

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

June 26, 2025

Congratulations, Pastor Miller on your 10 years at Grace!



Our 16th Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church is being recognized this Sunday, June 29 for a decade of service to our congregation.

Rev. Wayne J. Miller was born in Palos Heights, Illinois to Warren and Linda Miller. He was baptized at Peace Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois. After attending St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, he graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School and Roosevelt University. He then felt called to the ministry within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod beginning his theological education at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in 2011. His vicarage was served at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Elberta, Alabama from 2013-2014 and graduated from Concordia Seminary in May of 2015.

He was ordained at his home congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois on June 21, 2015. He was called to serve Grace Lutheran Church in Mobile, Alabama where he was installed on July 12, 2015.

Pastor Miller is married to Ashley (formerly Middleton) since 2017. They have one beautiful daughter, Addison. Pastor Miller loves life, loves being a husband and father, loves preaching the Word of God, loves the people of Grace, the city of Mobile and serving the Lord with faithfulness.

We hope you can join us for worship this Sunday to celebrate our life together in Christ!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

This week's memory verse: Proverbs 3:5–6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

This Month's Prayer: A Prayer for Our Nation in Lutheran Book of Prayer
Eternal Father, Ruler of all nations, I thank You for all spiritual and temporal blessings enjoyed in our land. In Your mercy, You have sustained this nation in times of trouble and preserved its liberties. Let me not forget that true freedom is freedom to serve. Grant wisdom to our leaders. Strengthen all those who strive to do Your will... Above all, dear God, speed the course of Your Gospel among us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, June 29 | No Children's Sunday School | |
| <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Pastor's 10th Anniversary</i> | Worship- Divine Service | 10:30 am |
| | No Bible Study | |
| | Pastor Miller's 10 th Anniversary Reception (Reservation Required) | 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm |
| Monday | Bible Study Group @ Grace <i>The Chosen</i> | 5:30 pm |
| Tuesday | Elder's Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | No Lunch Book Club @ Jan's Home | |
| | No Choir or Handbells until August | |
| | No Youth Confirmation Class | |
| Thursday | No New Member Class | |
| Friday | <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> | <i>Office Closed</i> |
| Sunday, July 6 | Children's Sunday School | 9:15 am |
| <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | Worship- Divine Service | 10:30 am |
| | Bible Study | <i>After Service</i> |

HAPPY

anniversary

June 25 – Ron and Ann Boston
June 29 – Dennis and Shari Jacobson

Altar Flowers are still available for the following Sundays:
July 20 and August 17, 24, 31

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



Join us for a TRIVIA NIGHT fundraiser on Friday, July 11 @ 7:00 pm!

\$50.00 per table, up to 6 players per table/team. Get your family and friends together to enjoy a fun night of general knowledge trivia.

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. BYOB/BYOW with required koozie purchase.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Proceeds will go to the Capital Fund. Sign up your team on the sign-in sheet in the back of the Church.

Monday Night Bible Study Group!

Join us this Monday, June 16th, at 5:30 p.m. here at Grace as we begin an introduction to Season 5 of The Chosen. Bring refreshments if you'd like.

Popcorn will be provided! All age's invited- bring a guest too.



Anniversary Celebration

Crown Hall • June 29, 2025

Great News! Our guest list has been submitted to Crown Hall to finalize our reservation. The Anniversary Committee was able to accommodate those who requested to be on the wait list and they have been added to the guest list. **Our wait list is now closed.**

All names appearing on our guest list should have received a paper invitation via USPS or via email from marthahwebb@aol.com. If you have not, or if you are still unsure if your name made it through to the final list, please contact Martha **as soon as possible** so we can avoid any awkwardness at the door the day of the event.

Walk-up entries cannot be granted admittance.

Here are answers to some of our FAQs:

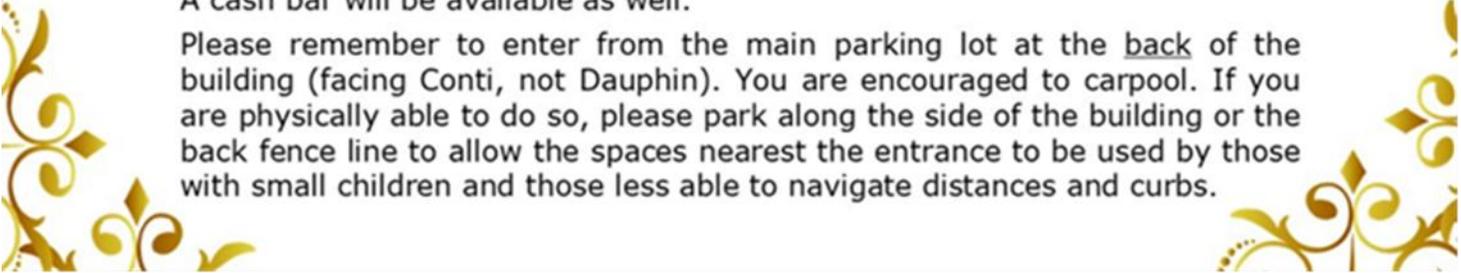
Should I / May I bring a card or gift? Cards and gifts are not necessary, but we have been approached by members who feel strongly about wanting to bring something so *if the spirit moves you to do so*, there will be a designated location just inside the entrance to the venue for any cards or gifts you wish to bring with you. All gifts will be sent home with the Miller family so they can be opened privately at their convenience.

If you are not attending the event but wish to submit a note of love/gratitude/thanksgiving, there is a white and gold box under the flower chart in the Narthex.

This Monday, June 16th is the deadline to submit photos for the slideshow. If you forgot and already double-booked your Sunday brunch and Father's Day celebrations, please submit your photos *before Monday night*.

Party-goers, doors to the venue will officially open at 12:30 so, depending on the length of the worship service, you may have a short wait before entering. Food service will begin shortly thereafter and will include a selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available as well.

Please remember to enter from the main parking lot at the back of the building (facing Conti, not Dauphin). You are encouraged to carpool. If you are physically able to do so, please park along the side of the building or the back fence line to allow the spaces nearest the entrance to be used by those with small children and those less able to navigate distances and curbs.





"Blair's Bear's" is a project, inspired by one year old Blair Mueller, the daughter of Lauren and Luke Mueller who are members here at Grace Lutheran.

Blair was diagnosed with leukemia in January. The purpose of Blairs Bears is to bring comfort and hugs to many hospitalized children through the gift of a small to medium size stuffed animal. Each animal comes with a handwritten message and colorful tag made by another school-aged child.

Donations of a new, small to medium size stuffed animal are being collected all through June here at Grace and can be placed in the narthex.

For more information please see Marilyn Griffin, Missions Coordinator

Thank you BEARY much!!



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



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

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page
or
youtube.com**

(Search and subscribe to Grace Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL)