

# 100 Years of Grace

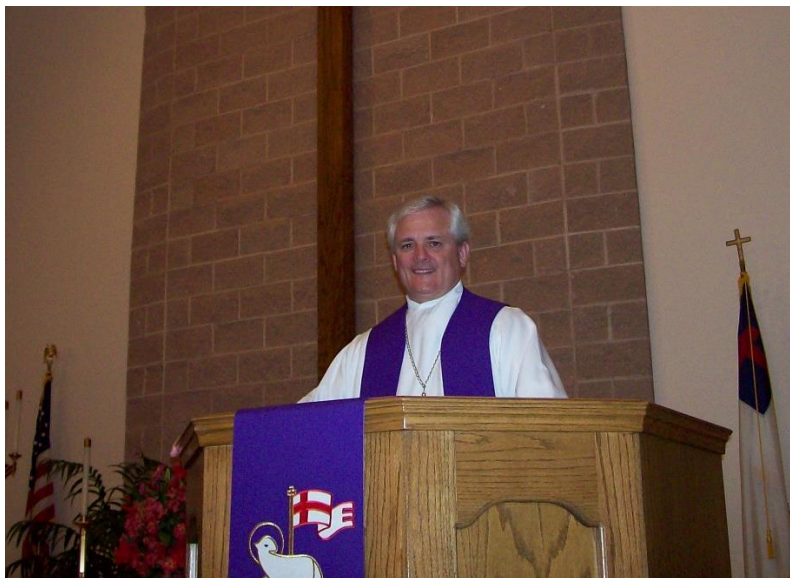
## Grace Lutheran Church – 9th Decade (1997-2006)

In December 1999 after several close storms, hurricane shutters were purchased and installed on the church. Little did we know how important that purchase would become. September 5, 2004 Hurricane Frances made a direct hit on the Treasure Coast with 105 mph winds. The church building had several roof leaks which required some shingles to be replaced and the ceilings cleaned. September 26, 2004 Hurricane Jeanne followed the same path with 120 mph winds. Our insurance adjuster recommended replacing the steeple. Several roof leaks occurred which required more repairs and interior cleaning. The Lord spared us the worst!!



Major tree damage in Vero after 2004 hurricanes.

January 2000 the Long Range Planning Committee started to discuss the creation of a preschool at Grace. With this plan in mind, a major expansion project was developed but was later tabled due to the high cost. In July 2003, meetings were held with Port St. Lucie and Naples school officials to examine their operations. Pastor Matt Luttmann arrived from Plzen in December 2005. With his guidance, in March 2006 the Voters approved a plan to open Gracie's Preschool in the fall of 2006 using the fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms. Ann Holmes was called as the Preschool Director in April 2006 and plans began for a separate preschool building.



Pastor Luttmann as our shepherd for the last 10 years.