.
- Line cupcake pan with liners. Press graham cracker mixture in to the cupcake liners, use back of spoon to flatten. Bake at 350 for 8 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside
- Add room temp cream cheese to mixer bowl. Beat cream cheese with sugar and salt. Add sour cream, extracts and mix well. Add eggs and yolks one at a time.
- Using ice cream scoop transfer the cheese cake mixture to the cupcake tin. Fill abt 3/4 of the way.
- Bake for 20 minutes. Turn off oven but leave door closed to allow the cake to set for an additional 25 minutes.
- Remove from oven and to cool for a few hours.
- Top with berries, chocolate or pie filling and whip cream and refrigerate.

Enjoy!!



The Quilters will be meeting thru the end of May. Throughout the Summer, they will be meeting June, July and August. Ann Jacoby will notify quilters of the dates.

Relax and enjoy the break.



May Need of The Month

BARRACKS OF HOPE

The Barracks of Hope offers homeless veterans transitional housing while helping them to seek permanent homes.

The following is a list of items they need:

- Coffee
- Coffee Creamers
- Sugar Packets
- Paper Cups
- Paper Plates
- Plastic spoons, forks, knives





Join us for the "Lunch
Bunch"
May Lunch Bunch Lunch-
eon
Friday, May 16, 2025
12 noon
The Grind
49 W Granada, OB
Sign-up Sheets in the Lobby

Happy
Mother's
Day



Rest In Peace, Michael

We were saddened to hear that Michael Koch, Son of former Pastor Dennis Koch and Linda Koch, passed away on Monday, April 21st, 2025 after a long illness.

Michael will be interred in the Garden of Resurrection on Friday, May 9th, 2025 at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

Suggestions, Complaints or Ideas

What can we do to make our Church better? Do we need more social events? How can we attract families and young people? How can we stand-out in the community? These are all questions we need your help in answering. If you have ideas, please stop by the Church Office, talk to a Church Council Member or join our newly formed "Outreach Committee". We are all open to anything that can help. Thank you!

**Monday, May 26th in ob-
servance of *Memorial Day*.**
*The Church Office will be
closed*



Flowers

Please take note that on the Sundays that no one has donated toward the flowers, there will be beautiful silk flower arrangements, created with love, by a member of our congregation, Hisako Wilsey. Hisako is a woman of many talents. We are so thankful to Hisako for sharing her creative talents with us! Thank so much Hisako!!!



Safe Travels to
our snowbirds
and vacation
friends!!





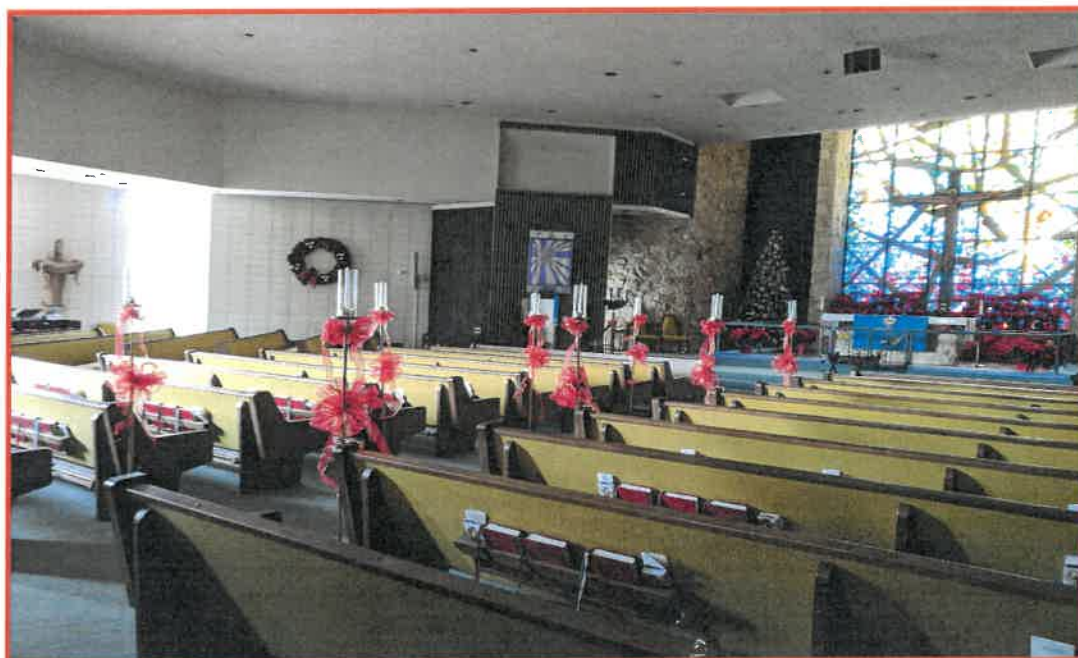
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All Are Welcome!

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.

Please share this with friends, neighbors & visitors!





Birthdays



Anniver-

May Birthdays

08 Gail Starling
12 Bill Lort
13 Doris Earnhardt
19 Judy Dammes
19 Patricia Brown
21 Sandy Lort
26 Pr. Tom Sublett
27 Paul Kinzer
27 Kelley Eckert
31 Lexi Thomas

June Birthdays

08 Mare Koehneke
13 Jonathan Eckert
14 Ivey Benson
16 Dave Bendorf
18 Justin Hyatt
23 Richard Brown
24 Jordan Crabb

May Anniversaries

08 Jack & Gail Atkinson
12 Mark & Jessy Crabb
19 Michael & Sarah Covitt
28 Kelly & Jonathan Eckert

June Anniversaries

01 Paul & Becky Kinzer
08 Dave & Stephanie Walsh
17 Bud & Carolyn Gerard
22 Randy & Cathy Miller



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: \$45.00 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