

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

July 31, 2025



Sunday School is launching a new season.
Calling all children, families, teachers and volunteers!

A Sunday School Pancake Breakfast this Sunday
August 3 @ 9:15 am

More information will be shared to anyone interested!

Find out more details inside this newsletter...

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Special
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Wednesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm

Pastor is calling upon ALL MEMBERS to gather
for a Special Congegational Meeting on
Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30 pm. More details inside....



Calling all children, parents, teachers and helpers!

Sunday School Pancake Breakfast
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 @ 9:15 am

For Sunday School Children (Age 3 through High School) & Families
Current and Interested Teachers and Helpers are invited too!

**LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EXPANSION
SUCCESSFUL!!**

Please bring your children and grandchildren. Also consider helping the Sunday School program through teaching and assisting. Explanation of the program and a sign up calendar for teachers and helpers will happen at the breakfast and at the service today. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. The hope is to have many people involved so that no one is teaching for more than 2 months of the year. Every class will have a helper.

Connie Rowe- Sunday School Coordinator 251 270-9000

One of the great necessities of Grace Lutheran's ministry is our obligation to teach our children about Jesus. We have an opportunity to start a fresh season with more potential students in addition to our current enrollment at Grace! First, we need more students. Our focus this summer is asking parents to commit to their children's attendance so that they may grow in the one true faith and in turn we will all grow as His Church. We also need teachers and helpers. Our current Sunday School volunteers have been fantastic, but we need more so that no one gets burnt out with long-term commitment. Connie Rowe is our Sunday School Coordinator. Ms. Connie can answer any questions as she knows best the needs of this program. A teacher/helper (adult and high school age) sign-up sheet is available for preschool, elementary, and tweens for months August through December.

Let's grow in this ministry together.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Miller

Pancake Breakfast



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(Age 3 through High School) & Families**
**Current and Interested Teachers & Helpers are
invited too!**

Sign up includes:

Sunday School Teachers/Helpers including high school students
are needed for 3 classes:

Preschool (*Age 3-5*)

Elementary Grades 1-4

Tweens Grades 5-8

Sunday School is on Sunday mornings starting August 10 @ 9:15 am.

Connie Rowe Contact Information: connierowe90@gmail.com 251-270-9000

Special
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 6
@ 6:30 pm**

All members are highly encouraged to attend a Special Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm.

At this meeting we will vote to purchase the house and property of 120 Espejo Street; “kitty-corner” of Grace Lutheran Church.



*120 Espejo Street
Mobile, AL 36604
Built in 1896 2000 sq ft.*

On Sunday, July 27, 2025 at the Semiannual Congregational Meeting, it was brought to our attention the ministry potential of purchasing 120 Espejo Street for the use of offices, meetings, bible studies, small groups, youth, gathering space, receptions, etc. A Special Church Council meeting was called by Pastor one day earlier on Saturday, July 26, and the Council unanimously agreed to pursue the potential purchase of this house. The Congregation on Sunday was presented with the vision and practicality of our need for this space and the voters unanimously supported moving forward with pursuing a fair price contingent on a thorough inspection of the house and property.

The house was originally listed for \$300,000 and slowly dropped to \$255,000. After several addendums and counters with our highest offer of \$235,000, they gave us a final and firm offer of \$242,500. Still in the range of possibilities and not to burden the congregation with too many meetings, Council decided to move forward on the seller's last chance offer contingent on congregational satisfaction of the inspection in light of that price; the inspection process with a professional inspector and multiple contractors is currently under way.

Only the congregation can make final decisions on purchasing property per our constitution and bylaws with a 1/3 quorum in a specially called meeting. With things moving quickly and inspections taking place, **Pastor Miller is calling for a Special Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 6:30 in the evening.** 1/3 quorum means we need **57** voting members to attend this meeting. You are highly encouraged to be a part of this new chapter of Grace.

It's a challenge purchasing a house let alone for an entire congregation! The information we will present by next Wednesday should be adequate enough for members to vote confidently. Please pray for a good inspection, patience, discernment, and trust in our leaders, our pastor and our Lord who is growing and directing the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church this past week and the years ahead.

Additional Benefits

- Opens basement space for additional Children's Sunday School/Youth activities
- Multiple activities at the same time.
- Relieves Pressure on New Building Needs
- Investment Opportunity for Grace's Future
- Complements Grace Lutheran Church

120 Espejo St. Mobile, AL 36604

- Offices for Pastor and Secretary
- Meeting Space
- Bible Studies
- Small Groups
- Gathering/Fellowship Space
- Youth Events
- Storage
- Safe Outdoor Gatherings





August 2 – John Lobsiger
 August 3 – Dennis Harris
 August 3 – Luke Kringel
 August 5 – Cliff Deakle
 August 8 – David LeGros
 August 8 – Cary T. March



August 8 – Kevin and Kathy Hanson

Altar Flowers are still available for the following Sundays:
 August 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 28

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 3	Sunday School Pancake Breakfast	9:15 am
<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Monday	Our Savior Bible Study (<i>Matthew</i>)	11:00 am
	Financial Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Book Club @ Jan's Home	10:00 am
	No Choir or Handbells-restarts September 3	
	Special Congregational Meeting	6:30 pm
Sunday, August 10	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am

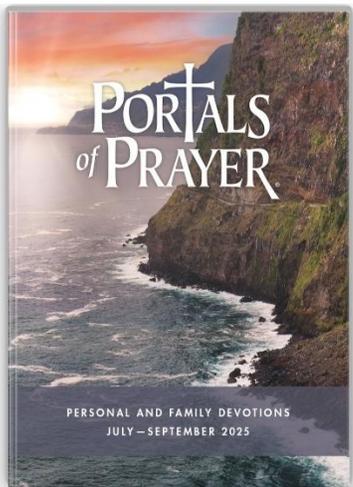
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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All members are highly encouraged to attend!!!

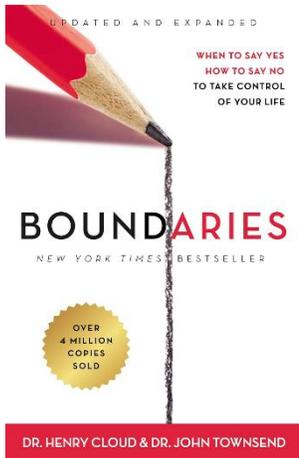
We will be voting on the purchase of the property and home at
120 Espejo St. Mobile, AL 36604.

- **Volunteer for Oktoberfest 2025!** Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Our 4th Annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, September 27.



Did you know that the Portals of Prayer published by our own LCMS publishing house is one of the longest running daily devotionals in the United States? Since 1937!

These are available for you and your family from Grace Lutheran Church! They are published quarterly and provide a short means for learning and applying God's Word daily in our lives. It's a small but beneficial way to be in the Word together. Don't forget your Portals of Prayer!



New Bible Study Book Club Group! Starting Tuesday, August 26th, at 10:00 a.m.

We will begin a new book called “Boundaries” by Dr. Henry Cloud and De. John Townsend. In this *New York Times* bestseller, *Boundaries*, Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend help you learn when to say yes and know how to say no in order to take control of your life and set healthy, biblical boundaries with your spouse, children, friends, parents, co-workers, and even yourself. This book is available on Amazon.

We will meet at Jan Tanner’s house, 265 Park Ave, Mobile, AL 36607
Call Jan @ 251-232-9011 for more information!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

This week’s memory verse: Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

This Month’s Prayer: Common Table Prayer for Lutheran Households

***Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
And let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.***

GRACE LUTHERAN'S
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OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
11-4

FOOD - PRETZELS - BEER - WINE
MUSIC - RAFFLE - PHOTO BOOTH
KINDER KRAFTS - LAWN GAMES

1356 GOVERNMENT STREET, MOBILE, AL
251-433-2749



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

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

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

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.**



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



**If you would like to watch our
Worship Services, you can find them here:**

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

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