

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

May 8, 2025

As I was watching the introduction of the new pope for the Roman Catholic Church today, I couldn't understand the name in Latin but I heard a report, "the first American pope born and raised on the southside of Chicago." For a moment, I thought it was me. I did get some strange European number this morning that might have been summoning me from Rome, but it was just spam. Hearing the name chosen as Pope Leo struck a chord with me as a Lutheran pastor because it was a Pope Leo X who excommunicated Martin Luther. Unfortunately, Martin Luther's movement 500 years later with another Pope Leo still hasn't unified the Church as much as we desire despite the groundwork we have made on some agreements. We do share some of the truths and treasures of the Church, but us Lutherans are still considered "Catholics in Protest."

The good thing today is that the Roman Catholic Church has 1.4 billion members who know the name Jesus. We join with them in the mission to spread the Gospel around the world. In doing so, we will pray for their new leader, Pope Leo XIV, who may better bring the knowledge and truth of the Gospel to light. We always pray for the visible and invisible Church on this earth as we confess the Communion of Saints and pray for the day when divisions will cease.

I invite our new members or any members who never took my new member class to join me on Thursday evenings starting May 15 where we actually address our history and some of the divisions in our Church bodies and where we can find unity for the sake of the Gospel.

Jesus is our Lord. He is our Leader throughout the generations for all people and places. But Pope Leo XIV and I do have 3 things in common: we are both Christians, we are both from the southside of Chicago, and we are both Cub fans! I kind of like this Leo.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Miller

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Grace Lutheran Church wants to invite everyone to begin a new habit together that hopefully strengthens our faith while giving us guidance in our week to week living. The church confesses to Christ, *“You have the words of eternal life”* (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...”* (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. Afterall, God works through His Word and what better way to better understand our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer than memorizing scripture every week. Some wonderful prayers of our faith are also encouraged for you to memorize monthly.

May the Word of our Lord be a blessing to you and others!

This week’s memory verse: Acts 16:31

And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

This Month’s Memory Prayer: Luther’s Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



All New Members and those desiring or interested in membership are invited to our new member class on Thursday Evenings.

**May 15- July 17
6:00-8:00 pm**

Contact Pastor Miller for questions or inquiry
251-622-7445 or
pastor@gracelutheranmobile.com

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Youth Confirmation Class

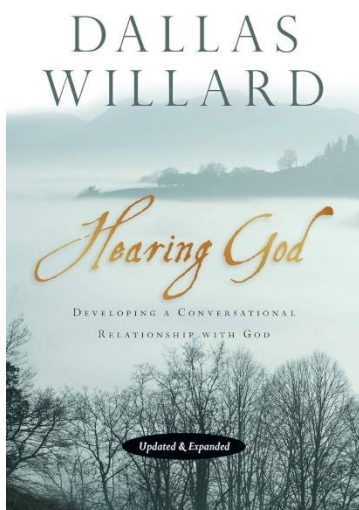
**All Youth invited that are
Ages 12-16 this summer**

**Wednesday Evenings
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 4-August 6**

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You are invited....

**A Lunch and Book Club on Wednesdays
May 14-July 9 10 am-12 pm
@ Jan Tanner's House**

Call Jan for book order info and rsvp 251-232-9011

**-Hearing God-
Book by Dallas Willard**
"Developing a Conversational Relationship with God."

COMMUNITY FUN

**Did you know Mobile does a free art walk downtown on Dauphin Street every 2nd Friday of the month?
Our own member Dylan LeGros is preforming this Friday, May 9
@ 7:00 pm at the corner of Dauphin and Hamilton.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 11	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	No Bible Study	
Monday	Bible Study Group @ Grace	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Circuit 11 Meeting at Grace	9:00 am
	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Book Club @ Jan's Home	10:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm
Thursday	New Member Class	6:00 pm
Saturday	Bunco at Our Savior (<i>See Flyer</i>)	4:00 pm
Sunday, May 18	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>



May 11 – Jeremy Griffin

May 14 – Heike Crane

May 16 – Mike Milling

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Members of Grace: THANK YOU for your Christian sympathy for our family through this difficult time. We appreciate the support we received through cards, flowers, food, care packages, kind words and especially your prayers. Steven loved Grace Lutheran Church, and we are grateful to be a part of this church family. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate through the days ahead as we miss our Steven.

In the Peace of Christ,
Lisa Middleton and Family

**Altar Flowers are still available for the following Sundays:
June 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27**

****** Please return any green sleeve vases that you might have taken home
with your altar flowers! Thank you! ******



USA Health CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Spring Art Boxes Project

Grace Lutheran Missions is collecting creative craft items for children in the hospital.

Small lego kits, coloring books, crayons, window art, string art kits, washable markers, activity books, puzzle books, gel pens, journals, paper airplane kits, etc. See samples in narthex display....and THANK YOU!!!



10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INVITATIONS

Formal invitations, including a stamped R.S.V.P. card, will be mailed soon to those who signed up to attend.

The favor of a reply is requested by June 1st.

Should guests so desire, a donation payable to Grace Lutheran designated “10th Anniversary” may be included with the response card and will be gratefully accepted.

MOMENTS OF GRACE

2025 marks the 10-year anniversary of Pastor Miller's Ordination as well as his Installation here at Grace Lutheran Church. On June 29th, we will be adding a little extra pomp & circumstance to our traditional Sunday service, but this day is about so much more than acknowledging the occupational milestones of one person; it's about coming together to celebrate the amazing *relationship* that has formed & evolved over the past 10 years. As pastoral vacancies continue to plague many LCMS churches around the country, it's time to share our heartfelt thanks for having been so blessed, to celebrate the congregational family that we have become, and to stand shoulder-to-shoulder looking forward to the next 10 years with joyful anticipation.

In honor of this special occasion, a slideshow is being produced for the anniversary banquet being held at Crown Hall and the Grace Anniversary Committee is hoping you will share your favorite photos from the past 10 years. It might be a picture from your child's baptism or the whole family in front of our beautiful altar. Maybe it's a selfie at a Bay Bears game or by the water at Camp Dixie. We would certainly love to see your favorite photos of Pastor Miller (and we definitely won't turn down any embarrassing shots from his childhood), but any photographs that celebrate *you* and your relationship with Grace would be gratefully appreciated.

You may add photos directly into our Google Photo Album via our QR code or send an email to GraceAnniversary10@gmail.com and the auto-attendant will send you a copy of the link.

You may send photos to the email listed above, but Gmail is quite finicky about the size of attachments so please do not use this method if you plan to share more than two photos.





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.



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH



6-DAY BAHAMAS CRUISE

Carnival Spirit

Monday, January 11 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

Starting at **\$734.00** per person

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

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



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.



Galyna Henry

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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.