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## Security Update

We are making big changes to our campus security! If you are involved in leadership or service at Grace and have access to any of our buildings, you should have received a letter that you'll want to act on soon if you haven't already. Let the church office know if you haven't gotten that or need more information. And thank you to our volunteer Facility Management Team: Joe Masterson, Alan Meyer, and John Rukavina for coordinating this effort!



... only not in a garage!

**Saturday, July 16**  
**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**MR1 (Meeting Room 1)**



GLEE is cleaning out its closets!  
There will be lots of goodies to  
choose from, including:  
toys, manipulatives, classroom  
furniture and more.

## Up-to-Date Emails/Addresses



Are you  
connected with  
any former  
members of  
Grace? We're  
looking for up-to-  
date email

addresses and physical addresses to  
invite all to come to our 70th Anniversary  
Celebration October 9th. Let the Church  
Office know if you have anyone's current



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

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

**Grace Kids (Preschool up to Grade 6)** Our Bible Study series continues, next up is Mission Kids Liberia! Meet in classrooms in the preschool hall.

**Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12)** Incoming Middle and High School students meet in the Youth Shed.

**Biblical Parenting Sunday School** For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors; meeting in the Library.

Our Grace Kids, Grace Youth, and Biblical Parenting Sunday School classes are on break for the first 2 weeks of July on the 3rd and 10th!



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY** is holding a **Back to School Blessing** for our community on August 14 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a cookie reception in the Gym. Neighborhood children will register and receive school supplies. You can help by serving at the reception, bringing supplies during the month of July, bagging supplies in early August and attending the event to support our neighbors! Items needed are:

- 12 x 18 construction and manilla paper, assorted, 50 ct.
- 9 x 12 construction paper, assorted and white, 50 ct.
- boxes of crayons, 24 ct.
- folders with pockets and brads (blue, green, red, yellow)
- white glue, 4 oz.
- glue sticks
- markers, washable, wide tip, 8 ct., classic colors
- dry erase markers, any color
- #2 pencils
- scissors, blunt point
- boxes tissue
- disinfectant wipes, 80 ct.
- baby wipes, 80 ct.
- bottle liquid hand sanitizer, 7.5 oz. pump
- sets of earbuds or headphones
- composition notebooks, black marble, 100 ct.
- scissors, sharp
- ruler
- spiral composition notebooks, 70 ct.
- erasers, pink
- notebook paper packages, wide rule, 200 ct.
- scissors, sharp
- ruler, metric & inches
- spiral composition notebooks, 70 ct.
- pkgs. colored pencils, 12 ct.
- pkgs. headphones with a microphone
- 2" binder
- erasers, pink pearl
- pkgs. Highlighters
- graphing notebooks
- pens, blue or black
- 3-ring binder
- pkgs. index dividers, 5-tab colored
- pkgs. notebook paper, college rule, 200 ct.

## Vacation Bible Camp 2022

**THANK YOU**, Grace family, for your prayers, donations and service at our camp. You blessed many children with your wonderful support!



Please cover our Youth Gathering participants with prayer this July 9-14.

They are:

Alexis (Lexi) Ali, Shahid Ali  
Charlie Barrett  
Elizabeth (Libby) Burgdorf  
Lynzie Chavez, Molly Chavez  
Max Nieves, Van Nieves  
Serena Pace  
Zoey Sessums  
Miranda Wagoner

Follow our adventures on Facebook!

Send cards of encouragement through Serena.

**July 3rd Commissioning**

**July 5th, 6:30 pm Required Meeting for Parents & Participants at church, with a meal**



## Groups Updates

Life Groups have come to a close, and will return in the Fall with all groups studying the same material together.

*Are you interested in leading a group this Fall?*

Contact Jenna at [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc)!

We had a great time watching through Season 1 of The Chosen together the last few months! Several Ongoing Groups are taking breaks for the summer, you can find more information online at [grace.lc/get-connected](http://grace.lc/get-connected) or by contacting the Church Office.

## Loving Liberia Update

These three young ladies are going to graduate the ninth grade at Perry Geevon Smith School in Monrovia. They have taken West African Examination for ninth grade and received their certificates of passing the examination. These are the first ninth graders graduating from Perry's school. There are 16 countries in West Africa that coordinate this testing so students can enter high school.

We celebrate with these fine young ladies and their families and our school. We praise God for the quality of teachers we have sharing the gospel and teaching children to have a better tomorrow. This is life-changing for our school as we are now nationally recognized as a school system that sends children to high school.

Thank you to all our sponsors and thank you all for your prayer.



*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 living tribute honoring an achievement, deed or celebration of a loved one or a friend.*

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With deep appreciation, we accept the following Memorial gifts given as of June 22, 2022:

### Braille Ministry:

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by Linda Buck

### Doughnut/Coffee Ministry:

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by Tommy & Delores Smith, Joe & Phyllis Sparks

### General Ministries:

In memory of *Dick Jeske* by Ken & D'Ann Besley

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by Diane Nelsen, Jan Penland, Allen & Diane Saul

### Holy Smokers:

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by Ruth Brown

### Youth Ministries/(National Youth Gathering 2022):

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by David Swille, Steve & Lisa Woolston

### Milwaukee Lutheran High School:

In memory of *Norm Grieser* by Dave Horger, Lou Ann Kersten, Gene & Vickie Rosentreter, Marty & Lucy Schlotte, Dave Voss



## Expanded Community Outreach

Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington (GLC) has had a Tuesday night basketball ministry in the FLC gym continuously for over 20 years. This activity operates most Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Young men come from all over the metroplex to play basketball. Several men usually bring their families. The hour and one half event includes a 15 minute devotion.

GLC will add a family fellowship event to take place at GLC from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on one Saturday each month. This event will include a 30 -40 minute worship segment, pizza and fruit dinner for all. Athletic activities will include basketball in the gym, playground activity for younger children, and soccer for older children on our soccer field.

GLC will need volunteers for supervision of the athletic and playground activities, to serve food, and get acquainted with those who attend.

Why should Grace offer this outreach? All attendees will hear Gospel message. Physical activities that will promote physical health are a response to 1 Corinthians 6:19 ("Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit").

The projected date for first event will be Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. There will be a police officer present for the entire activity. All volunteers will submit to a background check.

For more information, please contact Jim Runzheimer at 817-795-2020 (office), 817-917-2208 (cell), or by email to [runz-law@att.net](mailto:runz-law@att.net).



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!

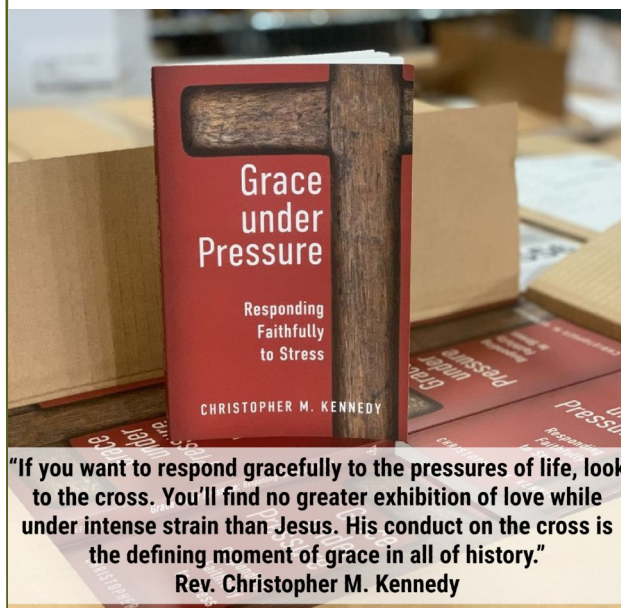


## Book Announcement

Concordia Publishing House has announced the upcoming release of Pastor Christopher Kennedy's new book: *Grace Under Pressure: Responding Faithfully to Stress* with a Foreword by Paul L. Maier, PhD. (Find out more by visiting the book's [official Web page](#) and click [here](#) to read a sample chapter.)

The books should be available sometime after July 12 for a cost of \$15.

Dorothy and Mike Kennedy (his parents) will be in the Narthex on Sundays, July 10 and 17 with a sign up sheet and to answer any questions.



**"If you want to respond gracefully to the pressures of life, look to the cross. You'll find no greater exhibition of love while under intense strain than Jesus. His conduct on the cross is the defining moment of grace in all of history."**  
Rev. Christopher M. Kennedy

## Coffee Drive - Thank you!

Dear friends and members of Grace,

Red and I want to thank all those that donated to the Arlington Life Shelter over the past few weeks as we collected coffee, supplies, and snack foods for the shelter. As you know, ALL the food at the shelter comes from donations from the community and your donations will go to help feed the dozens of people that are living at the shelter each day. It warms our heart to know that so many of you are willing to help us feed the homeless. We couldn't do it without you.

We were able to collect (4) three pound canisters of coffee, (5) one pound bags of coffee, (1) large creamer, (2) Large boxes and (3) small boxes of granola bars, (3) boxes of Pop Tarts, (2) boxes/bags of cereal, (4) packs of raisins, (1) box of breakfast biscuits and (82) fruit cups, (150) packs of graham crackers as well as money to help purchase more coffee!

A special thank you to Chris Owens who helped us organize, fund and run the drive. She has been a wonderful help to the Arlington Life Shelter ministry.

Thank you and God's blessings,

*Susan and Red Hoar*



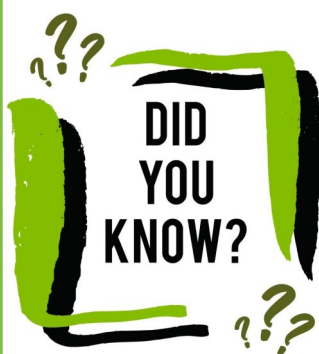
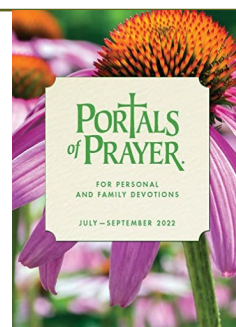


## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Nicholas Swille  
 7/2 Finley Moore  
 7/3 Duane Schluter  
 7/3 Gerry Sparks  
 7/5 Phyllis Sparks  
 7/6 Paul Olson  
 7/6 Victoria Smith  
 7/7 Kristen Stock  
 7/7 Sarah Smith  
 7/8 Amy Homeyer  
 7/8 Dorothy Davies  
 7/11 Jennifer Chavez  
 7/13 David Joeckel  
 7/14 Cynthia Walker  
 7/14 Jan Penland  
 7/15 Larry Creel  
 7/16 Joyce Pinnow  
 7/16 Mike Curtis  
 7/17 Matthew Gutierrez

Call 817.274.1626 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.



Did you know why our Sanctuary is shaped the way it is? Based on Ephesians 3:18-19, our Sanctuary is built to show us the infinite reaches of God's Love!

*"To comprehend with all the saints what is the BREADTH [the clear glass windows on the side that show the horizons] and LENGTH [the angled walls showing continuous motion both ahead and behind the congregation], DEPTH [the curved cross in front of the Glory window] and HEIGHT [the curving and soaring roofline]; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with the fullness of God" [KJV- emphasis added].*

7/18 John Spawr  
 7/18 Tracey Rukavina  
 7/19 Emily Schmidt  
 7/20 DelRay Alberts  
 7/21 Erin Jacobs  
 7/23 Lindsay Ali  
 7/26 David Leppert  
 7/26 Mary Thiede  
 7/26 Steven Woolston  
 7/29 Tommy Smith  
 7/30 Ronan Scoggins  
 7/31 Nat Davies

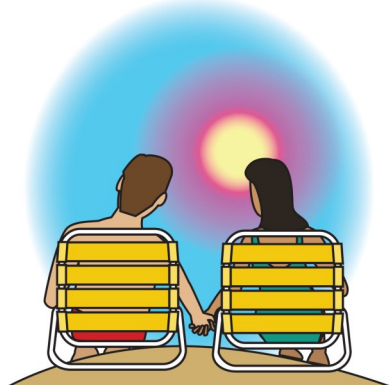
### Your Elders

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: [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@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.

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 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 |
| <b>Head Elder:</b><br>Joe Masterson |     |

*Joseph C. Masterson*



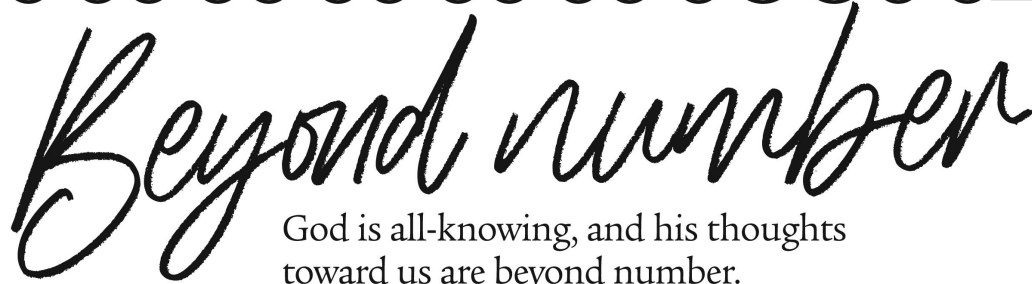
## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Don & Cynthia Walker  
 7/3 John & Delane Peery  
 7/6 Jimmy & Kristin Braziel  
 7/7 Jerry & Melonnie Pollard  
 7/11 Max & Rose Widner  
 7/12 Donald & Sharon Alloy  
 7/12 Jon & Ellen Pelzer  
 7/13 Eric & Lauren Roe  
 7/27 Michael & Linda Johnson

### Thank You

Thank you for your many expressions of love through attending the celebration of Norm's life and your cards, calls, and emails. Your kind words about Norm and his impact continue to help ease the pain of our sudden loss. Appreciative hugs to each of you!

*Nancy Grieser*



**Directions:** Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



A black five-pointed star with white dots on its points and intersections. The dots are arranged in a pattern that suggests a constellation or a specific celestial body.

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