

K CAMP

GRACE LUTHERAN

-Summer Camp-

KIDS NEED CAMP

Camp has always been a special place for kids. Now more than ever, our kids need a place to grow, feel confident, and excel.

AGES

DISCOVERERS: AGES 3-5

EXPLORERS: ENTERING GRADE 1-5TH

9 WEEKS OF CAMP

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8 AM TO 3:00 PM (OPTION 3:00-6 PM)

K KIDVENTURE



**KIDVENTURE
SUMMER 2021 DATES**
JUNE 1-JULY 30, 2021



REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 8 AT 9 AM

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Pastor Widger asked that we include this wonderful article by Charles Sparks in this month's newsletter, which he received in an email.

Dear Friends, (I use the term "friends" with the same *spirit* that Christ expressed when He addressed His disciples as "friends" in John 15:15: "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business, instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.")

On July 2, 2020 I experienced a very critical medical crisis. It came close to taking the life I have given to me by my creator, come to an end. But my God, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) had other plans. By His action in using all of you and a great number of Health Workers to intervene and bring about a reversal of what was taking place in my body, I am on my way to a recovery. My **TIME** on this great earth came close to coming to an end but God has plans for me to stay here a little longer.

Thank all of you, with my lovely wife, Gerry at the top of the list, for all that you have done and continue to do in my recovery. All of you are such a blessing to me and pray that God will reward each of you for your faithful service to Him.

May God Bless Each of You, **Charles**

TIME

I have been interested in how the bible describes time, and noticing how others discuss their understanding of time. It is very clear how time is described in the creation of God from the beginning as described in:

Genesis 1:14 "And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth."

And again in Genesis 1:3-8 a "**day**" is defined in more detail: "God said, "Let there be light." and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from darkness. God called the light "**day**", and the darkness he called "**night**."

The following are several descriptions of time in the Bible:

2 Peter 3:8 "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

James 4:1 "Why do you not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a **mist** that appears for a little while and then vanishes"

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may **live long** in this land the Lord your God is giving you."

Revelation 22:5 (On our New Earth) "There will be no more nights. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the **Lord God** will give them light." and "they will reign for **ever** and **ever**, on the **New Earth**."

Time as we know it will END:

[But there will be a **NEW** time that will **God's Time**]

Revelations 22:1 "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lord down the middle of the great **street** of the **city**. On each side of the river stood the **Tree of Life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every **month**."

I will close with words from 2 Peter 3:8-9&17-18

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousands years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever Amen.** *by Charles Sparks*



Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE at grace.lc? [CLICK HERE](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar) (<https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar>) to access it. Any calendar changes and/or additions made in the church office are updated online in real time!

True Freedom

Our body has not only been created by God and will one day be resurrected by him, but it has been bought by Christ's blood and is indwelt by his Spirit. Thus it belongs to God three times over, by creation, redemption and indwelling. How then, since it does not belong to us, can we misuse it?

Instead, we are to honor God with it, by obedience and self-control. Bought by Christ, we have no business to become the slaves of anybody or anything else. Once we were slaves of sin; now we are the slaves of Christ, and his service is the true freedom.

— John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*

Get Connected

Connect with the body online this spring by joining in any time with one or all of our **Open Groups** to "Get Social"! For those viewing the newsletter online, click on the links below to sign up.

For those reading the newsletter in print form, please type in the link below to sign up, or you may call the church office at 817-274-1626 to reserve your spot.

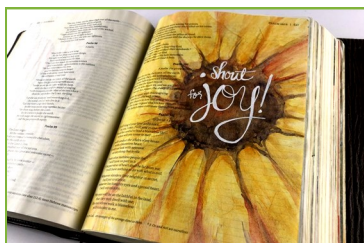
All groups will be held online via Zoom (click [here](#) to learn how to use it).

This same information can be found on the church website at <https://grace.lc/get-connected>.

Open Groups

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 at 10:00 am
- [Click here](#) for a supply list
- Sign up [here](#)

Book Club - Like to read? At our next meeting we'll be discussing *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd.

- Hosted by Ruth Brown
- 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)



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 Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- [Zoom link](#)

Tuesday Night Basketball

Play a game and enjoy fellowship with family and friends!

- Held in-person at the Gym in the Family Life Center
- Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm
- Contact Jim Runzheimer for more information @ runz-law@att.net



Movie Night

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

- Hosted by Barbara Koehn
- 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)



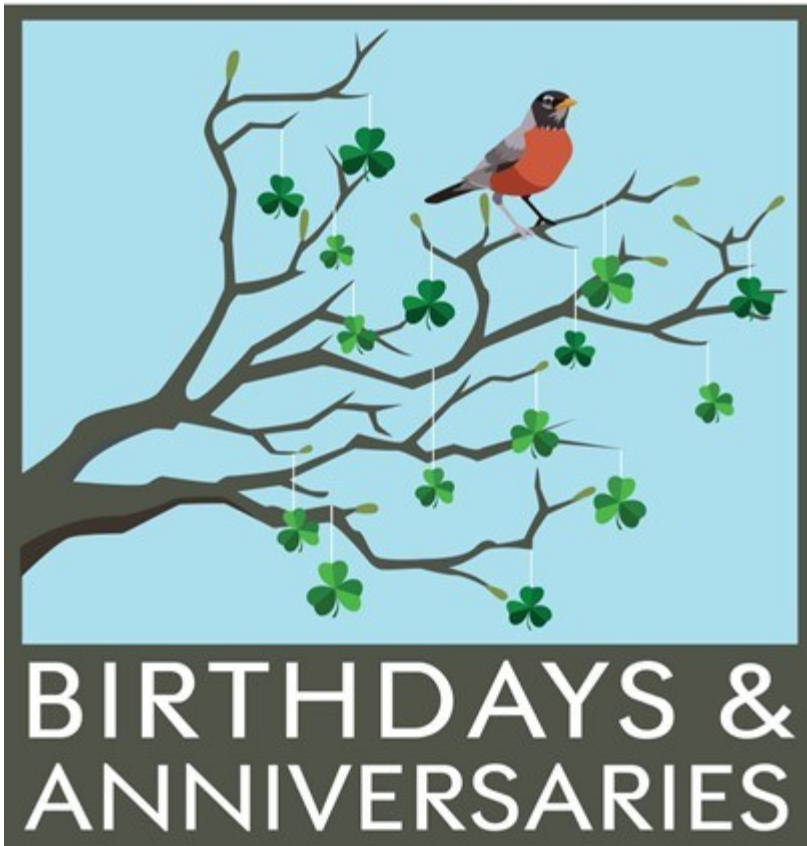
Grace Young Adults (GYA) - Whether you are currently in college, or starting out in the work force, come join the fellowship for some real friendship and real talk. We either Zoom or meet up in a socially distanced manner to enjoy our time together.

- Hosted by Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
- 4th Fridays at 7 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)



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

MARCH



Birthdays

3/2 Vivian Webb
3/3 Greg Roe
3/3 Jackie Rubel
3/4 Hank Jacobs
3/5 Heather Brown
3/6 Sharon Vance
3/7 Karen Carter
3/7 Art Rosse
3/9 Cathy Taylor
3/10 Daniel Stacy
3/11 Christian Burgdorf
3/12 Mike Livesay
3/12 Susan Hoar
3/13 Joe Elmers
3/14 Ronald Hans
3/14 Carl Garcia
3/15 Jade Sepulveda
3/15 Linda Buck
3/16 Jan Runzheimer
3/19 Amanda Sessums
3/21 Ruth Brown
3/22 Anthony M. Pace
3/22 Theodore Spradlin
3/23 Na Schmidt
3/24 Ava Long
3/24 Connor M. Spradlin
3/24 Janet L. Brutlag
3/25 James D. Watson, Jr.
3/26 Bruce Leppert
3/26 Chelsie Schlesinger
3/26 Jane Smith
3/28 Jacob Braziel
3/28 Megan Roe
3/29 Molly Giles
3/29 Greg Gostynski
3/30 Tyler Halliburton
3/30 Debbie Hall
3/30 Brian Rukavina
3/31 Barbara Ruthart

Anniversaries



3/4 Dean & Nancy Mickelson
3/10 Nathaniel & Jessica Pipkin
3/13 Kenneth & Janet Flagg
3/16 Severt & Ellen Nielsen
3/16 Bob & Lou Anne Williams
3/17 Mike & Dorothy Kennedy

GOD IS THE BUILDER OF
YOUR LIFE
HEBREWS 3:4