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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Teacher Appreciation - very soon!

During Teacher Appreciation week the GLEE outreach team on behalf of the church is providing a salad luncheon for the GLEE teachers and administrators on Tuesday, May 3, in the Narthex. We invite congregational members to either mail or bring a greeting card expressing appreciation and encouragement for the GLEE Staff. You may leave your card in the Connection Corner or mail it to GLEE at the church address between now and May 3.

### Write a Note



### New Way to Check-In: QR Connection Cards!

We are introducing a new way you can check-in to service! We will walk you through the process for the next few weeks, or you can also follow the instructions on the new pew card and slides.



\*Paper Connection Cards are not going away! This will just be another way you can let us know when you're here/submit prayer requests, etc.

### Summer Fun: The Chosen & Chat

*The Chosen* is a television drama series based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. It is the first-ever multi-season series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ, and has become the #1 most crowdfunded media project of all time.

We're gathering to fellowship and watch through Season 1 together starting May 11th! We'll meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm in MR2. There will be water and fresh popcorn provided; feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks as well, and invite a friend or family member! Contact Jenna for more information at [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc)



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

**SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:45 am (between early and late services)**

Grace Kids (Grades 1-3 and Preteens Grades 4-6) Meet in classrooms in the preschool hall.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) meet in Meeting Room 4 for Deep End Confirmation.

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Youth meet in the Youth Shed.

Biblical Parenting Sunday School (For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets in the Library.

**Grace Kids & Grace Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

May 14th @ 6 pm,  
Location TBD

Grace Kids and Grace Youth Bible Studies on Break  
May 29th

## Vacation Bible Camp 2022



**June 27-30**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Sign up NOW @ [vbs.grace.lc](https://vbs.grace.lc) to participate & VOLUNTEER!

VBC is for Preschool children (3 y/o & potty-trained), Pre-K, Kindergarten through Grade 6 (in the fall of 2022)!

Volunteers are entering 7th grade through adult.

Nursery childcare is available for babies & toddlers OF VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers & Staff are safety trained & background checked.

**June 25th @ 9 am Training & Decorating**

Donuts, Coffee, and lunch provided!



**May 7, 10 AM-2 PM**



Meeting at Grace at 9:15 to carpool. For Current Grades 5-8  
Parent drivers wanted!

Email Anthony Lee at [alee@grace.lc](mailto:alee@grace.lc)

## Thank You!

Dear Family at Grace,

We are thankful for your kind and generous support of our young people. The Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser blessed our congregation, guests and local neighbors. You helped us raise \$1,455 for youth ministry. **BIG THANKS** to all the volunteers, youth and adults, who made it happen! It's a joy to serve together in this place!

**May 1, 11AM**

### Confirmation Milestone

Congratulations and God's blessings on this special Confirmation milestone to:

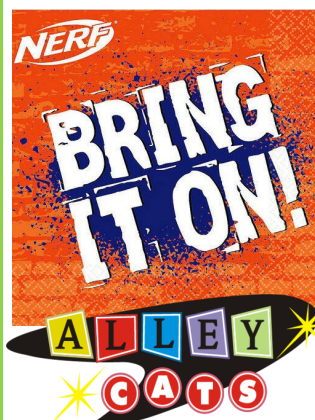
*Alexis Ali*

*Charlie Barrett*

*Zoey Sessums*

*Miranda Wagoner*

**May 22 - Family Life Center  
12:30-2:30 PM**



Pizza/Ice Cream included for all ages  
Cost: Bring 1 Friend!



Bounce House & Nerf Battle



Putt-Putt @ Alley Cats

# Groups Updates

Life Groups have come to a close for the winter, and will return in the Fall with all groups studying the same material together. Through the summer we hope you'll participate in The Chosen & Chat (pg1)! Information on all the groups can always be found on the church website at [grace.lc/get-connected](http://grace.lc/get-connected)

## graceSeniors

Potluck Fellowship Gathering

May 12, 12 pm, Fireside

DEVOTION LEADER: Thiede

HOSTS: Hankins & Smith

Contact Serena with questions:  
817-274-1626

SEE You THERE

## Book Club

Our next book is *These are the Generations* by Bae & Foley. This is a story of how one North Korean family lived out the Great Commission for more than fifty years in the most Christian-hostile nation in human history. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2 pm in the church library! Contact Ruth Brown [or the church office](#) for more information.

## Tuesday Night Basketball

Play a game and enjoy fellowship with family and friends! Held in-person at the Gym in the Family Life Center every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm. Contact Jim Runzheimer for more information at [runz-law@att.net](mailto:runz-law@att.net)

## Engage Community Update

Embrace Grace is expanding its' ministry to add a 2nd Semester, Embrace Life. In time, our hope is to also add the course through Embrace Grace for the fathers.

We have further gained an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving area families who are in crises through a 6-week course provided by Lifeline Children's Services. These families are mandated by the court system to take these classes. All families welcome!

God is providing opportunities to meet the needs of the people in our community. Will you answer this call? We need women AND MEN to volunteer. If the Lord places either on your heart, please let Serena know.

Interacting with our Hispanic community is top on our list of outreach. Step 1—We have started Zumba on our campus to engage those in our community. Join us Monday through Thursday at 10:30 AM at the Grace West Campus! Speaking Spanish is not required!



## Save the Date: 70th

Join us in celebrating our congregation's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, October 9th! We will have a combined worship service at 10 am, with a meal and fellowship following. More details to come!



## ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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

Head Elder:  
Joe Masterson

## 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: [jdalcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdalcristo@grace.lc)

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "F" for example, David Swille would be your assigned elder.

*Joseph C. Masterson*



## Loving Liberia Update

Perry Geevon Smith Lutheran School in Monrovia Soccer Team is well known for its athletics. Our school provides the uniforms for the children.

Because of the war, some of the older children you see on the soccer team are in 5th-7th grade. The soccer season has just started and Perry's team has three wins, one tie and one loss.



Easter was celebrated at Perry Geevon Smith Lutheran School in Monrovia with this child holding her Easter egg. Loving Liberia provides an all-around education for children that is free. We share the joy of knowing Jesus to the underserved in Monrovia. We live out our motto: Learning Today to Build a Better Tomorrow.

We are sending Perry to Liberia in May to help support his schools with building a fence around the Monrovia school for better security and to qualify us for government subsidy. Perry will also be visiting our campus in River Cess where we will finalize the deed for 40 acres to eventually build a new school for children in the interior of the country.

Thank you for your support.

## Coffee time - Coffee drive

We have been given an opportunity to serve a need in our community- Arlington Life Shelter is in need of coffee and non-perishable breakfast foods/ snacks for their 90-100 residents per night at the Arlington Life Shelter.

This Arlington Life Shelter coffee and breakfast drive community service event will kick-off on Sunday, May 8, with coffee and donuts and will continue through May and June.

1. All proceeds from the Sunday morning coffee-time donations will go to purchase coffee and related breakfast items for the Arlington life shelter.
2. You can also help by bringing ground coffee (no instant, no whole coffee beans), powdered creamer, sugar in packets, cereals, breakfast bars, and related breakfast items to the coffee counter in the narthex.

All items must be in original packaging, unopened, and not expired.



Let's support this coffee and breakfast food drive for the Arlington Life Shelter pantry and residents.



A **Memorial** is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of a loved one or a friend.

An **Honorarium** is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a tribute honoring an achievement, celebration, or deed of a loved one or a friend.

With deep appreciation, we accept the following Memorial and Honorarium gifts given as of April 22, 2022 honoring:

### Braille Ministry:

Anna Jessup by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

Dick Jeske by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hankins

### General Ministries:

Dianne Baumann by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

Susan Gunderlach by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

Paul Horton by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

Dick Jeske by Janice Jeske, Doug & Deanna Jeske, Annetta & Bruce Chapman, Pat Etheredge, Rev. David & Judy Joeckel, The Muxworthy Family, Don & Suzanne Kehlenbeck

Virgil Patterson by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

### Homebound Ministry:

Donna & Bill Hertel by Rev. David & Judy Joeckel

### Outreach Ministry:

Dick Jeske by Gene & Vickie Rosentreter



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Max Blaine Nieves  
 5/1 Jordan Mangrum Scoggins  
 5/1 Reecanne Joeckel  
 5/2 Rose Widner  
 5/2 Susan Hamann  
 5/3 Miranda Wagoner  
 5/4 Dorene Goodson  
 5/6 John Schmidt  
 5/8 Brodie Moore  
 5/8 Ray Hamann  
 5/8 Thomas Jones  
 5/9 Jaydyn Lang  
 5/12 Olena Gerhardt  
 5/13 Karen Bornsen  
 5/14 Sandra Pecard  
 5/14 Scott Cunningham  
 5/15 Eric Rathjen  
 5/15 John Muelschen  
 5/17 Dawn Sepulveda  
 5/18 Diane Itgen  
 5/20 Katie Lee  
 5/23 Uvonne Duppsstadt  
 5/24 Ann Reynolds  
 5/26 Sherry Burgdorf  
 5/26 James Gerhardt  
 5/27 Desiree Minor  
 5/27 Ellen Pelzer  
 5/28 Joe Masterson  
 5/28 Kristin Braziel  
 5/30 Red Hoar  
 5/30 Melonnie Pollard  
 5/30 Robert Smith

## The Holy Smokers will be Smoking Ribs for Father's Day

The Holy Smokers are planning to smoke spareribs and sausage for Father's day on Saturday, June 18th.

Please Save The Date and watch for further details in the June Newsletter.

For further information please contact Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.



## Special Dates

National Day of Prayer  
May 5, 2022

Mother's Day  
May 8, 2022

Armed Forces Day  
May 21, 2022

Ascension Day  
May 26, 2022

Memorial Day  
May 30, 2022

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

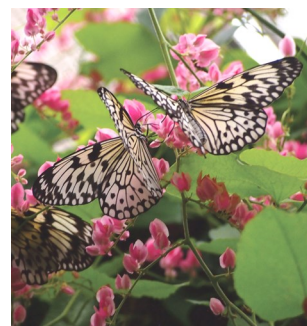


## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Steven & Lisa Woolston  
 5/8 Andrew & Ashley Hall  
 5/11 Daniel & Nancy Helm  
 5/11 Greg & Gail Roe  
 5/16 Ken & Amy Homeyer  
 5/21 Tom & Rae Ann Wagoner  
 5/22 Michael & Na Schmidt  
 5/26 Doug & Karen Widger  
 5/29 Scott & Cynthia Cunningham  
 5/30 Richard & Paula Crossman

Call the church office or email [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc) to:

- ◇ Receive a copy of *Portals of Prayer* mailed to your home.
- ◇ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.
- ◇ Submit updated address and contact information.
- ◇ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.



HIS NAME ALONE IS  
**EXALTED.**  
PSALM 148:13



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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so t\_at y\_u may \_i\_e l\_ng in t\_e land  
the L\_RD \_ou\_ God i\_ givi\_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.