"Grace Greetings"

June 2025

Grace Lutheran Church
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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.

What is the role of silence in worship?

Silence is a gift that can enrich the life of a worshipping community. The rests in music are as important as the notes, and they must be counted and honored in the same way that sounds are made. In a similar fashion, silence deepens the experience of the words, music, and actions of worship.

Silence is a vital element in worship, but one often omitted or difficult to incorporate well. Until a congregation gets comfortable with silence, members of the assembly will be fidgeting or looking around, wondering if the pastor or musician forgot what is coming next in the liturgy.

In our busy and noise-filled world it is often very difficult for us be still and savor silence. When we are alone many of us are connected to some kind of screen or sound; we need something to fill up space and time. Because we are so uneasy with silence in our daily lives, this may be an even greater reason that we should include it in worship. Silence teaches us that prayer is not only a conversation involving words, but is also a stance of openness and listening for the voice of God. When worship becomes over saturated with words and music without any silence, we can forget God comes to us in silence and stillness. "Be still and know… (Psalm 46:10).

In *Worship Matters: An Introduction to Worship*, a co-author reminds us of the needful pairing of praise and silence. Many of us are familiar with the joyous words sung in "This is the Feast:" "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen (Revelation 7:12). Yet just a few verses after this cascade of praise-filled words, we encounter this: "When the Lamb opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven for about half an hour" (Rev. 8:1). Full-throated praise and silence: both respond to God's presence and both are needed in our worship. (p. 62).

This is a partial reprint. Check out the whole answer at https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/What_is_the_role_of_silence_in_worship.pdf

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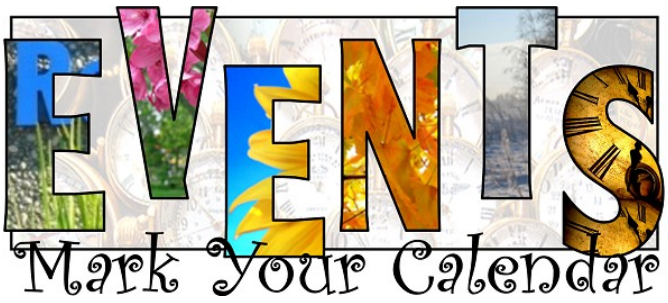


Jun 1	10am	Worship (Hybrid)
	11:30am	Fellowship Hour
Jun 2	9am	Food Pantry
	1pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7pm	Finance Committee Mtg (Hybrid)
Jun 3	7pm	Endowment Committee (Zoom)
Jun 4	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Jun 8		**PENTECOST—Wear red!**
	10am	Worship (Hybrid)
	11:30am	Pentecost Picnic
Jun 9	9am	Food Pantry
	1pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Jun 10	7pm	Council (Zoom)
Jun 11	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Jun 14	8am	Men's Group
Jun 15	10am	Worship (Hybrid)
Jun 16	9am	Food Pantry
	1pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Jun 18	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
Jun 19		**JUNETEENTH**
Jun 22	10am	Worship (Hybrid)
Jun 23	9am	Food Pantry
	1pm	Bible Study
Jun 25	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
Jun 29	10am	Worship (Hybrid)
Jun 30		Food Pantry CLOSED
	1pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)

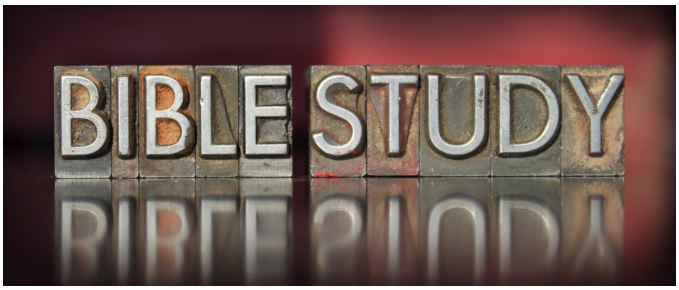
Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer

Stay tuned for restart information in September!

Hybrid Worship

Sundays at 10am

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



Monday Bible Study (Hybrid)

Mondays at 1pm

- Join via your computer/smartphone/ tablet by clicking this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87081895614?pwd=KrF2VVmWJh96XPeInoL6XarMIkD9Zy.1 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 870 8189 5614 and Passcode: 940613.

Bell Choir Rehearsal
Monday, June 2nd at 7pm
This will be the last rehearsal before Bell Choir breaks for the summer. The last performance will be during worship on June 8th, Day of Pentecost. Stay tuned for restart information in September!

Potluck & Bible Study (Hybrid)
Wednesdays 6:30pm (Potluck) & 7pm (Study)

- Join via your computer/smartphone/ tablet by clicking this link https://us.02web.zoom.us/j/621600567?pwd=OHhzWUFIc0FlQit0MjN5c0lEclNtQT09 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.

Fellowship Hour
Sunday, June 1st after worship
Join us after worship as we celebrate our April, May, and June birthdays and anniversaries! If you are able to help setup, cleanup, or provide refreshments, please contact Faith Longsworth.

Grace
Finance Committee

Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Monday, June 2nd at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by following this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324852262?pwd=zfIWKuX0EkFIT518cRgaoXHz65bd7s.1 (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 883 2485 2262 and Passcode: 011991

Grace
Endowment Fund

Endowment Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, June 3rd at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by following this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666978370?pwd=FQ0LPHQmOiNxMPr6ClpqVqLybQDuou.1 (Passcode: 124731).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 876 6697 8370 and Passcode: 124731

Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, June 8th after worship

Join us, as we gather for fellowship, food, and fun!

- Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided.
- Bring your favorite picnic dish or dessert to share.
- Sign up to help setup, cleanup, or grill.
- Bring some family-friendly games and activities!

Be sure to signup in the Narthex and contact Faith Longsworth or Gretchen Stoll with any questions or more info.

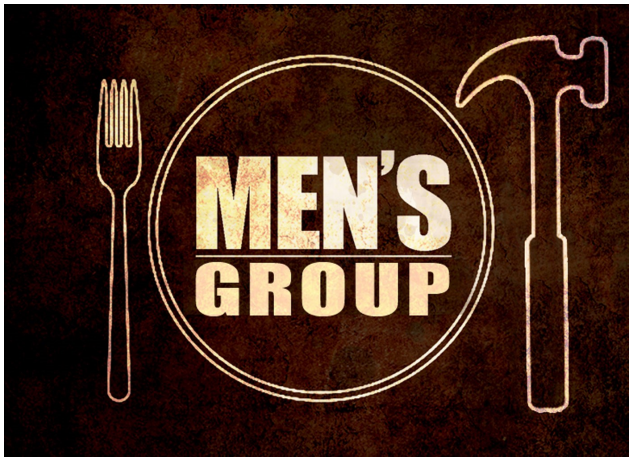
Grace happens **Council Meeting**

Council Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 10th at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by following 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.



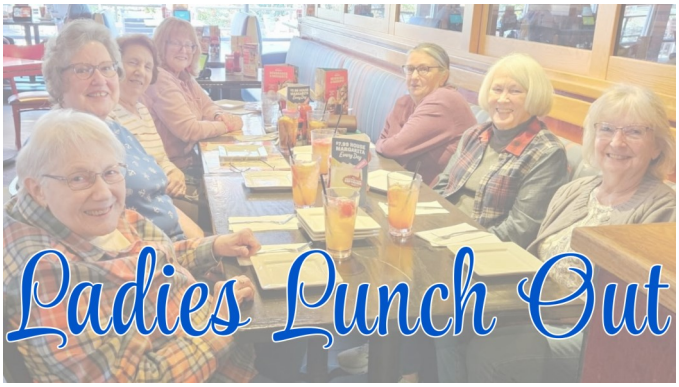
Men's Group

Saturday, June 14th at 8am

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

Craft Group is on hiatus for the summer.

Stay tuned in for restart information in September!



Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, June 18th at Noon
at Black Pelican
(1625 Ring Road, Chesapeake VA)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, June 15th.

Faith & Family Night with the Norfolk Tides
Tuesday, June 24th at 6:35pm
We're going to the ballpark! You're invited to join us for Faith and Family Night at Harbor Park on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:35pm to enjoy an evening of baseball. The Norfolk Tides are playing the Gwinnett Strippers, the Triple A affiliate for the Atlanta Braves. Tickets will be distributed at church on Sunday, June 22nd. Cost will be approximately $13 per ticket, depending on the available promotions. Please sign up in the Narthex, or contact Rich Fraenkel by Wednesday, June 18th.

Collection for Urban Renewal Center
ends Sunday, June 29th
Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting new and gently used/freshly laundered t-shirts (M-2XL). They can be any color/design. Place all donations in the box in the Narthex by Sunday, June 29th. Gretchen Stoll will deliver all the t-shirts to the Urban Renewal Center.

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed
We need your help to care for the lawn at church! Our new tractor has a hydrostatic transmission and can be operated by anyone who can drive a car. Please sign up to help with lawn care by clicking the link: https://tinyurl.com/LawnCare2025. If you have further questions, please contact Fred Schleede.

Serve the City Chesapeake
Friday & Saturday, June 27th & 28th
"Many people doing small things together make a big difference." Serve the City Chesapeake organizes a BIG Serve Weekend where they do various projects around our city. These projects range from yard work, basic home repairs,

environmental clean-up, building garden boxes, organizing, cleaning, and more. There is something for every age group and skill set to do, kids included. If you would like more information or to participate in their BIG Serve Weekend contact Sarah Brown [sarah@stcchesapeake.net].

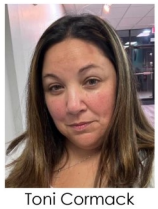
2025 Congregational Council

David Cooper
President

Brandon Breitsprecher
Vice President

Beth Woodard
Secretary

Tom Casey


Toni Cormack

Rebecca Headings

Faith Longsworth

Fred Schleede

Updates from Council

Greetings from the church council! It seems we get a taste of summer and then early spring again with the swinging of temperatures.

Same kind of swinging that we have had with our solar panel journey so far. Finally we have approval and a dollar amount for install of the new solar system. The work to have dominion install a new line and metering for the system will come out to just under $3,000. This is a much lower number than we were expecting and the council voted to move forward with the project. I am waiting for the paperwork to be drawn up to sign for the work to begin. I know many have been asking about the project and I for one am very excited to see it coming to fruition.

In other happenings I know the grass is growing with a gusto now and Fred is always looking for volunteers to help mow the lawn. Please look for the sign up sheet or talk to him about using the brand new mower to help mow our lawn. On May 3 we had our spring flee market which brought in $1,949 to the Food Pantry. A huge thanks for all who volunteered and who came out to support.

If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please reach out to myself or anyone on Council.

Peace,
David Cooper
2025 Council President

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

In **April 2025**, Grace Lutheran received $15,054.32 in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Gather for Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer on the Wednesdays of Lent.
- Host a Funeral Reception for Walt Anderson.
- Gather for Unconscious Bias Training.
- Gather for worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Host the Tidewater Conference East Vigil.
- Celebrate Jesus's resurrection with a potluck brunch, egg hunt, and festive worship.
- Support Pastor Leslie in attending the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University.

(to name just a few) with $17,686.76 of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through April 30th), we have received $84,321.56 for the General Fund and have had $80,694.01 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance of the General Fund (as of April 30th) is $66,762.13.

Palm Sunday

Unconscious Bias Training

Easter Vigil

Easter Egg Hunt

KAIROS 2025

Kairos
June 22-27, 2025
at Roanoke College, Salem, VA
Kairos is an event where high school youth (rising 9-12 graders) gather together for lots of singing and skits and fun and friend-making and prayers, then participants gather in small groups that meet throughout the week. Find more information at: https://vasynod.org/event/kairos/. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Leslie.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Draft social message on child protection
Public Comment Period closes June 30th
Jesus' call of welcome in Matthew 19:13-14 points to the church's responsibilities toward children. Yet too many children today experience not welcome and safety but traumatic abuse and neglect. The ELCA's draft social message on child protection addresses this crisis and outlines the church's sacred responsibility to protect and nurture children. To strengthen this draft, we need your feedback. Share your comments and suggestions during the public comment period, from March 21 through June 30. Read the draft and complete an online survey at https://give.elca.org/s/3416533/gWSDz22r.

VA Synod Power in the Spirit
July 17-19, 2025
at Roanoke College, Salem, VA
When we are tired or weary and feel like fainting, God promises to revise us and to raise us up – with strength like that of an eagle's wings. This hope in God is sure and true because "The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth – who doesn't grow tired or weary." (Isaiah 40.28) All of creation – the waters of the earth, the night sky filled with stars, the dust of the earth, the mountains and hills – all creation reflects God's glory (Isaiah 40.12, 26). In God's great love and compassion for humanity, God gathers us all in loving arms, lifting us up onto God's lap (Isaiah 40.11). Who can compare with God!?!
In Isaiah 40, the prophet Isaiah shares a word of hope and promise with God's people who are living in exile. They were strangers in a strange land, perhaps forgetting the steadfast promises of God to be their God – always! Like God's people of old, we too sometimes forget God's abiding promise to be with us in Christ Jesus – always! God is our hope – always!
https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/

VSWO Annual Convention
July 25-26, 2025
at Christ Lutheran Church (Fredericksburg)
You are invited to attend the Virginia Synod Women's Organization (VSWO) annual convention. This year's theme is "**Guardians of Creation**" and will be held on **July 25-26 at Christ Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg**. Hotel reservations must be made by June 25 to receive the reduced group rate of $149 plus tax.
More information: https://vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/VSWO-2025-Call-to-Convention.pdf
Book your hotel: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/frbcbhx-hampton-suites-fredericksburg-at-celebrate-virginia/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-HX-FRBCBHX&y_source=1_MjA4MTk0Mi03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

At The Water's Edge
July 27-August 1, 2025
hosted at First Lutheran Norfolk
The Junior High Servant Event is a week-long servant camp for Youth who have just completed the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, and their adult advisors. Hosted at First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, we experience the Christian life together through worship, fellowship, fun, and service. For more information contact Pastor Leslie.

Caroline Furnace
Camp & Retreat

https://www.carolinefurnace.org/

Summer 2025

"The word of God is near to you - on your lips and in your heart"
- Romans 10:8

GOD'S WORD COMES NEAR	Explorers Entering Grades 1-3	Voyagers Entering Grades 4-6	Pathfinders Entering Grades 7-9	Mountaineers Entering Grades 9-12	Leaders in Training Entering Grades 11-12	Other
June 15-20	Confirmation Camp					
Week One July 6 - 11	Explorers*	Voyagers Hydro Voyagers (+)	Pathfinders Hydro Pathfinders (+)	Mountaineers Hydro Mountaineers (+)	Part 1 (+)	Family Camp*
Week Two July 13-18	Explorers*	Culinary (+) Horse (+)	Pathfinders Elevation (+)	Mountaineers Elevation (+)	Part 1 (+)	Volunteer Work Week
Week Three July 20-25	Explorers*	Voyagers	Night Hammock	Night Hammock	Part 2 (+)	
Week Four July 27-Aug 1		Voyagers Hammock	Horse (+)	Horse (+)	Part 2 (+)	
2 Week Camp July 20 - Aug 1			High Adventure (+)	High Adventure (+)		
Week Five Aug 3 - 8	Explorers*	Horse (+) Acoustic	Pathfinders Acoustic	Mountaineers Acoustic	Part 2 (+)	Family Camp*

*Half week options available
(+) Extra fees apply

https://www.carolinefurnace.org/summer-camp-details

Fall Work Weekend

Join us in giving back to Caroline Furnace this fall! No cost to register and attend - but there is an option to Fund a Project during registration and we will request free will donations for meals throughout the weekend. Fall Work Weekend is hosted in the Cabin Village.

September 26-28, 2025 | No cost

https://www.carolinefurnace.org/retreats-and-events

Jun 1	Natalie Miller
Jun 5	Manna Masters
Jun 6	Monique Schroeder
Jun 8	Clara Cloud
Jun 13	Jovie Bennett
Jun 13	Ruth Miles
Jun 14	Beth Cloud
Jun 14	Jane Jennings
Jun 14	Chuck Graham
Jun 15	Lil Schleede
Jun 17	Ray Miles
Jun 21	Fred Schleede
Jun 22	Hugh Dougherty
Jun 23	Doug Miller
Jun 26	Lindsey Breitsprecher
Jun 30	Mike Olson

Jun 1	Stephen & Nita Urps
Jun 8	Rodney & Diana Haberkorn
Jun 15	Scott & Cathy Kayser
Jun 15	Ray & Ruth Miles
Jun 16	Tara & David Moeller
Jun 21	Thomas & Mary Washington
Jun 23	Brandon & Lindsey Breitsprecher
Jun 27	Mike & Peggy Barry

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

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

Ann Anderson
Elaine Babb
Suzanne Bergsten
Brandon Breitsprecher
Tom Casey
Doc Dougherty
The Howell Family
Marlene Hubert
Grantley Jackson
Jane Jennings
Leonora Jones
Jack Justice
Betty Keefer
Lori Kilian
Charlotte Maurer
Ray Miles
Kim Moody
The Moody Family
Mike Olson
La Quita Opperman
The Pritchard Family
Monique Schroeder
Rose Mary Sidam
The Stillman Family
Steve Urps
Thomas Washington
Mark Woodard
The Van Horn Family

We Pray for Our Friends

Katie Benisek
Kim Bentley
Austin Boone
Richard Bowell
Sarita Bowell
Laura Braugh
Jennifer Courtois
Mark Dyer
Madison Garriott
Walt Garwood
Angela Gavalas
Jenell Gordon
Lettie Groshel
Bryan Harrover
Jax Hockenberry
Ruby Hockenberry
Brian Hubert
Henry Kappes Jr
Murray Leffers Jr
Bill Manke
Bobby Masters
Maya Masters
Nano Masters
Nick Masters
Faye Miles
Kandi Nash
Stephan Pleli
Glen Popard
Kenneth Price
Tommy Reeck
Elliott Reed
Lisa Sanders
Kathy Sidam
Ron Simmons
Larry Smith
Norma Smith
Joe Stratton
Karen Stratton
Samantha Strother
Tim Theis
Richard Van Pelt

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

In a effort to keep the prayer list up to date, please update Pastor Leslie <u>monthly</u> regarding your friends/family on the list.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship (Hybrid) 11:30am Fellowship Hour	**2** 9am Food Pantry 1pm Bible Study (Hybrid) *6pm GS Troop 87* 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Finance Committee (Zoom)	**3** 7pm Endowment Committee (Zoom)	**4** 6:30pm Potluck 7:15pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	**5** *8pm AA*	**6**	**7**
8 **PENTECOST** 10am Worship (Hybrid) 11:30am Church Picnic	**9** 9am Food Pantry 1pm Bible Study (Hybrid) *6pm GS Troop 87* 7pm Bell Choir	**10** 7pm Council (Zoom)	**11** 6:30pm Potluck 7:15pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	**12** *8pm AA*	**13** **Virginia Synod Assembly begins**	**14** 8am Men's Group
15 10am Worship (Hybrid) **Virginia Synod Assembly ends**	**16** 9am Food Pantry 1pm Bible Study (Hybrid) *6pm GS Troop 87* 7pm Bell Choir	**17**	**18** Noon Ladies Lunch 6pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	**19** **JUNETEENTH** *8pm AA*	**20**	**21**
22 10am Worship (Hybrid)	**23** 9am Food Pantry 1pm Bible Study (Hybrid) *6pm GS Troop 87* 7pm Bell Choir	**24** *6:30pm American Sewing Guild*	**25** 6pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	**26** *8pm AA*	**27**	**28**
29 10am Worship (Hybrid)	**30** 9am Food Pantry 1pm Bible Study (Hybrid) *6pm GS Troop 87* 7pm Bell Choir					