



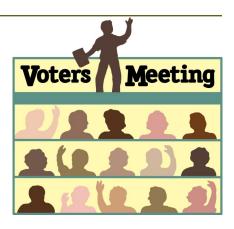
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Newsletter OCTOBER 2024

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## **Voters' Meeting**

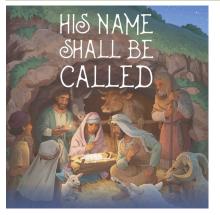
On Sunday, November 10, we will have our Annual Voters' Meeting at 12:15pm, in the Gym. On the agenda will be three major items: establishment of a "Legacy Fund," election of officers, and adopting a budget for 2025. Food will be served from 11:45am-12:15pm. More information will be sent to all members regarding the "Legacy Fund" in the near future.



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#### **Advent Services**



On Wednesday, December 4, 11 and 18, we will gather at 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary, for a series of Advent worship experiences entitled, "His Name Shall Be Called." A devotional guide by the same name will be available for you, in the Narthex, beginning November 17. May the Lord bless your time of expectancy.

## **Fruit Of The Spirit**

Our focus on the "Fruit of the Spirit" in personal study, small groups, and Sunday messages will continue throughout the month of October. We will learn and grow in patience on 10/6, kindness and goodness on 10/13, gentleness on 10/20, and faithfulness on 10/27. We will combine our celebration of God's provision through the Reformation with our study of his faithfulness on Oct. 27. The series will continue with self-control on 11/3 and a final conclusions study on 11/10. Thanks to all who have participated and are growing by the power of the Spirit.



# **FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS**

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

10:45—11:45 a.m. (Babies/Toddlers) Nursery

(Preschool 4's—Kinder & Grades 1-5)
Preschool Wing

(Grades 6-8) Meeting Room 4 (Top Left)

(Grades 9-12) Youth Shed

(Biblical Parenting) Gym



#### **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

OCTOBER 6 at 12:00PM, SANCTUARY

**EARLY COMMUNION CLASS** 

OCTOBER 6 & 20 at 12:15PM, MR2



#### FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 27, 3-5PM

Sign-ups and candy donations are now being accepted in the Narthex lobby! Join in the fun and choose a team to serve on. Come meet the neighbors and share the hope of Jesus. Let Serena know if you have questions! Please pray over our community event and invite others!

Sign up to help stuff Gospel Goody Bags October 13 at 12pm. Pizza included for those who sign up by October 10th.





#### ENDURE

JULY 19-23, 2025 NEW ORLEANS, LA (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS
Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth
and adults the opportunity to come together
as a community of God's people to be
encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and
learn about the Christian faith and their
Lutheran identity. Speak with Serena if you
would like to receive more information.

Cost is \$1,000 to attend per person.

PARENT/YOUTH MEETING OCTOBER 6 AT 8:45AM | FIRESIDE



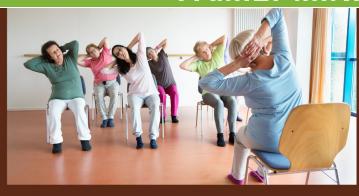
OCTOBER 19, 6-8PM IN THE FLC GYM

GRACE KIDS & GRACE YOUTH FAMILIES
PUMPKIN CARVING, PIZZA, S'MORES &
A FAMILY DEVOTION

PLEASE RSVP TO SERENA (SPACE@GRACE.LC) BY 10/18.

BYO PUMPKINS/CARVING TOOLS.

# **FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS**



OCTOBER 10 | 12PM-1:30PM

# **OKTOBERFEST &**CHAIR AEROBICS

Lunch is provided (brats and more)! Please let Serena know if you can host! RSVP by 10/7. Bring a friend!



# EMBRACE LIFE

# BEGINS OCTOBER 2, 2024

Is this a ministry you feel called to help with? Contact Serena Pace, Barb Spivy or Barb Koehn for information. Training is available. EL meets on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Please keep this ministry in prayer.

This is love.



Ladies, come sit by the fire with your sisters in Christ, and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship, including Christmas carols and a devotion! Choose from three different craft stations and make a beautiful Christmas-focused crafts, based on Luke 2.

Registration begins NOVEMBER 3 and ends NOVEMBER 30. Sign up in the Narthex gathering area or online to participate and to serve on a team (setup/clean up, food, admin teams, etc.). A free-will offering will be taken. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy this experience

Please invite friends! Contact Serena (space@grace.lc) and Alison for more information.

#### **BOOK STUDY ON JOY BY DEB BURMA**

<u>COMING IN JANUARY 2025!</u> SIGN UP IN NARTHEX/LOBBY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL GROUP IN PERSON OR IN A SMALL ONLINE GROUP. LET SERENA KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING A GROUP.







**OCTOBER 31ST AT 9:00AM** 

COME IN AND PASS OUT CANDY TO OUR PRESCHOOLERS!

# THANK YOU!

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THANK YOU TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR SUPPLYING HOT MEALS TO OUR GRACE LUTHERAN EARLY EDUCATION FAMILIES! WE APPRECIATE THE PIZZA AND PRAYERS MINISTRY!

# **HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS**

## **New Membership & Early Communion Classes**

Some of our Spanish service congregants are now taking new membership classes after our Spanish service. They are getting to learn more about our Lutheran doctrine and practices, but more importantly about the great love and grace form our Lord Jesus Christ for them. Soon, we will receive them officially as members of our family and some adults are getting ready to be confirmed.



Also, our Spanish early communion classes will start next month. Please keep praying for this ministry of our church.

We are beyond blessed to see the fruit of the Holy Spirit among us.

### Holy Smokers - Save the Date

The Holy Smokers will be smoking whole turkeys,

turkey breast, pork loins, and mild and spicy sausage for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22.

Watch for further details in the November Newsletter and the signup sheet in the Narthex. For further information please contact Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.





#### HAVE YOU CLAIMED YOUR FREE GRANT MONEY FROM THRIVENT YET?

Thrivent members have grant money for our mission and ministry at Grace just sitting up there, at Thrivent in Appleton, WI.

Do you know that if you don't claim it for Grace, Thrivent will let another group have it?

#### NO!

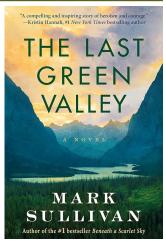
It's set aside for OUR mission and ministry here at Grace and we need it HERE!

If you have not claimed your \$250-\$500 grants for 2024 yet, or if you are not sure, contact Chris Owens at 817 247-7122 and let's get that Thrivent money here!



### **Book Club**

The next
meeting for our
monthly book
club will be
October 16TH at
2PM, in the
church library.
We will be
reading the book
"The Last Green
Valley" by Mark



Sullivan. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and anyone is welcome to join us! UTAG Annual Glass Pumpkin Sale and Fundraiser

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th 9am to 2pm (come and go)

Studio Arts Center 810 S Davis Dr Arlington TX 76013



Justin Ginsberg, department head for the UTAG Department (designer of our new baptismal bowls) has invited Grace members to their Annual Glass Pumpkin Sale and Fundraiser for a day filled with creativity, where you can explore and purchase exquisite glass art pieces crafted by the talented students and faculty. The event promises to be a celebration of artistic expression and community spirit!

Your support helps to continue to nurture student artists and enhance the UTAG program.

## **New & Returning Members**



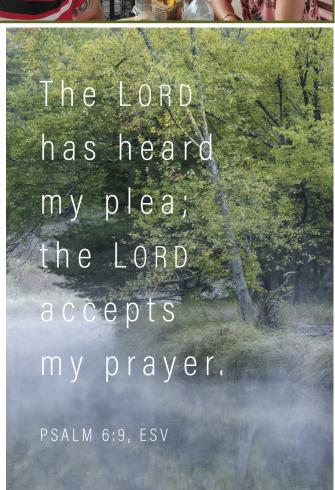
Emily and Santiago Massey got married in December 2023 and are excited to be approaching their first anniversary. As of now, their family consists of two playful kittens, Buddy and Koala. Santiago is originally from Mexico and has been in Arlington for a few years, while Emily moved to Dallas about a year ago from Virginia. They both love the Lord and are grateful to have been led to Grace through His work in their hearts. They're looking forward to making new friends, serving, and growing in faith together with all of you!

Andrew Schmidt is a cybersecurity engineer, married for just over 7 years. He and his wife Mailyn both had 2 children when they got married so there are a total of 4, all in their 20s. He likes BBQing and smoking meat, and going to the gym regularly.



## **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. Pushpay
- 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.



## Loving Liberia Update



Loving Liberia praises the Lord Jesus for the life and partnership of Dave Horger for over 20 years, as Dave helped with all legal issues and was generous with his time and financial resources. THANK YOU to Grace for your generous support of Loving Liberia as we build a brand-new school in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. The school will house 420 students K-12 and will have a computer lab, science lab, library, cafeteria, kitchen and other amenities. Loving Liberia has gone to a tuition-based education so we can continue to grow our

ministry to children for the future. This picture is from the River Cess school, in the middle of the country, as school has begun this September. Please go to <u>lovingliberia.com</u> if you wish to make a gift to build the new school. We need 15,000 bricks and 1,000 bags of cement to build the foundation and walls. You may purchase a brick for \$1 and a bag of cement for \$10. Thank you for your prayers.

Pastor Hildebrandt

## **Grant Application**

#### ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

For the members of Grace Lutheran Church there is a Grant Application for anyone looking to go into Church Ministry.

An application is available for up to \$10,000 to help with ministry outreach. You can apply for this grant by going to the Church Newsletter or online at taber.stan@yahoo.com. We've been blessed to grow the ministry at Grace has been continuing for over 7 decades.

Please ask the members of Grace Gracious Givers or GGG:

- ♦ Greg Roe
- Dorothy Kennedy
- ♦ Lisa Woolston
- Stan Taber

The mission of Grace Gracious Givers, with the help of God, is to support mission-minded Christian Organizations with innovative outreach support.

Ministries can apply for amounts up to \$10,000 annually.

Please submit form to: STAN TABER (taber.stan@yahoo.com)

We will help you take the NEXT STEP into becoming a disciple. May God bless you in your decision!

# **OCTOBER**



10/2	Vickie Rosentreter	1
10/4	Ruth Currie	10
10/4	Easton Schlesinger	10
10/6	Moira Meyer	10
10/6	Justin Gerhardt	10
10/8	Mike Pace	10
10/8	Patty Smith	10
10/9	Jack Crutchfield	10
10/10	Elizabeth Ott	10
10/15	Barbara Koehn	10
10/15	Donald Alloy	10
10/16	Jeanne Crow	10
10/18	Zeke Ali	10
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10/19	Austin Taylor
10/20	Karen Arrington
10/20	Nancy McCormick
10/20	Paula Crossman
10/23	Judy Livesay
10/23	Van Alec Nieves
10/24	Michael Schmidt
10/24	Monte Filler
10/25	Lynn Van Hecker
10/26	John Peery
10/28	Khloe Gutierrez
10/30	David Taylor
10/30	Jack Brown

#### 10/7 Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt

10/8 Hank & Maryann Jacobs

10/10 Martin & Lucille Schlotte

10/15 Hayden Brown & Gracie Topel

10/17 Wayne & Ginny Hankins

10/28 Miguel & Dawn Sepulveda

10/28 Monte Filler & Joyce Pinnow

10/30 David Robinson & Olivia Mathews

# 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: <a href="mailto:churchoffice@grace.lc">churchoffice@grace.lc</a>.

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

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

Head Elder: Joe Masterson

## Thank You Note

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the food and toiletry items. Your support really helps



Best Regards,

# Arlington Charities



