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**Newsletter**  
**OCTOBER 2023**

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## Spanish Worship Services

We're excited to bring our Spanish Bible group to our new Spanish Worship Services on Sundays at 12 pm, which began on September 24th.

God is graciously sending us many members of the Hispanic community to our campus now, and we want to be ready to have the door open for them and be able to provide a worship service in their own language sharing the good news of Christ.

If you know someone who speaks Spanish and doesn't have a home church, please let them know about our Spanish Worship Service and all our Spanish ministry opportunities held here in our church.

## Holy Smokers - Save the Date

The Holy Smokers will be smoking whole turkeys, turkey breast, pork loins, and mild and spicy sausage for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22.

Watch for further details in the November Newsletter. For further information please contact Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747



## Staff Appreciation

October is a month of celebrations at Grace. We will be celebrating our staff this month. Our staff has been a blessing to our church and community. Please take a moment to express your appreciation and love for these people listed below. There will be gift bags in the Narthex to receive notes of appreciation or gifts. We will celebrate on the 5th Sunday in October.

*Keith Margels*



Rev. Doug Widger

Rev. Steve Roth

Dr. Serena Pace

Cynthia Jackson

Jennifer Chavez

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Jenna Del Cristo

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Team:

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Lukas Bartke

Maintenance

Team:

John Rukavina  
Alan Meyer  
Joe Masterson

# 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 6-8: MR4 (Top Left)  
Grades 9-12: Youth Shed  
Biblical Parenting: Library



### FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A NEW THING - Isaiah 43:19

Hosted by Ministers in North TX (MiNT)

January 12, 5:30 PM through January 14, 1:00 PM

Mt. Lebanon Camp, Cedar Hill, TX

Registration deadlines and pricing:

Early Bird: Sept 18 – Oct 20 - \$150

Normal Reg: Oct 21 – Nov 30 - \$170

"Behold, I am doing a NEW THING; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

Life getting crazy and feeling out of control? It's time for a Reset. Developed some habits that need to be kicked to the curb? It's time for a Reset. Want to build a closer relationship with God? It's time for a Reset. Step away for a weekend and RESET for the new year.

The weekend consists of worship, speakers, breakout sessions on a variety of topics, church-group time, games, camp activities, Gaga Ball, campfires, and more!

## Soccer Ministry & Youth

If you look at our soccer field in the evenings, it is full of youth who gather to join our soccer ministry. We are so grateful for the response from our community and for the way God's responded in providing the coaches we need; we are graciously blessed with three church members helping us with their gifts. Thank you church for your prayers and support!

Now we are asking for your continued prayers and to help us look for someone with the heart for youth. There's a possibility to start a new youth night on Wednesday evenings, which will allow us to gather our church youth and the youth from our community to gather around Jesus' Word.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as the Lord continues to graciously bless us with so many youth on our campus. For any questions or if you want to volunteer, please contact Pastor Juan at [jamora@grace.lc](mailto:jamora@grace.lc)



COME JOIN THE FUN!

OCTOBER 29, 3-5 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

We are in need of the following: Candy, Decorated Trunks, Cool Cars, Parking Lot Attendants, Food Prep and Food Table Volunteers, Games Volunteers, Prayer Partners, People to pass out flyers and **make Goody Bags Oct. 8 (following Bible Study—Lunch provided)**, Set Up and Clean Up Crews, Bathroom Monitors, Greeters and Runners.

Contact Serena at [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc) for details and volunteer at [www.grace.lc](http://www.grace.lc)!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

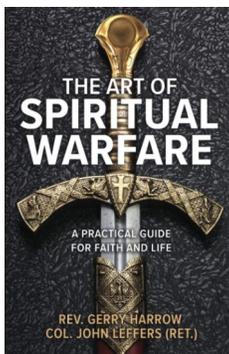


# Ongoing Groups Updates

Information on all of our groups can be found anytime at [grace.lc/get-connected](http://grace.lc/get-connected)

## graceSeniors

Save the date for **October 12 at 12 pm**, when we gather again to eat and meet. Bring your favorite potluck-style food to share!

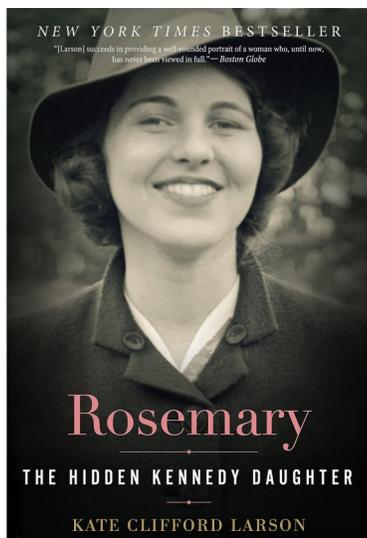


**SPECIAL GUEST:** LCMS Pastor and author Gerry Harrow will share on awareness of spiritual battles taking place, key biblical truths about spiritual warfare, assurance and hope in Jesus' victory and ways

to identify personal vulnerabilities and developing appropriate spiritual warfare tactics.

## Book Club

The next meeting for our monthly book club will be October 18th at 2 pm in the church library. We will be reading the book "Rosemary" by Kate Clifford Larson. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and anyone is welcome to join us!



## Spanish Corner

¡Gracias! (GRA-see-as)	Thank you!
Por favor (por fah-BOR)	Please
¡De nada! (de NA-da)	You're welcome!
¡Perdone!;/¡Oiga! (per-DON-ay/OY-ga)	Excuse me! (to ask for something)
¡Perdone!;/¡Disculpe! (per-DON-ay/dis-KUL-pay)	Excuse me! (to get past)
¡Disculpe! (dis-KUL-pay)	Sorry! (if you didn't hear something)
¡Lo Siento! (lo see-EN-to)	Sorry! (for a mistake)
No hablo español (no AB-lo es-pan-YOL)	I don't speak Spanish



## ESL Ministry

Did you know our ESL ministry began two weeks ago? A total of 50 plus students from different countries such as: Peru, Venezuela, Mexico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Puerto Rico and many more, come to our church building every Wednesday, ready to learn English as their second language.

ESL classes are designed to teach students from other countries to learn how to speak English or improve their English-speaking skills. Though, first and foremost, our goal is to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior to those who have never heard of it. What better way to reach Christ's nations through our ESL ministry!

Do you enjoy meeting people and learning about other cultures? You can do both by participating in our ESL Ministry. Please keep in mind to be volunteer you don't need to speak Spanish, and you don't need to be there every Wednesday. There are plenty of opportunities to serve in this ministry. If you'd like to learn more about our ESL program, please contact our ESL coordinator Dawn at [dawnstacy\\_gls@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnstacy_gls@yahoo.com)

We'd love for you to make plans to visit our ESL classes one Wednesday evening. Come and see how much fun we have as we impact people from other countries with the love of Christ.



## Loving Liberia Update

The children in central Liberia will have a new school when they begin on September 25, 2023 in Perry's home village of Gayes Zahn Town. This picture was taken in August, and this replaces Perry's first school that was built in his home village. The restrooms are an additional building that is separate from the school. Something new for the children will be flush toilets in our new restroom. Most houses in Perry's village do not have flush toilets. We still are in need of digging a well close to the school for water. Loving Liberia is very grateful for the support of Grace Lutheran these many years as we continue to educate children and share the love and message of Jesus. We will have a display table set up October 29 and November 5 to share more current information of how you can partner with us. We will also have a brunch sponsored by Loving Liberia during Sunday school on November 5 to share what God has done in his ministry with children. Blessings and thank you once again.



*Pastor Hildebrandt*

## New & Returning Members

**Rilla Terry** is a returning member of Grace Lutheran Church. Her parents, Ray and Mildred Anderson, were Charter Members of Grace, 1950. She was born and raised in Arlington with deep connection to Grace all of her childhood years and adulthood. She was married for more than 27 years and has a son who's 32 yrs old. During that time she had been a Special Education Teacher for Arlington ISD, K-8 grades. After the passing of her mom December 2020 and finishing 44 teaching years, she decided to retire. Rilla likes walking/hiking, yard work, visiting friends and relatives, traveling, puzzles, crafts, and volunteer work.



**Brendan Terry** was born and raised in Arlington, attended GLEE and Grace Lutheran School up to 5th grade, and also went to their Summer Camps. When he was younger they had lots of dogs in the house. Now he only has one dog, Cassidy. Brendan enjoys reading all types of information on the internet, talking walks with his dog, helping others, and working on his computers.

**Dr. Joseph Bob & Suma & Sujay** are from India. Dr. Bob has been in Christian ministry work for the last 20 years in India and USA as well. He has been organizing a ministry called "GLOBAL PEACE MINISTRIES". He belongs to Lutheran church background in India and continues with Grace Lutheran Church. Suma is doing Research (PhD) in the area of Computer Science Engineering in UTA and attending Grace Lutheran church along with his husband and son Sujay.

Hello, we are **Lucy and Roberto**, we got married a year and three months ago, we both come from families with Christian values, Lucy is an engineer in administrative processes and Roberto is a lawyer, she was born in San Francisco, California and he in Mexico City. With the intention of studying a postgraduate degree and finding a better job, we moved to Dallas and then to Arlington where we have met wonderful people who have made us feel at home. We feel very grateful to all the Grace congregation for accepting us and including us in their activities, in us you will always find a sincere friendship and willingness to participate in the work of our God. Greetings and blessings.



**Monte Filler** was born and raised in Montana. Served in the National Guard for 3 years. Lived in Minneapolis, MN for 20+ years before moving to TX. Moved to Texas in 2009 to take care of Parents. I have extended family that lives in the Dallas metroplex. Met Joyce Pinnow January of this year and started going to Grace Lutheran Church. Hobbies include going to the gun range and fixing just about anything.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Vickie Rosentreter	10/18 Zeke Ali
10/3 Charles Davies	10/19 Austin Taylor
10/4 Ruth Currie	10/20 Karen Arrington
10/4 Easton Schlesinger	10/20 Nancy McCormick
10/6 Moira Meyer	10/20 Paula Crossman
10/6 Justin Gerhardt	10/23 Judy Livesay
10/6 Young Son	10/23 Van Alec Nieves
10/7 Jann Richmond	10/24 Michael Schmidt
10/8 Mike Pace	10/24 Monte Filler
10/8 Patty Smith	10/25 Joshua Widger
10/9 Jack Crutchfield	10/26 John Peery
10/10 Elizabeth Ott	10/28 Khloe Gutierrez
10/15 Barbara Koehn	10/29 Clair Vance
10/15 Donald Alloy	10/30 David Taylor
10/16 Jeanne Crow	10/30 Jack Brown

10/7 Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt
10/8 Hank & Maryann Jacobs
10/10 Martin & Lucille Schlotte
10/15 Hayden Brown & Gracie Topel
10/17 Wayne & Ginny Hankins
10/28 Miguel & Dawn Sepulveda
10/30 David Robinson & Olivia Mathews

Call 817.274.1626 or email [churchoffice@grace.lc](mailto:churchoffice@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 an updated address and/or 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

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](mailto: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

## Can you hear a heart? A whisper? A prayer?

VITAS® Healthcare is looking for people who can listen carefully to the hearts and feelings of terminally ill patients and their loved ones. VITAS Spiritual Care Volunteers offer comfort by:

- Listening
- Prayers
- Devotional readings
- Music
- Life review and reminiscence
- Joining in religious services
- Arranging for clergy visits



All VITAS Volunteers receive training in end-of-life care, and Spiritual Care Volunteers also learn bereavement support techniques and how to differentiate between spiritual and religious care.

If you have the heart to listen to a soul in need, there is a place for you with VITAS. To learn more about this and other VITAS Volunteer opportunities, contact: Greg Williams, Volunteer Services Manager at [gregory.williams@vitas.com](mailto:gregory.williams@vitas.com) or 817.870.7070.

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# CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

*Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.*



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| A.  (ACTS 13:5)   | E.  (ACTS 13:51) |
| B.  (ACTS 13:6)  | F.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| C.  (ACTS 13:13) | G.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| D.  (ACTS 13:14) |   |

