



Pastor Doug Widger (Lead Shepherd) | Pastor Steve Roth (Community Care)
Dr. Serena Pace (DCE - Director of Ministries) | Mrs. Laura Scott (Director of Early Education)

Daylight Saving Time



Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend. Remember to "FALL BACK" one hour this **Sunday, November 3!**

Voters' Meeting — Sunday, November 10 — In The Gym



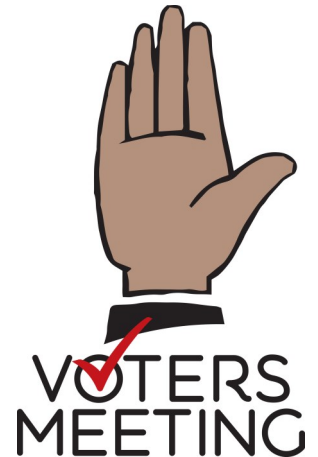
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Meeting Schedule:

- 10:45am — Informational Meeting
- 11:45am — Lunch
(sub sandwiches, chips, cookies, drinks)
- 12:15pm — Voters' Assembly Called to Order

To be discussed in the informational section of meeting are the following items: Age and Giving Study, The Legacy Fund, Budget preview and more as time allows. The voter's meeting will include election of officers, adoption of budget for 2025, and reports highlighting God's gracious activity in our midst.



Special Services in December

Advent Services

- December 4,11,18 @ 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Service

- December 24 @ 6:30pm

Christmas Day

- December 25 @ 10am — *"Lessons and Carols"*



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank You For All You Do!

Special THANKS for our well over 100 lay people who volunteer at Grace making it a wonderful family of faith!

ESL — Dawn Stacy, Howard Stacy, Andrew Schmidt, Landon Schkade

Braille Bible — Uvonne Duppstadt, Jim Duppstadt, Kristen Braziel, Jimmy Braziel, Chloe Braziel, Ruth Brown, Lou Ann Kersten, Janet Baetz, Linda Buck, Patty Smith, Janet Middlebrooks, Glen Moretz, Mary Moretz, Diane Nelson, Nancy Masterson, Joe Masterson, Karen Arrington, Santa George, Delores Smith, Tommy Smith, Nancy Mickelson, Mary Thiede, Stan Taber, Naomi Seaver, Janet Brutlag, Jim Kettler

Embrace Grace Leaders — Barb Spivy, Barb Koehn, Jan Runzheimer, Laura Hart, Janet Baetz

Facilities Coordinators — John Rukavina, Joe Masterson, and Alan Meyer

Flower Beds — Monte Filler

Basketball Outreach — Jim Runzheimer, Paul Olson

Elders — Joe Masterson, Mike Kennedy, Mike Curtis, Ernie Owens, Hank Jacobs, David Swille, Brian Bassett, and Jim Schmidt

Altar Guild — Susan White and Janet Brutlag, Joe and Phyllis Sparks, Tracey Rukavina and Bette Rathjen

Board of Directors — Keith Mangels, Jessica Nieves, Jimmy Hankins, Stan Taber, Gail Roe, Karen Arrington, Eric Rathjen, Gary White, Howard Stacy

Leadership Mentors — Gary White, Serena Pace, Joe Elmers, Cynthia Cunningham, Scott Cunningham, Dorothy Kennedy, Mike Kennedy

Music Ministry — Martin Bode, Karen Bornsen, Chloe Braziel, Kristen Braziel, Kathy Crane, Joanne Elmers, Joe Elmers, Monte Filler, Nancy Masterson, Joe Masterson, Ellen Pelzer, Mary Thiede, Jennifer Rukavina, Jim Runzheimer, Randy Walker, Charlotte Walker, Mike Kennedy

Grant Writing — Steve Woolston

Grace Gracious Givers Team — Stan Taber, Dorothy Kennedy, Lisa Woolston, Greg Roe

Behind the Scenes — Patty Smith, Delores Smith, Chris Owens, Rilla Terry, Brendan Terry, Lisa Woolston

Tech Team — Danny Helms, Alex Garcia

Women's Ministry — Alison Roth, Ellen Pelzer, Janet Brutlag, Bette Rathjen, Tracey Rukavina



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS! *(continued)*

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GLEE Volunteers — Mary Thiede

Accounting Leadership — Mary Jo Cook

Sanctuary Renovation Committee — Alan Meyer, Mike Curtis, Tracey Rukavina, Joe Masterson, Bette Rathjen

Financial Office Volunteer — Delores Smith

Bible Class/Sunday School Teachers — Joe and Joanne Elmers, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Doris Davies, Ann and Brent Reynolds, Rae Wagoner, Shahid Ali, Jessica Nieves

Greeters — Nancy Greiser, Jennifer Rukavina, Janet Brutlag, Melinda Taber, Joanne Elmers, Joe Elmers, Janet Flagg, Ken Flagg, Jan Runzheimer, Bette Rathjen, Joann Boyle, Nancy Helm, Rae Wagoner, Don Alloy, Sharon Alloy, Janet Middlebrooks, Dorene Goodson, Sid Sorensen, Sonya Sorensen, Brenda Capps, Karen Arrington, Samantha Hosti, Tracy Rukavina, Karen Bornsen, Ann Bassett, Doris Davies, Nancy Mickelson, Dorothy Kennedy,

Ushers — David Swille, Jim Schmidt, Hank Jacobs, John Rukavina, Brian Rukavina, David Voss, Brian Bassett, James Gerhardt, Nat Davies, Joe Elmers, Randy Walker, Paul Tatrow, Ken Flagg, Joe Masterson, Gary White, Jimmy Hankins, James Hankins, Perry Smith, William Richmond, Mike Pace, Anthony Pace, Dr. Bob Geddati, Sujay Geddati, Keith Mangels, Robert Mathys, Howard Stacy, John Schlessinger, Devon Scoggins, Jordon Scoggins, Stan Taber

Communion Servers — William Richmond, Joe Masterson, Nat Davies, Keith Mangels, Brain Bassett, Martin Bode, Alan Meyer, Doug Brutlag, David Swille, Scott Cunningham, Robert Mathys, Jim Schmidt, Gary White, Steve Woolston, Shahid Ali, Jim Runzheimer, Hank Jacobs, John Rukavina, Mike Curtis, Greg Roe

Small Group Leaders — Miguel Nieves, Jessica Nieves, David Swille, Steve Roth, Alison Roth, Rae Wagoner, Brent Reynolds, Barb Koehn, Delores Smith, Tommy Smith, Keith Mangels, Lyn Mangels, Karen Widger, Mike Kennedy, Dorothy Kennedy, Jim Schmidt, Stephanie Schmidt



*Thank You,
Volunteers!*

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



*Thank you, Grace, for your support,
 prayer and help with the Fall
 Festival this past October!*



**FAMILY MINISTRY
 CHRISTMAS
 PROGRAM
 DECEMBER 22
 AT 9:30AM**

Practice Dates:

Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 During SS
 Dec. 1, 8, 15; 11:45—1:30pm



**January 17-19, 2025
 BY FAITH | Hebrews 11
 RESET RETREAT 2025
 Grades 9-12, \$130**

**REGISTER BY 12/1
 Mt. Lebanon Cedar Hill**

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Heb 11:1

Life getting crazy and feeling out of control? It's time for a RESET. Developed some habits that need to be kicked to the curb? It's time for a RESET. Want to build a closer relationship with God? It's time for a RESET. Step away for a weekend and RESET for the new year.

This weekend will consist of worship, large group speaker sessions, breakout sessions on a variety of topics, small group time with your church, games, camp activities such as Gaga ball, campfires, and more!



'ROUND TUIT' YOUTH FUNDRAISER NOV. 17

Let us help you get 'round tuit!'

Have a few home projects that youth can help with (lawn projects, light bulb/smoke detector battery changes, something else)? Please let us know!

Here's how it works:

1. Fill out a 'Round Tuit.'
2. Return to Serena or place in her mailbox in the work room.
3. Serena will contact you to discuss timing and learn more about your project.
4. Youth will be assigned to your house with an adult and will help with the task you need help with.
5. Your free-will donation will go towards the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, benefiting our youth.
6. Added Bonus — you get to interact with our AMAZING young people and they get to interact with AMAZING you!



Contact Serena with questions at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x 1002.



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.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



Sisters In Christ

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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9:30AM TO 12:00PM

FIRESIDE ROOM

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!

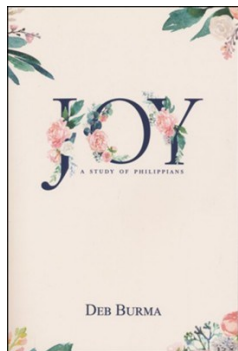
REGISTER: NOVEMBER 3-30

CONTACT SERENA (SPACE@GRACE.LC) AND ALISON FOR MORE INFORMATION.

★FREE-WILL DONATION★

Grab a flyer from the Narthex/Lobby and invite an unchurched friend!

Volunteers are needed for various teams in Women's Ministry. Please sign up in the Narthex. Together, we can do and reach more!



BOOK STUDY ON JOY BY DEB BURMA

COMING IN JANUARY 2025!

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.



EMBRACE LIFE

Is this a ministry you feel called to help with?

Contact Serena Pace, Barb Spivy or Barb Koehn for information. EL meets on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Please keep this ministry in prayer.

This is love.



graceSeniors

Community



SERVICE PROJECT

NOVEMBER 14 | 12:00-1:30 PM

Join friends for a fun and purposeful afternoon of fellowship and food as we tie blankets (no experience necessary) to serve as a source of comfort to women living at Rescue Hill, a safe space for survivors of human trafficking.

Hosts: Jeanette & Ruth

Devotion: Ruth

Lunch: Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas & More!

RSVP by 11/11 & bring a friend!



Thank You For Your Donations!



Thank you to everyone who donated pumpkins for GLEE! The kids had an amazing time with them, and your generosity brought so much joy to their fall season.
WE APPRECIATE YOU!

ButterBraid Fundraiser Update

Thank you for supporting our ButterBraid fundraiser! With your help, we raised roughly \$746 to support GLEE.

We're grateful for each of you — your generosity truly makes a difference!

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**BUTTERBRAIDS
FUNDRAISER**

THE ONE AND ONLY
Butter Braid
FROZEN PASTRY DOUGH

OCTOBER 14TH - OCTOBER 28TH
Help us purchase a shed for our preschool!

PLEASE JOIN GLEE FOR A
**Thanksgiving
FEAST**
NOVEMBER 22

WE'RE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE
THE THANKSGIVING SEASON
WITH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

For more information,
contact [Laura Scott](#).

GLEE Presents:

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Saturday, December 7 | 10am-12pm

Join us for Breakfast in Bethlehem! Bring your Christmas cheer and the whole family for a joyful morning filled with fun, food, and holiday spirit.

We'll have fun for everyone:

- Nativity Petting Farm
- Christmas Photos
- Christmas Carols
- Family Memories

For more information, contact Laura Scott (lscott@grace.lc).

GLEE NEWS *(continued)*

Costume Parade Pictures

Check out the adorable photos from GLEE's Costume Parade! The kids looked fantastic in their creative costumes and had an absolute blast. ENJOY THE CUTENESS!



Thank you for your candy donations!



HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

ESL Thanksgiving Party

Our ESL ministry warmly invites you to a Thanksgiving celebration on **Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30pm** in the Gym! Join us for an evening of gratitude, fun, and community as we come together to support and get to know our incredible ESL students.

This gathering is a perfect chance to connect with new faces, learn about different cultures, and share the spirit of Thanksgiving through food, games, and fellowship.

Bring your friends and family along to enjoy this festive evening as we give thanks and build connections. We hope to see you there, ready to celebrate and make memories!

ESL MINISTRY THANKSGIVING PARTY



Wednesday, November 20th
At 6:30pm - *IN THE GYM*

GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Christmas Baskets



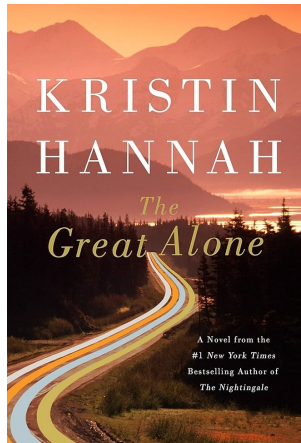
Sharing the love of Christ is what Christmas is all about and one way we can do that is **preparing Christmas baskets for our home bound families**. It is our way as a church of showing those we care about that God loves them and so does their church family. Our aim is to share God's love with 40 individuals/families. 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 Tuesday, November 26th. The baskets will be assembled on December 3rd. 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); Ellen Pelzer (516-408-0726) or Lisa Woolston (817-371-2901).

Book Club

The next meeting for our monthly book club will be **November 20, at 2:00pm, in the church library.** We will be reading the book "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. The Great Alone is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and anyone is welcome to join us!



Holy Smokers Are Smoking AGAIN!



THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE SMOKING AGAIN!

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS, PORK LOINS, AND SAUSAGE...



We are smoking whole turkeys (average 10-12 lbs.), turkey breast (average 6-8 lbs.), whole or half pork loins, and sausage (mild 14 ounce or spicy 12 ounce) on **Wednesday, November 27.**

Watch for the signup sheet in the Narthex or call Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

Orders will need to be pre-paid at \$40.00 per whole turkey, \$35.00 for the turkey breast, \$40.00 for whole pork loin, \$20.00 for a half pork loin, and \$8.00 per ring of sausage or 2 for \$15.00.

Checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the signup sheet or cash can be given to Cynthia, Ernie, or Brian. **Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, check memo: HOLY SMOKERS.**

Deadline to sign up for turkeys, pork loins and sausage will be after church service on Sunday, November 24.

We are planning pickup time for Wednesday, November 27, around 2:00pm. We will call you with an updated time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Wednesday morning, on November 27, around 7:00am.

Loving Liberia Update



Loving Liberia has purchased property in the capital city of Monrovia for our new school. We are very excited in what God is doing and will do when we have 420 students K-12 on property sharing the love of Jesus and bringing Christian education to the children. Education is key in helping Liberia out of poverty. The man in the picture is digging to

install our property line stake. The land is currently being brushed (clearing all the brush and small trees by hand) and getting ready to set forms for the foundation. You can view videos of our land on Facebook by looking for Loving Liberia. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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

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

CATALYST GRANT

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)



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 a loved one or a friend.

The following memorial gifts have been gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones within our Grace Lutheran Family who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

BRAILLE MINISTRY

In memory of Mary Shelton by: Karen Bornsen, Linda Buck, Lou Ann Kersten, Judy Livesay.

GLC PAVILLION *(a proposed project held dear to the heart of Sid Cook)*

In memory of Sid Cook by: Arlin Anderson, Richard & Susan Ashley, Jane Borick, Karen Bornsen, Ruth Brown, Jack Crutchfield, Nancy Eaton, Stanley Eiseman, Richard & Karen English, Nancy Grieser, Ginny Hankins, Rev. Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt, Ardis Cook Hutchins, Greg Hutchins, The Lowder Family, Keith & Lyn Mangels, Severt & Ellen Nielson, The Pool Family, Bette & Eric Rathjen, John & Tracey Rukavina, Jeff & Vickie Sanders, Tommy & Delores Smith, Martha Stallings, David Swille, David & Cathy Taylor, Rev. Doug & Karen Widger.

LOVING LIBERIA *(a.k.a. Perry Smiths Lutheran School)*

In memory of Dave Horger by: Nancy Grieser, Ginny Hankins, Lou Ann Kersten, Rita & Larry Scharf, Tommy & Delores Smith, Steve & Lisa Woolston.

MUSIC MINISTRY

In memory of Rev. Dr. Alan Nauss (father of Ellen Pelzer) by: Karen Bornsen.

NOVEMBER



- 11/5 Alan & Moira Meyer
- 11/6 Steven & Alison Roth
- 11/15 Brent & Ann Reynolds
- 11/17 John & Donita Spawr
- 11/19 Charles & Gerry Sparks
- 11/27 Hugh & Joann Boyle

- 11/2 Melinda Schmidt
- 11/3 Luis Gutierrez
- 11/3 Nancy Masterson
- 11/3 Sondra Schubert
- 11/4 James Hankins
- 11/5 Chris Owens
- 11/6 Jessica Nieves
- 11/6 JoAnn Jeske
- 11/7 Deborah Hildebrandt
- 11/8 Daniel Helm
- 11/8 Don Walker
- 11/9 Howard Stacy
- 11/9 Jennifer Tatrow
- 11/9 Rae Ann Wagoner
- 11/11 Barb Pinnow
- 11/11 John Biel
- 11/12 Troy Baumann
- 11/14 Daryl Seefeldt
- 11/15 Paul Burgdorf

- 11/17 Mary Wolter
- 11/17 Lynn Smith
- 11/17 Roberto Gómez
- 11/18 Noel Salazar Mireles
- 11/18 Will Land
- 11/19 Dave Voss
- 11/19 Dawn Stacy
- 11/19 Linda Rawe
- 11/19 Ryan Baumann
- 11/20 Darla Creel
- 11/21 Nancy Mickelson
- 11/23 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 Paul Tatrow
- 11/30 Leonardo Salazar

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: churchoffice@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.

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



Special Dates

- ◇ Native American Heritage Month, *November 1st-31st*
- ◇ All Saints' Day, *November 1st*
- ◇ Daylight Savings Time Ends, *November 3rd*
- ◇ National Cancer Awareness Day, *November 7th*
- ◇ Veteran's Day, *November 11th*
- ◇ Thanksgiving Day, *November 28th*
- ◇ Black Friday, *November 29th*



