

# Good News From Grace



God's work. Our hands.



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Celebrating Our 65th Year

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April 2026

We are coming into the Resurrection of our Lord this month, and this is a time of springtime in much of the United States with the refreshment of new life throughout the country. Even Florida has vegetation growing new leaving its springtime renewal. And, in the recent few weeks we are surrounded by the coming of birds and their birdsong. This is a time of renewal of the earth and all its creatures, and for us, the Resurrection of our Lord. New Life springs with the Resurrection of our Lord.

Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and promise. It is the promise of our Lord's Resurrection which lets us open our hearts, minds, and spirits in the midst of our lives, be it be all the positive, and all that may be times of struggle, pain, suffering and grief. And, for many of us, we may find ourselves yearning in the gift of our Lord's resurrection.

Jesus came as one of us and knows us all so well, and loved us all even to taking all of sin, pain, anxiety, and all of life's suffering when he willingly took on our brokenness, and when he was Resurrected the power of Sin is broken. In our Lord, we are made whole - even when we are not certain - BUT - our Lord and Savior DID break the power of Sin.

We are all loved and cherished by our Lord Jesus and He will always love us and be with us - no matter what. Praise be to our Lord.

Pr. Johanna Kiefner



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## CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Pr. Johanna Kiefner
Organist	Corine Keefer
Office Administrator	Ellie Faust
Bookkeeper	Gail Atkinson
Financial Secretary	Sandy Hostettler

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Barbra Sparber Barnes
Vice President	Rich Brown
Secretary	Janet Renick
Treasurer	Peter Koehneke
Council Members:	Dave Bendorf
	Ted MacLeod
	Scott Nattinger
	Carl Wince

## CHURCH FINANCIALS February 2026

INCOME	MONTH-Actual	MONTH-Budget	YEAR to Date-Actual
Regular Giving	\$ 11,123.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 19,072.00
Loose Offering	\$ 785.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,242.00
Other Income	\$ 7,237.31	\$ 3,986.00	\$ 16,457.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 19,145.31</b>	<b>\$ 14,486.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,771.00</b>
EXPENSES	\$ 15,444.20	\$ 16,104.00	\$ 30,496.66
<b>NET INCOME / LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 3,701.11</b>	<b>(\$ 1,618.00)</b>	<b>\$ 6,274.34</b>



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### Thrivent Members

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, did you know you have "Choice" dollars that you can allocate every year to your favorite non-profit? Also, every Thrivent member has access to "Thrivent Action Grants" which are mini-grants to kick-start community service projects (pumpkin patch, quilting, trunk sale and more).

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to learn more about these, please let us know



#### April "Lunch Bunch" Luncheon

April 17th 2026

12 noon

Fletcher's Irish Pub

393 W Granada Blvd

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Sign-up in the Narthex



#### Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd—5:30pm

Good Friday, April 3rd-5:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th—10:00 am

All Are Welcome!



*Thank you for your Kindness*

*We are so grateful to be part of such a loving and caring Church Family. Thank you to all of you for remembering*

*Bill in so many special ways!*

*Sandy Lort and Family*



#### Easter Egg Hunt

Please Join Us

For an Easter Egg Hunt for Children attending the Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 5th, 11am





## April – President’s Message

Barbra Sparber Barnes, Council President

The Church Council has been very busy. The primary goal of the Council is to try to reach out to our Congregation and listen to what they have to say. We are continuously looking for the ways to make this happen. When new members visit our Church, we not only welcome them, but we endeavor to make feel that they are special so they will want to come back. Even though we have greeters that help us achieve this goal, we need our congregation to also help us. If you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself and make them feel that they are a part of the Grace Lutheran Church family.

We have been blessed to have added some new church members over the last year. It is exciting to see more people getting involved in our Church Ministry by joining committees and helping with our Sunday services.

The newly formed Hospitality Committee has also been hard at work planning events and functions to encourage more people in the Community to participate in many of our Church Activities. In the last few months they offered a Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast, Blessing of the Bikes during Bike week, offered multiple coffee/fellowship hours after Sunday Services, planned an Easter Egg Hunt and a free hot dog, chips and soda give away at the Tom Renick Park. They have also helped a great deal with the Daytona State Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony. We are so grateful for all they have done and I’m sure there is more to come.

We will be resuming Bibles Studies in a couple of weeks on April 22. You don’t have to be a Church Member to attend. If you would like to join the group, feel free. They meet on Wednesdays 10:30 in the Conference Room. Come and bring a friend!

Thank you everyone who helps in any way to make our Church a welcoming place for both our congregation and our visitors!!!

God Bless you all!

Barbra



# Birthdays



## April Birthdays

01 John Stratton  
 16 Joyce Northridge  
 23 Erin Morgan  
 28 Randy Miller

## May Birthdays

08 Gail Starling  
 13 Doris Earnhardt  
 19 Patricia Brown  
 19 Judy Dammes  
 21 Sandy Lort  
 27 Paul Kinzer  
 27 Kelley Eckert  
 31 Lexi Thomas

## April Anniversaries

1 Richard & Patricia Brown

## May Anniversaries

12 Mark & Jessy Crabb



### 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 and/or Communion Elements  
**COST:** \$30.00 Flowers and \$30.00 Elements  
**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**










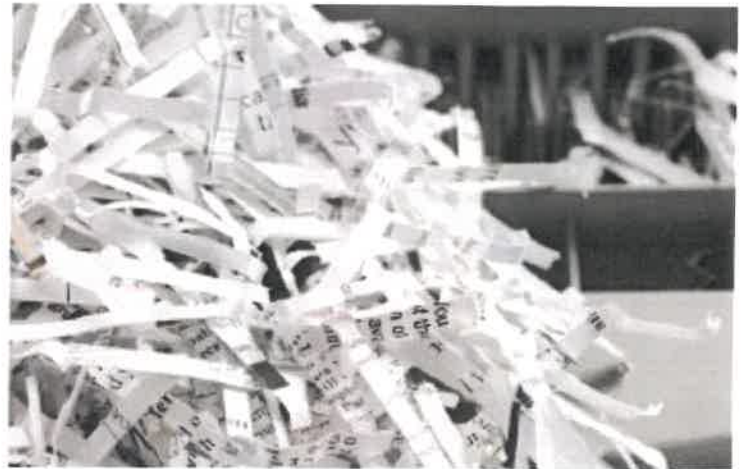
# Need of April the Month

## *PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER*

The Pregnancy Crisis Center provides free pregnancy testing, referral and information for housing, medical care, adoption and education. The Crisis Center also provides counseling, food, clothing, and furnishings for both mother and baby. There are also support groups in place to assist mother and child. The Crisis Center has provided assistance to over 5,000 mothers and babies.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center is in need of the following items:

-  Diapers
-  Bottles
-  Receiving blankets
-  Baby wipes
-  Shampoo and baby wash
-  Onesies and other newborn clothing
-  Baby clothes for infants up to one year old



## Please join us

**Mark your calendar for the 10th ANNUAL SHRED IT & SHARE EVENT. We'd love to have you.**

Kick off your spring cleaning by attending our **FREE** onsite shredding event. Our Thrivent Team is excited to present our **10th Annual Shred It & Share Event**. A shredding truck will be at our office, & we would love to see you, your family & friends. This **FREE** event is a great way to declutter & dispose of your documents safely.

### **LIMIT 10 BOXES PER PERSON.**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for *Halifax Urban Ministries*. Please plan to bring a contribution, if you are able. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested in this event.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2026. Call Diane Skelley at 368-361-7769 or email [diane.skelley@thrivent.com](mailto:diane.skelley@thrivent.com).

## Event Details

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

1366 North US Hwy 1

Suite 601

Ormond Beach, FL

32174

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# Activity Schedule



**WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE      10am on Sundays!**

## April Activities

Coffee Fellowship	Immediately following Sunday Service
Gift Shop	15 minutes before & after Sunday worship
Easter Egg Hunt	After Service Easter Sunday April 5th
Quilters	Tuesdays at 9:30am
Church Council	April 16th, 4:00 pm
“Lunch Bunch” Luncheon”	April 17th 12 noon-Fletchers, Ormond Beach
Bible Studies	Wednesdays 10:30am-Resumes April 22

## 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/>

