



The Call of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church
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November 2023



From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Family and Friends of Grace,

How are you enjoying our new series – “**The Story**”? I have heard nothing but positive reactions to all that people are experiencing, learning and growing in through Sunday services and through Small Group Participation. If you haven't plugged in to a Small Group yet, please consider joining one!

November will be a “mixed bag” for the Grace family. November 5th we'll continue looking at **The Story** and discovering more about *the 10 Commandments*. Then we'll take a little break and take a look at our Stewardship of God's gifts for a couple of weeks. For those who like to plan ahead, Pledge Sunday will be January 7, 2024.

In the mean time, for Advent this year (at least on Sundays and in your Small Groups,) we are going to explore “**The Advent Conspiracy**.” Stay tuned, as this is really going to be a huge blessing for you and your families as you celebrate Christmas this year!

Other upcoming dates to be aware of are:

- Wednesday, November 22 we will hold a special **Thanksgiving Eve** Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars.
- Wednesday, December 6th and 13th we will gather at 6:30 p.m. for **Midweek Advent** Worship. Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 we will worship and celebrate the coming of Jesus with the Preschool as they bring us their Christmas Program. Again, Mark those calendars!
- **Christmas Eve** falls on a Sunday this year. The Schedule will be ONE morning service at 8:00 a.m. followed by a 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship (specially designed for families with young children) and our Traditional 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.



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God is on the move here at Grace! I pray that this Fall will be one of significant growth in your faith, and great joy in Jesus.

See you in Church!

Pastor Huesmann

November Birthdays

Brent Wipf 11/1; Sonia Payne 11/2; Kirsten Hoffman 11/3; Robert Lindblom 11/4;
Frank Saunders 11/4; Bob Richardson 11/5; Carl Judson 11/11; Evan Whitney 11/11;
Sandra Fogg 11/17; Alan Benson 11/25; Debbie Keremes 11/27; Dan Dull 11/29

November Anniversaries

Phillip & Carol Peterson 11/12



The Grace choir is in full swing, practicing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would welcome you if you love to sing. Practice is every Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM. Hope to see you there! We sing to praise the Lord and have fun with our voices in beautiful music.



The Story small groups are:

Sunday Mornings: 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall Contact: Pastor Huesmann

Sunday Evenings: 5:00 pm EAST Pensacola - 4350 Costa Mesa, Pensacola Contact: Amy Wipf 850-712-8509

Monday Evenings: 6:00 PM on **ZOOM** Class Contact: Megan Holland 850-529-4864

Tuesday Mornings: 10:00am N.E. PENSACOLA 527 Desert Oak Drive, Pensacola. Contact: Susan McFarland 850-501-9989

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 PM PACE 2870 Greystone Drive, Pace. Contact: Allison Daseler 850-304-1150 or Tim Daseler 850-324-9181

Wednesday Afternoon: 12:00 PM Community Building. Contact: Alan Sabanosh 585-507-9102

Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM 1460 Cacao Lane, Pensacola. **PERDIDO** (Welter's) **AND BEULAH** (Huesmann's- we're trading off) In October, meet at Welters 1460 Cacao Lane, Pensacola. Contact Crystal Welter 262-573-4527 or Gretchen Huesmann 262-685-7137

Thursday Evening Starting in November: Time TBD Cantonment/NW PENSACOLA 2210 Dovefield Dr, Pensacola. Contact: Debbie Hoffman 850-501-0923

Friday Morning: 10:30 AM at the Coffee Guy 6700 North Davis Hwy. Contact Madison Brabham 352-222-6135

November Calendar

Calendar Key:

S=Sanctuary N=Narthex FH=Fellowship Hall
 WC=Welcome Center CB=Community Building Y=Youth
 K=Kitchen OC=Office Conference LS=Lord's Supper
 SC= Sanctuary Conference PK= PreK Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Senior Adult Bible Study CB 12:00pm Backpack CB 4:30pm Confirmation Class OC 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Praise Team Practice S 6:00pm Youth Night	2 4:00pm Preschool Advocacy Committee Mtg	3 7:00am AA Mtg CB 6:00pm The Chosen 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Service	6 5:30pm Chair Yoga FH	7	8 10:00am Senior Adult Bible Study CB 12:00pm Backpack CB 4:30pm Confirmation Class OC 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Praise Team Practice S 6:00pm Youth Night	9	10 VETERAN'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	11 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast FH
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*Calendars are changing constantly.
 Please check Newsletter and weekly emails
 for most current event listings.*

Simmons Family Update

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I would like to start by sending my sincerest apologies. The summer came rolling in fast and, before I knew it, I was looking at my calendar realizing its already September and I haven't sent out a newsletter in months. Over the past few months our family has been extremely busy with course work as well as schooling. I successfully completed Hebrew (thank you for all the prayers!) and went straight into a new semester of work. Rachel chose to start school with the children in the beginning of July in anticipation of finishing a bit early in the Spring.

We did not have the opportunity to do any traveling over the summer due to my course work, but that didn't prevent us from having a great time! Thankfully, the weather here was very mild this summer and we were able to get outside at different parks and local play areas as well as going on our first family camping trip.

The children are enjoying being part of the seminary soccer league this fall which gets them engaged with their friends and provides a fun outlet for them to partake in team sports!



JUSTIFIED:

One of the beautiful discoveries Martin Luther made that led him to rethink his monastic life was that of Justification. He spent many years struggling with the feeling that nothing he could do would make him right before God. As he grew closer to the Word of God, passages such as Ephesians 2:8 - "For by grace you have been saved, through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God." - Stood out to him and brought him to have confidence in the saving work of his baptism. We too can find confidence in knowing that our justification comes through Christ, not our own works. Whenever we may be tempted to despair over our salvation, we need to lean on the promise of our Baptism: we are covered by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 1:7)!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Perhaps the biggest thing that has just taken place is the fact that I am no longer on Active duty! As of October 1st, I have been honorably discharged. I will be swearing into the chaplain candidacy program on October 5th. In this program, I will have the opportunity to receive the chaplaincy training through the Navy incase God calls me back to active duty. However, it is a no-contract program so, if God leads me in a different direction, I will not have any obligated service.

I cannot thank you all enough for the prayers you prayed on my behalf over the past year. I have very clearly seen God's hand throughout this entire process and feel extremely relieved to be able to focus on my schoolwork rather than trying to balance school with the separations process.

We are now attending Vicarage meetings which is a crazy prospect. It is hard to believe we have been here for over a year and are nearing the halfway point of my sixth semester at the Seminary. We are praying that God will guide us in the direction He wills and place us in a congregation that will help us grow in our ministry as well as one that we can also be a blessing to.

I realize that I have been asking for prayers from you all, but I also want to extend the invitation for you to send prayers to us! We pray for you all, regularly, but would love to be able to pray for your specific needs. Please feel free to reach out to us with any prayer requests you may have and we would be happy to bring them before the Lord. Thank you again for all of your love and support, we could not do this without you!



All three of the children are growing up so quickly! Rachel is working with John and Ruth to memorize Philippians chapter 4!

Answered Prayers:

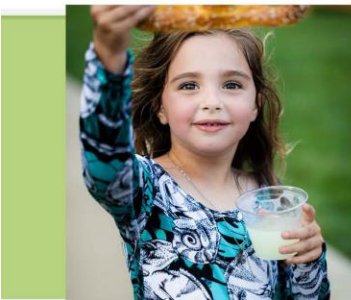
- Classes have been going well
- The children are doing good with their school
- I am officially off Active Duty!

Thank you!

Prayer Requests:

-That God place us where He wants us for Vicarage

-Continued success in school for both me and the children.





WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

The backpack food ministry continues to provide weekly food bags for approximately 26 students at Holm Elementary. We are flexible with this number as we can provide for up to about 50 students but we leave it to the staff and teachers of Holm to identify the students needing food assistance over the weekend.

We will also be filling food baskets in December to assist 12 families that are identified by Holm staff. We will soon be asking for the donation of a ham or the funds to purchase one which will go with each one of these baskets. You should be seeing a sign-up sheet in the Welcome center by mid-November. We will deliver the Christmas baskets and hams mid-December to Holm Elementary.

Sharon D'Ambra



Flowers & Candles for November



November 5 – Alan Benson

Flowers are given and Eternal Candle is lit in memory of Emey Benson

November 12 – Karin Moore

Flowers are given in Honor of Rachel & Dave Taylor 4th Anniversary and in Memory of husband Jim Moore's Birthday

November 19 – Karin Moore

Flowers are given in Memory of Mother Ruthe Lundgren's Birthday

November 26 – Bob Fisher

Flowers are given in Memory of Linda Ratliff



Show your THANKSLIVING by grabbing a shopping bag on Sunday NOV. 12 for MANNA Food Pantries collection. Most needed items are small-canned hams and traditional CANNED holiday sides: sweet potatoes, green beans, etc. AND/OR everyday items on your bag list.
☆ You can also designate through your offering envelope for Manna to purchase meat items.

🌻🌻🌻 DEADLINE is following Sunday NOV. 19th. 🌻🌻🌻

As God has blessed you, may you bless others in NEED.

L♥VE one another as I have loved you. John 13:34

Chris Fisher <>> Care Ministry



Women's Advent Brunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00-11:00 AM

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



NOVEMBER AT
AMAZING GRACE
Christian Preschool

We were so honored to participate in the 5th Sunday service last month! The preschoolers have learned many songs this year and were excited to share two of our chapel favorites with the Grace family. Special thanks to Judy Ford and the Grace Choir for singing with us!



We now turn our attention to the upcoming Advent season and preparing to share about the birth of Jesus. Our students are growing academically; we are already noticing advancement in many students' recognition of letters, sounds, and numbers. The most important advancement is their understanding of Jesus' love for them and God's Word as their foundation. It is a great blessing to be able to take spontaneous "Bible Breaks" during the school day (like in this photo with Mr. Jim). The preschoolers are learning that being a Christian is a daily walk, as Jesus is always walking with us!

Please keep praying that:

- Students recognize God's love and redemption for them.
- The children take this Good News into their homes.
- The families and faculty stay safe and healthy!
- God protects our campus and program.
- God provides His strength for this special ministry!

Serving His Kids,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tosca Grimm".

Dr. Tosca Grimm, Preschool Director

