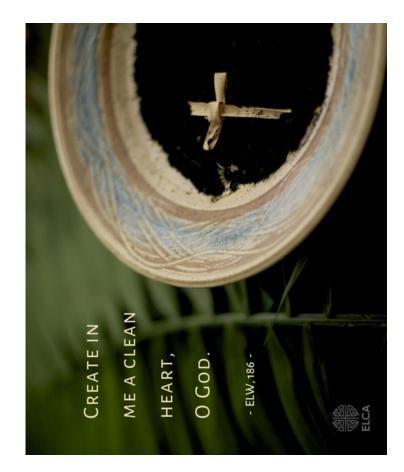
"Grace Greetings" March 2022



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Sunday Worship (Hybrid: in-person & online) at 9:45am Log-in information at www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org/News--Upcoming-Events

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Grace Lutheran Church

A worshipping community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 2022 "Grace Greetings"

Mission Statement:

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

The Hedgehog Concept

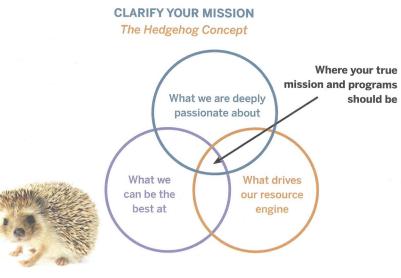
I shared last month that I am current doing coursework to earn an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising. A lot of the foundation of the course is about being able to clearly articulate an organization's mission, vision, and values with compelling stories. The idea is that people are much more likely to donate (time, talents, and treasures) if they share your values and believe in your mission.

Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great and the Social Sectors," encourages non-profits to clarify their mission and then always stick to it, which sometimes means saying "no" to projects/ideas and sometimes even donations that don't align with the organization's mission. He offers the Hedgehog Concept (see infographic below) as a way of helping organizations stay focused on fulfilling their mission.

The same is true of our individual lives. When we can clearly articulate our mission, vision, and values and focus our resources (time/talents/treasures) in ways that line up with them, we are more likely to feel fulfilled and to accomplish our goals.

What your personal mission, vision, and values?

What activities/organizations that you are involved with line up with them? Which ones do not?



Learn more about the Hedgehog Concept here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN4f0r80iR4

Grace's Mission Statement is printed near the top of this page. Does Grace's mission line up with your mission/vision/values?

Can you think of someone whose mission/vision/values lines up with Grace's, but isn't already involved? If so, invite them to get involved is one or more of the ways that we are striving be a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

God Bless. Pastor Leslie Weber (she/her/hers)

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	10:45	Kid's Sunday School
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	7pm	Bell Choir
Mar 8	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council Meeting (Zoom)
Mar 9	7pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
		(Hybrid)
Mar 10	7pm	"6 Weeks on Money"
		Small Group (Zoom)
Mar 12	8am	Men's Group
Mar 13		Savings Time Begins
		Sunday Worship (Hybrid)
		Kid's Sunday School
	lpm	Confirmation @ Grace
Mar 14		45pm Food Pantry
		Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Mar 15	10am	Threaders
Mar 16	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	7pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
		(Hybrid)
Mar 17	7pm	"6 Weeks on Money"
		Small Group (Zoom)
Mar 20		Sunday Worship (Hybrid)
		Kid's Sunday School
Mar 21		45pm Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)

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Mar 22	10am	Threaders
Mar 23	7pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
		(Hybrid)
Mar 24	7pm	"6 Weeks on Money"
		Small Group (Zoom)
Mar 27	9:45am	Sunday Worship (Hybrid)
	10:45am	Kid's Sunday School
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 Information about what to expect and risk-mitigation measures at <u>www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org</u> /hybrid-worship.html.

On Zoom

- Join via computer/smartphone/ tablet by clicking this link: <u>https://</u> us02web.zoom.us/j/984794689? pwd=dEx0N3FDa055WFNQQTV5UFFy OUc5QT09 (Passcode: Grace)
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 984 794 689 and Passcode: 546963.

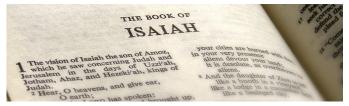
Sign up to serve in worship: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/</u> d/1MYFXiYDQXvVEsP8-K8yRgcsBbr9rAMrpIIX9yiXSxR4/edit? usp=sharing

Children's Sunday School



<u>Kid's Sunday School (K-5th Grade)</u> Sundays after worship (~10:45am) in the Fellowship Hall

Risk mitigation measures will be the same as those currently in place for Hybrid worship (ex: masks, distancing, etc.). Please contact Joy Baltero if you have any questions.



<u>Monday Bible Study (on Zoom)</u>

Mondays at 1:30pm—We are currently studying the book of the Isaiah.

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87547409467?</u> pwd=Mzl5TFdseFpYU11pTS95czN4VWI4QT 09 (Passcode: Grace).
- 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

Bell Choir rehearsals will be Mondays 7-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Morgan at <u>Music@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org</u>.



<u>Threaders</u> 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.





<u>Midweek Lenten Worship (Hybrid)</u> Wednesdays at 7pm

Join us for Holden Evening Prayer in person and on Zoom.

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https://</u> us02web.zoom.us/j/621600567? pwd=OHhzWUFIc0FIQit0MjN5c0IEcINtQT0 <u>9</u> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.



<u>"6 Weeks on Money" Small Group (Zoom)</u> starting Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm

You are encouraged to sign up for the "6

Weeks on Money" course and join us for weekly small group discussions on Thursdays (starting March 3) at 7pm on Zoom.

STEPS TO JOIN IN:

- 1. Go to <u>www.6weeksonmoney.com/elca</u> Scroll down to where is says "Get a \$20 Discount Code" and click the button "GRAB IT NOW." Insert your name and email address and then click "send request."
- Once you receive the email with the discount code, visit <u>https://start.sixweeksonmoney.com/courses/</u>
 <u>ELCA</u> to create an account and pay the \$60 fee (\$80 if you don't wait for the discount code).
- Also, fill out this form to let Pastor Leslie know that you will be participating in the small group session: <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/6WMGrace</u>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We do have a grant to cover the full fee for a few households, so please contact Pastor Leslie directly BEFORE you register!

No personal sharing about your income, debt, or savings will be required. Six Weeks on Money takes a multi-dimensional and holistic view of money. What does that mean? While there is definitely a time to set goals, save more, and eliminate debt (all of which we'll do), we will also talk about your values, what is important to you, and how to have a healthy relationship with money. It all belongs to God, and so we will wrestle together with what that means.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Peterson or Pastor Leslie.



<u>Fat Tuesday Trivia Night (on Zoom)</u> Tuesday, March 1st at 7pm

Join us on Zoom for fun and fellowship before Lent begins!

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/88695972855?</u> pwd=N29rOTRrV2xZWjNhVIJISFExSFFWUT0 <u>9</u> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 886 9597 2855 and Passcode: 751770.



Ash Wednesday Worship (Hybrid) Wednesday, March 2nd at Noon & 7pm

Join us in-person OR on Zoom at Noon OR 7pm for Ash Wednesday Worship, which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384578380?</u> pwd=YXFnTjl4L2QzVmlzU2VYNzI0MmxBUT 09 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 863 8457 8380 and Passcode: 416700.



<u>Scout Sunday</u> Sunday, March 6th

All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms and sign up to serve in worship in some way.

<u>Preschool Board Meeting (on Zoom)</u> Monday, March 7th at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https://</u> us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976? pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRJQnJIU T09 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.

Council Meeting (on Zoom)

Tuesday, March 8th at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <u>https://</u> us02web.zoom.us/j/87468766112? pwd=Z3VnL2RyVkRKdXhXRFFWT2E0ZlcrZz0 9 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 874 6876 6112 and Passcode: 740742.



<u>Men's Group</u>

Saturday, March 12th at 8am

Join the men of GLC for potluck breakfast and work around the church. Please plan to wear a mask, follow "distant socializing" guidelines, and practice good hand hygiene.

Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, March 16th at Noon at Rancho Grande (1320 S Military Hwy, 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to Pastor Leslie by Noon on Monday, March 14th.

Seeking Donations: Children's Books

The Book Ministry is running low on books for children. If you have any to donate, please place them on the bottom shelf of the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Seeking Donations: 3/4" Buttons

The Threaders are in need of buttons that measure approximately .75 inches. Donations can be dropped in the Threaders room or on Pastor's desk.

Seeking Recommendations: Snow Plow Companies

Do you know a local company that plows parking lots that you would recommend? If so, please pass along their name and contact info to Fred Schleede.

2022 Congregational Council



From the Council

Council voted to appoint Morven "Mo" Moeller (they/them) as our new Treasurer. Casey and Morven have been working on a turnover since the beginning of the new year.

With Winter upon us and after having a few snow flurries fall, Council is in search of someone that would clear our parking lot if we happen to get more that two inches of snow. If anyone knows a company that would be willing to take on an extra client please give their contact information to Fred Schleede. We want to keep everyone safe coming to the church.

The demolition of the youth room has been completed, painted and the plumbing has been run for the Inclusive (accessible/ family/gender-neutral) Bathroom.

Midweek Lenten Worship will be Hybrid, so you will be able to attend in person or via Zoom each Wednesday at 7pm.

Council is extremely excited that beginning Palm Sunday, we will resume holding both services: Contemporary Worship at 8:30am and Traditional Worship at 11am.

Kris Peterson and Pastor Leslie will be leading a small group using the ELCA's new "Six Weeks of Money" small group program. It will be held on Zoom on Thursday's during Lent (beginning March 3) at 7pm. If you are interested, the cost is \$60 (using the ELCA promo code). If money is one of the factors holding you back from joining, please let Pastor know so she can connect you with some grant money we have for this project. Council had visitors from the Preschool last month, and they have exciting news. They have qualified for grants and starting next school year they will offer full day care.

God peace to all, stay safe and healthy.

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Picture from February 12th Blood Drive



Picture from February's Ladies Lunch Out



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

In **January 2022**, Grace Lutheran received \$20,309.13 in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Transition from the Christmas Season to the Season after Epiphany
- Donate household items, toys, and clothes to families who were referred to us by Chesapeake Public Schools
- Begin construction on the new
 Inclusive Bathroom
- Host Confirmation class for our Tidewater cohort
- Gather for Ladies Lunch
- Begin the annual Souper Bowl of Caring food collection
- Gather on Zoom for Sunday worship
 when snow necessitated it
- Pay our big annual insurance bill (\$5,676)

(to name just a few) with \$27,297.25 of expenses and generous gifts of time and



From the Preschool

Greetings from the Preschool! Love is in the air! Our students love their community! They made Valentine's Day cards for the seniors in our community. We are so proud of all their hard work and dedication. We also celebrated with treats that parents and teachers brought in.

Our students donated 336 food items to the Food Pantry as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive. When combined with the total from the food drive at the end of 2021, they have collected over 900 items for the Food Pantry, so although they didn't make their goal for this drive (500 items), we are going to give them a pizza party anyway.

We are excited to announce Dr. Seuss's birthday is on March 2. We have some exciting events planned for the entire month. The students will be having a parade outside (weather permitting), a birthday party, and other fun events throughout the month to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/ <u>GracePreschoolChesapeake</u>) to stay current on our celebrations.

Are you ready for springtime? Please save the date to celebrate spring with our Hawaiian Carnival on April 8th. Please be on the lookout for details coming soon.

Did you know you can help our preschool by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to our account? It's extremely easy to do just tell the cashier you want to link your card to Grace Preschool, account number: TIE7040. You can also go online to <u>https://</u> www.harristeeter.com/, stroll down to click on Together in Education, lastly click on Link Your School Today. When you shop Harris Teeter brands, a percentage of your purchase is donated to the school that your VIC card is linked to. There are NO LIMITS to how much a school can earn.

The Preschool would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who have helped this year. We appreciate your hard work to make our program great!

Sincerely, Kristie Fields Preschool Director



March's Music Moment

Grace Music is on YouTube! https://youtube.com/channel/UC1IflH075yHXrLE-ml0c8xQ

- As Lent begins on Sunday, March 6th, we will be starting a new liturgical setting (All Creation Sings Setting 12). Check it out here: https://youtube.com/playlist? list=PLNyNtWE aMESwophHazfUsWBf20L3LCju
- On Sunday, March 6th, we will also sing "Blessed Be Your Name" by Beth and Matt Redman. Read on to learn a bit about the song:

"This modern hymn...was penned during the aftermath of [9/11]. Matt wrote: 'It struck me how little a vocabulary we have in church worship music to respond appropriately in dark times of life. We all face seasons of pain and unease. And in those times we need to find our voice before God. The church, and indeed the world, needs songs of lamentation.' ... [In an article, he was guoted saying:] 'I think [the Book of Job is] really about something much grander-the sovereignty of God-of which suffering is a subcategory. At the end of chapter one it says: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. May the name of the Lord be praised." Trust is a beautiful act of worship. It says to God, "I believe in You-in Your unfailing goodness and greatness-no matter what season of life I find myself in."'"

(from Wayne Presnell, "Song Origin: 'Blessed Be Your Name,'" Pastor Presnell's Blog, <u>https://pastorpresnell.wordpress.com/</u>)

- On Sunday, March 13th, we will sing a new song: "Do It Again" by Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, and Steven Furtick. You can listen to it at: https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gik2CHG48fs
- On Sunday, March 20th, we will sing "As the Sun with Longer Journey" by John Patrick Earls, OSB and Carl F. Schalk (ELW #329). Read on to learn a bit about the sona:

"...Sensing the need for Lenten hymns, Earls wrote 'As the sun with longer journey,' which uses the sun's 'growing radiance' in 'the season's yearly round' to point to trinitarian new life in baptism's 'healing waters.'"

(Paul Westermeyer, Hymnal Companion to ELW, p. 121)

On Sunday, March 27th, we will sing a new song: "Beautiful Things" by Lisa and Michael Gungor (ACS #925). You can listen to it at: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=apOPkzpIHRw

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The Faith Inclusion Network Community for ALL (C4A) Conference

IN-PERSON Conference March 10-11

at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Norfolk

- Thursday, March 10, 6-8pm—Kick-off Dinner
- Friday, March 11, 8:30 am-3:00 pm-Conference Teaching Sessions and networking
 - 8:30 am Conference Check in, visit vendors
 - 9:00 am-Welcome, Michelle Munger and Opening Speaker, Mr. Milton Tyree, "From Pandemicspeak, Napoleon the Pig, and Kindly Othering to the New Story"
 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm-Breakout Sessions See below
 - 12:00 pm-Networking Luncheon, visit vendors
 - 12:30 pm-Author Introductions and Book Signing-Authors include: Shelly Christensen, Jolene Philo, Rosemarie Hughes, Michelle Munger, David Morstad
 - 1:00 pm-Community Conversation
 - 2:30 pm Closing Program

VIRTUAL Conference February 22—April 30

(4 Live Zoom Events & 20+ On-Demand Presentations)

• Tuesday, February 22, 6:30-7:30pm "The Community for All Initiative" with Shelly Christensen, MA,FAAIDD

• Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-7:30pm

"Reimaging Faith and Disability within Community" with Anne Masters, Ph.D, FAAIDD

• Tuesday, April 5, 6:30-7:30pm "Motivation and Strength for the Weary" with Ron Sandison, M.Div.

• Tuesday, April 26, 6:30-7:30pm

"Believing, Belonging, and the Pathways to Both" with Erik W. Carter, Ph.D.

Tickets & Info available at https://faithinclusionnetwork.org/community-for-all-2022/



We Pray for Our Members

Walt Anderson Elaine Babb Joe Babb Suzanne Bergsten The Braa Family Jan Howell Leonora Jones Barbara Kilian The Marchant Family The McCulloughs Charlotte Maurer Monique Schroeder Rose Mary Sidam Ted Van Horn

We Pray for Our Friends

Bill Babb Randy Bosecker Richard Bowell Sarita Bowell Laura Braugh Doris Carr Karen Carter Nathan Darulla Sharon Dozier Mark Dyer Karen Flaherty Madison Garriott Jenell Gordon Patty Graham Lettie Groshel Eddie Haga **Rachel Hobson** Mike Hockenberry Ruby Hockenberry Brian Hubert John Johnson Chris Jones

Michael Keaton Jason Kestner Rege Kuzel Murray Leffers Jr Darrell Lowe Katie Milliner Keren Murphy Eugene Opperman Karen Opperman Samantha Page Stephan Pleli Karen Polanco Tommy Reeck Lisa Sanders Rick Sidam Nick Sims Glenn Smith Larry Sommerfeld **Ray Stephens** Dianne Van Pelt Michael Wehau Tyler

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 <u>monthly</u> regarding your friends/family on the list.



- Mar 2 Annika Peterson
- Mar 14 Mike Ownby
- Mar 14 Bethany Solomon
- Mar 15 Gretchen Stoll
- Mar 17 Rick Fraenkel
- Mar 18 Suzanne Bergsten
- Mar 18 Amy Fantaskey-Peterson
- Mar 20 Kurt Longsworth
- Mar 24 Tracy Ownby
- Mar 27 Diana Haberkorn
- Mar 30 Matthew Weed
- Mar 31 Mandy Land

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



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



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