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Many Thanks

My Grace Family,

Thank you for the wonderful basket of goodies you gifted me with. It was a lovely surprise that really brightened my day and much more. Thank you for thinking of me.

May God bless each of you richly.

Merry Christmas in Christian Love, *Carol Hall*

To the Grace staff, members and friends...

I'd like to thank my Grace family for an early Christmas package I received this week! It was an unexpected blessing to me and I will make sure it is paid forward! Going beyond the 4 walls of a building, your generosity as church family and friends is very much appreciated! Merry Christmas to all!

"Jesus is the reason for the season." *Debbie Hall*

Grace Lutheran Church Family,

We can't thank you enough for your gift. We are giving thanks with a grateful heart. God bless you!

Thank you, family. Thank you! *Sam & Kathryn Petty*

Grace Family,

Thank you so much for the gift basket. It was overwhelming to me, but I know that it was given with a great heart. I pray that the same will be returned to you.

In God's Grace, *Barbara Pinnow*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued love, support and prayers through this pandemic. When Joe brought the beautiful gift basket filled with so many wonderful surprises, it made us feel so loved! Our health has been up and down, so we are staying homebound. We get out very little, but knowing that we are a part of a loving church family is a comfort! Joe, we loved our outdoor visit when you brought the basket! Thanks to all who prepared the beautiful and very thoughtful baskets!

Love, *Kay & Roland Sarant*

Grace Lutheran Community,

Thank you for your love, support and prayer during this year and Christmas season and Thanksgiving season. This has been one of the hardest years of our lives, but by your gracious blessings, joy and love shone through the darkness. Thank you for everything.

Love, *The Smiths - Logan, Bella, Melody, and Mom (Emily)*

Many notes of thanks have been received in the church office in the past few weeks. These are the ones that passed through my hands. These heartfelt notes are a reflection of the love and generosity expressed by many of you in our Grace family. If you sent a thank you, and you don't see it shared here, please forgive it's absence. I've shared all that I was privy to. — Cynthia Jackson



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Arlington Food Drive

A few weeks ago Pastor Doug Widger and Nancy Helm presented Arlington Charities with a check on behalf of Grace Lutheran Church for \$2,710 and donated more food: 628 pounds! Thank you for responding so

generously to the door offering to assist in Arlington Charities' recovery after the recent tornado. We continue to receive your gifts in the mail and through Pushpay, and will be able to give them another check soon.

We still encourage you to bring your shelf stable Food Drive items and place them in the Narthex.

Here's a thank you letter Grace received from Arlington Charities dated December 22, 2020:

Dear Members,

Thank you for your generous donation to Arlington Charities in this difficult time for our community. The Coronavirus and related safety measures have led to a temporary loss of employment for many of our fellow citizens. As a consequence, Arlington Charities - thanks to tremendous community support - is providing food to a record number of families.

Your support of \$2,710.00 makes a meaningful difference as we continue to help those Arlington residents, men, women, children and seniors, that may go hungry if our doors were not open. Our mission is to lead and engage our community in the fight against hunger and poverty with "Help and Hope".

The staff and board of Arlington Charities wish you and your family a blessed holiday.

Sincerely, Deborah Coppola, Executive Director



Suggested Needs from Arlington Charities

- ❖ Ramen Noodles
- ❖ Canned Peas
- ❖ Canned Carrots
- ❖ Store Brand Boxed Mac & Cheese
- ❖ Crackers (Saltines or Ritz type)
- ❖ White Pasta
- ❖ All Types of Canned Beans
- ❖ White Rice
- ❖ Any Type of Cereal
- ❖ Jelly

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

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

We would welcome you as an Altar Guild volunteer. We are behind the scenes workers. We work at glorifying God by keeping the sanctuary and narthex clean, organized and decorated for any given season. Please contact Susan White if you are interested: 972-979-2188.





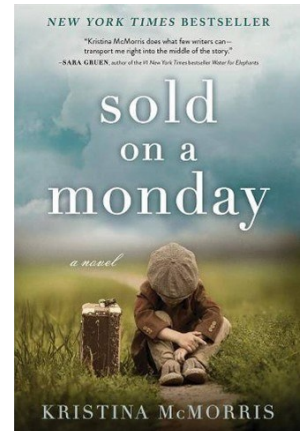
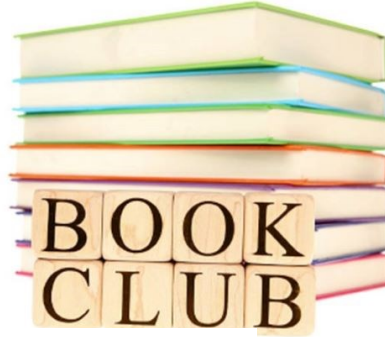
Senior Support Network & Zoom Book Club

We are not able to meet right now due to virus-related restrictions. So—all of you are urged to participate in the **Book Club** that meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)

Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. We read one book per month. This month's meeting is Wednesday, January 20th, and we'll be chatting about the new book ***Sold on a Monday*** by Kristina McMorris.

We would love to have more people in our book club! Questions? please contact Ruth Brown (817-274-8600).



LIFE Groups

Sign-ups for new and continuing Groups will open on January 10th!



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

- ◇ "Receive the 1st 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).

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 "Y" for example, Keith Mangels would be your assigned elder.

- Joe Masterson

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

Sunday School Schedule: Grace Kids & Impact Youth

Hi there, Grace Families!

In light of a high rate of Covid, we are going to pause from meeting in person until further notice.

We'll keep you posted about the option of online gatherings for Grace Kids, Confirmation and High School Bible Study. Breakfast Club will be paused until further notice.

Thank you for understanding. We highly value in-person meetings when we can safely social distance. My hope is we can remain close and lifted up in faith throughout this time. Please do let us know if you have a prayer need.

Warmly, *Serena A. Pace*, DMin.

Grace Lutheran Church Director of Ministries



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

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS

Wasn't it fun to have our contest displayed online? Here were our top three winners...



**1st Place
WINNER:**
Peek Inside the
Cozy Gingerbread
Cottage by the
Pace Family

**2nd Place
WINNER:**
North Pole
Church by the
Wagoner
Family



**3rd Place
WINNER:**
Camp
Christmas
by the
Del Cristo
Family



January 22

February 19

March 26

April 23

May 21

Contact Rachel Flores with questions at:
rachel.flores@academy4.org

We would be blessed by a few more
Mentors/Substitutes.



Plan now to attend the
Easter EGGstravaganza!
Saturday, March 27, 10 am - 12 pm

Egg Hunt, Puppet Stage
& Pre-packaged Refreshments
Nut-Free Candy appreciated!

Impact Youth Happenings



- 2) On **Sunday, January 24th**, Jr. and Sr. High Kids are invited to play **IRL Among Us** in the Youth Shed after church from **12:30 - 2:00 p.m.** We will have plenty of snacks to eat. You are encouraged to bring friends. Masks will be worn at all times (except when, and only when, inserting snacky things).



- 3) There will be a fundraiser in February to fund the West Virginia Mission Trip! On **Sunday, February 7th** the youth will be selling Family Date Night Bags. Families can purchase a bag for themselves or to share with a friend. Each bag will include a sweet to bake, a craft to make, and a devotion to "intake". Bags will be sold for \$5 each.

Contact Abbey for ajarrett@grace.lc info.



MITTEN, HAT & SCARF DRIVE

Share the warmth of Jesus with our community!

Find the collection box
in the Narthex.

Deadline: January 17

Add an anonymous
card of encouragement or use your
first name.

January 2021

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Laci Richmond-Huzarevich
1/3 Mary Gad
1/3 Erika Brown
1/5 Gary White
1/6 Huda Gad
1/8 Becky Giesselmann
1/8 Jimmy Hankins
1/8 Kecia Schmidt
1/10 Ryan Westbrook
1/11 Nancy Turnbough
1/12 Chloe Braziel
1/13 Ryan Hoar
1/15 Bill Cannon
1/15 Marilyn Jones
1/16 Bobby Halliburton
1/17 Dick Malec
1/18 Shahid Ali
1/19 Diane Nelsen
1/20 Jennifer Rukavina
1/21 Paul Horton
1/22 Brett Crow
1/26 Allison Spradlin
1/26 Karl DeRooy
1/27 Christopher Estell
1/27 Gene Lowke
1/27 Ken Homeyer
1/28 Adam Crane
1/28 Kay Savant
1/28 Tiffany Seefeldt
1/29 Eric Roe
1/29 Kim Platt
1/30 Alease Bodenstab
1/30 Mary Moretz
1/31 Jeanette Patterson

ANNIVERSARIES

1/4 David & Judy Joeckel
1/8 Robert & Madonna Lorenz
1/10 Lynn & Patty Smith
1/19 Richard & Jennifer Chavez
1/19 William & Jann Richmond
1/21 Gary & Susan White
1/22 Ray & Susan Hamann
1/23 Roland & Kay Savant
1/26 Joe & Phyllis Sparks

