

Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrating Our 64th Year

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A MESSAGE
FROM THE
PASTOR

One of the gifts of beauty of Grace's sanctuary is its beautiful stained glass at the back of the altar. When the light shines in from outside, the stained glass brings this gift of light to all of us and can be mesmerizing. As the pastor, I'm not looking much at the stained glass, and rarely have the fullness of the stained glass in back of me (which is probably a good thing as I tend to focus on what the art in the chancel is – if I am looking from a pew.)

Yes, the chancel is beautiful – but I don't notice the light coming through the stained glass and the beauty it opens to the sanctuary – you do. However, I have the gift of looking out to all of you – and, I have the gift of noticing the beauty of the altar, of those in the pews, and those bringing the music and those who manage the sound, and sending out to those who participate in their homes.

Let us remember that each of us are a rainbow of colors, of ministries, of prayer, of caring and giving tender connection to those who are hurting or suffering. This beloved Body of Christ in Grace Church in Ormond Beach is a gift of God, a place of the grace of our Lord for those who come to this community of faith and grace in a world that can be challenging. Together, with our Lord, we are the presence of Jesus grace and His love with each other, and those who in need His grace.

This community of faith, Grace, is our Lord's gift to each other, and of the community around us. And, remember – when you see the beauty of the light coming through the multiple colors of the altar, notice how our Lord gives multiple gifts to bring light, and love, and peace.

Blessings, Pr. Johanna Kiefner

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Thomas Starling
Vice President	Richard Brown
Secretary	Richard Jeanes
Treasurer	Barbra Sparber Barnes
Council Members	Dave Bendorf
	Peter Koehneke
	Ted MacLeod
	Janet Renick

CHURCH FINANCIALS - July 2025

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 7,259.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 73,937.00
Loose Offering	\$ 714.00	\$ 1,317.00	\$ 5,198.71
Other Income	\$ 3,816.23	\$ 3,203.00	\$ 52,502.35
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,892.35	\$ 14,520.00	\$ 131,638.06
EXPENSES	\$ 16,033.98	\$ 17,256.00	\$ 102,641.18
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ (\$4,244.75)	\$ (2,736.00)	\$ 28,996.88



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Church Council Report

Your Grace Church Council has been busy this past two months. While we took the month of July off from meeting, it seemed that we were meeting via email quite often.

The major achievement thanks to the Property committee was the repair of the oven in the church kitchen. The kitchen has not been in use much since the covid issues and the hurricane damage repairs that were priority. But now the kitchen is back in operation with the oven being fully repaired. The hospitality committee tested the repaired oven this past week in preparation for the Potato bake fund raiser that is being held in conjunction with the God's work our hands project. Both events will happen on the 7th of September right after the church service.

In addition to the kitchen repairs, the sprinkler system was also repaired and is now functional and we have contracted new lawn services which will improve the overall visual of Grace.

The security of the church has also been improved by the addition of some security cameras being repositioned now that the coverage for the school is not needed. The cameras can be monitored remotely, which enhances the safety of church personnel as well as the security of the church.

The Council has also established a new fund, aptly named the Building Improvement Fund. It will continue the maintenance of the building and addressing the many areas that are in desperate need of repair.

As usual, if there are issues that you wish to have the council address, please feel free to contact the office or any of your Council members.

Thomas Starling, Council President



Property Committee

The Property Committee completed the following projects:

- The Commercial Oven in the kitchen has been repaired and is now functional.
- Sprinkler System has been repaired and is now working appropriately.
- Repaired drainage issues causing leaking outside of stained glass windows
- Has gotten estimates on repairing caulking on stained glass windows.
- Met with various sources regarding the sale of the vacant land adjacent to Church
- In discussion with Ormond Beach regarding changes to the Parking Lot Lease
- Set-up Church for Nurse's Pinning Ceremony
- Met with contractors on roof repairs
- Cleaned up lawn and Garden areas.
- Had new security cameras installed in the Garden



"God's Work Our Hands"

Don't forget that Sunday, September 7th, we will once again be doing our part to help our Community. We will be making hygiene kits for "Barracks of Hope". This organization provides transitional housing for homeless veterans who have no place to go. Join us and help after service on Sunday September 7th!

BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
11:00 A.M.**

as part of "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"
SUNDAY following worship



**A DELICIOUS WAY TO BENEFIT
L.A. FIRE VICTIMS**
through the amazing ministry of
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

**YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
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Be sure to sign up in the narthex

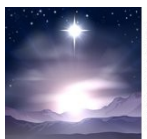
HEADS-UP

**Christmas Eve Services, December 24th, 2025,
will be as follows:**

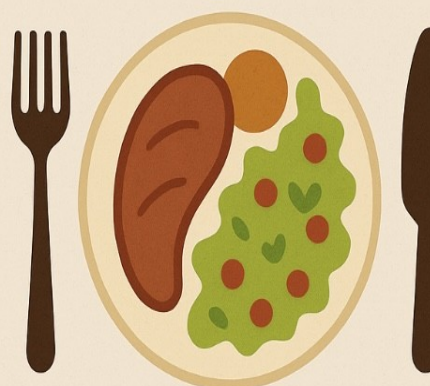
4pm –Early Service

7pm-Candlelight Service

Mark your Calendars!



THE LUNCH BUNCH



MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**JOIN US ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
AT NOON**

**HOULIGANS
IN ORMOND BEACH**

(CORNER OF GRANADA AND CLYDE MORRIS)

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

HURRICANE PREPARATION

As you can image, securing the Church, if a hurricane is predicted for our area, is a challenge. -

We have a check list of what needs to be done and need help making these preparations. If you would like to be on the "Hurricane Preparation Team", please let Ellie know and make sure we have a good phone number and/or email for you. Any and all help would be appreciated during this trying time. Lets pray that we are spared this year. Thank You!!

FAREWELL, MARLITT

On Sunday, August 3rd we celebrated Marlitt Boettcher. It was Marlitt's birthday and we were also bidding a fond farewell to Marlitt. Marlitt moved to Alabama to be with her family.

Marlitt and her husband, Fred, became members of Grace in 1997. They worshipped with us every Sunday and served on countless committees and the Church Council. Fred passed away last year and Marlitt continued attending services and functions in our Church.

Marlitt's daughters decided it would be better for Marlitt not to be alone and to have family nearby. Therefore, Marlitt moved out of the area to be with her family.

We will all miss her hugs and smiles but are happy that she will have the opportunity to enjoy her life surrounded by the love of her family. We are thankful that we all had the opportunity to enjoy sharing many special times with Marlitt. God go with Marlitt as she begins her new journey.



Volunteers Always Welcomed and Needed

If you have any time on your hands and would like to do something worthwhile to help our Church, we have many committees that could use some help. Many of these committees, require very little time. Training will always be provided. Some of these committees include:

- **Liturgical Committee**—needs Communion Assistants, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Guild
- **Property Committee**-help with minor repairs, clean-up inside and outside the church.
- **Tech Committee**-Learn the sound board and taping for Sunday Services
- **Social Ministry**-help identify, collect and distribute materials to community organizations in need
- **Lunch Bunch**-Help select and encourage people to attend the monthly luncheons.
- **Hospitality** -Brainstorm and discover ways to make our Church a welcoming community.

We would also welcome any ideas for new committees that could help us spread God's Work and encourage others to become a part of something special.

SEPTEMBER NEED OF THE MONTH

The Pumpkin Patch



We need Halloween/Fall Decorations!

We Also need the following help:

- *October 3rd—Decorating*
- *October 4th-unloading pumpkins*
- *October 11th-Pet Blessing 11-1pm*
- *October 18th-Blessing of the bikes-11-1pm*
- *October 25th– Fall Festival*
- *Sales table—beginning October 4th—2 hr shifts - 11am-6:30 pm*

Questions—See Ellie—Sign-up in Narthex

Grace Monthly Social Ministry Committee Activity Report

Month/Year August 2025

Chair Mare Koehneke

Agency Jewish Federation (July Collection)

Agency Contact Lori

Donations Delivered Over 200 canned goods.

Monetary Donation Delivered If Applicable \$105

Dollar Approximation Of Donations \$400

Volunteer Hours 2

Dollar Approximation Of Volunteer Hours \$50

Additional Comments If Any:

Thank you to the congregation as the need is great and continues to increase.



Hospitality 'R Us!

A new team has formed at Grace Lutheran Church! With a goal to become “the friendliest church in town” our team has had many fun conversations of what we can do to be a blessing to our community. We are trying to think outside the box on ways to best minister to people in our backyard.

It starts with our parking lot! Many folks use our parking lot each day to enjoy time at the beach. We talked about lots of things we can do to brighten their days such as providing tiny libraries with books and other basic needs

We'd like to do some barbeques for beach goers and congregation members

A possible concert with a night of phenomenal music and story-telling

A “welcome back” party for our snowbirds

Ways to support our 12-step groups

Blessing of the Bikes (Motorcycles), Jeeps and other seasonal events

New signage at the church

And many other great opportunities to serve!

We have applied for a grant through the Florida-Bahamas Synod (Vision 2 Action Grant), and we'll find out in November if it will be “granted” to us.

In the meantime, we will “Ponder anew what the Almighty can do!”

Your Hospitality Team: Nancy Eland, Shawn & Judy Lee, Janet Renick, Dan & Carol Schleven-sky, and Diane Skelley. Feel free to join us (3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm). Talk to any of us about YOUR ideas as we “Entertain Angels” (Hebrews 13:2).





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



September Birthdays

05 Jackie Bendorf
07 Verne Lee
11 Nancy Condo
11 Grace Eckert
11 Al Kaeding
15 Steven Johnson
16 Hisako Wilsey
18 Fran Burdick
18 Wayne Jackson
19 Nancy Eland
22 Paul Graeler
23 Cliff Gaw
24 Patricia Stratton
28 Betty Sublett
30 Joyce Moore

October Birthdays

05 Barbra Sparber-Barnes
13 Randy Johnson
13 David Walsh
14 Leah Rockholz
20 Ruth Haeseker
23 Sarah Covitt
23 Katie Lang
29 Sandra Hostettler
31 Frank Quel

September Anniversaries

15 Ted & Carol Macleod

October Anniversaries

06 Scott & Fran Burdick
13 Richard & Joyce Jeanes



Let everything that breathes praise
the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150:6



The Power of a Quarter- "Building Improvement Fund"

Project Quarterstone will now be a part of the "Building Improvement Fund". GLC has really been successful with the "clink" of our **quarters**. We have paid for so many things that upgrade the church over the 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! Thank you-

The Building Improvement Fund!

Vacationers

As you travel, don't forget, you can stay connected to Grace Lutheran Church wherever you are at:

Grace's Website <http://gracelcob.org/>
Grace's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/graceormondbeach/>

