

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

August 20, 2026

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns:

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20

Divine Service Setting 4

Opening Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation LSB 909

Hymn of the Day: Built on the Rock LSB 645

Distribution Hymns: Christ Is the World's Redeemer LSB 539
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 631

Closing: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575



August 20 – Ryan Beverly
August 21 – Charles Hubbard
August 26 – Henry Tims
August 28 – Chris Pollock



August 24 – Bill and Bunny Kringel

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 23 <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Children's Sunday School BEGINS!	9:15 am
	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Wednesday, August 26	No Bible Study – @ Our Savior	
	No Handbell Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Adult Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Confirmation/Communion Youth Class	
Thursday, August 27	No Bible Study	
Sunday, August 30 <i>Fourteenth 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
	Cruise Group Information Meeting	<i>after service</i>



2027 GRACE CRUISE INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Immediately after the service

All who are booked for the January 11-17, 2027 retreat are asked to attend this informational meeting.
A taco bar will be served.

*Because there is still availability at decent rates, anyone who is very interested in booking may attend.
More information on the cruise in this newsletter.

Still time to book!



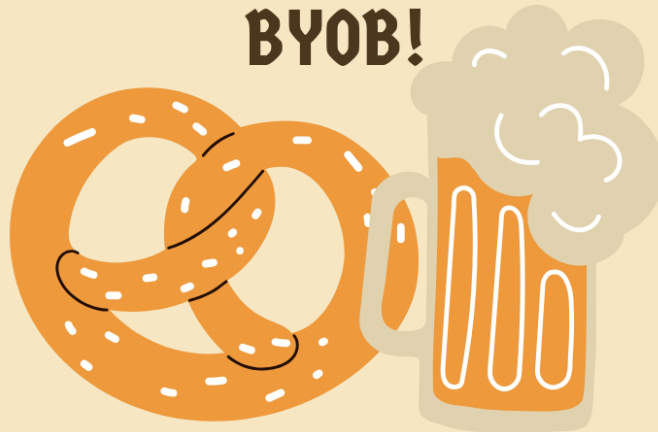
Join us after
church as we
celebrate

OKTOBERFEST DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, September 27, 2026

**Brats, German Potato Salad,
Sauerkraut, Bake Sale**

BYOB!



**\$ Donations requested at event to support
our kitchen renovation fund \$**

Oktoberfest 2026 Q & A

This is our 5th Oktoberfest in recent years at Grace. This year's Oktoberfest celebration has been scaled back to a simple in-house dinner fundraiser for our members and friends after church on Sunday, September 27.

Why the change this year from our large community Oktoberfest's of previous years?

We are taking a break for a number of reasons: while previous Oktoberfest's have been largely successful seeing 400-500 people, we have sort of outgrown our volunteers. There was certainly a volunteer shortage at Grace that was felt by some of the workers, especially before and after the event, and the burnout was real. And so thank you to all the volunteers we have had in the past! Secondly, the growing expense of the event is making it increasingly difficult to make a decent profit (it's not all about the money, but it certainly is one of the goals in addition to fellowship and community outreach!) Thirdly, there are some local food and beverage licensing and regulations that need some attention which again increases expenses and changes the process in how we handle the different aspects of the event.

Will our large community Oktoberfest return next year?

We hope so! There is great passion for Oktoberfest among many of our members including our pastor. In taking a small break this year with a smaller event, it has motivated some to explore bringing the large event back. If so, strong recruitment of volunteers will be essential and some cost-saving measures and other changes will need to be made to keep the event profitable while retaining good fellowship, outreach and Oktoberfest authenticity.

Where and when is this year's Oktoberfest?

All members and our families and friends are encouraged to attend immediately after church on Sunday, September 27. The event will be held in Foundation Hall with a few pop-up tents and yard games outside. The event will last as long as people are here!

Is there a cost to attend?

No, but we are asking for donations to help raise funds for our kitchen renovation fund. We will also need to keep our Oktoberfest designated fund intact for future Oktoberfest's. Thank you in advance for your support!

BYOB?

Yes! Beer and wine only. After all, it is Oktoberfest! Remember to pack a cooler and share if you like. While the church will not be providing or serving any Lutheran beverages, you are welcome to consume responsibly on your own inside or outside. Prost!

What will return from previous Oktoberfest's?

Our dinner plate will still have our freshly grilled bratwursts, homemade German potato salad and sauerkraut. Dessert, however, will be a bake sale hosted by our LWML. Also, enjoy our Bavarian Pretzels again with cheese dip! We will have our famous photo booth downstairs with Martin Luther. You are welcome to wear your Lederhosen or Dirndl to church that morning. We will play recorded music this year instead of live musicians. Most of all, may our congregation enjoy healthy Christian fellowship in the spirit of Oktoberfest! May God bless us once again.

FROM THE TREASURER

New Building Fund (as of Aug 20,2026) \$336,317.12

Espejo Loan from NBC Fund: (After August 20 payment)
Original Loan Amt: \$109,651.00 - Principal Due: \$90,972.32

Carillon Fund: (as of Aug 20) \$10,277.13

Just for Laughs:

What type of lights did Noah have on the Ark? Floodlights

What do you call a boat with a hole in the bottom? A sink

What type of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive? A Minnie van

Bible Trivia

What book, published in its entirety in 1971, has been the best-selling paraphrase of the Holy Bible? The Living Bible

What translation, popular with contemporary evangelicals, was done under the auspices of the New Your International Bible Society and published in 1978? The New International Version

What Bible, now in the British Museum, is the oldest complete Bible in existence? Codex Sinaiticus

August Sunday School Schedule from 9:15-10:15:

- Sunday, August 2: Sunday School activities led by Kelly Johnson. Teacher/staff meeting during this time.
- Sunday, August 9: Pancake Breakfast and Rally Sunday for children, parents, and teachers
- Sunday, August 16: No Sunday School at Grace. Camp Dixie weekend for members.
- Sunday, August 23: **New classes begin.**
*Preschool teachers- David and Haddon Lauber; Elementary teachers - Lily Mcharo and Sue Dominguez; Tweens teacher - Micah Battaglia.
Music - Dylan LeGros*



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

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

Upcoming Dates Available:
August 30 and September 6,13,27

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



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.



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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

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



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

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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
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youtube.com

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