

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

August 6, 2026



GRACE LUTHERAN CAMP DIXIE WEEKEND 2026

SOUTHERN ALABAMA OUTDOOR MINISTRY CAMP ON PERDIDO BAY

Owned & Operated by Camp Dixie Lutheran Foundation, Inc.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

29711 Josephine Drive, Elberta, AL

campdixieministries.org

All Men, Women, Teens and Children are invited!

An opportunity for Grace Members to experience our own Lutheran Camp with each other. Get into the word, worship together, kayak, roast a marshmallow, play some games, and marvel in God's Creation. This weekend is open to all members of all ages (minors must have a guardian.) If you can't spend the entire weekend, come out Saturday for the day or Sunday morning worship on Perdido Bay. There is no cost! Grace Lutheran has been a partner of Camp Dixie Ministries since they opened in 1952.

This weekend will feature classic camp activities such as kayaking, swimming, games, relaxing, campfire songs and devotions. Camp Dixie Director, Sam "Uno" Schmidt, will lead us through the weekend's schedule and activities, equipping all of us to spend good old-fashioned quality time at Camp Dixie. There will also be plenty of down time and flexibility to fit you or your family unit.

Arrival on Friday between 3-6 pm. Clean up/ Check out Sunday by 2 pm.

Agenda TBA

Lodging will be in the Retreat Center bunk rooms with other campers separating males and females.

Yes, they are air conditioned!

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast will be provided by Grace Lutheran Church. All other meals (lunches and suppers) are supplied by the camper/s.

*Camp store snacks and merchandise will be available for purchase at various times through the weekend.

SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH or CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE
REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

CAMP DIXIE FACILITIES

- Lodging Dorms and Indoor Gathering Space/Dining Hall are Air-Conditioned!
 - Four dormitories (2 male and 2 female); 12 twin bunk beds each.
- Includes bunks and mattresses (bring your own linens or bedding and pillow)
 - Each wing has two bathrooms with toilets, sinks, and showers.
- Large commercial style kitchen equipped with pots and pans and utensils for meal preparation.
 - Refrigeration Space and Ice Machine for use.
- Outdoor facilities include picnic tables, benches, a campfire area and an outdoor worship area.
 - 275 feet of waterfront on Perdido Bay and 8 acres of wooded area.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Breakfast Menu Saturday:	Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Fruit, Juice, Coffee
Breakfast Menu Sunday:	Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Coffee

- S'mores Supplies will be provided for both nights!
 - All Lunches, Supper, Snacks are BYOF.
- There is a full-functional Commercial-like kitchen for use with large refrigeration space.
 - Please mark your name on your food/supplies/ingredients, etc.
 - Basic condiments provided.
 - Grill Night on Saturday for Supper! Bring Your Own Meat
(There is a propane grill on site. Propane will be provided.)

ACTIVITIES

- Swimming, kayaking, canoeing, water games, fishing, kickball, volleyball, and more!
 - Bible Studies, Worship, Devotion, Campfire Songs and Stories

*For water activities, a lifeguard may be present for some activities, but a waiver must be signed especially for when a lifeguard is not present.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible

Water/Water Bottle

Bed Linens (Pillow, Sheets, blankets, sleeping bag, etc.)

Pajamas

Modest Swimwear (Swim trunks for guys and one piece or full coverage two piece for gals)

Towels for Beach and Shower

Closed Toed Shoes for games and Beach Shoes/Sandals

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

Laundry Bag

Flashlight

DO NOT BRING: knives, guns, fireworks, rockets or submarines

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns:

Readings: Job 38:4-18

Romans 10:5-17

Matthew 14:22-33

Divine Service Setting 4

Opening Hymn: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

Hymn of the Day: Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Distribution Hymns: Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

Seek Ye First

LSB 712

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

Closing: Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 9 <i>Eleventh 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
Tuesday, August 11	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12	Bible Study – @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	No Handbell Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Adult Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	Confirmation/Communion Youth Class	6:00 pm
Thursday, August 13	Bible Study	11:00 am
Friday-Sunday August 14-16	Camp Dixie Retreat Weekend <i>See flyer for more information</i>	
Sunday, August 16 <i>Twelfth 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



August 8 – Cary T. March
 August 9 – Guy Marcum
 August 12 – Andrea Deakle
 August 13 – Shirley Brown
 August 14 – Barbara Merritt



August 9 – Jay and Carol Mitchell
 August 11 – Kenneth and Cathy Weiss



*Altar
Flowers*

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.**



2027 GRACE CRUISE INFORMATION MEETING

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 below. Still time to book!



On Sunday, August 9, we will be celebrating our Sunday School with Rally Day. At 9:15, a pancake breakfast for children, parents, and teachers/staff will be served. Fun activities will happen after we eat. During our Rally Day church service, Sunday School children and teachers/staff will be recognized.



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*



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.

New Facility Use Policy

July 30, 2026

Grace is blessed to have welcoming spaces where our congregation can gather for worship, fellowship, learning, and service. Earlier this year, Grace's Church Council commissioned a facility use committee to develop clear guidelines for the use of church facilities, including the newly added Espejo House, so these spaces can be shared with care and respect.

The adopted policy is designed to support safety, stewardship, thoughtful scheduling, and respectful use of all church spaces. In that spirit, it will help Grace:

- care well for the facilities entrusted to us
- make scheduling consistent for all groups
- keep our shared spaces safe, welcoming, and ready for ministry

As part of this policy, those requesting use of church facilities will be asked to:

- schedule use of space in advance through the church office
- complete a Building Use application/agreement, available in the church office, for member-sponsored events
- clean up after use, return rooms to their original condition, and care responsibly for church property

Copies of the new policy are available in the church office. We invite you to review the policy before requesting use of church facilities, and to contact Debbie Milling, Marilyn Griffin, or Juie Harvey with any questions or feedback. Thank you for helping Grace care faithfully for the spaces we share!

Julie Harvey

Church Council President

FROM THE TREASURER

New Building Fund (as of Aug 5,2026) \$335,540.86

Espejo Loan from NBC Fund: *(After July 20 payment)*

Original Loan Amt: \$109,651.00 - Principal Due: \$92,376.56

Just for Laughs:

What does a nut say when it sneezes? Cashew

What starts with a T ends in a T and is full of T? A Teapot

If April Showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims

Questions:

What was the topic of The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan, rule number 4?

- A. Realize that God means for you to be where you are
- B. Be more concerned for God's glory than for your relief
- C. Pray
- D. Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work

(answer: C)

What was the topic of The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan, rule number 5?

- A. Realize that God means for you to be where you are
- B. Be more concerned for God's glory than for your relief
- C. Pray
- D. Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work

(answer: D)

PAWS for a Cause



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.



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.



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)