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Season of Coming Together

Dear Family of Faith @ Grace Lutheran:

Below are some deep convictions which the Holy Spirit has been impressing upon me for the past few years. I have shared them with our Elders, Board of Directors, and our Ministry Team. I have received strong affirmation from the LORD and his people that these statements are on the right track of our life together at Grace. We will begin to implement these ideas immediately following the 70th Anniversary Celebration which is October 9th. Beginning Sunday, October 16th our worship time will change to 9:30 AM. We will no longer worship as two separate groups but as one, coming together in humility before the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth!



Excellence in All Things

1... I believe God is wanting to breathe a fresh wind on our family of faith through a season of coming together. (Acts 2:2)

2... I believe he is calling us to the following actions:

Bow down in humility (Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; Psalm 95:6; Philippians 2:5-8)

Look up in gratitude (Isaiah 60:3-4; Matthew 14:19)

Lean in to Him and one another in fellowship (Proverbs 3:5; 1 John 1:3)

Reach out with generosity and mission focus (2 Corinthians 8:1-3)

3... I believe we will learn to do these things best as we worship together in unity. One message, one service, one time of gathering together in worship and study – so God's people can be deployed to the community of Arlington and beyond (Ephesians 4:3-5).

4... I believe it is time to be bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) in honoring God with Sabbath excellence in all we are and do including worship, facilities, and training (Psalm 8).

5... I believe we are all "broken people helping heal what is broken". This is not optional, marginal or "what staff people do". It is core to every believer in this family of faith (Psalm 34:18).

6... I believe it is time for creating greater urgency in order to allow God the space to show up – for such a time as this (Esther 4:14).

7... I believe that through this season he will draw others to himself as he has always done when his glory is revealed to the dying world (Luke 10:21).

Pastor Doug Widger

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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

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

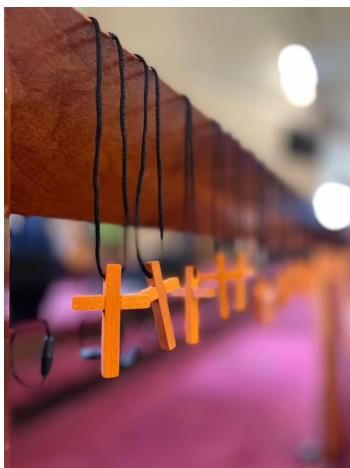
Grace Kids (Preschool through Grade 6) - Meets in classrooms in the preschool hall.

Grace Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12) - Meet in the Youth Shed.

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



CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED! Individually wrapped small bags of candy and items being accepted. Sign up with Serena to serve in a variety of roles at this special community event! Watch for details!



View the wonderful photos from the Back to School blessing and other events on our Facebook page at go.grace.lc/facebook



FAMILY CAMP \$45 / RSVP NOW

September 9-11, Loyd Park

(\$25 Campsite—\$10 a day to park)

Contact Serena to sign up for meal prep, devotions, ice breakers, Sunday morning reflection or attending. Watch for details!

RECESS JR. HIGH RETREAT
October 8, 2022

Mt. Lebanon Camp
Cedar Hill, TX
more info coming August

Save the dates!

Hosted by Ministers in North Texas (MiNT)

Mt. Lebanon Camp
Cedar Hill, TX
more info coming soon

RESET HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
January 14-15, 2023

REGISTER BY SEPT. 11

CURRENT GRADES 6-8

10:00am to 9:00pm

\$45 per person

(includes 2 meals, t-shirt, and all activities)

LEAN IN and Connect in a Big Way this Fall!



Fall Life Groups start on October 16th, right after our 70th Anniversary Celebration on October 9th! All groups will receive a 6-week study on 'How to Neighbor,' meeting on Sundays at 10:45 am at tables in the Gym (after our new 9:30 am service).

The series will include a take-home personal study, reinforced by the messages on Sundays, as well as discussion time in your Life Groups. We hope all adults will join - sign-ups begin on September 11th! There will also be opportunity to sign up for the many volunteer ministries we have here at Grace. Join us in connecting to live out the great commission!

Ongoing Groups Updates



More ongoing groups, such as Bible Journaling, Choir, and Joybells are re-starting this month, as well! Visit grace.lc/get-connected to view the full list.



Wednesdays, starting Sept. 21, 6:30PM in FIRESIDE

We are kicking off ESL, led by Pastor Landon and Dori Schkade! If you know someone who wants to learn English, let us know! Registration is happening NOW!

graceSeniors

Can't wait to see you on Sept. 8 at 12 PM! We are kicking off the new program year with a Hamburger/Hot Dog/Ice Cream PICNIC (rain or shine)! Tell your friends to get excited! Nothing to bring!

Let Serena know to include you in the meal prep numbers for that day or if you want to help!

Piecemakers

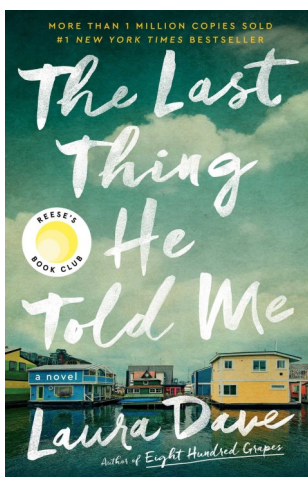
Saturday, September 17th, at 8:30am we will meet downstairs in the Quilting Room. We have tops, middles and backs that need to be assembled. We also have material and thread to assemble dress kits. Any questions as to how to participate please call or text Donita S. 817-243-5716



Please keep Embrace Grace and training for the next phase, Embrace Life, in prayer. Speak with Nancy G. or Serena P. for more information on being involved in this ministry. We are recruiting men for our Embrace Legacy program. They will serve as leaders and mentors to new dads for 11 weeks.

Book Club

Book Club: Our book club will begin its new year on Sept. 21st at 2:00 in the church library. The book to be discussed is "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave. Lou Ann Kersten will be our leader. If you enjoy reading novels please come and join us. Everyone is invited. Call Ruth Brown for more information.



Lutheran Hymn Festival 2022

Our congregation is invited to attend the Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on September 18 at 4:30 p.m. The festival will be led by guest organist, Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, with support from brass, tympani, adult and children's choirs. Under the theme, "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" we will celebrate the 11th festival at the Meyerson.

For ordering tickets, go to

www.lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets. Cost of the tickets are:

\$20.00 each (Orchestra Floor, Terrace, 3rd & 4th floor boxes) and \$15.00 each (Dress Circle, Grand Tier). You will be able select your exact seat location! All ticket subscribers must bring a printed ticket to the Meyerson. For help or more information, Contact Adam Hengeveld at 972-646-0905 or email at tickets@lutheranhymnfestival.org. This will be an inspiring and exciting event.



Thrivent September 2022



1. Have you ordered your 2023 FREE Thrivent calendar?
2. Have you claimed your 2022 FREE \$250-\$500 Thrivent Action Team money?

Let's not wait any longer!

1. There's an upcoming ministry project that can use your Thrivent FREE calendar if you don't have a need for yours.
2. There are lots of ministry projects coming up that could use your Thrivent Action Team FREE money.

Let Chris Owens help you with both! Keep her in the loop so Action Team money can be maximized.

Chris Owens 817 247-7122
Action Team Coordinator

Flower Vases Needed



We are needing flower vases (approximately 9" tall) to deliver the altar flowers to shut-ins each week. This is such a gift for each one as they are reminded that they are missed by their Grace family and that prayers and thoughts continue to be with them during their homebound time. Vases may be left in the church office.

Seasonal Employment Opportunity

Samaritan's Purse is looking for those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and align with our mission. We are hiring 300 customer service and warehouse associates who are flexible and able to function well in a fast-paced environment. This includes Team Coaches, Greeters, Inventory Coordinators, Forklift Operators and Switch Drivers as well as those who are able to load and unload trucks as they are highly critical. Contact the church office at churchoffice@grace.lc or 817-274-1626 for more information.

Loving Liberia Update

We are in the process of building a temporary school building in Gayes Zahn Town; the village where Perry was born and lived. As you can see this is not how we build buildings in the United States. These trees are the walls of the building and a zinc roof will be placed on top of this structure. Next a concrete floor will be poured around the bottom of the trees to make the floor and then the sides of the building will be placed to complete the building. Thank you for your prayers and support of Perry Geevon Smith Schools in Liberia.





*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8*



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Sunday, October 9th, 2022

9 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing

10 a.m. Celebration Worship
Rev. Michael Newman, Guest Speaker

12 p.m. Oktoberfiesta Meal
Suggested Freewill Donation:
\$15 per adult; \$8 per child age 4-12

RSVP FOR THE MEAL
REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 25TH
at go.grace.lc/rsvp



New Members

Do you know anyone who has visited or attends our church that might be interested in joining? Consider reaching out to them, or let us know and we can invite them to our next Explore Grace Seminar on **Saturday, September 10th** from 9 am - noon!

Special Voter's Meeting

There will be an informational meeting regarding Grace West held **during the Sunday School hour on September 11th** in the Gym. A special voter's meeting will be held **Sunday, September 18th at 1 pm** in the Sanctuary. Pizza lunch will be provided beforehand.

Work Day

We will have a church-wide work day on **Saturday, October 1st starting at 8:30 am!** Lunch will be provided, join us to help with outdoor gardening/cleanup, as well as projects in the Family Life Center, Meeting Rooms, Sanctuary, & Narthex. Contact Tracey Rukavina or Alan Meyer for more information.

Set-Up for 70th

If anyone would like to help with our 70th Anniversary, **we will be setting up on Saturday, October 8th.** We will also need help with teardown - contact Tracey Rukavina for more information!

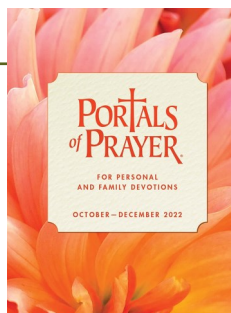
Festival of Lights

Our 2nd Annual Festival of Lights will be held **Sunday, November 20th** in support of Loving Liberia.

Call 817.274.1626 or email

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

Your Elders

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

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.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "S" for example, then Joe Masterson would be your assigned elder.

Joseph C. Masterson



A **Memorial** is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of 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 August 24, 2022:

### Altar Flowers

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Tim Grieser

### Altar Guild

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Raymond & Marilyn Yates

### Bereavement Ministry

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Brent & Christine Spier

### Coffee/Donuts Ministry

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Wayne & Ginny Hankins

### Embrace Grace

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Linda King

### Human Care

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Karen Bornsen

### Milwaukee LHS

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Curtis & Holli Podlewski, Don & Rhonda Rabb, and Diane Cynkar

### Youth Ministry

In memory of **Norm Grieser** by Stuart & Anne Youngblood



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Charlotte McCormick  
9/1 Kenneth Flagg  
9/2 Roman Chavez  
9/5 John Schlesinger  
9/6 True Olson  
9/10 Stan Taber  
9/10 Lynzie Chavez  
9/11 Jerry Pollard  
9/11 Barbara Spivy  
9/13 Keith Mangels  
9/13 Scott Schlesinger  
9/14 Rachel Hoar  
9/16 Jim Kettler  
9/16 Robert Lorenz  
9/16 Tyler Walker  
9/18 Rebekah Livesay  
9/20 Seth Sessums  
9/21 Delores Smith  
9/22 Douglas Widger  
9/22 Janice Dehoney  
9/24 Sidney Sorensen  
9/25 Ginny Hankins  
9/26 Kathy Crane  
9/27 Katie Moore

9/4 Paul & Mary Wolter  
9/5 Mike & Shawn Curtis  
9/9 Paul & True Olson  
9/10 Gene & Vickie Rosentreter  
9/13 Donald & Jeanne Crow  
9/20 John & Kecia Schmidt  
9/25 Doug & Janet Brutlag  
9/26 James & Stephanie Schmidt  
9/26 Paul & Jennifer Tatrow  
9/26 Steve & Peggy Alloy