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April 2021 Mission of the Month



Thank you for your support of the Mission of the Month for Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital. "AMH was very appreciative of these gift bags. They said this year has really taken its toll on many of the staff and gifts like this are very refreshing. These will be distributed across all vocations... from Surgeons to Cleaning staff." - S. Woolston



Loan Rebate Received from the Texas District Church Extension Fund

Grace Lutheran recently received a rebate of \$2,143.70 on our loans with the Texas District Church Extension Fund, The rebate amount was calculated as a percentage of the total dollars our members have invested with the Extension Fund.

Please consider investing in the Extension Fund to help benefit Grace. For more information, please go to www.texascef.org.



Texas District Church Extension Fund
a ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Holy Smokers Update

The fundraiser for the Youth was a HUGE success!
THANK YOU, HOLY SMOKERS!

The Holy Smokers smoked hams and sausages as a fundraiser for the Youth Group on Saturday, April 3.

We would like to thank Thrivent and everyone who ordered a ham or sausage. The Holy Smokers were able to raise **\$850.00** for the youth thanks to your support.

We'll be back for Father's Day ribs and sausage.



**ALTAR
FLOWERS**
HONOR SOMEONE
SPECIAL.
SIGN-UPS NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE
NARTHEX OR CALL
THE CHURCH OFFICE.



GLEE Teacher Appreciation

Please come and help celebrate our Grace Lutheran Early Education teachers! We will be accepting notes, cards, and any other gifts for our teachers all week. We welcome anyone who wants to participate with us in saying "Thank You" for all they have done all year! We'll have a table set up through Friday, May 7. Please enter the church at the GLEE/church offices entrance.

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Chalk Attack: Sunday, May 2 after church service. Leave an inspirational design or message for our GLEE staff on the sidewalk outside of GLEE. We'll have extra chalk, but feel free to bring your own (weather permitting).

Pushpay Instructions



Pushpay®

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.

Baptism of Travis Christine



On Sunday, April 18th we shared in the joy of witnessing Travis Christine's Adult Baptism.

Scott and Cynthia Cunningham have the honor of being his sponsors.

Travis shared, "So I moved out here a few years ago and the first people I met were the Cunninghams. They were a really big help for me because they really got me started on my spiritual journey. I knew about God, but I didn't know Him for who He really was, but it really got me started, and then I started coming here and I got to meet all these wonderful people. I really appreciate each and every one of you."



In baptism, God pours out His grace and His Spirit on us. "...so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:7) This day comes at a different time for each of us. Every life is a journey and your baptism day begins a new chapter. If you want to know more about baptism or are ready to take this incredible step, please contact Pastor Widger at dwidger@grace.lc or 817-274-1626 to talk.



Senior Support Network & Zoom Book Club

All are welcome to participate in the **Book Club** that meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. We read one book per month.

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

Our May Book Club reading will be ***Unsinkable***, a memoir of Debbie Reynolds written by Debbie Reynolds and Dorian Hannaway. Vickie Rosentreter will be our leader for this book. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 19th.

Unsinkable is the definitive memoir by film legend and Hollywood icon Debbie Reynolds.

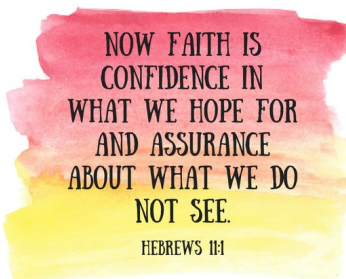
In *Unsinkable*, the late great actress, comedienne, singer, and dancer Debbie Reynolds shares the highs and lows of her life as an actress during Hollywood's Golden Age, anecdotes about her lifelong friendship with Elizabeth Taylor, her experiences as the foremost collector of Hollywood memorabilia, and intimate details of her marriages and family life with her children, Carrie and Todd Fisher.

A story of heartbreak, hope, and survival, "America's Sweetheart" Debbie Reynolds picks up where she left off in her first memoir, *Debbie: My Life*, and is illustrated with previously unpublished photos from Reynolds's personal collection.

Debbie Reynolds died on December 28, 2016, at the age of 84, just one day after the death of her daughter, actress and author Carrie Fisher.

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

Ruth Brown



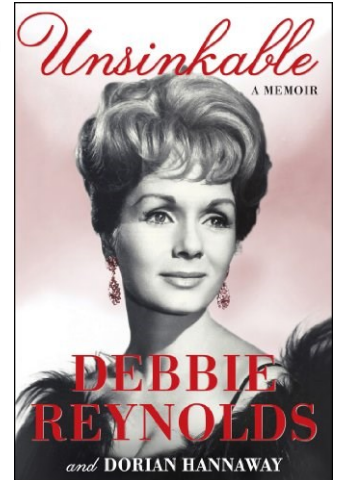
Our family is currently looking for a dependable first car for our 16 year old grandson, Christopher Estell. Maybe someone in our Grace family would know of one available.



You can email me at: AADMI1979@yahoo.com

Thanks!

Diane Itgen



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

- ◇ The 2nd quarter of *Portals of Prayer* is in. All of the large print versions are out, but we have the smaller print publication available. You can have one mailed to your home (*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*).

Braille Center #184 is Up and Running Again!

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...[Braille Center 184](#). I try to keep that page updated with our news. Here is our May calendar as I know it

- May 6th - 9:00 am Glen and Mary Moritz
- May 20th - 3:00 pm Ruth Brown
- May 20th - 7:00 pm Sheppard of Life
- May 26th - 9:30 am Cross of Christ Desoto
- May 27th - 6:30 pm Thumb Print (Duppstadts' team)

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

In His Name,

Uvonne & Jim Duppstadt