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Newsletter
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Inviting Former Members to our Platinum Jubilee!

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Are you connected with any former members of Grace?

We're still looking for up-to-date email addresses and physical addresses to invite all to come to our 70th Anniversary Celebration October 9th, 2022.

Let the Church Office know
by **August 14th** if you have anyone's
current contact information!

All we need to know

When a loved one dies, we have questions: What caused the death? When will the funeral be? What form will our grief take? Some deaths also bring spiritual questions: Where was God? Is our loved one with God now?

Paul shared deep thoughts about death with the believers at Corinth. His complex ideas might raise further questions, but here's the key: We don't need to understand everything right away — not all of Paul's theology, or everything about God or all the practical matters around a loved one's death. Here, from 1 Corinthians 15 (NRSV), is what we do know: "Christ has been raised from the dead" (v. 20) — death doesn't have the final say. "All will be made alive in Christ" (v. 22) — a loving promise God offers to all. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (v. 26) — in the end, Jesus will destroy all sickness, pain, sorrow, war, poverty, oppression and even death itself. We are in God's loving hands. That's all we need to know.

Heidi Hyland Mann

Thrivent Member Calendar

Please order your 2023 THRIVENT CALENDAR by August 31st.

Every member can order one!

Use the card in the summer magazine or on line or call. Even if you don't want yours, please order and give to Chris Owens as there is a need for about 50!

Please help us collect these.

Calendar orders received by August 31 will be mailed by early October.



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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

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

Grace Kids (Preschool up to Grade 6) - Our Bible Study series "Mission Kid" continues! Grace Kids meets in classrooms in the preschool hall.

Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12) - All incoming Middle and High School students meet in the Youth Shed.

Biblical Parenting Sunday School - For the parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors; meeting in the Library attached to the Narthex.



Family Ministry Fun at Main Event

August 21st @ 1 pm (after Late Service)
All-Access Passes • \$10 per person
Food included



Community Outreach Ministry is holding a Back to School Blessing for our community on Sunday, August 14 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a cookie reception in the Gym. The first 100 children to register will receive school supplies.

You can help by serving at the reception, bringing supplies through August 7th, bagging supplies, and attending the event to support our neighbors! RSVP to Serena by August 17th. See the bottom of page 3 for a list of suggested items to donate!



Our 11 LCMS Youth Gathering participants wish to thank our amazing congregation for their wonderful support. We attended a variety of sessions, did life together, praised and worshiped together, attended a For King and Country concert, served a local community through park beautification projects, met new people, had good conversations, learned, played and broke bread together. It was a wonderful experience for us all. Our teens represented Grace well and were forever blessed by this experience. It would not have been possible without the support of our church.





Groups Updates

We are in the process of forming Fall Life Groups to start in October. Keep an eye out for sign-ups opening in September!

Several Ongoing Groups are taking breaks for the summer, you can find more information online at grace.lc/get-connected or by contacting the Church Office.

Choir/Bells Interest for Fall Semester

Hey Ya'll!

With our 70th anniversary celebration coming up, our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir would love to HAVE YOU join us for the fall semester. We will be preparing for our wonderful ONE service celebration on October 9th. Rehearsals will start up on Wednesday, September 7th. We will be meeting every Wednesday until October 5th in preparation for the service.

Our Bell Choir meets at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary and our Sanctuary Choir meets at 7:30pm in the Family Life Center Music Room. Even if you have not sung or played in a long time, we would still LOVE to have you join us for the Fall Semester! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly through email at rdelcristo@grace.lc or phone number at 817 – 897 – 3824.

Blessings,

Richard Del Cristo, Jr.



EMBRACE Grace

SUPPORT GROUPS

A new Wednesday night group begins August 10! Please keep us in prayer and speak with Nancy G. or Serena P. for more information on being involved in this ministry.



graceSeniors

Save the date for September 8th at 12 pm, when we gather again to eat, meet, and kick off a new programming year!



Items needed for Back to School Blessing

- 12 x 18 construction and manilla paper, assorted, 50 ct.
- 9 x 12 construction paper, assorted and white, 50 ct.
- boxes of crayons, 24 ct.
- folders with pockets and brads (blue, green, red, yellow)
- white glue, 4 oz.
- glue sticks
- ruler
- scissors, sharp
- spiral composition notebooks, 70 ct.
- markers, washable, wide tip, 8 ct., classic colors
- dry erase markers, any color
- #2 pencils
- scissors, blunt point
- boxes tissue
- disinfectant wipes, 80 ct.
- baby wipes, 80 ct.
- bottle liquid hand sanitizer, 7.5 oz. pump
- erasers, pink
- notebook paper packages, wide rule, 200 ct.
- ruler, metric; inches
- pkgs. colored pencils, 12 ct.
- pkgs. headphones with a microphone
- 2" binder
- erasers, pink pearl
- pkgs. Highlighters
- graphing notebooks
- pens, blue or black
- 3-ring binder
- pkgs. index dividers, 5-tab colored
- pkgs. notebook paper, college rule, 200 ct.
- sets of earbuds or headphones
- composition notebooks, black marble, 100 ct.



Expanded Community Outreach

Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington (GLC) has had a Tuesday night basketball ministry in the FLC gym continuously for over 20 years. This activity operates most Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Young men come from all over the metroplex to play basketball. Several men usually bring their families. The hour and one half event includes a 15 minute devotion.

GLC will add a family fellowship event to take place at GLC from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on one Saturday each month. This event will include a 30-40 minute worship segment, pizza and fruit dinner for all. Athletic activities will include basketball in the gym, playground activity for younger children, and soccer for older children on our soccer field.

GLC will need volunteers for supervision of the athletic and playground activities, to serve food, and get acquainted with those who attend.

Why should Grace offer this outreach? All attendees will hear Gospel message. Physical activities that will promote physical health are a response to 1 Corinthians 6:19 ("Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit").

The projected date for first event will be Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. There will be a police officer present for the entire activity. All volunteers will submit to a background check.

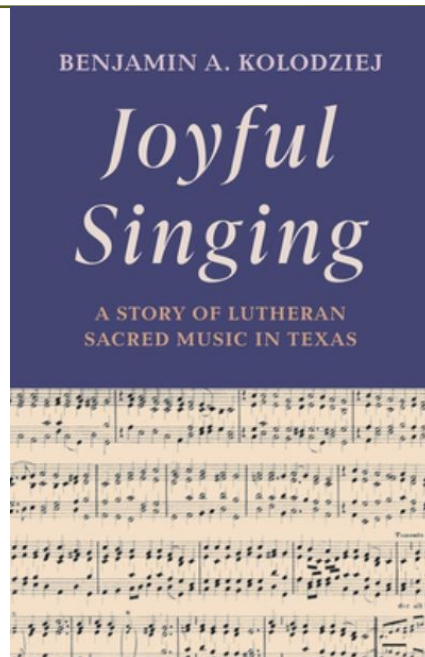
For more information, please contact Jim Runzheimer at 817-795-2020 (office), 817-917-2208 (cell), or by email to runz-law@att.net.

Book Presentation

On Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. Benjamin Kolodziej will give a presentation on his new book *"Joyful Singing: A Story of Lutheran Sacred Music in Texas"* at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano.

This book explores the history of LCMS music in Texas from the arrival of the Wends, to the development of important congregations and their music programs, to the first pipe organs in the state.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 1701 E. Park Blvd in Plano, Texas. If you have questions, contact Benjamin at bkolodzi@mail.smu.edu



Loving Liberia Update

"Learning Today to Build a Better Tomorrow" is our theme at Loving Liberia. Perry Geevon Smith School were in a parade for the entire school. This picture below represents just a portion of the school.

The children are excited as school closes at the end of July. Thank you for your support.

83.8% of Liberia's population live below the poverty line (\$1.25 per day) and 94% of workers are poor (living on >\$2 per day).

Thank you for your prayers.





Call 817.274.1626 or email

idelcristo@grace.lc to:

- ◇ Receive a copy of *Portals of Prayer* mailed to your home.
- ◇ 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.

8/2 Sid & Jo Cook
 8/3 DelRay & Cathy Alberts
 8/3 Ron & Karen Carter
 8/6 Tommy & Delores Smith
 8/10 Joe & Joanne Elmers
 8/10 Mark & Trish Topel
 8/13 Sidney & Sonya Sorensen
 8/14 John & Tracey Rukavina
 8/14 Keith & Lyn Mangels
 8/17 Troy & Cassie Baumann

Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE at [grace.lc](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar)? [CLICK HERE \(https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar\)](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar) to access it. Any calendar changes and/or additions made in the church office are updated online in real time!



Your Elders

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: idelcristo@grace.lc.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "F" for example, David Swille would be your assigned elder.

Joseph C. Masterson

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
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Ashley Stock
 8/2 Mary Shelton
 8/4 Judy Joeckel
 8/5 Mike Kennedy
 8/5 Jim Runzheimer
 8/6 Jordan Joeckel
 8/8 Robert Gergens
 8/9 Christina Estell
 8/9 Mark Lauer
 8/10 Hannah Chavez
 8/10 Joanne Elmers
 8/11 Orena Hohertz
 8/11 Joe Sparks
 8/12 Dorothy Kennedy
 8/12 Martin Schlotte
 8/13 Cassie Baumann
 8/16 Lila McDermid
 8/16 Denise Shaw
 8/17 Chris Christopher
 8/20 Doug Brutlag

8/23 Doris Davies
 8/23 Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
 8/23 Tommy Ott
 8/23 Lucille Schlotte
 8/23 Marcus Wagner
 8/25 Cynthia Cunningham
 8/26 Ernie Owens
 8/26 Tom Wagoner
 8/27 Darlene Topping
 8/29 Ron Carter



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control