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Festival of Lights

We're having a Festival of Lights on Sunday, November 20th! This will be our last week of our 'How to Neighbor' series and Life Group study - stick around after your group's time for a Chili Cook-Off, followed by Christmas decorating (indoor and outdoor). We'll close out our time together by gathering in the Sanctuary for some Christmas singing. The whole event will conclude around 2:30 pm. Read more about how this event will help support Loving Liberia on page 4!



70th Anniversary



We had such a wonderful time on October 9th, celebrating 70 years worshipping together as Grace Lutheran - thanks to all who made this time a success! Check out page 6 of this newsletter to see more amazing photos from the event taken by Colin Toth.

Thanksgiving Turkeys & Sausage

The Holy Smokers are smoking whole turkeys (avg 10-12 lbs.), turkey breast (avg 6-8 lbs.), and sausage (mild 14 oz or spicy 12 oz) on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Watch for the signup sheet in the Narthex or call Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

The turkey and sausage will need to be pre-paid at \$40 per whole turkey, \$35 for the turkey breast, and \$8 per ring of sausage or 2 for \$15.

Checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the signup sheet or cash can be given to Cynthia Jackson or Jenna Del Cristo. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, mark check memo as Holy Smokers.

The deadline to sign up for turkeys and sausage will be after church service on Sunday, November 20th.

Turkeys and sausage will be ready for pickup Wednesday, November 23, around 2 pm. We will call when ready.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Wednesday morning, November 23rd around 7 am.



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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

**SUNDAY MORNINGS - All Bible classes
meet from 10:45-11:45 AM**

Toddler - Preschool: Nursery

Preschool 3s - Kinder: E-9 GLEE hallway

Grade K-6 Bible Study: GLEE hallway

Grades 7-12 Bible Study: Gym; Youth
Shed after 11/20

Biblical Parenting Sunday School: Gym; Library
after 11/20

New GraceKids Bible Study Teacher

Rachel Flores is married to John and is blessed to raise their 9 year old nephew, Benton, and 5 year old niece, RyLee. She's lived in TX for 4 years and is originally from AK where she was the director of family ministry at Anchorage Lutheran Church. She has 10 years of children's ministry experience and 12 years of early childhood experience. She lives in Mansfield and loves to take road trips, play outside with their 4 dogs, have nerf battles, and go to the zoo.

She can't wait to lead the preschool and Kindergarten children through Sunday School and help them grow spiritually. She's excited to share with them that God created them, loves them, and that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever!



TEEN GIRLS—FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023, \$35

Tickets go on sale Nov. 1

THERE{4} is a 2-day conference designed to inspire the next generation of high school girls to boldly live out their identity in Jesus Christ. Get ready for a weekend of incredible worship, amazing speakers and creative interactions designed just for you!



"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

—1 Peter 2:9

**PLEASE LET SERENA KNOW IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED ASAP!**



WHIRLYBALL & LASERTAG



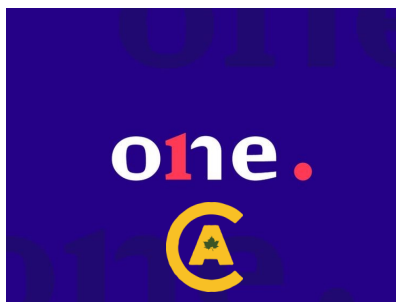
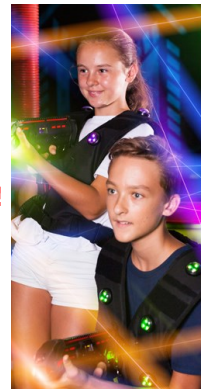
For Grades 7-12
Nov. 18th, 6:30 PM, \$15
Meet at Church.

Parent helpers wanted!

Address: 147 E Harwood Rd,
Hurst, TX 76054

Phone: [\(682\) 235-1030](tel:6822351030)

Please wear closed toe shoes.



ELEMENTARY RETREAT Grades 1-6

Ground Games and Team Building,
Low Zip Line, Crafts, Archery,
Capture the Flag, Bible Study,
Snacks and More!

Nov. 12, 8:15 AM at Grace,
Return 4:30 PM
Cost: \$15 per person

Bring a Sack Lunch, Water Bottle, Closed Toe Shoes

6350 Newt Patterson Road, Mansfield, Texas 76063 817.672.5285;
www.campanothen.org

Please turn your \$15 in to Serena and you will receive registration forms! **Which parents can chaperone?**



Bayou La Batre, AL YOUTH MISSION

July 8-16, 2023, \$450

\$50 Deposit DUE NOW to reserve your spot!
For current Grades 6—12.

Encounter the resilient spirit of Bayou La Batre as we serve through home improvement projects, elder care and children's ministries. In the evenings, we'll experience Dauphin Island, a worship service, and a tour of Bayou La Batre. We'll also encounter many community friends who have shared their community with YouthWorks staff, students and adult leaders since 1998. Contact Serena with questions.

THANK YOU



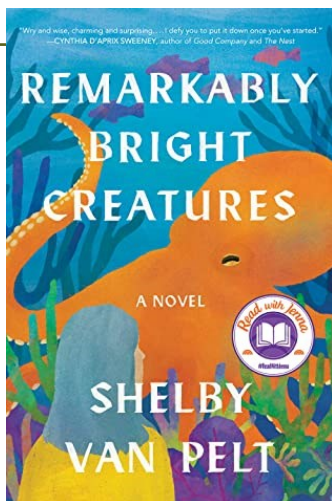
Many thanks for prayers, donations, volunteer work and simply for your company at the Fall Family Block Party! We pray you were blessed by the experience and thank you for being a blessing to our neighbors who attended!

Ongoing Groups Updates

Information on all of our groups can be found anytime at grace.lc/get-connected

Book Club

Our book to be discussed this month is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. If you enjoy reading novels please come and join us! Call Ruth Brown or the Church Office for more information.



graceSeniors

Save the date for Nov. 10th, 12 PM We're headed to Cracker Barrel for lunch out! Sign up through Serena by Nov. 7th.

4300 S Bowen Rd, Arlington, TX 76016
(817) 465-9583



Life Groups New Material

Fall Life Groups started on October 16th! All groups are going through 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). Visit go.grace.lc/HowToNeighbor4-6 to access the weeks 4-6 of the Personal Study, or go.grace.lc/HowToNeighbor for the entire study (weeks 1-6). Printed copies are also available in the Church Office or on the Donut table on Sunday mornings.

The series includes a take-home personal study, reinforced by the messages on Sundays, as well as discussion time in your Life Groups. Join us in connecting to live out the great commission!



Embrace Grace - Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers and shower donations to our 4 blooms and babies! Please continue to keep them in prayer.



Congregational Business: Annual Voters' Meeting

Budget Preview Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 6th @ 8:30 in the Fireside Room.

The BOD will present a recommended budget at this meeting. Q&A to follow.

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 13 @ 12:45 in the Sanctuary.

Following Life Groups, lunch will be served in the gym at 12:00 (noon). Immediately after eating, we will transition to the Sanctuary for the Annual Voters' Meeting. Adaption of budget, election of officers and voting on By-Law changes will be on the agenda. Please join us!

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors:

- Linda Buck
- Rachel Flores
- James Gerhardt
- Jimmy Hankins
- Howard Stacy
- Stan Tabor

Loving Liberia Update

Dear Friends in Christ,

Loving Liberia is moving forward with approximately 200 children learning about Jesus and the ABC's for a better tomorrow for Liberia and each child and family. We are very blessed that you have partnered with us for the past year and we invite you in November to sponsor your child for this next school year. We will send you an email the first week of November as a reminder and we graciously thank you for changing a child's life in Liberia through Perry's two schools.

Our second annual Festival of Lights is being celebrated this November with purchasing of Christmas lights for our campus and concluding on November 20 with a chili cook off. The school in Liberia has new PE uniforms and this really helps us to keep abreast raising our standards for education. Currently we have almost 70 students sponsored among four congregations. We pray the Lord continues to bless you and your family and our church family at Grace.



Arlington Life Shelter

Grace,

It has been over 20 years since Susan and I started coordinating the Arlington Life Shelter monthly meal. During this time, we have seen many changes happen at the shelter, from a name change to an increase in services offered, to a building remodel and an increase in the number of people served. We have had to adapt to all these changes as well as where and how we get our food, Covid-19, and building closures. But one thing that hasn't changed is Grace's commitment to providing meals every month.

God has blessed us through all these changes, but the biggest blessing has been you. With your generous donations of food, time, and money, we have provided thousands of meals to the people living at the shelter. Recently, we have been able to use donated Thrivent Action Team money to provide food and supplies. We thank you for those dollars, and if you have a Thrivent account, please ask how you can help us for free. We have worked with so many volunteers, and everyone has been a generous and gracious giver.

It is now time for us to begin the process of passing the torch. Susan and I are looking for a family or group willing to dedicate their service to the Arlington Life Shelter. Our two following service dates are the Saturday after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. So please talk it over with your family and pray about how God can move in your life to serve at one of Grace's longest-operating community outreach programs. Then, as we move through 2023, we will be able to take a step back for a month or two as you gain comfort in this new endeavor.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Susan, Red, Jacob, Ryan, Rachel

Arlington Charities

Fall has arrived and Arlington Charities is in need of food. They are still serving about 150 families a day and this number usually increases during the holidays. All nonperishable foods are welcomed. Some frequently sought after items are; Mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice in 1-2pound bags, beans in 1-2 pound bags, canned vegetables and fruit. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you,

Nancy Helm

Christmas Baskets



How can we be good neighbors? **This year, we are again preparing Christmas baskets for our home bound families.** It is our way as a church of showing those we care about that God loves them. Our aim is to share God's love with 40 individuals/families. If you could help us by signing up to provide us with specific items, that would

be most appreciated. We will have sign up lists ready by the beginning of November. Our plan is to have all items brought to the church by November 27th. Thank you in advance for your help! If you have any questions you can contact Alison Roth (718-885-5980); Nancy Helm (817-307-1961) or Ellen Pelzer (516-408-0726).



11/2 Melinda Schmidt
 11/3 Sondra Schubert
 11/3 Nancy Masterson
 11/3 Luis Gutierrez
 11/4 James Hankins
 11/5 Chris Owens
 11/6 Jessica Nieves
 11/6 JoAnn Jeske
 11/6 Luke Joeckel
 11/6 Matthew Joeckel
 11/7 Deborah Hildebrandt
 11/8 Kaegen Barrett
 11/8 Daniel Helm
 11/8 Don Walker
 11/9 Charles Kunze
 11/9 Esther Smith
 11/9 Howard Stacy
 11/9 Jennifer Tatrow
 11/9 Rae Ann Wagoner
 11/11 Barb Pinnow
 11/11 John Biel
 11/12 Jacob Hoar
 11/12 Troy Baumann
 11/14 Daryl Seefeldt
 11/15 Paul Burgdorf
 11/16 Alexandria Baumann
 11/16 Zachary Baumann
 11/17 Alex Stacy
 11/17 Mary Wolter
 11/17 Lynn Smith
 11/18 Noel Salazar Mireles
 11/19 Dave Voss
 11/19 Dawn Stacy

11/19 Linda Rawe
 11/19 Ryan Baumann
 11/20 Darla Creel
 11/21 Nancy Mickelson
 11/21 Peggy Alloy
 11/21 Kara Alloy
 11/22 Ashley Jacobs
 11/23 Charles Sparks
 11/24 Elizabeth Gutierrez
 11/25 Janet Middlebrooks
 11/25 Serena Pace
 11/26 Jimmy Braziel
 11/27 Christian Sessums
 11/28 Donita Spawr
 11/29 Carol Hall
 11/29 Judy Horton
 11/29 Laura Smith
 11/29 Paul Tatrow
 11/30 Leonardo Salazar



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

What is \$34,000?

That's the amount of FREE MONEY Grace's known Thrivent Financial members can get their hands on through Thrivent's Action Teams for use on campus and community projects. AND... there's close to another \$30,000 still being held waiting for us to claim it.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member and not claiming Action Teams, it's really very quick and easy to do.

Could you be a Thrivent Financial member and not know it? If you receive any mail from Thrivent, you most likely ARE a member and can access Action Team money as well.

If you are not a Thrivent member but want to know more about how a \$20 membership can get you a \$250 action team, we can help with that too.

Let's not leave money on the table that could be put to serving campus or community projects. Let's help Thrivent Financial maintain their non-profit status by claiming Action Teams and putting their money to work. Contact Chris Owens to learn more about claiming Action Teams or becoming a Thrivent Member.

11/4 A.J. & Susan Jones
 11/5 Alan & Moira Meyer
 11/6 Steven & Alison Roth
 11/11 Dick & Martha Malec
 11/15 Brent & Ann Reynolds
 11/17 Hosny & Huda Gad
 11/17 John & Donita Spawr
 11/19 Charles & Gerry Sparks
 11/23 Deryl & Nichole Surratt
 11/27 Hugh & Joann Boyle

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: jdelcristo@grace.lc.

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

Joseph C. Masterson

