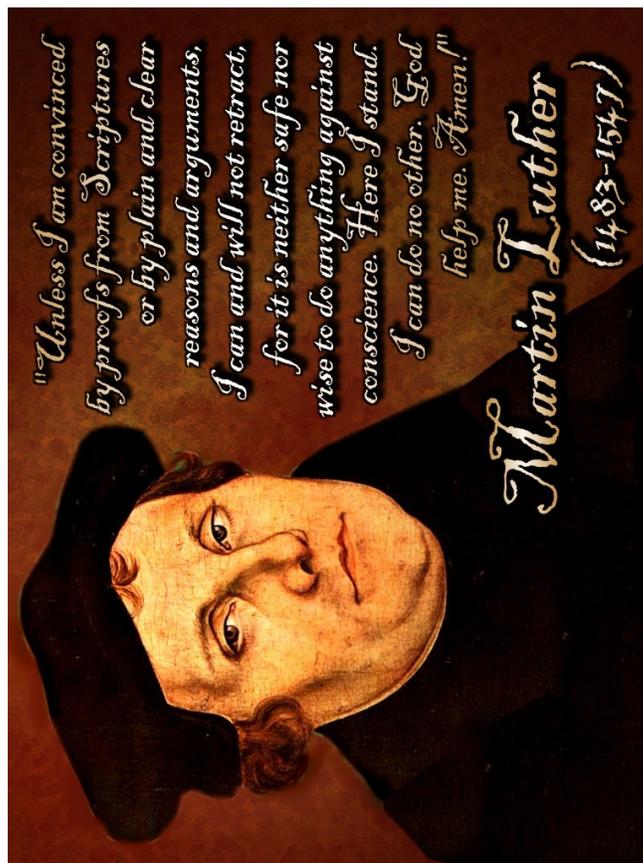


# “Grace Greetings”

## October 2023



Grace Lutheran Church  
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Chesapeake, VA 23325



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



# Grace Lutheran Church

A worshipping community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

[www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org](http://www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org)

## September 2023 "Grace Greetings"

### Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

### Ministerial Fieldwork

In case you haven't heard yet, we are going to have a Seminary student joining us during this school year to complete her Ministerial Fieldwork! As the Seminary guidelines put it: "In Ministerial Fieldwork, the congregation and the supervisor share their congregational life with the student, and review and discuss the student's skills and gifts for ministry. Reflection on vocation—both the sense of purpose for the student in ministry, but also the corporate vocation, or 'call' that the congregation or ministry setting has received and faithfully engages—frames the Ministerial Fieldwork experience and themes throughout the year. In this way, Ministerial Leadership helps to prepare candidates for public offices of ministry, and particularly the endorsement stage of the second year of candidacy for ELCA students."

During her 12 weeks each semester, Seminarian Breezy will:

- Participate and assist in worship, education, & service ministries
- Initiate conversations with a wide variety of members/staff
- Teach and preach
- Interview congregational leaders/staff
- Study the congregation and its neighborhood
- At least once a month, have lunch with members of the congregation/agency
- Meet 6 times each semester with Supervisor for guided conversation around both the sense of purpose for the student in ministry, but also the corporate vocation, or 'call' that the congregation or ministry setting has received and faithfully engages.

Seminarian Breezy (she/her/hers) is a first year distributed learning student in the Masters of Divinity program at United Lutheran Seminary. She has received a positive entrance decision for Ministry of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) from the VA Synod Candidacy Committee.

She has been serving in ministry since her mid-twenties with different denominations. She passionately believes in holding open hands and preparing herself for whatever God desires for her life in whatever role that means. She loves to serve people and be there for those intimate moments between God and God's creation. She is excited to be here to learn from the good people of Grace Lutheran.

She is a Virginia girl born in Hopewell, VA and finished high school at Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, VA. She grew up all over Virginia, going between the Appalachia, Tidewater, and Richmond areas of the state. She lives for the beach where she escapes too often to recharge and reflect. Seminarian Breezy loves to be outdoors as much as possible and she is a huge Star Wars nerd, enjoys loud music, coffee, and playing card and board games.



# EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Oct 1	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
	11:15am	Craft Group
Oct 2	9am	Food Pantry
		NO Bible Study
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Oct 3	10am	Threaders
Oct 4	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 8	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
	3pm	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 9		<b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b>
		Food Pantry CLOSED
		Office CLOSED
		NO Bible Study
		NO Bell Choir Rehearsal
Oct 10	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council (Zoom)
Oct 11	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 14	8am	Flea Market
Oct 15	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
Oct 16	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Hybrid)
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Oct 17	10am	Threaders
Oct 18	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 20		Office CLOSED
Oct 21	1pm	VA Synod Bishop
		Installation
Oct 22	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
Oct 23	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal

Oct 24	10am	Threaders
Oct 25	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Oct 27		Office CLOSED
Oct 28	9am	Blood Drive
Oct 29	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
Oct 30	9am	Food Pantry
		Office CLOSED
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Oct 31		<b>Reformation Day</b>
	10am	Threaders

## Hybrid WORSHIP

### Combined Worship (Hybrid)

#### **Sundays at 10am**

Join us on site or online. Zoom log-in information is available at [www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/news--upcoming-events](http://www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/news--upcoming-events).



### Sunday School

- The **Elementary School Class** meets in Classroom #1.
- The **Middle & High School Class** meets in the Youth Room.
- The **Adult Sunday School Class** meets in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.



**Monday Bible Study (Zoom)**

**Mondays at 1:30pm**

**NO Bible Study on Oct 2 & 9**

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87557721128?pwd=b2J4ektPdGtwWk9NQkJudzllcHBBQT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 875 5772 1128 and Passcode: 152551



**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.



**Bell Choir Rehearsal**

**Mondays at 7pm**

**NO Bell Choir Rehearsal on Oct 9**

If you have any questions, please contact Morgan.



**Craft Group**

**Sunday, October 1**

**after worship (~11:15am)**

Calling all knitters, stitchers, scrapbookers, etc.—let's get together and work on our projects. Bring a bag lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall after the late worship service. Any questions, contact Sandra Fraenkel.



**Threaders**

**Tuesdays at 10am**

The Threaders meet to make walker bags for people throughout our community. There are jobs for various skill levels: sewing on machine, sewing by hand, ironing, etc. Contact Jane Jennings or Peggy Barry.



**Men's Group**

There will be no formal Men's Group gathering in October. Men are encouraged to volunteer at the Flea Market on Oct 14.

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



## **Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 8 at 3pm**

All friendly, properly restrained, and vaccinated pets and owners are welcome! You can also simply bring a picture of your beloved animal.

*Grace*  
happens

**Council Meeting**

## **Council Meeting (Zoom)**

**Tuesday, October 10th 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.



## **Fall Flea Market**

**Saturday, October 14, 8am-2pm**

- \* Rent a 10x10 space for \$10. Register online (<https://forms.gle/n11yLbtEFU5YffH38>) or by calling the

church office.

- \* Donate individually wrapped baked goods. (Please deliver to church kitchen on Friday, Oct 13.)
- \* Donate items for the White Elephant table (PLEASE, no clothes).
- \* Sign up to volunteer <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15PbHX-cTp4aYyOqZQyJQFP-5Xulp4YpLTQLkuHq6l-s/edit>.
- \* Proceeds will support our Ministerial Fieldwork student—Seminarian Breezy. Contact Millie Burns for more information.



**Board Meeting**

## **Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)**

**Monday, October 16 at 5:30pm**

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRjQnJlU09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Saturday, October 28, 9am-1pm**

Book an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=gracelutheran>. Contact Bob Masters for more information.



**Winter Coat Drive**

**through Sunday, October 29**

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting coats for two local primary schools. Both schools have students Preschool through 3rd grade, so we will be collecting sizes 4T through 12 youth. Coats can be gently used, freshly laundered coats OR newly purchased coats. Please call Gretchen Stoll to answer any questions you may have.



**Ladies Lunch Out**

**Wednesday, October 18 at Noon  
at Waterman's Surfside Grille**

**(415 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451)**

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 15th. If you would like to carpool, please be in the church parking lot by 11:15am.

**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.



**BRIDGING THE GAP**

2023

**Update: Bridging the Gap**

Thank you to all who helped us bridge the gap between our general fund income and general fund expenses from the first half of 2023 (~\$25,000). As of Sunday, August 20th, we have received \$12,010 from 24 identified givers/households (plus some anonymous).

**2023 Congregational Council**



Bob Masters  
President



Beth Woodard  
Vice President



Mike Olson  
Secretary



Walt Anderson



Tom Casey



David Cooper



Debbie Dougherty



Faith Longworth



Fred Schleede

**From the Council**

Greeting's to all Grace members from your Church Council. School is back in session for all, we have had a few days of "less hot" days recently and Autumn is just around the corner—my favorite time of the year! Speaking of students, Pastor Leslie will be supervising, and we are all encouraged to assist with the hosting of a Seminarian student from United Lutheran Seminary during this academic year. The purpose of

this program is to help the student “articulate their faith in daily life, to take responsibility for worship, fellowship and decision making”. Please welcome Brianna (Breezy) Riley the next time you see her, she'll be present for 12 Sundays each semester and will be participating in lunches with church members monthly. She is the future of ELCA Clergy so please make her welcomed.

The Employee Retention Credit application (ballpark of \$16,000) has been completed, sent, and received by the IRS. Now we have to be patient and wait for the processing which can take 6-8 months before the quarterly installments are received by Grace.

“Bridging the Gap”—the special giving campaign to help with our financial shortcomings is off to a great start and so far \$11,690 from 23 households and anonymous donors have been received.

Council will meet for a special brainstorming meeting to seek other financial ideas and opportunities to help balance the budget.

Upcoming Grace events include the semi-annual community wide Flea Market on Oct 14. Proceeds from this event will go to defer the costs of transportation for our Seminarian. Please contact Millie Burns if you would like to rent table space or to volunteer with this worthy cause.

Our next American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Oct 28 from 9AM to 1PM. Please go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) then put in keyword GraceLutheran to sign up. Contact me for any questions.

Just as a reminder, as I'm sure you all are aware, our new Sunday Service hours are in effect: Sunday School at 9AM and Church Service to follow at 10AM. Hope to see you all there.

Peace and God's blessings to all  
Bob Masters  
2023 Council President

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

In **August 2023**, Grace Lutheran received **\$32,257.02** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Support Pastor in serving as volunteer chaplain at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp.
- Work on cleaning up and organizing the Education Wing.
- Gather to play “Wrap Your Crap” Bingo
- Collect school supplies for two local primary schools.
- Serve almost 200 household (over 600 individuals) through the Food Pantry.
- Host the following building use groups:
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - American Sewing Guild
  - Good Mourning Support Group
- Gift countless books through the Book Ministry.
- Support Pastor in taking some vacation time.

(to name just a few) with **\$14,612.37** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

**Year to date (through August 31st), we have received \$135,827.76 for the General Fund and have had \$143,305.23 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of August 30th) is \$50,181.93.**



“Wrap Your Crap” Bingo



On “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday  
(September 10, 2023)  
the people of Grace Lutheran worked on  
the following projects:

- Weeded flower beds around the church property
- Signed “cards” for members who are deployed, incarcerated, or away at college
- Made Communion Bread
- Packed 52 Winter Blessing Bags
- Packed 425 Staff Appreciation gifts for local schools
- Packed food bags for the Food Pantry to distribute
- Labeled books for the Book Ministry to distribute
- Sewed buttons on walker bags made by the Threaders





*Your prayers and presence are requested on*  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm**  
*for the*  
**Holy Eucharist**  
*with the*  
**Rite of Installation**

*of the Fourth Bishop of the Virginia Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

**The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton**

*at First Presbyterian Church  
249 S. Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia.*

*A reception will follow the service at  
Grace Lutheran Church  
500 S. Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia.*

*All bishops, judicatory representatives, and rostered ministers  
are invited to vest and should arrive at noon.  
The liturgical color of the day is red.*

*The service will be livestreamed at [vasynod.org](http://vasynod.org).*



# 2023-24 VA Synod Youth Events

vasynod.org



## Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day

Sep. 2, 2023

For **high school youth and parents** to learn about our church's college and about discerning the Christian calling to higher education.

## Lost and Found

Nov. 17-19, 2023

For **7th and 8th graders** and their adult advisors at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA. Early Registration discount ends Oct. 23, 2023.

## Winter Celebration

Feb. 2-4, 2024

For **9th through 12th graders** and their adult advisors at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA. Early Registration discount ends Jan. 8, 2024.

## Seventh Day

Mar. 2-3, 2024

For **5th and 6th graders** and their adult advisors at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA. Early Registration discount ends Feb. 5, 2024.

## Bishop's Day

March 2024

For **youth discerning a call to ministry** and their pastors - watch for details and preregistration information on the synod website starting later in 2023.

## Youth Assembly

Details TBD

Each congregation of the Synod is invited to send two delegates to the Youth Assembly at Roanoke College! Delegates can be in **grades 7th through 12th**. Congregations may register an additional delegate if there is space. Look for updates on the Synod website early in 2023.

## Kairos

Jun. 23-28, 2024

For **rising 9th through 12th graders**, held at Roanoke College. Application forms will be available starting Feb. 5, 2024 and are due back to the Synod office by Apr. 22, 2024.

## National Youth Gathering

Jul. 16-20, 2024

Every 3 years, the ELCA hosts youth from all across the country and US territories for the National Youth Gathering. Those having completed **grades 8 through 12 by June 2023, as well as young adults** can participate. In 2024, the gathering will be held in New Orleans, LA. The event includes large group gatherings, service opportunities, discussion time, and lots more fun. Youth and young adults should contact congregation leaders for more info. You can also visit the gathering site at [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering)

## LAUNCH

Jul. 7-11, 2024

For **just graduated high school seniors**, held at Roanoke College. Registration deadline is Jun. 3, 2024.

### Connect with us!



Virginia Synod-ELCA @virginiasynod @virginiasynod

### Get registered!

Scan this QR code to access the VA Synod Youth Ministry webpage.



Contact **Dave Delaney**, Synod Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, for more info. email: [delaney@vasynod.org](mailto:delaney@vasynod.org)

### Contact our Camps!

For year-round meeting and retreat opportunities



carolinefurnace.org



hungrymother.org

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Oct 2 Raegan Lizan  
 Oct 3 Sharon Chamberlin  
 Oct 3 Mark Kohan  
 Oct 6 Richard Fraenkel  
 Oct 8 Millie Burns  
 Oct 20 Hunter Headings  
 Oct 24 David Pritchard  
 Oct 26 Ander Solomon  
 Oct 26 Ethan Weber  
 Oct 29 Kris Peterson

To add/correct any birthdays or anniversaries. Please email [Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org](mailto:Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org)

## LUTHER SEAL

*What does this mean?*



*Excerpts from Luther's interpretation...*

### THE BLACK CROSS IN A HEART

retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who "believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

### A WHITE ROSE

shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give

peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (Matt. 28:3; John 20:12).

### THE SKY-BLUE FIELD

symbolizes that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

### A GOLDEN RING

around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology].



# PRAYER LIST

## We Pray for Our Members

Walt Anderson	Bob Masters
Elaine Babb	Charlotte Maurer
Joe Babb	David Pritchard
Suzanne Bergsten	Kathie Rokitski
Vickie Graif	Gwen Scherman
Hunter Headings	Lil Schleede
Jan Howell	Monique Schroeder
Leonora Jones	The Shalibo Family
Jack Justice	Rose Mary Sidam
Sharon Justice	Ted Van Horn
Betty Keefer	Thomas Washington
Barbara Kilian	

## We Pray for Our Friends

Joyce Adkins	Bill Manke
Bill Babb	Nano Masters
Richard Bowell	Robert Miller
Sarita Bowell	Katie Milliner
Laura Braugh	Patricia Petro
Jody Bryant	Stephan Pleli
Sandy Crutchley	Tommy Reeck
Madison Garriott	Leah Rosario
Jenell Gordon	Lisa Sanders
Lettie Groshel	Sheila Silvey
Claude Hamilton	Nick Sims
Brian Hubert	Larry Smith
Chris Jones	Samantha Strother
Henry Kappes Jr	Deb Thompson
Murray Leffers Jr	Dianne Van Pelt
Jude Lightfoot	Kristin

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.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Craft Group	<b>2</b> 9am Food Pantry NO Bible Study 7pm Bell Choir	<b>3</b> 10am Threaders	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	<b>5</b> 8pm AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10am GS Troop 490
<b>8</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3pm Blessing of the Animals	<b>9</b> <b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b> Food Pantry CLOSED Office CLOSED NO Bible Study NO Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Zoom)	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	<b>12</b> 8pm AA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8am Flea Market
<b>15</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>16</b> 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Preschool Board (Hybrid) 7pm Bell Choir	<b>17</b> 10am Threaders 7pm Good Mourning	<b>18</b> Noon Ladies Lunch 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	<b>19</b> 8pm AA	<b>20</b> Office CLOSED	<b>21</b> 10am GS Troop 490 VA Synod Bishop Installation
<b>22</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>23</b> 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Bell Choir	<b>24</b> 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	<b>26</b> 8pm AA	<b>27</b> Office CLOSED	<b>28</b> 10am Blood Drive
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