

“Grace Greetings”

June 2023



The **WAY** *in the*
WILDERNESS

Virginia Synod Assembly
June 9-11



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:

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

Revised Common Lectionary: Semicontinuous Readings

Along with many other Christians around the world, we regularly utilize the three year Revised Common Lectionary to dictate our readings for Sunday worship. For each Sunday, there are three readings assigned—one (usually) from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), one (usually) from the Epistles, and one from one of the four Gospels. There is also a psalmody (usually from the book of Psalms, but not always) assigned, intended to be a sung response to the first reading. The Gospel of Matthew is highlighted in year A, Mark during year B, and Luke during year C. The Gospel of John is sprinkled in throughout the three years. So every three years, we get an overview of the Gospels and to a lesser extent, the epistles and Hebrew Scriptures.

However, there are places in the lectionary where there are additional options available. For instance, when a festival or commemoration falls on or near a Sunday, those readings can be used in place of the assigned Sunday's readings. There are also times when alternate readings are suggested.

This summer & fall, we will be using one of those extra features of the RCL—the semicontinuous reading and psalm. This series of readings is preferred in some traditions, but tends not to be used much in ELCA churches. Instead of having the first reading and psalm complement the Gospel reading thematically, it calls for the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to be read in order. Not every verse is included, but many of the big stories are included over the three years.

Since we are currently in Year A, I thought it would be a good time to utilize this feature of the RCL as a way of building Biblical literacy. Unless you have been regularly joining us for Bible Study on Monday over the last seven years, you probably have not read the Hebrew Scriptures straight through from the beginning. It can be an arduous process to do so, but the semicontinuous readings assigned during the summer & fall give us a chance to hear the highlights.

So I encourage you to join us for worship this summer & fall (starting June 11) as we read from and I preach on the semicontinuous readings, which will mainly come from Genesis and Exodus, but will also include some passages from Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, and Ezekiel. If you miss a week, I encourage you to read the story that you missed so you can follow the ongoing narrative with us when you return.

God Bless,
Pastor Leslie Weber

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

June 4	9:45am	Combined Worship
June 5		Food Pantry CLOSED NO Bible Study
June 6	10am	Threaders
June 7	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
June 9-11		VA Synod Assembly
June 10	8am	Men's Group
June 11	9:45am	Combined Worship
June 12	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Hybrid)
June 13	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council (Zoom)
June 14	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
June 18	9:45am	Combined Worship
	1:05pm	Fellowship: Tides Game
June 19	9am	Food Pantry Office CLOSED NO Bible Study
June 20	10am	Threaders
June 21	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
June 25	9:45am	Combined Worship
June 26	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
June 27	10am	Threaders
June 28	6:30pm	Potluck
	7:15pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)

Hybrid WORSHIP

Combined Worship will be at 9:45 throughout the Summer

Join us on site or online. Zoom log-in information is available at www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/news--upcoming-events.



Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer

Monday Bible Study (Zoom)
June 12 & 26 at 1:30pm

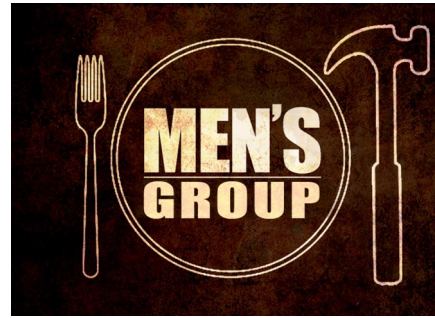
There will be no Bible Study on June 5 & 19.

- 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.



Bell Choir is on hiatus for the summer

The Bell Choir will resume rehearsals in September. If you would like more information, please contact Morgan Hatfield.



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.

Men's Group

Saturday, June 10th at 8am

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



Board Meeting

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=OHhzWUFlc0FIQit0MjN5c0IEcIntQT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, June 12th at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRjQnJlU1O9> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.



Craft Group is on hiatus for the summer

The Craft Group will resume gatherings in September. If you would like more information, please contact Sandra Fraenkel.



Council Meeting (Zoom)

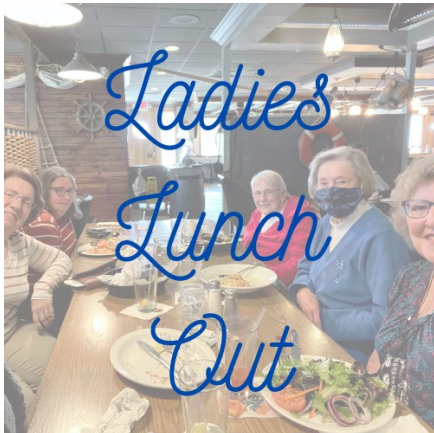
Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm

- 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.



Fellowship Event: Tides Game
Sunday, June 18 at 1:05pm

Join us at Harbor Park on Sunday, June 18th at 1:05pm to enjoy an afternoon of baseball. The Norfolk Tides are playing the Worcester Red Sox. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Sandra Fraenkel by Sunday, June 11th. Tickets will be distributed at church on the day of the game (Sunday, June 18th). Cost will be approximately \$15 per ticket, depending on the available promotions. Come celebrate Father's Day at the ballpark!



Ladies Lunch Out
Wednesday, June 21st at Noon
at Wickers Crab Pot Seafood
(4201 Indian River Road, 23325)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, June 18th.

June Outreach

In June, we will be collecting items for the activities department of a local nursing home:

- * Games (playing cards, dominoes, etc.—large print preferred)
- * Large Print Puzzle Books (sudoku,

crosswords, word search, etc.)

- * Coloring Books
- * Art Supplies (coloring pencils, crayons, markers, etc.)
- * Beauty Supplies (nail polish, nail polish remover, etc.)
- * Small Stuffed Animals

Please place all donations in the box in the Narthex by Sunday, June 25th. If you have any questions, contact Faith Longworth.



Save the Date: Vacation Bible School
July 5-7 in the evenings

More details will be coming soon, but mark your calendars. We will need lots of volunteers for VBS and host families for staff from Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, who will be leading the fun!



Power in the Spirit
July 13-15, 2023
at Roanoke College

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship.

This year's theme is "Seeking & Finding. The Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore will be the

Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Steven Tuell will be the Bible Study leader, and Michael Benschish will be our Musician.

For more information and to register, visit <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/>.



Virginia Synodical Women's Organization Annual Convention

July 21-22, 2023

at Roanoke College

For more information and to register, visit <http://vswowebly.com/convention-information.html>

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

The mowing season is here and we need your help to care for the lawn at church!

- 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.

2023 Congregational Council



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From the Council

Happy June to all Grace members, hoping that the unseasonably cool weather that

we've had recently is agreeing with you. We all know, however, it's only a matter of time before the heat returns. Speaking of heat, our HVAC rehab team continues to pursue replacement/repair options for the one sanctuary system that was recently temporarily fixed and for the other unit, each of which have aged past their typical life expectancy. Quotes are being solicited regarding replacement of conventional AC handler units along with our leaking, in floor duct system to going with a new ductless (mini-split) system. Additionally, a 2015 Virginia code change requires current systems to allow a certain amount of outside air to be vented into the interior when a space is occupied. Research is underway regarding this and the before mentioned replacement systems. Regardless, we are looking at a substantial monetary investment similar in scope to our recent bathroom addition.

On a brighter fiscal note, our income during the last month exceeded our costs, which is a good trend that hopefully will continue. Currently we are looking at possible changes in our payroll and internet providers to reduce even further our monthly expenditures and help with our deficit.

Our recent Flea Market was a huge success and raised \$1,627.07 for Grace Preschool's Lisa Marie Justice Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to Gretchen Stoll and all the other volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this semi-annual event a huge success and another way in which Grace Lutheran strives to serve all people in our community. Congratulations and God's blessings to our youth who will be received as full voting members of Grace through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost Sunday (May 28th): Zander Morton, Alex and Emma Opel, Mason Weed, and Annabelle Wolfe.

Peace and God's blessings to all.

Bob Masters

2023 Council President

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

In **April 2023**, Grace Lutheran received **\$17,114.93** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Worshiped together, packed Blessing Bags, and welcomed new siblings in Christ to Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Celebrated the resurrection of our Lord with worship, a potluck breakfast, and an egg hunt.
- Hosted the rostered ministers of the Tidewater Conference for their monthly meeting

(to name just a few) with **\$14,259.80** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through March 31st), we have received \$59,985.26 for the General Fund and have had \$73,617.97 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of April 30th) is \$49,875.06.



www.GracePS.org

From the Preschool

*The school is almost over.
School times are almost done.
We've had a lot of learning.
We had a lot of fun.
We'll say goodbye to the teachers.
We'll put our books away.
Our school year is over now.
It's summertime-lets play!
~ Author Unknown*

We would like to thank the board of directors, church members, and parents for a wonderful teacher's appreciation week. we received lovely gifts of appreciation from everyone and we enjoyed the celebration.

Our mother/daughter tea was great. We celebrated our mothers with snacks and conversation. Thank you to everyone who participated and help make it a success.

Dads and Doughnuts will be held on June 2nd at 1:30pm. It's an awesome event for our fathers and father figures to come out and spend quality time with our students.

We will be honoring all our students with an awards ceremony on June 13th at 1:30 pm. Please save the date for our Preschool Graduation on June 14th! It will be an honor to have a few church members attend our ceremony.

Our Last day of school is June 15, 2023. We had an amazing year with the Grace Preschool community.

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!

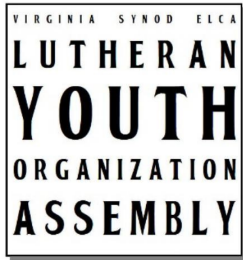
Sincerely
Kristie Fields
Preschool Director



We welcomed four children to Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday!

Summer 2023 youth ministry opportunities

For information and registration instructions on all of these events,
go to www.vasynod.org/ministries/youth-ministry or click on the QR Code for each event.



Youth Assembly for 7th-12th graders (2 from each congregation, with the option of a third after April 24) will be held in conjunction with the 2023 Synod Assembly, **June 9-11, 2023** (noon Friday to noon Sunday) at Roanoke College. Youth assembly is an event where youth learn about the life and work of the church beyond the local congregation. In 2023, the Virginia Synod will also be electing a new bishop and the youth will have the opportunity to observe the process!



Kairos is our weeklong faith sharing event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the fall. Youth register individually rather than as part of a congregational group and congregations are encouraged to send adults to serve as small group leaders, although adult advisors do not accompany

congregational youth to the event. **Kairos is scheduled for June 25-30 at Roanoke College.** Registrations are due by April 24, 2023.



LAUNCH (on-site at Roanoke College) is an event for just-graduated high school seniors where we take stock of where we have come in life and faith to this point and think ahead to the life, faith, and vocational choices facing us in the next few years! **LAUNCH is scheduled for July 9-13** (Sunday evening to Thursday noon).



At the Water's Edge is a week-long servant event for Youth who have just completed the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, and their adult advisors. We spend the week together experiencing

the Christian life through worship, fellowship, fun and service in the Tidewater area. And of course, being near the beach, we also spend some time at the water's edge.



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CAROLINE FURNACE

Camp & Retreat

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



Visit CarolineFurnace.org for registration and more information

Our Two Week camp is happening again! July 9-21
VBS Options available during weeks 2 & 3!

*Half week option available for Work Week, Family, and Explorer Camps

NOTE: Pastor Leslie will be serving as Chaplain during Week 8 (Aug 6-11)



We are now hiring for Summer 2023! The Season is 10 weeks long, from June to August. Positions for Adventure Team, Cabin Leaders, Support Staff, and more are available. We are looking for young adults (18 or older) full of energy, love, enthusiasm, patience, and kindness. You must be able to share your faith, encourage others, and work well in a team. You can expect a new adventure each week, will gain new skills and experiences, and get to make friendships that will last a lifetime. Pay based on experience and certifications. Internships in specialized areas also available - ask us for more information! Apply by clicking emailing your resume to monica@carolinefurnace.org.

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

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

We Pray for Our Friends

Joyce Adkins	Kathy Jo Matticks
Bill Babb	Robert Miller
Richard Howell	Sue Miller
Sarita Howell	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
Dirl Kinnard	Deb Thompson
Murray Leffers Jr	Dianne Van Pelt
The McGinnis family	Richard Van Pelt
Nano Masters	

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.



June 5 Mana Masters
 June 6 Monique Schroeder
 June 8 Clara Cloud
 June 13 Jovie Bennett
 June 13 Ruth Miles
 June 14 Beth Cloud
 June 14 Jane Jennings
 June 14 Chuck Graham, Jr.
 June 15 Lil Schleede
 June 17 Ray Miles
 June 21 Fred Schleede
 June 22 Doc Dougherty
 June 26 Lindsey Breitsprecher
 June 30 Mike Olson



June 1 Stephen & Juanita Urps
 June 8 Rod & Diana Haberkorn
 June 15 Ray & Ruth Miles
 June 15 Scott & Kathy Kayser
 June 16 David & Tara Moeller
 June 21 Thomas & Mary Washington
 June 23 Brandon & Lindsey
 Breitsprecher
 June 27 Mike & Peggy Barry

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 2023						
4 9:45am Worship	5 NO Food Pantry NO Bible Study	6 10am Threaders	7 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	8 8pm AA	9	10 8am Men's Group 10am Girl Scouts
11 9:45am Worship	12 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Preschool Board (Hybrid)	13 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Zoom)	14 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	15 8pm AA	16	17
18 9:45am Worship 1:05pm Tides Game	19 JUNETEENTH 9am Food Pantry Office CLOSED NO Bible Study	20 10am Threaders 7pm Good Mourning	21 Noon Ladies Lunch 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	22 8pm AA	23	24
25 9:45am Worship	26 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	27 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild	28 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	29 8pm AA	30	