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Newsletter for disciples and friends of Spirit of Grace

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Rally Day 2016

Sunday, August 14 ~ SoG South
Sunday, August 21 ~ SoG North

Save the Date! It the start of the program year & Sunday School, there will also be lots of fun and exciting things happening! Don't miss it!

We will kick off the fall program season with fellowship and fun! August 14th at South Campus and August 21 at North Campus. All Children & Youth bring their backpacks to worship for a blessing to start the new school year! (At South Campus we will do what we can where ever we are!)

Guest Gathering

Are you new to Spirit of Grace?

Aug 14: South Campus, 1:15 pm
Aug 21: North Campus, 1:15 pm

Guest Gatherings are a time for getting more acquainted, for 'Church Chat & God-talk' – your questions and sharing create the agenda. Then if you are interested in making Spirit of Grace your church home, we'll arrange for that next step. Just come to one of the following Guest Gatherings to meet with Pr. Rita & one of our SoG Council members.

August 14: South Campus, 1:15pm ***OR***
August 21: North Campus, 1:15pm.

Email Pr. Rita to confirm you're attending:
tlprrita@soglutheran.org

Flat Jesus

Many of you took flat Jesus with you on vacation! ! The pictures are fabulous; see a re-cap of Flat Jesus where-a-bouts on Rally Day! What a good way to show that we take our faith with us every day, where ever we go!!

Just some of the places Flat Jesus has gone with SoG disciples! Russia, Iowa & Michigan. See a few more on page 7 and join us for Rally Day and see all the pictures!

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 worshiping campuses

NORTH Campus & Office
9525 Hudson Ave
Hudson, FL 34667
Worship
Saturday 5:00 pm (Contemporary)
Sunday 10:10 am (Contemporary)
11:30 am (Traditional)
Sunday School Sunday 9:15 am

SOUTH Campus
8812 Old County Rd 54
New Port Richey, FL 34653
Worship
Sunday 8:30 am (Contemporary)
11:30 am (Traditional)
Sunday School Sunday 8:45 am & 10:00 am
Adult Ed Sunday 10:00 am

Mailing Address 9525 Hudson Ave
Hudson, FL 34667

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Sr. Ministry & Spiritual Care
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The deadline for the September 2016 issue of *The GraceVine* is August 22.

Church Council Members

Paul Boivin *Vice President*	727-389-5724
Jim Clifford *Treasurer*	813-528-1021
Sharon Griffin *Secretary*	727-808-6490
Ken Key	813-416-8208
Charlene Lee	727-844-0412
Erik Reisner	727-534-7825
Lou *Vuozzo President*	727-389-2167
Elaine Waldrup	727-815-1117

The next church council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 pm at the North Campus.

Who To Contact

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727-815-5757 rmsaco55@aol.com

Karen Pudleski, North Musician 11:30 am service
(727) 944-5508 karen115@tampabay.rr.com

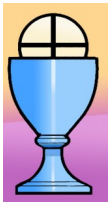
Debbie Bryant, South Musician 11:30 am service
727-967-5201 debenl@aim.com

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 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.

Dear Spirit of Grace,

Welcome Plato Academy and Welcome Back Esther's School!

The beginning of the school year marks a new chapter in the lives of our families with children, youth and young adults in school or pursuing academic degrees and at Spirit of Grace, it marks entering into both new and ongoing partnerships with two schools. The buildings are full, being used and bustling with children and learning.

Plato Academy is re-furbishing the South Campus to be ready for the opening day of school with younger students (VPK to 2nd grade, I believe). The principal, Ms. Jen Perez is on site and already been a tremendous help as we enter into this shared space with them for the 2016-17 school year.

Esther's School is welcoming back teachers this first week of August and having their Parent-Teacher welcome back Aug 2. We welcome back Mr. Chad Maesee, principal and their staff. They will be using the classroom wing and nursery for grades k-high school.

Pray for our families with students returning to school, as well as teachers, administrators, and Esther's School & Plato Academy, as a good year ahead gets underway at both campuses this month!

See You in Worship,

Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed
Transition Lead Pastor

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been meeting every week since the end of June. Our first order of business was to circulate the survey to all members of the congregation, we thank all of you for responding. The survey was tabulated and entered to the Ministry Site Profile (MSP} .There are many sections to this Profile so we divided them up among the members of the Call committee to hasten our process. Answers were brought back and discussed.. By the time you read this the MSP should be complete and sent on to Connie Schmucker, Assistant to the Bishop and our contact person. She will critique it, we will make changes as needed. Once she has approved it the MSP will be submitted on to the Synod Bishop. and of course also to the Council..

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers and that we all be open to his Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love.

Sharon Burke
Chairperson

Give a Chair Take a Seat

Our new South Campus Sanctuary will have new chairs!!

Each of the new chairs cost $40 and we will be ordering 250.

If you would like a chair, please call the church office. Also consider a donation of $40 per chair; and providing a 2nd or 3rd chair to welcome a new worshipper to SoG.

You may also choose to donate without taking a chair.

Please remember that this would be in addition to your regular giving.

SoG NORTH OFFICE HOURS June-August

The North Office will be open Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Closed Thursday & Friday) We will resume regular hours in September.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON PLANNING ALREADY UNDERWAY!

Advent Devotional – Such a Spiritual Blessing for SoG!

Advent is Coming and so is the 2nd Annual SOG Advent Devotional. Nov. 27th is the 1st Sunday of Advent and the start of devotions for season. Calling all Spirit of Grace writers, and typist's this year, to write and prepare the Advent devotional. We are hoping to build on last year's accomplishments and add additional writers so we have more input into the devotional. Also needed are people who like to type to input any handwritten devotionals into the computer for easier editing and formatting. The more people involved the easier the devotional preparations will be.

Sign-Up day for choosing devotion lessons will be on Rally day in August at both the North and the South Campus. However, Darlene will also accept early requests. If you have an interest in either writing a devotional or inputting into the computer, call or email Deacon Darlene Weikel at Snickey75@outlook.com or call or text her at 727-251-8139.

Graceful Ringers – Getting out the Bells!

Calling all folks who want to be Graceful Ringers & have fun together! Special thanks to Deacon Darlene who will lead both new and seasoned ringers alike in preparing a closing song for this Christmas season's Cantata. Rehearsal dates/locations yet to be determined. Interested? Contact Deacon Darlene Weikel at Snickey75@outlook.com or call or text her at 727-251-8139.

Calling Singers!

This year's Christmas Program will include the Children's Nativity, Songs & *Cantata*! And be shared the 1st weekend in December. If you are a singer who hasn't had time to regularly be in the choir or praise team, but would love to sing Christmas music with others to God with a short term schedule commitment – this may be just right for you! Contact one of our music people:

Karen Pudlewski - (727) - 944-5508 karen115@tampabay.rr.com
Debbie Bryant - (727) 967-5201 - debenl@aim.com
Christina Brennan - (727) 645-2571 - christinab8766@yahoo.com

Below are the dates scheduled for our Christmas Cantata practices at the North Campus.

- **Sept. 8th (Thursday) – 6:30-8:00 @ North**
- **Oct. 6th (Thursday) – 6:30-8:00 @ North**
- **Oct. 20th (Thursday) – 6:30-8:00 @ North**
- **Nov. 10th (Thursday) – 6:30-8:00 @ North**
- **Dec. 1st (Thursday) – dress rehearsal @ North– 7:00-8:30**

Dear SOG family,

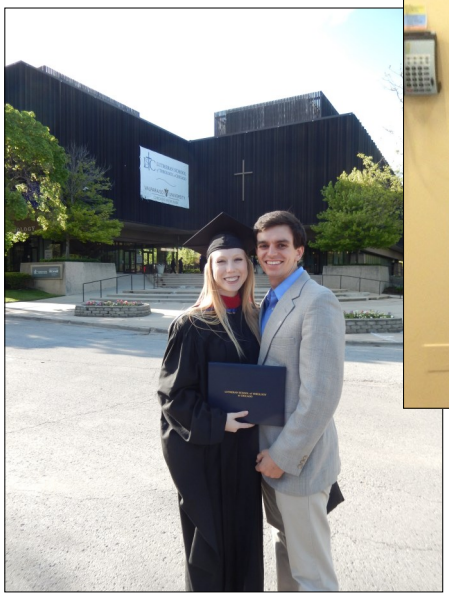
Thank you so much for your kind well-wishes for my graduation and for our wedding. I was amazed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. The cards you all signed have been on display on our kitchen table all summer. The beautiful prayer quilt has quickly become one of my favorite blankets and I use it almost nightly when Trey and I spend time together on the couch – blue and yellow (the colors of our wedding) too! Wow! We were blown away by the love and care you showered on us, and for that I can't thank you enough.

Trey and I have enjoyed our first several weeks as newlyweds living in Cleveland, Ohio while Trey completes an internship with NASA Glenn Research Center. I've been teaching fitness classes part-time (something I've been doing for 6 years now) and enjoying a slower pace this summer before my call to ordained ministry begins. I will be ordained at my internship congregation, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, in Bloomington, IN on Sept 17th and I have been called to serve as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Camden, IN and Faith Lutheran Church in Logansport, IN. Both churches are within 1 hour from Purdue University where Trey is earning his PhD in Mechanical Engineering, and we are currently in the process of looking for somewhere to live in the small towns between the churches and the university. It is an exciting time, and we are full of gratitude and anticipation.

Here are a few pictures that I'd like to share with you. Do you recognize the loveable photo-bomber? We had such a good time. It was a beautiful day. Thanks again for the love, support, and prayers.

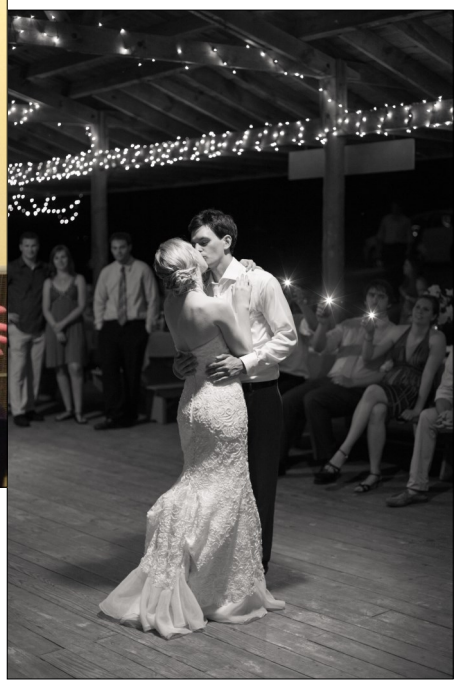
Warmly,

Marissa Tweed Harrison



Marissa Tweed & Trey Harrison
Marissa's Graduation

Wesley, Marissa, Marina & Pastor Rita



Marissa & Trey Harrison

Many Thanks to Mr. Tom Dobies for allowing the South Campus to worship at the funeral home across the street from the building for July 31 & Aug 7Th!

THOMAS B. Dobies
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Do You have Photos to Share of our Events?

We now have a shared Dropbox
where you can upload your pictures!

1. Go to www.dropbox.com
2. Upper right hand side of screen click on "*Sign In*"
3. The email to use is **soglutheran@outlook.com**
4. Password is **9525Grace** (make sure to use a capital G)
5. You will see a folder marked "Photos"
6. Drag your photos from your computer into that folder.

We will start naming folders with specific events and remind everyone to share their photos!
You may also email them to churchoffice@soglutheran.org

YOUTH GROUP & Confirmation

Teen Youth Group Summer Schedule

Please watch for more information about Youth Group in the weekly Announcements and the September Newsletter

Confirmation

Watch for more information about Confirmation in the Weekly Announcements and the September Newsletter

******Jr Youth Group for Elementary grades 2-5******

Please watch for more information about Jr. Youth Group in the weekly Announcements and the September Newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Conaway (317) 417-9529 or Elaine Waldrup (727) 457-3128

Reminders . . . Reminders. . . Reminders

About the lease agreement with Superior Schools or the 8812 Old County Road LLC.

The invitation to donate to new chairs for the future new worship building for South Campus has opened up questions of what is SoG responsible for in the new building. All these items were previously reviewed, discussed, approved by council and are in the lease, but we all know that periodic reminders are always helpful.

SoG from the beginning has always been responsible for furnishings that will be *owned* by SoG: quoting from the lease: "Tenant shall have the right to fully equip any building that it uses with all trade equipment, lighting fixtures, furniture, operating equipment, furnishings, mats and area rugs, sound, stained glad window inserts, musical equipment, audio visual equipment, wireless and telephone connections, decorations, lectern, flags, banners, candles, and any other equipment and personal property necessary for the operation of Tenants church, as approved by Landlord, which approval shall not be unreasonable withheld or delayed."

Additionally in the lease SoG will provide 250 chairs, the SoG sign on the front of the building, share the expense for a digital sign on Old County Road to be shared by both Plato Academy & SoG as long as approved by Pasco County, furnishing for offices, kitchen (which is now a kitchen not just a kitchenette – it's evolved!) A security system will need to be considered, too.

SoG is *not* paying for the structure and everything relating to the structure and things like flooring, toilets, sinks, outlet covers, switch plate covers, general lighting, windows, doors. However, take the flooring as an example: if the flooring we select is above their projected expense for flooring, we will be given the opportunity to make up the difference in order to have our first choice or make a new choice that is in their allocated expense for flooring. This is true with many of the items we get to select, too, including the eventual wall to separate the space which they will pay for a base-model and if we prefer an upgraded model, the over and above ammount will fall to SoG.

Other expenses SoG will have:

- $1.00 rent per year
- Insurance (general liability: injury, property and renters)
- Telephone/wifi
- Utilities (pro-rated when we share the building)
- Janitorial – in our section
- Upkeep of the Memorial Garden

SoG will have no mortgage on the South Campus & no expenses for lawn care & maintenance

Ideally there will be a capital campaign at SoG to benefit BOTH campuses; furnishing, etc for the south and refurbishing/roofing for the north. Plans and dates are not yet set; this is a preliminary item before the council for more planning and discussion.

Please keep all questions coming to the SoG council, Pr. Rita or the church office. All of your good questions help keep us all on the same page. More communication is always welcomed and better as we move forward, boldly, supported by the Spirit, into many new ministry opportunities!

Quilting Ministries At Spirit of Grace

Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares will meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month @ 6:45 pm. Please contact Mae Haines for more info 863-4329 ***This ministry will take a break during the summer starting in June and resume in September.***

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 ministry will take a break during the summer and resume in September.*** 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.

Music & Worshiping Arts

REHEARSAL TIMES BY CAMPUS

SOUTH Campus

Praise Team - Thursdays, 8:00 pm
Chancel Choir - Thursdays 5:30 pm

NORTH Campus

Praise Team - Tuesdays 7:30 pm
Chancel Choir - Thursdays 6:30 pm

The Chancel Choirs are taking the summer off, they will resume practice in September.

We offer Chancel Choirs that sing at the Traditional Services. We would like to invite anyone who loves to sing praises to God and singing in a choir to join! The South Choir is directed by Debbie Bryant 727-967-5201

The NORTH Campus Praise Team sing at both Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:10 am services and is directed by Bob Sacco (Saturday) (727) 815-5757 and Christina Brennen (Sunday) (727) 645-2571. The Praise Team at the SOUTH Campus sings at the Sunday 8:30 am service and is directed by Christina Brennan. Both teams offer different musical styles, reaching out to multiple generations and are always looking for additional singers and instrumentalists.

Minnesota, North Carolina, Quebec, and Alaska are just a few of the places we've taken Jesus!

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.**

Adult Education Class

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

This Bible study **Tuesdays, 6:00 pm @ SoG North.** We will be making our way through the bible. If you have any questions, please call Gene Kortier 727-819-2008.

Women's Monthly Bible Study

These bible studies will be taking a break for summer and will resume in September.

MORNING Women's Bible Study— Tuesday, 9:30 am SoG South. (1st Tuesday of the month) Call Church office for info, 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.

Thrivent Simply Giving

Giving Simplified! Spirit of Grace disciples now 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to Kiersten Keely's Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Spirit of Grace contributed to 1/3 of the cost of her trip! Kiersten gave a presentation at the North Campus during worship in July.

Graceful Seniors Planning Committee

Our next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, August 9, 1:30 pm, at Carole Coleman's home.**

Third Thursday is taking a break until September,
watch for special events throughout the summer hosted by the Graceful Seniors.

Stephen Minister Ministry

They are among us!

No, we are not talking about angels or aliens, we are talking about individuals who care about others. The scriptures describe their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourself were suffering." *Hebrews 13:3*

If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. A training class will be starting on Sunday, November 6th at 1:00 pm at SoG North Campus. Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders for an application or more information. Karin Beeten 727-375-2313 Janet Boland 727-207-7835

And thank you to our current Stephen Ministers:
Janet Boland, Sharon Burke, Jay Kane, Ilona O'Connor & Kathy Yovanovits

Try-A-Tithe Sunday – Make Rally Day your Try-A-Tithe Sunday, too! If you have yet to become a tither, "Try-A-Tithe" is taking that leap of faith in your offering by bringing a tithe (your weekly giving amount when you are bringing a tithe (10%) of your annual income/resources into God's house.) See the chart below to re-identify where your tithe would be.

Why is this so important: It's a hallmark of spiritual growth! God is a giving and generous God; when we put God first in our lives it also means giving *first fruits* to God by being the best steward of the resources over which God has placed us and giving to God first. You may recall 10-10-80 -- at one time in the ELCA it was a way to teach practicing faithful stewardship that also serves to curb our 'over abundance & consumerism' when we tithe 10%; save 10% and live on 80% of our income.

Try-A-Tithe is an important step in re-aligning our financial practices to match what we say we believe as followers of Jesus – being authentic in our faith and life practices. Try-A-Tithe helps us stretch our faith muscles and makes us more open to God's work in our lives and more open to see God's work in our lives. The scripture verse below from Malachi is the only time in scripture when God says 'try me; test me and see what blessings will be overflowing for you' – Opening us up to see how God is already working in our lives and around us. We are being blessed regularly but the reality is that many times we are so covered over with stuff, drama, fears, that we miss the presence and activity of God. Tithing recognizes God's call to put God first and opens us spiritually to see God's abundance, God's activity, God's Grace and God's presence especially in Jesus.

From Malachi 3:8: "Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me – the whole nation of you! 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 windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

WEEKLY GIVING GUIDE

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
18,000	1,500	346	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.00
25,000	2,083	481	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	87.00
40,000	3,333	769	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	92.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	104.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	115.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	138.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	173.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	231.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	288.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	346.00	433.00
175,000	14,583	3,365	135.00	202.00	269.00	337.00	404.00	505.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	462.00	577.00
225,000	18,750	4,327	173.00	260.00	346.00	433.00	519.00	649.00

Financials

Jan-June spending plan 2016:	$199,625
Jan-June: all income 2016:	$168,488
Shortage 2016	-$31,137

Expenses continue under review given the pay-off of the south mortgage during this time.

Transparency has been the guiding light for finances and it is well known that there is a considerable financial gap between giving and expenses. Thankfully, with dramatic changes in expenses from 2013 to 2016 and exercising better congregational stewardship, the $250,000 gap of 2013 has been reduced to $55,000 in 2016. That's dramatic and real!

Also real is that even with all these strides, with all the faith-filled folks who have stepped up their giving, with all the new income stream revenue sources, the $55,000 gap remains between income and expenses. It is very real and the fund that has been helping to bridge across this real financial gap to 'buy more time' for Spirit of Grace to level out expenses and step up their faithful, generous giving to God now only has $20,000 left in it.

The finance team and council will *again* be addressing this at their August Meetings.
The need for continued faithful giving remains just as essential as ever, maybe even more as God calls Spirit of Grace forward into new mission.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHURCH

Have you some time to donate at church. We have several opportunities available:

North Campus - Thursday Morning Phone/ Office Asst. -this would be helping in the office at the north campus from 9 to 1. Includes answering phones and helping Deb with miscellaneous projects. No experience needed. We will train.

North Campus - Person to schedule the cleaning crew. You will call from a list of volunteers to schedule the cleaning crews twice a month.

From Home - How about a job you can do from the comfort of your home? We need someone to assist Pastor Dave in managing the Home Communion Visitors Project. All information needed for the project will be provided. Includes calling Home Communion Visitors to update information, keeping track of Home Communion Kits & Notebooks. Most of the work can be done on a quarterly basis.

Liturgical Arts Team - Help with decorating the church for each season. Help needed at BOTH Campuses.

Funeral Coordinators - This job is an unscheduled position and only happens occasionally. The amount to be done depends on the size of the funeral and what the family would like to see done. We have a check list to follow which makes it easy to do. It would work best if we had two people from each campus . Funerals usually happen without much warning so with two people we would be sure to have someone available to cover.

Please contact Deacon Janet Boland for details if you are willing to help. Call the church office on Mondays between 9 and 3 or contact at home at 727-207-7835.

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

Q. "We really need to find a way to have a fellowship time at the south."

A. Yes, of course we do! Yes, of course we will! Being in the midst of many re-configurations has made that more challenging during these weeks, but this too shall pass. Thanks to everyone for added and extra flexibility and adaptability as SoG transitions through these weeks. In times of transition, folks who desire fellowship time with one another are encouraged to go together to a local coffee house nearby, for example, Panera – please be encouraged to find creative ways to be community together with one another during this in-between time.

Anniversaries August

Bob & Phillis Memoli	8/4/1968
Don & Charlotte Christensen	8/20/1955
Robert & Violet Hummel	8/20/1955
Don & Sherry LaPlante	8/30/1966
Deb & Bill Boland	8/31/1996

Birthdays in August

8/2	Sonia Griswold	8/10	Marty Bretthauer
	Ed Ruhlig		Veronica Gustafson
8/4	Gladys Binsberger	8/12	James Manning
8/5	Eugene Fouch		Bob Yarnell
	Bill Jones	8/14	Muriel Clark
	Ken Key		Lilly Manning
	Sally Kiess	8/15	Sharon Bellak
8/6	Jeff Wright	8/16	Betty Hansen
8/7	Kathy McGarrigle	8/17	Kristie Beaudry
	Milt Moll	8/19	Deborah Carren -Van Sickle
8/8	Kayla Brady	8/24	Jay Wobster
	Penny Black	8/25	Joe Salatino
	Wendy Brill	8/27	Ruth Seely
8/9	Ann Abbey	8/28	Janet Boland
			Keith Beeten

Notary Service Available

Barbara Stover at 727-859-3397
A FREE service for all disciples of Spirit of Grace.

In Sympathy

The love and sympathy are with the families and friends of **Donna Smithback, Betty Nadeau and Jerry Beck.** They have passed to the church triumphant this summer.

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!

Worship Attendance

(Average Weekly Attendance for the Month; for the Year)
Does not include Easter ~ 124 N ~125 S ~ 325 Beach

May & June SoG NORTH Campus

	Sat 5:00	Sun 10:10	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg May 2016	30	76	23	129
Avg May 2015	22	68	29	118
Ave June 2016	29	64	21	113
Ave June 2015	30	59	25	114

May & June SoG SOUTH Campus

	Sun 8:30	Sun 11:30	Total
Avg May 2016	61	41	102
Avg May 2015	68	36	104
Ave June 2016	49	32	81
Ave June 2015	50	35	84

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.

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 pastor-dave@sogluthern.org or tlprrita@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.

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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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