

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.



In the Adult Forum this week Mickey Castor will lead a discussion on another Nooma video by Rob Bell. Come and

join in the discussion on Sunday, April 13th at 9:45AM.



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 (Joyrings 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 "Joyrings" on your donation.

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).



SUNDAY SCHOOL.....
Is in session for the next
TWO (2) Sundays; 5/13 & 5/20

Congratulations ...
To our 2018 Seniors!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS:

- Alexis Bourdon
- Daniel Gutcher
- Molly Hauser
- Julia LaVoy
- Amanda Lawniczak
- Raymond Lay
- Katelyn Lewis
- Haley Mueller
- Ruthie Sawyers
- Alex Sheridan
- Evelyn Smith
- Lilia Watson
- Andrew Wise
- Jani Woodson



COLLEGE GRADS:

- Olivia Hamilton
- Justin Lawniczak
- Emma Peterson
- Mason Reinhart

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



Congratulations to **Kristen Murman**, graduated from Florida State University on 5/4. with a triple major in Acct., Finance & Real Estate. Kristen is Laurie Crickenberger's bonus daughter.



Many thanks to all those who helped with, participated in and supported our Poetry and Praise program. We were blessed with an offering of over \$800 to put toward much needed visual technology upgrades for the sanctuary.

-Nancy Richardson and Spirits on Fire

Dear Grace Lutheran,
Thank you so very much for your continued support of Oasis!
My goodness you all are such a blessings! Quilts, diapers and love that shows the hands and feet of Christ. We love you!
The Staff at Oasis

Thank you for your continued support. We truly appreciate all of your support!
God Bless, Pete (Oasis)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13th	7th Sunday of Easter		
	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!		
	8:30 AM	Traditional Service	
	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	
	7:30 PM	Nurses Intervention Program	
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Dorcas Circle	
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	
	5:30 PM	AA - On the Way Home	
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting	
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Last Isaiah Class	
	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	
	6:30 PM	Confirmation/ Faith Statement Dinner	
Sunday, May 20th	Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday		
	8:30 AM	Traditional Service	
	10:00 AM	Spirits on Fire warm-up	
	11:00 AM	Celebration Service	
	3:00 PM	Iglesia Evangelica Worship	

Altar Flowers – Pastor John & Jan Hilmer in celebration of Olivia & Ansel's birthday!
 Tom & Kerri Shaw in memory of Tom's father, Tom Shaw, Sr.
McCulloch – Betty Fisher
Metropolitan Ministries – Anonymous
Eternal Flame – Kipp Van Pay for Dorothy (mother) and Henrietta & Beatrice (grandmothers) for Mother's Day.
Attendance
Sunday, May 6, 2018
 8:30 am - 131 11:00 am – 72 TOTAL - 203

Treasurer's Report as of April 2018

Category	2018 YTD Actual	2018 YTD Budget	Over/Under YTD +(-) Budget	Annual 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.



Youth & Family Schedule

- **Sun 5/20 – Last Day of Sunday School / Confirmation**
 - **12:30 – 2 pm Acolyte/Crucifer training**
- **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**

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.

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

Members: Danny Scott, 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...

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| 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 Rinell | granddaughter of | Sandy Taylor |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Gerald VanPay | father of | Kipp VanPay |
| Carrie Jahn | niece of | Susan McCulloch |
| Joanne Planz | sister of | Joe Planz |
| Sergio | son 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.

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| 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