

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

January 30, 2025

In the year 2017, the 150th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, the pastor and church leadership saw it fitting to recognize and give thanks for members of this congregation who have given extraordinary contribution to the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church through their service. St. Paul teaches us in his epistles to the 1st century churches to lift one another up through appreciation and thanksgiving. A little appreciation goes a long way for the receiver and the church showing gratitude.



We call it by the most appropriate name: The Medal of Grace. The recognition is given to the glory of God for individuals with extraordinary contribution and service given to the congregation and her ministries. The medal is engraved with Luther's seal representing the grace that we receive from our Lord first and the fruits that extend forth. The Medal of Grace allows us to give praise and thanksgiving for the people God has given to us.

On average the Church Council has given out about 3-5 medals a year and so since 2017, there are 26 recipients.

This past year we added: Gisela Nobles, Lacey and Hugh Sovik and Grady Luttmann.

While this administrative recognition of certain individuals extends into many families, every member of Grace is awarded by God only through the sacrifice of His Son upon the cross, with righteousness and glory as we are all saved by grace through faith. None of us deserve eternal salvation let alone a temporal medal, but we are called to give thanks for one another and to receive gifts with humble gratitude. Like God's grace, this is not a medal earned, but an act given by congregational leadership expressing thanks and appreciation.

St. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, *"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you, their hearts will go out to you because of the surpassing grace God has given you."*

We have many to be thankful for in the past, the present and the future of Christ's Church. Thanks be to God! I praise the Lord weekly for all the members of Grace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Miller

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 2	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>The Purification of Mary</i>	Worship - Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study (Matthew)	<i>After Service</i>
Monday	Small Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Elders meeting	6:00 am
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm
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.- 2p.m.



BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 4 – Bunny Kringel
 Feb. 4 – Jan Watkins
 Feb. 5 – Lisa Burnette

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 6 - Ronald and Sherea Weiss



**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!





Anchored in Faith
A Cruise Retreat
with Grace Lutheran Church
Aboard the Carnival Spirit

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

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 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.