



**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## **GRACE NEWS 772-871-6599**

**Grace Lutheran Church  
555 SW Cashmere Blvd,  
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34986**

Bible Study 8:45 AM, Worship Service 10:00 AM

Visit our Church Website:

[www.gracelutheranpsl.com](http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com)

**Our Vision: We strive to be a congregation of disciples who are 'Growing Passion for Jesus' 'Building Community for All', and 'Impacting the Lives of our Neighbors.'.**



The picture is a picture of the Choulteca Bridge in Honduras. The bridge was engineered to withstand a category 5 hurricane. In 1998, Hurricane Mitch slammed into Honduras and the engineering proved correct. The bridge still stood. But, do you notice a problem with the picture above? Hurricane Mitch was so forceful the river moved! The bridge was perfectly built, but

the landscape changed and now the bridge isn't serving the purpose it was established.

I first heard this illustration at a Pastor's conference a few years ago relating to our world around us. The river moved. Our culture has changed dramatically. According to Pew Research and Barna Group, organizations that study the influence of religion in America there are some startling statistics about the church's decline in attendance. Today, less than 20% of American regularly attends church. 85% of churches are declining or plateauing. By 2050, the percentage of the US population attending church will be ½ of what it was in 1990. You can probably even think of some people who are close to you who don't know Jesus and have no desire to, perhaps even people that you helped bring up in the church. This is tough to think about, but the river has moved. It can be a scary thought.

But, there is good news, Jesus is still Lord! He is still the head of His Church! One of my favorite bible verses deals with Jesus and Zacchaeus. Jesus goes out of his way to find Zacchaeus, a notorious sinner outside of the people of God. He stays at his house and leads Zacchaeus to follow Him. And at the end of this encounter, Jesus says "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10) Seeking and saving the lost, this is what Jesus does! He uses us to be part of this. As the river has moved around us, he will use His Church to cross it. So what does that mean? He uses us to build upon the foundation laid out in Scripture to be a part of his plan to seek and to save those around us. This is what we'll be focusing on. Where is Jesus leading us? How is He going to use you at Grace Lutheran Church to follow him to build upon our bridge to reach people!

I know that He has great things in store for us. As we keep looking back to His Word for direction, he will shape us to truly seek and save the lost. I look forward to working with you on this journey!

God's Peace,

Cris Escher

Pastor: Grace Lutheran PSL

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If you love to worship our Lord, you are needed by Grace Lutheran Worship team . We are going to begin meeting mornings in hopes of adding a few new people to our group.

Our purpose is two fold to help and support the congregation when new hymns are sung and to sing during services as a choir.

I hope to speak for the current members when I say we also have a lot of fun.

Please prayerfully consider joining us on **September 9, 23, 30 and beyond.** We will meet at 10:30a.m. for a hour. If possible please let us know if your interested by calling or

texting me at **402-850-1978**; my email is [cindylynch817@yahoo.com](mailto:cindylynch817@yahoo.com).

A call to the church office will also work. Hope to see you September 9!



## A BIT OF HUMOR

### URGENT!!!!

Please boycott and do not use the U.S. \$1.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, & \$100.00 bills, as they depict slave owners on them.

Please send them to me, and I will see to it that they are disposed of properly

Thank you very much !!



Dear Grace Family

Through out the month of October , as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation , let us look beyond the walls of Grace Lutheran Church and see how we can partner in what Jesus and His followers are doing to help strengthen our brother and sisters outside our walls.

I would like to challenge us as an congregation to tally up at least 500 community service hours throught out the month of October. We will coordinater and advertise a wide variety of service projects and ways to help out neighbors in the coming weeks. If any of you have connections or leads of how to serve others in October please let pastor Cris know.



## One-night Movie Event

Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the new Martin Luther film at:

**Regal Cinemas Treasure Coast Mall on October 19 at 6:30pm**

This special screening is the perfect outreach opportunity... a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an event in a community setting. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is in the theater on the night of our church's special event.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

**IMPORTANT:** All tickets (\$12 each) must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

<https://new.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-ivev>



# from the pen of our President: to the members of GRACE....



We wish to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving us a church family willing to step up and think big to help Grace fulfill our Mission, "...to participate with God in the discipleship making progress of reaching out, baptizing and strengthening people into a growing and passionate relationship with Jesus Christ." Fulfilling this Mission takes a great deal of effort. I want to thank everyone for their generosity in donating their time to support Grace. Also thanks to those who made donations to support families in our community that are in need.

**It's that time of the year. Grace is looking for volunteers for our 2018 committees. We have needs on the Finance Committee, Elder Committee and Board of Directors. If you have an interest, please pray about serving God and Grace and send me an email indicating where your interest are.**

**The next regular BOD meeting is September 12, 2017. We will schedule a special meeting if needed or resolve the issue via email.**

**The next regular Voters meeting is September 17, 2017.**

If you would like to help in any way, please talk to any of the Board of Directors or come to our **next BOD meeting** at Grace and present your ideas. You can also send me an email or give me a written note. Verbal requests usually won't work because I probably will forget or won't present your idea as you intend. Working together with Christ at our side, we can fulfill our Mission and move forward under the hopes of our Vision. *All you need to do now is ask yourself 'how can I actively participate in our Grace family?'*

Your BOD President, Ed Watts



**CareNet Banquet is Thursday, September 14, 2017  
or Friday, September 15, 2017**

**Arrive between 6:15-6:45.**

**Program and dinner at 7:00 pm.**

**Food choice is chicken or pasta**

**PSL Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, PSL 34952.**

**Jacket requested.**

**Please call Judy 772-237-2626 for any last-minute reservations.  
Deadline is September 1, but call and we'll try to accommodate  
everyone.**



**2017 Treasure Coast Christian Men's  
Event will be held  
Saturday, October 7 at St. Bernadette  
Catholic Church,  
350 NW California Blvd, Port St Lucie**

**Optional "Full breakfast" (free-will offering) begins at 8:00.**

**The program is scheduled from 9:00 - 11:00**

**Theme - "Who is my neighbor"**

**based on Luke 10: 25-37**

**The program opens with Guest Speaker, Tommy Neiman,  
SLC Fire Fighter, Retired**

**Please inform your church coordinator, ("coordinator's contact in-  
formation") no later than Wednesday, September 20 to register;  
please include if you will be arriving for breakfast.**

**Panel discussion - panelists:**

**Dr. David Thompson, Chaplain SLC Sheriff's Dept. - SLC Jail**

**Rev. David Dangerfield , St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Dr. Earl Hendricks, Family of Faith Worship Center**

**Father Victor Ulto, St. Bernadette Catholic Church**

**Closing Guest Speaker,  
Rev. Pastor Vito Bitetto,  
Good Samaritan Ministries**



Our MOPS Mom's will be working on the Christmas Child Project Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 9:15-11:15 am, at Church.

Please call me if you plan to join us  
772-237- 2626.

**We will be packing the Samaritan's Purse project "Christmas Child Shoebox" early this year.**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 1-3 pm at Grace.**

Christmas Shoebox items still needed: mild soap(Ivory), toothbrushes, nail clippers, washcloths, combs, calculators, pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, small cars, small toy, small dolls and stuffed animals, kazoos, jump ropes, etch-a-sketch, slinky, yo-yos, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hairclips, watches, games.

PERSONAL NOTES: a few words to tell this child about yourself and that you care. The cost to ship each box is \$9.00. Cash or checks should be designated for

Please call me if you plan to join us 772-237- 2626.



## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Assistants</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Head Usher</b>
<b>3</b>	Phil Fredrich	Diane Heinz	Chuck & Janice Kamrath	Rod Kerstner
<b>10</b>	Kevin Garbers	Judy Fredrich	Phil Weaver	Jan Lendak
<b>17</b>	Ed Bock	Coli Escher	Chuck & Janice Kamrath	<b>Judy D'Argenzio</b>
<b>24</b>	David Vik		Phil Weaver	Gene Liagre



Our family-friendly, non-competitive game night is such fun and enjoyable by all!

Join in on the **Second Friday of each month, any time after 6:00 pm.**

Bring a snack to share if you'd like. We have games available, but anyone is welcome to bring something new to try. This is an easy way to envelop friends, family, and neighbors in Christian community as well.

Questions contact the church or

[coliescher@gmail.com](mailto:coliescher@gmail.com).



**Worship Assistants, Greeters, Readers and Ushers etc.** If you are unable to serve on the day that you are listed on the schedule above, please call & leave a message in the church office **772-871-6599**. Your birthdays and anniversaries are important, so if yours does not appear on the list or is not correct contact the Church office,

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September 21-23  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Hey there Leader Friend,

We know you're busy planning, promoting and Pinteresting for a brand new MOPS year – fresh faces, a new theme and the wonder of new possibilities. It's no doubt that it's one of our favorite times of the year, too! In the midst of this excitement, we have something else for you and your group to look forward to – [MOMcon!](#)

[MOMcon](#) is the perfect way for you and your group to fill your souls with inspiration for the year ahead. It's a weekend like no other – alongside 3,000 new mom friends, you hear from world-renowned speakers, worship, and dig deep into topics that matter most to you as a mom and woman.

Rally your group, pack your bags and meet us in Kansas City, MO for [MOMcon 2017](#) – we'll be saving you a seat!

XOXO,  
MOPS



**LWML – Our first meeting will be the SECOND Monday in September, due to Labor Day weekend. We are planning an “Expand Your Horizons” Tea on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the church fellowship hall. See our invitation in this newsletter, page 11**



## Adult Lip Reading Classes Available

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Lip Reading – if you would be interested in having a two day (Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Monday) Lip Reading 101 class session scheduled at our church, please contact

**Cheryl Nolte, Fort Pierce Lions Club Hearing Chair**

[www.speechreader1@gmail.com](mailto:www.speechreader1@gmail.com) or (772) 468-0123

### Bible Study Opportunities



Friends of Jesus Group  
Meets **every other Thursday**—  
7:00 PM Contact: Jon Albright  
772-240-8700

Via De Christo Alumni Group  
Meets **Mondays - 6:30 PM**  
Contact: Ed Bock - (772) 879-7057

**Sunday Evening Bible Study with Coli  
Meeting @ 1246 SW Marmore Avenue  
PSL, FL 772-873-2780  
(Home of Leigh Liagre)**

**Thursdays @11:00am  
Seeing & Hearing the Scripture  
read at Grace**

**Perkins Restaurant**  
US 1 & Walton Road  
Thursday morning 7 AM  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**The Study of Revelation, Tuesday @ 11:00 AM at Grace**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1	Roy Brewer
1	Joelle Swanson
5	Norm Timinski
5	Eleanor Weaver
6	Dena Davey
7	Gerald Davis
7	Barbara Young
14	Bob Miller

15	Melissa Bailey
20	Courtney Becker
20	Steve Glish
26	Alexis Blizzard
28	Betty Bareither
29	Bill Strauss
30	Karen Albano
30	Augustyn Arbuzow



8	Ed & Barbara Bock
13	Mark & Dena Davey
17	Norm & Marge Neuberger

**Ladies:**



**Tea or coffee and lunch provided.**

**“Expand Your Horizons”  
LWML Tea – for all the women  
of  
Grace Lutheran Church**

**When: Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

**Where: In the Fellowship Hall**

**RSVP: By Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, to  
Judy Fredrich, our LWML VP,  
(772) 237-2626 or  
cell (561) 315-9555**

Join us as we get to know one another better, making this a social event for our ladies.

We will also start our new meeting year off with a reminder of the LWML mission and our legacy, share any 9/11 memories and of course, include prayer and reflect on:

Revelation 21:4: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”

Through faith in our loving Savior, we have the hope of eternal life.



## "GRACE" Adopt-A-Mile Volunteers !

**NO PICKUP IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

The Adopt-A-Mile project will meet at the corner of Cashmere and Torino

**SEPTEMBER 12 at 8:30 AM,**

Questions Judy Fredrich 772-237-2626

**Many hands make the work fast and fun, plus you get a little EXERCISE.**

## *Grace Lutheran Church Board of Directors*

President: Ed Watts (412-913-7974) edwatts@bellsouth.net

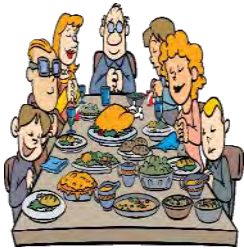
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## Sunday Coffee Fellowship



**Following worship we invite you to join us for some delicious goodies & great fellowship!**  
If you are bringing something to share, call Jan and let her know what you're bringing.

**772-343-7183 or e-mail jansquare2@att.net**

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# GRACE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Opportunities to serve GOD are available at Grace Lutheran & **"THEY NEED YOU!"**

Board Of Directors Ed Watts @ 807-4079	BROWNIES Jessica Parish. @ 215-5199	Adopt-a-Mile - Judy Fredrich @ 561-315-9555
Trustees— Phil Fredrich @ 237-2626	MOPS Contact - Danielle Ryle @ 954-205-8124	Fellowship - Jan L. Lendak @ 343-7183
Treasure Coast Mission Coalition @ Gayle Whitlach @ 661-873-5819	LWML— Cheryl Nolte @ 772-468- 0123	Small Group Studies Contacts (page 4)
	Sarah's Kitchen - Piper Neagles @ 468-2190	Readers/Greeters/Ushers and Worship Assistants: Patty Williams @ 871-6599 and Phil Fredrich @ 237-2626
Altar Guild @ Joyce Dare @ 335-3863	CareNet—Sue Chess @ 772-871- 2211	
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