



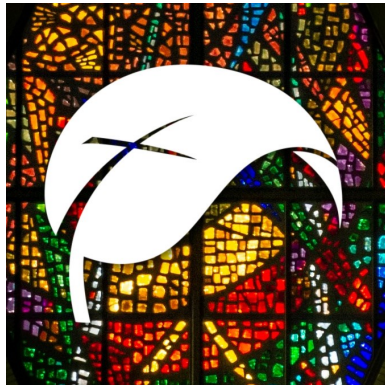
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## EXCITING NEWS: Sanctuary Rededication Service



We are making great progress on the Sanctuary renovations. Currently new lighting systems are being installed. During the last week of March, we anticipate three new types of flooring to be installed (*carpet, vinyl tiles and wood plank laminate*) in the chancel area. In late April, we are scheduled to receive the new pews, communion rail and the sacred furniture (*altar, pulpit and baptismal font, candle stands, etc.*)

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We anticipate a "soft open" in early May, with an official Rededication Service on May 19.  
**SAVE THAT DATE – MAY 19!**

On that day, we will celebrate with special music, guest preacher, and be treated to **FREE LUNCH**, thanking those who have been able to generously support the work. The "In and Out Burger" mobile service truck will join us that day.  
**MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US!**



## Limited Edition Crosses

Joe Masterson, our resident woodworker, has repurposed one of the old oak pews and created 38 limited edition crosses. **Beginning on Sunday, April 14th**, they will be available for a suggested donation of **\$250** to help us close out the fund-raising portion of the Sanctuary Renovation.

Please consider purchasing one of these keepsakes as a bridge between the glorious past and the adventurous future.

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

10:45—11:45 a.m.  
(Babies/Toddlers) Preschool Wing  
(Preschool 3's—Kinder & Grades 1-5)  
Preschool Wing Classrooms  
(Grades 6-8) MR 4 (Top Left)  
(Grades 9-12 ) Youth Shed  
(Biblical Parenting) Library



The Better Together Words & Music Tour (Grades 8-12) For students *and their parents*, featuring Matt Doering and Tanner Olson, is *Saturday, April 20, at Crown of Life Lutheran in Colleyville, 4-6p*. Tickets are \$5 each, plus one canned food item. Ticket proceeds go to local DFW LCMS Mission and Outreach organizations. Registration is open now! (Let Serena know if you need the link). Look in your email first!



**2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL MATCHUP**  
(Grades 6-7) - April 27, 10 a – 2p, \$10  
Crown of Life Lutheran in Colleyville

Our theme this year is classic games! Get ready for some Ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe, Human-Size Hungry-Hungry Hippos, Group Mad Gab, and more! **SIGN UP with Serena by 1ST WEEK of APRIL!**



## Weekend Summer Camp '24

-Friday, July 12, 6:15PM-8:30PM | Rockin' Wrap Up & S'mores  
-Saturday, July 13, 9:00AM-11:30AM | Rockin' Wrap Up  
11:30AM-1:00PM | Family Pizza Lunch

Join the unforgettable and completely FREE camp at Grace Lutheran Church as we embark on an Outback adventure! Open to 1st-6th grade students (Fall '24). All volunteers are safety trained and background checked. Registration is open from April 17th to July 5th at [vbs.grace.lc](https://vbs.grace.lc). Experience a thrilling mix of music, games, rock-solid Bible adventures, outreach projects, inflatables, and more!

210 W. Park Row Dr., Arlington, TX 76010 (817)-274-1626; [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc); [www.grace.lc](http://www.grace.lc)

GROUP  
**WEEK OF HOPE**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

# Influencer

grace Youth



**JUNE 16-21 (\$300)**  
**Grades 6-12 | AUSTIN, TX**

## Payment Schedule

March 15 - **(\$250 NOW DUE TOTAL)**  
April 15 - \$50; May 15 - \$50



# MANY THANKS

Your egg-stuffing, candy, eggs and trinkets donations, prayers, grilling, serving, volunteering and general support of our recent family event, **EGG PATCH PALOOZA**, is SO very appreciated! Thank you for loving on our community and on one another. You're a LIGHT to this community!



## FALL 2024 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

*Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculums offer a Faith-based preschool education that benefits each student as a whole person.*

### PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✔ One In Christ curriculum
- ✔ FROG Street curriculum
- ✔ Age appropriate development activities

ENROLL TODAY

817-275-5131

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## Popsicles On The Playground

THURSDAY NIGHTS

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6PM-7PM

### POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND Beginning APRIL 2024

Calling all kids! Join us for a time filled with fun and faith. Let's play, learn, and grow together in God's love! All children must be accompanied by a parent.

### WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Email Laura Scott (lscott@grace.lc).





graceSeniors

April 11, Lunch & Learn

SIL Summer Institute for Linguistics

Meet at Grace at 9:45 AM to carpool, or meet there at 10:30 AM.

Seminar by Vanay Walek



We will drive to the cafeteria and eat lunch with SIL Missionaries.

Please RSVP by April 5. NOTE: Very little walking.

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let's do lunch

ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP

4/21

TIME 12:00 PM	LOCATION SPRING CREEK BBQ
ADDRESS 3608 S COOPER ST. ARLINGTON, TX 76015	



BLOOMS' BABY SHOWER  
APRIL 13

Four little lives and their moms are being celebrated!



If you would like to shower our 'Blooms' and babies with blessings, please bring your gifts, wrapped or unwrapped to Serena's before April 12.

Sisters In Christ

Grace Women's Ministry

May 11, 9:30—11:30 AM

Fireside, Family Life Center

Gather monthly with women of Grace and the community on the second Saturdays of the month for a time of connection and spiritual growth through a devotion, prayer, discussion, music and light snacks. Bring your Bible and journal.

Topic: Women in the Bible



Sept. 14  
WOMEN'S EVENT  
9AM—3:30 PM  
Family Life Center

Contact Serena with questions.



## Loving Liberia

Loving Liberia celebrates that we have started computer classes in Monrovia, Liberia. We have 20 computers for the school in Monrovia and 20 computers for the school in River Cess. We thank you for your prayers and support. With the addition of computers, we now offer our students the ability to have the skills they need to have a job after graduation. We are also introducing the students to the internet, so they begin to see the many opportunities that lie ahead in their education. Christian education is also a large part of our curriculum, and we are thrilled that Jesus is being proclaimed not only to the students but also to the neighbors. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



Blessings,

*Pastor Hildebrandt*

## Texas District Grant

Did you know our church participated in the first ever Catalyst Innovation Lab, hosted by our Texas District LCMS? We were blessed to be one of the finalists called to present about our soccer ministry, and received a generous grant to help support it!

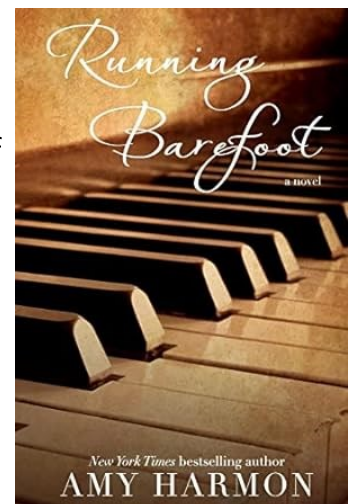
If you would like to learn more about what the Catalyst Innovation Lab was about, please follow this link to find out <https://txlcms.org/innovationlab/>. If you would like for us to share in person our experience, or if you have any questions about it, please contact Pastor Widger or Pastor Zamora. They would love to share all about it.



## Book Club

This month, we are reading, "Running Barefoot" by Amy Harmon is the story of a small-town girl and a Native American boy, the ties that bind them to their homes and families, and the love that gives them wings.

Come join us! We meet in the church library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 2 pm.



Telling *the next*  
GENERATION

**Received and  
committed to date:**

**\$317,301.02**

**Goal:**

**\$368,000**

 = \$1,000

In Matthew 6:24, Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." You were not created to serve money, but money was created to serve you and your neighbor. Legacy Deo can help your money serve your family and your church. We inspire giving that impacts life forever. Contact us for no cost information about Family and Congregational Endowments, Charitable Trusts, Donor Advised Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities, and more: [www.LegacyDeo.org](http://www.LegacyDeo.org) or 800-880-3733.

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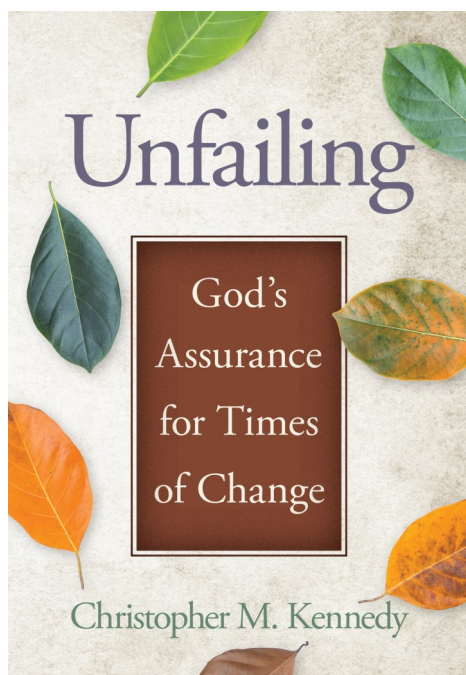


## Pushpay Instructions

1. Use your cell phone text messaging feature.
2. Type (833) 630-9900 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 recurring 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.



## Don't Miss Out!

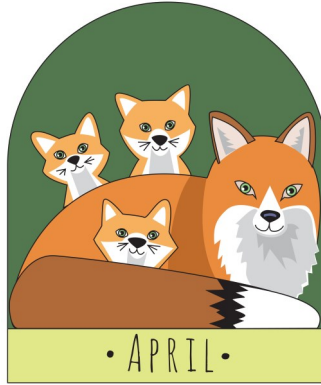


Pastor Christopher Kennedy's book, *Unfailing*, will be available for pick up AND purchase on April 14th.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dorothy Kennedy at 817-805-1697.

Call 817.274.1626 or email [churchoffice@grace.lc](mailto:churchoffice@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 an updated address and/or contact information.
- ◇ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Alan Meyer
- 4/3 Bette Rathjen
- 4/5 Kathy Lauer
- 4/8 Shawn Curtis
- 4/14 Zane Ali
- 4/15 Jon Pelzer
- 4/17 Janet Flagg
- 4/17 Paul Wolter
- 4/23 Gail Roe
- 4/25 Lexi Ali
- 4/27 Cyndy Otto
- 4/28 Dave Horger
- 4/28 Nathaniel Livesay
- 4/30 David Swille
- 4/30 Joshua Sepulveda

## Thank You Notes

Dear Grace family,

We would like to thank our church family for all your love and concerns you gave us during Wayne's illness and death, including the Pastors, Will, Angie, the funeral meal committee, our TLC members for over 30 years, and all the prayers that our church family directed for Wayne. Our prayers were answered when our Lord took his hand and led him home.

Thank you. Thank you. God is good!

*The Hankins Family*



- 4/3 Mike & Judy Livesay
- 4/17 Brent & Debbie Burns
- 4/20 Devon & Jordan Scoggins

## Save the Date

- ◇ Easter Monday, April 1st
- ◇ April Fool's Day, April 1st
- ◇ World Health Day, April 7th
- ◇ Solar Eclipse April 8th
- ◇ National Siblings Day, April 10th
- ◇ TAX DAY, April 15th
- ◇ Administrative Professionals Day, April 17th
- ◇ Earth Day, April 22nd
- ◇ Arbor Day, April 26th

## 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
<b>Head Elder:</b>	
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: [churchoffice@grace.lc](mailto:churchoffice@grace.lc).

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

*Joseph C. Masterson*

