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Back to School Blessing is back this year!

Last year approximately 90 kids from our community received a special blessing and a bag filled with school supplies. If you know someone who will be blessed through this, please let us know to preregister them. **Registrations are now open until July 17th.** The first 100 to register will receive school supplies.

SAVE THE DATE:

A service of blessing will be held Sunday, August 6th at 1:00 pm. We encourage you to pray about how you can help us and support this year.

You can help by:

- Donating school supplies. A list and place to drop off the supplies will be in the Narthex/lobby starting the first week of July. Deadline to bring school supplies is July 23rd.
- Donating money for this cause. Please memo your check: School supplies 2023
- Helping us do some shopping by the end of July.
- Bagging supplies in early August (1 - 2 hrs max)
- Serving at the reception after the service
- Attending the event to meet, greet and support our neighbors.
- Praying for this event as we serve, care, and share the good news of Christ to community.

For volunteering or any other questions, please e-mail us at azamora@grace.lc

Soccer Camp

July 10-14, 2023
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Ages: Elementary -
Eighth grade

Registration is now open.

Fellowship and soccer game on Friday to close the Soccer Camp at our church soccer field.

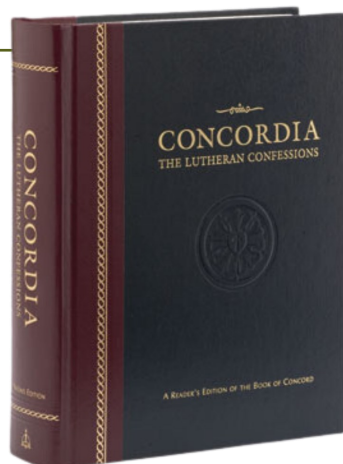
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Jim Runzheimer Bible Class

We are studying "Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today", covering the Preface, Conclusion, and All Articles of Augsburg Confession. This is a CPH publication authored by James Baneck, former president of the North Dakota District. The study is downloadable, and Jim provides copies to all attendees.

The course book is Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, second edition, Paul T. McCain, CPH, 2006. Other versions of the Augsburg Confession are also acceptable.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Studies - 10:45-11:45 AM

Babies/Toddlers: Nursery
Preschool 3's/Kinder & Grades 1-6: Preschool wing classrooms
Grades 7-12: Youth Shed
Biblical Parenting: Library

**JULY 2 FAMILY PICKLEBALL
& CEREAL BAR 10:45 - 11:45AM**

**NO GRACE YOUTH, KIDS, OR
PARENT'S BIBLE STUDY July 9 or 16**

Outreach Ministry

Notes from the LCMS Multiethnic Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, May 1-3

Terms to Know:

- 1.0 Generation = The first foreign born generation from a family to migrate to a host country
- 1.5 Generation = They are the 'Bridge Generation' and migrated before the age of 18. This group feels affinity to both countries.
- 2.0 Generation = They were born in the host country to foreign-born parents.
- 2.5 Generation = They were born in the host country to one parent from the host country and one foreign-born parent.

Our role is to think Cross Culturally and Intergenerationally and help others understand that the Gospel is the ultimate source of identity. The Gospel is both transformational and foundational. It invites people to trust in God. The promise of forgiveness of sin, eternal life/salvation in Jesus and deliverance from evil further invites others to know it will all be okay. Some of the largest obstacles of immigrants include: identity formation, language (inability to communicate), discrimination, education and employment, family dynamics and mental health.

We have been given the ticket—the Gospel message. It's urgent. Be salt and light, no matter your age. Someone cared enough about us to share about the waters of saving grace, the free gift of salvation. We have a God-given role that requires action, for tomorrow is not promised on this earth.

Our body of believers unites in sharing the Gospel message with all people. Grace is blessed to be able to embrace the culture around us. Together, we focus on all that is above as we wait for the Lord's return, resisting the devil's schemes and living out our God-given mission daily, that others will know the saving grace of Jesus. SP

**So, how will you love your neighbors this week?
This month?**

Put it into Practice:

1. This month, pray for or go out of your way to have a conversation with someone from another culture. What can you learn about their world?
2. Consider how you can show friendship to a person of another generation. What joys do they have? Struggles? How can you pray for them?



THANK YOU, CHURCH, for your beautiful support of our children and the community as you prayed over Camp Lone Star and VBC camps and staff. The many donations and volunteer hours that went into each of these children's ministry programs demonstrates the love

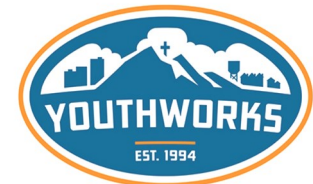


you have for the upcoming generations! What a blessing!



YOUTH MISSION CAMP
Bayou La Batre, Alabama
July 8-16, 2023

For current Grades 6—12.



Pray for: Alexis, Shahid, Roman, Christian, Zoey, Serena, Makena, Miranda, and Stephanie.

Contact Serena if you would like to be a prayer warrior for a teen! All money is NOW DUE.



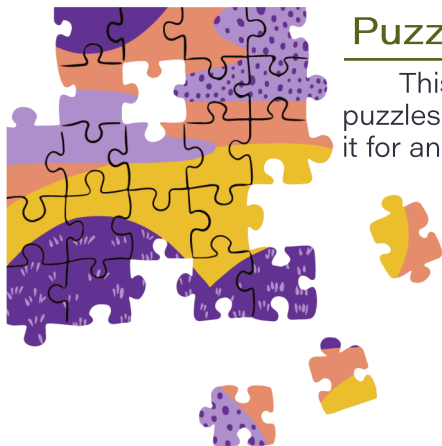
Loving Liberia Update

The Second Annual Gala Day Parade is June 30, 2023, in Monrovia. The children along with the parents' march along the parade route with a police escort for safety to show the local neighborhood what God is doing in bringing the gospel to his children and their families and to celebrate education among the students.

We are blessed as Loving Liberia to support this ministry, and with your support and prayers we are making a difference. We are excited for the next school year to begin in September as we will have our computer classes up and running depending on shipping containers arriving in the normal time frame. God is good and it warms our hearts to see the children happy and celebrating Perry Geevon Smith Lutheran School in Monrovia.

Our River Cess campus is putting the final touches on completion of our temporary school and new bathrooms. We will be adding a soccer field in September for our children. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor Hildebrandt



Puzzle Exchange

This is what we have been hoping for. A place where we can exchange our puzzles. The puzzles will be in the church library. You bring a puzzle and exchange it for another. If you don't have a puzzle, just take one and return when completed. Let's Have Fun!

The Chosen & Chat - Invite a neighbor!

We are continuing through Season 2 on Wednesdays at 7 pm in MR2 (Meeting Room 2)! You can always watch from home to catch up at [The Chosen website](#), or by using their app. There is water and fresh popcorn provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks, as well, and invite a friend or family member! [Contact Jenna](#) for more information, and learn more about the series on [their website \(thechosen.tv\)](#).



Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE?

[CLICK HERE](#)

go.grace.lc/calendar

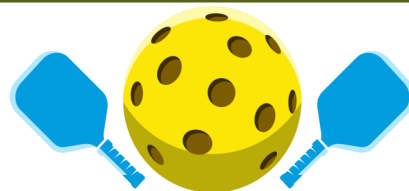
to access it. Any calendar changes made in the church office are updated in real time!

Pickleball!

We are thrilled to announce that Grace Lutheran is hosting a lively morning of Pickleball! This exciting and inclusive game is not only a fantastic way to stay active, but also an excellent opportunity for fellowship and connection within our congregation.

Pickleball is a sport that can be enjoyed by players of all experience levels, whether you're a seasoned pro or brand new to the game. No worries if you've never played before; we will provide all the rackets and equipment you need to join in the fun.

Please save the date and invite your friends and family to join us on **Saturday, July 15th from 9:30 am -12 pm in the Gym**. Get ready for a delightful time of friendly competition. We look forward to seeing you on the court!



Spanish Corner

Familia	Family
Hijo	Son
Hija	Daughter
Amigo/Amiga	Friend
Niña	Girl
Niño	Boy
Hombre	Man
Mujer	Woman

The Holy Smokers Thank You!

The Holy Smokers want to thank everyone that placed an order for Father's Day and hope that you all enjoyed your day and the meat that we smoked for you and your family.

Not pictured is Keith Mangels and Tracy Rukavina who is a part of our team taking care of orders and finances.

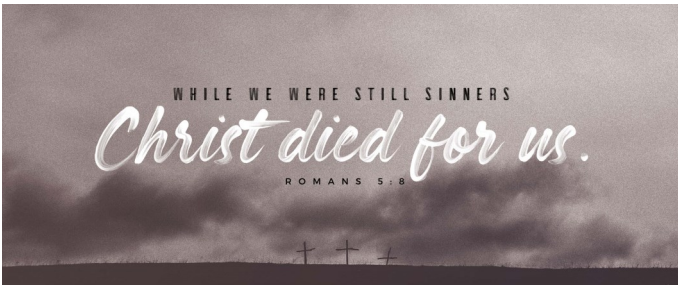


Organist to play through entire LSB

Organist Benjamin Kolodziej, a member of Faith, Plano, will play through all 635 hymns in *Lutheran Service Book* beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Trinity (Downtown) Lutheran Church, Houston.

He will play an introduction and one stanza of each hymn, anticipating that the event will last until at least 7 p.m.

The church will be open throughout the day for anyone to drop in. The performance will also be livestreamed on Trinity's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). More information will be available at trinitydt.org.



Your Elders Are Here for You

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 list below. If your last name begins with "D," for example, Hank Jacobs would be your assigned elder.

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
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

7/1 Nicholas Swille	7/16 Joyce Pinnow
7/2 Finley Moore	7/16 Mike Curtis
7/3 Duane Schluter	7/17 Matthew Gutierrez
7/3 Gerry Sparks	7/17 Robin Williams
7/5 Phyllis Sparks	7/18 John Spawr
7/6 Paul Olson	7/18 Tracey Rukavina
7/6 Victoria Smith	7/19 Emily Schmidt
7/7 Kristen Stock	7/20 DelRay Alberts
7/7 Sarah Smith	7/21 Erin Jacobs
7/8 Amy Homeyer	7/23 Lindsay Ali
7/8 Dorothy Davies	7/26 Mary Thiede
7/11 Jennifer Chavez	7/26 Steven Woolston
7/13 David Joeckel	7/29 Tommy Smith
7/14 Jan Penland	7/30 Ronan Scoggins
7/15 Larry Creel	7/31 Nat Davies



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Don & Cynthia Walker
7/3 John & Delane Peery
7/6 Jimmy & Kristin Braziel
7/7 Jerry & Melonnie Pollard
7/11 Max & Rose Widner
7/12 Donald & Sharon Alloy
7/12 Jon & Ellen Pelzer
7/13 Eric & Lauren Roe
7/27 Michael & Linda Johnson

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