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Newsletter
FEBRUARY 2021



LENT &
EASTER

Schedule

Lenten & Easter Season Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday, February 17	6:30 PM
Wed. Lenten Services: "Give It Up"	2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24	6:30 PM
Grace Kids Easter Eggstravaganza	Saturday, March 27	10:00 – 11:30 AM
Palm Sunday Services	Sunday, March 28	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	Thursday, April 1	6:30 PM
Good Friday	Friday, April 2	6:30 PM
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 4	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Join us for a special series of services and a family event for the seasons of Lent and Easter! All services will be in person in the sanctuary and also live streamed. Gatherings that historically have had a larger attendance will have limited seating requiring an RSVP through the online tool called "SignUpGenius" (recently used for the Christmas Eve services). For your convenience you can sign up for everything at once! After making your reservation(s) you can make any adjustments by revisiting "SignUpGenius". Just click on the link that is sent to the email address you provide. You can also call Cynthia Jackson in the church office at 817-274-1626 for help and/or to sign you up. [Click here](https://go.grace.lc/signup) to sign up at <https://go.grace.lc/signup>. This link will also be in future emails from Grace.

In early February a **Lenten Devotional**, written by Grace members, will be available digitally, with printed copies obtainable in the narthex!

Pastor
Doug Widger
Lead Shepherd

Pastor Steve Roth
Community Care

Dr. Serena Pace
DCE - Director of
Ministries

Jennifer Chavez
Director of
Early Education

**Rev. Dr. Russell
Hildebrandt**
Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Dr. David
Joeckel**
Pastor Emeritus

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Easter Hams



The Holy Smokers are planning to smoke hams and sausage for Easter on **Saturday, April 3**. Due to the pandemic, plans may change. Gloves and masks will be worn.

THIS WILL BE A YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER. Profits from this will benefit the Youth for their Summer Mission Trip.

Please **Save The Date** and watch for further details in the March Newsletter. For further information please contact Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

Thrivent Updates

THANK YOU to all the Thrivent members using their Action Team funds. This is no cost to members and every single member has at least one opportunity, possibly two.

With your help, we were able to claim over 45 Action Teams in 2020! Unbelievable with the Covid-19 restrictions, but we came through with ways to make it work! 45+ Action Teams of \$250 each put OVER \$11,000 into Grace and our community. How awesome is that!

Those who were able to grab a Thrivent Action Team know how exciting that is, not to mention the rewards of making a difference.

There's already a list of opportunities waiting for your Action Team funds. If you were not included last year, let Chris help you be part of the exciting opportunities too.

I'm looking forward to hearing from all of our Thrivent members.

Call or text *Chris Owens* @ 817-247-7122

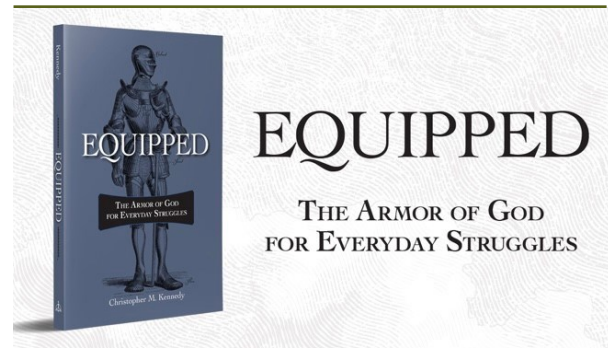
And let's make 2021 even bigger and better!

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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

Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles



Hello Grace Family!

Concordia Publishing House has announced the upcoming release of our son's (Pastor Christopher Kennedy) new book: **Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles**. ([Click here](#) for a sample of the book.) **The special Grace Lutheran Church price is only \$10** and will be available for pick up after the release date of March 16. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex on February 7 to take orders. You can also email me at DorothyLKennedy@gmail.com or call 817.805.1697.

Thank you for your support!

Dorothy & Mike Kennedy

About the Author

Christopher M. Kennedy is the senior pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care in San Antonio, Texas. He is blessed beyond measure to be married to Ashley and to have the four most wonderful children on the planet. He holds a master of divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and a doctor of ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.



Arlington Charities was THRILLED to receive so many quality donations for the Mitten, Hat and Scarf Drive!

Nancy Helm also carried 435 lbs. of food to them for our ongoing Food Drive. Please bring more!

Grace Lutheran Family, thank you for your continuous efforts to bless many in our community. Here is a note received at Grace Lutheran:

A Message of Thanks from Arlington Charities:

We thank your wonderful congregation for the donation of new socks, gloves, scarves and hats for our clients. These are greatly appreciated at this time of year. We will be donating them to our friends experiencing homelessness and to our families. Each day we are serving over 100 families. This is double the numbers before the virus. We are so grateful for your generosity so we can continue to meet needs.

God's Blessings,
Catherine Bartley, Coordinator of Outreach
and the Arlington Charities Team

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.





Senior Support Network & Zoom Book Club

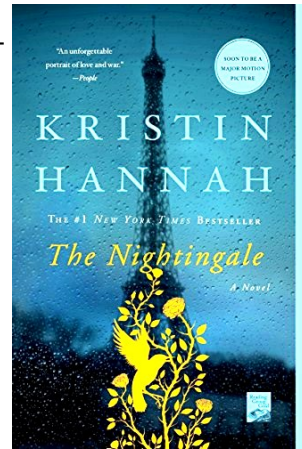
We're not able to meet right now due to virus-related restrictions. So—all of you are urged to participate in the **Book Club** that meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. We read one book per month. This month's meeting is Wednesday, February 17th, and we'll be discussing the historical fiction ***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah.

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

Ruth Brown



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

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*).



In Appreciation

Dear Grace Family,

Mom and I want to express our thankfulness for the prayers, calls and visits the last few months. Mom is doing well. Thank you also for the fun Christmas basket with goodies and surprises!

Hopefully we will all be back together soon to worship our great God!

Love, *Mary Shelton and Claudia*

Dear Grace Lutheran Members,

I know I'm not your favorite but it surely felt like it, with all "the Goodies" I received!!! Such a long list of most enjoyable treats!!!

Anyway—I miss my church friends, Piecemakers, Braille, 55+, the services, our pastors, and just being present and a part of it all.

Blessings to all plus love! *Cyndy Otto*

Dear Grace Family,

Just a note to thank you once again - Your continued support of Tyler's "human care" is so very appreciated. We don't know where we'd be without you!

Love, *Dor, Cindi & Tyler Walker*

To my wonderful Pastors and my Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you so much for all your love and prayers during the two deaths in my family! I am sitting here on my couch looking at the most beautiful flowers that came from the altar; I feel so blessed Tommy and Delores Smith brought them over and that was very special to me. My church is always my home away from home and has always meant a lot to me. I pray that God blesses you as you all have blessed me.

My Love and a Big Thank You for Everything! *Diare Nelsen*

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS (part 1)

Sunday Morning

We will continue this month with online Bible Studies.

Preschool—Resources will be sent home via email. If you are not receiving these and want them, please let us know! Email space@grace.lc and Serena will make sure you are included!

Grace Kids (Kindergarten—6th Grade) meet online at 10 AM.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7—8) DEEP END Confirmation meets online at 9:50 AM. Special Guest, Pastor Doug, on February 7 & 14!

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) meets online at 10 AM.

Breakfast Club Bible Study (For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets online at 10 AM.



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



February 19
March 26

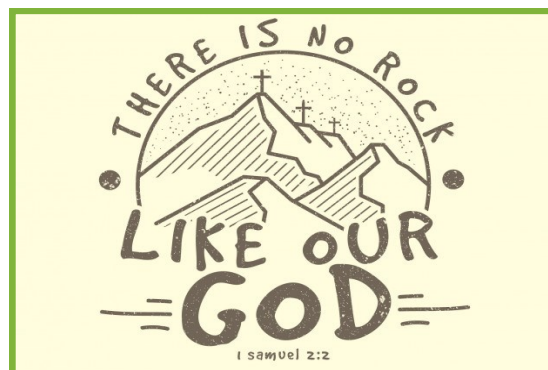
April 23
May 21

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

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



**Mark your
calendars now
for VBS!
JULY 26—30, 2021**



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 27
10—11:30 AM!!!

Meet Tony the Tree from City Kids USA and many other puppets for an engaging show on the side lawn! Hunt for Easter eggs and receive a Gospel Goodie Bag! Social distancing and masks required. Bring your friends!!!



Speak with Serena to **VOLUNTEER!**
(We will need help with set up/tear down, traffic/parking, egg hunt, stuffing eggs, stuffing/handing out treat bags, and community hosts.)

**Candy, stickers, etc. NOW being accepted in
Serena's office!**

Please try to avoid candy with nuts or sticks.

Mission Of The Month

METROPLEX WOMENS' CLINIC

Suggested items used in gift baskets:

(Please do not add Scripture verses on items. While they share the Gospel often, items go to clients from all religious backgrounds.)

NEW gender-neutral items are best, but gender specific will be accepted.



- Size 1 diapers
- Wipes
- Hooded Towels
- Burp Cloths
- Receiving Blankets
- Handmade booties, caps, or blankets
- Onesies (Size 0-6 months)

- Infant Socks
- Women's Toiletry Items (body wash or body lotion)
- Baby Toiletry items (body wash or shampoo)

Bring donations to the decorated bin in the Narthex during the month of February.

February 28 will be the last day to donate.

Want to know how else you can support the clinic?

Volunteer at Arlington Resale or Arlington Resale Too (www.arlingtonresale.com). Proceeds from these stores goes directly to help fund the center operations. Contact Sharon Ingram at: info@arlingtonresale.com or 817-478-7253 to find out more about volunteering! Volunteer as a family, a couple, or on your own!



Contact Abbey for ajarrett@grace.lc info.

**Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A
is coming SOON!**



February (TBA), 5 - 8 pm

4700 Cooper Street, Arlington, TX 76017

817-465-6631

Your support is MUCH appreciated by our youth who are looking to fund ministry scholarships for experiences near and far!

You will simply let Chick-fil-A staff know you are there for Grace Lutheran Church's Spirit Night when you place your order in to the drive through!

THANK YOU for your support!

IMPACT Student Ministry