

To know Christ and to make Christ Known - "Connecting people to people, people to Christ, people to their role in the world"

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

HEALTH FOCUS SUNDAY

BP Checks and health conversations
after **BOTH** services.



the gospel of luke

**Wednesday Morning
Bible Study**
10:00AM to 12:00PM
April 26 - June 14

The Gospel of Luke invites us to explore the story of Jesus and his mission as God's Chosen One (Messiah). From the joyous

accounts of Jesus' birth in a manger in Bethlehem to the stark images of Golgotha to the eye-opening meal at Emmaus, we are invited into a remarkable story. This course invites participants into rich discovery as they explore key stories and events of this Gospel. All are welcome to join this 8 week Bible study facilitated by Deacon Nadine Anderson. We'll be using the Book of Faith Series on Luke. Please RSVP to Nadine@gracelutherantampa.org so we can order a book for you. Workbooks are \$12.

**"CONFIRMATION FOR
ADULTS ON STEROIDS"**

Classes for the 2017-2018 academic year of diakonia™ are now forming. Diakonia is a program of theological education for adults. This two-year series of coursework is used by *some* students to meet the academic portion of requirements to become a synodical deacon. Others use it for personal enrichment. Still others use it to discern whether to go to seminary. Do you know someone in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, or Polk counties who would benefit? The local cohort meets right here at Grace on Saturday mornings, September through May, with breaks for holidays and a "breather" between each course. Students come from all walks of life. In addition to the academics, diakonia students also experience growth from networking with instructors and each other. Interested? Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center, email loisannsorensen@gmail.com, leave a message at 813-494-4052, or contact Deacon Lois directly for more information.



GRACE FOODIES – next outing.....

Thursday, May 18th at 11:30 am



11601 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa 33618

Come & enjoy an undeniably craveable Cheddar Bay Biscuit, their wild-caught seafood, award-winning Today's Fresh Fish menu and their delicious fresh Marine lobster! Let Red Lobster's culinary development center craft the latest food trends into delicious new dishes. Please sign up on the "FOODIES" sheet in Connections. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Alice Deal



As we approach summer, we will once again be moving to **one worship service** at 10:00 am. Keep watching for more information!

Congratulations.....

To our Seniors!



May God bless & guide you and keep you safe in the next chapter of your lives.

May's "Teal Bag" Donation



The "teal bags" were handed out last Sunday at both services to collect gently used or new adult t-shirts. The t-shirts will be given to the Kaye Prox Food Pantry at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. The homeless men and

women who use the food pantry are so appreciative of getting a clean shirt when they are out in our hot, humid Florida weather. **We will collect the "teal bags" at Grace on Sunday, May 21.** The Homeless In Our Community small group will meet on Monday, May 22 to sort the shirts by sizes and deliver them to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to support the youth with last Sunday's Chili Cook-off/Pie Baking Contest/Talent Show. We raised \$285 in entry fees and \$336 in raffle basket tickets for a total of \$621!

A special thanks also goes to **Thrivent Financial** for providing us seed money through an Action Team that allowed us to purchase supplies prior to the event. The money raised for this event will go toward helping send our elementary - high school youth to camps this summer. We have kids going on a South FL mission trip, Augsburg College in MN and Luther Springs. Thank you for being such an active participant in our youth ministry at GLC!!

"Mono" or "Many" or "Nada"

Come enjoy a Wednesday evening class for these remaining weeks in May. In these days of "Interfaith Cooperation" Pastor John leads a class investigating several World Religions, ancient and modern.

"Monotheism" – One God

"Polytheism" – of the pantheon – Many Gods

Egyptian, Sumerian, Greek mythology, Roman mythology, Hinduism. Some religions ascribing no god are grounded in metaphysics and philosophy – **"Buddhism"** and **"Confucianism"**.

Wednesday evenings @ 7pm in "Connections"

Week of May 14th, 2017

Sunday, May 14th	Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day <i>Health Focus Sunday</i>
	8:30 AM Traditional Service
	9:45 AM Sunday school
	10:00 AM Spirits on Fire rehearsal
	11:00 AM Celebration Service
	3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Worship
Monday	10:00 AM Mah Jongg
	7:30 PM Inter. Proj. for Nurses
Tuesday	9:30 AM Dorcas
	10:00 AM Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM AA - On the Way Home
	7:00 PM Stephen Ministries
Wednesday	10:00 AM Luke Bible Study
	5:00 PM Inter. Proj. for Nurses
	7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study
	7:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Bible Study
	7:30 PM Joyringers
Thursday	7:00 PM AA – Alanon
Friday	12:00 PM AA Ladies Friendship
Saturday	9:00 AM Diakonia
	9:30 AM Spirits on Fire rehearsal
	5:30 PM Confirmation Faith Statements
Sunday, May 14th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	8:30 AM Traditional Service
	9:45 AM Sunday school
	10:00 AM Spirits on Fire rehearsal
	11:00 AM Celebration Service
	3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Worship

**Please remember to communicate to the office regarding updates of your loved ones on our prayer chain and/or prayer list.*



In our prayers this week.....

Condolences: Sherrill O'Brien and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother, Erma Sterling.

To Alice Deal, her daughter Jackie and Jackie's entire family on the loss of her mother-in-law, Patricia Brooks.

Members: Kathleen Jenkins, Nelson Priede, Wilda Crouse, Barbara Pilcher, Lee Pilcher, Troy Brueggemeier, Allan Gutcher, Joan Beeman, Maggie Scott, Isabella Delaney Schmidt, Ron Lofgren, Melissa Spafford, Don Stoddard, Daryl Bull, Rich Leum, Liz Herda, Sue Brewster, Louise McMonegal, McCulloch Group Home (especially Karl & Mary), and for our loved ones...

Judy Durkin	sister of	Walt Durkin
David Kinney	nephew of	John & Liz Hooper
Rev. Rudy Ressimeyer	uncle of	Jan Hillmer
Susan	sister of	Vicki Nidzgorski
Tom Rawls	son-in-law of	Bill & Yvonne Daily
Erma Sterling	mother of	Sherrill O'Brien
Paul	brother of	Jean Harrison
Tommy Massey	husband of	Rece Massey
Linda Broderick	sister-in-law	Linda Gravatt
Carol Scialabba	cousin of	Shell Timm, Sue Brewster

Margaret McClung	relative of	Bev Harris
Leone Sorensen	mother of	Lois Sorensen
Doreen Betts	sister-in-law of	Bev Harris
Aurora Sargent	great granddaughter of	Bill Robbins
Molly Gutcher	sister-in-law of	Allan Gutcher
Sandi Barcarolo	daughter-in-law of	Diane Lofgren
Cindy Conradt	sister-in-law of	Ron Conradt
"Dad"	father of	Kristi Kartcher
Diana Dunaway	daughter-in-law of	Jerralynne Duncan
Bob Murphy	brother of	Tom Murphy
Greg Corby	cousin of	Joan Beeman
Adeline Otterness	mother-in-law of	Diana Otterness
Robert Larson	mother of	Sally Rojas
Ed Watkins	brother of	Betty Fisher
Matt Brady	relative of	Nancy Richardson
Lisa Shepherd	mother of	Julia Griffith
Bob Dorman	father of	Laura Shepherd
Carolyn Davis	cousin of	Sherrill O'Brien
Cheryl Walker	niece of	Mary Threm
Leah Sylvan	sister-in-law of	Ruth Anderson
Cindy Wyar	sister of	Carol Zwick
Helen Lofton	mother of	Valerie Morgan
Robin Valder	daughter of	Fred & Betty Freshcorn
John Beeman	brother of	Richard Beeman

LONG TERM

Members: Kathy Gjertson, Sharon Olenski, Garth & Helen Heckley, Jo Ann Sipes, Anita Hans, Marion Bennett, Ruth Rahman, Residents of Arden Courts, Brighton Gardens and Brookdale.

Jeannine Jacobson	mother of	Jan Abraham
Anna Witte	mother of	Diana Otterness
Keith Hess	cousin of	Sandy Laettner
Mike Fardella	brother of	Jerry Fardella
Bob Sorensen	godfather of	Lois Sorensen
Roxie Thomas	mother of	David Thomas
Helen LaVoy	mother of	Theresa Thomas & David LaVoy
Grace Corniuk	mother of	Gina Corniuk

"Let there be Peace on Earth"

Pray for peace and for all military troops – at home and abroad and for their families, loved ones and friends.....

- ❖ Army Lt. Corey Howard is in Kuwait, then Bagdad, Iraq. He is part of the 101st Airborne Division. (Karen Jankowski's nephew)
- ❖ Chaplain Major Scott Hagen, stationed at Ft. McCoy, WI.
- ❖ Collin Welch who is currently stationed in the Mid East. (Alice Deal's grandson).
- ❖ Juliana Harrison, Jean Harrison's daughter, (coast guard) is stationed in Astoria, Oregon for the next four years as an Avionics Electrical Technician for helicopters.
- ❖ Staff Sgt. Mark Messina (Patti Joannes' grandson) is stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- ❖ Captain Kelsey Abert is being stationed in Seoul, South Korea.
- ❖ 1st Lt. Devlin Ann Abert is being stationed in Seoul, South Korea.
- ❖ Sergeant Christopher J. Cone stationed in Hawaii.
- ❖ Christopher Shephard – working in Jordan – United States Aid to International Development. (USAID)

Flowers – Pastor John & Jan Hillmer in celebration of Olivia and Ansel's birthdays.

Tom & Kerri Shaw in memory of Tom's father, Tom Shaw, Sr. and in celebration of Megan's graduation!

Marie Gonzalez in loving memory of her daughter, Marie Manendez.

McCulloch –

Eternal Flame – Kipp G. VanPay in memory of William and Henrietta Lavrenz.

Jerry & Tammy Stewart, in loving memory of Shari Stewart and Phyllis Ellis. "Forever in our hearts, until we meet again."

Metropolitan Ministries – Anonymous

Attendance – May 7, 2017

8:00 am service – 136 11:00 am service – 91 Total: 227

Treasurer's Report

General Operating Fund
Month ending April 30, 2017

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>(+) -(-)</u>
Income	\$125,497	\$120,918	\$4,579 (+)
			Income is over budget
Expenses	\$100,870	\$116,095	(\$15,225) (-)
			Expenses are under budget
YTD Operating	\$ 24,627		

(Comparing actual income to actual expenses, as of 4/30 income is higher)



Save the date!

Thrivent Night at the Rays, Saturday, August 12th!

.....more details soon.

PENTECOST AND "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" PLANNING



Please contact Deacon/Seminarian Lois Sorensen at lsorensen001@luthersem.edu or use the sign-up sheet in Connections if you want to help with Pentecost worship enhancements (decorating on June 3rd, activities on June 4th), or if you or your ministry group already has a "God's Work, Our Hands" community service project in mind.