



Leap of Faith Special Edition

Join Us For Our "Leap of Faith" Lenten Journey

- **April 5th** ~ Lenten Wednesdays Bible Study 4:30pm & 6:45pm
with a light soup & bread meal in between at 5:45pm



- **April 8/9** ~ Palm Sunday (regular worship times at all locations.)

- **April 13** ~ Maundy Thursday 4:30pm & 7:30pm @ SoG North



- **April 14** ~ Good Friday 4:30pm & 7:30pm @ SoG North

- **April 15** ~ Holy Saturday 5pm @ SoG North



- **April 16** ~ Easter Sunday

- ◆ Beach service 7am @ Gulf Harbors Beach Club (bring chairs)

- ◆ Trinity Sportsplex 10:10am

- ◆ SoG North 10:10am

- ◆ Dobies Funeral Home 10:10am

He is Risen

He is Risen Indeed

About Spirit of Grace

We are a caring and welcoming congregation whose mission is: As Christ's people in motion we connect, grow, and serve.

**We are ONE congregation
with TWO worshipping campuses**

NORTH Campus & Office

9525 Hudson Ave
Hudson, FL 34667

Worship

Saturday 5:00 pm (Contemporary)
Sunday 8:30 am (Contemporary)
11:00 am (Traditional)
Sunday School Sunday 9:40 am

SOUTH Campus: Soon to be Under Construction

8812 Old County Rd 54
New Port Richey, FL 34653

*Worship: 11:30am at Dobies Chapel directly
across the street
(Choir at 10am in classroom @ South building)*

Trinity New Start @ Trinity Sportsplex

11514 Pyramid Dr., Odessa

Worship

*1010 am Contemporary
11:10am Learning Time*



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The deadline for the May issue
of *The GracePlace* is April 20th.

Church Council Members

Welcome Kristie & our newly elected officer for '17	
Kristie Beaudry	727-243-3243
Jim Clifford <i>Vice Pres</i>	813-528-1021
Sharon Griffin <i>Secretary</i>	727-808-6490
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Lou Vuozzo <i>President</i>	727-389-2167
Elaine Waldrup	727-815-1117

The next church council meeting will be on Tuesday,
April 11, 7:00 pm at the North Campus.

Who To Contact



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(727) 944-5508 karen115@tampabay.rr.com

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727-967-5201 debenl@aim.com

Deacon Janet Boland, Volunteer Project Coordinator,
727-207-7835 vpc@soglutheran.org

Let Us Know

Please let the church office know if someone is ill,
hospitalized or in need of spiritual care. Hospitals
do not call churches. At times we do not find out
someone is hospitalized until they are home.
Telephone 727-376-0919.

Home Communion

Spirit of Grace has a team of trained Home
Communion Visitors. If you or a family
member are not currently being visited and
would like to receive a visit, please contact
the church office at 376-0919.





Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed, Lead Pastor

Dear Spirit of Grace congregation & friends,
It was meaningful to share with you this past weekend my thoughts and faith when it comes to taking a Leap of Faith – the best way to illustrate that was to share the DVD from when my husband Dave & I celebrated his birthday a few years ago by testing out two parachutes! You know, the only way to find out if a parachute works is to jump! When we take a leap of faith and ‘jump,’ we find out in new, fascinating and sometimes unexpected ways that the promises of God are true.

In Malachi 3:10 God announces: ‘bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the window of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.’ Here God says take a leap of faith, test it, use it and see that I will pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

We have certainly experienced God’s abundance to be true. We became tithers many years ago in our first call when we shared an income, were refurbishing an old house and our first child was born. We were called to a re-development ministry in a fledgling congregation in a country suburb of Omaha, Nebraska. As pastors who wanted to practice what we preached, we made a commitment, together with the people, that everyone take a step up in percentage giving each year. We began at 4%, and increased a percent a year till the next step was 7%. We re-assessed what we were doing, the priority of our faith and God’s grace in our lives. With thankful hearts confident that it’s impossible to out give God, we took that leap of faith to 10%, became tithers, and in some years even tithers plus. Throughout all these many years of ordained ministry & raising our family, that first leap of faith has proven what God announced in Malachi 3. The faith and abundant grace parachute fully opens and the view is both surprising and breathtaking.

We are taking another leap of faith in our commitment to God through this appeal and invite you to join us. Over and above our tithe to SoG, and our tithe to my husband’s congregation, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, our Leap of Faith commitment card will be for \$8,500 to give to God over the 3 year appeal period.

When I landed from the skydive that day, I was asked what it was like. It was hard to find the words right away. I finally described it as terrifying and exhilarating – both at the same time! And breathtaking, and adventurous, and an adrenalin rush. All this while the professional skydiver was strapped, latched and seamlessly bonded onto my back for the tandem leap – he was there with expertise and assurance that it would be a positive experience; after all, he intended on getting home for dinner that night and so did I! And it was just that—a memorable and positive experience. That’s how God is there for us, too – a sure and certain reminder that seamlessly bonded into our days and into our lives with abundant grace, mercy and forgiveness is Jesus, the real life tandem presence.

I see this as both a spiritual & financial Leap of Faith. I’m inviting you to join me in this faith-filled response to God’s grace on April 8 & 9. Let’s take that tandem Christ-connected Leap of Faith together.

See you on the landing pad!
Peace & Prayers, Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed, Lead Pastor



Easter Lilies

Help adorn our sanctuaries with Easter Lilies! You may purchase an Easter Lily for only \$10 before April 9th. Order forms will be available in March. You may choose to take your lily home or have our home communion assistants take your lily to a shut in. You may pick up a form from the Church office or on Sundays it will be inserted in the bulletin. Call the church office for more information.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, April 17 & 18 while we recover from Easter & Holy week.

In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Rita at 813-230-4907.



WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO LEAP?



Having held to the mission of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church as Christ's people in motion we connect, grow and serve, God has worked to bring this church to a point where we are compelled to motion ourselves boldly forward. The reality is that we cannot worship in an empty structure. Concurrently, we must maintain and update our existing north campus.

To respond as Christ's Easter people to these blessings, God challenges us to take a Leap of Faith in our capital appeal. The biblical inspiration (Hebrews 12: 1-2a) urges each of us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Do you get the idea an energetic movement is required of us? Do the action words motion, grow, serve, leap and run beckon you?

If you are like me, generalizations of furnishings, re-furbishing/remodeling, including a financial re-balancing are a little too nondescript. I need to see in "bricks and mortar" a more exact interpretation of a "beachy" theme. If I can picture myself in worship, having fellowship and doing ministry in that space, I will be excited to help make the vision happen. Then what to my wondering eyes should appear...a storyboard! Pictures of flooring, color samples, stain glass windows, shell baptismal font, and architectural drawings bring the dream alive. I can see the space full of light in the colors of water, sand and sun-bleached wood. Water and the WORD flow throughout. My mind sees it and my heart feels it!

I am now equally enthusiastic to see a much needed new roof plus this same theme incorporated in the north campus. What a unique way to unite both worship spaces into one Spirit of Grace. The physical connection cements embracing our one church spirit. I can't help but think that God smiles.

I urge each of you to take time to examine the storyboard displays at each worship service. You might be surprised by how much the visual excites your imagination and dreams. I pray you joyfully respond to the blessings of God and this congregation and join me in taking a Leap of Faith.

Please give me a call if you would like to talk about the storyboard, your questions or share your excitement and talk about your Leap of Faith. My cell is: 727-375-2313

Blessings, Karin Beeten, Leap of Faith Co-Chair



Dear Spirit of Grace friends & congregation,

When I think about the lives Spirit of Grace will touch as the fruits of the Leap of Faith Capital Appeal are utilized to furnish our new South Campus building and to transform the North Campus building, I'm truly excited about the possibilities. Spirit of Grace has a story to tell and the funds raised by this appeal will enable us to tell it.

When it came to thinking about my part in this campaign, it was a little daunting. Actually, it was a LOT daunting. The numbers were a lot larger than I was used to dealing in. However, that was when I was thinking about it as one lump sum. Since I still work a "regular" job, I get paid every 2 weeks, with the first paycheck of every month being a commission check. When I started to think on a monthly basis, I realized the number became very doable for me in my situation.

The next thing to consider was where I could "find" and prioritize that money every month for Leap of Faith. Many of you know that I started going to a gym and working with a personal trainer a couple of years ago. While I am going to continue my gym membership, I'm going to stop seeing my trainer every week. I think I've developed the habit of regular workouts to the point where I can do them on my own with only a monthly session with my trainer. The money I save here will go a long way towards helping me to meet my Leap of Faith commitment. It is a sacrifice, but one I feel is worth it as I see God calling me and I envision what God is calling Spirit of Grace to be in West Pasco County. I invite you to join with me in taking this Leap of Faith.

Give me a call if you would like to talk through or pray about your Leap of Faith. My cell is: 813-416-8208.

In Christ's Name,
Ken Key, Leap of Faith Leadership Team



Welcome Jonathan Rine

What a pleasure to introduce you to Jonathan Rine, SoG's new Contemporary Music Leader.

Jonathan moved to Florida 11 years ago with his wife and two children, upon his Honorable separation from the U.S. Coast Guard - after nine years of service, and immediately began service in music ministry as a soloist, lead vocalist, and instrumentalist on the acoustic guitar. Since childhood, Jonathan has sung in various choirs and bands, and has played various lead roles in musical theater. Jonathan also has a 10 year career in the Television industry, working for HSN as a Fin/Admin Production Manager. "I look forward to joining the Spirit of Grace family, and bringing a new worship experience to those who come to the table" said Jonathan.

Jonathan will begin on Easter! And is already working with our musicians and praise team for both the Easter Beach & Sportsplex worship services. He will begin with just Sundays as we continue to explore next step music for Saturday 5pm worship. We will enter into a 90 trial period together. Please give him a warm welcome to Spirit of Grace!

YOUTH GROUP & Confirmation Schedule Resuming February 2017



Meetings are Sunday 5-7 pm @ North Campus; always beginning with a lite meal — Thank you Fellowship Teams & Parents! Carpool available if you live closer to South Campus – Contact your youth leader for your group with the phone number below, if you want to be in the carpool leaving from South Campus.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL Schedule that begins after a lite meal will be:

- 1st Sunday of the Month: Serving** – we will do varieties of different types of serving projects. (confirmands will come at 4 pm for confirmation class before dinner/serving nite – this is the only variation on the schedule)
- 2nd Sunday: Beach Worship** – @ Hudson Beach (may need a few parents to help carpool over and back)
- 3rd Sunday: Discovery** – (learning in groups: 6th grade; Confirmation; High School)
- 4th Sunday: Recreation** – youth pick: movie, bowling, board games, field games, Wii, etc.
- 5th Sunday: A Combination** – of all of the above.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month is confirmation class.

2nd & 4th Sundays will be youth group.

- ◇ 1st Sunday of the month starts @ 4pm with a meal & service following class.
- ◇ 3rd Sunday of the month starts @ 5pm which starts with the meal then class.

6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

This group meets every Sunday 5pm @ SoG North. They will have a meal with all, then meet as a separate group when necessary.

NEW ELEMENTARY GROUP 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5pm @ SoG North. They will share a meal with all the other groups then split off to do their own session.

Youth Group Leaders:

- ◆ **Elementary Youth (1st-5th grade) - Elaine Waldrup 727-457-3128 & Sarah Conaway 317-417-9529**
- ◆ **6th Grade - Kevin Bixler 727-657-8004 & Lorri Vuozzo 727-389-2363**
- ◆ **Middle Schoolers (7th & 8th Grades) - Vicki Bixler 727-657-8004**
- ◆ **High Schoolers (9th - 12th Grades) - Kristie Beaudry 727-868-3453**
- ◆ **Confirmation Teachers - Deacon Darlene Weikel 727-514-5164, Ken Key 813-416-8208 & Pastor Rita 813-230-4907**

As Appeal Co-Chair, Paul Boivin said in worship the weekend he announced the beginning of the Leap of Faith Appeal at the North Campus, "This is the time!" This is the time when Spirit of Grace is moving forward, taking care of God's Houses, taking a leap of faith forward in the ministry and in connecting with the community. There is a much needed roof, flooring, painting, technology system & updating at the North Campus and new furnishings & technology system and more needed for the new South Campus building. And the time is now.

Our key scripture verse for the appeal from Hebrews 12:1-2a is a similar call to action stating: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

These verses from Hebrews remind us that we surrounded and encouraged by the generations of the faithful who have lived a life of faith and generosity before us. This cloud of witnesses during their lifetime found it a natural outcome of their faith to provide for making Christ known for those who would follow them.

Their faith serves as a profound witness to us. It's a trust and confidence to us that we can set down, work through, break free of all that might hinder us from being faithful. It makes the case that anything that would hold us back, any weight or sin, any hang up in our thinking, any hesitation to *wait & see*, can be laid aside. Perhaps along with the encouragement and invitation, Jesus is asking us a question, "How many more years are you going to wait?" "How much more will it take?" or "What are you waiting for?" This is a call to action.

Jesus is declared to be both a "pioneer" (or "initiator") and a "perfecter" of our faith. Jesus is a "pioneer" because, with his suffering, he opened a new way of faithfulness. But as a "pioneer" Jesus did not break new ground - rather he himself was broken on the cross, opening up this new way for us. Jesus' endurance and suffering that we are profoundly reminded of again in Lent was on the cross. Our endurance is 'tested' or experienced along the marathon road of life itself. Jesus suffered a torturous death, but his resurrection overcame death. Keeping our eyes on Jesus and the Easter proclamation of the empty tomb is the way we can confidently complete our race of faith and life.

With Jesus as our front runner, we are now the privileged faithful followers of today. Through our faith and generosity, we get to pave the way for making Christ known to those who will follow after us. Rev. Ernest T. Campbell, previous pastor of Riverside Church in New York City wrote: 'To be mature (in faith) is to build schools in which you will not study, to plant trees under which you will not sit, to grow churches in which you will not worship.'

With Jesus as our front runner, let us run this great race of faith and generosity. Let us make this great leap of faith together that is now set before Spirit of Grace, freed from every weight that clings so closely and be confident in the empty tomb that proclaims the theme of our appeal song: that 'grace wins every time.'

By Pr. RGTweed



Pr. Chick Lane, our Leap of Faith Consultant will be with Spirit of Grace this upcoming weekend, April 1 & 2.

He will be the featured speaker at the **Sr. Brunch on Saturday, April 1, 11:00am @ North**. Come as Pr. Rita's special guests and enjoy the free meal from the kitchen of Helen Roark! Please RSVP to Janet Boland at 727-207-7835 or janetboland.usa@gmail.com

He'll also be meeting with our Leap of Faith team leaders as well as preaching.

Ways to Give to Leap of Faith

Income Based Giving: Increased Giving

Many people will give a larger portion of their regular income to Spirit of Grace through **Leap of Faith**. The congregation and the cause are important enough that people will reprioritize their spending to give more to the appeal.

Unexpected Cash

In another congregation, a couple unexpectedly received a large inheritance. They decided to give a significant portion of the inheritance to support their congregation's appeal. Other people have given their tax refunds or a year-end bonus.

Income from Investments

Various types of investments distribute interest or dividends. Rather than re-investing these, some people give this income to their congregation's appeal. At a certain age, many people are required to take a minimum distribution from some investments. Often, people give these distributions to a congregation's appeal.

Estate Giving

The Spirit of Grace Council has created the opportunity for members and friends to give to **Leap of Faith** by naming the congregation in their will. This option will provide some people with the ability to make a much larger gift than would be otherwise possible. To explore this further, please speak with Pastor Rita.

Asset Based Giving

Stocks and Bonds

Funding charitable giving with appreciated stocks or bonds can be very advantageous to both the donor and the church. The donor will avoid paying capital gains taxes while receiving a full value charitable deduction. Spirit of Grace will receive a very significant gift. To claim all these benefits, the stocks/bonds must be transferred to the church rather than selling the stocks/bonds and donating the proceeds.

Life Insurance

Some people have significant cash value in insurance policies which they no longer need. The entire policy may be given to Spirit of Grace as an outright gift. The donor might also name the congregation as the beneficiary on the policy.

Real Estate and Other Property

Occasionally people have real estate or personal property which is no longer needed. Giving such items to the church, or selling the items and giving the income to the church, might result in a gift that would provide a large step toward reaching the goals of **Leap of Faith**.

It is important to consult your financial advisor when making estate gifts or gifts of accumulated assets.

DONATIONS

PLEASE call the church office before dropping off any items. Please consider donating to the Goodwill trailer at the South Campus. We do not have room for ANYTHING beyond Food Donations.

NO donations will be taken at the South Campus for the time being.

Tax Return Time is Just Around the Corner

Are you preparing to get a tax return this year? If so, congratulations – that's a great thing. It's also an opportunity to make a generous contribution to your Lord in thanks for the gifts and skills you put into service to make a living and get a tax return.

Prayerfully consider tithing (10%) of your tax return, or more, as a convenient way to "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart."

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sundays @ 2pm, SoG North

Grief Support Group is taking a break while Pastor Dave recovers from surgery. Please call Pastor Dave Kruger if you have any questions. (727) 247-2982

Keeping the House in Good Order

Do you have an appreciation for good order and organizational structure? Do you like to read through Roberts Rules of Order for kicks? Spirit of Grace is looking for a volunteer parliamentarian. If you have experience as a parliamentarian or would like to, please contact Deacon Janet at to find out more about this key role during congregational meetings.



How was the Leap of Faith Capital Appeal target amount determined?

On the weekend of January 14 & 15, 2017, during worship the congregation was asked to dream with God about what they would like to see in each of the campus churches to provide for God's houses for ministry in the chapters ahead. All worshippers were asked to write down these dreams and needs on post it notes and we posted them.

The council and capital appeal co-chairs, along with Pr. Rita, developed the dream/needs list for each location according to the post-it notes' contents. Estimated prices for Items were researched on line, totaled, reviewed, prayed over, reviewed again, totaled and then became the target financial goal amount for the Leap of Faith Capital Appeal.

The council, appeal co-chairs and pastor also took into account how Spirit of Grace still needs to resolve the financial gap between income and expenses. Given all the important strides that have been made in faithful generosity as well as decreased expenses over several years, still the ministry needs to address the 2017 gap between income & expenses of \$46,000. So the leadership determined that \$75,000 of the appeal amount over 3 years (\$25,000 a year) would go a long way to incredibly reduce the 2017 gap and positively impact the spending plan for the next immediate years.

The following is a generalized overview of *estimated dollar amounts* developed from the congregation's posted priorities:

North Campus:

Exterior Improvements:

(including & especially the ROOF!) \$111,000

Interior improvements:

(including new flooring, kitchen & bathroom updates, new technology & sound system, paint, repairs, update welcome area & nursery, security system

	+	<u>\$136,500</u>
		\$247,500

South Campus:

(furnishings for worship, stained glass window repairs, A/V system; narthex, fellowship kitchen, nursery furnishings, signage, security system \$175,000

Ongoing congregational ministry spending plan + \$75,000

Leap of Faith Capital Appeal target goal \$497,500





Quilting Ministries At Spirit of Grace

Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month @ 6:45 pm. Please contact Mae Haines for more info 863-4329

The purpose of Prayers and Squares is to promote prayer through the use of quilts. Our motto is: "It's not about the quilt: it's all about the prayers". We are in need of volunteers at both campus'. You need not be a seamstress to be part of our ministry basic sewing skills are all that is needed.

How to Give a Gift of Prayer in the Form of Quilt?

It is NOT appropriate to surprise someone with a prayer quilt. You must first ask the person you are considering giving this gift of prayer to if they would accept it. You then respect their answer. To request a quilt please fill out a form that is located in the narthex of each Campus.



Sew And Sews

The Sew and Sews quilting ministry meets, **Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am SoG North** This quilting group makes quilts that are distributed all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. For more information see www.lwr.org or call the church office.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

February we served 340 families totaling 1039 people at the cost of \$.49. My thank you words are definitely not sufficient but are heart felt, Last week we got a wonderful delivery of 2550 pounds of meat. We are now able to share with other food pantries and 3 homeless centers. My thank you words are definitely not enough. God has blessed us and now we are using his gifts to serve many others as we are taught from the Bible. Your generous hearts and hands work wonders for many.



If anyone has clothes or pantry items please bring them to service on Sat. or Sun. All donations need to be picked up each weekend in order to keep our church neat and tidy. Donations can be made at King of Kings on Wednesday prior to pantry opening on Wednesday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Anyone needing further assistance getting donations picked up please call Bev Railey at 727-857-4843 or Marcia Baker at 727-267-1719.

We are also feeding more families monthly rather than every other month. We are feeding almost 50% more people than this time this year. Shopping BOGO's is a really great way to help the Pantry. Each month the pantry can use cereal, peanut butter, soup crackers, pasta, sauce, and canned veggies. Our truck deliveries have been changed to Tuesday so anyone who can help unload the truck please contact Marcia Baker. Your donations have made such a difference. Thank you for your help, donations and prayers.

Marcia Baker- Food Pantry Lead for Spirit of Grace

Thrivent Simply Giving



Giving Simplified! Spirit of Grace disciples have the option of automatic giving for their tithes and offerings. SOG is participating in Thrivent's "Simply Giving" program. This means that

members may choose to have their offerings automatically deducted from a checking account, savings account, or a credit card. If you like to 'get points' on a particular credit card – Simply Giving is for you! Once you sign up, your giving happens automatically, when you choose, for as long as you choose. Authorization forms are available in the Narthex at BOTH Campuses. To turn in your forms, place in an envelope and place in the offering plate or drop off to the church office.



Give a Chair

Give a Chair Fund Update as of Dec 2016: Response to providing a chair for the new worship center at South Campus is fantastic! So far: **\$5036.00** has been given – this is outstanding! Contributions for chairs can be made in these next several months. SoG will be buying 250 new chairs, each one is \$40 which also includes shipping & handling fees. **Please remember to make contributions to the chairs in addition to your regular giving.**



Home Communion Visitation

If you would like to be a Home Communion Server, please contact Pastor Dave Kruger or Janet Boland **If you were a Home Communion Server and are no longer doing so, please return your communion kit.**

Women's Monthly Bible Study

MORNING Women's Bible Study

ON HOLD FOR NOW Call the church office if you would like to help with this bible study, 727-376-0919.

AFTERNOON Women's Bible Study -Tuesday, 1:00 pm

(4th Tuesday of the month) Call Mae Haines at 727 863 4329 for location.

A LONG LESSON IN GOD'S LOVE Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6pm @ SoG North

Our Spirit of Grace Tuesday evening Bible Study group began in June 2016 the interesting but daunting task of reading aloud and discussing the entire Bible from the Genesis creation stories through Revelations. It will literally be a very long lesson in understanding God's unfathomable love for his rebellious people throughout history. Please join our lively class Tuesday evenings when we continue weekly readings with Deuteronomy at 6:00 p.m. as we peruse God's Holy Bible and pray to his holy name. Contact Person: Gene Kortier 727 819 2008 or gkortier@tampabay.rr.com

Graceful Seniors

Our next scheduled planning meeting is **Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 pm, at Carole Coleman's home.**

SATURDAY BRUNCH—Saturday, April 1st, 11am @ SoG North

Ret Pastor Chick Lane will be there to talk more about our Leap of Faith Capital Appeal. **Lunch will be FREE**, so please join us. You do not have to be a senior to come to any of the Graceful Senior Events. Any questions, please call Janet Boland 727-207-7835

BOAT TRIP—Wednesday, April 5, 10am "The Odyssey" Cost: \$15 for Boat Ride

We will car pool to Tarpon Springs from the parking lot at Carmelita's on Old County Road 54.

We will make group reservations at Rusty Bellies, lunch cost is on your own.

Make checks payable to Spirit of Grace and send to Mary Elm, 3541 Niblick Ct., NPR, 34655

Database Updates

Do you have a new email? Are you getting emails from Spirit of Grace? Do you have a new Cell Phone? Please be sure to send any new email update to churchoffice@soglutheran.org ASAP! Sending as much communication out as possible by email keeps postage costs lower, and we want to stay in contact with you!
Thank you!

You've Got Mail!

Spirit of Grace has a mounted mail box or communication box at each campus. The communication box is for you to provide ministry input &/or feedback, share ministry ideas, provide a ministry compliment, ask questions, get information, generate a conversation on a ministry area/topic.

If you are providing feedback, also be sure to include your idea to make it better for next time.

Look for responses in the monthly newsletter.

You've Got Mail Answers No new mail!



Anniversaries April

Don & Sharon McTeer 4/7/1962
 Allen & Shirley Hunt 4/23/1971
 Harold & Toni Amundson 4/23/1982
 Bob & Della Whitten 4/25/1952

Birthdays in April

4/1 Carla Fox 4/17 Sharon McTeer
 4/2 Mary Ellen Badeau Louise Salvato
 Maxine Nelson Dale Strand
 4/3 Alex Adair 4/20 Sharon Burke
 Cooper Burden 4/22 Molly Boland
 Timothy Caruthers 4/23 Joanna Boivin
 Tanner Clifford 4/24 Ben Adair
 4/4 Beth Hollenberger 4/25 Ralph Ferry
 4/5 Mae Bixler 4/26 Sally Dagenais
 4/8 Sarah Conaway Audrey Gerds
 4/10 George Metzenthin 4/27 Marilyn Moll
 4/14 Gloria Warner Edith Oesterling
 4/16 Joan Benson 4/28 Molly Brown
 4/29 Helen Roark
 4/30 Robert Brink

In Memoriam

The sympathy and love of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Jim Branson (Son of MaryAnn Branson), Elsie Morris & Marcie Hancelman** who passed to the church triumphant in March. As we celebrate resurrection may their families know the comforting presence of our Lord.

February Income

Projected: \$26,608 Actual: \$29,683
Your generosity matters!

Worship Attendance

(Average Weekly Attendance for the Month)
 Does not include Easter ~ 124 N ~ 125 S ~ 325 Beach or
 Christmas ~ 251 N ~ 105 S

January SoG NORTH Campus

	Sat 5:00	Sun 10:10	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg Jan 2017	29	77	29	120
Avg Jan 2016	30	107	29	166

January SoG SOUTH Campus

	Sun 8:30	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg Jan 2017	48	28	76
Avg Jan 2016	67	31	98

February SoG NORTH Campus

	Sat 5:00	Sun 10:10	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg Feb 2017	48	64	33	144
Avg Feb 2016	32	84	25	141

February SoG SOUTH Campus

	Sun 8:30	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg Feb 2017	54	29	82
Avg Feb 2016	65	46	112



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Spirit of Grace disciple Angel Cook on being crowned Queen of the Chasco Fiesta 2017! (pictured here with King Pithla, Kim Bogart)

Sharing Reminder:

When you, a loved one, or friend at Spirit of Grace is in the hospital or in need of care and support, please remember to contact the church office directly by phone 727-376-0919 or email:

churchoffice@soglutheran.org or
pastordave@sogluthern.org or
tlprita@soglutheran.org

Posting prayer & care needs on your personal facebook is just that -- a personal post to your family and friends. If you want to initiate a visit or prayers from your church family, the personal facebook post doesn't substitute for notifying the church office, which leads to pastoral/lay visitation follow up &/or prayer chain.



Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church
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Purpose Statement:

As Christ's people in motion we connect,
grow, and serve.

Guiding Principles:

Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior
Be a Grace Place with open hearts.
Share the Good News in meaningful ways
Fully engaged ministry for all ages
Celebrate LIFE: Living In Faith Everyday



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