

# The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

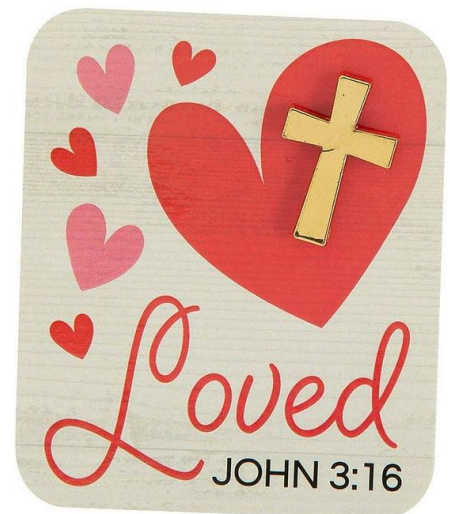
February 14, 2025

Happy St. Valentine's Day! Across the U.S. and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. There are different stories about how our present-day celebration of Valentine's Day came to be.

Most likely the true story of St. Valentine is a little gruesome: Valentine was a physician and priest living in Rome during the rule of the Emperor Claudius. Because of his Christian faith, Valentine became one of the noted martyrs of the third century. The commemoration of his death, which occurred in the year 270, became part of the calendar of remembrance in the early church of the West. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution for his Christian faith, he left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly-shaped piece of paper. This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now highlight Valentine's Day.

While the Saint Valentine story set the groundwork for establishing the day as a holiday for romantic love widely endorsed by Hallmark, what truly solidified the connection between Saint Valentine and love was a poem by medieval author Geoffrey Chaucer in 1375, which historians consider the origin of the "modern" celebration of Valentine's Day, where we celebrate our romantic partnership with husband or wife.

There is nothing wrong with associating romance with February the 14th. After all, marriage was the Lord's idea in the first place. There is also nothing wrong with expressing love and appreciation to family and friends. But the real story of St. Valentine is most noble: thinking of the child of your jailer, imitating the kind of love that Jesus has shown us. Even while we were sinners, Christ died for us.



Peace,  
Pastor Miller

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 16 <i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship - Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study (Matthew)	<i>After Service</i>
Monday	Small Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Pastor 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Worship Committee Meeting	4:00 pm
	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm
Sunday, Feb. 23 <i>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Chili Cook-off	<i>After Service</i>



**Our Annual Chili Cookoff is  
Sunday, February 23, 2025**  
After the service.

Free to enter!  
Sign up in the back of the church.  
Tastings will be anonymous.  
We vote with dollars to support the youth.  
Desserts and breads may also be contributed.



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If you need help, please find Dave LeGros after service on Sundays, and he will assist you. He is usually downstairs about five minutes after service ends.

**You may also find our service recordings thru this link:**  
**<https://gracelutheranmobile.com/message/>**

**Saturday, March 8**

**8am - 12 Noon**



**Many hands needed for basic cleanup, touch up painting,  
small repairs and organizing areas of our church home here**

**at**

**GRACE LUTHERAN.**

**All ages, genders and skill levels needed.**

**Can you spare a few hours to share?**



**LUNCH PROVIDED!**





**Try to book by February 24 for best location and guaranteed prices!  
Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as \$50 pp.  
More info on next page.**



## 6-DAY BAHAMAS CRUISE

*Carnival Spirit*

Monday, January 11 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

Starting at **\$734.00** per person

**STATEROOMS:**  
*Prices are per person based on double occupancy.*

Cat. 4D - Interior  
**\$734.00**

Cat. 4E - Interior  
**\$744.00**

Cat. 8D - Balcony  
**\$944.00**

Cat. 8E - Balcony  
**\$954.00**

Cat. 8K -  
Extended Balcony  
**\$974.00**

### ITINERARY:

Monday, January 11: Depart Mobile, AL 3:30 PM  
Tuesday, January 12: Fun Day at Sea  
Wednesday, January 13: Celebration Key, The Bahama  
Thursday, January 14: Nassau, The Bahamas  
Friday, January 15: Fun Day at Sea  
Saturday, January 16: Fun Day at Sea  
Sunday, January 17: Arrive Mobile, AL 8:00 AM

### INCLUSIONS:

- ◆ 6-day cruise aboard *Carnival Spirit*
- ◆ Meals and entertainment on board the ship
- ◆ Port charges, government taxes, and fees

### NOT INCLUDED:

- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection



*Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Stateroom categories and prices are subject to availability and are on a first come, first serve basis. Other categories may be available by request. Pricing and stateroom availability for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> guests are available upon request. Prices are subject to change due to fuel charges and other vendor charges. **A valid passport is required with at least 6 months validity beyond return date.** **Deposit of \$250.00 per person is due with the completed registration form by February 24, 2025. Final payment is due September 29, 2026.***



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# Camp Dixie 2025

## Chicken Dinner Schedule

*All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm*



### Dates for 2025!

January 12, 2025  
February 9, 2025  
March 9, 2025  
April 27, 2025  
June 8, 2025  
September 14, 2025  
October 12, 2025  
November 9, 2025

**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](http://www.campdixieministries.org)  
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530**

**All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.**

*Mission Statement: Camp Dixie is a place where campers, counselors, and staff members are able to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually, in a positive way by experiencing, reflecting and evaluating in an outdoor-based Christ-centered program.*

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am**  
**ADULT BIBLE STUDY *After Service***

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If you would like to listen to the  
Sunday Worship Service you can find them here:

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page**  
**or**  
**[podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile](http://podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile)**

Weekly newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday of each week.