

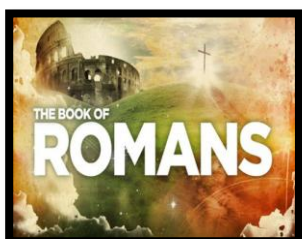
To know Christ and to make Christ Known - "Connecting people to people, people to Christ, people to their role in the world"

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

Special Congregational Meeting
TODAY – 9:45 AM

HEALTH FOCUS SUNDAY
BP Checks and health conversations
after **BOTH** services.

Come one, Come all



Wednesday Morning Bible Study
(Sept. 20 through Oct. 25),
10AM to 12 noon.

During this 6 week study we will
use The Book of Faith Series:
ROMANS. Students will purchase
a learner book for \$10.



DIAKONIA – TRY A CLASS!

Have you been curious about this lay theological education opportunity, offered on Saturday mornings at Grace, but been afraid to commit to the entire two-year program? Check out one session for free, or take a whole (4-5 session) class for only \$60 plus books (usually available used via Amazon)! The classes this program year (September through May) are: Introduction to the New Testament (only one session left, taught by Pastor John), Church History (the first 400 years, starts October 28th), Biblical Images of the Church, Practical Ministry: Visitation, Creeds and Confessions, and The Daily Life of a Christian. Come to the chapel by 9 a.m. on a Saturday or contact Deacon/Seminarian Lois (loisannsorensen@gmail.com) for more information.

WELCA

The FL-Bahama SWO Fall Gathering is November 10-12, 2017
at Lake Yale Baptist Retreat Center.



Any woman is invited to attend. If you are
interested, deadline to register is October 15th
and the cost is \$199. This includes all meals.

For any help or more information, please contact

Joy Taylor at (931) 697-4006. It is a very rewarding
experience and includes fellowship and worship. You can also
download the registration paperwork at www.flwelca.com.



The current Stephen
Ministers and Leaders
welcome our new class:

Jerralynne Duncan, Laura Shepherd, Vicki Nidzgorski, Barbara Gaw, Jerry and Aida Fardella, all from Grace along with Mary Ann Crane, Anne Sandsmark, Kurt Anderson and Walter Volmuth from Church of the Resurrection. Our new class will be learning about feelings, listening and caring in a distinctively Christian way. If you see one of our new Stephen Ministers, please congratulate them and wish them luck on their training journey!



Kids: Come dressed in your favorite costume and "trunk or treat" for goodies. Stop by the Haunted Shack or play a fun game or two.

Adults: Bring your car, a bowl of candy and some lawn chairs and have some fun giving out candy to kids. Decorate your trunk if you'd like and wear a costume for added fun.

There will be a prize for the
BEST DECORATED TRUNK!!

Sign-up sheets are located in Connections



OCTOBER TEAL BAGS

The "teal bags" will be handed out TODAY, October 8th to collect diapers for Oasis and **returned October 22nd**. They are in desperate need of large size diapers. So many people benefit from the support of Grace members and the Homeless In Our Community small group thanks you. When your donations are delivered to the organizations that we support we see first hand how your generosity benefits others. Thank you!



Reformation Celebration Potluck Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, October 29th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
for a Reformation Celebration Potluck Luncheon.

Bratwurst, hot dogs and beverages will be provided by Grace.
There is a sign-up sheet in Connections if you would like to sign up
to bring a side dish, help with set up, entertainment or clean up.

Please sign up on the sheet in Connections or RSVP to Laurie
Crickenberger at tampacricquet@yahoo.com.



Grace Foodies

McAlister's Deli

Wednesday, October 25th,
11:30 a.m.

Let's Try This Again...since we were interrupted by Hurricane Irma in September.....WE'RE BACK....GRACE FOODIES ARE STARTING BACK UP AFTER OUR LAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER VACATIONS! First on the agenda will be lunch at McAlister's Deli at 14444 N. Dale Mabry. Heading north on Dale Mabry, between Fletcher and Bearss, it's located on the left side, directly across from Glory Days Grill. At McAlister's, you place your order up front at the registers and they will bring it to your table when ready. To eliminate confusion and stalling at the registers, we suggest that you take one of the menus by the clipboards ahead of time so you know what you want to order when you get there. McAlister's serves soups, salads, sandwiches and several styles of spuds (a personal favorite). They also do a 1/2 and 1/2 mix and match from those 4 items. This month's event is being hosted by Fred, Betty and Kathy, and we would like to invite one and all to join us for lunch. We meet for no special reason....just because. We all enjoy trying new places to eat, not to mention the great fellowship. Sign up now at the clipboards in Connections or contact either Betty (891-1861 bettylf@verizon.net) or Kathy (265-0387 kathycr@tampabay.rr.com).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8th - 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (Haugen)
9:45 AM Congregational Meeting
 10:00 AM Spirits On Fire Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Celebration Service
 3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Worship

Monday KITCHEN CLOSED

10:00 AM Mah Jongg
 7:30 PM Nurses

Tuesday KITCHEN CLOSED

9:30 AM Hand & Foot
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM AA - On the Way Home
 6:30 PM Council Meeting
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministries Class

Wednesday KITCHEN CLOSED

10:00 AM Bible Study
 5:00 PM Inter. Proj. for Nurses
 6:00 PM Sons of Norway
 7:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Bible Study
 7:30 PM Joyringers

Thursday KITCHEN CLOSED

7:00 PM AA – Alanon/Alateen
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
 12:00 PM AA Ladies Friendship

Friday
Saturday

KITCHEN CLOSED

9:30 AM Spirits On Fire

Sunday, October 15th - 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Spirits On Fire Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Celebration Service
 12:30 PM Youth Shack
 3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica Worship

Flowers / Connections – Adriane Erickson in honor of Alex’s baptism.

McCulloch – Alice & Kent Fast

Eternal Flame – Jerry & Tammy Stewart, in loving memory of Sharie Stewart and Phyllis Ellis. “Forever in our hearts, until we meet again.”

Metropolitan Ministries –

Attendance – Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30 am service – 140 11:00 am - 97 TOTAL - 237

High School Youth

Sun 10/15 – Shack 12:30 -2:30 pm
Sat 10/21 – Flashlight Maze @ Harvestmoon Farm
Sun 10/28 - Trunk or Treat
Sun 10/29 - Youth Sunday



Grace Girlfriends will meet TODAY, October 8, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the home of Alice Deal at 3804 Cortez Dr. Apt A in Tampa.

Have you ever wondered how Grace Lutheran got started, what the physical church looked like, who was involved, or even what Carrollwood was like? Then this is the meeting for you because Bev Harris, who is part of the church's history committee, will be able to answer many of these questions for us. As usual, please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Kindly phone Alice at 932-5058 to let her know if you will be able to attend.

Blessing “by the numbers”

We had 16 humans and 12 dogs join Pastor John and Deacon/Seminarian Lois for the annual Blessing of the Animals on September 30. Four of the humans were not members of Grace, and one of the dogs was a nervous teacup poodle who came early for a private blessing. At the end of service, Lois read the names and species of 102 additional animals who were blessed in absentia, including: 28 more dogs (one was Ally, a guide-dog-in-training), 33 cats (one was Mocha Mew, 20 years old), a bearded dragon (named “Puff”) and 30 head from Providence Cattle Company (20 cows, 9 calves, and 1 bull). Love offerings, to be donated to the Human Society of Tampa Bay, included: 100-plus pounds of dry dog food, 8 dog collars, 8 leashes, 6 cans of dog food, 4 boxes/bags of dog treats, 4 cans of cat food and several bed linens (note: linens and towels are placed in or over cages to comfort shelter animals).

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



Members: Joanne Ebert, Kathy Crouthamel, Linda Lindgren, Betsy Owers, Grace Ward, Richard & Joan Jesse, Sandy Laettner, Muriel Davies, Kathleen Jenkins, Wilda Crouse, Lee Pilcher, Maggie Scott, Ron Lofgren, Don Stoddard, Louise McMonegal, McCulloch Group Home (especially Karl & Mary), and for our loved ones...

Michelle	aunt of	Suzie Velez
Terri Shepherd	sister-in-law of	Laura Shepherd
Richard Taylor	son of	Sandy Taylor
Norma Jean Collins	sister-in-law of	Barbara Pilcher
Ramon Ortiz	grandson of	Shannon Donegan
Lorena Heckman	sister-in-law of	June Smedley
Pr. Bill Timm	uncle of	Chris & Shell Timm
Joyce Whitehead	cousin of	Nadine Anderson
Wayne Witherax	cousin of	Maggie Gould
Bobby Leira	nephew of	Barbara Pilcher
Nancy Long	cousin of	Julie LaFluer
Suzie Ball	cousin of	Jerralynne Duncan
Gerald VanPay	father of	Kipp VanPay
Carrie Jahn	niece of	Susan McCulloch
Terry Bellesfield	cousin of	Nancy Richardson
Joanne Planz	sister of	Joe Planz
Judy Durkin	sister of	Walt Durkin
Paul	brother of	Jean Harrison
Tommy Massey	husband of	Rece Massey
Doreen Betts	sister-in-law of	Bev Harris
Molly Gutcher	sister-in-law of	Allan Gutcher
Sandi Barcarolo	daughter-in-law of	Diane Lofgren
Cindy Conradt	sister-in-law of	Ron Conradt
Diana Dunaway	daughter-in-law of	Jerralynne Duncan
Roberta Larson	mother of	Sally Rojas
Ed Watkins	brother of	Betty Fisher
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
Roxie Thomas	mother of	David Thomas
Grace Corniuk	mother of	Gina Corniuk
Rocky Jordan	father of	Debra Noel

“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.....

- ❖ Colonel Nicole Heumphreus - Kuwait
- ❖ 2nd Lt Timothy Donegan - Fort Rucker, Alabama
- ❖ Chaplain Major Scott Hagen - Fort Belvoir, Springfield, VA
- ❖ Collin Welch E4 - Alice Deal’s grandson- Whidbey Island, Washington State.
- ❖ Juliana Harrison - Astoria, Jean Harrison’s daughter, Oregon as an Avionics Electrical Technician for helicopters in the Coast Guard
- ❖ Staff Sgt. Mark Messina - Fort Carson, Colorado, Patti Joannes’ grandson
- ❖ Captain Kelsey Abert - Seoul, South Korea
- ❖ Captain Devlin Ann Abert - Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- ❖ Sergeant Christopher J. Cone - Hawaii
- ❖ Christopher Shephard – Jordan, United States Aid to International Development. (USAID)