

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

June 4, 2026

Dear loved ones of Grace,

Happy Summer! Pools, beaches, barbeques, 250th Birthday celebrations on the 4th of July, road trips, vacations, and air conditioning. I love some aspects of the summer but to some degree, I'm looking forward to our first cold front likely in October with no hurricanes to speak of!

I'm not sure how much influence my words have in your weekly lives – hopefully a caring gentle pastor's influence who is called to care for your soul – so I feel compelled to speak from a place of love and care. Through connections with friends in the ministry throughout the United States, it seems like the vast majority of congregations during the summer face dwindling worship numbers called a summer slump. But why?

Our need for Christ and His gifts is just as important in the summer months as it is throughout the rest of the year. We never stop needing the forgiveness Jesus brings: hearing and learning the Word of God, remembering our Baptism, receiving His body and blood, fellowshiping with other believers. There are so many reasons for attending church throughout the entire year, and only two (that I can think of) not to attend: (1) not physically being able due to health or (2) there are “more important” things to do. I disagree with the latter.

Please consider attending Grace regularly throughout the summer months. And even while vacationing, please consider attending another sister LCMS congregation somewhere throughout our land of the free!

Please note: I didn't say "every week". Sometimes things will come up. Churches and pastors understand.

My main point this summer: Don't forget you are loved. 1 John 3:1: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

May you and your family have a blessed summer! See you in Church!

Pastor Miller

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns for June 7:

Readings: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13

Divine Service Setting One

Opening Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915

Hymn of the Day: Let Me Be Thine Forever LSB 689

Distribution Hymns: Your Table I Approach LSB 628

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire LSB 553

Closing: O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 7 <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Camp Dixie Chicken Dinner	11 am – 2 pm
Wednesday, June 10	Bible Study – @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Adult Choir	6:15 pm
Thursday, June 11	Bible Study	11:00 am
Sunday, June 14 <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am

LWML

LWML will take a break for the summer in July and August and resume the meetings in September on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thanks, Gisela Nobles



*June 5 – Rick Harvey
June 10 – David Griffin
June 11 – Kelly Johnson
June 12 – Ashley Miller*



*June 10 – Vaughn and Lyn Gordon
June 10 – Guy and Daphne Marcum*



*Altar
Flowers*

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

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

Upcoming Dates available:
July 26 and August 9, 16, 23, 30

Please return any glass vases the floral arrangements are placed in when sent home.



God Bless our Graduates!



Daniel Harvey graduated Cum Laude as a Mitchell Scholar from the University of South Alabama with a B.S.B.A. in Finance. Following graduation, he accepted a full-time position as an Investment and Compliance Analyst with Aull & Monroe Investment Management. He also plans to continue pursuing the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation while earning a Master of Science in Finance degree from the University of Miami Herbert Business School.

Congratulations, Daniel!

CONGRATULATIONS, DALTREY LEGROS! W.P. DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL,
CLASS OF 2026!



Daltrey Townes LeGros graduated from W.P. Davidson High School on May 18th, 2026, receiving a diploma with advanced honors and with an overall GPA of 3.4. In keeping with lifelong love of music, Daltrey will be attending The Alabama School of the Arts at The University of Mobile this fall, majoring in production technologies. He will be attending on a scholarship offered by ASOTA, performing with RamCorps and Symphonic Winds. He plans to continue all of his side jobs, namely live sound production for several local venues, recording artists on his Super Nova Records label, and performing with his jazz band, The Back Bones.



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 activities are planned for the summer months with information coming soon.

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).

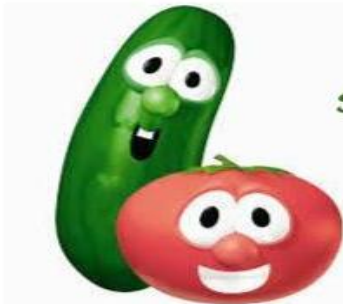
***For Adults and Teens:** A Sunday Morning Gathering and Bible Study is happening at the Espejo House on Sunday mornings @ 9:15 am! *This will provide a space for adults and parents of Sunday School children to gather and also learn about Jesus. Coffee and refreshments will be shared.*

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**

Details TBA



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 2): \$3,975.01

New Building Fund (as of 6 /2 /26) - \$ 329,991.27

Espejo Loan from NBC Fund: Original Loan Amt: \$109,651.00 –
Principal Due: \$94,879.48

Fun Information you never cared about: It is likely that double entry bookkeeping originally started in India (as well as the so-called Arabic numbering system) some two thousand years ago. It is certain that double-entry bookkeeping was used since the ninth century by Arabs operating in North Africa.



Anchored in Faith
A Cruise Retreat
with Grace Lutheran Church
Aboard the Carnival Spirit

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
- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection

NOT INCLUDED:



*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 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

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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)