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Catching the Moments...

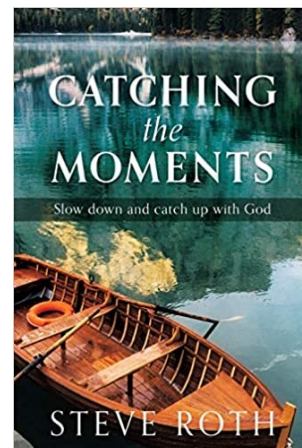
Pastor Steve Roth's newest book can be pre-ordered!

We at Grace are so blessed to have a caring and wise pastor in Steve Roth, and want to let you know about his new book coming out, ***Catching the Moments***, which is scheduled to release on October 15th. In fact, you can pre-order on [Amazon](#) (*please see note below) and [Barnes and Noble](#). *Catching the Moments* is a one year devotional all about slowing down to catch up with God. Please consider the following:

- Pray for *Catching the Moments*. After having been a few years in the making, he wants to commit this book into the hands of our Lord.
- If you haven't already signed up for his mailing list, [please do so here](#), and then encourage a friend to do the same. It will help to keep you informed about the book, as well as a few upcoming surprises.
- Tell your friends and family! Word of mouth is the best advertising. And, after you've had an opportunity to review the book, there will be plenty of time to buy some Christmas gifts.
- If you have a Christian Bookstore near you, request that they start selling it. Let them know *Catching the Moments* has a Life Book Return, meaning if books go unsold, they can return them for a full refund.

* When ordering via Amazon, use the link below. In fact, anything you order via Amazon Smile – and choose Grace Lutheran Church as your charity – gives us a little donation (no extra charge to you).

https://smile.amazon.com/Catching-Moments-Slow-down-catch/dp/1632211378/ref=sr_1_1_dchild=1&keywords=catching+the+moments&qid=1600275749&sr=8-1



Get Your 2021 Thrivent Wall Calendar

Thrivent October Highlights

ORDER YOUR THRIVENT CALENDAR

You can order with the postcard in a recent Thrivent magazine, or online at Thrivent.com or ask Chris for help. Even if you do not really want the calendar, there are several projects here at Grace that can use it. Please order one.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

The \$250 Action Team funds are Thrivent money. Not one penny comes out of your accounts. With some events and activities starting to open up, there are several things you can support. Serena already has a list. The Arlington Life Shelter has a monthly need, plus there are several projects on campus grounds.

If you would like to put your Action Team funds to work, please let Chris know so they can be coordinated and maximized. All you have to do is apply for the funds. You do not have to "do" anything else unless you would like to take a more active role in the project.



Thrivent Action Team

Text or call Chris Owens at 817-247-7122.

Do you have
someone that you
would like to honor
or remember by
placing flowers on
the Altar?

Contact:
cjackson@grace.lc
or call
817-274-1626



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Sign up Sheet
has only 3 blank spaces left on the
following dates:

One Space available:

October 25

November 29

December 6

If you have already signed up,
but need to send more specific
details about who you want to honor,
please email cjackson@grace.lc



Senior Support Network

Senior Support Network: Zoom Book Club

Our online Book Club has had their first meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed reviewing the book **Where the Crawdads Sing**. Next month we will review **The Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes. We encourage anyone in the Senior Support Network, or anyone that likes to read, to sign up [here](#) for Grace Book Club. We will meet on the 3rd

Wednesday of every month. That means that our next meeting on Zoom will be October 21st at 4:00 p.m. Call Ruth Brown if you have any questions (817-274-8600).

Ruth Brown



Arlington Life Shelter

Grace Lutheran Church serves the Arlington Life Shelter every fourth Saturday of every month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Our church members sign up to provide food, and volunteer to prepare and serve food. Currently, we are only able to drop off food that is being served.

Contact:
Red and Susan
Hoar at
rhoar@grace.lc.



Eyeglasses for Missions

Thanks to all of you who recently donated your used eyeglasses. While the mission organization we provide the glasses to, MOST Ministries, has their mission trips on hold during this virus period, we continue to collect glasses for when mission trips can resume.

Please continue to donate your used eyeglasses by placing them in the marked basket in the Narthex.



October is Ministry Appreciation Month

Friends, we participate in worship services anticipating a thoughtful message, uplifting music, that the sanctuary will be warm or cool as needed, and a myriad of other blessings. Thankfully during these unique times we are living in, we were already set up to provide live streaming. Our staff has the flexibility to adapt to the new way of running our services.

Let's please take a moment to thank those who make it happen.

October is Ministry Appreciation Month, an opportunity to show our gratitude to the ministry team and support staff for their service on our behalf. Express your thanks to the people listed below verbally and/or by mailing a note or card to the church office. We will be collecting cards in bags for the team to distribute on this special Sunday, October 11. Thanks.

Rev. Doug Widger
Rev. Steve Roth
Sharon Folks
Dr. Serena Pace
Cynthia Jackson

Jennifer Chavez
Katherine LeGrand (Lee)
Jeremy Blaido
Richie Del Cristo
Jenna Del Christo
Will Land

Mark Oxner
Red Hoar
Abbey Jarrett
Maintenance Team:
John Rukavina, Allen Meyer,
Joe Masterson



Thanksgiving Turkeys

The Holy Smokers are hoping to smoke turkeys for Thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 25**. Due to the pandemic, plans may change.

Please "Save The Date" and watch for further details in the November Newsletter.

For further information please contact Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.



Pushpay Instructions

1. Use your cell phone text messaging feature.
 2. Type **77977** in the send to line.
 3. Type **GRACELC** in the message line.
 4. Press to send message.
- Almost immediately you will receive a message back thanking you for your generosity.*
5. Click the link shown in the message.
 6. This takes you to the page where you will see our church logo.
 7. You have the option to make a gift to the church's ministries.
 8. You can insert the dollar amount of the gift.
 9. You can choose the frequency of the gift (one-time gift or reoccurring gifts).

10. Choose the fund type (tithes, etc.).
11. Click Next.
12. You will be able to confirm the details you just chose, then add your credit card or bank account information, and it can be stored for you or not, as you desire.
13. Check the box to authorize the transaction.
14. Press GIVE, and you are done.



Pushpay

Gospel of John Study: Format & Remaining Schedule

(Zoom Group is currently full.)

- Read your chapters slowly and more than once in advance, meditating on what you read.
- Each week, ask yourself 4 questions - What did I learn about God? What did I learn about people? What is one thought/verse that caught my attention? What is one thing that God might want me to put into practice?
- Enter your thoughts in a blank notebook and be prepared to share some of your thoughts with the group.

Oct 5 - Chapters 7 & 8

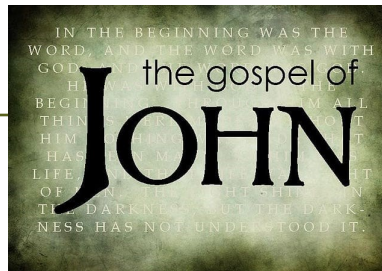
Oct 12 - Chapters 9, 10, 11

Oct 19 - Chapters 12 & 13

Oct 26- Chapters 14, 15 & 16

Nov 2 - Chapters 17, 18, & 19

Nov 9 - Chapters 20 & 21



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: cjackson@grace.lc.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "L" for example, Frank Vance would be your assigned elder.

- *Joe Masterson*

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

Call the church office or E-mail requests to cjackson@grace.lc if you want to:

- ◇ "Receive the 4th quarter edition of *Portals of Prayer*. Let Cynthia know what size(s) you would like to have mailed to your home.
- ◇ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.
- ◇ Submit updated address and contact information.
- ◇ Receive by email a current Church Directory (*or have one mailed to your home*) as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit a prayer request and/or update.
- ◇ Obtain your elder's contact information.
- ◇ Submit stories: good memories, testimonies, happy news (*noting exactly whom we can share it with, for example, the Prayer Team, Ministry Team Newsletter Recipients*).



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

As we open for Sunday School/Bible Study/Confirmation on October 4, we ask that children and youth over the age 3 and up would wear masks in their classrooms. This is optional for those under 10 when attending just the worship service. We will observe social distancing and will disinfect each area. Hand sanitizer will be used as students arrive. If a child or youth is sick, running a fever, coughing and/or sneezing, please keep them at home.

Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

Grace Kids (Kindergarten—6th Grade) meet in GLEE. Preschool material will be emailed home while we recruit a teacher.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) DEEP END Confirmation meets in Meeting Room 4.

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

Breakfast Club Bible Study (For parents, grandparents, and guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets in Pastor Widger's office.



groupme

*Parents can stay in touch through the **GroupMe App**.*



Academy 4 kicked off a new year virtual style on September 18!

Oct. 23
Nov. 13
Dec. 11 (Polar Express Day)
January 22
Feb. 19
Mar. 26
Apr. 23
May 21

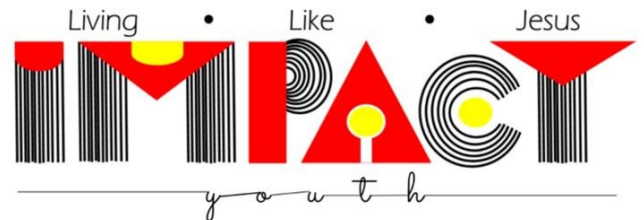
Contact Serena with questions at space@grace.lc

Be a HERO to a 4th Grader!

**Sunday, October 25, 2020
5:00—6:30 PM on the Field by Park Row**

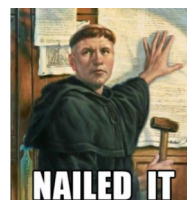
How to participate:

- Donate candy to Grace.
- **Tell us you want to enter your car.** Please share your idea for approval. Keep appropriate for young children.
- Family gift card for overall best decorated car!
- Arrive as early as 4:00 for set up. **Please keep a health mask on as you hand candy out.**
- Drive through as a participant. Please have one container to collect candy/items per car. You may receive as many handfuls as you have children.
- Questions? Speak with Serena at space@grace.lc.



Mission Trip down payment is due:
Sunday, October 18

\$50



Reformation Party:

Wednesday, October 28
@ 7:00 PM in the gym

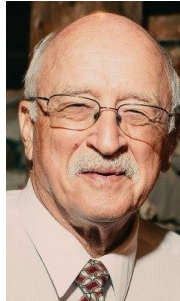
Contact Abbey @ ajarrett@grace.lc for info.

fellowship, devotion, discovery & prayer

Senior Saints

Thurs., Oct. 8 at 1PM on Zoom

Invite your friends to join us for a devotion and special guest speaker, retired Concordia University Texas Biology professor, Dr. Larry Meissner, who will share thoughtful insights on the topic of God and Science.

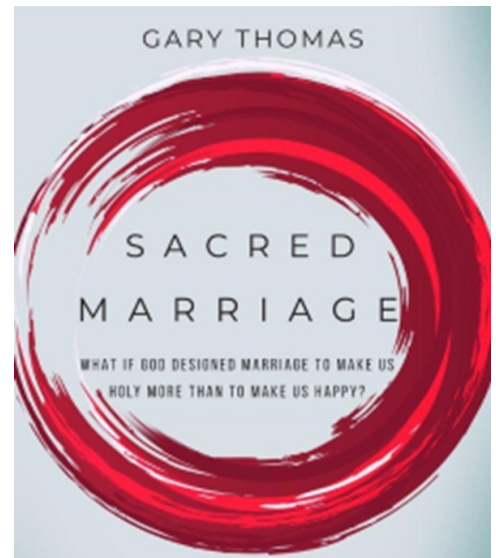


Email Serena at space@grace.lc and you will be sent the Zoom link or go online to **grace.lc** and then choose **I'm New**. You will see the **Get Connected** heading. Find **Senior Saints** under **Social Groups**. Enter the meeting through the Zoom link. You may also contact Serena to learn how to dial in through phone or to ask questions.



Do you have a passion for Jesus and interact regularly with God through prayer? Are you interested in providing prayer for the GLEE or Newman staff and GLEE families?

Sign up to be a Grace Friend today! This ministry fosters relationships between church and GLEE staff and families and Newman staff through prayer by pairing each person or family with a person or family from Grace who will be their prayer warrior for the year. Speak with Serena to be assigned a Grace Friend. space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, ext. 102.



Couples Life Group

**Wednesdays, 8 pm,
6 Weeks
Begins October 7**

Sacred Marriage doesn't just offer techniques to make a marriage happier. It does contain practical tools. What married Christians most need is help in becoming holier husbands and wives. *Sacred Marriage* offers that help with insights from Scripture, church history, time tested wisdom from Christian classics, and examples from today's marriages.

- Led by Pastor Doug and Serena Pace
- Launching October 7th
- Wednesday nights at 8 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

Just a friendly reminder:

If possible, pick up something for Arlington Charities. Any shelf stable item is a good one and will be greatly appreciated. The first Sunday of the month will be the official day to bring your food, but if that does not work for you, please feel free to drop it off at your convenience. Danny and I will pick it up on Sunday. Thank you for your support. - Nancy Helm

Get Connected in Social Groups

Connect with friends old and new online by signing up any time for Grace's ongoing **Social Groups!**

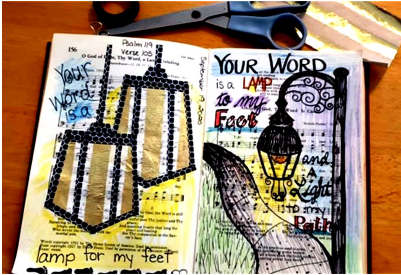
For those viewing the newsletter online, click on the links below to sign up.

For those reading the newsletter in print form, please call the church office at 817-274-1626

or sign up at <https://grace.lc/get-connected>, where you can also sign up for **Life Groups**.

All groups will be held online via Zoom (click [here](#) to learn how to use it).

Social groups are open to everyone and offer opportunity to connect and socialize with the body.



Bible Journaling – Exercise your crafting skills by making a creative response to God's Word using a variety of techniques. We connect with the Lord and apply His Word in our lives using the gifts of

time, talent, and treasure. Through drawing, journaling, and art you can document your walk with God leaving a legacy of faith.

- Hosted by Alison Roth
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10 am
- [Click here](#) for a supply list
- Sign up [here](#)



Virtual Happy Hour – Bring your own cocktail (or mocktail) and shoot the breeze. Don't do life alone!

- Hosted by the Rukavinas and Mangels
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6 pm
- [Zoom link](#)



Movie Night – Family friendly movie night via Netflix Watch Party (Google Chrome extension, download [here](#))

- Hosted by Barbara Koehn

- 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

Book Club – Like to read? We're reading *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes, and next month *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. Hosted by Ruth Brown.



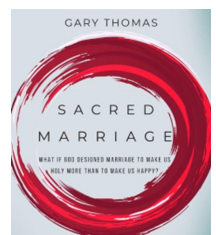
- Wednesdays at 4 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)

Email jdelcristo@grace.lc if you have any questions about these groups before signing up or attending!

New Life Group

#G0 NEW Couple's Group – *Sacred Marriage* offers practical tools and techniques to make a happier marriage. This book by Gary Thomas provides married Christians help in becoming holier husbands and wives through insights from Scripture, church history, Christian classics, and examples from today's marriages.

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Visit Grace's new church website:
www.grace.lc



2020

Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/1	Norm Grieser	10/4	Karl & Judy DeRooy
10/1	Steve Alloy	10/5	Norm & Nancy Grieser
10/2	Frank Vance	10/7	Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt
10/2	Vickie Rosentreter	10/8	Hank & Maryann Jacobs
10/3	Charles Davies	10/10	Martin & Lucille Schlotte
10/3	Emma Rose Woodley	10/16	Samuel & Kathryn Petty
10/4	Ruth Currie	10/17	Wayne & Ginny Hankins
10/6	Maira Meyer	10/28	Miguel & Dawn Sepulveda
10/6	Justin Gerhardt		
10/7	Jann Richmond		
10/8	Donna Hertel		
10/8	Mike Pace		
10/8	Patty Smith		
10/9	Anna Jessup		
10/9	Jack Crutchfield		
10/10	Elizabeth Ott		
10/13	Cheryl Westbrook		
10/15	Barbara Koehn		
10/15	Donald Alloy		
10/16	Jeanne Crow		
10/18	Zeke Ali		
10/19	Austin Taylor		
10/20	Karen Arrington		
10/20	Nancy McCormick		
10/20	Paula Crossman		
10/21	Susan Jones		
10/23	Judy Livesay		
10/23	Van Alec Nieves		
10/24	Debra Rohlfing		
10/24	Michael Schmidt		
10/25	Joshua Widger		
10/26	John Peery		
10/29	David Joeckel		
10/30	David Taylor		
10/30	Jack Brown		
10/31	Kathryn Petty		
10/31	Mildred Anderson		