



The Call of *Grace*

Grace Lutheran Church

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October 2021

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear family and friends of Grace,

The Fall season is here, and most of us have (I pray) returned to at least some semblance of a quasi-normal life and schedule. Thanks be to God, Covid has now receded in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties – but not before taking a heavy toll, even touching many families at Grace, or with Grace connections. We pray that God will relieve the world of this scourge soon in His will.

But now let's talk about something much more pleasant...

Fellowship!

If there is one thing that has been hard hit in the whole time of the pandemic, it's been fellowship.

So many folks long for all the personal interactions and friendships that we used to have with one another as God's family here at Grace.

Well... the time has come to do something about that! This month we're going to begin a new tradition here at Grace. As you know, four times each year, we experience months with five Sundays. So, I'm happy to announce that beginning this month, **every 5th Sunday**, we will be **combining worship services** into one big, blended-style service (at 10:30 a.m.) followed by **a big ol' Potluck Lunch** together in the Fellowship Hall!

We'll worship together, and get to see and fellowship with people who we know and love who usually attend a different Service time than we do. We'll share life in Jesus in worship, then share our lives and a meal together. It will be great! And I know we'll grow to look forward to the 5th Sundays each year.

This current month of October has five Sundays. The 5th Sunday falls on October 31.

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If you've been a Lutheran for any length of time, you know that October 31 means one thing: **Reformation!** Since Martin Luther was German, and the Reformation began in Germany, naturally our Potluck this month is going to have a German theme! **"Gemütlichkeit!"** which is the (untranslatable) German word for "fellowship, fun, good times, good friends, good food, etc, etc, etc." So... as the saying goes... "Loosen your Lederhosen" and get ready for a wonderful time on October 31st!

The 5th Sundays in 2022 will be January 30; May 29; July 31; and October 30. So mark your calendars for those dates, too!

I hope you will plan on participating in these special 5th Sunday happenings. They will also serve as a great opportunity to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to church and a great meal. Begin praying now about who you could invite!

There are more exciting things happening at Grace soon, so keep your ears to the tracks for what is to come, and how you will be able to participate in what God is doing – and about to do here among us at Grace.

See you in Church!

Joining Jesus on His Mission,

Pastor Huesmann



Flowers & Candles for October



October 3 – Liz Richbourg
Altar Flowers are given in Memory of
Earl Richbourg

October 24 – Fisher Family
Altar Flowers are given and Eternal Candle is lit in Honor of
Chris Fisher's Birthday



The Backpack Ministry is busily packing food bags for distribution to Holm Elementary School students once a week. The time and day for filling the bags has changed to Wednesday at 12:15 PM in the Community building. Currently we are delivering 30 bags each week but have the ability to deliver up to 50. Weather permitting Holm will have a Trunk and Treat on October 29th for the students.

TENTATIVELY the Grace Backpack Ministry hopes to participate with a car trunk decorated to give out candy. We will send out more information later in the month if candy donations are needed. As always thank you for your prayers, volunteer time and financial support. Grace Lutheran Church is a positive presence in these students' lives.

Sharon D'Ambra



Sunday School - Bible Class Schedule

- Adult class: Sundays @ 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall
- Jr/Sr High Class: Sundays @ 9:15 in Pastor's Conference Room
 - Join other youth and have a meaningful conversation about faith, life and God.
- Children – Ages 2-5th Grade:
 - Lessons from the Old Testament
 - Songs, skits, crafts, snacks and games
 - Come and join the fun!

FACILITIES REPORT

The four A/C units that cool/heat the Sanctuary have been replaced and are working fantastically. They cool the sanctuary very well and are much quieter than the old units. With God's blessing, we hope to get twenty-six years of service from these units also.

As I am writing this, we are still waiting for the new guttering to be installed on the 9th Avenue side of the Fellowship Hall and some lighting replacement/repairs to be made throughout the facility. The weather is holding up the guttering installation and the lack of parts is delaying the electrical work.

As much as has been completed on the facilities the past two years, there is still much more to do. We have the sheetrock repair and painting of the Sanctuary (thanks to Sally), an irrigations well/pump and sprinkler system that needs renovating, an A/C unit dedicated to the kitchen area, adding guttering to the Sanctuary roof, exterior painting of the Youth Building (multi-purpose building), and the general upkeep of the grounds, including the holding ponds. Some of these projects we can accomplish ourselves, which is why attendance at the monthly church workdays is important. What we do ourselves, naturally saves us money, which could be used better elsewhere. The next workday will be October 16th. More information on that will be forthcoming. And thank you Bill Upton for organizing/coordinating the workdays.

If anyone notices anything on the church campus that needs attention, please notify the church office.

Bruce Dietty

Facility Manager



**Operation CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

“Grace Lutheran Church is participating again in Samaritan Purse’s Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. We hope each family will fill at least 1 shoebox with items for children in age groups 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, and pray for the receiving child. Each box needs to be marked with boy/girl and which age group. Boxes need to be done by Sunday, November 14. A drop off table will be set up at church. There will be boxes available or you can use your own shoeboxes. \$9 cash donation for each box is requested, if possible, for shipping. Donations can also be made out to the church, indicating “For OCC”.

The following items should not be included in the boxes: used or damaged items, war-related items (knives, toy guns, soldiers), food, including candy, seeds, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans. Contact Sandy Hartranft or Susan McFarland with any questions.

AMAZING GRACE

Christian Preschool

God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

We, recently, were able to start chapel time with the children. It is always such a fun time to see the children's faces light up with the joy of Jesus as they learn how to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and sing songs related to our stories. What a great way to grow God's kingdom!

We are taking each day, week and month as they come, always being flexible. We pray that God will continue to bless our preschool and keep us safe.

Last month, we had water day and enjoyed splash pads, water tables and sprinklers. The children always look forward to this special day. We, also, started Stretch n Grow, again, our music and movement weekly class.

Special thanks to the people who dropped off supplies outside the preschool office. Those efforts are greatly appreciated.



Until the Whole World Hears,

Mrs. Amy & the staff

Camp Dixie 2021

Chicken Dinner Schedule

All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Dates for 2021!

January 10, 2021
February 07, 2021
March 14, 2021
April 11, 2021
June 13, 2021
September 12, 2021
October 10, 2021
November 14, 2021

Bring Your Family And Friends And Enjoy Fellowship,
And Fun, While Having Some FANTASTIC Fried Chicken!

Dine-In & Take Out Orders
For More Information, Please
Call (251) 987-1201 Or Visit Our Website
www.campdixieministries.org
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530

All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.

Camp Dixie is Supported By: Grace Lutheran, Mobile, AL
St. Mark's Lutheran, Elberta, AL St. Paul's Lutheran, Foley, AL
Immanuel Lutheran, and Redeemer, Lutheran, Pensacola, FL



NEW SEASON - NEW HOPE
A GRACE WOMEN'S GATHERING
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

- BREAKFAST
- DEVOTION
- SHARING OF IDEAS FOR GRACE'S WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

October 2, 2021
9:00 am - 11:00 am

The poster features a light yellow background with floral illustrations in yellow, teal, and blue. The text is centered and includes the title, scripture reference, a list of activities, and the date and time.

Loosen Your Lederhosen
AND JOIN US FOR A

Fall Potluck

Brats, Sauerkraut,
Games for Kids, & More



October 31st
(after service)

Fellowship Hall
Grace Lutheran Church

Gemütlichkeit!

October 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	2 Moore GLC 9:00am Women's Ministry WC
3 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	4 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	5 1:15pm Pre-K Board Mtg OC 7:00am AA Mtg CB	6 7:00am AA Mtg CB 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 4:30pm Jr. Confirmation	7 7:00am AA Mtg CB	8 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	9 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
10 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	11 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 6:30pm Elder's Mtg OC 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	12 7:00am AA Mtg CB 6:30 BLL Mtg OC	13 7:00am AA Mtg CB 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 4:30pm Jr. Confirmation	14 7:00am AA Mtg CB	15 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	16 8:00am Work Day
17 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	18 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	19 7:00am AA Mtg CB	20 7:00am AA Mtg CB 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 4:30pm Jr. Confirmation	21 7:00am AA Mtg CB	22 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	23 10:00am Prayer Shawl CB
24/31 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service 31 st COMBINED SERVICE/POT LUCK AFTER	25 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	26 7:00am AA Mtg CB	27 7:00am AA Mtg CB 10:00am Senior Adult BS CB 4:30pm Jr. Confirmation 6:30pm Thyme- 4- Fun Herbs CB	28 7:00am AA Mtg CB	29 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Mtg CB	30



Work-Day
Saturday – October 16th
8:00 A.M.



October Birthdays

Triston Pitts 10/3, Ed Hansen 10/4, Sheryl Sabanosh 10/5, Marcie Whitney 10/6, Susan Hansen 10/7, Dave Hartranft 10/9, Jon Navarro 10/12, Marcia Brazil 10/12, Jerry Spraggins 10/13, Amy Onkka 10/15, Jody Evans 10/15, Dan Klug 10/19, Chris Fisher 10/22, Jorgen Balogh 10/22, Nancy McKnight 10/22, Savanna Windrow 10/24, Emily Dietly 10/26, Lynne Gough 10/26, Joy Brindley 10/31

October Anniversaries



John & Margot Steiger 10/5, Jason & DeAnna Windrow 10/10

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hey, teens and college students, why not join us? Your spare time can be productive, and you'll have something to show for the time well spent. Guys, don't be shy. The arts of crocheting and knitting are not just for girls. One great former football player, Rosey (Roosevelt) Grier, the gentle giant, was an avid needlepoint stitcher, creating instructional and pattern books. And then there's the British Olympian, Tom Daley, that knitted to keep calm between his competitions. There are a lot of medicinal values in handmade hobbies like these. They are calming and good for your heart both physically and lovingly.

If you are interested in learning a new skill, we will teach you, "free of charge", how to knit, quilt, or crochet. And....if you already are proficient in any of these skills or would like to rekindle an old skill, please consider joining our group. We do not place limits on any of our members regarding how many articles we make, so you will not feel obligated in that way. We also supply all yarn, hooks, needles, patterns, quilting supplies, dryer sheets, etc., so your projects will be cost-free to you.

