



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of June 7, 2020

God whose very being is based in relationship—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—show me what relationships I need to nourish in special ways today.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

This morning during the 10:45 AM Worship Service, the children listed below are being confirmed.

Lillian Elizabeth Ash
Lacey Morgan Gerberding
Elijah Monet Holley
Jana Marie Peterson

Cade Steve Rottmann
Christopher James Sempert
Wilhelmina Evelyn Ullrich
Connor Bryce Winchester
Andrew William Woods

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14, FOR WORSHIP ON GRACE CAMPUS!

Worshippers may attend our livestreamed service at **10:45 AM** in our sanctuary with a simulcast gathering of worshippers at the same time in Trinity Hall and the Gymnasium. We will have plenty of room for everyone. We are asking for willing worshippers to join the simulcast in Trinity Hall and the Gymnasium on the very first Sunday as the sanctuary is likely to be desired the most. On Monday, June 8 and after, please contact the church office (frontdesk@glwh.org or 863-293-8447) to let us know the number of your group and location preference.

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), <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

We have resumed our Tuesday Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary. This prayer service offers a quiet time of prayer for body, mind, and spirit. All are invited. Holy Communion is served. You are requested to take precautionary measures by wearing masks and using hand sanitizer or wearing plastic gloves upon entering the Narthex.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, June 14, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic **“What You’re Getting Into.”** 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!!!

You can join Miss Leah and Miss Casey Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM for Sunday School from the comfort of your home! Go to "Grace WH Kid Min" on Facebook and you'll see and hear this week's Sunday School lesson. You can interact by commenting on the page. Contact Leah, lwelter@glwh.org, or Casey, cbillman@glwh.org, to join the group or if you have questions! You can also catch up on last week's lesson if you missed it.

REGISTER NOW!!!

VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 15-19, 10 AM - Noon



Rocky Railroad Vacation Bible School will be virtual this summer. Grace Lutheran staff and volunteers will be planning a fun, interactive experience through livestreaming and by providing a Stay On Track student pack for every registered VBS participant so that we can still learn that "Jesus' power pulls us through!"

Dates: June 15-19, 2020

Time: 10:00AM to noon. (Note the later start time.)

Ages: The content and activities are geared towards preschool students (ages 3 to 5) and elementary students (students going into 1st through 5th grade next fall.) When you register your child, you will be asked to choose a preschool stay on track pack or an elementary stay on track pack.

Registration is open. Register online at: www.vbspro.events/p/Gracewhvbs

Please register by TODAY, June 7, to schedule a time to pick up your "Stay On Track" VBS kits and make sure to provide a valid email address so that we can send you helpful instructions for participating in VBS virtually!

Contact Miss Leah @ lwelter@glwh.org if you have any questions.



Know Someone Graduating?

Please submit names of graduates (high school, college, graduate degree, etc.) to pgriffin@glwh.org for publication. Regarding college graduates, please include degree and school. Thank you!

GIVE BLOOD - GIVE LIFE



You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to visit the BayCare Blood Donation Center. Blood donations are down drastically and so the need is great. The BayCare Blood Donation Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon. Remember to tell them you are from Grace Lutheran Church Winter Haven when you donate. The Blood Center and Mobile are meticulous in cleaning and keeping people safe for donations and you can count on them especially now when the need for blood is so great! Thank you to all who donate and God bless you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 7 Sue Andrews
 June 8 Melissa Haynes, Alice Szewczuga, Albert Cross
 June 9 Jim Sheerin, Pamela Woodward
 June 10 Esther Krapf, Jane Hill, Danielle Painter
 June 11 Michael Drousche, Emily Haynes, Taylor String, Judy Jameson, Sarah Duffield
 June 13 Ron Balde

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Jan Behrens by Mr. & Mrs. Erroll Fielding, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holste

Gregg Brukardt by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Sipos

Virginia Peavey by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Walker, designated to Stephen Ministry

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Jan Behrens** by Joanne Chappel, Irmgard Hendrick, Deborah Pergande

AUGUST & MILDRED BERNTHAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of **Jan Behrens** by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Walker

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday June 7	Children's Sunday School - Facebook - WH Kid Min Combined Worship Service - Live Stream <i>Rite of Confirmation</i>	9:45 AM 10:45 AM
Monday June 8		
Tuesday June 9	Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room Holy Communion - Please call church office to schedule Prayer Service - Sanctuary	10:30 AM 3:00 - 5:00 PM 5:30 PM
Wednesday June 10	Holy Communion - Please call church office to schedule	7:30 - 10:00 AM
Thursday June 11	LWR Quilters - Women's Center Martha Circle - Mary-Martha Room	9:00 AM 1:00 PM
Friday June 12	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday June 13	Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary	5:00 PM
Sunday June 14	Children's Sunday School - Facebook - WH Kid Min Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary <i>Simulcast in Trinity Hall & School Gym</i>	9:45 AM 10:45 AM

A Prayer during Civil Unrest

Father in Heaven,

You are Lord of Heaven and Earth. Everything You made is under Your governance. Yet, in Your mercy and love, You allow Your human creatures to make every day decisions about how we live our lives. We have often used this freedom to fall into sin- both in our individual lives and as the whole of humanity. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we fail to live according to Your will in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

Sin is evident in many ways throughout all of Your creation, and right now our hearts are heavy with the manifestations of injustice in our nation and in our world. We grieve with those who have fallen victim to all forms of injustice, especially recent instances of racial injustice. We lament with those who are frustrated by a lack of change to patterns of injustice. And we weep with those whose past traumas have led them to lash out in desperation and even violence. Be with these brothers and sisters, Lord, grant them Your peace and Your comfort, and let their voices be heard by those in authority- so that our culture, nation, and world would grow to show them the same love that You Yourself show to those who are afflicted.

Grant Your wisdom and guidance to those who are in positions of authority. Lead them to govern according to Your will as stewards of the authority You have entrusted to them. Let their leadership be evidence of Your love for all people. Lead them to administer Your justice so that Your will is done upon this earth. And guide them to make each decision, law, and decree for the good of all people.

We ask for Your protection, Lord. Keep all people safe, and lead Your Church to show compassion to all- especially the vulnerable and those afflicted by injustice. Protect those who keep safe our families, neighborhoods, communities, and nation. Protect our police officers whose job is to protect and serve their communities, and lead them to do their duties with honor to the justice and benefit of all they serve. Be with them as they face difficult circumstances, in tough situations, and help them to remain calm and composed in the midst of struggle. Keep them safe as they fulfill their duties with the authority You have entrusted to them, and lead them to restrict their use of force only to that which is necessary for the safety of all people.

Above all, Lord, lead us to remain faithful to You in all we say and do. Help us to trust that You are Lord of all, and You are always working to bring about Your will in all things. For into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, through Your Son Jesus who made manifest to us Your unending love. Amen.

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