

November 2023 Newsletter



Grace and peace to you in Jesus!

Dear Family of God at Grace,

We've almost made it! Another hurricane season has come and gone. Thanks be

to God we have suffered no major storms. God bless and keep those who have. We have reason to give thanks to the Lord.

We always have reason to give thanks to the Lord, whether in storms, suffering or heartache.

As you know by now dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I do love November. It is such a wonderful time of the Church Year. We have my favorite Sunday in "All Saints," the first Sunday in November. We are also focused on the end of all things as we know them, the anticipation of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; the sure and certain hope of the new heaven and the new earth; the resurrection of the body and grand reunion with those loved ones who have departed in the faith. The month ends with Thanksgiving (Divine Service with Communion Wednesday, the 22nd at 6:30pm) and then the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This year, November will be extra special because, Lord willing, we will baptize

Penelope Lingsch on the last Sunday of the Church Year, November 26th.

As we bring October to a close, I want to thank everyone who made the Oktoberfest such a wonderful day. Special thanks to David and SueAnn Zornes! This was their 20th Oktoberfest and without them it wouldn't have happened! Great job as usual! How about 10 more years?

I want to bring to your attention some activities at Grace:

The **MEN OF GRACE** group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a time to build each other up as men of Christ. We are working to build bonds of brotherhood. We are using a Lutheran Hour video study called *Nurturing Your Faith: Identity*. All the men of our congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A **Witness Workshop** is held the first Saturday of every month. We meet at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We are using the LCMS program called *Everyone His Witness*. The goal of this workshop is to give the tools we need to be able to share with people about Jesus. We are learning about **LASSIE**: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invoke,

Encourage. Once we have learned LASSIE then we will learn how to use the framework of LASSIE to witness to the world, starting in Naples and Collier County. This is open to everyone in the congregation, young and old; we can and should all witness about Jesus.

There are many other activities and events happening at Grace. Please check out the website or Facebook, take the bulletin home or call the office.

Rev. Dr. Arthur and Linda Just will be joining us on the first Sunday in December. We look forward to having them with us this season. Dr. Just will be teaching at least one Bible study, visiting the sick and shut-ins, preaching and assisting with the Divine Service. Please welcome them when they arrive!

May God bless you this November as we bring another Church Year to a close and give thanks to God for all His benefits to us!

In His Service,

Pastor Lingsch



GIVE ONLINE!! at our website: www.graceofnaples.com. The **GIVE** button can be accessed from your mobile device or from your laptop or desktop on the church's home page. Just click on the

button **GIVE** and follow the instructions. *Please keep the email that you receive from Vanco (Joyful Response) for your personal records. Contributions made through the website will not appear on your year-end contribution statement.*



The Men of Grace is a gathering of the men in our congregation with the intention of lifting them up and strengthening them to be true men of grace. We want to

become a band of brothers in Christ, who love and serve

each other by lifting up one another so that as men of God, we can live out our calling in our families and in our church family. We call all men of our congregation to be a part of this gathering: for men, guided by men, for the glory of God.

The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. November sessions are 7th and 21st.



November 3-5th: DCE Kami Jo and the middle school youth will attend the FL-GA District Middle School Youth Gathering in Leesburg, FL!

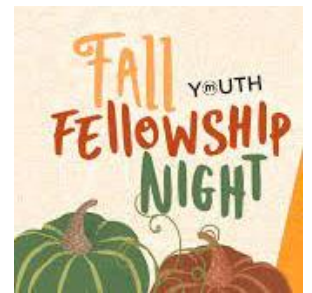


November 13th:
Operation Christmas Child boxes due

November 11th 6:00pm
Outdoor movie night on the Parsonage lawn



November 19th:
Youth Night,
Thanksgiving Theme,
5-7:00pm @ Grace



Youth are selling raffle tickets for this quilt that was donated to them to use as a fund raiser for upcoming events. Be sure to get your tickets in the Fellowship Hall or see one of the youth.

Drawing will be held December 17.

Women of Grace!

Are you a Leader? Creative? Positive? Fun?

Please join us for a planning and brainstorming meeting on Saturday November 11
Fellowship Hall, 10:00am

Come with your great ideas and willing hands.

Calendar dates so far:

Nov 7 - Luncheon at Bayside
Nov 11 - This planning meeting
(changed from Nov 4)
Nov 19 - Bake Sale
Dec 2 - Christmas Luncheon/Tea
Jan 13 - Membership meeting 10:00am

Feb 24 - (tentative) Rummage sale
March - Spring Rally
March 10 - LWML Sunday
March 31 - Easter Sunday
April 20 - Membership Meeting 10:00am
May 7 or 11 - Spring Luncheon



Altar Flower Donations

Would you like to remember your birthday or anniversary with a special offering to God?
Would you like to remember someone special in your life who is with the Lord?
Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary with a special offering of flowers?

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to claim the date for your special occasion.
Cost of arrangements is \$45.00.



We had so much fun carving Jack O' Lanterns with pumpkins that our families donated!

Happy Halloween to everyone!

Grace Lutheran Preschool

This year's students are so interested in nurturing babies and dressing up as community helpers! With grant money we received from the State of Florida, we were able to purchase life size baby dolls and dress up clothing for our dramatic play center.



Wish List 2023-2024

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
JANUARY
FEBRUARY

Foam Stickers
Large Beads for small hands
Kid-sized paint brushes
Jiggle (Googly) Eyes

MARCH
APRIL
MAY

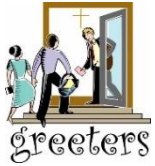
Pompoms of all sizes
Sidewalk Chalk
Buttons



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL WORSHIP SERVICES!

There are multiple opportunities for you to volunteer for weekend services at Grace.

We need Ushers, Lectors, Altar Guild Members, Greeters, Crucifers and Acolytes, Sound Board Operators and people to prepare for Coffee Hour.



Click the link below to access the signup website.

Go here to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-november#/>

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are always looking for people to setup or cleanup Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you want more information, please email Lori at lorilingsch@yahoo.com



- 1 John Robinson
- 1 Sharon Schoen
- 2 Margrit Ditzinger
- 4 Debbie Meyer
- 4 Miles Zeedyk
- 5 Christian Mogelvang
- 6 Edward Horn
- 6 Sarah Koehneke
- 7 Leah LaFemina
- 7 Sydney White
- 7 David Zornes
- 13 Sally Streppa

- 15 Anna Cermak
- 17 Bob DeBuysser
- 17 Mary Horn
- 18 Erin Garner
- 20 Mary Thomas
- 21 Lauren Gonder
- 21 Cody Mirly
- 21 Ethan VanAllen
- 23 Kevin LaFemina
- 27 Alexandra Hill
- 28 Carlos Gomez
- 28 Patty Polster

- 28 Julia Williams
- 29 Cole Eastman



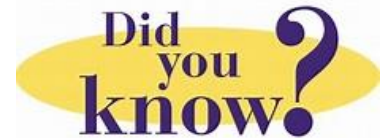
- 2 Hector & Liz Sanchez
- 11 Rama & Leigh Tahirovic
- 14 Ted & Sally Streppa
- 20 Pastor & Lori Lingsch
- 23 Loren & Erin Garner
- 24 Harold & Margie Feuser
- 28 Chris & Kami Mogelvang

- 28 Mark & Juliana Ziemer
- 29 Mark & Karen Eastman
- 29 Miles & Carol Zeedyk
- 29 Bruce & Kris Zeedyk Williams



• **This antique pump organ was recently donated to Grace by Rev. David and Norma Lotz. Thank you!**

• Pastor and Lori Lingsch were honored on October 22 after each service and during Coffee Hour! See what you miss if you don't take part in fellowship! Thank you for all you do, Pastor and Lori!



WEEKLY EVENTS



Cool Moms Bible Study--Tuesdays

9:00am
Contact Kami Jo

Adult Bible Study-- Wednesdays

10:30am Fellowship Hall
Currently discussing the Old Testament
Reading for the upcoming Sunday

Monthly Book Club—1st Wednesday

4:00pm Discussion of "Lies about
Human Nature & the Truth That Sets Us
Free", by Pastor Christopher S. Esget
Contact DCS Linda Nobili

Women's Bible Study--Thursdays

10:00am Contact Kami Jo

Wednesday Dinner

5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Prayer Service

6:30pm Sermon based on Epistle lesson for
Sunday

Men of Grace--Tuesdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
6:30pm

Grief Share

Thursdays, 1:00pm
Will Resume soon

Quilters--Tuesday's, 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Knitters--Tuesdays,

10:00am



Choir Rehearsals

Choristers

Wednesday, 4:15pm

Grace Chorale

Wednesday,
7:00pm



Grace AMR Ringers

Thursday, 6:00pm

Missionary of the Month

Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman

Church Planter

Serving the Lord in Puerto Rico

The Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. Adam serves throughout the island as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church in Puerto Rico. Through the relationships formed, Adam and Christine seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Puerto Rico.

Adam was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. After serving for four years in the United States Marine Corps (2000-2004), he earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Ind. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Adam then served as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mobile, Ala. (2011-2015), before serving as a missionary pastor in Spain for six years (2015-2021).

Christine was also born in Fort Wayne, Ind. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Chamberlain University College of Nursing. Before serving in Spain, Christine worked in the emergency rooms of the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana (Fort Wayne) and the USA Medical Center (Mobile, Ala.). Adam and Christine have four beautiful children — Hannah, Noah, Abigail and Jonah — who join them on the mission field.

Please pray for the Lehmans as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray for the church in Puerto Rico and ask God to bless the work being done there through the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments. Please also pray that the hearts of people in the United States would be moved through the power of the Holy Spirit to pray for the Lehmans and to financially support them so that they can "go" with this family on this journey of faith. Let us give thanks to God that Adam, Christine, and their family are serving His people in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Adam - March 16, Christine - July 7, Hannah - Nov. 1, Noah - Aug. 5, Abigail - Feb. 4, Jonah - May 9

ANNIVERSARY: May 11

HOME DISTRICT: Southern





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Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts.

Greg and Mike were meeting for lunch. Greg was dreading this meeting because he was used to Mike always complaining about how hard his life is. On this particular day, Greg was surprised. Mike was telling the story of how he and his wife had recently decided that they should get their estate plan in place. The process began as Mike and his wife met with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Mike was not really a money guy. He was not the guy who could quickly offer up an estimate of the total net worth of his estate. So, when the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor asked the couple to fill out a Lifetime Plan for Giving survey, which included many things, but especially is an inventory of financial assets, Mike was shocked to see the actual dollar value of his estate.

Mike said to Greg, "All my life I have been comparing myself to others, always believing that everyone else is more blessed than I. I am not a billionaire, but I was overwhelmed to see the combined value of our house, our cottage, our paid-up life insurance and our retirement accounts. I usually just look at things one at a time. Combined, I realize that I have been underestimating what God has been doing in our lives. Now I am asking the question: 'I wonder what God wants us to do with all of this?' I think it includes more than just giving an inheritance to the kids, as they are all doing quite well."

Greg responded, "Mike this is awesome. With your new-found perspective, I think your estate planning is going to be a lot of fun. Are you thinking about leaving a gift to ministry?"

Mike responded, "I sure am. Every time I see the kids from our Lutheran School in worship, I am so glad they are learning about Jesus. I want to help provide scholarships so more kids can attend in the future."

Are you recognizing God's abundance? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org