



# The Call of *Grace*

Grace Lutheran Church

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## **From the Pastor's Desk...**

March of 2020 is when the Coronavirus hit home for us.

So much has happened in our community, our country and the world in these last 12 months. Much of it has been bad.

Where do we go when things are going bad? Some people get frustrated and angry when there seems to be a long run of “bad” things that happens to them. These people like to play the “blame game” and make believe that it is the faults of other people that causes them so much pain. Other people attempt to deny that there are any problems happening in their lives or in the world that they need be concerned about. This is the Alfred E. Neuman approach to life, “*What, me worry?*”

Still others fall prey to depression with its long list of things that try to keep us on the gloomy side of life. Depression is very real, but thanks be to God there is much help available. Please, if this is where you are at in these difficult times, seek out the help of your Physician and/or a licensed, qualified Christian Counselor.

When things are difficult (and even when they are not,) God’s people will be well-served to do everything possible to keep their eyes and their focus upon Him and His life-giving Word found in the Bible. Are you taking time each day to read His Word? Get into the habit of spending some time with God each day in Scripture.

When things are difficult (and even when they are not,) God’s people will also be well-served to spend some extra, planned, ***intentional*** time in prayer to Him. You don’t need to worry about flowery language or having the “right” words. Just talk to Him! Intentionally. Every day.

Scripture tells us in Isaiah 26:3 “*You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*”

Paul tells us in Colossians 3:2 “*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*”

Turn off the news. Give Social Media a rest. Turn your eyes to God and His Word.

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Heed the admonition of God through Paul in Philippians 4:8, *“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*

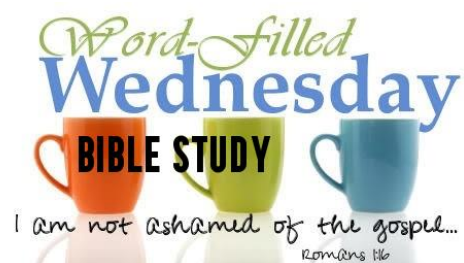
As I said last month, I pray that you will draw closer than ever before to God during these trying days, and that He will reveal Himself to you more and more as you seek Him in His Word and prayer.

For those of you who have not yet returned to Sunday morning in-person worship here at Grace, ***I want to invite you to return.*** The vaccine is being distributed. Many have already received both shots. We are not yet at 50% of building capacity at each service, so *there is ample room to socially distance.* **You are missed!** Grace is a safe place to be, and we are taking all possible measures to keep things sanitized. I am unaware of anyone being able to trace getting the virus to coming to worship here at Grace. Of course, I respect your decision regarding this, but I encourage you to prayerfully ask yourselves whether it’s time to come back.

May God bless you as you seek Him!

Joining Jesus on His Mission,

*Pastor Huesmann*



Many have asked when we might restart the Wednesday Morning Bible Class. It will resume on **Wednesday April 7** (the Wednesday after Easter). Time has changed a little. It will begin at 10:00am. Many of those who have attended in the past will have had their Covid 19 vaccinations and are beginning to feel more comfortable about going out and being with others. Distancing and masks will still be followed to ensure all attending that we are being as safe as possible. Looking forward to seeing you and studying God’s word together.

*Karin Moore*

# March Calendar

**Calendar Key:**  
**S=Sanctuary N=Narthex FH=Fellowship Hall**  
**WC=Welcome Center CB=Community Building Y=Youth**  
**K=Kitchen OC=Office Conference LS=Lord's Supper**  
**SC= Sanctuary Conference PK= PreK Room**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	<b>2</b> 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 1:15pm PRE-K BOARD MTG	<b>3</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 4:30pm Confirmation OC	<b>4</b> 10:00am Backpack CB	<b>5</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	<b>8</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 6:30pm Elders Meeting OC 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	<b>9</b> 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 6:30 BLL Mtg OC	<b>10</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 4:30pm Confirmation OC	<b>11</b> 10:00am Backpack CB	<b>12</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>13</b>
<b>14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b> 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	<b>15</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>16</b> 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB	<b>17</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 4:30pm Confirmation OC 6:30pm Worship	<b>18</b> 10:00am Backpack CB	<b>19</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	<b>22</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>23</b> 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB	<b>24</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 4:30pm Confirmation OC	<b>25</b> 10:00am Backpack CB	<b>26</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>27</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl CB
<b>28 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	<b>29</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>30</b> 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB	<b>31</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 4:30pm Confirmation OC			



# AMAZING GRACE

Christian Preschool

As we wind down one year and look forward to another, we pray that God blesses us with children to fill the preschool who are eager to hear about the love of Jesus through Grace Lutheran Church's preschool ministry.

We are enrolling now for the fall of 2021. We are proud to have had the opportunity to serve the Pensacola community for 21 years. Amazing Grace serves children that are 2,3, or 4 years old. We offer a faith based half day program. We are a State licensed program through the Department of Children and Families and also a provider for the Voluntary Preschool Program. The 2 and 3-year old children can attend 2,3 or 4 days a week and the 4-year old children can attend our FREE Voluntary Preschool Program (VPK) 4 days a week. Early and late care is available from 8-9 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. for a fee. Information about Amazing Grace can be picked up at the Preschool or Church Office or go to our website page at [gracepensacola.org](http://gracepensacola.org) and click on the preschool tab and then the registration information button for the Amazing Grace forms.

We are excited to invite dads to the preschool for our yearly Donuts for Dads (and photo op) fellowship. It will have a little different twist, as we meet outside for time and fellowship together. Art Gallery Nite and the logistics are still in the planning mode. Thank you to the Preschool Action Committee who help make things happen behind the scenes. Continue to keep our preschool ministry in your prayers as we are faced with new challenges (especially this year) but we are thankful for the blessings we receive every day.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil.4:13*

Until the Whole World Hears,  
Amy Onkka  
Director, Amazing Grace <><

## March Birthdays

Stacy Yarbrough 3/1  
Michelle Poppe 3/2  
Annalise Weber 3/4  
Carol Mankins 3/5  
Monika Sales 3/9  
Maeson Otwell 3/14  
Pauline Chorley 3/23  
Kaden Chapman 3/24  
Betty Alford 3/25  
Gayle Yarbrough 3/26  
Mike Holloway 3/26  
Amy Wipf 3/27  
Stephen Bevans 3/31

## March Anniversaries

Jack & Amy Onkka 3/3  
Bobby & Robyn Otwell 3/7  
Alan & Sheryl Sabanosh 3/9  
Monika & Sean Sales 3/10  
Jody & Shelley Evans 3/22



*March 14th*

Senior Adult Bible Study  
Tuesday 10-12