



November Grace Notes



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Tallahassee, Florida

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FROM PASTOR JENN

It's November – and we're getting further into fall, and into that seemingly never-ending wait between Halloween and Christmas. Or, for Lutherans, the wait between Reformation Day and Christmas! Especially if you have young children (or if you're still a kid-at-heart yourself), the wait for December 25th can seem to take forever.



Luckily for us, it would seem, right smack-dab in the middle of this wait, we have another holiday to celebrate. Thanksgiving. And not, I'm not talking about "Have a Bad Day, Day" (which is a real thing, "celebrated?" on November 19th). I'm referring to Thanksgiving. Many of us have traditions – watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, or perhaps another holiday event; enjoying some afternoon football; eating wonderful food – maybe until we're stuffed full – only to come back later for the desserts! Being with the people that are most dear to us. And for some people, building up their stamina for the Black Friday Sales!

But at the heart of the day, it really is about stopping to remember all the blessings of our lives. So, however it is that you honor this day, I do hope that you have much for which you give thanks. I know that I do – and I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to some specific individuals and groups.

First, **thank you to all of you for being Grace.** We have a wonderful building. We

have a wonderful worship space. We have all the “things” we need to “do” church here. But you are what makes us a congregation. We are called to “be” church – and you answer that call, in so many ways and in so many places – not just here, or in Tallahassee, but in all you do to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, thank you.

Thank you to the Congregational Council. To those who have stepped up to serve as officers, we could not function as a church without you. Don Blancett, David Brown, Maria Eckard, and Jarret Oeltjen, you give freely and faithfully of your time and talents for the benefit of this congregation and our mission. And of course, Joy Becker, our President, is tireless in her efforts to move Grace forward in mission and ministry. Thank you all.

Thank you to our Council Committee Chairs. Your passion for this congregation and for the particular ministry program that you oversee is contagious. With your leadership, we are making a difference in our community of faith, and in the world all around us.

Thank you to all of those who helped out with the Fall Festival, Oktoberfest, and to all of you who give of your time to the various events we hold here at Grace. You are indeed welcoming and inviting all to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community. A special thank you to the Jennings family for all the work they put into the Trunk or Treat event, and to Buddy Dewar for once again delivering the “Wurst.”

Thank you to all who give time or resources to our community outreach projects: Manna on Meridian, Harbor Chase, and Relay for Life, as well as so many others. You are absolutely doing God’s work with your hands. Thank you.

Thank you to all involved in music ministry here at Grace. To Anthony and Leslie for their direction, to the Chancel and Bell Choirs for the gift of music they offer, to all our soloists and guests musicians, and for all who join in song during worship each week (and at other times, as well) thank you for helping us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Thank you to all who give the gift of hospitality here at Grace. From welcoming visitors to offering comfort to members, people always step up. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who provide funeral receptions, and even more who help with providing a meal chain when folks from Grace are in need. People help with recitals and parties, community meetings, continuing education opportunities, support groups, and other events held on site. Thank you.

Thank you to all our Christian Education teachers – whether you do your thing on Sunday morning or not! None of us can ever hear enough exactly how much God loves, or how far God was willing to go to show us that love. And none of us will ever stop needing God’s grace. Thank you.

Thank you to all who helped with the cleanup after Hurricane Michael, and to all who have supported the many natural disasters, world hunger, global mission, and other faith-based relief organizations with your time, your talent or your treasures. You are a blessing. Thank you.

There are so many people to thank – I know they are not all listed here. But my heart is full of gratitude for each and every one of you and for the ways -obvious or not – that you serve God by serving your neighbors. I thank God for you, and for your ministries here. I thank God that I have the privilege of serving among you. And I thank God for putting us all together in this place. For the making of us a family – the family of Grace, and the family of God.

You are counted among my blessings this Thanksgiving. And I pray that this time next year, we will be giving thanks in abundance.

In thanksgiving,
Pastor Jenn



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is Sunday, Nov. 4.

Each year, on All Saints Sunday, we honor the lives of all the faithful departed and name aloud those saints, dear to our congregation, who have died since the previous All Saints Sunday. You are invited to share with us the names of those who have died since November 5, 2017. You may include both members of our Grace family, and also those who are near and dear to you, even if they are not directly connected to Grace.

Please submit these names to the church office as soon as possible, and no later than Thursday, Nov. 1, so that they may be included in our bulletin and in the reading of names for All Saints Sunday. We remember their lives, honor their faithful example to us and celebrate the new life in Christ that is theirs.



Recent Events

We've had several exciting events within the past few weeks. Visit the Grace website to see pictures. We hope to see YOU at the next event!

Click each link below for more:

[*Manna on Meridian - third Saturday of each month*](#)

[*Oktoberfest - October 14*](#)

[*Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat - October 27*](#)

[*Painting with a Twist*](#)

[*Dedication of Lutheran Social Services of North Florida Better Angels Senior Housing*](#)

THE FIRST YOUTH ROOM REDECORATING DAY

is Saturday, Nov. 10.

We will meet in the Youth Room at 11:00 a.m.

All interested should contact Joe or Charlene (glcyouthleaders@yahoo.com) or 850-241-4673 and be prepared to paint. The youth are expected to attend.

Note: we are also accepting gift cards so we can purchase paint and supplies as well as some rugs and couch covers.

Words from our Music Director:

"The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison



to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud," 2 Chronicles 5:13.

As we close out the church year, I would like to thank you all for your voices, praise, and talents. Whether you participate by singing and listening in the pew, singing or ringing with the choirs, or share your talents instrumentally... you are a part of the music ministry at Grace. You are always welcome to come forward and join one of the ensembles as well. The chancel choir sings every Sunday, the hand bells ring about once a month, we have spots for soloists, and instrumentalists are always welcome. All ages are welcome and we work together in helping you learn, sing, and ring. Hand bells rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for less than an hour. You can be home by 8. And/or join us at right after that (7:30) to sing with the choir. Leslie will help you feel right at home.

Third Monday Means Men's Ministry

Want to enjoy lunch with a group of men talking about the business of the church, sports and how to better serve the Tallahassee community? We even throw in a devotion or two and tackle some hard-hitting questions involving our faith.



There's all that and more on **Monday, November 19** at the monthly Men's Ministry Meeting, beginning at **11:44 a.m.** in the Church Fellowship Hall. Pack a lunch or stop off on the way to pick something up.

It's the best choice a man can make on a Monday. See you there.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN

MANNA ON MERIDIAN is a joint ministry of congregations around Meridian Road in Tallahassee. The idea is simple: to give nutritionally balanced bags of groceries to anyone who comes to our monthly distributions. No questions to answer, no forms to fill out – just sharing the gifts that God has given us.

You can be a part of this most important ministry by donating food, monetary contributions or your time!

Grace Lutheran Church is known as the "tuna church" for Manna on Meridian as our commitment is to provide all of the tuna for the monthly distribution day. This requires **400 cans of tuna monthly!** Please place our tuna donations in the tuna basket in the Fellowship Hall. Also, monetary donations should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Manna on Meridian written on the memo line and placed in the offering basket or mailed to the church.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN DISTRIBUTION DAY is the third Saturday of each month. Thank you for volunteering to help the less fortunate. If questions, please contact Kris-Tena Albers (850-566-3635 or kris.albers@yahoo.com) or Burt Von Hoff (850-508-7793 or bkvonhoff@comcast.net).



QUILTERS GROUP

The quilting group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. For questions, please contact [Peggy Schneider](mailto:peggy.schneider@gracechurch.org) at (850) 294-2251.

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar! All are welcome.

November 1
November 15

MONDAY CRAFT DAY

Nov. 5
1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bring what you are working on. Come for an hour or for entire time.
For questions, contact Peggy Schneider at 850-294-2251.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY

Nov. 14 at 11:45 a.m.

Note the date change, due to Thanksgiving.

Please bring your lunch and join us for faithful fellowship.

For questions contact Joy Becker at joykirkbecker@gmail.com or 850-509-4002.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 12:00 p.m. Grace Members, please attend this meeting. If questions, contact church council president Joy Becker at 850-509-4002 or joykirkbecker@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Interested in joining the Fellowship Committee which plans, supervises and implements gatherings? Contact Mary Grant
609-602-0155 or grantmlcic@hotmail.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

is on the third Sunday of each month at 11:45, after the second service.

Next meeting is Nov. 18

REFRESHMENTS HOSTS NEEDED

We would like everyone to participate as refreshments hosts after our worship services. Please sign up next to the coffee urn in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Mary Grant at 609-602-0155.

Please be aware, if there is no sponsor on a given Sunday, we will only be able to offer coffee, courtesy of the Fellowship Committee

TEXTALK WITH PASTOR JENN

A discussion with Pastor Jenn takes place each Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your Bible and your copy of the bulletin from Sunday (both can be provided if need be) and let's talk about the text! Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch with you.

Hope to see you there!

Please join us!



Special Happy Birthday!

A very Happy (95th) Birthday to Frieda Hutchison.

Frieda celebrating with her son, Rodger

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School-Wide Health Screenings
W. T. Moore Elementary
Wednesday, November 28th

I know you all are busy but we are seeking at least 5 volunteers to assist with the hearing and vision screenings from 8:30am to 2:30pm, November 28th.

You will not be obligated to stay all day, however they are asking for at least an hour of your time if possible.

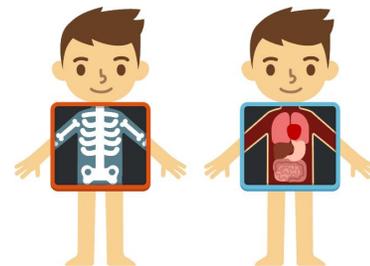
Please reply to Joy Becker (joykirkbecker@gmail.com) with your availability if you are willing to help out! You must be registered with Leon County Schools as a volunteer to participate.

Thank you all so much for all that you do for Grace Lutheran and for wanting to share your time at W. T. Moore Elementary School! You are AMAZING!

Sincerely,

Joy Becker

Link to Volunteer Registration Page for Leon County Schools:
<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>



GLC Blood Drive set for November 11

The Big Red Bus seems to appear in the



November Birthdays!

Download a printable birthday calendar [here](#).

November 2:
Lyyli Van Whittle

November 9:
Paula Slade

November 10:
Suzanne Davignon
Debby Stubing

November 11:
Linda Fish
Carla Leanillo
Ruth Pryor

November 12:
Stacey Fleming-Weeks

November 18:
Stephanie Tice

November 21:
Sallie Robinson

November 22:
Laura Brown
Buddy Dewar

November 24:
Linda Ahlquist

November 25:
Erin Farrell
Peggy Self

November 27:
Mary Grant

November 29:
Tom Hall
Michelle Humowiecki
Rodenberg

November 30:
Kris-Tena Albers

Grace Lutheran Church parking lot every 56 days looking for blood.



Here's your chance to do one of the easiest things to help others. Give a pint of blood to someone in need. It's quick and easy and the folks on the bus are really nice. Here's the best benefit of giving blood, beside the cool t-shirts. You are told to spend the remainder of the day resting and eating well. Is there a better way to spend a Sunday after leaving Grace Lutheran Church?

At the September 9 OneBlood Drive, we had **13 donors** join the Honor Roll that's posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Be a part of the Honor Roll on November 11.

Look for the signup sheet in the Narthex and take a seat on the Big Red Bus in the parking lot.



HARBOR CHASE ASSISTED LIVING worship service is at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month! Please join us on November 25.

For questions, contact Jim Akin at 850-553-3334 or Burt Von Hoff at 850-508-7793.

THE DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF TALLAHASSEE (DSAT)

will have their annual Buddy Walk Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Southwood Town Center and our very own Matt & Tom Ewald have a team!

The event is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the walk beginning at 11:00 a.m. DSAT supports many families, including the Ewalds, offering support, connection and information.

You can support the Ewalds and DSAT by going to <https://www.classy.org/team/185804> You are welcome to join in the walk on Nov. 3, as well. **Go Matt & Tom!**

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

sponsored by Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, will be held Sunday afternoon, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Carriage House at Goodwood Museum Gardens (1600 Miccosukee Road).

This event is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of their loved one or would like to celebrate their life with others in the community. Attendees are welcome to bring a photograph of their loved ones to place on the memory

To attend, please RSVP by visiting
TMH.ORG/Events
or calling Jimmie Jones, Administrative Coordinator at 850-
431-5867.



Worship Assistants

For a printable version of this calendar, click [here](#).

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Holmden

ASSISTING MINISTER:

(E) TBA

(L) Kathy Sanguinet

ACOLYTES:

(E) Levi Ewald

(L) TBA

LAY READER:

(E) Victoria Heller

(L) Randi Buehner

GREETERS:

(E) Rosalie Shupe, Paula Slade

(L) Marie Harrington, Peggy Schneider

USHERS:

(E) Burt Von Hoff, David Brown

(L) Frank Piepmeier, Daryl Barowicz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

(E) Fannie Chinn

(L) Randi Buehner, Priscilla Craw, Nick Gandy, Kathy Gatzlaff, Lisa Hall

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Kris-Tena Albers, Daryl Barowicz, Jim Nelsen

REFRESHMENTS: See signup sheet in Fellowship Hall, if no one signs up to host refreshments only coffee will be served after worship as a courtesy of the Fellowship Committee

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Holmden

ASSISTING MINISTER:

(E) TBA

(L) TBA

ACOLYTES:

(E) Avery Heller

(L) TBA

LAY READER:

(E) Kathy Von Hoff

(L) Sara Campbell

GREETERS:

(E) Allison Wharton, Melinda Young

(L) Kathy Van Loo, Lynn White

USHERS:

(E) Sue Homant, Kevin Lundgren

(L) Bob & Joy Becker, Tom Hall

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

(E) Otis Chinn

(L) Janet McPherson, Jim Nelsen, Frank & Sharon Piepmeier, Kathy Van Loo

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Randi Buehner, Dave & Mary Grant

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NOVEMBER 18, 2018

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Becker

ASSISTING MINISTER:

(E) TBA

(L) TBA

ACOLYTES:

(E) Charlie Ewald

(L) TBA

LAY READER:

(E) Burt Von Hoff

(L) Elisa Casey

GREETERS:

(E) Otis & Fannie Chinn

(L) Sarah Campbell, Linda Wolters

USHERS:

(E) Gary Williams, David Brown

(L) Brent Kallestad, Kathy Von Loo, Gerald Kurtz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

(E) Mary Grant

(L) Kathy Sanguinet, Linda Wolters, Don & Judy Blancett, Lisa Hall

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Kathy Bolling, Susan Wessner, Michelle Deyounks

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NOVEMBER 25, 2018

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Becker

ASSISTING MINISTER:

(E) TBA

(L) Daryl Barowicz

ACOLYTES:

(E) Levi Ewald

(L) TBA

LAY READER:

(E) Janet McPherson

(L) Tina Frese

GREETERS:

(E) Joy James, Sandra Schorr

(L) Joy Becker, Priscilla Crow

USHERS:

(E) Karen Suchman, Burt Von Hoff

(L) Jim Nelsen, George Ohlin, Frank Piepmeier

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

(E) Kevin Lundgren

(L) Randi Buehner, Priscilla Crow, Nick Gandy, Kathy Gatzlaff

OFFERING COUNTERS:

David Johnson, Paul & Peggy Schneider

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FROM THE EDITOR

First, I want to say a huge thank you to Sara Straub for her dedicated service in producing the newsletter for so long. She has served Grace by volunteering her time and resources to make this possible for our congregation for quite some time.

Sara, however, has decided to officially retire from this position and I will be your new Grace Notes editor. I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve Grace using the talents and time that God has blessed me with, as I look forward to bringing this publication to you each month.

There are a couple of changes that I would like to point out. There is a lot of information here and I want to make sure you don't miss these updates.

- First, because there is so much information to share, you will find that there are some items that are linked to our Grace website for more information. In particular, I'll be doing this with images and videos. Make sure you click each of the links in the "Recent Events" section.
- I've included a printable version of the Worship Assistant schedule and of the November birthdays. Look for the links to download each of these. They are designed to print on one piece of paper each - perfect for sticking on the fridge so you have important dates at your fingertips.

The deadline of the 15th of the month will remain in effect. If at all possible, please have all information to me by that time.

Blessings,
Tracy Warrington
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