

# “Grace Greetings” February 2022

**MASTER, NOW YOU ARE DISMISSING  
YOUR SERVANT IN PEACE,  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD;  
FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN  
YOUR SALVATION.**

**LUKE 2:29-30**



“The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon’s confession that this baby Jesus was “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God’s son, Jesus, the light of the world.”

[SundaysandSeasons.com](http://SundaysandSeasons.com)

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**Sunday Worship (Hybrid: in-person & online) at 9:45am**  
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<https://linktr.ee/gracelutheran>

## February 2022 "Grace Greetings"

### Mission Statement:

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

### Generosity

In January, I started working towards an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising through the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving. In the first week of course work, I came across the quote below.

"Generosity is the virtue of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. It is a learned character trait that involves attitude and action entailing both the inclination and actual practice of giving liberally. It is not a haphazard behavior but a basic orientation to life. What generosity gives can vary: money, time, attention, aid, encouragement and more but it always intends to enhance the true wellbeing of the receiver. Like all virtues, generosity is in people's genuine enlightened self-interest to learn and practice."

*"The Paradox of Generosity" by Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson*

While reading, I highlighted three phrases—"freely and abundantly," "basic orientation to life," and "always intends to enhance the true wellbeing of the receiver." It served as a reminder to me that it is not the quantity of what is giving that makes it generous, but the mindset from which is given.

And of course, all of this is rooted in God's generosity. All that we have comes from God; God is generous first, and it is only because of God that we are able to be generous in response.

Does any of this resonate with how you think about generosity?

Some questions for reflection:

- Who in your life taught you about or has simply modeling generosity (as defined above)?
- Do you consider yourself to be a generous person?
- What are you generous with (money, time, attention, aid, encouragement)?
- Are there steps you would like to take to make generosity more the "basic orientation" of your life?

God Bless.

Pastor Leslie Weber  
(she/her/hers)

# EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Feb 1	10am	Threaders
Feb 2	7pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Feb 6	9:45am	Hybrid Worship
	10:45	Kid's Sunday School
Feb 7	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Preschool Board (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Feb 8	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council Meeting (Zoom)
Feb 9	7pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Feb 12	9am	Blood Drive
Feb 13		LAST DAY of Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive
	9:45am	Hybrid Worship
	10:45am	Kid's Sunday School
	1pm	Confirmation @ Emmanuel
Feb 14	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Feb 15	10am	Threaders
Feb 16	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	7pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Feb 19	8am	Men's Group
Feb 20	9:45am	Hybrid Worship
	10:45am	Kid's Sunday School
Feb 21		Food Pantry CLOSED
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir
Feb 22	10am	Threaders
Feb 23	7pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Feb 27	9:45am	Hybrid Worship
	10:45am	Kid's Sunday School
Feb 28	9am-12:45pm	Food Pantry
	1:30pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir

## Hybrid WORSHIP

### Hybrid Worship

Sundays at 9:45am

### In-person

- Information about what to expect and risk-mitigation measures at [www.gracelutheranchesaapeake.org/hybrid-worship.html](http://www.gracelutheranchesaapeake.org/hybrid-worship.html).

### On Zoom

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/984794689?pwd=dEx0N3FDa055WFNQQTV5UFFyOUc5QT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular 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>

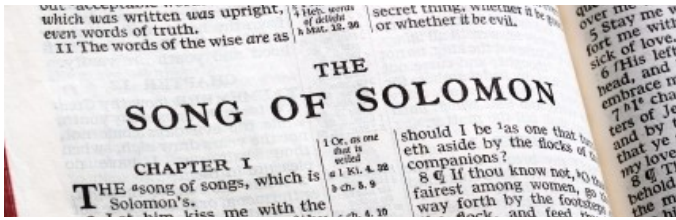
### Children's Sunday School



### Kid's Sunday School (K-5th Grade) Sundays after worship (~10:45am) on the playground

(in the Fellowship Hall in the case of inclement weather).

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.



**Monday Bible Study (on Zoom)**

**Mondays at 1:30pm**—we are currently studying the book of the Song of Solomon.

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87547409467?pwd=MzI5TFdseFpYU1lpTS95czN4VWl4QT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular 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 [Music@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org](mailto: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.

**Wednesday Bible Study (on Zoom)**

**Wednesdays at 7pm**—we will be studying 1st & 2nd Samuel.

- 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 (on Zoom)**

**Monday, February 7th at 5:30pm**

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964430976?pwd=cEVXNkkva2tLb2NWRUkvalRjQnJU109> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 859 6443 0976 and Passcode: 040561.

**Council Meeting (on Zoom)**

**Tuesday, February 8th at 7pm**

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87468766112?pwd=Z3VnL2RyVkRkKdXhXRFFWT2E0ZlcrZz09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 874 6876 6112 and Passcode: 740742.



**Men's Group**

**Saturday, February 19th 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.



## American Red Cross

### Blood Drive

**Saturday, February 12th, 9am-1pm  
in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall**

To make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: GraceLutheran.



### Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive Through Sunday, Feb 13th

We will be collecting non-perishable food from Sunday, January 30 through Sunday February 13th. On January 30th, there will be five boxes in the Narthex, one for each team playing in the NFL Division Championship Games and one for "I don't care." The first two Sundays in February, we'll be down to three boxes, one for each team playing in the NFL Super Bowl, and one for "I don't care." Show your support for your team and our Food Pantry by placing non-perishable food donations in the box of your choice!



### Ladies Lunch Out

**Wednesday, February 16th at Noon  
at The Black Pelican (1625 Ring Road)**

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

## 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

I want to thank Casey Calkins and Alex Cloud for all their work on Council for the last few years. We welcome Jennifer Scherman Cooper to Council this year. We still have one available seat open. If you interested in serving on council or have any questions, please contact me or Pastor Leslie. Thank you for volunteering.

Our liaisons for our ministries:

- Preschool—Walt Anderson
- Fellowship—Faith Longworth
- Stewardship—Bob Masters
- Christian Education—Pastor Leslie
- Property—Mike Olson and Fred Schleede
- Outreach—Jennifer Scherman-Cooper
- Youth—La Quita Opperman

The demolition of the youth room began January 12, 2022. Kris McClellan and Beth Cloud have met with the contractor and picked out the finishes and colors for the Handicapped/Family/Gender-Neutral bathroom. Thank you for your time and effort.

Kris Peterson has offered to help the congregation and Council with temple talks. Please look for more information in the weeks to come in the Scoop Weekly Email. Please look for this short message from Kris Peterson on "Achievable Goal." This series of temple talks will run from January through May. Additionally, during Lent, we will be running a class of the ELCA's 6-Weeks on Money course.

Council has decided to open all the pews for worship. The hymnals are back in the pews. We are passing out both the regular and large print bulletins. We ask that if you are not feeling well or have been around someone that has tested positive for Covid to please join us on Zoom. We appreciate all of you and want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Wishing you health, happiness, and God's Peace in this new year.

La Quita Opperman  
Council President 2022



### **Inclusive Bathroom Update**

Construction began in January, and the new inclusive bathroom is already taking shape. The new bathroom will be ADA compliant and also serve as a family and gender-neutral bathroom. Thank you to all who have worked over the last 5 years to make this project happen and those who are helping fund it! Since the Congregation approved spending ~\$30,000 from Growing in Grace (our Building Fund) for this project, we have received almost \$9,000 in financial gifts to replenish that fund. Please consider a one-time gift or a recurring gift to "Growing in Grace" in addition your regular giving to the General Fund in 2022.

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

In **December 2021**, Grace Lutheran received \$22,164.77 in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Virtually pilgrimage through Palestine (ancient and modern) during our midweek Advent study
- Livestream the Scherman-Cooper wedding on Zoom
- Officially welcome four new members to Grace
- Support the Food Pantry in distributing Christmas Baskets
- Help the Preschool livestream their Christmas Program
- Celebrate the birth of Christ with Christmas Eve Worship available in-person and online

(to name just a few) with \$18,255.80 of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.



[www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com](http://www.GracePreschoolChesapeake.weebly.com)

### **From the Preschool**

Greetings from Grace Preschool!!!! Although we are off to a rough start for 2022 we are thankful that our students, teachers, & director have recovered from COVID and are back in the swing of things!!!! We would like to thank our parents and the Grace Preschool community for their support, understanding, and prayers.

We have many activities coming up for 2022. Please be on the lookout via email and notices sent home with your students to stay up to date. We are looking forward to a fun second half of the school year.

I would also like correct a misprint for last month newsletter "*Students will be receiving report cards on January 27-28, 2022.*" The end of the marking period is January 28, 2022. Report cards will be sent home on February 10-11, 2022.

The preschool will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive with Grace Lutheran Church this year. Please be on the lookout for information coming home with your child.

We would like to thank everyone who linked their 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 <https://www.harristeeter.com/>, scroll down to click on Together in Education, and 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.

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



## **Welcome Our New Members!**

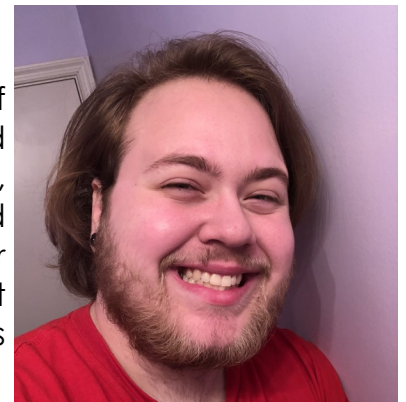
We were excited to officially welcome four new members on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Below are their photos and short biographies so you can get to know them a little bit and maybe even make a connection! Please welcome them warmly—in true Grace Lutheran style!

**Dan and Kristen Lindauer** moved to Norfolk in May of 2021 to start their lives together in their first home. They were married in October of 2021. Grace Lutheran was the first local church they attended together. The welcoming atmosphere of Grace kept them coming back week after week. Dan is a pilot in the US Navy and Kristen is a pharmacist at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. When not at work, they enjoy training for triathlons together and spending time with their bird dog, Buck.



**Tara Moeller** is a technical editor for Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity in Quantico, Virginia, traveling north each week (although the pandemic has made for more time working from home). She's been with the US Government for twenty years, on top of the six years of active duty served in the United States Navy. Tara is married to David, and this summer they will be celebrating 30 years together. They have one adult child, Morven, who is also now a member of Grace Lutheran. Raised Anglican in Canada, Tara has been a practicing Lutheran since moving to Norfolk. She comes to Grace Lutheran from Saint John's Lutheran.

**Morven 'Mo' Moeller** (they/them) is technically a Navy Brat; both of their parents were in the Navy when they were born. Mo attended Granby High School, graduating in 2014, then attended ODU, graduating in 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science in Applied Mathematics. They were their grandmother's primary caretaker during and after college until March 2018. They are a Microsoft Certified Data Analyst Associate and currently work as a Metrics and Data Analyst supporting a Navy contract.



## February's Music Moment

Grace Music is now on YouTube! There you'll find upcoming songs and liturgical music, as well as playlists with other music. Check it out here: <https://youtube.com/channel/UC1lfIH075yHXrLE-ml0c8xQ>

\* On Sunday, February 6th, we will be singing a new song—"I Give Myself Away" by Sean Hinn and William McDowell. Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gik2CHG48fs>

\* On Sunday, February 20th, we will be singing a new song—"Commonwealth Is God's Commandment" (ACS #1036) by Mary Louise Bringle. Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tqr01OgBclQ>

"This hymn's refrain includes words meaning peace from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit)...is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions...Shalom (Hebrew)...means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic)...means reconciliation."

*Note from All Creation Sings*

\* On Sunday, February 27th, we will be singing a new song—"Search Me, O God" (ACS #1076) by I-to Loh. Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0G10Vi84DBA&t=5s>

"The two verses that make up this text, Psalm 139:23–24, form a prayer at the conclusion of one of the most remarkably introspective psalms of the Psalter. The distinctive Taiwanese musical setting provided for the words gives them a beautiful sense of mystery and awe."

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/426>

"Professor I-to Loh has been described as Asia's foremost church musician and ethnomusicologist. His main focus during his...work in Taiwan and numerous Asian seminaries has been to develop and cultivate contextual music and...liturgy for...Asia...[His] guiding principle has been that in Asian churches 'modernization' does not equal 'Westernization'. Instead he has worked to develop deeply contextual music..."

<http://globalnetresearch.org/team/prof-i-to-loh/>

# SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2022



## MIDWINTER POWER IN THE SPIRIT

# Rest + Renewal + Rise

Our second annual midwinter Power in the Spirit online gathering is coming soon! Once again centered on Candlemas (February 2), this is our time after Christmas and before Lent to “rest, renew, and rise!” Power in the Spirit first met online because we had to. Now we gather online in the midwinter because we want to!

Join us for live sessions online Monday, January 31, to Wednesday February 2, 2022. We’ll open our virtual doors at 5:30 PM each night, and by 5:45 we’ll be enjoying lectures and workshops from a variety of leaders. At 7:00 PM we’ll close with worship.



**The Rev. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA,** joins us as our keynote speaker! Bishop Strickland brings a wealth of knowledge regarding worship practices and how our worship forms us for mission. [Click here for more information on Bishop Strickland.](#)

Registration will open on January 3, 2022. For now, save the dates: January 31 to February 2, 2022.

While you are saving dates, plan to join us on the campus of Roanoke College for our summer Power in the Spirit Gathering: **July 14 to 16, 2022!**



**For more information:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.VASYNOD.ORG/POWER-IN-THE-SPIRIT/](https://www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/)

# PRAYER LIST

## We Pray for Our Members

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

## We Pray for Our Friends

Bill Babb	Michael Keaton
Jake Berman	Jason Kestner
Randy Bosecker	Rege Kuzel
Richard Howell	Murray Leffers Jr
Sarita Howell	Darrell Lowe
Laura Braugh	Katie Milliner
Doris Carr	Keren Murphy
Karen Carter	Eugene Opperman
Nathan Darulla	Karen Opperman
Mark Dyer	Samantha Page
Karen Flaherty	Stephan Pleli
Madison Garriott	Karen Polanco
Jenell Gordon	Tommy Reeck
Patty Graham	Lisa Sanders
Lettie Groshel	Rick Sidam
Eddie Haga	Nick Sims
Rachel Hobson	Glenn Smith
Mike Hockenberry	Larry Sommerfeld
Ruby Hockenberry	Ray Stephens
Brian Hubert	Dianne Van Pelt
John Johnson	Michael Wehau
Chris Jones	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.**



Feb 3	Christopher Camp
Feb 9	Jack Cloud
Feb 11	Thomas Washington
Feb 14	Dani Ownby
Feb 14	Brittany Ownby
Feb 15	Mary Washington
Feb 17	Hunter Simpkins
Feb 19	Casey Calkins
Feb 19	David Cooper
Feb 20	Don Stillman
Feb 24	Sharon Justice



Feb 3	Bob & Mana Masters
Feb 10	Fred & Lil Schleede
Feb 16	Joe & Elaine Babb
Feb 29	Ron & Traycie Pinkoski

*To add/correct any birthdays or anniversaries. Please email [Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org](mailto: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
		<b>1</b> 10am Threaders	<b>2</b> 7pm Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>3</b> 8pm AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:45am Worship (Hybrid) 10:45am Kid's Sunday School	<b>7</b> 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Preschool Board (Zoom) 7pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Zoom)	<b>9</b> 7pm Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>10</b> 8pm AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am ARC Blood Drive
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