Worship and Parish Notes

Week of July 24, 2022

Author of Life, write Your words on the hearts of all who gather here, that our lives may tell the story of Your love for all the world. Dear Family, welcome to this time of worship!

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS ✠

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Richard Schumacher** in memory of Elaine and their 69th Wedding Anniversary.*

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Remember God's work through the Church as you pray with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God's people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.

NURSERY... We love children at Grace Lutheran! We have a **STAFFED NURSERY** for children, infants thru Pre-School, **next to Trinity Hall**. Your children are always welcome to remain with you for worship or with the attendant in the nursery, which is available during worship, fellowship and Bible class times. Please know that the nursery and all toys are thoroughly cleaned before and after being used.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS... Handicapped parking is available for those who need easy access to the church building due to physical limitations. The handicapped parking spaces are located on 4th Street, Avenue C, and in the parking lot across from the sanctuary. Ramp entrances to our sanctuary are located on 4th Street, on Avenue C, and off the patio.

LIVE STREAMING OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE... The 10:45 AM worship service of Grace Lutheran Church is available to be viewed LIVE from our website (or anytime after the service); go to **https://www.glwh.org**, and click on the "Live Streaming" button. If you want to print out the worship service, worship & parish notes, and/or prayer list, go to https://www.glwh.org, and click on the worship tab on the top of the page and then click on live streaming. You can also watch our live streaming from Facebook; search for **Grace Lutheran Winter Haven Florida Media Now**, or watch from **YouTube**, and search for **Grace Lutheran Winter Haven Florida.**

TUESDAY 5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER SERVICE...in the Sanctuary each week offers a quiet time of prayer for body, mind, and spirit. All are invited. Holy Communion is served.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, July 31, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic **"Hebel."** The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sunday mornings on WFLF Radio, Maitland, 540 on the AM dial at 7:30 AM. **You can also listen to The Lutheran Hour on Sirius-XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM.** To read, listen, or to print the four-minute daily devotions by Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.lhm.org and under MEDIA PROGRAMS click on DEVOTIONS. To sign-up to receive the devotions every day go to CONNECT and SUBSCRIBE.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grace is a place for kids! **Join Ms. Casey for Children's Church and Sunday School on Sunday mornings for fun crafts, songs, games, and Jesus!** Sunday School is from 9:45-10:30 AM on Sunday mornings and is open to kids of all ages. Children's Church is a short time packed with exciting child-focused activities during the sermon at both 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM services on Sundays. Come explore what God's love is all about with a special time that's just for kids!

HOLY COMMUNION

Our procedures specific for this time

Participants may kneel at the altar rail, self-dismiss after personal prayer and then carefully come down the chancel steps, ***or*** *remain standing and participate in a socially-distanced line of "continuous flow" in front of the chancel steps. Communion may also be brought to those who need to remain in the pew. Communion elements have been prepared with absolute sanitation and care by persons wearing gloves and masks.*

1. *Beginning with the front pews on either side, participants form two lines* ***in the center aisle****, seeking to maintain respectful social distancing.*
2. *Choose either A) STEPS: go up the steps and kneel at the altar rail or B) NO STEPS: go across to the table beside the pulpit.*
3. *At communion deacon's invitation and words, pick up your own wafer (and cup) without touching others. Partake of Christ's body and blood with faith in His promise.*
4. *Come to the side aisle, drop used cup in basket and* ***proceed down the side aisle*** *and* ***back to your seats.***

Our beliefs and practice

We believe the sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church and that all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of Biblical faith and Godly living. *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV).* We ask that you examine yourself according to these questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life apart from God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins in thought, speech, and behavior as well as my failure to do the good things God wants me to do?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally and physically present in the sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and His blood?
5. Do I desire, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word, to live a life pleasing to Him?

We believe your "yes" to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord's Table of Holy Communion. Baptized Christians who have been instructed in communion are welcome to participate. Children and those not communing may come forward and fold their arms (over their chest) to receive a blessing or simply exit. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. White grape juice is also available.*

July 31, 2022
8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before giving blood.

Make a Difference: HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Grace Lutheran Church
Sunshine Club News

August 4, 10:00 AM - **MOVIE DAY** Our feature presentation will be "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers. Plan to bring a brown bag lunch, and we'll provide drinks, ice cream cones and root beer floats! Plan to gather in the Mary-Martha Room.

Thursday, September 1– Join us for a pot luck lunch and musical entertainment provided by Jeff Wagy. Gathering time is 11-11:30 AM in Trinity Hall. Devotions and announcements at 11:30 and lunch at noon. Entertainment begins at 12:30. Fried chicken and drinks are provided. Plan to bring a side dish to share. Looking forward to seeing you on the 1st!

Thursday, October 6 - Pastor Appreciation Luncheon honoring Pastor Reich and Pastor Moore. 11:00 AM ...Trinity Hall...watch for more details.

One of the most active groups in our church community, Sunshine club focuses on individuals and couples, providing social interaction, support and spiritual growth. Join us the first Thursday of the month for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Altar Flowers

Placing flowers on the altar is a beautiful way to thank God for the special blessings of birthdays, anniversaries, and personal remembrances. If you would like to grace our sanctuary in this manner, please look for the flower chart just inside the church entrance and sign up for the Sunday nearest your special date.

ONGOING GROUP BIBLE STUDIES AT CHURCH

Please join us in studying God's Word!

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

Every Monday	10:30 AM	MM	Contact: Janet Hostler

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Parables of Jesus (12-week series)

Every Tuesday	10:00 AM	MM	Contact: Martha Walker

God's Guys - Bible Study & Lunch

1st & 3rd Tuesday	12:00 PM	MM	Contact: Pastor Reich

Friday Morning Bible Study - NOT MEETING - WILL RESUME MID-SEPTEMBER

Meal on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is struggling with meal delivery drivers for July and August this year. Northern friends have gone back, others are going on vacation. Gas prices are not helping, and of course, the number of recipients needing a meal have doubled in the last 2 years. They are now delivering 550 meals a day with 60 % of that number in Winter Haven.

Would anyone from Grace Lutheran Church be interested in helping by subbing during the month(s) of July and/or August? Meals on Wheels will help you form a group. You can also sign up to serve once during the month.

It is easy to sign up, www.mealsonwheelspolk.com. Orientations are held every Monday at 12:30 PM. Interested, but not ready to sign up? You can arrange to ride with someone making deliveries to learn first hand how the process is done.

Thank you for considering helping with this important service to our community members!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to individuals within and without the congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

For more information regarding Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office, 293-8447, and ask to speak with Pastor Reich or Director of Stephen Ministry, Sharon Wilson.

Pray!

SCHOOL PRAYER VIGIL

God wants you and me to pray! James reminds us that we often, "*have not because we ask not*." (James 4:2) As we begin a new school year on August 9, we are asking you to help us ask God to bless what He wants to accomplish with this wonderful church and school campus He has given us.

Please make plans to join us for **Prayer Vigil #1, Monday, August 8, from 6-7 PM. We will meet in the gymnasium at 6 PM and be dispersed to appointed sites to pray for the children and teachers who will fill the educational spaces.** (There will be prepared prayers and of course, you may pray your own prayer.)

For those unable to come to the church campus, we will be emailing prayers and requests to be lifted up to our Lord from your home. Students and their families will also be sent prayers to pray in their homes before the first day of school.

If you would like to participate and/or find out more information regarding the prayer vigil, please contact Rhonda Wise, 863-968-3433 or wisewomanr@aol.com.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 25 Hanna Flemming, Terry Haynes, Margie Maxwell
July 26 Mike Rottmann, Todd Walker, Beth Walters
July 27 Carla Davis, Sydney Drousche, Donna Righter
July 28 Nancy Lehman
July 29 Drew Guenther, Colleen Mueller, Carl Rod, Kathy Schelp
July 30 Dan Mueller

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We thank the following who have given special gifts to Grace Lutheran Church in memory of

Bill Bartlemay by Beth Beasley (Designated to Tim Beasley Fund), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Smith (Designated to Music Ministry)
Evelyn Snyder by Tina Prosch, designated to Music Ministry

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Walker

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday July 24	***Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary*** Fellowship & Bible Study - Trinity Hall Children's Sunday School - Youth Room ***Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary***	***8:30 AM*** 9:45 AM 9:45 AM ***10:45 AM***
Monday July 25	Church & School Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall Women's Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM 10:30 AM
Tuesday July 26	Church & School Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room ***Tuesday Evening Prayer Service - Sanctuary***	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM ***5:30 PM***
Wednesday July 27	Church & School Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall AHG & TL Planning Meeting - Mary-Martha Room	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 5:30 PM
Thursday July 28	LWR Quilters - Women's Center	9:00 AM
Friday July 29		
Saturday July 30	***Worship Service - Sanctuary***	***5:00 PM***
Sunday July 31	***BLOOD MOBILE*** ***Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary*** National Youth Gathering Presentation - Trinity Hall Children's Sunday School - Youth Room ***Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary***	***8:30 AM - 12:30 PM*** ***8:30 AM*** 9:45 AM 9:45 AM ***10:45 AM***

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