# GraceFull Visions

April 2017

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#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9	10:00 am	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	Worship Leaders
		Liturgy with Holy Communion	Prayer List
April 13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Holy	Calendar
		Communion	
April 14	7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy	
April 15	1:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	
	6:30 pm	Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Rev. Jefferson Cox preaching	
April 16	9:00 am	Easter Continental Breakfast	
	10:00 am	International Easter Service with Holy Communion	

This year's 10 am Easter Sunday worship service will include the three languages that are part of the worship life of this congregation: English, German, and Spanish. Easter is the most important Sunday in the entire Church calendar, thus every worshipping community of Grace should have worship on this most important day. However, the logistics of planning a separate service for each language on the same Sunday is impractical, so the Worship Planning Team determined to plan the 10 am Easter service in a way in which each language is included, but also in a way in which a person who understands only one of the languages won't be lost. For instance, this could mean that while something is shared in one language, those words are printed in the other two languages in the bulletin, while at other points the congregation could be invited to use the language closest to their hearts while speaking or singing together.. Though this will be an unusual way of worshipping at Grace, it is done firmly grounded in the knowledge that the power and promise of the Resurection cuts across all human distinctions, including language and culture. To God be the glory! Amen!! - Pastor Jeff

#### Walking with the Cross During Lent

After Ash Wednesday, at 10am on each Wednesday in Lent Pastor Lydia Villanueva will lead our Mid-Week Lenten experience. She will present an object related to the events that surrounded the crucifixion of our Lord, which we will add to our cross display, and we will have a conversation about the event. There will be a light soup lunch following.

# **Birthdays**

- 4/1 Kathleen Wacker
- 4/3 Betty Daege
- 4/4 Gerald Larson
- 4/5 Henry Adams Virgil Meyer
  4/7 Tollie Holtzclaw
  4/8 Tammy Yoch
  4/14 Julie McCutcheon
- 4/16 Barbara Wong
- 4/17 Sandy Hunter
- 4/18 Daisey Lopez
- 4/21 Israel Granados
- 4/25 Ute Robbins
- 4/26 Lou Haseley

# Anniversaries

- 4/10 Cliff & Anne Bittner
- 4/15 Tom & Suzanne Norman

<u>April 5th</u> Sponge Matt. 27:33-34 wine and myrrh, Luke 23:36-37 sour wine

Let's walk this journey together and grow in our knowledge of the crucifixion and our faith!

# Termite Tenting Update

The entire church building will be tented from Monday, May 15 through Wednesday, May 17, 2017

# Building Consultant Visit

The visit from Jeff Spann, the building consultant from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund, was rescheduled for Thursday, April 20th at 2pm.

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Grace Lutheran Church Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 15 at 1pm. Set up will begin at 11:30 am.



# **Prayer List**

Linda Almond, Eloisa Villanueva, Marion Voltz, Stephanie Adamitis, Pastor Lou and Barbara Haseley, Kyle Metzger, Robert Durhan, Taryn Zimmerman, Duke Tieman, Galen & Betty Biddle, Cathi Adams, Michael Morales, Wade Buehler, Gloria Holtzclaw, Betty Daege, Karen Bacher, Betsy Kitzman, Norma Melzer, William McLaughlin, Dianne Willian, Wayne Hauschild, George & Phyllis Clark, Rosemarie Smith, Gary Neal, Christa, and Sarah Cox.

# Young @ Heart

Young @ Hearts will be at the Ivory Bistro on Thursday, April 13 at Noon. Remember how good it was last year!... same great deal. \$12.00 per person for Soup, Egg Roll, Chicken, Beef and Pork dish with Lo Mein...Please give me exact amount in cash when you arrive. It is Holy Thursday and I did check with Pastor and we are okay to have our luncheon on that day!! Service is that night.

Florence Bencivenga

### Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle is meeting the 4th Thursday in April, which is the 27th. They use the study from Gather Magazine. If you want a copy, call Connie Puls at 727-446-4091. All women are invited. Coffee and dessert is provided!

# **Men of Grace**

The Men of Grace meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting will be at 9am at the Sunset Grill in Clearwater

### **Annual Rummage Sale**

SAVE THE DATE: May 13th is our Annual Rummage Sale. If you would like a table, the cost is \$15.00. The check is to be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. All proceeds from the sale of the items on your table are yours. I, Jill G. will be sitting at the church table. The church table represents the Gophers, Altar Guild and Lydia's closet. Unfortunately we are not accepting furniture. The proceeds from the church table will go to the above mentioned groups. Start going through all your things at home, as we need donations for our table and we want it to be the best. Any and all donations are appreciated. Your donated items may be dropped off at the office. Steva is in Monday- Thursday 9:00 - 4:00. Her lunch hour is at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to set up their table after 11:00 a.m. on Friday May 12th. The doors will open to the public on Saturday at 8:00 am.



The Suncoast Symphony Orchestra will be playing at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

### Community Breakfast and Lydia's Closet

Our April Community Breakfast and Lydia's Closet will be on Saturday the 22nd from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

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# Save the Dates:

Wednesday, April 26th - Annual Suncoast Symphony Orchestra Concert at Grace, 7pm

Saturday, May 6th - Community Dinner

Saturday, May 13th - Annual Rummage Sale, 8 am