

“Grace Greetings” August 2022



2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

Let us pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who will gather August 8-12 for its Churchwide Assembly. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Amen.

More information about the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly at www.elca.org/churchwideassembly.

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Summer Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10am (hybrid: in-person & online)
Log-in information at
www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org/News--Upcoming-Events

Grace Preschool
Offers Christian Preschool programs for 2, 3, & 4 year-olds
Office (757) 420-4720
www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com



<https://linktr.ee/gracelutheran>

August 2022 "Grace Greetings"

Mission Statement:

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

Reflections from Confirmation Camp

by Pastor Leslie

Our week was centered around the five parts of the Baptismal covenant that those making public affirmation of their baptism will agree to—

1. to live among God's faithful people
2. to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
3. to proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed
4. to serve all people, following the example of Jesus
5. to strive for justice and peace in all the world.

Various Pastors from around the VA Synod took turns teaching about part of the covenant. In addition to learning and sharing our faith, we remembered our baptisms in the creek, played games, we read the whole Gospel of Luke, we did a service project (making twinkies look like minions as a way to say "thanks a minion!" to the teachers and staff of the local school system.

It was a joy to spend the week in such a beautiful place with a great group of people to learn about loving God and God's people.

by Annabelle Wolfe

I had a ton of fun at this Summer Camp! We did all sorts of activities and lessons. My favorite activity was tubing down the Shenandoah River! I really enjoyed hanging out on the water, drifting along with my friends and the Pastors, seeing all the really beautiful views of the mountains.

In the Upper Room, we read the Gospel According to Luke, which was really interesting. What I learned was that God cares deeply about us all and will always love us. God will welcome everyone and will always forgive our sins.

I also loved the games that we played, and the stories we shared. I had the chance to meet a lot of cool people there and loved spending time getting to know them. I really, really enjoyed my camp experience and would definitely go again!



EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Aug 1	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		NO Bell Choir
Aug 2	10am	Threaders
Aug 3	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Aug 7	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
Aug 8-12 ELCA Churchwide Assembly		
Aug 8	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Hybrid)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Aug 9	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council Meeting (Hybrid)
Aug 10	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Aug 13	8am	Men's Group
Aug 14	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
	11:30am	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
Aug 15	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		NO Bell Choir
Aug 16	10am	Threaders
Aug 17	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Aug 19		Office CLOSED
Aug 21	8:30am	Contemporary Worship
	10am	Traditional Worship
	4:05pm	Tides Game
Aug 22	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Aug 23	10am	Threaders
Aug 24	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Aug 28	8:30am	Contemporary Worship

	10am	Traditional Worship
Aug 29	9am	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		NO Bell Choir
Aug 30	10am	Threaders
Aug 31	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)

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.gracelutheranranchesapeake.org/hybrid-worship.html.

On Zoom

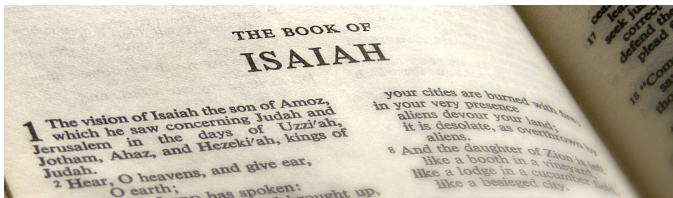
- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/984794689?pwd=dEx0N3FDa055WFNQQTV5UFFyOUc5QT09> (Passcode: Grace)
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 984 794 689 and Passcode: 546963.

- 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.



Monday Bible Study (on Zoom)

Mondays 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=Mzl5TFdseFpYU1lpTS95czN4VWI4QT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 875 4740 9467 and Passcode: 478408.



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>



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 @ 7pm

We will continue to study the Gospel of Mark.

- 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.

Preschool Board Meeting (Hybrid)

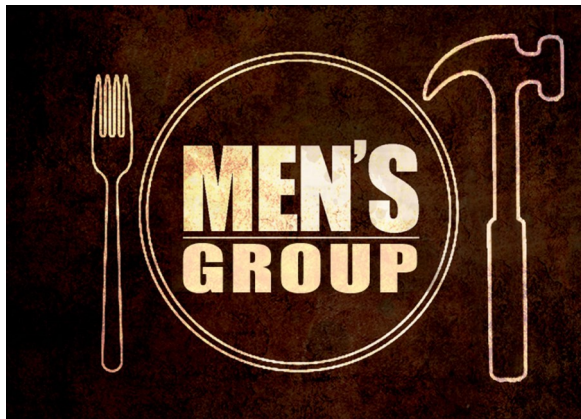
Monday, August 8 at 5:30pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRjQnJlU109> (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, August 9 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.



Men's Group

Saturday, August 13 at 8am

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



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

Orders due Sunday, August 14th

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

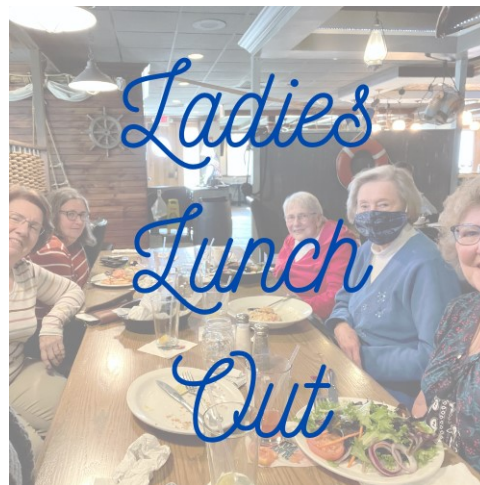
Chesapeake, VA" will be printed on the back (if we order at least 10 shirts). Sizes available: Youth S-XL, and Adult S-5XL.



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, August 14th at 11:30am

Have you served in any way?...in worship? at the Food Pantry? mowing the lawn? donating to Outreach collections? at a Flea Market? *(the list goes on and on)*. Then please join us for a light lunch as a BIG THANK YOU!!!



Ladies Lunch Out

**Wednesday, August 17 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 or RSVP to Pastor Leslie by Noon on Monday, August 15th.



- * Highlighters
- * Colored pencils
- * Markers
- * Red pens
- * Dry erase markers
- * Composition notebooks

Fellowship Event: Tides Game
Sunday, August 21 at 4:05pm

We're going to the ballpark! You're invited to join us at Harbor Park on Sunday, August 21st at 4:05pm to enjoy an afternoon of baseball. The Norfolk Tides are playing the Durham Bulls, the Triple A affiliate for the Tampa Bay Rays. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rich Fraenkel [757-403-3525] by Sunday, August 14th. Tickets will be distributed at church on the day of the game (Sunday, August 21st). Cost will be approximately \$10-15 per ticket, depending on the available promotions.



School Supply Collection
through Sunday, August 28th

During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies for two of our local primary schools. Please drop donations of the items listed below in the box in the Narthex by Sunday, August 28th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- * Backpacks (suitable for K-5th grade)
- * Pencil box or bag
- * Crayons (24 count)
- * Glue sticks
- * Scissors (round tip)
- * Rulers (with inches & centimeters)
- * #2 pencils



Seeds & Spiritual Sprouts Retreat
September 23-25
at Caroline Furnace or Online

How are we related to each other and the land itself?

Join us for a summer book study offering and a Hybrid Weekend Retreat (in person or virtually). This summer book study and fall retreat invites reflection and participation on the relationship between humans, other animals, trees, plants, and all earth elements through the indigenous principle "we are all related." We are excited to have in-person facilitator Nellie Adkins, a local friend, and educator who will share the history of our Virginia relatives, seeds, and our land.

This will be a weekend of spiritual reflection time, a Seder service, sharing of food made with ingredients from ancient seeds, and some local wine/cider tasting. On a national level, we will also connect virtually with Diane Wilson, award-winning author of the 2021 novel, *The Seed Keeper*.

Visit www.carolinefurnace.org/seeds-spiritual-sprouts-retreat for more information and to register.



2022 Congregational Council



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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.
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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.



THANK YOU from the Card Ministry

Debbie Dougherty would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated cards to the card ministry. It is greatly appreciated!

From the Council

Summer hours are in full swing. Another variant of Omicron has popped up, and it's clear Covid-19 will remain with us for some time. Council continues to monitor the numbers (which have risen slightly recently) and agrees to continue with the measures we have recommended for the church. These recommendations are in line with CDC guidelines. However, if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid-19, please join us on Zoom.

A task force has been formed to hire a new Nursery Attendant. They are currently working on updating the job description for the position. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

The project to raise money to retire the mortgage early, named the "Pathway to Payoff," is in full swing. Individual "bricks", each associated with a specific donation amount, are displayed in the Narthex. Initially there were 40 bricks, in amounts from \$1 to \$1000 totaling about \$6000, enough to pay off the mortgage. In the first week 16 bricks, totaling over \$4000 were claimed and several checks have been received by the church. 24 bricks remain, so if you're interested in supporting the project and feel financially comfortable, opportunities to participate remain.

You may have noticed moisture dripping from the ceiling in the sacristy. Fred Schleede, the Council Liaison for Building and Grounds, is on the case. He has had a contractor inspect the roof of the sacristy,

and the roof looks fine. Fred and the contractor believe that the moisture results from rain accompanied by wind striking the corner of the building where the sacristy meets the sanctuary, and forces rain to enter the vent that ventilates the space above the ceiling of the sacristy. The rain soaked insulation above the sacristy then allows the moisture to soak through the sheetrock of the ceiling. Fred and the contractor are working on a remedy.

Mike Olson
2022 Council Secretary

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

In **June 2022**, Grace Lutheran received **\$13,442.06** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Welcome new members
- Bid farewell to members moving away
- Host a Flea Market and donate proceeds to LWR for relief in Ukraine
- Celebrate the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
- Celebrate the end of another school year of Grace Preschool
- Support Pastor Leslie in volunteering at two local Pride events
- Send Pastor Leslie & Annabelle to Confirmation Camp

(to name just a few) with **\$20,659.34** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through June 30th), we have received \$98,010,98 for the General Fund and have had \$115,480.05 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance (as of June 30th) is \$54,240.73.



UPDATE: Pathway to Payoff Appeal

Thank you for your generous response! In just two weeks all the bricks were claimed (totaling more than \$6000). At time of publication, we had received financial gifts totaling \$3,500 and expect the rest in the coming weeks.

If you didn't already claim a brick but were planning to, you are encouraged to still give an extra gift to the General Fund to help close the gap between our income and expenses so far for 2022.



www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com
From the Preschool

Greetings from Grace Preschool!!! We made it to the end of the school year. I want to thank the Grace Preschool community for a wonderful first year directing a magnificent Preschool. As a team, we were able to accomplish so many fun events and increase our student's community giving. I am so proud of all our students' achievements, and our teachers for helping students reach their goals. I am

forever grateful for all the support given by the Preschool Board, congregation, parents, teachers, and students. With everyone's help, our 4-year-old graduation was a huge success. We always welcome them to visit us and send them many blessings. I am looking forward to doing awesome things with everyone throughout the 2022-2023 school year. We had a few more activities coming up for the end of the year. We have the honor of presenting GreenBeats, Live for our students. WHRO provides traveling productions for schools to teach about how to care for the environment.

The fun isn't over, we've continued the delight. We started Summer Camp with our first water day or "Meltdown Monday." Our students have had a blast from STEM Projects, to Super Hero Ice Cream Day, to July Arts and Crafts with a mock "cookout" snack. Our students are progressing week by week. This is what we love to see. Our 'create an earth' STEM project was very popular. Making children smile motivates us everyday to continue to teach and reach through Grace. We strive to incorporate learning projects that introduce math and science, without taking the enjoyment away. Each week we do a different craft for the STEM curriculum.

Remember...if you are too tired to cook, just order a from Papa John. Use the code "GracePizza" to help the preschool raise funds for our wonderful scholars.

We would like to thank everyone who linked your Harris Teeter VIC card to our account. If you have not gotten around to linking your card, it is not too late. 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 www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms, click on "Link Your School Today", and choose Grace Preschool. 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.

We are excited that this Fall will include a longer school day (9am-2:30pm) and the options of before and afterschool care. We are currently accepting registrations for 2-4 year old students.

Please visit our Facebook page for fun facts, pictures, activities, and volunteer opportunities. It is always a pleasure to be part of the village helping our students succeed.

Sincerely
Kristie Fields
Preschool Director



August'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, handbell choir rehearsals will only take place on **August 8 & 22**.
- In **both services, on Sunday, August 21**, we will sing a new song, "Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (ACS #1097). You can listen to it here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p866h2c>. Read on to learn a bit more about this song:
"Taking inspiration from Psalm 103, this song by Christian songwriters Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin modernize the ancient idea that 'it is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise,' using references from scripture and hymnody. It uses the psalmist's 'slow to anger' (Ps. 145:8) and borrows and expounds upon the image of 'ten thousand years' from 'Amazing Grace' (ELW 779)." (from sundaysandseasons.com.)
- In the **Contemporary Worship Service, on Sunday, August 28**, we will sing a new song, "Reckless Love" by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson. You can listen to it here: <https://tinyurl.com/4a65x6at>.
- In the **Traditional Worship Service, on Sunday August 28**, we will sing "As We Gather at Your Table" (ELW #522). Read on to learn a bit more about this hymn:
"Carl P. Daw Jr. was commissioned to write this hymn as part of a tricentennial celebration that commemorated the founding in 1689 of Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He describes the three stanzas this way. The first 'calls attention to the two interrelated parts of the Eucharist, Word and Table, by intentionally mixing the language associated with each part.' The second is 'largely derived from the post-communion prayer of the Eucharist...' The parable of the banquet in Matthew 22:1-10 and Luke 14:16-24 stands behind the third stanza. The committee had asked Daw to incorporate the theme of the celebration, 'repeat the sounding joy,' into the text. The final line quotes that line from the second stanza of Isaac Watts's hymn 'Joy to the World.'" (Paul Westermeyer, *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 352)

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

Walt Anderson	Sharon Justice
Elaine Babb	Barbara Kilian
Joe Babb	Lori Kilian
Suzanne Bergsten	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	Andrew Lowe
Karen Carter	Katie Milliner
Nathan Darulla	Eugene Opperman
Sharon Dozier	Karen Opperman
Mark Dyer	Dasia Parham
Madison Garriott	Samantha Page
Terry Gillette	Joshua Patton
Jenell Gordon	Stephan Pleli
Lettie Groshel	Tommy Reeck
Rachel Hobson	Lisa Sanders
Donna Hockenberry	Nick Sims
Kendra Hockenberry	Dianne Van Pelt
Ruby Hockenberry	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 monthly regarding your friends/family on the list.



Aug 11	Terry Shepherd
Aug 15	Nancy Springsteen
Aug 17	Mark Woodard
Aug 20	Joe Babb
Aug 21	Jennifer Cooper
Aug 21	DJ Solomon
Aug 23	Mo Moeller
Aug 31	Annette Fillmore



Aug 17	Mike & Tracy Ownby
Aug 23	Tara Moeller
Aug 24	Rich & Sandra Fraenkel

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
	1 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	2 10am Threaders	3 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	4 8pm AA	5	6
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