

“Grace Greetings”

November 2022



Grace Lutheran Church
521 Providence Road
Chesapeake, VA 23325



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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 welcome 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

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| Nov 1 | 10am | Threaders |
| | 7pm | Council Meeting (Hybrid) |
| Nov 2 | 6:30pm | Potluck Dinner |
| | 7pm | Bible Study (Hybrid) |
| Nov 6 | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS | |
| | 9:45am | Combined Worship |
| | 11am | Annual Meeting followed by Cake & Conversation |
| Nov 7 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| | 5:30pm | Preschool Board (Hybrid) |
| | 7pm | Bell Choir |
| Nov 8 | 10am | Threaders |
| Nov 9 | 6:30pm | Potluck Dinner |
| | 7pm | Bible Study (Hybrid) |
| Nov 11 | Veterans Day | |
| | Office CLOSED | |
| Nov 12 | 8am | Men's Group |
| Nov 13 | 8:30am | Contemporary Worship |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11am | Traditional Worship |
| | 1pm | Confirmation @ Emmanuel VB |
| Nov 14 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| | 7pm | Bell Choir |
| Nov 15 | 10am | Threaders |
| Nov 16 | Noon | Ladies Lunch Out |
| | 6:30pm | Potluck Dinner |
| | 7pm | Bible Study (Hybrid) |
| Nov 18-20 | Lost & Found | |
| Nov 20 | 8:30am | Contemporary Worship |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11am | Traditional Worship |
| Nov 21 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| | 7pm | Bell Choir |
| Nov 22 | 10am | Threaders |
| Nov 23 | NO Potluck Dinner & Bible Study | |
| Nov 24 | Thanksgiving | |
| | Office CLOSED | |

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| Nov 25 | | Office CLOSED |
| Nov 27 | 8:30am | Contemporary Worship |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11am | Traditional Worship |
| Nov 28 | | Food Pantry CLOSED |
| Nov 29 | 10am | Threaders |
| Nov 30 | 6:30pm | Potluck Dinner |
| | 7pm | Bible Study (Hybrid) |

Hybrid WORSHIP

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



Sunday School

Most Sundays at 9:45am

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

Monday Bible Study ON HIATUS

Monday Bible Study will be on hiatus until January 9, 2023.



Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mondays at 7pm

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 (except Nov 23)

Potluck @ 6:30 & Study @ 7pm

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/ computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/621600567?pwd=OHhzWUFlc0FIQit0MjN5c0lEcjNtQT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.

Council Meeting (Hybrid)

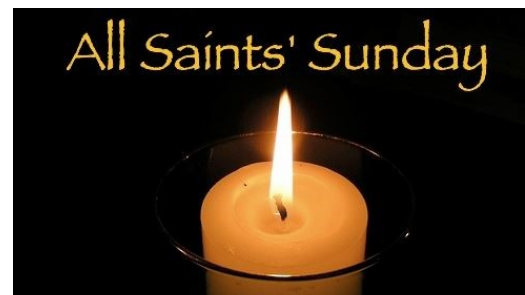
Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm

- 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.

Bible Study: Human Trafficking (Zoom)

Thursdays, Nov 3, 10, & 17 at 7pm

You are invited to join Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick (Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod) and Lisa Kersey (Executive Director of [FreeKind](#)) on Thursdays in November (3, 10, 17) from 7pm-8:15pm as together we engage God's Word to shine the light of truth on the sin and evil of human trafficking and on the hope, dignity, and inherent worth found in our identity as God's beloved.



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. See the official meeting notice for more information.

Cake & Conversation

following the Congregational Meeting

Please join us for Cake and Conversation after the Annual Congregational Meeting. Enjoy a bit of dessert and share your thoughts about the life of our congregation. This event will be hosted by the Mutual Ministry Committee.



Seeking Nominees

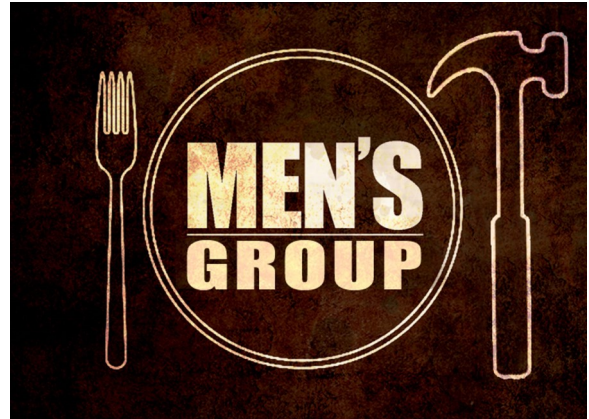
The Nominating Committee is currently seeking people interested in running for various leadership positions. If you are interested in possibly serving in any of the following ways, please contact Kurt Longworth or Monique Schroeder.

- * 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

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, November 7th at 5:30pm

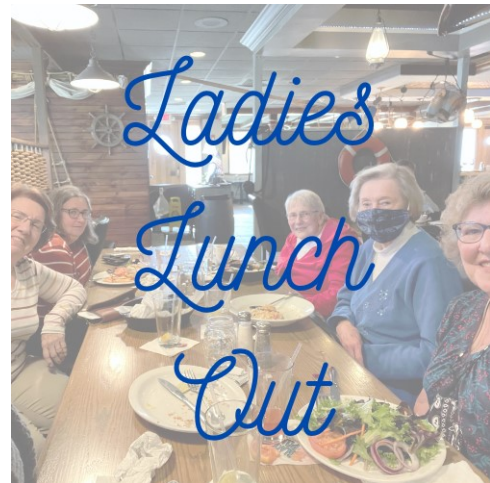
- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvaIRJQnJlU109> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.



Men's Group

Saturday, November 12th at 8am

Join the men of GLC for potluck breakfast and work around the church.



Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, November 16th at Noon

at Cracker Barrel

(1440 Greenbrier Parkway, 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Noon on Monday, November 14th.



Lost & Found (VA Synod Youth Event)

November 18-20

At Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg, VA)

Lost and Found is a gathering of 7th and 8th grade youth and their adult advisors for Large Group experiences with lots of singing and fun and Small Group experiences with lots of new friends, games, conversation, and faith sharing.

Thanksgiving CLOSURES

- ◇ Nov 23—NO Wednesday Bible Study
- ◇ Nov 24—Office CLOSED
- ◇ Nov 25—Office CLOSED



Toys for Tots Collection

Sunday, Nov 6th—Sunday, Nov 27th

New, unwrapped toys may be placed in the collection box in the hallway outside of Pastor's Office during Office Hours (Monday -Friday 9:15am-12:15pm). Please include batteries if needed. Contact: Nancy Springsteen if you have any questions.

Ladies Christmas Lunch

December 3rd, Noon-2pm

Join us for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Friends and family are welcome! We will also collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, Nov 27th. Questions?: Contact Sandra Fraenkel



- **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.

- **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.



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.



2022 Congregational Council



La Quita Opperman
President



Bob Masters
Vice President



Mike Olson
Secretary



Walt Anderson



David Cooper



Faith Longworth



Jen Scherman



Fred Schleede

A Note from the Stewardship Committee

Building a Culture of Generosity is the theme of our upcoming stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church in the past, but also points us to know that we can grow into this in even more profound ways as stated in Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Stewardship committee is looking for additional members to join our ranks, folks that have a desire to help develop and implement this program, members that recognize that our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share. Building a Culture of Generosity will be implemented in calendar year 2023 to aid in the many outreach programs that Grace Lutheran Church is involved with and the potential for the initiation of new ones.

If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee, please contact Bob Masters.



From the Council

Pastor Scott Mims joined our council meeting briefly to meet everyone. He will be our covering pastor while Pastor Leslie is on parental leave from October 23, 2022, to December 17, 2022. If anything should arise and you need pastoral care, please contact me. My email is president@gracelutheranchesapeake.org, or my cell number which is in the directory. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get back in touch with you on my lunch break or after work. Council wishes Pastor Leslie a quick and complete recovery and a happy and healthy little Weber.

The Fall Flea Market raised over \$1,200.00. We split the funds between Grace Preschool's Lisa Marie Justice Scholarship Fund and Chesapeake's We Care Resource Center. Council wants to recognize Marleen Hubert for organizing this successful event and to all those who helped make it a wonderful outreach project. Another example of God's Work Our Hands.

Council is grateful to Mike Olson, Fred Schleede, and Debbie Daugherty for completing the church audit for years 2018—2021.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 6, 2022. We will have a combined service starting at 9:45am followed by the meeting.

God peace to all, stay safe and healthy.
La Quita Opperman
2022 Council President

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

In **September 2022**, Grace Lutheran received **\$11,390.86** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Held a combined worship service, did service projects, enjoyed a potluck lunch for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday
- Celebrated paying off the mortgage
- Resumed regular worship hours (8:30am & 11am)
- Resumed Sunday School (9:45am)
- Celebrated the baptism of four new siblings in Christ
- Resumed Confirmation classes
- Sent one youth to a Tidewater Conference Lock-in

(to name just a few) with **\$16,112.18** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through September 30th), we have received \$150,010.10 for the General Fund and have had \$160,578.07 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of June 30th) is \$55,566.77.



www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com
From the Preschool

Greetings from Grace Preschool! We have had an exciting start to the year. It's hard to believe that it's already November. I want to thank the Grace Preschool

parents, staff, and Grace Lutheran Church for all their hard work and dedication. We received an abundance of donations to donate to local chemo treatment sites. We also received many donations and volunteer participation for our fall festival. The children enjoyed a day of fun and laughter.

Grace Preschool is gearing up for our holiday fundraiser. Heritage Candles and Amaryllis growing kits are great Christmas gifts for loved ones. If you would like to help Grace Preschool raise funding to help our students, please reach out to Kristie Fields at 757-420-4720. Our Fundraiser will run 10/17-11/4/2022. All orders will return before Christmas break.

In honor of Veterans Day, we are inviting Veterans to visit our students and tell them about their time in the military during the week of 11/7-11/2022. If you prefer to read a book instead that will be great also. Please feel free to contact Kristie Fields at 757-420-4720 to schedule a time. We will also have a slide show of Veterans who have family enrolled at Grace Preschool.

We will be supporting the Grace Lutheran food pantry this year. Last year we collected over 500 food items to donate to the community. This year let's double that number so we can help more people. The students will get a pizza party if we reach our goal of 1000 food items. Food drive donations will be accepted from 10/24/2022-12/9/2022.

We are very excited to announce our holiday activities for 2022! Students and teachers will enjoy a Thanksgiving feast on November 23rd.

Our Christmas Production will be on 12/16/2022 at 6 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with the costumes and background decorations, please contact the preschool director at 757-420-4720.

Sincerely
Kristie Fields
Preschool Director

A Note from the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry volunteers have been busy providing food to individuals and families in our community. The past several months we have seen a large increase in the number of people coming to our Food Pantry. We are providing food to approximately 400 people each month. The need for food is great due to raising costs of rent, gas, food, utilities, etc. The clients must make difficult decisions on using their limited funds to pay for rent, medicine, and other essentials. Our Food Pantry helps by providing food for their table.

At the start of COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia, and Eastern Shore (FBSEVA) in Norfolk did not charge food pantries for any of the food that we received. Our Food Pantry distributes USDA Food and non-USDA food (food that is donated, and we purchase with Food Pantry funds). Starting on 1 January 2023, the FBSEVA will start charging for non-USDA food that we order and receive from the Food Bank. The Chesapeake City Council donated \$1 Million dollars to FBSEVA to be used for providing food to Chesapeake food pantries. Once this money is spent, all Chesapeake food pantries will be paying for non-USDA food they order. Chesapeake has many food pantries that only distribute non-USDA food and I do not know how long this money will last.

In December, our Food Pantry will be distributing Christmas Food Baskets to approximately 30 of the households that come to our Food Pantry. This food is non-USDA food that we provide to them. **Some of the items that we could use to put in the baskets are:**

- **cans/packages of soup**
 - **stuffing mix**
 - **Jiffy mix**
- **cake/brownie mixes**
 - **peanut butter**
- **Jelly (NO glass containers)**
 - **cans of pumpkin**
- **frozen turkeys or turkey breasts**

Each Monday, we hear many of the clients say they are so thankful that our food pantry is open and for providing the food they need. These people depend on us to assist with their monthly food.

To provide food each Monday, we need about 10 volunteers to interview the clients, assemble the food, give the food to the clients, and maintain the records required by the Food Bank. In addition, on Fridays, we get our food order at the Food Bank and bring it back to the church. **We are always looking for volunteers to help on Monday and/or Friday or be available to assist when we are short volunteers.** Please consider stopping by to learn more about this ministry at Grace or contact Rodney Haberkorn.

Again, THANK YOU for your support and keep our clients in your prayers.





Order Poinsettias

to adorn the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve.
*You will be able to take home the plants you ordered
AFTER ALL Christmas Eve worship services are over.*

Each plant is \$10

Please return this order form & payment
(cash or check payable to "Grace Lutheran Church")
to the office **by Sunday, November 27th.**

Name _____

Phone # and Email _____

Numbers of Plants _____ **x \$10 per plant = \$** _____

Dedication(s) _____

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

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| Ann Anderson | Jack Justice |
| Elaine Babb | Sharon Justice |
| Joe Babb | Barbara Kilian |
| Peggy Barry | Lori Kilian |
| Jovie Bennett | Charlotte Maurer |
| Suzanne Bergsten | Roy Russell |
| The Headings Family | Monique Schroeder |
| Jan Howell | Rose Mary Sidam |
| Patricia Jackson | Ted Van Horn |
| Leonora Jones | |

We Pray for Our Friends

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| 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 | Cindy Nethery |
| Sharon Dozier | Eugene Opperman |
| Mark Dyer | Karen Opperman |
| Madison Garriott | Samantha Page |
| Terry Gillette | Joshua Patton |
| Jenell Gordon | Stephan Pleli |
| Lettie Groshel | Tommy Reeck |
| Claude Hamilton | Lisa Sanders |
| Rachel Hobson | Nick Sims |
| Ruby Hockenberry | Deb Thompson |
| Jaylin Horton | Dianne Van Pelt |

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.



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| Nov 1 | Rachel Lizan |
| Nov 3 | Jacob Evans |
| Nov 5 | Lydia Bennett |
| Nov 7 | Gwen Scherman |
| Nov 10 | Jack Justice |
| Nov 16 | Kevin Latham |
| Nov 18 | Cathy Kayser |
| Nov 20 | Sandra Fraenkel |
| Nov 22 | Scott Curles |
| Nov 23 | Kathie Rokitski |
| Nov 26 | Ted Van Horn |
| Nov 28 | Betty Keefer |



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| Nov 7 | Don & Susan Stillman |
| Nov 13 | Mark & Beth Woodard |
| Nov 17 | Mike & Kim Moody |
| Nov 30 | Ed & La Quita Opperman |

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 |
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| | | 1 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Hybrid) | 2 6:30p, Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid) | 3 8pm AA | 4 | 5 10am Girl Scouts |
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| 20 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship | 21 9am Food Pantry 7pm Bell Choir | 22 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild | 23 NO Potluck or Bible Study | 24 THANKSGIVING Office CLOSED 8pm AA | 25 Office CLOSED | 26 |
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