

Good News From Grace



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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 64th Year

November 2025

In this month of November we come to the close of the lengthy Pentecost season – also known as the Season of the Church – aka the Green Season (i.e. Green – Pentecost season - is the color of the paraments (the liturgical cloths and hangings in the sanctuary) through the time of growth both spiritually and that of the growth of the crops in the lands. This ending of church year comes to closure the end of November – with the New Year – the beginning of Advent on November 30th.

Again, as we come to the close of the church year on November 23, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday that reminds us that our Savior and Lord has indeed broken the power of sin and evil – even when we may feel unsure (There is much in the world and in our lives that can – and do – that can feel overwhelming – and I am grateful for the Body of Christ for the faith of one another!). Let us hold together the truth of our Lord's love, tenderness, forgiveness, and wraps us in his holy love no matter what is happening in our lives and the world.

Here in Florida we live in soft, warm to cool weather as we come into December. Even as the days grow shorter as we come into Christmas time, the Light will grow more bright. As we shift into the closing of the church year and prepare for the coming of the Birth of the Messiah, rekindling hope, promise, joy, and peace

Blessings and peace in the closing of the Church Year!

Pastor Johanna Kiefner

NOVEMBER 2025

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Thomas Starling
Vice President	Richard Brown
Secretary	Richard Jeanes
Treasurer	Barbra Sparber Barnes
Council Members	David Bendorf Theodore MacLeod
	Pete Koehneke Janet Renick

CHURCH FINANCIALS as of September 30, 2025

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 6,745.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 90,493.00
Loose Offering	\$ 585.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,964.71
Other Income	\$ 10,246.27	\$ 4,020.00	\$ 69,105.72
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,576.27	\$ 14,520.00	\$ 165,563.43
EXPENSES	\$ 16,077.50	\$ 17,256.00	\$ 132,552.30
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$ 1,498.77	\$ (2,736.00)	\$ 33,011.13



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Baptism of Maverick Scott Thompson

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025, we had the honor of baptizing Maverick Scott Thompson. Maverick is the son of Stefanie and Dane Thompson, who will be joining our Congregation on New Member Sunday in December. Pastor Johanna Kiefner performed the Baptism. Immediately following the service, a small reception was held in Maverick's honor. We are truly blessed to have this beautiful child become member of our Church and the Christian Community.

God Bless Maverick Scott!



Poinsettias

Due to supply issues and the higher cost of flowers, we will not be able to order fresh poinsettia plants without prepayment. There will not be any plants available to purchase that have not be prepaid. We will be offering 10"fresh Poinsettia Plants. We are hoping to able to get white and red plants. You will be able to pay by check made payable to Grace Lutheran Church (or) GLC, Credit Card or Cash. See Ellie in the Church Office. Thank you! **We must have all paid, preorders by Monday, December 1st.**

As in the past, you may dedicate your plants in memory of loved one who has passed or in honor of someone. Forms for dedications are inside the Sunday bulletins and available in the Church Office. The dedications will be printed in a booklet that will distributed with the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Thank for your understanding and helping us to have a beautiful Christmas Altar!



November Need of the Month and December



We are collecting 100 Cans of Corn and 100 Cans of Green Beans and Corn for the Jerry Doliner Food Banks to be used for their Holiday Dinners for the homeless.

Please begin to bring your items in November and continue through December.

AND

We are also collecting new un-wrapped toys for The Family Renew Children's Christmas Party. The ages for the children range from infants thru teenagers. They have many children in their program in need of gifts. Please bring in by

MONDAY, December 1, 2025

Boxes will be provided.



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If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and indicate "Social Ministry."

Lunch Bunch November Luncheon**November 21st, 2025****12 noon****Crave's Coastal Kitchen****(formerly Martin's)****2000 S Ocean Shore Blvd****Flagler Beach, 32136****Sign-up in the Narthex****Christmas Church Decorating**

Please mark your calendars and give us a little of your time to help decorate our beautiful Church for Christmas..

We will be decorating Friday, December 5th beginning at 1pm and Saturday, December 6th at 9am. Sign-up in the Narthex. Thank you!

Advent Wreath Lighting

The first Sunday of Advent will be Sunday, November 30th. We will be looking for people to help the Pastor with the lighting the Advent Wreath on Sundays during service. If you and/or your family would like to participate, please see Ellie or call the Office (386) 677-9141. The following are the

Sundays in Advent:

November 30th, December 7th, December 14th and December 21st. It will be a beautiful way to celebrate the coming of our Savior. Thank you!

Holiday Dinners

St. Brendan's Catholic Church is trying to put together holiday dinners for those in our area that are experiencing financial hardships. They are in need of Jar Gravy and Instant Mashed Potatoes. If you can help, please bring to Church and put in the area for Need of the Month Collections. Thank you!

**2026 New Church Directory**

As promised, we are planning to send out a new Church Directory in early 2026. Starting in October thru mid- December we will be gathering information and doing pictures. Dates and times to have pictures taken will be available in the next few weeks. If the info in the last directory is correct, we can simply use the same information. However, if you have a change of address, phone number, email or anything else, see Ellie in the Church Office. Also, if you do not want your picture in the Directory but just your information, let us know Thank you!



From the Church Council President....

As we enter the season of Advent it always energizes me in the anticipation of the birth of the Lord and Savior. It is always a busy time of the year for most people with Thanksgiving and Christmas all within a month's time. In addition to the tasks that come with Advent and Christmas, your Council is working to prepare for listing the vacant property that the Congregation approved in October. There are a number of tasks that must be completed in order to list the property in preparation for the sale.

It is also time to begin thinking about the New Year. Your Church Council needs you. We need members to participate actively in the functioning of your Church. At least two members of the Council will be leaving Council at the end of the year. We need volunteers to fill those positions. Council members can only serve for two consecutive three-year terms by the by-laws of our Congregation. My term on the Council will end at the end of this year.

It was a great time serving the Congregation on the Church Council. It is truly and honor to be elected to the Council and I appreciate your support and trust in me. Working with the rest of the members of the Council has been a truly great experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I will, of course, continue to serve the Congregation in other ways. It has truly been a great honor and privilege to serve you on Council.

If you are willing to serve your Congregation, please see any of the current Council members or Ellie in the office and let us know that you would like to be considered for a seat on the Council.

Tom Starling, Council President

Christmas Eve Services

Please note and mark your Calendars:

There will be two services on Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm Early Service

7:00 pm Candle Light Service

Birthdays



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November Birthdays

02 Richard Jeanes
08 Kenneth Pitt
09 Riley Crabb
09 Jackie Vores
10 June Popelar
11 Tom Starling
20 Ann Jacoby



December Birthdays

10 Pete Koehneke
16 Gail Atkinson
23 Carole Hedges



November Anniversaries

01 Franklin & Catherine Quel
14 Spencer & Doris Earnhardt
28 Howard & Barbra Sparber-Barnes

December Anniversaries

17 Eric & Lexi Morgan
20 Tom & Gail Starling
29 Scott & Hope Nattinger
31 Greg & Liz Stevens



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 6 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 and/or
Communion Elements

COST: \$30 flowers, \$30 Elements - 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

PUMPKIN PATCH 2025

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025, THE PUMPKINS WERE DELIVERED AT 4:45 PM. WE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN TOLD THEY WOULD BE DELIVERED BETWEEN 2:45-3PM. IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE WE HAD THE HELP AVAILABLE WHEN THEY WERE DELIVERED, WE TOLD ALL THE HELPERS TO BE AT THE PATCH 2:30PM. WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HELP FROM SEABREEZE HIGH SCHOOL, ST. BRENDAN'S MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EMBRY RIDDLE UNIVERSITY. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, THERE WAS OVER A TWO-HOUR DELAY. WHILE OUR VOLUNTEERS WERE GIVEN THE OPTION TO LEAVE, LEAVE AND COME BACK, OR JUST HANG OUT, MOST DECIDED TO STAY, FOR WHICH WE WERE VERY THANKFUL. WE HAD ORDERED FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR EVERYONE AND OUR HELPERS FOUND NUMEROUS WAYS TO ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES DURING THE DELAY. WHEN THE PUMPKINS FINALLY ARRIVED, THEY WENT TO WORK IMMEDIATELY, AND THE PUMPKINS WERE UNLOADED IN RECORD TIME.

DURING THE PUMPKIN PATCH, WE ALSO HAD A PET BLESSING, A BIKE BLESSING AND THE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL. IT WAS QUITE A YEAR FOR THE 2025 PUMPKIN PATCH AND WE SOLD OVER \$10,500 WORTH OF PUMPKINS! MANY, MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A RECORD YEAR!

