

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!



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 29th
9 a.m.



Enjoy Pancakes, Egg Casserole, Bacon,
Juice & Coffee

Join us for breakfast to help support our elementary/middle school/high school youth as they prepare for their summer camps at **Luther Springs (FL) & National Youth Gathering (Houston, TX)**



The Homeless in the Community small group wants to **thank** Anita Meints and her friends who have collected 100 gently used small suitcases and tote bags for Eckerd Raising Hope to distribute to foster children when they are removed from unsafe homes. First responders and social workers have 24/7 access to the free store to get things that children will need and a suitcase to put the things in (rather than a garbage bag). Thank you Anita!

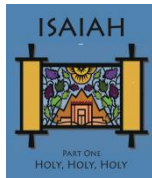
The members of Grace filled the "teal bags" with enough disposable diapers to cover 3373 little bottoms! According to The Times newspaper this is a major problem for not only low income families but middle class as well because they are so expensive. The Oasis Pregnancy Center and Eckerd Raising Hope will both receive the diapers for their clients and baby's bottoms will be dry. Thanks to all who donated.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

May 2 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



To My Wonderful Grace Family,

Thank you so much for the Altar Flowers during my recent surgeries. They are beautiful and a constant reminder of all the prayers that are offered on my behalf each day. My Roller Coaster ride, as Richard and I like to call it, has not been an easy one but knowing my loving family at Grace is always there for us has made it a tolerable and at times even GRACEful ride.
- Peace, Anita Hans



Because of Mother's Day, Grace Girlfriends will meet on Sunday May 6, 2018 in Homer Hall from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. We will do a

White Elephant Gift Exchange as a Yankee Swap. Find something in your house that you would like to get rid of, wrap it nicely and bring it with you. (Do NOT buy anything) Kindly phone Joy Taylor to let her know if you will be attending. As usual please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share.

Dear brothers & sisters at Grace,

It is a blessing to receive flowers generously donated by you and the prayers helped me through times of trial. Thank you that you continue to pray for me. A special thank you to Joan Beeman for bringing communion to me! I do also appreciate the bulletins that are sent to me every week as it helps me feel that I am still important to Grace. Thank you and I pray that God will continue to bless Grace Lutheran Church. God's blessing to you all!
-Sharon Olenski

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.



Gently Used T-Shirts & Unused Travel Supplies



The Homeless in the Community small group will have plastic bins in the Narthex to collect gently used t-shirts for the Kaye Prox food pantry at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. The t-shirts are given to the homeless when they visit the pantry so they can have a clean shirt during the hot summer months in Florida.

The Homeless Group will also have bins in the Narthex to collect unused travel supplies that you don't use from hotels where you stay during your summer travels. These are distributed to various Centers around Tampa that have shower facilities for the homeless.



TAMPA CONFERENCE

Grace Lutheran Tampa, is a member congregation of the **Tampa Conference**. 10 congregations comprise the Conference. The "Spring Gathering" is an annual event, held this year at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Central Ave., right across the street from Hillsborough High School.

Saturday, May 19th, 10am – 1pm
Theme: "Faith Formation for All Ages"

Free Lunch included! 5 'learning modules' to choose from. Presenters are: Dr. Gabriel Morgan, Rev. James Goldman, Sue Mendenhall (ELCA Deacon) and Michele Collins (ELCA Deacon). Open **TO** all, and **FOR** all. ...to become a **STRONGER** church presence in Tampa!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, April 29th</u>		<u>YOUTH SUNDAY</u>	
	9:00 AM		PANCAKE BREAKFAST
	10:00 AM		ONE SERVICE
	11:30 AM		CONGREGATIONAL MTG
	3:00 PM		Iglesia Evangelica Worship
<u>Monday</u>	10:00 AM		Mah jongg
	7:30 PM		Nurses Intervention Program
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30 AM		Hand n' Foot
	10:00 AM		Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM		AA - On the Way Home
	7:00 PM		Stephen Ministry
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00 AM		Bible Study
	5:00 PM		Nurses Intervention Program
	7:00 PM		Iglesia Evangelica Bible Study
	7:30 pm		Joyringers
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 PM		AA – Alanon/Alateen
	7:00 PM		Chancel Choir
	6:30 PM		Westpark Preserve
<u>Friday</u>	12:00 PM		AA Ladies Friendship
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 AM		Diakonia
	9:30 AM		Spirits on Fire
	9:30 AM		Ancestor Hunters
<u>Sunday, May 6th</u>		<u>SS TEACHER APPRECIATION</u>	
	8:30 AM		Traditional Service
	10:00 AM		Spirits on Fire warm-up
	11:00 AM		Celebration Service
	12:30 PM		Youth Senior Send-Off
	2:00 PM		Grace Girlfriends
	3:00 PM		Iglesia Evangelica Worship

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

Condolences: To Jeannie & Rob Barry and all of Jeannie's family on the loss of her Aunt Sharon.

To Elaine Guerra and her family as they mourn the loss of her sister Betty Ann Justice this past Monday.

To Lois Sorensen and her family on the death of her cousin Tommy Skala.

To Tom & Kerri Shaw's brother-in-law Pat Coakley and his family on the death of his mother Wathan Dogget. She passed away this past Wednesday.

Members: Lizzy & Christopher Shephard, 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...

David Trent	son of	Doug & Hilda Trent
Barbara Lafleur	mother-in-law of	Julie Lafleur
Khuntala	sister-in-law of	Ruth Rahman
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
Kimbery 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
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

Altar Flowers –

McCulloch – Kent & Alice Fast

Metropolitan Ministries – Anonymous

Eternal Flame –

Attendance

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:30 am - 135 11:00 am – 72 - **TOTAL – 207**



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**

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

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.