

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

June 19, 2026

*Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
Psalm 127:3-5a (ESV)*

The logo for Happy Father's Day features the words "Happy Father's Day" in a stylized, multi-colored font. "Happy" is in blue, "Father's" is in green, and "Day" is in blue. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect.

Happy Father's Day to every dad who takes his role as a father seriously. There are few callings in life that have a greater impact, positively or negatively, more than being a good father.

A good father teaches the Christian faith to his children.

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NIV) 18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

A good father creates a loving home that begins by loving his wife.

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

A good father loves his children enough to disciple them.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) 4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

A good father knows how blessed he is for the gift of his family.

Psalms 127:5 (NIV) 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

A good father lives his faith in God, a faith that is heard and seen by His children.

A good father's knees are calloused from time spent in prayer.

A good father worships weekly with his family.

A good father is not perfect; he is perfectly forgiven in Jesus' name.

John 10:29 (NIV) 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.



*June 20 – Michael Hankins
June 23 – Lauren Mueller*



June 25 – Ron and Ann Boston



*Altar
Flowers*

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026 IS NOW
AVAILABLE!**

2026 Price: \$100/set or \$50/each

Upcoming Dates available:

August 9, 16, 23, 30

**Please return any glass vases and green liners the floral arrangements
are placed in when sent home.**



Thanks to our dedicated staff of teachers: Micah Battaglia, Lily Mcharo, Dylan LeGros, Sue Dominguez, David and Haddon Lauber, Kelly Johnson, Julie Harvey, Connie Rowe.

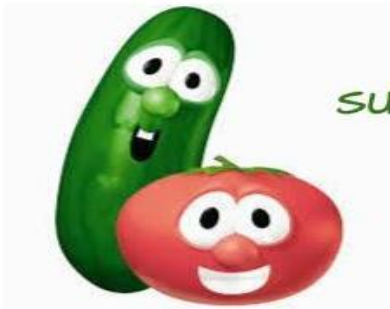
Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning. Classes include Preschool (Age 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-4), and Tween (Grades 5-8).

***For Adults and Teens:** A Sunday Morning Gathering and Bible Study is happening at the Espejo

House on Sunday mornings @ 9:15 am! *This will provide a space for adults and parents of Sunday School children to gather and also learn about Jesus. Coffee and refreshments will be shared.*

Sunday School News

June 7 - August 2
9:15 - 10:15



Join us for
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Veggie Tales
Crafts
Games
Snacks

VBS (Vacation Bible School) June 29- July 1 @ Holy Cross Lutheran in Mobile

VBS



June 29-July 1, 9:00-12:00 PM
Ages 3-12
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
3900 Airport Blvd
Mobile, AL 36608

Child's Name _____
Child's Age ____ Date of Birth _____
Grade completed _____
Parent(s) _____
Street address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ - _____
Telephone (____) _____ - _____
Email _____



Emergency/ Authorized to pick-up Information.

Name _____

Primary Telephone (____) _____ - _____

Relationship to child _____

Name _____

Primary Telephone (____) _____ - _____

Relationship to child _____

Allergies or other medical conditions

Return to:
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
3900 Airport Blvd
Mobile, AL 36608
251-342-8755
church@holycrosslcms.org

Registration Forms are in the back of the Church!



Another Carillon Donation Challenge This Summer!

We have a generous anonymous donor who is matching up to \$7500 for a new digital Carillon system. Our goal is having the Carillon operational for Christmas. The cost of the new system will be approximately \$18,000. Together with current funds raised and the donor's \$7500 match, we can easily meet the goal by the end of the summer.

Cash and coins can be placed in the wooden church donation box in the narthex. Checks are to be made to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo line marked "Carillon Project". Checks can be placed in the offering plate.

Thank you and we look forward to bells ringing once again from Grace Lutheran Church praising our Lord and serving the community.

PAWS for a Cause



Our Wishlist

ACCEPTABLE DONATION ITEMS

- Puppy Pads (Large, XL)
- Leashes, Harnesses, Collars
- Harness Slip Leads for Dog Walking
- Wire Kennel Crates (All Sizes)
- Dog & Cat Carriers (All Sizes)
- Soft & Hard Dog Treats
- Blankets, Towels, Linens
- Male Wraps & Female Diapers
- Durable or Stainless Steel Bowls
- Dog Toys (Kongs, Rope Toys, Frisbees, Hanging Toys)
- Cat Toys, Treats, Litter
- Peanut Butter
- Pill Pockets
- Hill's Science Diet Food
- Paper Towels
- Dawn Dish Detergent
- Enrichment Toys (Lick Mats, Frisbees, Hanging Toys)
- Tarps
- Animal-Friendly Disinfectant Spray
- XL Pooper Scoopers & Floor Squeegees



The City of Mobile Animal Services has provided a wish list of needed items for their shelters throughout Mobile County. There will be a collection box located in the narthax throughout the month of June. Your generous donations will help the shelters care for the rescue animals they provide for daily. Our pets give us unconditional love, let us return that love to animals in need.

Note from the Treasurer:

Semi-Annual Congregational meeting is coming up at the end of July and if there is anything about the finances that you have questions about please send an email (treasurer@gracelutheranmobile.com) with the question and I will address it in the meeting or in the newsletter.

Carillon Fund Contributions to Date (June 16); \$4,370.53
(Does not include offerings from 6/14)

Fun Fact: Recession of the Moon: The moon is slowly moving away from the earth. As the moon orbits the earth, its gravity pulls on the earth's oceans, which causes tides. The tides actually "pull forward" on the moon, causing the moon to gradually spiral outward. So the moon moves about an inch and a half away from the earth each year.

Source "The New Answers Book 2" by Ken Ham and Bodie Hodge

Just for Laughs:

What's the astronaut's favorite part of the computer? The Space Bar

How much do I love crunchy tacos? From my head tomatoes.



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.

STILL AVAILABLE AT ONLY 8 MONTHS AWAY! BOOK NOW!
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 2026

Chicken Dinners

Join us at Camp Dixie for our Chicken Dinner fundraiser events! 11am-2pm on the listed dates. \$15 for a good meal of fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, and more! Stop by our Camp Store while you're with us and grab some Camp Dixie swag like a new t-shirt or water bottle!

2026 Dates

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
June 7
September 13
October 11
November 8



A Light Before Others

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:16

What is Camp Dixie’s aim? Ultimately, to glorify God! Let us reflect His light, teach of His sacrifice, and encourage other believers to do the same. Shine on!

In Christ,
Sam “Uno” Schmidt
Camp Dixie Director



Support Camp Dixie

Please keep Camp Dixie in your prayers and consider supporting this ministry further. Options include:

- Monetary Donations (head to website for digital donations)
- Gifts from our Wishlist
- Thrivent Action Team Grants
- Volunteer Service

See our website for more information



Grace Lutheran Church
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am

Rev. Wayne J. Miller, Pastor
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pastor@gracelutheranmobile.com

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251-433-2749
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Connie Rowe, Organist
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Chris Rowe, Choir Director
251-278-8596
cmrbobcat@gmail.com

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)