

# NEWSLETTER

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE TO GO  
We're shaking things up  
with our newsletter  
design.



The Easter Lilies in the  
prayer garden reached full  
bloom this week.

### SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Monday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class 1 p.m.  
Wednesday Pot Luck 6 p.m.  
Prayer & Praise 6:45 p.m.

### ALTAR GUILD

5/04: Jerrie & Stacie  
5/11: John & Rana  
5/18: Pastor & Bridgette  
5/25: Mary Lou & Lorie

### LECTORS

5/04: Dale Boger  
5/11: Mona LaCour  
5/18: Shelby Giroir  
5/25: Debra Shevlin

### Pastor's Corner

Our Daily Goal

What is your goal in life? The way we answer likely changes over the years. When we're young we dream of fame, fortune, popularity and success. Later those desires can focus more toward good relationships, well-adjusted children, happiness and contentment. Late in life the goal is health, absence of pain, not falling down in the bathroom.

Not that such desires are necessarily sinful, but they are pretty centered on self. But what should be our primary goal at any age? *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

The goal of our life is to do the will of God. It's that simple. Our sinful nature grinds against this idea, always desiring to be a god unto ourselves. But God's will is perfect, and that we be saved for eternity, so God's will is indeed best.

Accepting this rather basic Christian truth, apply it every day. Instead of praying that God bless your plans for your day, step back and seek His will for the day instead. You'll likely be doing the same things that day, but you'll be seeking to do them all to His glory according to His design of love.

Our goal is a simple one: to live in the crucified and risen Christ into whom we have been baptized; living His gift of holy, eternal life today. We've been enabled to live this way by His grace alone; it is our joy and privilege to do so.

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*  
(Ephesians 2:10)

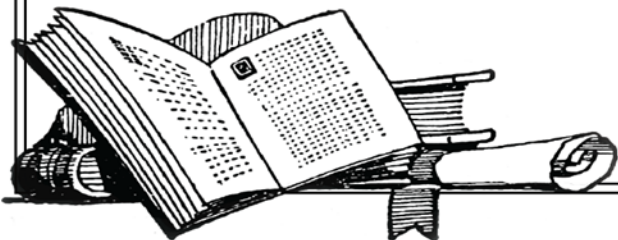
Start out each day recognizing whose will is best for you; then seek to humbly walk therein.



### LECTIONARY READINGS

May 04, 2025 (White) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025 (White) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025 (White) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025 (White) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:8-14, John 21:1-14  
Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30  
Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22  
Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33



# IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HANDS...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff and Todd Cunningham.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Andrew Beasley, Jacqui Kaplan and Joe Deane.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Rana DaSilva, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

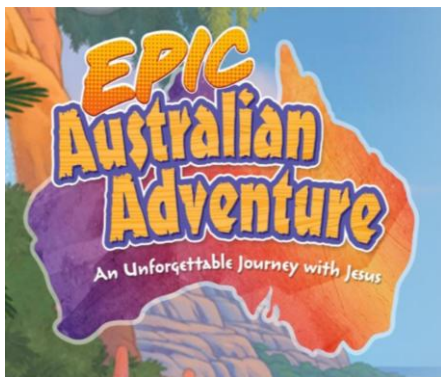
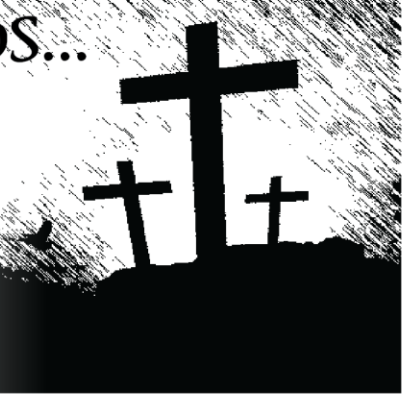
MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Annick George Matherne, Elaine Waswick, Ellen DeSoto, Patsy Wegner and Richard Hauser.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & baby Crawford, Karoline and baby Cormier and Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.



**Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place June 16 through June 20 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Debra Shevlin has graciously volunteered to be our director and is seeking volunteers to help out in any way. We will be serving a supper, then doing crafts, Bible Challenge, and Storytelling stations. Folks are needed at all of these areas as well as chaperoning the groups of children. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby of the church or call/email the church office. 985-709-0234/secretary@gracehouma.org.**

## Cima Missionary Visit

J.P. Cima, whose missionary work first in Vietnam and now in Cambodia has long been supported by Grace, will be visiting us Sunday, July 20. J.P. will preach during the worship service and provide a Sunday school slideshow highlighting his and Aimee's work overseas. Please plan on being there.

## Parts of the Liturgy

### Pax Domini

Here the pastor speaks "The peace of the Lord be with you always." These words echo the greeting of the risen Christ to His disciples Easter evening and assure us that through the forgiveness of sins offered in the Sacrament we indeed have peace with God. This is not a hope, but a promise guaranteed by God Himself to all who believe. Thus the gathered worshipers joyfully respond, "Amen."



## GRACE'S MISSION

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Friendship.

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