



The Grace Vine

I am the vine, you are the branches. John 15:5

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Issue 3

Join Us For Our Lenten Pilgrimage To The Cross

SoG NORTH Lenten Schedule

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Palm/Passion Sunday



Saturday, April 12 & Sunday, April 13 Regular Worship Times

A procession of palms (weather permitting) will begin our worship.

Powerful worship including a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

SoG NORTH 4:00 pm

SoG SOUTH 7:00 pm

We remember Jesus celebrating the Lord's Supper with his disciples, his washing their feet as an example to us of serving one another, and his commandment to them to "Love one another as I have loved you". The service ends with the "stripping of the worship space" in remembrance of the way Jesus was stripped and humiliated by those who put him to death.

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

SoG NORTH 7:00 pm

SoG SOUTH 4:00 pm



We hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on Jesus' great love for us that led him to die on the cross for our sins. Tenebrae is a service of darkness. During the service candles are extinguished - symbolizing the darkness that occurred as Jesus suffered and died on the cross. The Tenebrae Service is one of the most powerful worship services of the year.

Easter Sunday



Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 am

Gulf Harbors Beach, 5345 Westshore Dr. New Port Richey

SoG NORTH Campus

9:00 am & 11:15 am

(NO Saturday Night Service)

SoG SOUTH Campus

8:45 am & 11:15 am

Breakfast by the Youth
between services
at BOTH Campuses
Easter Morning!

About Spirit of Grace

We are a caring and welcoming congregation whose mission is to share the love and forgiveness of Christ with our community and the world. We strive to be a servant church, constantly seeking ways to reach out and minister to those in need.

**We are ONE church
with TWO worshiping campuses**

NORTH Campus & Office

9525 Hudson Ave
Hudson, FL 34667

Worship

Saturday 5:00 pm (Blended)

Sunday 8:45 am (Blended) 11:15 am (Traditional)

Sunday School & Adult Education

Sunday 10:00 am

SOUTH Campus

8812 Old County Rd 54
New Port Richey, FL 34653

Worship

Sunday 8:45 am (Blended) 11:15 am (Traditional)

Sunday School & Adult Education

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The deadline for the March issue
of *The GraceVine* is March 21.

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

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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.





Pastor’s Note: When have you been with Jesus?

When have you been with Jesus? You know when this has happened. You know when you are distant or when you are close. This is again the call of Lent to each of us: to draw closer to Jesus, and his journey to the cross and the empty tomb. Increasing our closeness with Jesus is what makes a difference in us: do we see ourselves and our neighbor through the eyes of Jesus? Do our choices, priorities, decisions reflect the one in whom we say we follow – Jesus? Is the way we talk to the stranger and friend, loved one and clerk, medical assistant and child sounding like we are a follower of Jesus?

Hear again the invitation from Jesus heart to yours to get close, linger with him and fellow followers through this Lenten season that begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. A tip to drawing closer to Jesus is to give yourself a break from technology – unplug – even if it’s 10 minutes: turn off the phone ringer; turn off the tv or radio, walk away from the computer, set down the laptop and the tablet reader. Also, create a bit of buffer time somewhere in the day instead of just rushing to the next thing. Of course, this depends on your schedule what you need to carve out or prioritize in order to: “Be Still and Know that I am God.” Start with prayer during this still time; prayer that both speaks to God in Jesus that which is most on your mind and in your heart AND listen, quietly, without talking.

Our spiritual growth focus in Lent will be hearing the “Call to Discipleship” and exploring the progressive growth that deepens discipleship: The Invited become Followers; Followers become Learners; Learners become Ministers; Ministers Become Living Examples; Living Examples become Witnesses; Disciples become Leaders. There are 7 faith practices that will be highlighted. These help us grow by putting one’s faith into action and are a part of a regular healthy faith diet: Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve, Give. See you in worship – Now on Sat/Sun AND on Wednesdays in Lent!

See you in worship,

Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed, Transition Lead Pastor

New Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Thurs, 9:00-1:00 pm and will be closed on Fridays. If you have an emergency on Friday or the weekend, please call a pastor.

The office is now located at SoG NORTH! Please bear with us during our moving process. We thank you for your help & patience.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Being that the office has moved to SoG North, we have changed the mailing address to the North Campus as well. For any correspondence, please mail to the following address:

**Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church
9525 Hudson Ave, Hudson, FL 34667**

Phone number remains the same.

Community Hero Award

Our disciple, Bob Memoli will be awarded the “Community Hero Award” on Monday, March 10 at the Tampa Bay Lightning Game at the Tampa Bay Times Forum. The game starts at 7:30 pm. They are recognizing volunteerism during the halftime.

Bob will receive \$50,000 that he can allocate to charity. Some of the charities he has designated are: Center for Independence, American Cancer Society (The Trinity Relay for Life), Lighthouse for the Blind and Take Stock in Children. You may see the award ceremony on the Sun Channel or come in person!

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT :

The forty days leading up to our celebration of Easter are designed to help us grow in our lives of faith and discipleship. Each Wednesday in Lent we will gather for worship and for a time to study together.

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New Disciples will be Received in March.

Thanks be to God for new relationships forming and growing our faith community. Be sure to warmly welcome:

March 23: SoG North: Mark Abrahamson

March 30: SoG South: Carol Chase and Millie Biggs

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday, April 12, 8:00 am
SoG South Campus**

Clean-up day at SoG South Campus!

Come lend a helping hand so our church looks inviting to everyone at Easter! We will be cleaning the inside and out, so there is something to do for everyone of any age or ability!

New Ministry Opportunity

When folks are going through a recovery process or have an unexpected emergency, the gift of a meal can be a welcomed support to help get through the day. Would you be willing to provide a meal, homemade or store-bought, to help someone? If so, please call the church office today.

WOMEN OF THE GULF COAST CONF.

The Women of the Gulf Coast Conference will hold their Spring Gathering on March 22 at SoG North, at 9:00 am. Theme for the day is "Place Your Life Before God", Bible Study will be from Romans 12 in the Message. Program will include opening devotions by Pr Rita, Bible Study by Miriam Walka, a report from our Synodical representative, and Michelle Hutton and Kim Mehan will tell us about Soul Sisters and Prayers and Squares. Registration fee is \$8.00 includes lunch. Please RSVP to either Mae Haines 863-4329 or Ann Gibson 842-9774 by March 17. Hope to see you there!

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. Next to the communication box are note cards/pen-pencils to make sharing easier.

You can also use the email: transition@soglutheran.org. 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

- 1. Are we closing the south campus?** No. Only the leased trailer, previously used for offices, education, storage and meeting space is being returned to the trailer company. Any major significant shift such as closing a campus, would have the whole congregation involved in prayer, discussion, visioning, planning, & voting.
- 2. At the 11:15 service on Sundays can we sing at least one hymn which is a perennial? Such as 1) Amazing Grace 2) Nearer My God to Thee 3) Shall we gather at the river? 4) It is well with my soul 5) Were you there when they crucified my Lord? 6) O God our help in ages past, as well as other perennials. We have found that when people can sing hymns with which they are familiar, they enjoy the service and come back Sunday after Sunday for more. Grow the Church.** Yes. These hymns will be shared with the 11:15 music and worship planning team.
- 3. If you lower the power point just to the top of the back microphone, it should be ok.** Thank you. Many adjustments are in the works to make it visible from adjusting the power point, to adjusting the lights, to adding the 2nd projection side.
- 4. I think we need to have more potluck suppers or lunches. To save using paper from the church, we could do it the old fashioned way and folks could bring their own place settings.** Others have mentioned this too. It just needs to get scheduled and organized – this will be shared with the fellowship team.
- 5. South: please have songs we know, with the screen moving before the next lines – or have a traditional service earlier so I can attend with music I can participate with.** The first projection program was very touchy related to screen change timing causing the challenges in singing that you describe. (even the company said they were working on a timing patch). Now the services are run on a regular power point program which seems to have solved the screen change timing. Happy singing. (Thanks to all the initial projection operators & praise teams for the extra weekly hours contributed toward coordinating this evolving worship style.)

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The Soggies



PRESCHOOL

- **Toddler Time**—Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am ~ A special time for parents (or care-givers) and preschoolers. Toddler time involves stories, games, music, crafts and snacks. It's our FREE gift to you! For more information, please call Christina Hill 727-375-7678

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- **Retreat Style Confirmation** - Confirmation will occur 'Retreat Style' this year. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has invited us to join together in a Retreat Confirmation Program beginning in January 2014. **SAVE THESE DATES:** February 7-8 & March 7-8.

ALL AGES

7th GRADE & UP

- **National Youth Gathering Meeting** - Sunday, March 9, NORTH Campus. Parents & youth meeting regarding the National Youth Gathering which will be held July of 2015 in Detroit Michigan. This life-changing event is open to youth who are currently in grades 7 through 11. This meeting will provide information only, registration will be this summer. However, the gathering is a big undertaking and requires months of planning and work to make it happen. We want you to make informed decisions.
- **Airheads** - Sunday, March 16, 1:00 @ SoG South. We will carpool to Tampa Airheads for some fun. Cost is \$14 per person which includes gripper socks and 2 hours of jumping fun! Waiver is online and **EVERYONE** must electronically sign a release. Also please **RSVP to Christina Hill 836-0292**. We need at least 10 for a group rate. www.airheadsusa.com/groups/
- **Campfire** - Sunday, April 6, 5-7 pm SoG South. We will build a campfire, roast marshmallows & hot dogs, tell stories, play games, sign songs and have a great time in the outdoors!

**For more information about these events, please call Christina Hill @ 727-375-7678
or the Church Office @ 727-376-0919**

Vacation Bible School

The VBS planning team has already met several times and will be publishing their meeting dates and invite any and all disciples who are willing to help plan our VBS for 2014! They have already picked dates for our TWO weeks of VBS and our theme!

The dates for our 2013 VBS are:



NORTH Campus
June 15-18
6:00-8:30 pm

SOUTH Campus
July 13-16
6:00 - 8:30 pm

The theme this year is **Weird Animals ~ Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind!** Come and join the fun! If you have any questions, please call Janet Cox at 727-819-1002.



WELCOME Karl Bawel, Student Pastor! Karl is enrolled in the Long Distance Learning program from Luther Seminary -- the same program Pr. Maryanne Kehlenbach just accomplished last year. He needs a few more preaching opportunities and we are glad to provide that for him during the next several weeks! Karl will be with SoG through the weekend of April 6 (except March 22/23). One of our supply pastors will also be present in worship to preside at Holy Communion. Please introduce yourself to Karl and give him a warm welcome to Spirit of Grace!



Soul
Sisters



Friday, March 28, 7:00-9:00 pm
NORTH Campus

The Purpose of Soul Sisters: To gather together to share the experiences and challenges of our daily lives as we build our relationship with God.

For two hours you will encounter God through times of silence, times of reflection, times of sharing. Come with an open heart and mind to listen for God's voice. Give yourself the gift of experiencing God in new ways with a wonderful group of caring women. Women of all ages are invited to participate.

The resource will be *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. Joyce Rupp shares how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us ever closer to God. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and all of its blessings. Bring your favorite cup!

Please call Jay Kane 727-862-7234 or the church office 727-376-0919 for more information.

Helping Hands Outreach Ministry

"Graceful Helping Hands"



Do you have a job around the house that you need help with? Please see the brochure in the Narthex at BOTH Campuses, fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or stop by the church office. We could always use more "handy people" to help with these odd jobs. If you would like to help please call Gene Kortier at 727-819-2008.

Church Calendar is Online!

The Church calendar is online for *everyone* to see what building or room is available at what day and time! You still have to call the church office to reserve a time/place for your meetings, but are able to access it through our website to look at the calendar. Just go to our website, www.soglutheran.org and under the "Welcome to Spirit of Grace" tab at the top, you will find the calendar listing. Click on that and you will be able to view our calendar! Due to the many ministries and outside groups supported by Spirit of Grace, it is important that we coordinate activities and events carefully.

Quilting Ministries At Spirit of Grace

Prayers and Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand tied quilt.



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".

NORTH Campus: Mondays, March 10 & 24, at 6:45 pm.

For more information call the church office 727-376-0919.

Sew And Sews

The Sew and Sews quilting ministry will resume on Thursdays at 10:00 am at the NORTH Campus.

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 Choirs - Thursdays, 4:00 pm

NORTH Campus

Praise Team - Weds 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir - Thurs, 6:30 pm



We offer Chancel Choirs that sing at the Traditional Services. Lucile Elmore is the director at SoG NORTH (727) 819-0210 and Pat Deighton is the director at SoG SOUTH (352) 232-1622. We would like to invite anyone who loves to sing praises to God and singing in a choir to join! **Both groups will be singing together in the Festival of Choirs on February 23, 2014. See information on page 4**

The NORTH Campus Praise Team sing at both Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:45 am services and is directed by Bob Sacco (727) 815-5757. The Praise Team at the SOUTH Campus sings at the Sunday 8:45 am service and is directed by Pat Deighton (352) 232-1622. Both teams offer different musical styles, reaching out to multiple generations and are always looking for additional singers and instrumentalists.

Liturgical Dance

The Grace-Full Liturgical Dancers share their gifts of dance several times a year. All levels of experience are welcome. Please contact Deb Boland 727-376-0919 if you are interested.



New main office location at SoG North!

The month of February was dedicated to re-locating the SoG office from the trailer at the South campus to the North campus. What a project and industrious undertaking! Thank you to absolutely everyone who took something off a trailer wall, killed cock roaches, brought in boxes & tape, packed boxes, packed more boxes, cleaned, sorted & sorted, distributed, provided food, cleared out items stored under the trailer, cut off the plumbing, cut off the electric, cut off and relocated the phones/computers, managed all things related to the copier, took items to the good will, sorted books, donated books to the library, found a home for the ramp & railings, loaded or unloaded items from your car or the moving day truck, helped to clear out & prepare the North office. The North offices have had the carpet shampooed and the walls painted, too! It's fresh and clean. So many have provided so much – time, energy, and a positive attitude! Continued patience would be greatly appreciated while office gets put back together.

The benefit: Better Stewardship: the monthly rent of \$1425 plus utilities of \$300 will no longer be spent on the leased trailer that had already served its purpose well. The 2014 spending plan already reflects this savings.

Office Point at SoG South: already in the works is an office point at the South campus, too! Some modifications will be ahead to re-configure the Toddler Time & Nursery room space to accommodate this multiple-use. Ultimately, though, It will have volunteer staff, a few pastoral hours each week, & a copier. Stay tuned for more developments!

Time and Talent Sheets

Thanks to the many, (more than 50!) who filled out Time and Talent sheets in Jan or Feb! They have been tabulated and in March, your name/contact information will be given to a leader in that ministry area who will contact you. Some areas may be under development – meaning: you may get contacted sometime throughout the year. Everyone's involvement is crucial to empowering Spirit of Grace forward.



Planning Committee

Our next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 pm, SoG SOUTH**

Third Thursday

March 21, 1:00 pm, SoG SOUTH

North Meadowlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery will be there to answer any questions about pre planning funerals. Bring your questions! Lunch will be at 1:00 pm and a donation of \$4.00 is asked.

Trips

For more information about these trips, see our Trip Brochure located in the Narthex at BOTH Campuses.

- **106 Years of Broadway at Ruth Eckerd Hall ~ Monday, March 17, 10:30 am ~ SOLD OUT!** *Call to be put on the waiting list!* Call Will & Homai Patel at 727-375-8611 to put your name on the list.

Please make checks payable to: Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church Mail to: Will & Homai Patel, 4052 Savage Station Circle, NPR, FL 34653. For more information about any of these trips, or if you are able to help drive to any of the car pool events, please contact: Will & Homai Patel at (727) 375-8611

Looking for Sign Letter Changers!

Needed: two people at North and two people at South who will share on a scheduled basis keeping the sign messages current. Messages will be provided. Thanks to Lou Vuozzo current message updater! Call the church office to keep this simple and vital ministry current.

You've Got Mail Cont...

6. **This church is awesome!**
7. **Do doors have to be open during service? And chairs outside the church? People sit outside, drink coffee, talk etc. Can Chairs only be set up for special services where we have overflow?** Best case would be that every service needs overflow! This can be a distraction if you are in the sanctuary for worship. What is being described are various styles of coming to and attending worship. If the idea is to build community, and if the church recognizes that there now exists various styles and ways of 'attending worship' then the church will create an atmosphere that is welcoming and hospitable, even if it is different than one's own preference. The more SoG can stretch, the more varieties of folks feel welcomed and included.
8. **I am absolutely against creating a projection worship. Particularly at the traditional service. 11:15 is traditional. You will lose many that are still here. Let's discuss at annual meeting.**
9. **Turn lights off in sanctuary on bright days to save electric. That energy will help with air conditioning. There's a lot of bulbs in there.**
10. **Could you tell me why we no longer have yard sales or bake sales to raise money for the church? Thank you.** SoG leaders describe this as a decision by the previous pastor(s). This topic will be discussed by the SoG council. Just a reminder: yard sales and bakes sales are additional activities, but aren't a substitute for everyone's faith-filled consistent generosity and tithing.

Thanks to everyone for using the 'You've Got Mail' system!



Adult Education Classes

The Wired Word

Sundays 10:00 am

Worship Room NORTH Campus

Toddler Time Room SOUTH Campus

The wired word takes news articles ripped from the headlines and allows us to take God's word and apply it to today's issues. If you are interested in joining in an open discussion and learning how to apply Biblical principles to current events happening in our lives today, this is the class for you! Please join us! All are welcome!

book of faith

Worship Room SOUTH Campus, Sundays 10:00 am

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Everyone loves a great story. In the bible God has given us "the Greatest Story ever told!" It is a tale of God's love and faithfulness throughout the generations. Come and join us as we do an overview of the story and messages of the bible. This class is great both for those unfamiliar with bible study and those wanting a refresher course.

Food Pantry News

Spirit of Grace Food Pantry needs more food! We are feeding more than a thousand people a month. At this time the food comes from the generosity of the disciples of our church both in food and funding. As the need grows it is getting harder and harder to keep the shelves stocked. With this in mind, if you own/operate a business or belong to an organization where a box to collect non-perishable food could be placed, please contact Pat Mullins at 727-379-3641 or the church office 727/ 376-0919. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Volunteers are always needed, call:
Sherri Hubach (SOUTH) 727-846-7158
or Pat Mullins (NORTH) 727-379-3641**

Book Discussion Group

BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

March 24, SoG North, 10:00 am

This bible study alternates campuses every month.
Bible/Book Study is studying "**How Lutheran's Interpret the Bible**" If you have any questions, please call the church office at 376-0919



Toddler Time

**Thursdays 9:30-10:30
SOUTH Campus**

Toddler Time involves stories, games, music, crafts and snacks.
It's our FREE gift to you!

For more information, please call
Christina Hill 727-375-7678.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

**March dates 4, 18 & 25, 7:00 pm,
NORTH Campus ONLY**

Gospel of Matthew will be the focus of this year's study led by Pastor Dave ALL are invited!

Women's Monthly Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Studies will be on the theme of the Women of the Bible

March - Daughter - An honest virgin

You can find all this info in the July-Aug issue of Gather on pages 36-37

MORNING Women's Bible Study—SOUTH Campus. Monday, March 10, SOUTH Campus. This Bible Study takes place the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 am at SoG SOUTH. Call Church office for info, 727-376-0919.

AFTERNOON Women's Bible Study—Tuesday, March 25. This bible study takes place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at someone's home. Call Mae Haines at 727 863-4329 for location.



Mardi Gras Pictures
 Courtesy of Lori Miller

Notes from the Office:

- **A Note from the Bookkeeper:** When filling your offering envelopes, please take the time to write your name on the front of your envelope and write your envelope number on your check. That small task will help immensely with making sure your donations get credited properly.
- **Media:** Please remember all media (fliers, bulletin inserts, mailings, posters, banners etc..) MUST come through the office. We will gladly create advertising for your event, bible study or group. Please make sure to let the office know a month in advance.
- **Address, Phone & Email changes:** If you have moved, gotten a new cell phone or home phone number, or changed email addresses, PLEASE let the church know. We would love to keep you up to date on all of the events coming up!

USE OF BUILDINGS

Many groups and ministries took a break over the summer. As school begins so does the new program year. Many groups, those that are from Spirit of Grace and outside community groups, use our facilities.

The Center for Independence will be using our South Campus Modular Building & Fellowship Hall for the next few months as they remodel their buildings next door.

If you need to use EITHER Campus for a meeting or event **PLEASE** call the church office for rooms that will be available. Please do NOT assume your "usual" space is available. We have many groups to accommodate so it is important that you call the church office to get your meeting / event on the calendar.

If a room is accidentally "double booked" we ask for your understanding and graciousness in being flexible and going with the flow to find a space. We appreciate your willingness to be helpful in this matter.



Birthdays in March

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| 3/1 Howard Garcia | 3/15 John Baker |
| Michelle Oestreicher | Felicia Blanchard |
| Laura Prausa | Elaine Butler |
| 3/3 Sally Miller | Paul Dove |
| 3/4 David Duff | 3/16 Ardelle Livingston |
| Ashley Rios | Lois Ohlsson |
| 3/5 Jill Borrello | 3/17 Patricia Gunn |
| Ed Fink | 3/20 Robert Balliet Sr. |
| Mac Hill | Matthew Dehner |
| Ashley Magee | Beverly McCurdy |
| 3/6 Everett Nagelhout | 3/21 Anne Cratty |
| 3/7 Samantha Couture | John Stelter |
| Riley Houzvicka | Bob Whitten |
| Grace Sticklin | 3/22 Nick Binsberger Jr. |
| 3/8 Phyllis Balliet | 3/23 Katrina Grabowski |
| Jody Colwell | 3/24 Hayley Burden |
| Zachary Maltese | 3/26 Michelle Hoock |
| Maria Van Matre | Nanci Larson |
| 3/9 Sally Ashley | Mallory Midkiff |
| Jane McCall | 3/27 Alfredo Crespo Jr. |
| 3/11 Carolyn Milliner | 3/30 Donna Smithback |
| 3/12 Rose Cernava | Kaylee Strobel |
| Elaine Hayduk | |
| 3/13 Betty Buckles | |
| Cynthia Leverenz | |
| Lillian Nagelhout | |

In Memoriam

The sympathy and love of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Disciple **Anniki Boller** who passed to the Church Triumphant in February. As we celebrate resurrection may her family know the comforting presence of our Lord.

lost and found

Anyone missing a cell phone? If you recently lost something, please call the church office or stop by and check out the items we have in the office that were left behind. You just may find what you are looking for!

Tax Time is Coming!

Have you donated to the food or clothing pantry this past year? If so, the church office can provide you a receipt letter for your tax records. Call the church office 376-0919 and we will send one to you.

Anniversaries in March

Ron & Marcia Bartel
Gus & Maureen Ernst
George & Jean Metenthin
Craig & Ann Marie Strobel
Mike & Julie Walek

Notary Service Available

Kay Wright at 727-389-7929
A FREE service for
all disciples of Spirit of Grace.

Worship Attendance

(Average Weekly Attendance for the Month; for the Year)

SoG NORTH Campus

| | Sat 5:00 | Sun 8:45 | Sun 11:15 | Total |
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| Avg. Jan | 28 | 108 | 45 | 180 |
| Y-T-D Avg | 28 | 108 | 45 | 180 |

SoG SOUTH Campus

| | Sun 8:45 | Sun 11:15 | Total |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Avg. Jan | 66 | 55 | 138 |
| Y-T-D Avg | 66 | 55 | 138 |

Financial Report January 2014

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| Needed Monthly | \$42,444 |
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Keep in mind the total Spending Plan for 2014 is \$509,328 which – even after rental income is included - presents a significant \$72,102 "challenge gap" for Spirit of Grace.



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Be Faithful:

Put God First
Seek and Do God's Will
Pray Daily
Worship Weekly
Study and Know God's Word
Love and Serve Others
Tithe Thankfully
Share the Gospel
Participate at Church
Repent Unfaithfulness

BE-Attitudes:

Be Open
Be Here
Be Faithful – see faithfulness list
Be Loved
Be-lieve
Be-long
Be Brave
Be connected and connecting with others
Be the one who turns and gives thanks