

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

October 23, 2025

People of Grace,

My favorite day of the week is Sunday. Sounds strange? Isn't that a workday for me? Yes. Can it be tiring? Definitely. But it is my favorite day of the week because I am able to preach the gospel every Sunday morning at Grace and Our Savior. What a gift for us to be able to freely hear the good news, balanced with law and gospel, and to freely live it daily. It wasn't always that way and we are not guaranteed that this freedom will last. Dr. Martin Luther didn't learn about God's grace until he was an adult and what the Gospel means for the believer. Yes, Luther was a smart man, a monk, very religious, and yet that didn't mean a thing. The church and his government at the time had a lot of things to say, but yet forgot the most important: THE GOSPEL. *"For by grace you are saved through faith, this is not of your own doing, it is the gift of God."* THE GIFT.

Every day and every breath is a gift because it is filled with God's grace. YOU are His own due to the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ who has been raised from the dead. If He is not raised from the dead, then your faith is in vain. Your faith matters most. Luther's days were difficult to receive this message and so the lesson for us is that we too often take this "church" thing for granted. There may come a day even in our own country where our Christian faith cannot be preached, confessed nor lived in public. But we are ruled (and saved) by the Word of God for eternity.

***The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.***

And take they our life, goods, fame, child and wife,

Let these all be gone, they yet have nothing won;

The Kingdom ours remaineth.

- Martin Luther, "A Might Fortress is Our God." 1529

In light of Reformation Sunday this weekend and our present boldness to be the Church, I am pleased to encourage all of you to be in worship. It's your most powerful witness to me, each other and the community we serve. If it's good to be over-zealous in anything, it is being a part of the Church.

My joy is on Sunday, for that is the day that gives all days...lest we waste them.

See you in Church, dear Christians.

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Wayne J. Miller



October 2025: Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning. Classes include Preschool (Ages 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-4), and Tweens (Grades 5-8).

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff throughout the month of September Darrell and Heidi Butler, Kathy O'Daniel - Preschoolers

Shari Jacobson, Sue Dominquez - Elementary

Micah Battaglia, Lily Mcharo - Tweens

Dylan LeGros and Connie Rowe - Music

Our students for September included: Amelia, Olivia, Eli Johnson; Emmanuel and Naomi Pollock; Halston Butler; Addie Erdman; Kevin Erdman; Confirmands Charlotte Erdman and King Williams

For the month of October 2025, the Elementary and Tween classes will continue the New Testament study of the Holy Spirit leading the apostles. Each student receives a lesson to take home which includes a memory verse.

Preschool emphasis is on God's love and promises. Music, story time, and interactive activities fill the hour.

Our teachers and helpers for October are:

Preschool: Brittany Pollock and Kathy O'Daniel

Elementary: Shari Jacobson and Sue Dominguez

(October 5, 12) Julie Harvey and Sue Dominquez

(October 19, 26)

Tweens: Lily Mcharo

Music: Dylan LeGros and Connie Rowe

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS: WE NEED YOUR CHILDREN TO CONTINUE TO GROW OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 26	Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Monday	Bible Study @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	Monday Night Small Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Boundaries Book Study – Jan’s house	10:00 am
	Financial Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Pastor’s Bible Study	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Adult Choir	6:15 pm
Sunday, November 2	Children’s Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>All Saint’s Day (Observed)</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2. Clocks “fall back” one hour!



- **REMINDER: Stewardship letters and pledge cards** have been sent for planning our 2026 ministry budget. Blank pledge cards are available in the back of the church. If you can, please respond by October 26. Thank you!

Oct. 25 – Neil Unger
Oct. 26 – Jenny Haynes
Oct. 27 – Fred Cyr, Jr.
Oct. 27 – Christy LeGros
Oct. 28 – Collin Arnett
Oct. 28 – Maureen Arnett
Oct. 28 – Steve Watkins
Oct. 30 – Lisa Middleton



Oct.28 – Mark and Lisa Burnette



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Espejo House Service Opportunities

The following list are some different tasks that we would like to have our own volunteers do for the Espejo House:

- 1) Painting a few pieces of furniture
- 2) Sewing (i.e. cushions, drapery, etc.)
- 3) Landscaping (i.e. small trees, small bushes)
- 4) Hang curtains/blinds

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please contact Jan Tanner @251-232-9011 to get further information. Thank you!

- **HELP NEEDED! From our Head Trustee:** Our handrails and rod iron inside and outside of the church are in desperate need of a good paint job. Need volunteers for this short-term project. If you have not volunteered for a project before, or if it has been a while since you have been on a project, come join as this is a great way to meet and get to know other members.

Workdays would be:

- **Oct. 25th 8:00 to 12:00**
- **Nov. 8th 8:00 to 12:00**

If you can assist in this project, contact Bob West @ rsw1959@yahoo.com with subject line "Grace Lutheran" or just show up on the dates listed.



NOVEMBER IS FOR GIVING THANKS..It is also Veterans Month!
We would like to express our thanks to the military veterans of Grace Lutheran and acknowledge their service in a *special* way this November!
If you or your child is an active, retired or reserved military Veteran please submit a photo with their name and service connection. You may also add the years they served and if he or she is a combat veteran and if they received any medals. or special commendations. Send to Marilyn Griffin at mmgriffin2025@icloud.com no later than October 25 to be included in our Veteran's Day salute!!



ISLAND IMPACT FUNDRAISER



One of our GLC youths is working to make a difference at a remote island elementary school and library in the Bahamas with simple but urgent needs for their students. Can you help too?
Black Point is a school in the Bahama's with 50 children trying to learn in run-down condition. A monetary donation of any amount, no matter how small can contribute toward a huge and immediate blessing of books, supplies, printer, sun shade for their playground and so much more. Opportunity for giving will be made available throughout the month of October at Grace Lutheran Church and at
<https://gofund.me/6a7bca643>
For more information or questions about this worthy project contact Libby March at (251) 786-1692
Thank you and God bless!

ADULT and TEEN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

“What in the World?” Bible Study Series by Pastor Miller

A series on the most inquired and interesting (sometimes weird) theological topics.

Each week the same class is offered on Monday and Wednesday, so you have two opportunities to attend. Each topic stands on its own!

Monday Night Small Group starting September 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

OR

Wednesday Morning Bible Study starting September 10th @ 11:00 a.m.

September 8 and 10: Are there really Ghosts? Angels and Demons

September 15 and 17: Tell me about Heaven! (And is there a hell?)

September 22 and 24: What did Jesus look like?

September 29 and October 1: *None.*

October 6 and 8: *None. Pastor at Church Worker Conference.*

October 13 and 15: What about the Dinosaurs? A study on Animal Theology.

October 20 and 22: Witches, Aliens and UFOs

October 27 and 29: Can I celebrate Halloween? (And Other Holiday Observances)

November 3 and 5: *None. Pastor on Vacation.*

November 10 and 12: Is the United States a “Christian” Nation?

November 17 and 19: The End of the World!!! When?

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Bible Study Book Club Group!

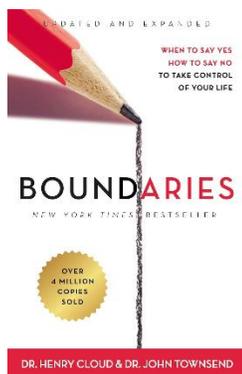
Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

We began 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 meet at Jan Tanner’s house, 265 Park Ave, Mobile, AL 36607

Call Jan @ 251-232-9011 for more information!



Please join us for a

Baby Sprinkle

honoring

Pastor Miller and Ashley

Sunday, November 23rd
immediately after service

Entrée will be pulled BBQ
Please bring a side dish

No gifts necessary, but for those
inclined on gift giving, they are
registered on Amazon

To enter a Diaper Raffle,
bring a pack of diapers

Scan QR code
for registry



Foundations Weekend Retreats

Spend a Weekend at Camp! This is a retreat for K-8 kids to experience camp in a new way with a member of their support system.

**Boys' weekend: Nov. 14-16,
2025**

Sign-up deadline is approaching!

Girls' weekend: Mar. 13-15, 2026

Sign Up Today!

We believe that it is important for kids to have sound foundations at home - adults who will encourage them in their faith and remind them of what Christ has done for us. Help us equip your family. Spend a weekend with us at Camp Dixie.

Come out to Camp in a pair, a trio, bring a friend or a cousin! See you around the campfire soon.



Go to Camp Dixie's website or Facebook page to sign up!

<http://www.campdixieministries.org/>



**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)