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Good News From Grace



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating Our 65th Year



The Gift of Lent

In these weeks of Lent we have the gift of growing more deeply into our lives in our Lord Jesus and to continue to grow during this Holy time and the times beyond Lent and Easter.

This time in our Lenten observance, Wednesday evenings we will be gathering with a caring and loving time of being together over a simple, yet very delicious meal. This meal is not only for nourishing our bodies, but it also builds us in holy community with one another.

Following our nourishing meal, we are engaging in reflective time in the gift of Luther's gift of the Small Catechism, which includes:

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Creed (On Creation, On Redemption, and on Being Made Holy)
3. The Lord's Prayer
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5. The Sacrament of the Altar

This is a different kind of Lenten Observation in which we can refresh our hearts, minds and spirits. Lent is a time of spiritual refreshment and growth. (For those of you that have last engaged with the Small Catechism, when we were very young, and others who have not engaged with Luther's Small Catechism, a printed copy is available in the Church Office.

Have a Blessed Lenten season. Think about joining us Wednesday evenings during Lent for a evening of food and reflection.

Blessings,
Pastor Johanna Kiefner

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Council Members:	Barbara Sparber Barmes Richard Brown Peter Koehneke Janet Renick David Bendorf Scott Nattinger Ted Macleod Carl Wince
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CHURCH FINANCIALS February 2026 will be available 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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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT.....

IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING AND COUPLE OF MONTHS SINCE I BECAME COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN JANUARY. OUR CHURCH IS TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A GENEROUS AND CARING CONGREGATION AND CHURCH COUNCIL.

AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE NOTICED THE CARPETING IN THE CHURCH, NARTHEX, SACRISTY AND CHURCH OFFICE HAS BEEN FRESHLY CLEANED. INCLUDED IN THIS MAJOR PROJECT, WERE ALSO THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH PEWS. IN ADDITION TO LOOKING GOOD, IT SMELLS GOOD!

HOPEFULLY, MOST OF YOU WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FANTASTIC MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST THAT WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH. THIS BREAKFAST WAS PUT ON BY OUR CHURCH'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. MANY THANKS TO THEM FOR A GREAT EVENT. THEY ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB AND HAVE SOME GREAT THINGS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOYCE NORTHRIDGE ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THE MANY YEARS SHE HAS SPENT AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LITURGICAL COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR CHURCH. JOYCE PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS WITH THIS COMMITTEE AND WE APPRECIATE THE THOROUGHNESS SHE ALWAYS SHOWED WITH THE MANY ACTIVITIES SHE OVER-SAW. JOYCE HAS RESIGNED AS CHAIR. WE WILL MISS HER EXPERTISE AND I'M SURE WE WILL NEED TO CONSULT HER ON MANY THINGS IN THE FUTURE. MANY, MANY THANKS, JOYCE!!

ON A SAD NOTE, OUR DEAR FRIEND AND A FORMER COUNCIL PRESIDENT, BILL LORT PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. BILL DID SO MUCH FOR THIS CHURCH AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US. REST IN PEACE, BILL.

ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS I HOPE TO ACHIEVE AS PRESIDENT, IS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MORE THAN JUST A BUILDING AND A PLACE TO GO TO ON SUNDAYS. I WANT TO MAKE IT A WELCOMING, LOVING COMMUNITY THAT REACHES OUT TO EVERYONE, CHURCH MEMBERS AND THE ORMOND COMMUNITY. I WILL BE REACHING OUT TO YOU, OUR CONGREGATION, TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

BARBRA SPARBER BARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Blessing of the Bikes

We will be holding a "Blessing of the Bikes" on Saturday, March 7th, 2026 from 11am to 1pm. Please spread the word. Invite your relatives, friends and visitors to this special event.

Refreshments will be available!





March Need of the Month

For the month of March we will be
collecting cleaning and Feminine
Hygiene Products

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
- Swiffer Handles

Feminine Hygiene Pads

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

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 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 20th at 12 noon
Charlie Horse Restaurant
810 S. Atlantic Ave.
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Sign-up in the lobby!**



Directory 2026 Update

Time is running out to get your picture taken or update your directory information. If you like the picture that was published in the 2025 Directory and all the information is correct, we will use both the picture and information in the new directory. However, if you want a new picture, the last weekend we will be doing pictures or updates, will be March 28th & 29th. Thank you!



Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday, March 29th, 2026: 10am
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 2026:
5:30 pm
Good Friday, April 3rd, 2026: 5:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2026: 10am**

**Please join us for a weekly Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper at 5pm and Service beginning at 6pm—
The Last Soup Supper & Devotional for Lent will be Wednesday, March 25th
If you plan on coming to any of the Soup Suppers, please sign-up in the Narthex so we can have an accurate number for soup.**



BIBLE STUDIES UPDATE

Bible Studies will be resume meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am beginning April 14th. Everyone is welcome!



Daylight Savings Time

**Move your clocks ahead an hour on
March 7th!**



Birthdays



Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 02 Lexi Kearns
- 02 Luke Kearns
- 03 Francine Berger
- 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

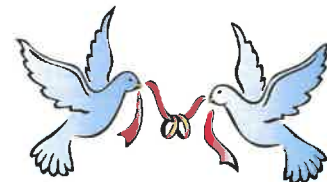
- 01 John Stratton
- 16 Joyce Northridge
- 28 Randy Miller

March Anniversaries

- 05 Dave & Francine Berger

Easter Plants

Easter Plants are available for purchase. Forms are in the Sunday Bulletins. The Cost will be \$25 and all plants must be prepaid in advance. There will not be any plants available to purchase that have not been prepaid. As has been done in the past, you will be able to dedicate your plant(s) in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. Your dedication will be put in a booklet that will be available on Easter Sunday. All plants must be prepaid and ordered by March 31st.



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—\$30
 Communion Elements \$30
COST: \$60.00 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

★ **THRIVENT SPONSORED EVENT**

★ **DAYTONA TORTUGAS
BASEBALL NIGHT** ★

April 18 • 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM



Join us for an evening of
dinner, fellowship, and baseball!

- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Baseball Game
- ✓ Great Company

A fun time will be had by all!

- 🟢 Sign up with Janet today!
- 💰 Price will be determined soon.

★ **THRIVENT SPONSORED EVENT**

★ **COMMUNITY** ★ **SHREDDING EVENT**

April 25 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Thrivent Office – North Ormond



**Clean out those files and bring
your papers to shred!**

✓ **Safe**

✓ **Convenient**

✓ **Free to Attend**