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CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY *The Holy Smokers are Smoking Again*

The Holy Smokers are smoking St. Louis Style Spare Ribs and sausage (mild 14 oz. or spicy 12 oz.) on **Saturday, June 19**.

To place your order, please call or text **Ernie Owens** (817-247-0747). There will also be a signup sheet in the Narthex.



Deadline to sign up for ribs and sausage will be after second service on Sunday, June 13.

A slab of ribs is \$25, and sausage is \$7 per ring, or 2 for \$12.

<u>Payment will be due at time of pickup.</u> Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, mark check memo as "Holy Smokers".

Please pickup your ribs and sausage Saturday, June 19th between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. We will call with any time updates.

Hanging Out with Dad

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

> ı illy Graham

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th.

garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

Janna Firestone



Each week the flowers that adorn the altar in Sunday Worship Services are donated to the glory of God by members of Grace. **THANK YOU** to everyone who signed up to provide flowers for the altar the first several months when they were needed for 2021. There are many spaces open for the rest of the year.

We need two donors per week—cost is \$40.00 each. You will need to advise the church office of the notation you want in the bulletin—in memory of, celebration of, a thank you, etc. (email <u>cjackson@grace.lc</u>). If paying by check or cash, place in an offering envelope, write the amount, and "Altar Flowers" on a blank memo line.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER DELIVERIES

After the Worship Service the bouquets are delivered to shut-in members or to members who are experiencing a period of trial and are in need of an uplifting reminder that prayers and concerns of their Grace Family are with them.

If you have been blessed by this ministry and may have the vase that was delivered to your house, we would appreciate having it returned to the church at your convenience in order to be used for another delivery. We particularly need vases **approximately** 9-10 inches tall X 4 inches wide. We have an abundance of bud vases and large vases. We pray each delivered bouquet beings joy, beauty, peace and comfort from your Grace Lutheran Family.

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.

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- 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.

Sin(g) Boldly CD Release

Kammerchor of Concordia University Wisconsin is pleased to announce the release of our CD Sin(g) Boldly, which was funded in part through freewill offerings made by the members of Grace Lutheran during Kammerchor's Spring 2017 tour.

The album is available as a digital download through most platforms (iTunes, Amazon, etc.) and for listening through most streaming services (Spotify, Apple Music, etc.). For more information, or to purchase a physical CD, please contact Dr. Alexa Doebele, Director of Choral Activities at CUW (alexa.doebele@cuw.edu or 262-243-4241).



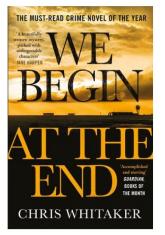


Sunday, June 6 from 9:30-11:00 am June 6 is LCMS Campus Ministry Sunday.

We'll welcome The Edge Coffeehouse team to Grace to share a few words about a new ministry plan for college students in Arlington. Joel and Rachel Hardy will be with us, serving coffee and tea between services from The Edge Coffee Truck. Make plans to head to the back parking lot and get a **free** latte, cold brew, or tea.

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Senior Support Network & Book Club

The Book Club is taking the summer off and will resume in September. We will be **meeting at church** on Wednesday, September 15 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The book we will be discussing is **We Begin at the End** by Chris Whitaker. Lou Ann Kersten will be our leader.

Duchess Day Radley is a thirteen-yearold self-proclaimed outlaw. Rules are for other people. She is the fierce protector of her five-year-old brother, Robin, and the parent to her mother, Star, a single mom incapable of taking care of herself, let alone her two kids.

Walk has never left the coastal California town where he and Star grew up. He may have become the chief of police, but he's still trying to heal the old wound of having given the testimony that sent his best friend, Vincent King, to prison decades before. And he's in overdrive protecting Duchess and her brother.

Now, thirty years later, Vincent is being

released. And Duchess and Walk must face the trouble that comes with his return. **We Begin at the End** is an extraordinary novel about two kinds of families—the ones we are born into and the ones we create.

All are welcome to participate in the **Book Club** (you don't even have to be a senior)! Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. We read one book per month when actively in session.

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

Rath Brown

The desk in Cynthia Jackson's office is being replaced. If you would like the old one and can provide the people and transportation to carry it away in mid-June, please call her in the church office at 817-274-1626. It is 2.5' high and the desktop measures 6' x 2.5'.

Braille Center #184

With God's Grace we are back doing braille—it's been over a year. If you haven't already, you can join our Facebook Group...<u>Braille Center</u> <u>184</u>. I try to keep that page updated with our news. Here is our June calendar....

June 3rd - 9:00 am: Glen & Mary Moritz (1st Thursdays) June 8th - 6:30 pm: Holy Cross (2nd Tuesdays) June 17th - 3:00 pm: Ruth Brown (3rd Thursdays) June 17th - 7:00 pm: Shepherd of Life (3rd Thursdays) June 23rd - 9:30 am: Cross of Christ, Desoto (4th Wednesdays)

No June session/Next session on **July 1st - 6:30 pm:** Thumb Print (Duppstadts' team) (1st Thursdays)

We are still in search of volunteers and donations. Thank you, everyone, for all your help and love! In His Name,

Uvonne & Jim Duppstadt



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

- The 3rd quarter of Portals of Prayer is in. You can have one mailed to your home, indicating choice of small or large print (not mailed automatically, but when requested).
- 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



PRESCHOOL/PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are searching for servant-hearted people to teach our young children during the Sunday School Hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). All volunteers will complete a background check, safety training, and will join an AWESOME team of people who are passing on the faith to the next generation. Are you interested in joining the Grace Kids Ministry Team? Please contact Serena at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x102.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Discovering You're Priceless to God

Mark your calendars now for VBS!

@ 12:30pm. (RSVP Serena)

JULY 26 - 29, 2021 (9 AM-Noon)

Register to volunteer & participate at

vbs.grace.lc - Training is Thur. 6/13,

SUNDAY MORNING

Grace Kids (Kindergarten-6th Grade) Meet in a classroom in the preschool hallway from 9:45—10:45 a.m.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) serve at 9:45 a.m. in the preschool hallway.

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Youth meet in Abbey's office or the Youth Shed.

Breakfast Club Bible Study (For parents, grandparents, and guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Families: Pick up your JUNE

Super Summer Service Bingo!

Cross out challenges you complete throughout the month and receive a fun prize!

Children's and Youth Versions

You decide which version to use for families with multiple ages. See Serena and Abbey for details!



NURSERY WORKERS WANTED to share faith, lead appropriate age-level praise time, play with and provide a safe and loving environment for our youngest churchgoers

Grace Kids Ministry is looking for caring people with childcare experience to work with our



paid position. Grace provides Safety Training and CPR certification. Our workers are background checked through Praesidium, a leader in child safety! Our goal is to hire 3-4 workers. The importance of staffing a church nursery may mean the difference between a young family or new visitor attending church or not. Who do you know who might be interested? Please contact Serena at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x102.



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GRACE KIDS are GOING FISHIN'! Saturday, June 5 at 5:30 PM (Grades Pre-K—6) & BIG BUDDIES

- Bring or buy food and eat there! Bring lawn chairs and anything else you'd like.
- We will bring poles, worms and other items for you!
- BIG Buddies JH/HS who help the children
- Meet there: Jimmy Hooper Park
 <u>2303 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington</u>
- Parent help will be needed.
- **RSVP by 6.3** to Serena: <u>space@grace.lc</u>; 817-274-1626, x102.

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



Contact Abbey at <u>ajarrett@grace.lc</u> for more IMPACT Youth info.

HIGH SCHOOL: Alina Bruhn, James Hankins, Desiree Minor

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: Erin Jacobs

MASTER'S DEGREE: Ashley Jacobs, Erin Jacobs

God bless our graduates!!!

Graduate Sunday is June 6!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

Grace is blessed by amazing volunteers who serve in a wide variety of ways. A team is forming in order to support, equip, train and raise up our current and new volunteers. Sometimes, all a person needs is a little direction to find their calling. If you take great joy in helping others use their God-given gifts, God may be leading you in the direction of serving on this team through 2021. To find out more, speak with Serena.





EMBRACE GRACE GROUPS

We are forming a group of female volunteers under the hat of 'Engage Community', who will walk with young women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Through a twelve-week, small-group/support experience that would begin in August, our prayer is that these women would find a place of belonging here at Grace. As a church, we will host a special baby shower for those we walk with. Training will be provided beforehand. Please speak with Serena if you can see yourself pouring into the lives of these young women.