

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!

CHILI COOK OFF/ PIE CONTEST

THANK YOU for everyone's support for our Youth Chili Cook-off/Pie Judging Contest/Talent Show – we raised a little over \$1000!! Our raffle baskets pulled in most of that money. We are so fortunate to be part of a congregation that truly believes in support our youth. Thanks again!

Here are the winners from Sunday night:

- **Chili Cook-off**
- 1st Laurie Crickenberger
- 2nd Liz Plan
- 3rd Pastor Hillmer
- **Pie Baking Contest**
- 1st Adriana & Rebecca Campos
- 2nd Carley Gutcher
- 3rd Joy Taylor
- **Movie Night Basket** – Annette Crickenberger
- **Italian Basket** – Bob Smedley
- **Wine/Engraved Glasses** – Dottie Pihl
- **Wine/Chocolate Basket** – Annette Crickenberger



SPIRITS ON FIRE

PRESENTS A PROGRAM OF
Poetry and Praise
Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7 P.M.
Spirits on Fire

performing their favorites and best music. Directed and scripted by Nancy Richardson, writings by Debra Pedonti and Fred Borchers. Joining the SOF Team are Special Guest musicians: Andy Hamilton, Ben Vantootenberg, Daniel Bandy, Elvis Goddard, Lisa Watson, Joseph Sigamani with the Tampa Bay Tamil Church Worship Ensemble.

Refreshments following the concert.

A free will offering is invited to fund Power Point Screens and projectors for the sanctuary.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS – COOKIES & BARS



Light refreshments will be served following the **Poetry and Praise concert**, April 28th, 7 PM. Please call Darlene Admire, 962-8051 or e-mail dha.ibclc@gmail.com if you are able to make or purchase cookies and/or bars for this event. Please drop off already

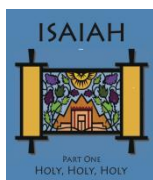
plated for serving. Bring anytime on Friday, April 27th during office hours or after 5pm on Saturday, April 28th – before the concert.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

April 25 to May 16

10AM-12NOON

See and hear the word of God through the faithful witness of this prophet as he reveals what God would say to us. RSVP to Nadine Anderson at Nadine@gracelutherantampa.org



NEXT SUNDAY

Congregational meeting

Sunday, April 29th is the date of our next Congregational meeting. There will be only ONE service at 10:00 am and the meeting will begin approximately 15 minutes after the service. We need all members there to make sure we have a quorum. We will be discussing finances and electing new Council members.

"Teal Bags" Help Feed the Homeless RETURN TEAL BAGS THIS SUNDAY!

April "teal bag" collection for disposable diapers for the **Oasis Pregnancy Center and Raising Hope**.

Bags were handed out LAST Sunday and NEED TO BE returned THIS Sunday, April 22. All sizes are needed but larger sizes are always in short supply. The Homeless in the Community committee appreciates your support of this ministry.

STEPHEN MINISTER



Times change.....

We change.....

Relationships change. Change most certainly is a way to grow, but sometimes these changes

we call "growing pains" can be VERY painful and difficult. We may have just had about enough of change when change comes again but change we must. No matter how much we may want to resist it, change happens. Sometimes we perceive the change as good and other times bad. But, the change is always there. If you find yourself amid change that you perceive as bad or difficult, there is someone here that can walk with you through this change. We are your team of Stephen Ministers. You know us. We're sitting in the pew next to you or across from you. We wear the blue Stephen Minister badges and we're here to help. If you'd like more information about our Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office or one of our Stephen Leaders (Pastor John, Ruth Anderson, Mickey Castor, or Karen Jankowski). Stephen Ministers are here to help and it's completely free and confidential.

Gloria Scarle Adult Forum May 6, 9:45AM in Grace Chapel

Gloria Scarle, a representative for First Nesters, will be with us in Worship and share her stories about teens aging out of the foster care system and starting life on their own in our Adult Forum.



MEALS ON WHEELS OF TAMPA
nourish - enrich - strengthen
MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA 2017 MEMBER

Meals On Wheels of Tampa is actively seeking volunteers in our area, and around Tampa. Our volunteers use their own vehicles, deliver one of our 74 routes when available, taking an hour or so of their time between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.MOWTampa.org and click the green VOLUNTEER button or call (813)238-8410 to get started!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22nd

8:30	AM	Traditional Service
9:45	AM	Sunday school
10:00	AM	Spirits on Fire warm-up
11:00	AM	Celebration Service
3:00	PM	Iglesia Evangelica Worship
Monday	10:00	AM Mah jongg
	10:00	AM Homeless
	7:30	PM Nurses Intervention Program
Tuesday	9:30	AM Hand n' Foot
	10:00	AM Staff Meeting
	5:30	PM AA - On the Way Home
	7:00	PM Spirits on Fire Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00	AM Bible Study
	5:00	PM Nurses Intervention Program
	7:00	PM Iglesia Evangelica Bible Study
	7:30	pm Joyringers
Thursday	7:00	PM AA – Alanon/Alateen
	7:00	PM Chancel Choir
Friday	12:00	PM AA Ladies Friendship
Saturday	9:00	AM Diakonia
	9:30	AM Spirits on Fire
	7:00	PM Spirits on Fire Concert

Sunday, April 29th

YOUTH SUNDAY

9:00	AM	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
10:00	AM	ONE SERVICE
11:30	AM	CONGREGATIONAL MTG
3:00	PM	Iglesia Evangelica Worship

Altar Flowers -- Steve Kohls in memory of Ginny Kohls
 Bert & Kathy Crouthamel – celebration of their 38th Anniversary!
McCulloch – Bob & Pat Erickson
Metropolitan Ministries –
Eternal Flame – Kipp Van Pay in memory of cousin Amyjoe.

Attendance

Sunday, April 15, 2018
 8:30 am - 120 11:00 am -56 - **TOTAL - 176**



Youth & Family Schedule

- **Sun 4/29** – Pancake Breakfast / Youth Sunday (10 am service)
- **Sun 5/6** – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation & Senior Send Off Luncheon 12:30 pm
- **Sun 5/13** – Celebrate your Mother today!!
- **Sun 5/20** – Last Day of Sunday School / Confirmation

Just for Fun Women’s Book Club



Our inaugural evening was so much fun! We had lively discussion, great snacks and wonderful fellowship. Our next meeting is on May 7th, 7-9PM at Vicki Nidzgorski's. We are reading "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann. If you are interested, call or email Nadine Anderson at 813-390-1649 or nadine@gracelutherantampa.org. You may also speak with Betty Campbell or Vicki Nidzgorski.

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

Condolences: To Julie Lafleur and her family on the passing of her daughter's, Nena, mother-in-law, Carol Sayer.

Members: Ron Meintz, Christopher Shepherd, Wilda Crouse, Rhonda & Savannah Schaeffer, Betty Freshcorn, Betsy Owers, Kathleen Jenkins, Barbara & Lee Pilcher, Don Stoddard, McCulloch Group Home (especially Karl & Mary), and for our loved ones...

Barbara Lafleur	mother-in-law of	Julie Lafleur
Khuntala	sister-in-law of	Ruth Rahman
Tommy Skala/ Monica Skala	cousin of	Lois Sorensen
Taylor Rinel	granddaughter of	Sandy Taylor
Dan Gilmore	father of	Judi Dorn
Emilio	cousin of	Christie Kartchner
Elaine Julison	aunt of	Jan Abraham
Adam Cone	son-in-law of	Rev. Jim Cone
Ron Betts	brother of	Bev Harris
Barry, Cindy, Suzanne	family of	Julie Lafleur
Francine Hernandez	mother of	Jane Hernandez
Kiley Cook	granddaughter of	The Richardson's
Shall Adams	daughter-in-law of	Mickey Castor
Anna & Steven	mother & son of	Walt Marsicano
Kimberly Tessmann	niece of	Lois Perrone
Nesam Judima Abraham	relative of	Jayden Sigamani
Diana Dunaway	daughter-in-law of	Jerralynne Duncan
Gordon Lamoree	father of	Maggie Gould
Mack Russell/ Anna	cousin/ 2 nd cousin of	Mickey Castor
Terri Shepherd	sister-in-law of	Laura Shepherd
Richard Taylor	son of	Sandy Taylor
Ramon Ortiz	grandson of	Shannon Donegan
Gerald VanPay	father of	Kipp VanPay
Carrie Jahn	niece of	Susan McCulloch
Joanne Planz	sister of	Joe Planz
Judy Durkin	sister of	Walt Durkin
Molly Gutcher	sister-in-law of	Allan Gutcher
Sandi Barcarolo	daughter-in-law of	Diane Lofgren
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

LONG TERM

Members: Grace Ward, Doreen Dahl, Richard & Joan Jesse, Kathy Gjertson, Sharon Olenski, Jo Ann Sipes, Anita Hans, Ruth Rahman, Residents of Arden Courts, Brighton Gardens and Brookdale.

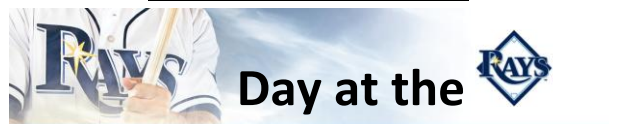
Robin Valder	daughter of	Fred & Betty Freshcorn
Jeannine Jacobson	mother of	Jan Abraham
Anna Witte	mother of	Diana Otterness
Keith Hess	cousin of	Sandy Laettner
Roxie Thomas	mother of	David Thomas

“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
- ❖ 2nd Lt. Yadira Donegan – Fort Lee, Virginia
- ❖ Chaplain Major Scott Hagen - Fort Belvoir, Springfield, VA
- ❖ Collin Welch E4 - Alice Deal's grandson- Whidbey Island, Wash. State.
- ❖ Juliana Harrison - Astoria, Jean Harrison's daughter, Oregon as an Avionics Electrical Technician for helicopters in the CG.
- ❖ Staff Sgt. Mark Messina – deployed to Afghanistan, Patti Joannes' grandson and Shannon Donegan's nephew.
- ❖ Captain Kelsey Abert - Seoul, South Korea
- ❖ Captain Devlin Ann Abert – Fort Bliss, El Paso
- ❖ Sergeant Christopher J. Cone - Hawaii
- ❖ Christopher Shephard – Jordan, United States Aid to International Development. (USAID)
- ❖ Captain David Webb – Army - Fort Benning, GA

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday August 4th

Rays vs Chicago White Sox - 6:00 pm