

Good News From Grace



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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrating Our 65th Year



It's hard to believe that Christmas is just behind us and it's already time to start planning for Lent. The Church Council will be meeting shortly to discuss our plans for Lent and the Holy Week Schedule.

I have been thinking about what we can do for a special Weekly Lenten Devotion. Do we want to just get together and meditate? Do we want a special meditation format? Or do we want to get to know one another just a little better? It's up to you. Let me know what you feel or think regarding Lenten Devotions.

Christmas Eve services went very well. It was special to see many visitors attend. Hopefully, we will see them again in the near future.

I am very honored to once again be leading the 2026 Church Council installation on January 18th. You have selected some great and hard working people to lead this Church.

Our Bible Studies Group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 am. We have a lively group of participants. We are discussing the Parables and we are enjoying what we are learning. We always have room for people to join us.

I make regular visits to visit the sick or home-bound people. If you would like me to visit you, please contact the Church Office.

God Bless you and Happy New Year!

Pastor Johanna Kiefner

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COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026

Barbra Sparber-Barnes, President	Dave Bendorf
Richard Brown, Vice President	Ted MacLeod
Janet Renick, Secretary	Scott Nattinger
Peter Koehneke, Treasurer	Carl Wince

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	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES	\$	\$	\$
NET INCOME / LOSS	\$	\$	\$



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A New Year

Happy New Year Everyone! With the New Year comes new promises, new hopes and fresh new ideas. I am very pleased to be the newly elected Church Council President for 2026!

As your Council President, I promise to continue to listen to all of you and to get us through both the good times and the rough times. My goal is to make our Church a community a place where all feel welcomed and loved.

I won't be able to do this alone. We need to work together to explore new things that expand our horizons and reach out to those in need both here at Grace and in our local community.

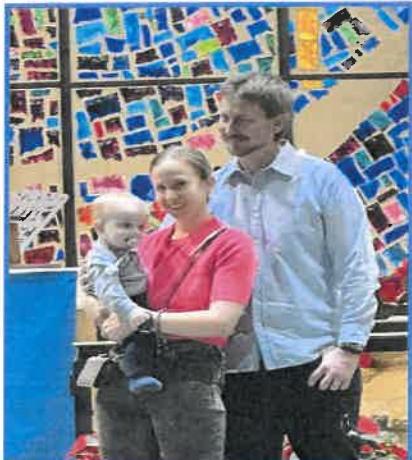
With that being said, please take some time to get to know me and the rest of our Church Council.

Thank you for everything you all do for Grace! I look forward to serving you as your new Council President.

Barbra Sparber Barnes, 2026 Council President

New Member Sunday—December 7th 2025

On Sunday, December 7th, 2025, we welcomed new members into our Church. Stephanie, Dane & Maverick Thompson and Pamela & William Wendel. We are so grateful to have them become members and we know they are welcomed by our entire congregation!



Dane, Stefanie and Maverick Thompson



William and Pamela Wendel



Join us for Bible Studies



Bible Studies is held every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Depending on the number of people attending, 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. 8th

Please bring in cans of soup for **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY, February 8th.**

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 2025 Members of the Church Council whose terms ended
12/31/25— Tom Starling and Richard Jeanes**

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.

Congratulations Hospitality Committee

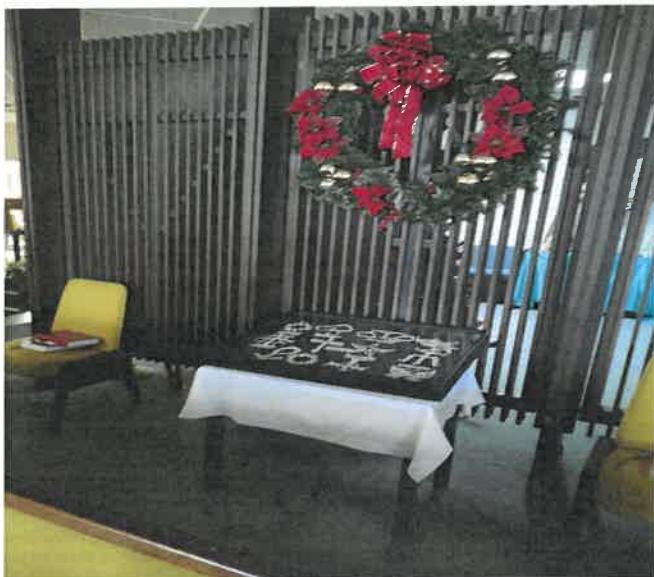
The Office of the Bishop and Synod Council of the Florida Bahamas Synod are pleased to inform you that Grace Lutheran Church's proposal for your Vision to Action (V2A)Grant has been approved in the amount of \$5,000. We give thanks for your interest and applaud you for your vision and initiative. The Grant Team encourages you to focus on one or two events in your extensive project proposal, demonstrate success, then apply again for next year for additional funds.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

THROUGHOUT THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND ESPECIALLY AROUND CHRISTMAS, THERE WERE NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED IN THE OFFICE, SETUP FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, DECORATED AND UNDECORATED THE CHURCH, AND LENT A HELPING HAND. THANK YOU!

WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!



**Just a reminder:
Annual Reports are due
Sunday, January 23rd.**



**INSTALLATION OF
CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS
IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH
DURING THE 10 AM SERVICE
A SMALL RECEPTION WILL
FOLLOW!**



“LUNCH BUNCH” CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The 2025 Christmas Luncheon was held at Halifax Plantation on Friday, December 19th, 2025 at 12 noon. We had a great crowd of people. The food was excellent and the staff at Halifax Plantation went out of their way to keep our group well-fed and happy.

Everyone is always welcome to attend. Bring family, friends, etc. to the “Lunch Bunch” luncheons!!!



Farewell Quilts

On Sunday, 1-25-26, we will bless the quilts that have been lovingly made by the our quilters this past year. The quilters are in need of boxes to pack the quilts in for shipping. If you have any, please drop them off at Church.

Thank you quilters for a job well-done!

“LUNCH BUNCH”-
JANUARY LUNCHEON
January 16th, 2026
12 noon
Caribbean Jacks
721 Ballough Road
Daytona Beach, 3114



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

09 Ryan Covitt
13 Donna Hauge
13 Scott McLeod
19 Michael Covitt
22 Beth Graeler
23 Anna Ellingworth
28 Carolyn Gerard



January Anniversaries

07 Paul & Elizabeth Graeler
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 \$30

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, 1/15 @ 4pm
Wednesdays—10:30am —Conferenc Rm
1/16/25 12 noon
**Caribbean Jacks, 721 Ballough Rd,
Daytona**



JANUARY Need of the Month

Grace Lutheran Church Congregation

Our Congregation is always very generous in supporting all of the needs of our community. Now it's time to do something special for and with you!

We will ask for your thoughts, sharing, thankfulness and desires during the month with activity during and after the services. Look forward to the bulletin announcements and activities as we celebrate Grace and you!

