

“Grace Greetings”

July 2022



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Mission Statement:

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

Welcoming Immigrants

Numerous times in the Bible are the people of God encouraged to:

"love the stranger" (Deuteronomy 10:19)

"love the alien as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34)

"[do not withhold] justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow"
(Deuteronomy 27:19)

"do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow" (Jeremiah 7:5-7)

"do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor" (Zechariah 7:9-10)

"extend hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12:13)

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers" (Hebrews 13:1-3)

Whether you call them foreigners, aliens, strangers, refugees, immigrants, displaced people, etc., the fact remains the same: they are our neighbors and beloved children of God.

Because our God:

"watches over the strangers; [God] upholds the orphan and the widow" (Psalm 146:9)

"shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears [God] and does what is right is acceptable to [God]." (Acts 10:34)

...we are called to welcome and care for all of our neighbors, no matter their country of origin, what brought them here, or how long they have been here. That is why I am thankful for organizations like **enCircle** (formerly Lutheran Social Services of VA) (www.encircleall.org) and **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services** (www.lirs.org) who do such work. You can learn more about these organizations on page 6 and/or by visiting their websites. There you will find information about how to donate and get involved!

God Bless.

Pastor Leslie Weber
(she/her/hers)

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

July 3	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
July 4		Independence Day Food Pantry CLOSED Office CLOSED NO Bible Study NO Bell Choir
July 5	10am	Threaders
July 6	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
July 9	8am	Men's Group
July 10	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
July 11	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Hybrid)
	7pm	Bell Choir
July 12	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council Meeting (Hybrid)
July 13	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
July 14-16		Power in the Spirit & VA Synod Celebration of Service @ Roanoke College (Salem, VA)
July 17	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
July 18	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom) NO Bell Choir
July 19	10am	Threaders
July 20	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
July 24	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
July 25	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
July 26	10am	Threaders
July 27	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner

7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)
 July 31 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 10am Traditional Worship



PASTORAL CARE

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

Hybrid WORSHIP

- **Summer Sunday Worship (Hybrid)**
 - * Contemporary at 8:30am
 - * Traditional at 10 am
- **In-person**
 - Information about what to expect and risk-mitigation measures at www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/hybrid-worship.html.
- **On Zoom**
 - Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/984794689?pwd=dEx0N3FDa055WFNQQTV5UFFyOUc5QT09> (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:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MYFXiYDQXvVEsP8-K8yRgcsBbr9rAMrplIX9yiXSxR4/edit?usp=sharing>



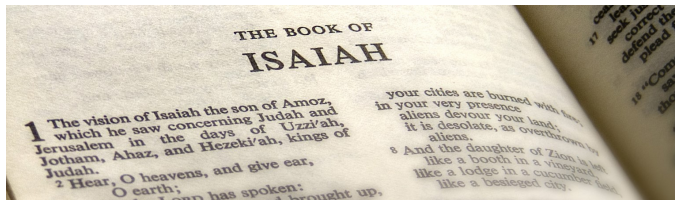
Sunday School on Summer Hiatus

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume after Labor Day.



**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.



Monday Bible Study (on Zoom)

Mondays (June 6 & 13) at 1:30pm—We are currently studying the book of the Isaiah.

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87547409467?pwd=MzI5TFdseFpYU1lpTS95czN4VWI4QT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 875 4740 9467 and Passcode: 478408.

**Potluck & Bible Study (Hybrid)
Wednesdays**

Potluck @ 6:30 & Study @ 7pm

We will continue to study the Gospel of Matthew.

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/621600567?pwd=OHhZWUFic0FIQit0MjN5c0IEcINtQT09> (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
2nd & 4th Mondays at 7pm**

If you have any questions, please email Morgan at Music@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org.

Musical Gift Inventory

Do you sing or play an instrument? Please take the opportunity to fill out the "Musical Gift Inventory". Please fill this out even if you did so last spring.

<https://forms.gle/drixeczPRpodPSQy5>



**Men's Group
Saturday, July 9 at 8am**

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

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

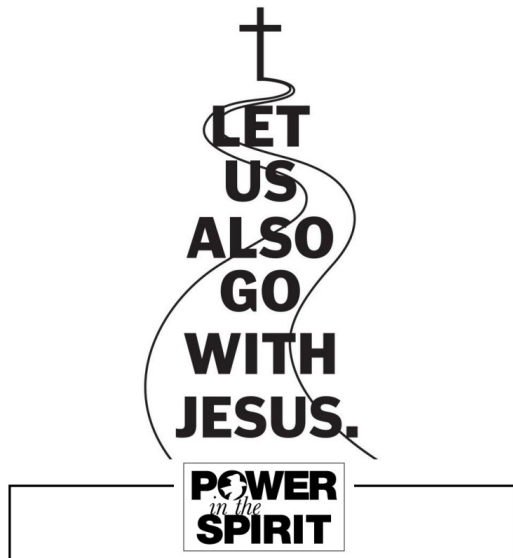
Monday, July 11 at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvaIRJQnJlU09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.

Council Meeting (Hybrid)

Tuesday, July 12 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.



Power in the Spirit

July 14-16, 2022 at Roanoke College

What does it mean to be a leader in the Church and a follower of Jesus? The words of Saint Thomas reveal a disciple whose faith in Jesus makes him willing to go where Jesus goes, even when danger and death are real possibilities. For Thomas, it's better to be unsafe with Jesus than to stay behind as Jesus heads into dangerous places. For the Church today, we just may be called to

a similar faith that goes with Jesus—even into danger. At Power in the Spirit 2022, we'll explore these themes, and more!



Synodical Gathering: Celebration of Service
July 15-16 at Roanoke College

The Virginia Synod will not be having a Business Assembly in 2022. This year, the Synod will join together for a Synodwide Gathering which will take place on **July 15-16 in conjunction with Power in the Spirit** to celebrate ministries of service from around the Virginia Synod. We will gather together for worship and to learn from one another. You can learn more about the Synod Gathering at: <https://www.vasynod.org/event/virginia-synod-gathering-and-celebration-of-service/>.



Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, July 20 at Noon
at Carrabba's Italian Grill
(1217 N Battlefield Blvd, 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to Pastor Leslie by Noon on Monday, July 18th.

July Outreach Emphasis: enCircle & LIRS

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

www.lirs.org

Welcoming the stranger is at the core of living peacefully with others. It is about showing active and practical love for people we meet even if they are strangers. It is also a principal that Lutherans put into action. Since its beginnings in 1939, the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) has helped more than half a million displaced persons find refuge in the United States. LIRS is one of nine national agencies that partners with the US State Department to resettle refugees.

- LIRS is currently welcoming people fleeing crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine.
 - * There is an immediate need for new backpacks for children and \$25 dollar Walmart gift cards.
- Solidarity with Ukraine: A Prayer and Meditation Guide

<https://lirsconnect.org/download/get-involved/action-center/detention-docs/solidarity-with-ukraine/solidarity-with-ukraine.pdf?v1?attachment=1>



www.encircleall.org

At enCircle, we believe that everyone deserves to live an abundant life, full of meaning and purpose. We started when a Lutheran pastor opened a small orphanage in Salem, and we have evolved to become an organization of more than 600 dedicated and compassionate staff and caregivers.

- Immigration and Refugee Services—

supporting unaccompanied minors, elementary through high school aged, as they settle with guardians in the Richmond and surrounding areas

- * Biggest need is for backpacks and school supplies, and Wal-Mart Gift Cards (\$25 and more) for clothing and personal supplies
- Minnick Schools—7 schools in western Virginia (Harrisonburg down to Bristol) serving students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who have challenges in the public school setting
 - * All our schools benefit from our Back to School supply drives each year and always need: copier paper, laminating sheets, notebook paper, pens/pencils, construction paper, Crayola crayons and markers
- Treatment Foster Care Program—serving children with disabilities through uniting them with caring, trained foster parents in Richmond and Tidewater
 - * Supplies like age-specific books and games for children and families, as well as gift cards for food, entertainment, and supplies to help new families bond and get to know each other better
- Group Homes—communal housing for adults with intellectual and development disabilities in Roanoke/Salem and Bedford
 - * Arts and craft supplies, craft kits, etc. for group and therapeutic activities



School Supply Collection

During the month of August, we will be

collecting school supplies for two of our local primary schools. It is a necessity that all children have the necessary supplies to succeed in school. The following is a list of supplies needed to start the new school year. We won't start collecting until August, but wanted to provide the list early so you can take advantage of any Back to School Sales before then. Thank you in advance for your help!

- * Backpacks (suitable for K-5th grade)
- * Pencil box or bag
- * Crayons (24 count)
- * Glue sticks
- * Scissors (round tip)
- * Rulers (with inches & centimeters)
- * #2 pencils
- * Highlighters
- * Colored pencils
- * Markers
- * Red pens
- * Dry erase markers
- * Composition notebooks



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 at 512-944-3082.



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.



"God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirts

Sign up online [<https://forms.gle/cq3V4nNiuxSBhvBv8>] or contact Pastor Leslie by Sunday, August 14th. T-shirts are \$10 each, and money will be collected upon delivery. "Grace Lutheran Church Chesapeake, VA" will be printed on the back (if we order at least 10 shirts). Sizes available: Youth S-XL, and Adult S-5XL.

2022 Congregational Council



La Quita Opperman
President



Bob Masters
Vice President



Mike Olson
Secretary



Walt Anderson



David Cooper



Faith Longworth



Jen Scherman



Fred Schleede

From the Council

It is hard to believe that we are doing summer hours now. Council still continues to monitor the Covid-19 numbers and agrees to continue with the measures we have recommended for the church. These recommendations are in line with the CDC. If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid-19, please join us on Zoom.

A big round of applause to Marlene Hubert for coordinating the Flea Market at the beginning of June. It was an enormous success. It could not have done this well without all the volunteers. The proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief to aid Ukraine. The community definitely has missed this ministry.

Since Palm Sunday we have been having two services. With that said we need more tech hosts to help relieve the burden of the four that volunteer. Ideally, eight volunteers would be great. If you have any desire to help or learn please contact Rich Fraenkel. If we do not get more volunteers this will become a line item for the next year's budget.

In July, there will be a "Pathway to Payoff" display in the Narthex to help pay the mortgage off. Please take a brick (which range from \$1 to \$1000) and make a gift as part of this special giving appeal.

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 **May 2022**, Grace Lutheran received **\$21,438.44** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting 17 units of blood, which has the potential to save 41 lives
- Hold our last Confirmation class of the school year at Emmanuel, VB
- Support Morgan in taking time off to recover from a medical procedure
- Hold our last Sunday School class of the school year

(to name just a few) with **\$19,703.08** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through May 31st), we have received \$84,568.92 for the General Fund and have had \$101,402.02 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of April 30th) is \$59,532.68.

Welcome to our New Members



Ann Anderson (she/her/hers) is a retired RN, who is originally from Illinois. She moved to Chesapeake to be near her son (Carl), his wife (Abby), and their son (Lukah), with whom she especially loves spending time. She also has a daughter Rebecca, who is in heaven.



Beth (she/her/hers) & **Mark Woodard** (he/him/his) live in the historic Cradock neighborhood of Portsmouth, having moved to Tidewater in January of 2021 after 30 years in Greensboro, NC.

Beth is an ordained ELCA pastor and is currently working as a hospice chaplain with Kindred-Virginia Beach. Mark is a retired dental ceramist, who now works in the Lowe's home and garden department. Their son George, 27, works a Waffle House. Their son Samuel (he/they), 23, lives in St. Paul and works as a barista. Mark & Beth also live with two rescue dogs and a grandcat.

Spring Flea Market Report

What a beautiful day June 4th turned out to be. Not only did the sunshine but the atmosphere at Grace Lutheran's Flea Market was the best, in my opinion, we have had in recent years. What a joy to work together to help others.

A big thank you goes to all who worked that day and the week before. Sandra Fraenkel was in charge of the White Elephant table, and along with Victoria Fraenkel, Millie Burns, and me, we priced all the donated items before Saturday. Also, during the week Pastor Leslie and Jody were helping with making signs and advertising the Flea Market online. Friday Ray Miles, Ed Opperman, Bob Masters, and Fred Schleede marked 60+ spaces for vendors. Kurt and Faith Longworth and Millie Burns helped set up inside so we would have drinks chilled and other items ready to go outside in the morning.

Saturday found many of the same people returning and the yard was buzzing with workers and vendors. Ed Opperman, Nancy Springsteen, Millie Burns, Don Stillman, and Rich Fraenkel were busy setting up the food tent and by 8 AM hot dogs were cooking. The guys sold 140 hot dogs plus sodas and chips for a total of \$491.21. Thank you fellas for your help—"Good Job!" Sandra Fraenkel, Gretchen Stoll, Lindsey and Brandon Breitsprecher, Nancy Springsteen, and Millie Burns were busy at the White Elephant table and sold \$587.25.—"Great Job!" Fifty-five vendor spaces were rented for a total of \$550.00 and the donation jar at the food tent netted an additional \$41.18. **The grand total being sent to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine is \$1669.64!**

Thank you to Ray Miles for taking all the items left from the White Elephant table to the thrift store. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and time in making this so very successful. I have to say a very special thank you to Millie Burns for her help in getting the food to the church on Friday, she was my superwoman that day!

As we collected from the vendors we had many ask if we were going to do another one in the Fall. My answer was "we'll have to see."

People of Grace—What Do You Think?

Thank you for your support,
Marlene Hubert



Pathway to Payoff Appeal

July's Music Moment

Please take the opportunity to fill out the "Musical Gift Inventory".

Please fill this out even if you did so last spring.

<https://forms.gle/drixeczPRpodPSQy5>

- This month, Bell Choir rehearsals will only take place on **July 11 and 25th**.
- In **both worship services, starting on Sunday, July 3**, we will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together" (ELW #471). Read on to learn a bit more about this African-American spiritual:

"'Let Us Break Bread Together' is an African American folk song passed down through oral tradition in South Carolina's coastal communities. First transcribed by Nicholas George Ballanta-Taylor, an African ethnomusicologist, and published in his Negro Spirituals of Helena's Island (1925), it has become a hymn sung in many churches throughout the United States and beyond...Ballanta-Taylor suggests this spiritual may have been sung as early as 1676 when, after several slave uprisings, the Colony of Virginia (soon followed by other colonies) prohibited African Americans from meeting together. In this context, the song's use of the plural ('let us,' 'on our,' etc.) might [suggest] a gathering in violation of these laws. Enslaved African Americans sometimes met secretly for worship after midnight or at dawn on Sundays, when their white enslavers were sleeping..." (from voices.pitt.edu).
- In the **10am worship service, on Sunday, July 3**, we will sing a new song: "As River Flows from a Distant Spring" (ACS #1046). You can listen to it here: <https://tinyurl.com/ye29w8hu>
- In the **10am worship service, on Sunday, July 24**, we will sing a new song: "Ask the Complicated Questions" (ACS #1005). You can listen to it here: <https://tinyurl.com/3j9mucmy>. Read on to learn a bit more about this hymn:

"This hymn confronts the assumption that the church is a place for facile faith with a text that invites questions, ideas, and exploration. For hymnwriter David Bjorlin, complicated questions and disconcerting answers create room for the Holy Spirit to lead God's people into wisdom and a richer faith. The first three stanzas begin with the words "ask," "seek," and "knock," a reference to Matthew 7:7-8. The text is set to the shape-note tune Restoration, which sets a tone of resolve and commitment and inspires singers to find the courage to wonder" (from sundaysandseasons.com).

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

Walt Anderson	Sharon Justice
Elaine Babb	Barbara Kilian
Joe Babb	Lori Kilian
Suzanne Bergsten	The Marchant Family
The Braa Family	Charlotte Maurer
Jan Howell	Monique Schroeder
Patricia Jackson	Rose Mary Sidam
Leonora Jones	Ted Van Horn
Jack Justice	

We Pray for Our Friends

Bill Babb	Jennifer Horton
Randy Bosecker	Brian Hubert
Richard Howell	Chris Jones
Sarita Howell	Rege Kuzel
Laura Braugh	Murray Leffers Jr
Doris Carr	Darrell Lowe
Karen Carter	Katie Milliner
Nathan Darulla	Eugene Opperman
Sharon Dozier	Karen Opperman
Mark Dyer	Samantha Page
Madison Garriott	Joshua Patton
Terry Gillette	Stephan Pleli
Jenell Gordon	Tommy Reeck
Lettie Groshel	Lisa Sanders
Rachel Hobson	Nick Sims
Donna Hockenberry	Dianne Van Pelt
Kendra Hockenberry	Tyler
Ruby Hockenberry	

The Military & their Families
 Our Food Pantry Clients
 ELCA Missionaries
 All who mourn



July 2	Doreen Smith
July 3	Autumn Kraft
July 6	Emma McGrath
July 7	John Twiddy
July 7	Kyle Weed
July 8	Leonora Jones
July 11	Charlotte Maurer
July 11	Courtney Weed
July 13	Peggy Barry
July 13	Marceline Bennett
July 13	Bob Masters
July 15	Juanita Urps
July 20	Jan Howell
July 23	Barbara Kilian
July 25	Cameron Camp
July 31	Scott Kayser



July 3	Rick & Victoria Fraenkel
July 11	Ted & Daryl Van Horn
July 20	Ernie & Gwen Scherman
July 22	Christopher & Karina Camp
July 24	Bill & Betty Keefer
July 24	Mark & Pam Kohan

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

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
3 8:30am Worship 10am Worship	4 NO Food Pantry Office CLOSED NO Bible Study NO Bell Choir	5 10am Threaders	6 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	7 8pm AA	1	2
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24 8:30am Worship 10am Worship	25 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Bell Choir	26 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild	27 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	28 6:30pm AA	29	30
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