

“Grace Greetings”

April 2023



JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK
AND THEN CELEBRATE CHRIST'S
RESURRECTION ON EASTER.



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:

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

Grace’s 60th Anniversary

This year, we celebrate Grace’s 60th Anniversary. Throughout the year we will commemorate various important dates.

- **April 7th—first worship service at Indian River Elementary School**
 - August 18th—first worship service in church building
 - October 6th—church building dedicated
- November 10th—officially became a congregation and Pastor Yost was installed
 - November 24th—charter was signed



These pictures are from the first worship service, which was held at Indian River Elementary School in April of 1963.

We are grateful those who took these pictures, kept track of them over the years, and to Walt Anderson for scanning them.



If you were around for any of these “firsts” and have stories or memorabilia to share, please let Pastor Leslie know.

THE FIRST SERVICE

1963

With great anticipation we looked forward to that historic moment when the first service of Grace Lutheran Church would be held. It was scheduled for palm Sunday, April 7th 1963 at 11:00am, in the Indian River Elementary School (located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Military Hgwy on Providence Road.

Our service was held in the library room. There were 66 people (including 12 well-wishers from Falls Church, Va.) gathered for worship. It was a good beginning and we are grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ for bringing our congregation into being.

The people of Grace Lutheran Church are indeed grateful to the Chesapeake School Board, the principal of Indian River School, and the custodian for the use and maintenance of our meeting place. All have shown a fine spirit of cooperation.

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Apr 2	Palm Sunday
	8:30am Contemporary Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11am Traditional Worship
	12:30pm Craft Group
Apr 3	9am Food Pantry
	1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm Bell Choir
Apr 4	10am Threaders
Apr 5	NO Worship/Bible Study
Apr 6	7pm Maundy Thursday
	Worship (Hybrid)
Apr 7	7pm Good Friday Worship
	(Hybrid)
Apr 8	8am Men's Group
	7pm Easter Vigil @ First, Norfolk
Apr 9	Easter Sunday
	8:30am Contemporary Worship
	9:45am Potluck Easter Brunch
	10:15am Egg Hunt
	11am Traditional Worship
Apr 10	9am Food Pantry
	1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm Bell Choir
Apr 11	10am Threaders
	7pm Council Meeting (Zoom)
Apr 12	6:30pm Potluck
	7:15pm Bible Study (Hybrid)
Apr 16	8:30am Contemporary Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11am Traditional Worship
Apr 17	9am Food Pantry
	1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm Preschool Board (Hybrid)
	7pm Bell Choir
Apr 18	10am Threaders
Apr 19	Noon Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm Potluck
	7:15pm Bible Study (Hybrid)
Apr 23	8:30am Contemporary Worship

	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship
Apr 24	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Apr 25	10am	Threaders
Apr 26	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Apr 30	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Traditional Worship

Hybrid WORSHIP

Regular Hybrid Worship Schedule

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 - 11am Traditional Worship
- Join us on site or online. Zoom log-in information is available at www.gracelutheranchesaapeake.org/news--upcoming-events.



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 (Zoom)

Mondays at 1:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87557721128?pwd=b2J4ektpdGtwWk9NQkJudzI1cHBBQT09> Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 875 5772 1128 and Passcode: 152551.



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

Potluck @ 6:30 & Study of Galatians @ 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.



Craft Group

Sunday, April 2nd

after the late worship service (~12:30pm)

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. Join us on the first Sunday of the month this winter and spring. Any questions, contact Sandra Fraenkel.

HOLY WEEK 2023

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 6TH
7PM ~ HYBRID WORSHIP
(IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM)

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 7TH
7PM ~ HYBRID WORSHIP
(IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM)

EASTER VIGIL ~ APRIL 8TH
7PM ~ AT FIRST LUTHERAN (NORFOLK)

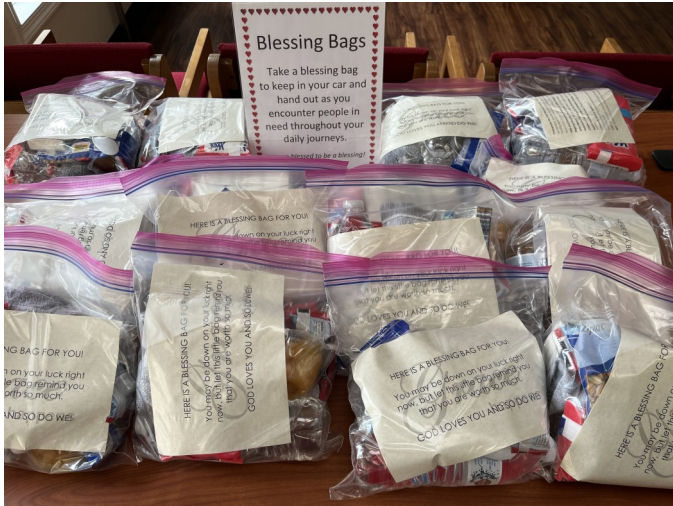
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WWW.GRACELUTHERANCHESAPEAKE.ORG

Holy Week 2023

- Maundy Thursday (Apr 6) Worship @ 7pm
 - Good Friday (Apr 7) Worship @ 7pm
- Join us on site or online. Zoom log-in information is available at www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/news--upcoming-events.

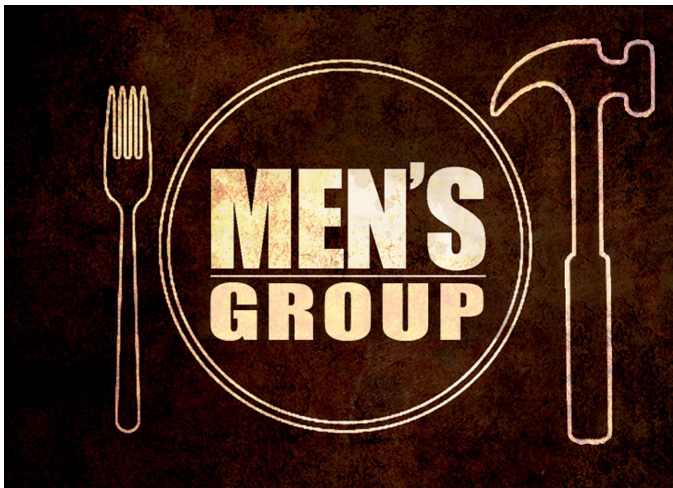
Worship Server Sign Up

We will need extra worship servers for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Please sign up online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MYFXiYDQXvVEsP8-K8yRgcsBbr9rAMrplIX9yiXSxR4/edit>



Blessing Bags

As part of worship on Maundy Thursday, we will be living out Jesus' new commandment—"love one another"—by packing Blessing Bags. Join us in person to help pack or pick up a bag or two during office or worship hours to distribute to our neighbors in need.



Men's Group

Saturday, April 8th at 8am

Join the men of GLC for potluck breakfast and work around the church. wonderful church that shares those ideals!



Easter Potluck Brunch & Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9th

Join us for food and fellowship between worship services on Easter Sunday. Sign ups are in the Narthex.

Grace
happens

Council Meeting

Council Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 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.



Board Meeting

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, April 17th at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by

clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRjQnJU109> (Passcode: Grace).

- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.



Ladies Lunch Out

**Wednesday, April 19th at Noon
at Red Robin**

(1024 Eden Way N, Chesapeake, VA 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 16th.



Flea Market

Saturday, May 6th, 8am-2pm

All proceeds will benefit Grace Preschool's Lisa Marie Justice Scholarship Fund.

- Sign up to help out: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YCrXGwevGSAR8v-9aJbeivWPkt6NBafRiM_9JQ3sTs/edit?usp=sharing
- Donate items for the White Elephant table. Items can be dropped off in the

Fellowship Hall starting April 23rd.

- Sign up to reserve a vendor spot: <https://forms.gle/RbQxiikYGuezPpFx5>

Contact Gretchen Stoll for more information.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Saturday, May 20th, 9am-1pm

in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

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

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

Happy Spring to all Grace congregants from your Grace Council. Wishing all a pleasant month as we welcome the return of Spring with new growth opportunities both personally and spiritually. Along with our regular contemporary and traditional

Sunday services, one may also continue their faith filled journey of preparation towards Easter Sunday with Wednesday's "Holden Evening Prayer" at 7:15PM. All services are offered via hybrid fashion-both in person and Zoom.

Highlights from our most recent Council meeting include:

- * Nursery Attendant—the hiring process has been prolonged due to multiple no shows of potential candidates for the interview process. We have reduced the required age minimum from 18 to 16 to hopefully open up the pool of prospects. If any Grace member knows of someone who would be a good attendant for our little ones, please contact Rebecca Headings or Mana Masters.
- * Sanctuary HVAC Rehab—Our most promising candidate, Duckman H-Factor has been unreachable so continuing efforts are being made to find a qualified provider to take on this project.
- * Care Team—4 members have volunteered to be on this team and to focus on regular contact with our members who don't regularly attend worship. If you would like to serve on this team please contact Debbie Dougherty.
- * During 2023 we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Grace Lutheran Church. We are looking at upcoming ways to celebrate the impact our church has had on our lives, our community and beyond. Please contact Debbie Dougherty or Faith Longworth if you have ideas!

This is but a snapshot of some of the goings on at Grace. We encourage each and every member to be as involved in any aspect of our church's outreach programs to help realize our Mission Statement of being a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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

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

In **February 2023**, Grace Lutheran received **\$15,859.62** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Welcomed Savana Baltero as our new Tech Host.
- Hosted a Blood Drive, collecting 23 pints of blood and potentially saving
- Collected 671 food items and \$332 as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive.
- Welcomed Pastor Leslie back to full time work, following parental leave.
- Gathered for a "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Brunch.
- Marked the beginning of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Worship.

(to name just a few) with **\$17,543.90** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through Feb 28th), we have received \$28,693.98 for the General Fund and have had \$47,721.03 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of Feb 28th) is \$49,819.82.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Brunch

THANK YOU!

Grace Lutheran Chesapeake Youth's 2023 Collection
raised:
\$332 and 671 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 13, 2023

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger; Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring



Food Pantry volunteers unloading



From the Preschool

Spring is in the air! We are welcoming April with open arms!

On April 21, 2023, we are having our spring festival. Come celebrate as we have fun at our Mardi-gras style festival. If you would like

to sign up to help with a craft, game, or snack table please contact the preschool director at 757-420-4720 or

preschool@gracelutheranchesapeake.org.

We are celebrating mothers with a Mother's tea on May 12 at 1:45pm. Our students enjoy spending time with family and friends. We provide them with the opportunity to fellowship during school hours.

Grace Preschool is now approved by the state of Virginia to be a subsidy vendor. This means if you know of a family who wants to attend but cannot afford it the state of Virginia may pay a portion or all the tuition fees. Please contact the Preschool Director for more information.

Due to current economic pressures, enrollment is down, which is hurting the Preschool's finances. There are three ways you can help:

1. Spread the word that we have immediate openings in our 2, 3, and 4 year old classes. Encouraged interested families to visit the Preschool's website to set up a tour.
2. Make a one time or recurring monetary donation. Checks can be made out to "Grace Lutheran Day School" and delivered directly to the Preschool Office.
3. Support our ongoing fundraisers:
 - * Harris Teeter's Together in Education program (<https://tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>) Grace Preschool's Code is 7040. If you think you are already signed up, please go online and double check and re-link if necessary.
 - * Papa John's Dollars for Dough program. Any time you order from a Hampton Road's Papa John's online, use the promo code: GracePizza.

Sincerely
Kristie Fields
Preschool Director



CAROLINE FURNACE

Camp & Retreat

	Entering Grades 1-3	Entering Grades 4-6	Entering Grades 7-9	Entering Grades 9-12	16 & 17 Year Olds	Adults & Families
WEEK ONE <i>June 18-23</i>	Explorer	Classic	Classic		LIT! Phase 1	
WEEK TWO <i>June 25-30</i>		Environmental H2O Adventure	Horse Shenandoah River			
WEEK THREE <i>July 2-7</i>	Off-Site Programming				LIT! Phase 1	
WEEK FOUR <i>July 9-14</i>	Explorer + 2nd-3rd grade	Culinary	Night Hammock		LIT! Phase 2	Volunteer Work Week
2 WEEK CAMP <i>July 9-21</i>		Adventure	Adventure			
WEEK FIVE <i>July 16-21</i>		Air Adventure Acoustic	H2O Adventure		LIT! Phase 2	
WEEK SIX <i>July 23-28</i>	Explorer	Land Adventure Classic	Land Adventure		LIT! Phase 2	
WEEK SEVEN <i>July 30-Aug 4</i>	Explorer	Horse Outdoor Living	Air Adventure		LIT! Phase 2	
WEEK EIGHT <i>August 6-11</i>	Explorer	Hammock	Night Hammock		LIT! Phase 2	Family Camp Adult Camp



VBS options available during Weeks 2 & 3!

For information on Confirmation Camp (Week One), contact your pastor or youth leader!

visit www.carolinefurnace.org for registration & more information!

Our TWO WEEK Camp is happening again! Join us for two straight weeks of fun July 9-21!

**Half Week Options available for Work Week, Family Camp, & Explorer Camp*

Summer 2023 ONE: love | grace | unity

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

Ann Anderson	Lori Kilian
Elaine Babb	Charlotte Maurer
Joe Babb	Kim Moody
Suzanne Bergsten	David Pritchard
Jan Howell	Kathie Rokitski
Patricia Jackson	Roy Russell
Leonora Jones	Monique Schroeder
Jack Justice	Rose Mary Sidam
Sharon Justice	Ted Van Horn
Betty Keefer	Thomas Washington
Barbara Kilian	

We Pray for Our Friends

Bill Babb	Robert Miller
Richard Bowell	Sue Miller
Sarita Bowell	Katie Milliner
Laura Braugh	Judi Moser
Trevor Crawford	Ellen Pabst
Mark Dyer	Joshua Patton
Joshua Falkner	Patricia Petro
Wesley Fillah	Stephan Pleli
Madison Garriott	Tommy Reeck
Jenell Gordon	Leah Rosario
Lettie Groshel	Lisa Sanders
Claude Hamilton	Sheila Silvey
Ruby Hockenberry	Nick Sims
Brian Hubert	Larry Smith
Chris Jones	Samantha Strother
Murray Leffers Jr	Deb Thompson
The McGinnis family	Dianne Van Pelt
Nano Masters	Richard Van Pelt
Kathy Jo Matticks	

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.



Apr 3	John Hawk
Apr 6	Elaine Babb
Apr 9	Beth Woodard
Apr 24	Helen Sprague
Apr 25	Raynor Lizan
Apr 26	Rose Mary Sidam
Apr 28	Debbie Dougherty



Apr 12	DJ & Bethany Solomon
Apr 16	Kyle & Courtney Weed

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 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Group	3 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Bell Choir	4 10am Threaders	5	6 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Hybrid) 8pm AA	7 7pm Good Friday Worship (Hybrid)	1 10am Girl Scouts
9 8:30am Worship 9:45am Potluck Breakfast 10:15am Egg Hunt 11am Worship	10 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Bell Choir	11 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Zoom)	12 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	13 8pm AA	14	15 10am Girl Scouts
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