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Serving at Grace

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A Message from Pastor Carstens:

Dear Family of GRACE:

At this writing, I am humbled to say thank you for permitting Linda and me the opportunity to have worked with and served as your pastor for the past 16 months. It’s been quite a “trip” right? I pray that UNITY IN JE-SUS be our perpetual goal and that which we’ve all worked so hard for will continue to be blessed in 2019. As a congregation of friends in Christ, you’ve come far. Our prayer for you is for your community happiness and success together in our Savior’s work.

Linda and I sincerely wanted to take one last opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU for keeping us in your prayers during our time of service at GRACE. We’ve come a long way, but there’s still so much that lies before you as you await the new under-shepherd who will join you soon. Together you will work with him to experience new and exciting things at GRACE. The BEST is ahead for all of you. All of you --- the BLL, the Elders, the musicians, Amazing Grace Preschool, the Body of Christ in this place called GRACE --- will need to “step-up” your efforts of good stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure as you await your new pastor.. You will NEVER BE ALONE in your concerns, for Jesus is always with you.

To that end, let UNITY OF SPIRIT & COMMITMENT to our Lord Jesus Christ and His mission be your guide. Encourage one another. Seek to heal when needed. Pray fervently for each other and for this congregation. Pray for the work of your Call Committee and the new pastor which God has already chosen for GRACE, our Circuit Visitor, our District President and our beloved Synod.

Linda and I will be off on new adventures too in 2019. It’s our hope to put a Caribbean cruise together in January and start plans for a long anticipated trip to Alaska in our truck camper this Summer. Of course there are plans to see our children and grandchildren and visit family too. The possibilities are amazing and it’s an exciting time for us as 2019 begins. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we travel. If you’d like to follow our antics on Facebook, we’re there! Linda = LindaGary Carstens and I’m = GaryLinda Carstens.

We have not sold our Pensacola house yet and I have some VA things to do here too. Therefore, like the “proverbial bad penny,” it’s our hope that when we’re in town, that we’ll have opportunity to see each other in worship again.

For everyone who remembered us with so many kind and wonderful Christmas cards, gifts, lunches and dinners --- THANK YOU!

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us REJOICE and be glad in it!”

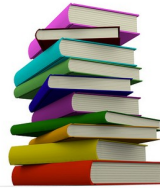
GRACE NEWS & NOTES

Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Saturday, January 12 at 8:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a good, hot cup of coffee, breakfast, and fellowship with the men at Grace.

Youth Book Store



Have you checked out the youth used book store in the welcome center? We have books for everyone at great prices!

Do you have books that you can donate to the youth group? Please drop them by the office.

We appreciate your support. All proceeds from the book store go to help fund the youth group trip to National Youth Gathering 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota next summer!

Book Club



Book Club

The book club will meet on Monday, January 28th at 10:00a.m. in the office conference room. The reading selection for January is **The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach** by Pan Jenoff.

LWML Mites:

The year to date total collected for LWML mites is 201.00. Thank you to everyone who has given their mites! Please save your small change (MITES) and place them in the little wooden church building that sits on the counter in the Welcome Center. Thank You!



BLL:

The Board of Lay Leaders will meet on Tuesday, January 15th. You can contact your BLL by email:

bll@gracepensacola.org



Backpack Ministry:

Thanks to all of you that donated funds, food and Thrivent action team gift cards that allowed us to deliver 12 food baskets and hams to Holm elementary school. Also heartfelt gratitude to those that shopped, packed, wrapped and delivered the baskets. All of the families were grateful and many hugs were exchanged. One of the families that we helped had fond memories of attending Grace in the past and hopes to make it back in the future. The weekly deliveries to Holm will resume Thursday January 10th.



OWLS: The January OWLS lunch and program will be January 9th at 11:30 am. January seems to have people looking at their health. This year we decided to have Brenda Clemons from Emerald Coast Hospice come to talk to us about a difficult subject, Alzheimer's/dementia. Have your questions ready. Our luncheon for this month is going to be soup & salad. Please bring a soup, salad, or a dessert. Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th.



Growing in Grace...
Children's & Adults Classes
9:00a.m. Sundays
Contact Allison Daseler

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Dec. 31 Open 9:00a.m.—2:00p.m.

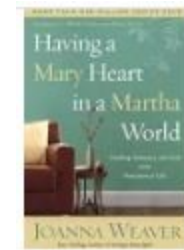
Tuesday, Jan. 1 Closed

Wednesday, January 2 Normal Hours 9:00a.m.—2:00p.m. Resume



Wednesday Women's Bible Study:

The Wednesday night Women's Bible Study will begin a new study, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* on Wednesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. in the large conference room in the office section.



Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, provides a thoughtful, personal, practical and encouraging look at contrasting sisters of the Bible - Mary and Martha, the friends of Jesus - to gently show readers how they can deepen their devotion, strengthen their service, and experience less stress and greater joy. In this ten-session study we are extended the same invitation that Jesus gave to these sisters of Bethany: Come to Me. We would love to have you join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for study and fellowship. If you would like to order the study book or want more information see Harriet McClung, hrmclung@gmail.com or call 221-4765.

Greetings from Your Elders:

We would like to welcome Pastor Paul Wargo to Grace as he kindly has agreed to preach on Sundays through April. He and his wife, Judy, have attended Grace while down here for the winter months. You likely have seen or met the Wargo's at worship services. Your Elders have worked diligently and continue to do so ensuring we have pulpit support throughout our pastoral vacancy. With God's help we believe this has been addressed and we are in a good position to welcome a new pastor. Pray for the success of our call committee.

The Elders will also be concentrating on ensuring each member of the congregation has an Elder assigned to them so a member can contact an Elder directly for any questions or assistance. The Elders will also continue to seek members to act as ushers during the worship services. If you would like to serve as an usher, please contact an Elder.

The current Board of Elders consists of; Bruce Dietly (Head Elder), Tim Daseler, Rob Krauss, Steve Bevans, Don Butler, Kevin Hammer, Mike Holloway, John Cocking, Lester Poppe, Lee Poppe.

If you require pastoral support or just have questions during the absence of a Pastor, please feel free to contact an Elder. You can email the elders: elders@gracepensacola.org.

From the Financial Review Committee:

Financial Status as of November 30, 2018

Beginning Operating Account Balance		\$43,485.59	Additional Funds on Hand	
November Income	\$35,369.57		Memorial Fund/Savings	\$208,889.22
November Expenses	(\$33,030.71)		New Pastor's Moving Expenses	\$21,271.15
Transfer to Moving Expenses	(\$6,500.00)		LCMS Extension Fund	\$52,249.17
Ending Operating Account Balance		\$39,324.45		\$282,409.54

The Operating Account balance of \$39,324.45 includes \$12,576.02 of designated funds. This leaves \$26,748.43 in the General Fund for the normal operation of the church. Please feel free to contact Shelley Evans at sevans1805@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns or would like further details regarding these figures.



Elder's Meeting

Monday, January 7

6:30p.m.

elders@gracepensacola.org

YOUTH NYG FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 26

Dinner 5:30p.m.

Concert 7:00p.m.

Please RSVP for dinner!

Donations appreciated to
help fund the youth trip to
2019 NYG in Minnesota this
summer!



VICKIE TRUETT

IN CONCERT



**CHOIR
PRACTICE
RESUMES
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 9TH!**

Don't Forget!!!



Amazing Grace Preschool Students will return to school the week of January 7th!



Preschool Ice Day: Wed/Thurs. January 16 & 17th (4's separate days)



Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: January 21 PreK Closed

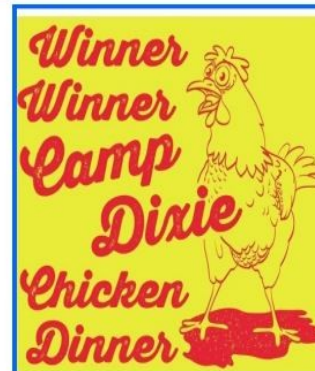


Pajama & Bear Day: Wed/Thurs. January 30 & 31 (4's separate days)

Camp Dixie 2019

Chicken Dinner Schedule

All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Dates for 2019!

January 13, 2019
February 10, 2019
March 10, 2019
April 07, 2019
May 05, 2019
June 09, 2019
September 08, 2019
October 13, 2019
November 10, 2019

Bring Your Family And Friends And Enjoy Fellowship,
And Fun, While Having Some **FANTASTIC** Fried Chicken!

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www.campdixieministries.org
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All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.
Camp Dixie is Supported By: Grace Lutheran, Mobile, AL
St. Mark's Lutheran, Elberta, AL St. Paul's Lutheran, Foley, AL
Immanuel Lutheran, and Redeemer, Lutheran, Pensacola, FL

2018-2019 Church Year Calendar Series C (12/31-4/18)

	Dec. 31	Eve of the Circ. and Name of Jesus (New Year's Eve)	Is. 30:(8-14) 15-17	Psalms 90:1-12	Rom. 8:31b-39	Luke 12:35-40
	Jan. 1	Circumcision and Name of Jesus	Num. 6:22-27	Psalms 8	Gal. 3:23-29	Luke 2:21
EPIPHANY	Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Is. 60:1-6	Psalms 72: 1-11(12-15)	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
	Jan. 13	The Baptism of Our Lord / First S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 43:1-7	Psalms 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
	Jan. 20	Second S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 62:1-5	Psalms 128	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
	Jan. 27	Third S. a. the Epiphany	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalms 19:(1-6) 7-14	1 Cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30
	Feb. 3	Fourth S. a. the Epiphany	Jer. 1:4-10 (17-19)	Psalms 71:1-6 (7-11)	1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13	Luke 4:31-44

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	1 st READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
	Feb. 10	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalms 138	1 Cor. 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
	Feb. 17	Sixth S. a. the Epiphany	Jer. 17:5-8	Psalms 1	1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20	Luke 6:17-26
	Feb. 24	Seventh S. a. the Epiphany	Gen. 45:3-15	Psalms 103:1-13	1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38
	Mar. 3	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Deut. 34:1-12	Psalms 99	Heb. 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36
ASH WEDNESDAY	Mar. 8	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalms 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
LENT	Mar. 10	First S. in Lent	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-13	Rom. 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
	Mar. 17	Second S. in Lent	Jer. 28:8-15	Psalms 4	Phil. 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
	Mar. 24	Third S. in Lent	Ezek. 33:7-20	Psalms 85	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
	Mar. 31	Fourth S. in Lent	Is. 12:1-6	Psalms 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
	Apr. 7	Fifth S. in Lent	Is. 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14	Luke 20:9-20
HOLY WEEK	Apr. 14	Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion	Deut. 32:36-39	Psalms 118: 19-29 or Psalms 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43
	Apr. 18	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Jer. 31:31-34 or Ex. 12:1-14	Psalms 116: 12-19	Heb. 10:15-25 or 1 Cor. 11:23-32	Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>6 Epiphany Sunday LS</i></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Svc</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Christian Yoga FH 6:30pm Elders Meeting OC 6:45pm Stephens Ministry SC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8-9:30am Organ Practices S 6pm BSF Men W/C/S 6:30pm Call Committees OC 6:30pm BILL SC *Honor Change 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice S 6pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible Study OC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies W/C/S SC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm AA CB</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p><i>13 Youth Lead</i></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Svc *Choir 11-2:00pm Camp Dine Dinner</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 Christian Yoga FH 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8-9:30am Organ Practices S 6pm BSF Men W/C/S 6:30pm Call Committees OC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice S 6pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible Study OC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies W/C/S SC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm AA CB</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8-12 Church Work Day</p>
<p><i>20 LS</i></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Svc</p>	<p>21 <i>MLK Holiday</i></p> <p>Prayer Closed 5:30 Christian Yoga FH 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8-9:30am Organ Practices S 6pm BSF Men W/C/S 6:30pm Call Committees OC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice S 6pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible Study OC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies W/C/S SC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm AA CB</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30pm Dinner & V. Truett Concert at 7:00pm</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Svc *Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Book Club OC 5:30 Christian Yoga FH 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8-9:30am Organ Practices S 6pm BSF Men W/C/S 6:30pm Call Committees OC 7pm AA CB</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice S 6pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible Study OC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies W/C/S SC 7pm AA CB</p>		

JANUARY 2018

January 2019 Servant Schedule				
SUNDAY 10:00 am	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Elders	Stephen Bevans Tim Daseler Dave Hagen Kevin Hammer	Don Butler	Mike Holloway Rob Krauss Lee Poppe Lester Poppe	Don Butler
Ushers	Stephen Bevans Richard Beverly Linda Brown Brent Chapman	Dan Dull Jody Evans Scott Fisher Bruce Flick	Kevin Hammer Dan Klug Rob Krauss Bill Mankins	John Steiger Frank Saunders Paul Miller Tyler Miller
Lay Readers	Ben Adkisson	Al Day	Gary Bunde	Jody Evans
Children's Message	N/A Communion Sunday	Allison Daseler	N/A Communion Sunday	Donna Dull
Children's Church	Celeste Scott	Harriet McClung	Marjorie Terry	Sue Miller & Shelley Evans
Greeters	Celeste Scott Barbara Richardson	Stephen Bevans Cheryl Blessing	Joy Brindley Sharon D'Ambra	Margot Steiger Betty Edge
Acolyte	Ava Chapman	Kaden Chapman	Jacob Evans	Henry Fisher
Sound	Ben Adkisson	Paige Adkisson	Joy Brindley	Ken Busarow
Nursery	Richelle Chapman	Kyle Myers Allison Daseler	Marcie Whitney	Abby West