The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

October 29, 2026

"I believe in the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints…" November 1st marks the **Festival of All Saints** (or *All Saints' Day*.) On that day we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit.

The word "saint" originates from the Latin word *sanctus*, which means "holy". Since God declares all who have been baptized and who believe the promise of the gospel to be holy, the communion of saints includes all believers on earth and those who died in faith and who are now living with Christ. The custom of commemorating all the saints and martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all believers- past, present, and future, living and dead, who together form the body of Christ.

The following are the people of God connected to Grace who since last All Saints' Day joined the Church Triumphant, and who together with us in the Church Militant, continue to praise the God who saved us. Their names will be read this Sunday, November 1 and a bell will toll in their memory.

November 17, 1940 ✢ **John Frederick Sutton** ✢ November 28, 2025

September 5, 1953 ✢ **Richard Kenneth Vanselow** ✢ November 30, 2025

April 7, 1931 ✢ **Arvis Wilburn Lolley** ✢ December 26, 2025

September 19, 1940 ✢ **Cleo Arras Zavros** ✢ April 7, 2026

September 13, 1943 ✢ **Judy Bobby Lauer** ✢ May 29, 2026

November 26, 1956 ✢ **Thomas Sidney Griffin** ✢ June 12, 2026

August 2, 1933 ✢ **John Christ Lobsiger** ✢ June 17, 2026

February 12, 1930 ✢ **Martha Irbylene Keezel** ✢ June 20, 2026

March 14, 1942 ✢ **Harry Kenneth Godbold** ✢ June 20, 2026

January 28, 1937 ✢ **Albert "Mann" Miller** ✢ July 24, 2026

October 30, 1933 ✢ **Betty Jean Lobsiger** ✢ August 3, 2026

October 28, 1946 ✢ **James "Steve" Watkins** ✢ September 12, 2026

June 14, 1938 ✢ **John "Jay" Mitchell** ✢ October 5, 2026

"For all the Saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns:

Readings: Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Divine Service Setting 2

Processional Hymn:	For All the Saints	LSB 677
Hymn of the Day:	Sing with All the Saints in Glory	LSB 671
Distribution:	Rejoice, Rejoice Believers	LSB 515
	Holy, Holy, Holy	LSB 507
Recessional Hymn:	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy One	LSB 670



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

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

Upcoming Dates Available:*December 13, 27*

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 1 *All Saints' Day*	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!!! *FALL BACK ONE HOUR!!!*	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Tuesday, Nov. 3	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 4	LWML	10:00 am
	Bible Study – @ Our Savior	11:00 am
Thursday, Nov. 5	Bible Study	11:00 am
Sunday, Nov. 8 *24th Sunday after Pentecost*	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	11:00 am – 2:00 pm



October 30 – Lisa Middleton
November 4 – Timothy Mueller



November 4 – Rev. Wayne and Ashley Miller



Ushers for November:
Julie Harvey
Daniel Harvey
Ron Boston
Marilyn Griffin



Elders for November:
David Griffin
Rick Harvey

***Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on Nov. 1 !**

JESUS & JACK-O-LANTERNS POEM

I am like a pumpkin
Shining bright on Halloween
God picked me from the patch
Washed the dirt and made me clean

He wanted me to shine
So He scooped the bad parts out
Removing seeds of fear
Seeds of anger and of doubt

God's love fills up my heart
It brings a smile to my face
The light of Christ shines bright
And the darkness is erased

Now I am full of light
Like the pumpkins that you see
I want everyone to know
That Jesus Christ is in me





New 2027 CHURCH DIRECTORY Coming Soon!

Same Church.
New Directory.
Let's Stay Connected!



Submit a recent photo of yourself (or your family).

Good quality, not necessarily professional, and in a format that can be downloaded to a file.

Include your name(s), current address and cell phone number(s).

Single, couple or family photo may be submitted.

Send your submission to:

Grace@GraceLutheranMobile.com

Include your name(s), address and cell phone number(s) in the email.

If you would like to have your photo taken at the church by a non-professional photographer please email us to have it scheduled.

Be a part of our story!

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE IN BY

FEBRUARY 1, 2027

TO APPEAR IN THE DIRECTORY.

We praise and thank God for our Saints at Grace!

2026 Medal of Grace recipients:
Debbie Milling, Jan Tanner, Kenny Weiss Jr., Sherea Weiss



3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

-Philippians 1:3-11





Join these smiling faces every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m, in Foundation Hall, for children's Sunday School!!

Coffee, fellowship, and Adult Sunday School is also at 9:15 a.m. across the street in the Espejo House!

Don't miss out!!

From The Treasurer

New Building Fund (as of October 29,2026) $343,208.18

Espejo Loan from NBC Fund: (20 yr loan (240 payments)) (After Oct 20 payment #14)

Original Loan Amt: $109,651.00 - Principal Due: $86,990.92

Payments remaining / Payment term = 198 / 240

Carillon Fund: (as of Oct 21) $4,071.07 (Carillon installation is in progress)

Just for Laughs:

What do you call a fake stone? A shamrock.

What type of vehicle has four wheels and files? A garbage truck.

Ghost never have money problems. They don't have to worry about the cost of living.

Bible Trivia:

What plague was sent upon the Egyptians' cattle? Murrain (Murrain is a term used in the Bible to describe a severe plague or pestilence that affects livestock, leading to widespread death among animals)

How many times was Peter delivered from prison by an angel? Twice (Acts 5:17-29 & 12:1-17)



STILL AVAILABLE AT ONLY 4 MONTHS AWAY! BOOK NOW!
Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as $50 pp.
More info on next page.

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Carnival

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 shi
- 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.

TRAVEL LEADERS VACATION CENTER

Galyna Henry
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Greetings Grace Lutheran Church from Camp Dixie!

We were able to spend parts of our summer programs with various campers from some of your congregations and we treasure those moments. We have some truly wonderful Lutheran families in the area, as well as other groups that we get to interface with and minister to.

Retreats: Please share these opportunities with your church members! Camp Dixie is once again running Family Foundations weekends during this retreat season. This is a retreat for children in grades K-8 to experience camp with a grown-up by their side. The retreat for boys is coming up on October 2-4, while the girls retreat is March 5-7. Adult registrations must be same-gendered due to our bunk room lodging. For example, boys in October can bring Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or another relative/family friend. I am attaching a bulletin announcement and a flyer (one digital version, one printable version) that you can share with your church to spread the word about these retreats.

Camp Dixie Family Foundations retreats are open for registration! These weekend programs are for grades K-8 accompanied by a same-gendered adult. Participate in devotions and classic camp activities for a memorable and formational Camp experience. Register online at campdixieministries.org

School and Church Visits: I am currently putting together my visit calendar for the rest of 2026 and early 2027. If your church would like a visit from Camp Dixie, please give me a call and I would be glad to look at dates with you. When I visit churches, I will often meet with the children during Sunday School to lead songs and share a devotion - sometimes with a puppet show/object lesson/brief game! I also like to share a few words during announcements at the beginning or end of the service so that families can better put a face to the Camp Dixie Director. Other churches have asked me to share about Camp during their adult Bible study so that their congregants can learn more about what we do. I am happy to do any of this, or whatever your church needs during a visit. My family and I have been blessed to make connections with the surrounding churches in this area for the past year and a half that we have been here, and we enjoy worshipping with each local church that we visit.

Chicken Dinner Fundraisers: Our next fundraiser meal is Sunday, Sept 13 from 11am-2pm. $15 for a full meal supports this outdoors ministry and the Christ-centered programming that we offer.

In Christ alone,

Sam Schmidt
Camp Dixie Director
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"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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

Camp Dixie | director@campdixieministries.org | 251-987-1201

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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)