

October/November 2021

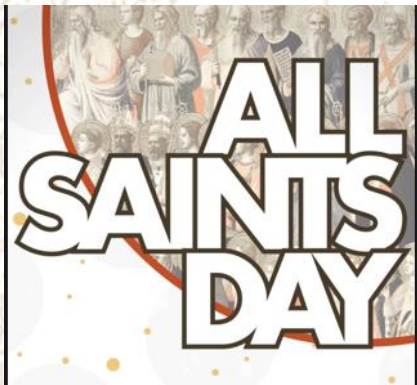
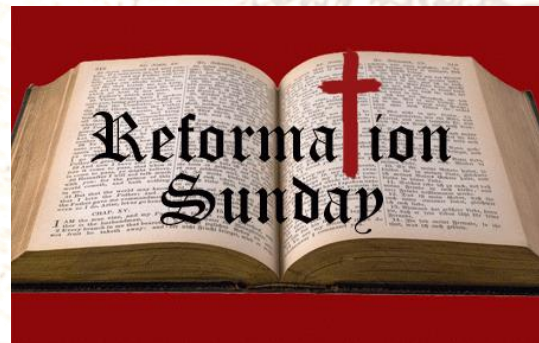
HERALD OF GRACE



Grace Lutheran Church's
154th Anniversary Service
October 3, 2021

Holy Communion Services 8:00 and 10:00

Reformation Sunday
Holy Communion Services
October 31, 2021
8:00 and 10:00



All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion Service
November 7, 2021
Holy Communion Services 8:00 and 10:00

Rev. Wayne J. Miller, Pastor *Connie Rowe, Organist* *Debbie Milling, Office Volunteer*

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it.

The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road.

All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified. ~ Martin Luther

The above quotation has become one of my favorite Martin Luther quotes. Though Luther wrote hymns and certainly had a grasp on language, I would not typically describe his words as elegant. Luther was often a crass, foul-mouthed man as evident throughout his massive theological works. I think the generous term often described him as “earthy.” He was brilliant, to be sure, but I would not consider him to be a poet. Maybe his writings are more elegant in German??? You can find the 500-year-old passage within Luther’s 1521 “Defense of All the Articles.” This was Luther’s response to the Pope condemning 41 theses of Luther and asking him to recant or be excommunicated. He basically said, “Hell No!” And within this 100-page response full of classic “earthy” Luther, there is this remarkable gem full of beauty and truth from the pen of Martin Luther. And this is what the reformation is all about– a people (the Church) – that is called to be ever-reforming in Christ Jesus...

...we are a people, not yet righteous, growing in righteousness through faith in the Righteous One...

...we are a people, not yet what we shall be, but moving toward it through the love of the One who first loved us...

...we are a people, The Church, not yet finished but going on in hope of what He has promised...

This is the road!

We, the people of Grace Lutheran Church, have been on this road as followers of Jesus. Together as part of the ever-reforming church, we are on the way growing in faith, serving in love, and bringing hope and healing in the world. Not finished nor perfect, but always in the process as the grace of the Lord unfolds in our life together. And in this month of October that ends on Reformation Sunday, I am honored to lead you on the road. We at Grace have lots of work to do and lots of things to rebuild and lots of grace to share since so much has been missed within our fellowship, youth, education, music, mission, etc. these past 18 months. And for all these things, I grieve, but also rejoice because this road never ends! May our Lord carry us forth together in the “becoming” days, months, or years until Jesus returns. We have much to anticipate and much to be thankful for. Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; raise the song of harvest home!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor W. J. Miller



In lieu of non-perishable food donations this year, we are asking that we only collect grocery store gift cards that will be given to the Waterfront Rescue Mission. This way, there will be less handling of physical goods and our local food bank can better supply their own needs.

Simply place any of these donations in our Sunday morning offering plate or mail them to Grace. You can start giving between now and November 21.

Thank you for giving thanks and giving to others in need!

Happy Thanksgiving!

“We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.”

-We Praise You, O God (LSB 785)



All Members of Grace are encouraged to take your picture here at Grace as we develop a new directory for 2022. There is no cost to having your picture done for our directory, but you will have the opportunity to purchase some packages if you desire. We are using Jeff Tesney Photography again for our next directory. The last one was issued in 2017.

Photos will be done before or after both services on Sunday, October 31, downstairs in Foundation Hall. Obviously, the busiest time will be after the 10:00 service, so plan accordingly in waiting and socially distancing. Each family unit will ask to remain in a pew until time to go downstairs to prevent traffic on stairwell. Photos will also be taken from 3:00-7:00 on that following Wednesday, November 3.

If you do not have your photo done, your last directory photo will be used with your permission. You may also submit a decent quality photo of yourself if you are not available for our sessions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
BEFORE AND AFTER BOTH SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021
3:00-7:00

A verification of information for the directory will also be done at this time.

For photo packages, checks should be written to Jeff Tesney Photography



Grace's Handbell Choir Is Back!

Rehearsal Time: Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

Rehearsal Schedule:

October 13, 20, 27

November 17

December 1, 8, 15

Chris Rowe – Director of Choirs cmrbobcat@gmail.com

251 278-8596

Connie Rowe – organist Connierowe90@gmail.com

251 270-9000

Advent 2021 Theme: Wait Upon the Lord

Daily Devotionals for all members

Also, In-Person Bible Study starting November 28 after the 10:00 service.



A 4-SESSION **BIBLE STUDY**
FOR ADVENT





This is a reminder that the LWML is still collecting mites. So, if your mite boxes are getting full, please bring them to church and put them in the offering plate or hand them to one of our LWML members. **LWML SUNDAY will be October 24.**



Attention Amazon Shoppers! Grace Lutheran Church is now a charitable organization that Amazon will contribute .5% of all purchases every time you shop at Amazon.com. You can find the link on our website and then login to your amazon account.

Our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/63-0310791>



As we carefully return to normalcy this year, the varying degrees of cautiousness should be considered and respected. There are some who worship at Grace who are more comfortable with closer interaction than others. We are called to honor their desires and respect the space of one another. Grace is supplying stickers that allow a simple, friendly way to acknowledge an individual's desire to socially distance. The stickers are in the narthex of the church if you prefer to wear one. If you see someone with this sticker, please respect their space, wave instead of attempting a

handshake or hug, and keep mindful of close interaction. It's one option for some to feel more comfortable while worshipping here at Grace. Thank you for your cooperation!

-Pastor Miller



Pledge Cards for planning our 2022 Ministry Budget will be sent this month!

Please fill out the Pledge card and return to the church office or bring to the Sunday service and place it in the collection plate or give it to Dick Cote' or Debbie Milling. We need the pledges back ASAP and no later than **October 31** so we may begin to work on the 2022 church operating budget.

Thank you for your service and support of your church. May the love and peace of Christ be with you.

Kimberly Kringel, Stewardship Chair

Camp Dixie 2021



Dates for 2021!

January 10, 2021

February 07, 2021

March 14, 2021

April 11, 2021

June 13, 2021

September 12, 2021

October 10, 2021

November 14, 2021

**Bring Your Family And Friends And Enjoy Fellowship,
And Fun, While Having Some FANTASTIC Fried Chicken!**

**Dine-In & Take Out Orders
For More Information, Please
Call (251) 987-1201 Or Visit Our Website
www.campdixieministries.org
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530**

All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.

**Camp Dixie is Supported By: Grace Lutheran, Mobile, AL
St. Mark's Lutheran, Elberta, AL St. Paul's Lutheran, Foley, AL
Immanuel Lutheran, and Redeemer, Lutheran, Pensacola, FL**

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES/OFFICAL ACTS

Received into Membership:

Baptism:

Amos Tristan Addison, son of Jeremy and Devon Addison, July 25, 2021

Transfer from Other LCMS:

Melissa Hadley

Pete Meyer

Tony and Annetta Seckel

Removed from Membership:

By Death:

Warren Neiden

Nell Toenes

By Transfer to Other LCMS:

Carlos and Pam Pousson

Other Official Acts:

Funeral:

Nancy Ziomek, September 8, 2021, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL

Marriage:

Billingsley Pogue & Colleen Anusiewicz, June 19, 2021



October Birthdays

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Carol Mitchell | 17- Sherri Jacobson |
| 2- Jerry Kearney | 21- Brigitte Middleton |
| - Jennifer Salley | 25- Neil Unger |
| 4- Caleb Butler | 26- Jenny Haynes |
| 5- Brenna Moody | 27- Eric Burleigh |
| 6- Lyn Gordon | - Fred Cyr |
| 7- Hawii Mekonnen | 28- Collin Arnett |
| -Karen Neiden | - Maureen Arnett |
| 11- Andrew Eiland | - Steve Watkins |
| 12- Jim Cannon | 30- Lisa Middleton |
| - Parker Wilder | -Ryleigh Adlington |
| 13- Donald Weiss | |
| - Ronald Weiss | |

October Wedding Anniversaries

- 16- Derrick and Stacey Griffin
- 16- Mark and Andrea Bryant
- 22- Jeremy and Devon Addison
- 25- Ryan and Laura Adlington
- 28- Lisa and Mark Burnett



November Birthdays

4- Timothy Mueller

11- Daniel Arnett

12- Jen Mangino

17- John Sutton

20- Victoria Kringel

23- Rose Mueller

24- Amber Hubbard

26- Karin Cote`

-Amy Gehlken Barker

29- Grady Luttmann

- Molly Wilson

November Wedding Anniversaries

4- Pastor Wayne and Ashley Miller

9- Justin and Sabrina Abbott

14- Jon and Victoria Kringel

19- Jeff and Stacey Graham