

“Grace Greetings”

October 2022

We pray for the church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.
Where it is corrupt, purify it;
where it is in error, direct it;
where in anything it is amiss,

REFORM IT;

where it is right, strengthen it;
where it is in need, provide for it;
where it is divided, reunite it.

ELW, p. 73



Grace Lutheran Church
521 Providence Road
Chesapeake, VA 23325



<https://linktr.ee/gracelutheran>

Grace Lutheran—a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.



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Mission Statement:

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Parental Leave Covenant

During the 8 weeks of Pastor Leslie’s full time Parental Leave...

- **The congregation will:**
 1. Sustain their participation in the life of the parish, in worship, ministry, and stewardship (time, talents, & treasures).
 2. Look for the gifts of this season, and be patient when things aren't the way they usually are.
 3. Take seriously their role in welcoming of visitors and guests, and mutual care for one another. Notify the Council President (La Quita Opperman) of any special needs or changes, in your own household or that of another member/friend of Grace, that may require special care from the congregation or Coverage Pastor.
 4. As always, look for ways that the things they are good at and the things they love to do might enrich the common life or ministries of Grace; and affirm other members when they offer their gifts to the church.
 5. Respect Pastor Leslie’s leave by not contacting her during her 8 weeks of leave.
- **Council President (La Quita Opperman) will:**
 1. Receive requests for pastoral calls/visits and coordinate response with the congregation and/or Coverage Pastor depending on what the situation calls for.
 2. Supervise staff and oversee communications with the congregation.
- **Coverage Pastor (The Rev. Scott Mims) will:**
 1. Attend monthly Council Meetings.
 2. Attend to any pastoral care emergencies (as informed by the Council President).
- **Supply Pastors will:**
 1. Preach and lead worship on Sunday mornings.
- **Pastor Leslie will:**
 1. take the necessary time and steps to physically heal.
 2. live into her new vocation as mother of two.
- **Pastor Leslie will not:**
 1. attend worship or other events at Grace.
 2. be physically present in the office or available for pastoral care.
 3. check/answer emails, phone calls, texts, or social media.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Leslie is on leave (Oct 23-Dec 17, 2022), please contact La Quita Opperman to be connected with the coverage pastor.

After the 8 weeks of full time leave, Pastor Leslie will work half-time for another 8 weeks (Dec 18, 2022-Feb 11, 2023).

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Oct 2	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
Oct 3	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Hybrid)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Oct 4	10am	Threaders
Oct 5	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 8	8am-2pm	Flea Market
Oct 9	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
Oct 10		Indigenous Peoples' Day
		NO Food Pantry
		Office CLOSED
		NO Bible Study
		NO Bell Choir
Oct 11	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council Meeting (Hybrid)
Oct 12	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 16	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
	1-3pm	Confirmation @ Grace
Oct 17	9am	Food Pantry
		NO Bible Study
	7pm	Bell Choir
Oct 18	10am	Threaders
Oct 19	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 23-Dec 17		Pastor on parental leave
Oct 23	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
	12:30pm	"Wrap Your Crap" Bingo
Oct 24	9am	Food Pantry

		NO Bible Study
	7pm	Bell Choir
Oct 25	10am	Threaders
Oct 26	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 29	9am-1pm	ARC Blood Drive
	10am	Altar Guild Meeting
Oct 30	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
Oct 31		Reformation Day
	9am	Food Pantry
		NO Bible Study
	7pm	Bell Choir

Hybrid WORSHIP

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Traditional Worship



Sunday School for all ages Most Sundays at 9:45am

- Birth-age 5—in Nursery
- Elementary School—in Classroom #3
- Middle & High School—in Youth Room
- Adults—in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Monday Bible Study (on Zoom) October 3 at 1:30pm

NOTE: Monday Bible Study will be on hiatus starting October 10th, and will resume on January 9, 2023.

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87547409467?>

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- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 875 4740 9467 and Passcode: 478408.



Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mondays at 7pm (except Oct 10th)

If you have any questions, please email Morgan at

Music@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org.



Threaders

Tuesdays at 10am

The Threaders meet on Tuesdays at 10am to make walker bags for people throughout our community. There are jobs for various skill levels: sewing machine operator, button sewer, iron operator, etc. Questions? Contact Jane Jennings or Peggy Barry.



Potluck & Bible Study (Hybrid)

Wednesdays

Potluck @ 6:30 & Study @ 7pm

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/621600567?pwd=OHhZWUFlc0FIQit0MjN5c0IEcIntQT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.

Saving Us Book Study (Zoom)

Thursdays in October at 7pm

You are invited to read Katherine Hayhoe's book, *Saving Us*, and join in discussions led by Deacon Phyllis Cox. Hayhoe is an evangelical Christian who is a climate scientist.

Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMRUBfcoUfg39H-E2iipN6-WjD6Cyw1CMMLbEsBzR954XA0w/viewform>.

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, October 3rd at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkka2tLb2NWRUkvaIRJQnJlU109> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.



Flea Market

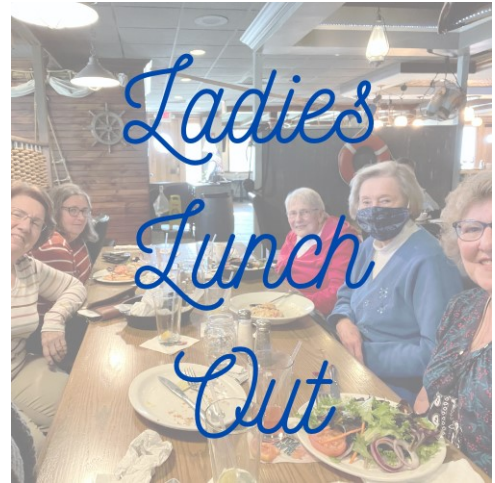
Saturday, October 8th, 8am-2pm

- **Rent a space** for \$10. You will be assigned a 10'x10' space, which will be marked off on the ground. Register online <https://forms.gle/n1lyLbtEFU5YffH38> or by calling the church office.
- There will be a **White Elephant table** for those who have items to get rid of but don't want to rent a spot. PLEASE NO CLOTHES. You can drop donations off at church starting Sunday, September 25th.
- We hope to also have our very successful **Hot Dog Stand**.
- **We need volunteers** to make this happen so please plan to give of your time the day of or before to have another successful Flea Market. Contact Marlene Hubert [757-547-8261 or mhubert541@verizon.net] for more information. Sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/FleaMarketVolunteers822>

Council Meeting (Hybrid)

Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87468766112?pwd=Z3VnL2RyVkRKdXhXRFFWT2E0ZlcrZz09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 874 6876 6112 and Passcode: 740742.



Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, October 19th at Noon at Metro Diner (1124 Volvo Pkwy, 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Noon on Monday, September 19th.



“Wrap Your Crap” Bingo

Sunday, October 23rd at 12:30pm

Come play Bingo with a twist. Bring your own lunch, a dessert to share, and a wrapped “prize” (preferably something from around your house you are ready to get rid of). Bingo will begin after lunch and will continue until all the “gifts” are gone. See you then! If you have any questions, please see Gretchen Stoll.



Blood Drive
Grace Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
521 Providence Road
Chesapeake, VA 23325
Saturday, October 29, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Blood Drive

Saturday, October 29th, 9am-1pm
in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: GraceLutheran.



give the gift of warmth!

Coat Drive

Through October 30th

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting children's coats (sizes 7-14) for two local elementary schools. Coats can be new or gently used and freshly laundered.



Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 30th

Wear red in honor of the continued work of the Holy Spirit to reform our hearts, lives, and church!



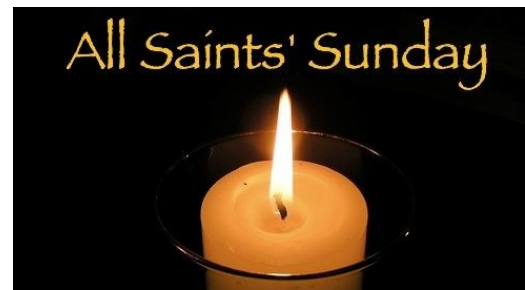
2022 All Lutheran Women's Retreat (ALWR)
November 3-5, 2022

At the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center

The theme is "Bloom Where You Are Planted—Thriving in Times of Change." By popular demand, returning as our retreat leader is Donna Marie Todd, motivational speaker, master storyteller, and singer. Donna Marie led an outstanding retreat in 2019, and after receiving many requests to have her return, we are happy to welcome her back for the 2022 retreat. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to renew and relax. Please request retreat information by sending your email address to alwretreat2015@gmail.com.

More information at: <https://sites.google.com/view/alwretreat/home>

Brochure at: <https://files.constantcontact.com/0d5de1e8001/016d96e0-b0a8-4d6f-931d-ffc3f1a67c6e.pdf?rdr=true>



All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 6th

On All Saints Sunday, we will name those loved ones who have died in the last year

during the prayers of intercession. To have a name included, please email [Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org] or call [757-420-4704] the office by Tuesday, November 1st. You are also encouraged to bring in a photo or memento for the Cloud of Witnesses table on that day.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 6th after a combined worship service at 9:45am. All voting members are encouraged to attend. Stay tuned for more information.



Seeking Nominees

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking people interested in running for various leadership positions. If you are interested in possibly serving in any of the following ways, please contact Kurt Longworth or Monique Schroeder.

- * Nominating Committee (1 yr term)
- * Congregational Council (3 yr term)
- * Congregational Council (3 yr term)
- * Preschool Board (3 yr term)
- * Endowment Committee (4 yr term)
- * VA Synod Assembly Voting Member



Volunteers Needed

• Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

Please sign up to help with lawn care by clicking the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2022lawncare>.

Information about lawn care procedures can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lawncareinstructions22>.

If you have further questions, please contact Fred Schleede at 512-944-3082.

• Tech Host Hiring Taskforce

We are forming a taskforce to work on hiring a paid Tech Host for Hybrid Worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact La Quita Opperman or Pastor Leslie.

• Sanctuary HVAC Taskforce

We are forming a taskforce to address the needed HVAC overhaul and subsequent esthetic updates (paint, flooring, etc.) in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fred Schleede or Pastor Leslie.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Prayer Shawls

If you or a loved one is going through a rough time—illness, injury, surgery, grief, etc.—and would benefit from a prayer shawl, please let Pastor Leslie know. We always have prayer shawls available for distribution.

Welcome New Members

Brandon and Lindsey Breitsprecher moved to Chesapeake, Virginia in January this year when Brandon received orders to leave Pensacola, Florida and be stationed at the Naval Base in Norfolk. Brandon is a Naval Aviator that flies the MH-53E. Lindsey currently is a stay at home Mom for their 5 year old American Staffordshire Terrier while looking for a new career option. Brandon and Lindsey met in college at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville. Brandon studied Civil Engineering while Lindsey studied Early Childhood Education. They married 4 years ago on June 23, 2018 in Kankakee, Illinois. Brandon and Lindsey bought a house a few blocks from Grace off of Providence Road at the end of March and have made Grace their church home since.



2022 Congregational Council



La Quita Opperman
President



Bob Masters
Vice President



Mike Olson
Secretary



Walt Anderson



David Cooper



Faith Longworth



Jen Scherman



Fred Schleede

From the Council

Happy Autumn from the Council!

With suggestions from Marlene Hubert, Council voted to split the proceed from the Fall Flea Market. One half will go to the Chesapeake We Care Center, they help the homeless and coordinate CAST. The other half will go to the Lisa Marie Justice Scholarship fund for the preschool. The flea market will be held October 8, 2022, please mark your calendars. The HVAC system has been temporarily fixed. This unit is 19 years old. Council has decided that it should be replaced due to cost of the freon. We also want to move the ventilation system from the floor due to moisture problems. Please contact David Cooper and Fred Schleede if you are interested with helping on this project. Council wants to thank Faith Longworth, Debbie Daugherty, Sandra Fraenkel, Millie Burns, and Gretchen Stohl for all of their work with Rally Day. It was a wonderful day and a great turn out. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 6, 2022. We will have a combined service starting at 9:45 am followed by the meeting. God peace to all, stay safe and healthy.

La Quita Opperman Council President 2022

THANK YOU for your generous financial support of God's mission!

In **August 2022**, Grace Lutheran received **\$21,138.17** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Prepared for the start of another program year.
- Held a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- Provided a kid's craft station at a Chesapeake Public Schools event.
- Gathered for fellowship at a Tides game
- Continued to gather for worship, education, fellowship, etc. both onsite and online
- Paid off the mortgage (to name just a few) with **\$15,980.83** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through Aug 31st), we have received \$138,619.24 for the General Fund and have had \$150,523.89 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of August 31st) is \$59,952.11.



www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com

From the Preschool

Greetings from Grace Preschool!!!!

We're back for the fall school year. I want to thank the Grace Preschool Parents and Staff for all their hard work and dedication. We've been making a dynamic team and that's the best example we can set for our students. I'm eager for another year full of learning and connecting. There is so much more achievement to come.

This September the students and staff remembered 9/11 with a memorial garden. This community project was meant to inspire and allow the students some hands-on activity while doing so.

We have a diverse group here at Grace so taking time to honor other cultures is important to us. We took time throughout



September to teach about Hispanic and Native American History. We strive to help our students reach their learning goals and also make them well rounded.

Through October 14th, we'll be accepting donations for breast cancer awareness. Items we will accept are snack items, socks, gloves, hats, scarfs, journals, pens, notebooks, devotional books, bibles, and words of inspiration. For those who would like to help financially that is also an option, but not required. The due date for all donations will be October 15th Our goal is to provide 100 breast cancer survivors including those still in treatment with goodie bags.

For those interested in donating canned goods be on the lookout for the food drive in November. We're looking forward to that as well. I am forever grateful for the support given by the Preschool Board, congregation, parents, teachers and; students. With everyone's help We'll be able to have an eventful year.

This October will be International History month to celebrate many different backgrounds. We'll also have our fall festival 'Trunk or Treat' on October 28th.

We want to touch hearts and change lives throughout the 2022-2023 school year and beyond. The curriculum this year is STEAMin3. This program includes interactive, multi-sensory activities in classroom environments that are designed to engage children of all abilities and backgrounds. Our curriculum weaves in seasonal topics meaningful to young children and incorporates early mathematics, science, and literacy skill development. We are all about sparking a love for learning. We inspire little minds to think big, be problem-solvers, and embrace their identities and curiosity—setting them up for success in kindergarten and beyond!

Sincerely
Kristie Fields
Preschool Director

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

Elaine Babb	Jack Justice
Joe Babb	Sharon Justice
Jovie Bennett	Barbara Kilian
Suzanne Bergsten	Lori Kilian
The Headings Family	Charlotte Maurer
Jan Howell	Monique Schroeder
Patricia Jackson	Rose Mary Sidam
Leonora Jones	

We Pray for Our Friends

Bill Babb	Jennifer Horton
Randy Bosecker	Brian Hubert
Richard Howell	Chris Jones
Sarita Howell	Rege Kuzel
Laura Braugh	Murray Leffers Jr
Doris Carr	Andrew Lowe
Nathan Darulla	Katie Milliner
Randy Davis	Eugene Opperman
Sharon Dozier	Karen Opperman
Mark Dyer	Samantha Page
Madison Garriott	Joshua Patton
Terry Gillette	Stephan Pleli
Jenell Gordon	Tommy Reeck
Lettie Groshel	Lisa Sanders
Claude Hamilton	Nick Sims
Rachel Hobson	Deb Thompson
Ruby Hockenberry	Dianne Van Pelt
Jaylin Horton	

The Military & their Families
 Our Food Pantry Clients
 ELCA Missionaries
 All who mourn

In a effort to keep the prayer list up to date, please update Pastor Leslie monthly regarding your friends/family on the list.



Oct 2	Raegan Lizan
Oct 2	Joe Smith
Oct 3	Sharon Chamberlin
Oct 3	Mark Kohan
Oct 6	Richard Fraenkel
Oct 6	Vicki Fraenkel
Oct 8	Millie Burns
Oct 13	Sammy Lancaster
Oct 20	Hunter Headings
Oct 22	Lynne Stapleton
Oct 24	David Pritchard
Oct 26	Ander Solomon
Oct 29	Kris Peterson



Oct 27 Joe & Elizabeth Smith

To add/correct any birthdays or anniversaries. Please email Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Pastor Leslie if you are in need of a pastoral care, hospital, or Communion visit.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	3 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Preschool Board (Hybrid) 7pm Bell Choir	4 10am Threaders 7pm Endowment Committee (Zoom)	5 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	6 8pm AA	7	1 10am Girl Scouts
9 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	10 Indigenous Peoples Day NO Food Pantry Office CLOSED NO Bible Study NO Bell Choir	11 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Hybrid)	12 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	13 8pm AA	14	15 10am Girl Scouts
16 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 1pm Confirmation	17 9am Food Pantry NO Bible Study 7pm Bell Choir	18 10am Threaders 7pm Good Mourning	19 Noon Ladies Lunch Out 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	20 8pm AA	21	22 3:30pm Girl Scouts
23 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Bingo	24 9am Food Pantry NO Bible Study 7pm Bell Choir	25 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild	26 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	27 8pm AA	28	29 9am Blood Drive 10am Altar Guild
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