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Newsletter
DECEMBER 2021

Advent & Christmas Service Schedule

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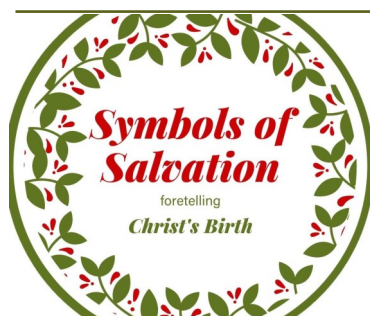
Pastor Steve Roth
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Ministries

Jennifer Chavez
Director of
Early Education

Rev. Dr. Russell
Hildebrandt
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. David
Joeckel
Pastor Emeritus



Advent Services: Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th, and 15th @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services: Friday, December 24th @ 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 26th: Combined Worship Service @ 10:00 am

Thank you!

As a staff, we would like to thank each one of you who showed such wonderful displays of appreciation recently. Your gracious words in cards and emails, and even in person, plus your gifts, have once again blown us away. You help make serving you an even greater pleasure than it already is.

We are blessed and honored.
Gratefully Yours,

The Ministry Team and Support Staff of Grace Lutheran Church

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From Joe Masterson

Dear Friends,

I would like to take just a minute to thank everyone who prayed for and sent cards to me during October's Appreciation Month. Everything was so nice and thoughtful. All of your gifts make me feel very special and thankful to be able to help our church.

Darrin Snyder Memorial

The Memorial Service for Darrin Snyder, a former member of Grace, will be held this Saturday, December 4th, at 10 AM in the Sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Worth.

Claim your Thrivent Action Team Money!

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There is still time for you to claim your Thrivent Action Team money for this year.

Let's put that Thrivent money to work for Grace and not let it go unclaimed.

Call Chris Owens to help claim yours. 817 247-7122

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:45 am
(between early and late services)

Grace Kids (Grades 1-3 and Preteens
Grades 4-6) Meet in classrooms in the
preschool hall.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) meet in Meeting
Room 4 for Deep End Confirmation.

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Youth
meet in the Youth Shed.

Biblical Parenting Sunday School (For parents,
grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high
school seniors) meets in the Library.

Preschool/Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School

We are searching for
servant-hearted people to
co-teach or act as a sub for
our young children during
the Sunday School Hour
(9:45-10:45 A.M.), using Orange and Concordia Publishing
House material, **which will be provided to you. Come join our**
AWESOME team of people who are passing on the faith to
the next generation.



Are you interested in joining the Grace Kids Ministry
Team? Please contact Serena at space@grace.lc or 817-274-
1626, x1002.

Merry Market is coming on Dec. 5, during the Bible Study hour. All youth are asked to attend as helpers. Each child will move through 4 craft activity stations to make special gifts for their loved ones that tell the Gospel message. They will hear the story of Jesus at each station. We will begin promptly at 9:45!!!

Save the Date!

Brand New Star
Christmas
program will be
presented on
December 12th
at the 11 AM
worship service.



Thank you to all the
students and parents (and
Thrivent!) that helped make
our cheese ball fundraiser a
success! Here's what's
happening this month:

- **December 5th:** Merry Market (read above!)
- **December 19th:** Meeting at the church at 3 pm to travel to Benbrook Stables! We'll enjoy a hayride, campfire, smores, and Secret Santa gift exchange (\$10 or under). Let Serena know if you plan to bring a friend!



Grace Seniors

Senior Saints is returning as Grace Seniors! Our first meeting back in who-knows-how-long will be Thursday, January 13th at noon.



Life Groups Sign-ups

Sign-ups for Spring groups are
opening up this month! Keep an eye out
on the website and in the narthex.

Jenna Del Cristo

Tuesday Night Basketball

Our community basketball group will
not be meeting on Tuesday, December
28th. Other than that date, we are
continuing to meet every Tuesday at 7 pm!

Jim Ranzheimer

Book Club

The Rose Code by Kate Quinn is a heart-stopping World
War II story, involving 3 female codebreakers at Bletchley
Park and the spy they must uncover after the war is over. We
will meet on a different day this month - Tuesday, Dec. 14th
at 2 pm in the church library! Come and join us.

Ruth Brown



Choir & Joybells

Come Make a Joyful Noise!



Loving Liberia - Thank you!

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Thank you for your support of Perry Smith School's in Liberia. As of November 15, 25 students are sponsored by our generous members at Grace. What a blessing you all are to changing the lives of children and their families as the children learn about Jesus and have a Christian education so they can have a better life.



In this picture from left to right are Pastor Hildebrandt, Pastor R. J. Koland, Dave Horger, Joe Sparks and Perry Smith. Pastor Doug Widger has been instrumental in working with our board as we move forward in changing lives with the gospel and with education.

We are beginning Sunday school for the students in November with the start of the new school year in Liberia. Perry's schools are very blessed with dedicated teachers and Perry is exploring starting 7th & 8th grades in River Cess (the school in the interior of the country).

Once again, thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor Hildebrandt

thrivent Members

January 16, 2022

Lunch Meeting in the Family Life Building
Mark Your calendars.

If you are not a Thrivent member and want to know more, join us to learn how you can join in the excitement.

Contact Chris Owens to order a lunch for you. (817) 247-7122

Joe and Phyllis Sparks were honored along with Barbara Koehn on Sunday, November 21st for their years of leadership and service to LifeLight. A gift of unused LifeLight funds to Loving Liberia was presented in the amount of \$3,000.



Mission of the Month - Lutheran Braille Workers



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LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 253 million people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired, completely free of charge. Braille is a tactile language, designed to be read with fingers skilled in

the Braille language. Our highest priority is *Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus*.

This month, YOU can help people with visual disabilities touch Jesus. There will be teams working during the Sunday School time on the 1st and 3rd Sundays this month (our room is under the Sanctuary; stairs can be found by the rear side doors) - we invite you to come watch us work and learn more about what goes into making Braille Bibles. There are different teams you can join that each meet once a month, and checks can also be made out to Grace Lutheran with Braille in the memo.

I would like to invite you to participate in partnering as you are willing and able in this ministry. Together we serve our Lord and Savior, by *Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus*.

For more info on how you can help please contact: Uvonne and Jim Duppstadt
Uvonne 817-793-6811 or email; udupp@sbcglobal.net



BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Christian Joeckel	12/14 Sid Cook
12/1 Jackson Long	12/15 Lou Anne Williams
12/1 Mark Topel	12/16 Liam White
12/1 Sydnee Homeyer	12/17 Jennifer White
12/2 Anna Burgdorf	12/18 Sam Giesselmann
12/2 Shelby Howle	12/19 Hannah Joeckel
12/2 Wayne Hankins	12/20 Mark Oxner
12/3 Emma Colburn	12/20 Nichole Surratt
12/3 Charlie Barrett	12/22 Jake Gaskie
12/4 Karissa Pratt	12/22 Sharon Folks
12/5 Delane Peery	12/22 Melanie Schlesinger
12/5 Marshall Moran	12/23 Gladys Golden
12/5 Martin Bode	12/24 Lyn Mangels
12/5 Ryan Jacobs	12/24 Roland Savant
12/7 Joshua Reed	12/25 Marilyn Roberts
12/8 Sonya Sorensen	12/25 Michael Johnson
12/9 Emily Meyer	12/25 Reid Braziel
12/9 Juliet Woodley	12/26 Laas Chavez
12/9 Lydia Massie	12/26 Anthony Lee
12/9 Sharon Alloy	12/28 John Rukavina
12/9 Audrey Moore	12/28 Kevin Schlotte
12/10 Keith Massie	12/29 Frank Topping
12/10 Leah Alloy	12/29 Heather Long
12/11 Betty Auth	12/30 Mary Jo Cook
12/11 Cathy Alberts	12/30 Jazzelle Puente
12/14 Brian Bassett	12/31 Carlie Ford
12/14 Richard Chavez	12/31 Julie Leppert
	12/31 Perry Smith

DECEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

12/1 Daryl & Susan Seefeldt
12/10 Jim & LaJuana Kettler
12/12 Nathaniel & Doris Davies
12/13 Jim & Uvonne Duppstadt
12/18 Keith & Lydia Massie
12/20 Mike & Serena Pace
12/24 Bill & Judith (Judy) Murrell
12/24 Stan & Melinda Taber
12/28 Paul & Sherry Burgdorf
12/30 Griffin & Molly Giles
12/31 Virgil & Jeanette Patterson

Call the church office or
e-mail jdelcristo@grace.lc if
you want to:

- ♦ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.
- ♦ Submit updated address and contact information.
- ♦ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ♦ Submit and/or update a prayer request.



Your Elders Are Here for You

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Ernie Owens	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Joe Masterson	S
Keith Mangels	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

If there is any way we can assist you with any spiritual needs or physical concerns do not hesitate to contact your elder. If you need their contact information, please request it by calling the church at 817-274-1626 or email: jdelcristo@grace.lc.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "N" for example, Mike Curtis would be your assigned elder.

Joseph C. Masterson