



## June, 2023 Newsletter



Grace, mercy, and peace are yours through Christ crucified, risen, and ascended!

***Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost! WEAR RED!!***

Dear Family of God at Grace,

Here we are at the beginning of June and the beginning of summer. I think it is also the beginning of a new hurricane season. I know what you are thinking, "Pastor, don't even say that!" Well, I said it and it is here again. We plan and prepare, then whatever the Lord sends our way we will suffer through. He has us in His hands and as Job says, *"Though He (God) slay me, I will hope in Him" (Job 13:15)*. Even when God brings suffering, He is the only one who can remove that suffering or get us through that suffering. St Peter makes it clear, *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:67-69)*. There is no one and nowhere else to turn in time of trouble. Only Jesus!

We have finished about 96% of the work on our house--just in time for this hurricane season. This is the price of living in Florida, and we will trust in the Lord, come what may!

June means graduations. There are a number of college graduates this year and one High School grad, Ben Canning. Congrats to all the graduates! May God bless you as you begin new chapters in your life. Fear not for the Lord is with you and He will watch over you. Don't forget to come to church.

June also means that things will quiet down a bit around here. Most of our snowbirds have flown north already. We miss them while they are gone! This summer I'm glad that things are slowing a bit. I have a summer class, I'm on a floor committee for the Synod Convention and in July I'll be going to the convention. While I'm away at the floor committee meetings Chris Mogelvang will be leading Sunday worship. We will not have communion that Sunday. I want to thank Chris for his willingness. Why Chris? Well for two reasons. He is an Elder of Grace, and he is considering going to the seminary and becoming a pastor. This will be a good experience for him.

Over the summer I will be posting on our YouTube page a study through Luther's Small Catechism. My hope is that this will benefit the public who may watch. I also want this up for anyone going through instruction either at Grace or at another

Lutheran Church as supplemental study. It may take more than the summer to complete it but I'd like to spend about 15 minutes a day and go through the Catechism from beginning to end. How can you watch? Go to YouTube@GraceofNaples and that will take you to our page; then click "Live" which will bring you to our latest videos. They should be up in the first week of June. I hope they will be helpful, and I'd like your feedback!

God bless all of you as you travel this summer and I look forward to seeing you all through the summer. For our Northern friends, we will see you in the new school year! God's peace!

In His Service,  
Pastor Lingsch



### GIVE ONLINE!!

We now have **ONLINE GIVING** on our website: [www.graceofnaples.com](http://www.graceofnaples.com). The **GIVE** button can be accessed from your mobile device in the menu options found in the upper right corner of the page. You can also access the **GIVE** button from your laptop or desktop on the church home page. Just click on the button **GIVE** and follow the instructions.

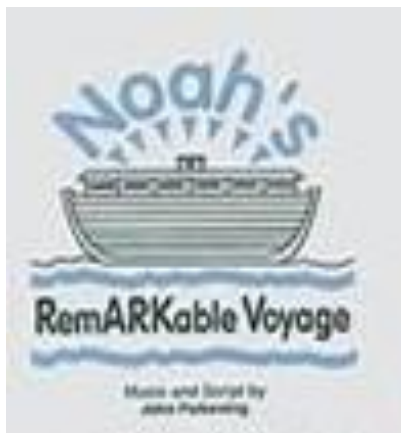
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**The Men of Grace** is a gathering of the men in our congregation with the intention of lifting them up and strengthening them to be true men of grace. We want to become a band of brothers in Christ, who love and serve each other by lifting up one another so that as men of God, we can live out our calling in our families and in our church family. We

call all men of our congregation to be a part of this gathering, for men, guided by men for the glory of God.

**The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



**The children who signed up for the Summer Music Camp will be practicing hard for 8:30-3:30 each day between June 12 and June 16 to prepare a performance that will warm your heart on June 18th.**

**The musical is about Noah:**

***"Noah's RemARKable Voyage"***

## Women's Summer Bible Study

Ladies, join us on Thursday mornings at 10am for Bible Study. We will be exploring the book "Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream, a popular Fox News Channel host. Shannon opens up the lives of sixteen Biblical women, arranging them into pairs and contrasting their journeys through life.

The class meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall with DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang. The study outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab and the faith of Mary.



*From the Director of Christian Education --  
Kami Jo Mogelvang*

### **Summer Sunday School!**

Just because it is summer, doesn't mean we stop meeting! Sunday School will continue with a bit of a summer twist! Bring your kids at the normal time to the courtyard for class. We will be working through the Lord's Prayer each week and end every class with a fun game together!

### **FLGA Middle School Servant Event**

Please keep our Middle School Youth in your prayers as we join other LCMS middle school youth from Florida and Georgia for a weeklong camp servant event in Luther Springs, FL. We will be gone June 18th -23rd with 7 middle school youth, DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang and Elizabeth Sanchez as chaperones for the week.





## 2023 VBS

Don't miss out on this fun filled week!  
Kids will spend time learning 5 different Bible lessons through interactive lessons, music, crafts and games.

Registration forms are on the narthex bulletin board.

Cost is \$20 per family (4-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm**

*Contact DCE Kami Jo with questions*

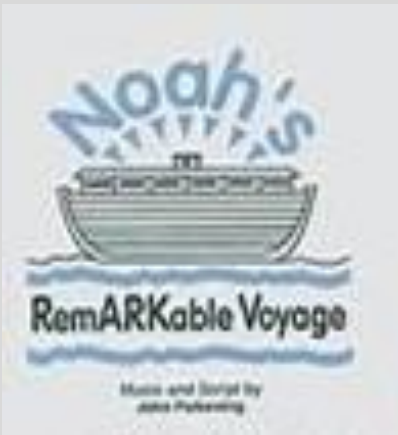


A special packing event for Operation Christmas Child will happen in July. We are asking everyone to be on the lookout for items to place in the boxes now.

There is a container in the Narthex for items. Some suggestions: pencils, crayons, markers, craft items, small dolls, small stuffed animals, water bottles, sunglasses, coloring books, wash towels, toothbrushes, balls, stickers, cards, games, books, barbies, soccer balls, small Lego sets, small puzzles, matchbox cars, plastic Disney figures, sticker books, be sure to go online for even more suggestions.

## Grace Lutheran Summer Music Camp

Children, second grade and older will be rehearsing from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, June 12-16, to prepare for a performance of "Noah's RemARKable Voyage" on June 18th, **only at the 10:30 service**. You won't want to miss this remARKable experience, as children always deliver an incredible message through these plays.



### Altar Flower Donations

Would you like to remember your birthday or anniversary with a special offering to God? Would you like to remember someone special in your life who is with the Lord? Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary with a special offering of flowers?

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to claim the date for your special occasion. Cost of arrangements is \$45.00.



Once again, we have a \$25,000 donation for matching funds to get another Habitat house going in our community. What a blessing these homes are to our neighbors in Naples and the county. The goal is another \$25,000 which gets us to the magical mark of \$50,000! Any support you can give would be blessing!

- The east entrance door to the church has been removed for repairs and refinishing? Thank you Mauro Nobili for taking good care of our property!
- Sunday morning bulletins are available on the [graceofnaples.com](http://graceofnaples.com) website. You can download the bulletin to follow along when you are worshipping with us online.
- *The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is going to continue meeting this summer? See the announcement above for details.*
- **A new directory will be published before the end of the summer? If you have had any changes to address, phone, e-mail, marital or family status, please contact the church office!**
- Printed copies of the monthly newsletter are available at the Welcome station for people who don't have e-mail? If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, contact the church office!
- Portals of Prayer are made available to congregation members every quarter? If you haven't received one or would like to have a copy mailed to you, contact the church office.
- The Lutheran Witness is also available for members on a subscription basis. If you would like a subscription, please contact the church office.

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### College Graduates

**William August Butler** grandson of August & Margrit Ditzinger, will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He plans to attend aviation school to become a commercial pilot.

**Ainsley Strackbein**, daughter of Todd & Cheryl Strackbein, will graduate from the University of Florida, Gainesville, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and a minor in Entrepreneurship. She will work at Hertz as a pricing analyst.

**Camille Strackbein**, daughter of Todd & Cheryl Strackbein, will graduate from the University of Florida, Gainesville, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology. She graduates magna cum laude and has applied to medical school.

**Sarah Strackbein**, daughter of Todd & Cheryl Strackbein, will graduate from the University of South Florida, Tampa, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. She has interned with and will be working with Tierra Inc. in Geotech Engineering.

**Lydia Fleming**, granddaughter of Jim & Claudia Tracy, will graduate from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, California. She will be employed at a dental office in Minnesota.

**Annalise Eisold**, daughter of Mark & Sandi Eisold, will graduate from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration, with a minor in Spanish. She graduates summa cum laude, with honors; she was a four-year student athlete and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. She will serve an internship this summer at an accounting firm and then return to Florida Southern in the fall to complete a Master's Degree in Accounting.

**Lauren Michelle Freche**, granddaughter of Jean Freche, will graduate from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, with a degree in Communications. She graduates summa cum laude.

**Allison Heidel**, granddaughter of Brian and Bonnie Heidel, will graduate from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biotechnology. She was on the Dean's List. She plans to attend the School of Dentistry at Indiana University, beginning in July.

**Anna Perri**, daughter of Patrick & Lisa Perri, will graduate from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and a concentration in theatre. She graduates summa cum laude.

### High School Graduates

**Benjamin Canning**, son of Denise Canning, will graduate from Barron Collier High School, Naples, Florida. He was a band letterman and on the Honor Roll for 4 years! He plans to become a police officer after studying Criminal Justice at Florida Southwest.

**Logan Cirone**, grandson of Chris & Helen Leibfried, will graduate from Bayport/BluePoint High School, in Bayport, Long Island, New York. He was active in Symphonic Orchestra Chorus, Metropolitan Youth Choir, and appeared in numerous plays and musical. He has committed to the University of Vermont.

**William Pacer**, grandson of Brian & Bonnie Heidel, will graduate from Clarkston High School in Clarkston, Michigan. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was active in LaCrosse, soccer and swimming. He will attend Michigan Technological University.

**Sydney Thomas**, great grandson of Don & Mary Thomas, will graduate from Alamogordo High School in Alamogordo, New Mexico where he was a Golden Scholar. He plans to major in Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island.

***Congratulations, everyone!***





**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL WORSHIP SERVICES!**

There are multiple opportunities for you to volunteer for weekend services at Grace. We need Ushers, Lectors, Altar Guild Members, Greeters, Crucifers and Acolytes, Sound Board Operators and people to prepare for Coffee Hour.

Click the link below to access the signup website.

[Click here to volunteer](#)



**Congratulations to our 2023 Grace Lutheran Preschool Graduates!**  
May God continue to bless these wonderful children as they grow. It has been an incredible blessing to nurture and guide them through their preschool years!





## Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!

June 1 Women's Summer Bible Study begins  
 June 11, Voters' Meeting  
 June 12-16 Music Camp  
 June 18 Music Camp Performance, 10:30  
 July 29- August 3 LCMS National Convention, Milwaukee  
 July 31- August 4 Vacation Bible School

### Weekly Events

#### **Quilters'**

Tuesday's, 10:00 am  
 Fellowship Hall

#### **Knitters**

Tuesdays, 10:00 am  
 Will Resume in the Fall

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Will continue thru summer  
 Thursday's, 10:00 am  
 Contact Kami Jo

#### **Bible Study Will Resume in the Fall**

Wednesday's,  
 10:30 am  
 Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday Dinner and Prayer Service**

Will Resume in the Fall

#### **Men of Grace**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
 6:30 pm

#### **Grief Share**

Thursdays, 1:00 pm  
 Will Resume in the Fall

#### **Cool Mom Bible Study**

Tuesday's, 9:00 am  
 Contact Kami Jo  
 Will resume in the Fall

#### **Choir Rehearsals**

##### Choristers

Wednesday, 4:15 pm

##### High School Choir

Sunday, Noon

##### Adult Choir

Wednesday, 7:00 pm



## Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are always looking for people to set up or clean up Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. Sign up at the table in the fellowship hall. If you want more information, please email Lori at lorilingsch@yahoo.com



- 3 John Swanson
- 4 Kit McKimm
- 5 Kaylyn Robinson
- 7 Stephen Beights
- 10 Gene Klebingot
- 11 Joanne Billharz
- 11 Rachel Linse
- 13 Steve Heidel
- 14 Jeanette Gies
- 14 Gary Linse
- 14 Ruth Linse
- 15 Mark Feuser
- 15 Susan Fiesler
- 15 Pete Grund
- 16 Bud Jurgens
- 17 Alberta Richardson
- 18 Lori Lingsch
- 18 Claudia Tracy
- 22 Annalise Eisold
- 22 Carol Zeedyk
- 25 Hunter Mogelvang
- 25 Patrick Perri
- 28 Jane Lange
- 30 Dwayne Zeedyk



- 3 Tim & Linda Meulenberg
- 3 Chase & Mary Strackbein
- 4 Gary & Deborah Laveen
- 4 Lee & Eunice Neujahr
- 4 Jerry & Karen Scholz
- 4 Todd & Cheryl Strackbein
- 8 John & Lynn Swanson
- 10 Franklin & Debbie Lowery
- 11 Dick & Rhea Teteak
- 12 Austin & Julie Gomez
- 15 Lee & Cindy Geltz
- 17 Jim & Claudia Tracy
- 19 Ed & Linda Follmer
- 19 Gary & Ruth Linse
- 19 Donna & Dennis Scharf
- 22 Carl & Elaine Ehmann
- 22 Patrick & Alex Hill
- 23 Jim & Ruth Dishop
- 23 Bill & Julia Manning
- 26 Sebastian & Patricia Nye-Schmitz
- 28 Stan & Martie Young



Shara Osiro serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Kenya. As the regional shared ministries manager, she supports ministry programs and services that extend across multiple countries and personnel in the region. In collaboration with the region's leadership team, she helps to develop strategic program and project plans for the included ministries, and then she regularly reviews and revises those plans.

Shara was born in St. Vincent, in the West Indies, and graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in biology. Her home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Shara has previously served on short-term mission trips to Uganda, Rwanda, Mexico and Peru. She also served with the LCMS for two years in South Africa. She enjoys going to the movies, reading, traveling and working with kids. Her husband, Michael, is Kenyan and works as a software engineer.

Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Africa. Pray that God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local people.

Ask God to help them be strong Christian witnesses to many people and to keep them in good health so that they may serve to their fullest capacity. Let us thank God that Shara and Michael are serving His children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Shara – Feb. 4, Michael – March 28

ANNIVERSARY: Feb. 11

HOME DISTRICT: Pacific Southwest



## Tune in for good Lutheran music and Bible programming.

KFUO (850 kHz) is a non-commercial AM radio station licensed to Clayton, Missouri and serving Greater St. Louis. It has a Christian talk and teaching radio format. KFUO is one of the oldest continuous operating Christian radio stations in the United States, with its first broadcast on October 26, 1924 (1924-10-26). Owned and operated by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), its radio studios ...

You can connect online at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org)

## June 2023 Newsletter Article

Sam attended college 44 years ago. This year, he finally retired. His work as an engineer consumed his life. To be responsible, Sam maximized amounts he could place in his 401(k) and managed to create other investments as well. Yet, because of his busyness, Sam never really thought much about using those gifts of God. His focus was on working and saving.

Yet now, in retirement, for the first time in a long time, Sam's mind is not consumed by work. He was out for a walk on a trail near his home in the middle of the afternoon enjoying the spring day. His mind trailed off to ponder what a plan for faithfully using God's financial gifts would look like. He was never married, without heirs, and inheritance was not a priority. Suddenly, retirement showed the opportunity laid out in front of him to plan for current and future support of his favorite ministries, like his home congregation. Yet he really didn't know where to start.

He decided to call his LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor whom he just met this past Sunday after worship over a cup of coffee.

God has a habit of surprising us with more gifts than we could ever imagine we would steward for His glory. It shouldn't surprise us. St. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9, *"You will be enriched in every way to be genuine in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."*

Is it time for you to ponder the faithful works for which God has been preparing you since before time? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or [tony.hunt@lfnd.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfnd.org)