

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!



Our handbells are in need of some unexpected repair and this expense was not included in our 2018 Budget. There is a very simple way you can help if you are a Thrivent

Member. Please log on to this link: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/> and designate your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* to GLC. After designating your Dollars please call or send Maggie an email, maggiek@gracelutherantampa.org. This way when the report is issued the funds can be credited to the correct account (Joyringers Restricted Fund). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Laurie Sweigart, Director of Bell Choir, or Maggie in the office. If you are not a Thrivent member and would like to donate, simply write "Joyringers" on your donation.



A HUGE **Pentecost** thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver a sponsored red, orange, or yellow flowering plant (or flower arrangement) to the following ministry partners:



AA/Alanon/Alateen, Alexander Elementary School, All Saints Lutheran Church, Atonement Lutheran Church, Carrollwood Elementary School, Congregation Beth Am, CAIR-Florida, Church of the Resurrection, Eckerd Raising Hope, First Nesters (Bayshore Baptist), Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Forest Hills Elementary School, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Iglesia Evangelica la Familia, Judeo-Christian Health Clinic, Kaye Prox Food Bank (Lutheran Church of Our Savior), Lutheran Services Florida, Lutheran Urban Parish (a/k/a/ St. Paul & Faith), McCulloch Group Home, Meals on Wheels, Metropolitan Ministries, Morning Star Church (food bank), Nurses Intervention Program, Oasis Pregnancy Center, St. Paul Catholic Church, Synod House (Florida-Bahamas Synod headquarters), Tampa Bay Tamil Church - Worship Ensemble, Tampa Veterans Center, and Village Presbyterian Church (food bank).

Also, Thank you to the following people, who generously offered time and talent to decorate the Sanctuary and Connections, dress and arrange sponsored plants, and deliver sponsored plants: Danny Scott, Mary Strous, Kipp VanPay, Alice Deal, Dave Davies, Jane Hernandez, Pastor John Hillmer, Donna Lund, Dottie Pihl, Marcia Pihl, Brad Schmucker, Maggie Scott, and Deacon/Seminarian Lois Sorensen. Thank you also to Maggie Gould and Kerri Shaw for assisting the Worship & Music Committee by keeping track of incoming sponsorships, adding names to the bulletins, and printing delivery cards. And thank you to the all children, teens and "kids at heart" who provided extra sights and sounds during both worship services.

THANK YOU!

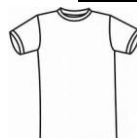
We wanted to thank all who have so graciously helped us with ushering these past 30 years. We really have appreciated all your help in this important service to the Church. We feel confident that you will carry on your fine service under the new leadership. Thank you each and every one. Betty and Jim





Thank you so much for all of your support on donations & money for shoes for the Harbor House in Orlando! We have received 22 pairs of shoes and \$1,295.00 (includes member contributions, Thrivent Action Team gift card, and an endowment grant)! What an incredible family at Grace Lutheran Church we have! Working together like this, we are unstoppable!

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.



SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

As we plan for one worship service (10:00) over the summer, there are opportunities to try something new within the familiar framework of our service order. Feel free to join your musical talents with us as the regular music ensembles take some well-deserved time off:

- June 17th To celebrate Father's Day, we'll have a men's choir sing a beautiful 4-part anthem. All men's voices are needed (especially Bass 2)!
- August 5th Turn back the clock to the 1970s with a Folk service accompanied with acoustic guitars and other folk instruments. Singers and instrumentalists needed, bellbottoms optional!
- Spirits on Fire will lead worship periodically through the summer, and they're always looking for singers and musicians to join the team. Let Nancy know if you'd like to give the praise band a try!
- There are occasional Sundays when we will include special music in any form or combination: solos, duets, quartets, etc. All ages, all instruments, all sacred music styles welcome! Please see Lisa and/or Nancy if you have a talent to share at our worship services over the summer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Feeling lost and abandoned? Wondering where God is in all of this? Confusion setting in? Not sure where to turn next? Feeling as though nothing really makes sense? Ever have feelings like this? These are all normal feelings, but when they persist and you feel yourself really struggling, it may be



a sign that you could use someone by your side to help you. It may be a sign that you could use the help of a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received special training, they are here to help you, listen to you and pray with you. All completely confidential. Don't try to take these rough roads alone. Seek out and explore Stephen Ministry. Questions? Contact the church office or one of our Stephen Leaders (Pastor John, Mickey Castor, Ruth Anderson and Karen Jankowski).

There's a Chair for YOU!

**At our Summer Bible Study
Wednesdays, June 6-August 22
10AM to 12-ish**

**Your Bible is all you need. We'll be looking at the
lectionary for the previous and coming week.**



Email Nadine@gracelutherantampa.org

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 27th	The Holy Trinity		
	ONE (1) SERVICE – 10 AM		
	3:00	PM	Iglesia Evangelica Worship
Monday	MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED		
	10:00	AM	Mah jongg
	7:30	PM	Nurses Intervention Program
Tuesday	9:00	AM	Hand & Foot
	10:00	AM	Staff Meeting
	5:30	PM	AA - On the Way Home
Wednesday	5:00	PM	Nurses Intervention Program
	7:00	PM	Iglesia Evangelica Bible Study
	7:30	pm	Joyringers
Thursday	7:00	PM	AA – Alanon/Alateen
Friday	June 1st		
	12:00	PM	AA Ladies Friendship
Saturday	9:30	AM	Spirits on Fire
Sunday, June 3rd	Second Sunday after Pentecost		
	ONE (1) SERVICE – 10 AM		
	3:00	PM	Iglesia Evangelica Worship

Members: Ron Lofgren, Josie Backowski, Danny Scott, Lizzy & Christopher Shephard, 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...

Linda Besnier	sister of	Barbara Pilcher
Jean Graham	sister of	Mary Threm
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
Emilio	cousin of	Christie Kartchner
Elaine Julison	aunt of	Jan Abraham
Adam Cone	son-in-law of	Rev. Jim Cone
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
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 – Holy Trinity Sunday
McCulloch – Bob & Pat Erickson
Metropolitan Ministries – Anonymous
Eternal Flame – Alice Deal in memory of her mother, Valerie Wohlford.

Attendance
Sunday, May 20, 2018
 8:30 am - 131 11:00 am – 88 TOTAL - 219

Treasurer's Report as of April 2018

Category	2018 YTD	2018 YTD	Over/Under	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	YTD +(-) Budget	
Income	\$121,884	\$121,647	\$237	459,340
Expenses	\$109,042	\$116,872	\$(7,830)	459,340
Profit/(Loss)	\$12,842	\$4,775	\$8,067	\$ 0

FYTD Compared to PY: \$3k unfavorable due to higher giving in February, offset by lower March and April.
TOTAL Expenses: Staff cost higher year over year due to the open position in prior year. Program costs higher year over year due to time of programs including cost of National Youth Gathering.
TOTAL FYTD compared to Budget: \$8k favorable.
 Giving to operations to date is favorable to budget by \$3k.
 Admin costs are below budget due to unused budgeted repairs and maintenance to date.

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



Youth & Family Summer Schedule

- **Mon 6/18 – Fri 6/22** Vacation Bible School 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Tues 6/26 – Sun 7/1** National Youth Gathering, Houston, TX
- **Sun 7/8** Youth & Family Day @ the Lake 4 – 7 pm
- **Mon 7/9 – Fri 7/13** Luther Springs Day Camp 9 am-3:30 pm
- **Sun 7/22 – Fri 7/27** GLC Week @ Luther Springs