

# GraceFull Visions

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## From the Deacons' Desk

Frank - Hi Susi, what are you doing?

Susi - Contemplating.

F - On what?

S - Prayers. Favorite ones, special ones, most comforting, and so on.

Do you have one that is special to you?

F - Yes, it's called "A Prayer for Courage". When I first heard it I was going through some difficult family health issues, with my mother nearing her end, and my brother slowly failing, soon to follow. I found it very helpful and comforting..... it stuck with me and became part of my daily prayers. Do you know it?

S - Sure do.

F - I tried to put the way I was feeling at that time into each verse.

S - How so?

F - Can you begin the prayer, and I will show you.

S - Ok, "Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures which we cannot see the ending."

F - I knew how it was going to end, but I could not see how I was going to deal with all that was going on and the aftermath.

S - "by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown,"

F - I know that this path was taken by many, but for me it was all new. The perils, I realize now, were the roadblocks I put up, and roadblocks my mother and brother set for me.

S - "Give us the faith to go out with good courage,"

F - I changed this to "give us the courage to go out in good faith". I believe I have good faith, but at

times lack the courage to walk in my faith.

S - "not knowing where we go,"

F - The ending was forgone, but the way to it was not.

S - "but only knowing that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;"

F - This was my favorite and most comforting part. I felt I was in God's palm, surrounded by His love, as he guided me through my time of need.

Like I said, the ending wasn't going to change, but I felt that God took my worries off my shoulders, as He watched over them both.

And now, I still feel myself, along with you, in His palm, enveloped by His love, as He guides both of us on our journey that we began together not too long ago.

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S & F - ""to where we do not know"" through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

F - So Susi, tell me what your "special" prayer is.

S - I guess I contemplated enough, it is.....

.. \*\*\*\*\*TO BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE. DON'T MISS IT!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

F - So Susi, what is it?

S - It's .....

- Deacons Susi and Frank

## Your Special Hymns

In July and August, you have been invited to select a favorite or special hymn for us to

sing during our services. And we've also asked that you share a brief explanation with

the congregation why that hymn is important and meaningful to you. These will be printed in the bulletin.

If we have enough response we will continue this into September.

# Mission and Ministry

## Stewardship

What others say about Stewardship:

“Some people say, ‘give till it hurts’, but God recommends we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver”.

- Brian Kluthe; pastor, speaker, author

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. “ 2 Corinthians 9:7 NRSV

We feel good after we give, so the question becomes, “why don’t we give all the

time, thus feel good all the time?”

The answer it seems comes back to our two-sided nature: the old Adam side ; me, me, me, and our Christ side, which puts other’s needs ahead of our own. So we are engaged in this life long battle.

## Free Christian Concert

Simple Faith Southern Gospel Group!

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 - 7:45 PM

“Simple Faith is a Southern Gospel Music singing group. We travel by faith wherever God opens a door. We love

to share the love of Jesus through our songs.”

Location:  
St. Paul UMC  
Christian Life Enrichment Center  
1498 Rosery Rd NE  
(intersection of Highland

Ave. & Rosery Rd)  
Largo, FL 33770

Working Cow Ice Cream & Cookie after Concert (FREE)

More info, Contact Horton Townes @ 727-584-8165 (ext. 206)

## Faith Community Nursing

" I think that's the wisest thing - to prevent illness before we try to cure something" Maya Angelou

Watching your child get a shot isn't easy. Millions of parents immunize their kids each year without concerns. However, over the years, vaccines have generated some controversy over safety, but no convincing evidence of harm has been found.

Are vaccines safe?

Yes. All vaccines are fully tested before approved for use

by the FDA. Vaccines are made from small pieces of proteins from cell membranes of viruses and bacteria in addition to dead or weakened viruses/bacteria. Vaccine schedules that cover approximately 14 different diseases are recommended by agencies and organizations, e.g. as the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Between birth and age 5 -

This is when most of your

child's vaccinations are completed. Many vaccines are given more than once, at different ages, and in combinations. For example, booster shots should be expected by ages 11, 12, and 16 through 18.

Immunizations record.

Treat your child's immunizations record as you would a birth certificate and keep it with your other essential documents. To download an -to-read immunization schedule, visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov).

## Recipe Corner

### SCALLOPED CORN

This recipe for Scalloped Corn is one that I used to make for every Thanksgiving; because you know on Thanksgiving you had 20 different dishes plus the turkey.

2 eggs  
 3/4 cup cornbread mix  
 1 can creamed corn  
 1 can of Mexicorn  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1/2 stick margarine or butter  
 Minced onion to taste  
 1/2 lb. shredded cheddar cheese

Beat eggs. Add other ingredients, except cheese. Pour in casserole dish that has been sprayed with Pam. Sprinkle with the cheese. And bake uncovered for 45 minutes.

- Phyllis Dumdie

## Thank You!

We thank the Body of Christ at "Grace" for your calls, cards, prayers and meals

brought to us when Bonnie was in the hospital twice for 30 days total in April and

May. We are feeling the love! - Connie Puls & Bonnie Redler

## Piano Lessons Resume in September

Wendy Roth's Piano Lessons resume on Tuesday, September 3rd. Classes are available at 9:30 am and 4:30 pm. The

Book Fee is \$25 (for beginners only). For more information see Grace's website [www.GraceCLW.com](http://www.GraceCLW.com) or

contact Wendy Roth through the Church Office.

## Sunday Falco's Recent Activities

- Grace Lutheran Church is now listed on The Joy FM website in the selection of churches available for those looking for a Lutheran church in this area. The listing shows information for both of our services along with a picture of our beautiful sanctuary.
- Working with our various monthly renters through a good system each week helping with tables and chairs as we have events and church service.
- Hospitality and set-up is being provided on Sunday morning for the second service, as well as providing cookies for both services and organizing volunteers.
- Making appointments with people outside our congregation, walking them through the property, discussing prices, rules and times available.
- Managing cleaning people
- Setting up for congregation events when needed.
- Tasks specific to the Adaptive Service:
  - ◊ Talking with multiple assistant living facilities to set up regular outings to the Adaptive Service.
  - ◊ Talking with local newspapers. The Adaptive Service is in the Dunedin Beacon for the month of June!
- Assistance with getting the kids Camp started and organizing the breakfast and lunches for Kids Camp and the community. Helping the county with their staff for this event.
- Talking with other venues for wedding receptions, etc. (When Grace Lutheran needs to refer to another venue for any reason.).
- Sunday Falco has a list of musicians, DJs, videographer, photographers and caterers if you need a reference.
- Updating the Church Website Calendar Daily. Stay Connected!
- Unpaid vacation from July 15th to July 30th.

# Regular Event Updates

## Men of Grace

This month's meeting will be at 9am at the Sunset Grille in Clearwater on Thursday, August 1.

## Council Meeting

The next Congregation Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in the Garden Room.

## Young at Heart

We will have our next meeting in September 12<sup>th</sup>. Location of where we will meet will be given at a later date. Hope to see you all...

Found out recently that the ALOA January Cruise has been cancelled. I will be informed if a new cruise is on the horizon.

- Florence B.

## Community Breakfast & Lydia's Closet

The Community Breakfast and Lydia's Closet will be held on Saturday, **August 10th** at 9 am. We are in need of small hygiene items to put in packages that will be given to our guests at the Community Breakfast/Lydia's Closet. Thank you all for dropping off travel size toiletries. Everything goes into making our popular health kits that we give to our friends in need. At this time, we do not need any clothes. We are filled to the brim. What we could use are gently used blankets and towels. Of course, new underwear is always needed especially boxer shorts, vee neck tee shirts and black socks. These items are most requested by our men guests. The "Closet Crew" thanks you for making Lydia's Closet a great outreach which keeps on growing...

## Movie Time

Gary's Movie Time will be held on Thursday, August 1st at 3pm in the Highlander Room.

## August Book Club

In August our book for Wednesday, August 7, will be *The Great Alone* by Kristin

Hannah. Hannah tells a great story of Alaska and P.T.S.D. sufferers. Please email any

questions to [veis49@yahoo.com](mailto:veis49@yahoo.com).

## Grace Gallery Update

A note received from Maria Costa, a local artist whose art is still on display on our Art Gallery Wall: "Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to share my art with your congregation and with your visitors. I hope that my

work has brought joy to those who have seen it."

We invite everyone to take a stroll through the art gallery. If you are interested in purchasing any of the art on display, please inquire with the particular artist. Anyone

with a gift of art, whether it is painting or photography, etc., is encouraged to display their work. Please contact Phyllis Dumdie or Connie Puls, if you are interested. - Phyllis Dumdie

## August Birthdays

8/04	Pat Falco	8/19	Betty Biddle
8/07	Frank Smith	8/21	Jeri Sorenson
8/08	Sunday Falco	8/22	Richard Duncan
8/11	Violet Bors	8/24	Meg Magee
8/12	Jim Bjorgo	8/30	Carol Maultsby
8/13	Mike Smutko		
8/17	Betty Ferris		

## August Anniversaries

8/16	Henry & Cathi Adams
	Hans & Terry Knight
8/22	Lou & Barbara Haseley
8/23	Paul & Hilda Taylor
8/25	Dan & Jan Cote
8/26	George & Phyllis Clark

# Prayer Corner

## Tuesday Prayer Chapel

The Prayer Group meets at 11am on Tuesdays in the Prayer Chapel. Submit prayer requests through the Communion Record Sheets.

## Prayer List

**Prayers** are requested for: Linda Almond, Pastor Lou & Barbara Haseley, Duke Tieman, Betty Biddle, Cathi Adams, Michael Morales, Wade Buehler, Gloria Holtzclaw, Betty Daege, Dianne William, Rosemarie & George Smith, Gary Neal, Kathleen Wacker, Karen Bates, Pam Long, Rev. Lydia Villanueva and family, Don Eunis, Lorraine Reinhard, Pat Hudson, Bonnie Redler, Kathy Leotta, Brytt Mathis, Joseph Valentin, Rita Burneik, Ralph Burson, Jean Schlegel, Bobby Schlegel, Hilda Taylor, George & Phyllis Clark, Jill Grote, Pastor Bruce Edwards, Tom Stanziano, Larry Timmons, Carl Stone, Neftali Garcia and family, Kelly Sullivan, those suffering from natural disasters, violence, and terror (including those unjustly or unnecessarily separated from their parents or children).

## Please Pray for Military Personnel w/Grace connections...

-Marine Lance Corporal Heather Burson, granddaughter of Anne and Ralph Burson

-Seaman Third Class Kyle Wassen, grandson of Connie Puls,

-Marc Calhoun, nephew of Wayne and Yvonne Hauschild is in the Air Force

-Aldo Granados, son of Pastor Lydia and member of Grace, is in the US Army Reserves locally.

-Maj. Christopher Conklin, a chaplain with the USAF, is

Lorraine Rheinhart's grandson. He had been redeployed to the Middle East.

-Gabrielle Falco, Pat and Tony's granddaughter, was commissioned as a lieutenant. in the U.S. Army and accepted at the exceptional Walter Reed Hospital as a medical student.

-USCG Seaman Brennan Wells, Houston TX, nephew of Sunday Falco

-USCG Seaman Samuel Steward, Grand Isle, LA, nephew of Sunday Falco

25-year old Kyle Wassen has completed his 4-year commitment in the Navy. Kyle was on the U.S.S. Lake Erie in many waters of the world. On August 1, he comes home to Palm Harbor and will continue his college plans. Kyle's 'gramma' Connie Puls and his family Thank you for your prayers, cards, cookies and encouragement.

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## **Sandy Lane Elementary Outreach Project**

Bridge Builders will be collecting school supplies and uniforms for the coming school year at Sandy Lane Elementary beginning Sunday July 14 thru August 11. We will provide a supply list and containers to place your donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation we can do the shopping for you. On August 11 we will have our annual Blessing of the Students, Teachers, and Staff. We will take the supplies to the school August 12. For questions contact Iris Saxby 727 462-5219 or Yvonne Hauschild 727-734-7282