

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

February 6, 2025

At times, though we are not a part of this world, we are still living here to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and to bring all to the glory and knowledge of the one true God to all. Sometimes living in this world requires that we need to respond in a Christian manner to things that happen in the news. Last week, government advisors Elon Musk and Michael Flynn accused the “Lutheran” faith of using their “religious status” of laundering money and receiving federal tax dollars for the “operation” of maybe supporting possible illegal immigration activity. They were not specific so it’s difficult to respond. Musk and Flynn are referencing Lutheran Social Services.

First and foremost, as a pastor of a Lutheran Church, we are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and currently do not have direct affiliation with Lutheran Social Services. This is one example of how dangerous blanket assumptions of “grouping” people into the same category is harmful, especially to the local congregation, and this is unfortunate. Assumptions in grouping people together only bring discord and misinformation ironically hurting everyone. There are a wide variety of “Lutheran” synods and non-profit organizations in America that support wonderful programs and controversial programs. While Lutheran Social Services has done some great work in the world regarding humanitarian issues, children and the poor, they have perhaps gone in directions that the LCMS cannot support.

A Lutheran at the end of the day can freely agree with Musk and Flynn that federal tax dollars should not support non-profits; that’s fine, but we still must be careful of the impact on our fellow Americans. Churches and non-profits support the people and actually supplement the government in assisting others physically, mentally, and spiritually. While government oversight and spending are current key issues, we as Christians through our giving can choose to support humanitarian issues like assisting refugees but in a moral and legal way. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is proud to support and assist legal immigration and those in need like so many refugees seeking a better life.

I appreciate the conversations and the checks and balances to make sure we together as a nation and as Lutherans can support life and bring others the light of Christ. Don’t be too worked up on X statements or headlines. Everyone (I hope and pray) is working to make a better world even with different viewpoints. Like Martin Luther, let’s put the best construction on everything and be the best Christian we can be to one another. We pray for our nation. We pray for the world. Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Peace,
Pastor Miller

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 9	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Worship - Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study (Matthew)	<i>After Service</i>
	Camp Dixie Chicken Dinner	11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Monday	Small Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Council meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm
Sunday, Feb. 16	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study (Matthew)	<i>After Service</i>



BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 8 – Steve Johnson
 Feb. 8 – Marvin Mueller
 Feb. 8 – Sherea Weiss
 Feb. 9 – Rachel Dean
 Feb. 9 – Ashley Oswalt
 Feb. 10 – Dan Unger
 Feb. 12 – Martha Keezel
 Feb. 13 – Damean Hosey



**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/>**

Grace Lutheran Missions

Winter Coat Drive



Jan11-Feb 2, 2025

Share the warmth!

Help local men, women and children stay warm this winter by providing a new or gently used winter coat.

Donations collected in Foundation Hall.



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!





6 NIGHTS JANUARY 11 - 17, 2027

Sailing from Mobile, Alabama to The Bahamas

FELLOWSHIP | BIBLE STUDY | WORSHIP | PRAYER | FUN

Includes meals, retreat materials, \$50 onboard credit

See next page for more details.

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

NOT INCLUDED:



*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 3rd and 4th 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
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

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