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Psalm 118:17 "I shall not die, but I shall live!"

October 2023 Newsletter



Dear Family of God at Grace,

Grace, mercy and peace are yours in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

October is Reformation month. We celebrate that restoration of the Gospel in its truth and purity.

We celebrate:

- That Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was born in the flesh.
- That He lived the life without sin that we cannot.
- That He took our sin into His flesh and died our death upon the cross.
- That on the third day He rose again and then ascended into heaven where He stands for us as our own high priest before the Father.
- That by God's grace, through faith in Jesus, we have all that Jesus won for us, freely, without any merit or worthiness in ourselves.

This pure Gospel is free! Forgiveness before God is free in Christ Jesus! We earn nothing, Jesus, earned it all and in Him all is now ours! There is no buying forgiveness. There is no "buy your way out of purgatory", for two reasons.

- First: Forgiveness is not something we pay for: it's something Jesus paid for and then freely gives to us.
- Second, because there is no purgatory, just heaven and hell, there is no buying our way into heaven. Because Jesus paid the price for us in full, no late fees or tips are required. There is no extra amount that Jesus forgot to pay. There is no more to cover. We do not believe that Jesus did His part and now we must

do ours. The only thing left for us is to believe in Jesus and even in that God does the work!

The door is open for you to enter the mansion prepared for you by your Savior alone, so walk on in!

Psalm 118:17 "I shall not die, but I shall live" (our theme verse for this year) is true because of Christ Jesus and His sweet Gospel! Having that Gospel restored, what do we do with it? Often, when Jesus healed someone, He would tell them **not** to tell anyone about what He had done for them because His hour had not yet come. After telling those involved in the miracle not to tell people, what did they do? They ran out and told everyone! They couldn't keep their yappers shut!

Jesus has performed a miracle with you. In the waters of your Baptism, He covered you with all His saving gifts: forgiveness, life, and salvation are all yours in your Baptism. Jesus raised you from the dead and gave you His life. He washed you clean and gave you His robe of righteousness. The flood gates have opened wide the gates of heaven—all for you! What is our response? Often it is, "Let's not tell a soul." Jesus never said to you, "Don't tell anyone." Jesus' hour has already come. Now there is no reason to keep that good news a secret. Now is the time to tell the world, or at least tell someone, *anyone!*

Now you may say, "Pastor, I don't know what to say to people. I'm no evangelist. Isn't that your job?" Well, yes, it is my job to tell people about Jesus, but I'm only one person. I can help you so that you can feel comfortable talking about Jesus to others. If we have a whole congregation of people telling others about Jesus, we can certainly reach more people in our community than if it's only me. (see Ephesians 4:11-12)

Now I know that many of you already tell people about Jesus and share your faith. Thanks be to God for that. What I'd like to do is help more of you feel more confident in sharing your faith. To make this possible I'd like to start a new class that will help equip you to be a witness.

Our Synod has developed a program called "Everyone His Witness." We scratched the surface of this program last year in the Sunday Bible Class. It uses something called the LASSIE method. That's an acrostic for Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage. It's a simple model to help you witness about Jesus to people you meet in everyday life. The goal here is not to make new members of Grace Lutheran, although we hope that happens; the goal is to share the true and pure Gospel of Jesus with those who may have never heard it before so that they can know Jesus and have the gifts that only He gives. We want as many people as possible to know Jesus the way we know Jesus!



Go Live Your Faith

Our Church Council and Evangelism Committee want to challenge and encourage all of you to be more proactive in sharing Jesus with our community. This is a start in that

direction. I want to help put the tools in your tool bag to tell people about Jesus. Our calling is to have conversations; it's the Spirit's job to use the Gospel shared in those conversations to convert and change hearts and souls.

I'd like to start these classes on the first Saturday of October, which is the 7th, from 8-10AM. Classes will continue on the first Saturday of every month at 8AM. Join in whenever you are able. Come and learn some tools in sharing the good news of Jesus with your neighbor! These classes are for everyone at Grace. All ages are welcome! We pray that we will see you on Saturday, October 7th.

What else is going on at Grace this month?

Oktoberfest: Sunday, October 15th, 4-7PM.

The church will provide Brats/hotdogs/beverages and tableware. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Fun and games will be had by all. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful annual event!

Dale Steffen's funeral is Monday October 9th, at 1PM. Food and fellowship will follow. Dale was a dear brother and friend to our congregation; he will be missed by all.

I want to thank everyone who planned and participated in Andrew and Nicole's baby shower. What a wonderful event! We are very excited for Penelope's grand entrance into this world and our lives.

There are many wonderful events happening this month so check your Sunday bulletin or call the church office to plan your schedule.

In His Service,
Pastor Lingsch



GIVE ONLINE!! at our website: www.graceofnaples.com. The **GIVE** button can be accessed from your mobile device or from your laptop or desktop on the church's home page. Just click on the button **GIVE** and follow the instructions. **Please keep the email that you receive from Vanco (Joyful Response) for your personal records. Contributions made through the website will not appear on your year-end contribution statement.**
A 2.9% processing fee is applied to each transaction. The giver is responsible for this fee.

Giving to Pelican Lutheran Church

Donations for Pelican Lutheran Church need to be handled a little differently now, as they now have their own bank account and bookkeeping system. We will no longer process donations made out to Grace Lutheran and designated for Pelican. You can make out a separate check to Pelican and include it in your Grace envelope, or you can mail your donation directly to

**Pelican Lutheran Church
5800 Golden Gate Pkwy.
Naples, FL 34116**



For anyone interested in becoming an usher, there will be Usher training in the narthex on Sunday, October 8th at 9:30AM. If anyone has any questions they can contact patrickj.perri@gmail.com





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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will resume October 3th and 17th.



October 2nd: Deadline to sign up for the **FLGA YOUTH WEEKEND** with DCE Kami Jo.

October 4th: **First Communion Class Starts and will run for 8 weeks from 5-5:30pm.** 1st Communion Classes are for pre-Confirmation aged children, usually third grade or higher. **Contact Pastor Lingsch or DCE Kami Jo for more information.** We ask at least one Parent to attend the class with their student.



October 22nd : Youth Night, 5-7pm

October 27th : Trunk or Treat at Grace, 6pm. **ALL AGES** are invited to join in this fun event. Come early to park your car, decorate your trunk and pass out goodies to our preschool and church children as they walk around to each car in their Halloween outfits!



Operation Christmas Child

How it works:

Take a box from the display and fill it this week!

Fill the box for either a boy or a girl.

Acceptable items can include: toothbrush, crayons, markers, coloring book, stuffed animal, hairbrush, comb, wash cloth, hair bands, sunglasses, ball, pencils, notebook, water bottle, socks, flip flops, stickers, Bible, religious story book, Disney figures, t-shirt, etc. These are just a few suggestions. Remember each child only receives 1 box in their lifetime. Operation Christmas Child only goes to a place every 15 years.

Return to the church for delivery in November.

Pickle Ball



Do you play pickle ball? We would like to start a pickle ball group to have some tournaments or to simply set up some fun games for fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can email lorilingsch@yahoo.com

LWML at Grace Lutheran Church

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

October 2023



Fall Luncheon

Be watching for information about our fall luncheon.
Date, time, and place to be announced soon!



Fall Rally at Faith Lutheran Church

October 28, 2023

The cost is \$7.00 with Gifts of the Heart going to Grace Place in Naples.

Registration money should be given to Carol Borchelt



November's meeting scheduled for November 4th will be moved to November 11th with a special Veteran's Day Luncheon.

Don't forget to turn in your MITE Box!



Pottery Making Event
Sunday, November 8, at 12:00 Noon
Cone 06 Pottery Painting Studio
3369 Pine Ridge Rd #101
Come and pick your fall pottery to paint.



Sign up by Oct. 3rd

Cost varies depending on what you decide to paint.
Open to all ages.

Grace Lutheran Preschool Wish List 2023-2024



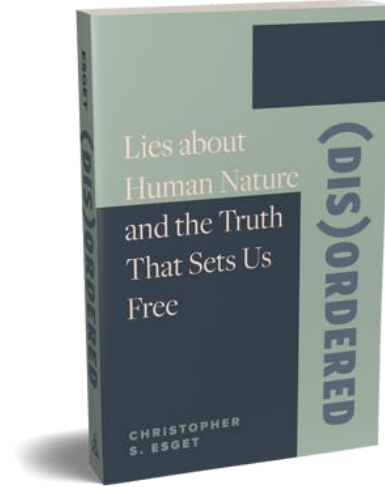
OCTOBER	Play Dough	FEBRUARY	Jiggle (Googly) Eyes
NOVEMBER	Foam Stickers	MARCH	Pompoms of all sizes
DECEMBER	Large Beads for small hands	APRIL	Sidewalk Chalk
JANUARY	Kid-sized paint brushes	MAY	Buttons

Our Preschool program benefits so much from the generous donations given to us by our church family! We are so thankful for everything you do for the children!

First Wednesdays of the Month

Please join us for a new **Book Club** starting on November 1st at 4:00 pm before Wednesday night dinner and worship. The first book is written by Pastor Christopher S. Esget. Please order it on CPH.org or Amazon and read the introduction before the first meeting.

NEW BOOK CLUB STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST



THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Grants 2023

It's that time of year again for the Endowment Committee to solicit from the congregation members grant proposals for funds to be distributed from the general endowment fund.

Depending on the returns in the next few months, around \$40,000 should be available for grants. The past couple of years a number of missions, church projects and scholarships have been supported through use of these funds, and we look forward to having some excellent proposals again this year. **Grant application forms are available in the church office and need to be returned to the endowment committee box in the church office by October 15, 2023.**

The criteria the committee will use in evaluating the proposal follows:

- Grant proposal must be submitted by a member of Grace Lutheran Church.
- Grant should not cover yearly congregation budget items.
- Grant should fit with congregation vision and mission statements; with primary emphasis on the spreading of the Gospel.
- Priority will be given to the (1) congregation (2) circuit (3) district and (4) synod, in that order.
- Scholarships should go to students going into full-time church work.

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.





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.



Use the link below to access the signup website.

Go here to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-October#/>

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are always looking for people to setup or cleanup Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you want more information, please email Lori at lorilingsch@yahoo.com



- 1 Chris Mogelvang
- 2 Harriet Manning
- 2 Caden McKimm
- 2 Brielle Strackbein
- 5 Louis Ouillette
- 6 Judy Elliott
- 6 Caroline Savoretti
- 9 Nancy Jones
- 9 Phil Wehmeyer
- 10 Marina Greul
- 11 Julie Gomez

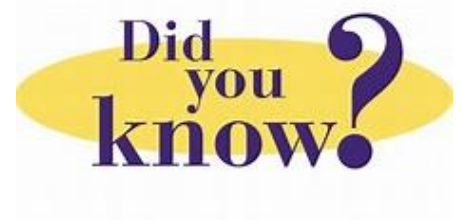
- 11 Kathy Ledingham
- 14 Linda Nobili
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- 15 Corban Mogelvang
- 16 Linda Lambertsen
- 17 Mallie Logan
- 19 Lisa Brackman
- 20 Tomas Ruzicka
- 20 Annalisa Savoretti
- 21 Scot Gonder
- 26 Kitty Grund
- 27 Ginny Bonnough
- 27 Austin Gomez
- 29 Mauro Nobili
- 30 Joan Sagle



- 1 William & Sharon Schoen
- 2 Edward & Mary Horn
- 11 Tom & Barbara Dalton
- 18 Harry & Judy Laskey
- 20 Debbie & Tom Meyer
- 26 Donald & Nancy Hartman
- 27 Leonard & Barbara Walter

• **There is a new Pictorial Directory coming to your mailbox at church! Still working on it!**

- You can choose to be a full member or an Associate member of our church. This is especially nice for winter visitors who would like to feel that they are a part of our church family. Associate Members have voting rights for the business of the church.
- If you have recently joined our church, you might want to request a copy of the church's Constitution and Bylaws. These documents are filled with a wealth of information about the church and its governance. You will find descriptions of Boards and procedures for dealing with many situations in the church. Call or email the Church Office to request a copy and a PDF file can be forwarded to you.
- Our services are livestreamed each Sunday at 8:00 am, but you can watch them any time that is convenient for you. View our Livestream on YouTube, which can be accessed from our website.
- The bulletins are posted weekly on our website so you can follow along when you are watching the livestream. Go to the website at graceofnaples.com and click on Bulletins.
- There may be people in our congregation who could use an occasional ride to church. Are you available or would you be interested in pairing up with someone who could provide a ride? Call the church office to let us know if you would like to connect with someone!





A note from Habitat

From the beginning, the local faith community has always been an important part of the work of Habitat for Humanity. Our thanks to Pastor Keith Lingsch and [Grace of Naples Lutheran Church and Preschool](#) for presenting us with a generous donation that will help build homes and hope in our community!

Future Lutheran Build Dates are October 21st, January 20th, and March 9th

Welcome to the 2023, 29th annual UNDY SUNDAY campaign!



Thanks to your generous donations, **thousands of needy elementary school students within Collier County can receive an ample supply of underwear and socks. There are 3 ways to support our needy children:**

There will be **collection containers** marked “Undy Sunday” **at the church exits**, for 2 on-site collection weekends in October (10/21-22 and 10/28-29). We ask you to please bring new and unused underwear and socks in sizes Small, Medium, and Large for children ages 5 -14.

The Undy Sunday team has an **Amazon Charity Wish List** where you can find our current socks and undies needs! [Amazon.com](#)

You can make a **monetary donation using our secure online donor portal:** to [Give To Undy Sunday - Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice \(catholiccharitiesdov.org\)](#).




All monetary donations will be used to purchase underwear and socks for the needy children.

Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact:

or call/email our staff: Allegra (239-793-0059) or Esmeralda(239-455-2458) at: allegra.belliard@catholiccharitiesdov.org; esmeralda.alvarado@catholiccharitiesdov.org

Thank you for your continued support!

Weekly Events

 <p>Cool Moms Bible Study— Tuesdays 9:00 am Contact Kami Jo</p> <p>Adult Bible Study-- Wednesdays Resumes October 3 10:30 am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Women's Bible Study— Thursdays 10:00 am Contact Kami Jo</p>	<p>Wednesday Dinner and Prayer Service Resumes October 4 @ 5:15 pm</p> <p>Men of Grace— Tuesdays 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 pm Resumes October 3</p> <p>Grief Share Thursdays, 1:00 pm Will Resume in the Fall</p> <p>Quilters— Tuesday's, 10:00 am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Knitters--Tuesdays, 10:00 am Will Resume in the Fall</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>Choristers Wednesday, 4:15 pm</p>  <p>Grace Chorale Wednesday, 7:00 pm</p>  <p>Grace AMR Ringers Thursday, 6:00 pm</p>
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Missionary of the Month - Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus



The Rev. Dr. David and Jennifer Preus serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eurasia, based in Romania. In this role, David serves as a professor with the Livonian Lutheran Project, where he provides theological education to future pastors of the Eurasia region. He also serves as an assistant pastor, recruiter and mentor to new and upcoming pastors in the lower Balkan and Mediterranean subregion. In this capacity, David helps to establish a network of communication and strengthen the brotherhood among pastors of the region,

including in Brasov and Bucharest, Romania; Sofia, Bulgari; Salonica (Thessaloniki), Greece; Padua and Rome, Italy; Spain; and Portugal.

David was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before taking a call to the mission field, David served as a pastor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont. (2011–2015).

Jennifer was born in Lake Forest, Ill. She earned a bachelor's degree from Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn., and a master's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato. David and Jennifer have eight beautiful children – Hans, Rebekah, Rolf, Lena, Søren, Leif, Andreas and Lars – who are with them on the mission field.

• Birthdays:

- David - Feb. 4
- Lars - Feb. 14
- Leif - March 7
- Søren - July 1
- Jennifer - July 22
- Andreas - July 25
- Lena - Aug. 13
- Rebekah - Sept. 30
- Hans - Nov. 6
- Rolf - Dec. 17

• Wedding Anniversary: Sept. 27

• Home District: Montana

Tune in for good Lutheran music and Bible teaching.

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Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment.



Bev and Frank were sitting on their porch one evening reflecting on the events of their lives. Since marriage, they had lived in five different cities, as jobs had led them. Children's school events had once captured their lives. Now their local pickleball tournaments take up much of their time. They smiled and cried together as they reflected on life's events. But then Frank said, "Life just feels disjointed. With all the twists and turns, what was the purpose?" Bev responded, "Do you remember that verse from Bible study the other night? I think it was Colossians 3:17. Pastor made us memorize it. 'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' I'm pretty sure that's the point, don't you?" "You are right," Frank said. "Do you think our estate plans reflect that confidence or should we call the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor who spoke at Church last week?" Bev replied, "Let's call. I want to celebrate Jesus in all our life stages."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you too. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or email tony.hunt@lfnd.org.