



MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES & SERVICE

DESCRIPTIONS

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ALTAR GUILD

Members of the Grace Altar Guild faithfully prepare the elements for Communion services and maintain our Lord's Table by keeping the linens fresh and by changing the paraments in keeping with the Liturgical colors. They also make sure all candles are filled with oil.

You can volunteer to be of help in one of five areas:

1. Set-up communion vessels for the weekend services (usually on Friday),
2. Reset and clean-up after the Saturday evening service,
3. Reset and clean-up after the 8:30 AM Church service,
4. Clean-up after the 10:45 AM Church service,
5. Refill oil in candles and change altar cloths and paraments as necessary.

Altar Guild assignments are made on a monthly basis.

You would be trained and work with someone who is experienced.

This is a great way to make a new friend and accomplish an important job for our worship services.

Contact Irmgard Hendrick at 863.326.1889

ADULT CHOIRS/ENSEMBLES

Grace Chorale...sings at the 10:45 AM service as well as at special services throughout the year. This choir is open to singers high school age and up and rehearses each Thursday at 7:15 PM in the music room.

Festival Choir...is a limited commitment choir which will sing 2-3 times each year for special occasions such as the Christmas Cantata, Easter, and Patriotic Sunday. Rehearsals for each event will generally begin a minimum of eight weeks prior to the event.

Summer Choir...will sing during the normal off season of the regular adult choir, generally in July and August.

Trinity Bells...this hand bell choir plays occasionally throughout the year, including festival Sundays. The ensemble consists of a four octave hand bell set. Rehearsals are each Thursday at 6:00 PM in the balcony.

Brass Ensemble...is used occasionally in our services. If you play trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, or tuba, please contact Wynn Bonner to learn more about this opportunity.

Choir Accompanists...are needed for both adult and children's choirs. If you have good piano skills and desire to be a valuable support to this ministry, we would love to have you!

Contact Wynn Bonner, Worship Arts Director at 863.293.8447 or wbonner@glwh.org.

AUDIO VISUALS

Audio Visuals and the duplication of CD recordings of all of our services. are the use of the sound system, projection, radio broadcast, cameras for live streaming, Worship assistance is needed at all 3 services on a regular worship weekend and other special occasions. If you are interested in one or more of these areas, please contact Wynn Bonner our Worship Arts Director at 863.293.8447 or wbonner@glwh.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We love children at Grace Lutheran Church. We have several types of ministry to engage children and bring them up in the fear and knowledge of their Lord Jesus Christ.

- Children's Church is offered each Sunday morning during the 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. worship services. During the sermon children ages 3 through 5th grade are offered Children's Church. Here they learn the love of Jesus through lessons, crafts and activities.
- During the 9:30-10:30 A.M. hour we offer a Sunday school time called "**50 in 5**." Here we are going through the Bible in a five year program. We learn of God's love for His people through Bible stories, games, crafts and other activities.
- A staffed nursery is available near Trinity Hall during each worship service.
- Finally, each year in June we offer a Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through fifth grade. During VBS week we meet from 8:30 A.M. until noon where we have fun through music, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible stories.

To volunteer for "**50 in 5**" and VBS please **contact** the church office at 863-293-8447 or frontdesk@glwh.org

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Vocal Worship Team...sings at the 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service each Sunday. The music of this worship time consists of some of the most current worship music available. Openings are available through auditioning.

Praise Band...plays at the 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service as the accompaniment to the Vocal Worship Teams. Rehearsals are each week with the vocal teams on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:15 PM. Openings are available through auditioning.

Contact Wynn Bonner, Worship Arts Director at 863.293.8447 or wbonner@glwh.org.

FACILITIES

Assistance with our facilities comes in a variety of areas for help. If you have a gift in one of these areas like painting, carpentry, landscaping, handyman help, custodial helpers, seasonal decorating and set up, power washing, or room set-up. Some of these areas require an hour or two, and others may need extended help. If you would like to help in one of these areas, please contact Alan Baker at 863.293.8447 or abaker@glwh.org

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Volunteer at our School and enhance the lives of our students!

- Office assistant
- Library assistant
- P.A.C.E. (Parents Active in Christian Education)
- School open house events
- Classroom helper
- Sports Events - concession stand helper/score keeper
- Wednesday morning Chapel greeter (8:20-9:10)

Many more opportunities available!

Contact Principal Michael Rottmann at mrottmann@glwh.org or Susie Woods, Administrative Assistant at swoods@glwh.org. or 863.293.9744.

KIDZ CHOIR

Come join Kidz Choir!

We are looking for children in grades 1-5 (or even grade 6) who want to express their faith in Jesus through the gift of music.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays in the music room from 3-4 PM.

Snacks will be provided.



Registration forms for joining choir are available either from Mr. Korb at Grace Lutheran School or the Grace Church office.

Looking forward to seeing you in choir! **Contact** Mr. Korb at 863-293-9744 or mkorb@glwh.org

MEN'S MINISTRY

Check out the Men's Ministry here at Grace, get to know us, and you'll find the support you need to help you live the life God meant for you to live.

Here you'll find men...

- actively seeking God's purpose and power in their lives
- who are willing to support you in your daily walk with the Lord
- who are striving to become the man they were created to be - a man after God's own heart

Join us at God's Guys on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We meet for a Bible study led by Pastor Charles Reich and lunch from 12 noon to 1PM.

Help with meal preparations for church gatherings and fund raisers.

Maintenance opportunities abound on a campus as large as Grace's. If you can help, please contact Alan Baker at the Church Maintenance Office at 863.293.8447 or abaker@glwh.org.

Men's Fellowship...living and working to serve Christ! **Contact** Pastor Reich

GOING TEAM/MISSION COUNCIL

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

The purpose of the Going Team is to guide, direct, and plan the mission efforts of Grace Lutheran Church.

The goals of the Going Team are to choose local, domestic, and international mission organizations with which to partner.

Some of the mission partners of Grace Lutheran are:

- Grace Lutheran School
- The Mission
- The First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen
- The Haley Center
- Meals on Wheels
- Operation Barnabas
- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Lutheran World Relief
- Papua New Guinea Mission Society
- Winter Haven Police Department (Providing Comfort Packs for children)
- Books for Missions
- The Salvation Army Tree Angel Project
- TLC Foster Families Organization

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Mary-Martha room!

For more information, **contact** Jeff Wittcop at the Grace Church Office at 863.293.8447.

OPERATION BARNABAS

Operation Barnabas is a national network of care to our nation's military members and their families, initiated by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Our Grace Chapter meetings are open to anyone who desires to participate in this ministry of service to those who have served and are serving.

Some of the projects and activities carried out by our local Chapter include:

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- Hosted first annual national conference in February 2012
- Collected items and sent care packages out to service members associated with Grace Lutheran members
- Took a bus trip to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell
- Sponsored an Armed Forces Day
- Hosted a Chapter meeting with special guest speaker Mike Jernigan and his guide dog, Brittany, from Southeastern Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots
- Supported a Christmas party for the local National Guard Unit
- Volunteers knit and/or crochet American flags for uniform pockets
- Cut, sorted and sent manufacturer's coupons to our soldiers in bases overseas. The cumulative total of the coupons sent as of August 2014 is \$515,000

We ask for your prayers for our deployed Chaplains and service members, and their families. If you know of someone to add to our prayer list or to receive cards and care packages, please contact the Church Office at 863.293.8447 to submit that information.

Would you like to learn more about Operation Barnabas or have some ideas of ways we can serve the military and their families? Please let us know!

For further information, please **contact** Tex Miles, Chairman, at 863.667.0232 or 863.660.0727; or e-mail him at texasmiles@tampabay.rr.com

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Elders - **contact** Pastor Reich at 863.293.8447.
- Stephen Ministry - **contact** Sharon Wilson, Administrative Assistant @ 863.293.8447 or wilson@glwh.org.
- Special Ministries - make calls to our home-bound members and members in the hospital - contact **Sharon Wilson**, Administrative Assistant @ 863.293.8447 or swilson@glwh.org.
- Receptions, baking, and funeral meals helper - **call** Georgia Fisher @ 863.318.9164.
- Church office workers, and mailing helpers - **contact** Sharon Wilson, Administrative Assistant @ 863.293.8447 or e-mail her at swilson@glwh.org or Peggy Jo Griffin at pgriffin@glwh.org.
- Holiday and special events décor - **contact** Sharon Wilson, Administrative Assistant, @ 863.293.8447 or swilson@glwh.org.

- Pew rack caretaker - help fill the pew racks each week - **call** the church office @ 863.293.8447.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Our **Sunshine Club** is an organization of senior adults' intent on bringing a bit of happiness into their lives primarily by sharing with and caring for one another. It is one of the oldest and most active groups at Grace, keenly interested in and supportive of the mission of the church.

They meet on the first Thursday of each month for a potluck luncheon here at the church with a program or entertainment. Occasionally, they mix it up and go on field trips.

The potluck luncheons begin with fellowship at 11:00AM, followed by lunch at 11:30 and entertainment afterwards.

Additionally, we have senior game day on the fourth Thursday of the month in Trinity Hall. Join us for games, snacks and fellowship.

For more information **contact** Tammi Straughn at 863.660.2617

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special Ministries is a group of dedicated, trained volunteers who make daily assurance calls and send cards to those who live alone or are chronically ill or convalescing after hospitalization.

If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who would like to receive a phone call from Grace, **contact** Nancy Booth at 863.258.3004.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The **Stephen Ministry** at Grace is an extension of the pastoral offices which brings one-on-one ministry by trained, caring members who extend Christ's healing love to those who are lonely, grieving, ill or experiencing other crises or stresses in life.

A Stephen Minister is:

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in

this role.

- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care and who attends monthly ongoing training sessions to enhance their skills.
- A caring, confidential, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who will “be there” for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there’s a need.

Contact Sharon Wilson at 863.293.8447 or swilson@glwh.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & CARE

Spiritual Growth and Care includes some of the following areas for volunteers: Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, Small group leaders, VBS helpers, Nursery attendants and much more. For more information contact Kathy Schelp at kjschelp@glwh.org or Leah Welter at lwelter@glwh.org phone 863.293.8447.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The women of Grace Lutheran Church invite you to join us in fellowship, Bible study, and service. We have quarterly meetings for all members of our circles on a Saturday in March, June, and October in Trinity Hall. The individual circles meet monthly according to the following schedule:

- Ruth-Rachel - 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 PM - Luther Room
- Naomi - 2nd Wednesday of each month - 9:30 AM - Mary-Martha Room
- Martha - 3rd Thursday of each month - 1:00 PM - Women’s Center

The Women’s Ministry participates in the Winter Haven Zone Rallies and LWML District Retreats and Conventions. We sponsor Book Review Luncheon’s every Tuesday in January, prepare and serve Funeral Receptions, hold yearly Rummage and Bake Sales, and many other activities to support the Church, all in glory to God!

Additionally, the Lutheran World Relief Quilters meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the Women’s Center to make quilts, school kits, and personal care kits which are sent around the world.

We hope you'll join us! **Contact** Linda Aceto at 863.324.5854 or laceto@glwh.org

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Would you like to serve at our worship services? Just give us a call and let us know what you want to do! We need:

- Lectors - Men, Women, and Young Adults at the 8:30 and 10:45 AM services on Sunday
- Inside Greeters and Outside Greeters for all services
- Guest Book greeter for all services
- Acolytes - Young Adults - are needed for Sunday services. Students are needed to serve as acolytes, candle bearers, and crucifers during Sunday and special worship services. Contact Leah Welter if you would like to be trained to serve in this way!

To volunteer or ask questions, please **contact**: the Church Office front desk at 863.293.8447 or frontdesk@glwh.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY

All Youth Night: 6th-12th grade youth meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm for devotions, fellowship, food and games! All youth night meets in the youth center.

Youth Bible Study: 6th-12th grade students meet in the youth center EVERY Sunday morning at 9:45am for Bible Study. Youth study and discuss topics and Scripture passages that help them apply their faith to their daily lives!

Middle and High School Youth Gatherings: Every year the Florida/Georgia District hosts a weekend Gathering for Middle school (November/fall) and High school (February/winter). During these gatherings 1,000 youth gather together for worship events, fun activities (inflatables, large group games, etc.), speakers, and service projects. These Gatherings are a great opportunity to build relationships with other students and to be encouraged in your faith as you gather to praise God with 1,000 other Christian youth!

Summer Events: High School youth have the opportunity to attend week long trips every summer. Every three years Grace Lutheran attends the National Youth Gathering. (Next NYG: Minneapolis, MN, 2019) The summers between National Youth Gatherings Grace Lutheran participates in week long servant events.

Confirmation: Confirmation instruction is offered to 7th and 8th grade students at Grace Lutheran. Confirmation instruction currently takes place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. 8th grade students are confirmed on Palm Sunday.

Contact: Leah Welter at 863-293-8447 or lwelter@glwh.org

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