



## "Grace Receives Grant to Continue Hispanic Outreach"

The Texas District has approved a grant which over the next two years will provide \$70,000 for ongoing outreach and training in our budding Hispanic ministry. A good share of this grant will be used to theologically equip Roberto and Lucy Espitia for ministry through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Roberto will pursue ordination as a pastor and Lucy seeks certification as a deaconess. This process will take four years. In addition, grant money will be used to support Pastor Juan and Deaconess Alma Zamora as they seek to multiply Hispanic ministry sites around the Metroplex. We pray God will continue to add souls to the worshipping body which meets on Sunday and the many outreach efforts in our Hispanic portfolio including English as a Second Language courses (ESL), soccer ministry, Youth Leadership courses, Women's events, community events such as La Posada and more. To God be the Glory!

Pastor Doug Widger  
(Lead Shepherd)

Pastor Steve Roth  
(Community Care)

Dr. Serena Pace  
(DCE - Director of  
Ministries)

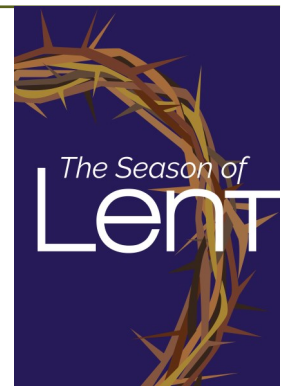
Mrs. Laura Scott  
(Director of Early  
Education)

## Matching "Life Grant"

We're excited to announce that \$4,000 will be matched by the LC-MS towards efforts to impact the community as we seek to affirm life locally. The primary program recipient in our church will be Embrace Grace in which unwed mothers are supported. If you would like to make a contribution towards this \$4,000 matching opportunity – doubling our potential impact, please footnote your check Embrace Grace – Matching Fund. **A SPECIAL THANKS** to Steve Woolston, who has assisted greatly in the grant application process—his expertise was very helpful.

## Lenten Season Is Coming

Beginning on Wednesday, March 5 we will be offering worship services @ 4:30 and 6:30 PM. There will be a meal between services in the Gym at 5:30 each week. Please join us for worship and fellowship as we seek to honor the work of Jesus. During Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 4, we will focus each Wednesday on one of the Seven Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143. These psalms have provided Christians with a powerful source of prayer and reflection during Lent for centuries. Together, they invite us to recognize our sins, express our sorrow to God and ask His forgiveness, and experience the healing touch of His merciful grace.



## Emergency Contact Information Wanted

We never know when hard situations (fall, accidents...) might occur! Our Elders are collecting Emergency Contact information on **ALL** of our members. Please provide the church with name, relationship, and phone numbers of at least one emergency contact person. **Cards will be distributed in services on Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 to help gather this vital information or you can contact Ernie Owens at (817) 247-0747.** Having this information helps our Elders in serving you!

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# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

10:45—11:45 a.m.

- Babies – 3 y/o in Nursery
- Preschool 4's — K in GLEE wing
- Grades 1-6 in GLEE wing
- Grades 7-8 in MR4
- Grades 9-12 in Youth Shed
- Biblical Parenting Group in Gym for 10 Commandments through March 2

## FAMILY MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT FOOD PACKING EVENT

**Feb. 22, Peace Lutheran—Hurst**

12:30—2pm slot

Eat before arriving.

All ages welcome to participate!

941 Bedford Euless Rd  
Hurst, TX 76053

Partner with U.S. Hunger to make a difference in the lives of people who are food insecure here in the local DFW area!

To sign up, let Serena know you are interested, and she will send you the link.  
space@grace.lc; 817-274-1626, x 1002



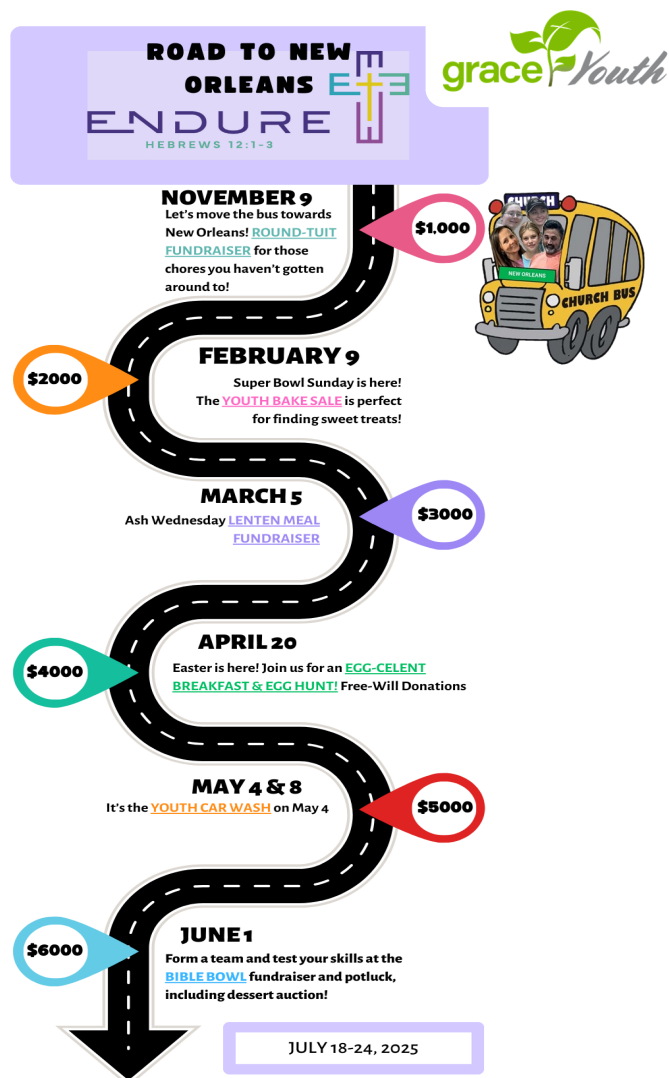
Middle School Matchup 2025  
"CLASSIC VIDEO GAMES"

\$10—Saturday, April 5, 2025

GRADES 5 –8

9am-3pm, Crown of Life Lutheran,  
Colleyville

Join other Middle School Students across DFW competing in various challenges together! Lunch is included.



## YOUTH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Youth Leadership Program for Ages 9-14, coincides with Wednesday night ESL from 6:30—8:00 PM.

Arlington High School First Priority Club happens every Thursday from 12:30—1:20 PM. This is a student-led group, coached by Serena. Prayer to engage more teens in the Gospel is welcomed!

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

*Sisters In Christ*  
Grace Lutheran  
**Galentine's Gathering**

FEBRUARY | **13** | 4:30-8PM  
(Come & Go)

♥ Food (Soup & Salad) ♥ Fellowship ♥ Fun

R.S.V.P. by 2/9 (in the church lobby) or by phone/email. We will gather in Fireside in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend!

WWW.GRACE.LC  
210 W. PARK ROW, ARLINGTON, TX 76010  
817.274.1626 space@grace.lc

**SOUP! SALAD! SWEETS!**  
RSVP in the Lobby or contact Serena by February 9. Invite a friend!

**GRACE SENIORS**

**FEBRUARY 13**  
12 - 1:30PM,  
FIRESIDE  
LUNCH 'N LEARN  
CHICKEN GNOCCHI  
SOUP, OLIVE GARDEN  
BREAD, SALAD &  
DESSERT

**PAIN & STIFFNESS  
FROM  
NEUROPATHY**  
LEARN WHAT IT IS,  
NUTRITION, & THE  
LATEST ADVANCES  
IN TREATMENTS.

DR MEYER, WORLD  
MEDICAL GROUP  
**BRING A FRIEND!**  
SPACE@GRACE.LC  
817-274-1626, X1002

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE PAIN & STIFFNESS FROM NEUROPATHY

You will learn: What neuropathy is, nutrition and neuropathy and the latest advances in treatments.

Contact: Serena at [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc)  
817-274-1626, x 1002

## EMBRACE GRACE

Is this a ministry you feel called to support or serve with? Contact Serena Pace, Barb Spivy or Barb Koehn for information. Training is available. EG meets on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Please keep this ministry in prayer. **The new launch is Feb. 5.**

We are blessed to have received a matching grant from LCMS Life Ministries up to \$4000 to go towards this special outreach ministry. If you would like your donation to be matched, you may write a check marked "Embrace Grace" or give online by text or through PushPay under "Ways to Give." Choose the Embrace Grace fund.



***This is love.***



## GLEE NEWS

# PIZZA FUNDRAISER

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PRESENTS



**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 27TH**

**4PM  
TO  
8PM**

4800 SOUTH COOPER ST, ARLINGTON TX, 76017

# PRESCHOOL PREVIEW TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 6:00-7:00 PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PREVIEW OUR  
PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS BEFORE  
REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 W. PARK ROW,  
ARLINGTON

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Grace Lutheran Early Education

## *Memorials & Honorariums*

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 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.

### BRILLE MINISTRY

In memory of Mary Shelton by: Ginny Hankins.

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

In memory of Sid Cook by: Tom & Olivia Jung, Ardis & Greg Hutchins.

### MUSIC MINISTRY - BELLS

For Bells in Music department in honor of an awesome, helpful member in our church, by: Gene & Vickie Rosentreter.

# GENERAL GRACE NEWS

## Loving Liberia

Psalm 149:1 says, "Praise the Lord. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his saints." This day and always we give the Lord Jesus our praise and thanksgiving for moving us forward in building a new school in Monrovia, Liberia. The foundation digging you see is for three



classrooms. To keep costs down and employ local people, Change Agent Network has decided on our behalf to build these three classrooms with one room housing the workers, a second classroom housing the materials and a third classroom housing the kitchen and other supplies.

Concrete has been poured, and blocks and bricks are being laid. Lord Jesus, we thank you for our partnership with CAN and with the members of Grace Lutheran Church and other churches and preschools. We are very blessed! Thank you for your partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ as children will hear the gospel, be given a Christian education, and the community in Monrovia will have students who will help pull Liberia out of poverty.

Three out of ten people living in Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia live in poverty. It is a different story for those who live in rural areas where eight out of ten live in poverty. Perry's first school which is in his home village, is in the interior rural section of Liberia. Teaching these children is so important because they do not have television, computers and social media. We have the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus and to teach computers, math, English and more to the children to break the cycle of poverty. With your help and prayers lives are being changed and the kingdom of Jesus is spread.

Blessings,

*Pastor Hildebrandt*

## Thrivent Upcoming Events

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS ALMOST HERE!** We're still collecting soup for Arlington Charities. Bring your canned soup any Sunday in January through the SOUPER BOWL on February 9, 2025.

Last year, GRACE turned in OVER 1,000 pounds of soup and related foods to Arlington Charities. Take advantage of soups on sale and let's do over 1,000 pounds again!



## Join Us For Our Prayer Meeting!

Join us for a powerful Prayer Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on February 20th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Our theme, "Renewal of Expectation", is a reminder that through Christ, we are called to live with hope and anticipation.

Together, we'll seek God's presence, reflect on 1 Peter 1:3, "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation." 1 Peter 1:3 (New Living Translation). Don't miss this time of prayer, worship, and encouragement!

We need the Lord to give us a fresh expectation of what He is able to do within HIS church and in our lives.

- Do you ever pray because you know you're supposed to, but you don't actually expect God to answer?
- We must not put God in our box of limited expectations.
- We need to come humbly before our God and believe that he "is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us?" (Eph. 3:20)
- We need to ask boldly and be willing to adjust our lives to what we are praying.
- Godly expectation is not merely wishful thinking; it is an assurance of God's faithfulness in showing mercy and grace to His Church.

We prepare for this Prayer Meeting by praying for those who will lead us in prayer.

- Encouraging others to attend.
- Acknowledge where we must change and adjust our lives.
- Raising our own expectations of what the Lord can do.
- Remember and give thanks for what the Lord is already doing.

MORE INFORMATION: ✉ SROTH@GRACE.LC ☎ 817-554-4117

# PRAYER



FEBRUARY 20TH  
6:30-7:30PM

FIRESIDE ROOM

# MEETING

## BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us for a morning of learning, art and joy.  
No experience or artistic talent needed!



Saturday  
Febr. 8, 2025

10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

In person at Grace Lutheran Church  
and on Zoom!

## SUGGESTED SUPPLIES:

- MARKERS
- COLORED PENCILS
- BLACK SHARPIE
- GLUE STICK
- SCISSORS
- BIBLE
- NOTEBOOK ART PAD

BRING YOUR OWN SNACK AND BOTTLE OF WATER.

## Special Dates

- ◇ African American History Month
- ◇ Groundhog Day, February 2, 2025
- ◇ Valentine's Day, February 14, 2025
- ◇ Presidents Day, February 17, 2025



## FEBRUARY



- 2/10 Tommy & Elizabeth Ott
- 2/12 James & Olena Gerhardt
- 2/14 Ernie & Chris Owens
- 2/14 Larry & Darla Creel

- 2/2 Rylan Morris
- 2/3 James Kempf
- 2/3 Mary Schlotte
- 2/5 Russell Hildebrandt
- 2/7 Janet Baetz
- 2/8 Ann Bassett
- 2/8 Miguel Nieves
- 2/8 Pat Coomes
- 2/8 Walter Baumann
- 2/10 Phyllis Slotter
- 2/10 William Richmond
- 2/11 Joann Boyle
- 2/11 Laura Hart
- 2/12 Jim Duppstadt
- 2/13 Thomas Wagoner
- 2/14 Elise Morris
- 2/16 Joan Brooke
- 2/16 Libby Burgdorf
- 2/16 Lou Ann Kersten
- 2/16 Steve Roth
- 2/16 Zoey Sessums
- 2/21 Nancy Grieser
- 2/22 Dean Mickelson
- 2/24 Jenna Del Cristo
- 2/24 Susan White
- 2/25 Beverly Gilbert
- 2/25 Dara Cunningham
- 2/26 Lisa Woolston

## Thank You Notes

Dear Grace Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the abundant gift of goodies sent to me at Christmas time. It was such fun to through the package and discover the many different gifts. Each on was very special to me. I thank you too for your faithful prayers for Mark and myself. Blessing And Love To All,

*Kathy Lauer*

Dear Grace Family,  
It is such a blessing to belong to a church with caring and generous people. Thank you the wonderful Christmas basket and the cards you sent that brightened my day. I pray God blesses you richly. In Christian Love,

*Carol Hall*



## 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](mailto:churchoffice@grace.lc).

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

*Joseph C. Masterson*

### ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	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

# How Do We know it's True Love?



True love is super simple to spot.  
Just look for the following traits:

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patient  
kind  
trusting  
content  
humble  
courteous  
selfless  
grateful

slow to anger  
forgiving  
joyful  
righteous  
pure  
just  
supportive  
steady

believing  
helpful  
constant  
good  
understanding  
faithful  
true  
caring

trustworthy  
merciful  
loyal  
uplifting  
compassionate  
prayerful  
everlasting  
warm