



## Holy Week Services

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**Maundy Thursday, April 17th @ 6:30 PM.** The word "Maundy" is originated from the Latin word called "Mandatum," which means "*commandment*." This day is named after Jesus' commandment to His disciples to love one another. Maundy Thursday demonstrates the importance of humility and service by remembering Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. Many Christian groups have imitated this action by holding a foot-washing rite on this day.

Maundy Thursday is observed with solemnity and reverence in churches worldwide. We remember Jesus' commandment to "*do this often in remembrance of me*" regarding the Lord's Supper, as we participate in Holy Communion. The service will also include the stripping of the altar of all adornments, symbolizing Christ's impending death.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 18th @ 6:30 PM.** Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "*darkness*" or "*shadows*". A service of Tenebrae is a service of meditation and reflection, scripture interspersed with music, for our reflection on what Christ has done for us. There will be candles lit on a table as well as the Christ candle. With each reading and hymn selection, a candle will be extinguished, until the service ends in darkness and silence.

**Easter Sunday, April 20th @ 9:30 AM.** The reality of the resurrection changes everything for Christians! Easter is the hope of all mankind. Even as Jesus has risen from the dead, His promise for those who are His followers is that we too will rise along with Him. Death has been conquered. Come be a part of this most holy of Christian celebrations. The message that day will be titled "*Resurrection Confidence*." Special music with brass, tympany, bells and choirs will draw glory to God. Please plan to join us a bring a friend who needs some "**GOOD NEWS**."

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## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## A Special Voters' Meeting

A special voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th, following the Bible Class Hour in the Gym. For over 60 years the one-acre piece of property immediately to the west of Pecan has been owned by Grace Lutheran Church. At various points, notions of how it could or should be developed to expand the ministry of the church have surfaced but never been acted upon. Now after 63 years of ownership and no specific plan the Grace Board of Directors would like to recommend that this one-acre of piece of property be listed for sale.



Our By-Laws state the following:

*"The Voters' Assembly shall be the assembly of voting members of the congregation at a validly called annual or special meeting. The Voters' Assembly shall have the authority to elect the Board of Directors, including the President, approve the congregational budget, call ordained and commissioned ministers, approve any transfers of real property involving the congregation..."*



## Dealing With Trauma, Loss and Change

Bible Class POSTPONED due to Rev. Jim Otte's schedule. We are now planning a fall launch for this class.



## CELEBRATING EASTER

**THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE READY TO TAKE ORDER  
FOR EASTER HAMS, SAUSAGE AND PORK LOINS.**

The average weight of a whole loin is between 8-10 pounds uncooked. If a whole loin is too large for you, you can order a half loin for half price.

**Orders must be PRE-PAID.**

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, April 13 at 12PM**

Make checks out to **Grace Lutheran Church: (memo to) Holy Smokers.**

**\*Place all checks in the envelope or cash can be given to Cynthia\***

**HAMS & PORK LOINS ..... \$40**

**SAUSAGE (mild or spicy):**

**\$8 per ring**

**\$15 for 2 rings**

### HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- Sign-up sheet in the Narthex (starting March 23rd)
- Call **Brian Rukavina** (817-229-9703)
- Call **Ernie Owens** (817-247-0747)

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE HOLY SMOKERS PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19 AROUND 7:00AM.**



# 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 GLEE Wing



## BLAZE WEEK

### Local Mission Camp

THEME: So Much More...  
Experiencing the Abundance of God  
July 7-10, 1-8pm, \$60

For Incoming GRADE 6 - Completed GRADE 12

A week of local service, mission, and fun!

Includes: Large Group/Small Group, Fun Activity Off Campus (Swim, Scavenger Hunt, Mini Golf, Cidercade), Dinner (Pizza, Burgers, Tacos, Chicken Strips) and service at Faith Lutheran Church in GP. Contact Serena to sign up, ask questions, or to volunteer!

**AT GRACE**  
*Easter*  
**APRIL 20TH, 2025**

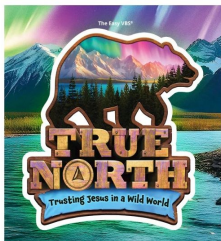
**8am | Egg Casserole Breakfast**  
(Family Life Center)  
\*FREE WILL donations - youth fundraiser\*

**11:15am | Egg Hunt**  
(Back Field)  
\*Bring your baskets\*

**APRIL 13—EGG STUFFING 10:45 AM  
& 4/16, 10 AM (TBA)**

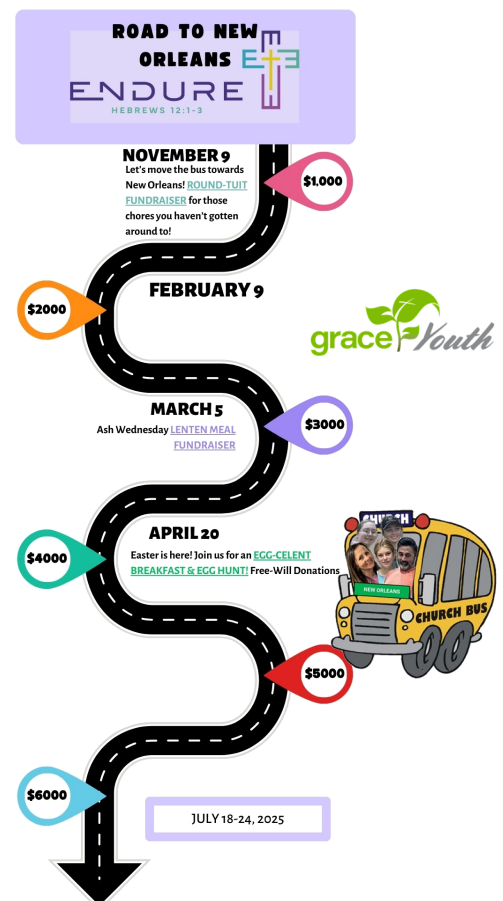
**APRIL 19—SET UP 9AM**

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP JUNE 23-26, 2025; 9AM-12PM



- FUN & FREE!
- FOR INCOMING GRADES 1-6 (FALL '25)
- ALL STAFF IS SAFETY TRAINED & BACKGROUND CHECKED.
- FAMILY PICNIC ON THURSDAY!
- PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS REGISTER AT VBS.GRACE.LC MARCH 15 THROUGH JUNE 18.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 W. PARK ROW, ARLINGTON  
817-274-1626; SPACE@GRACE.LC



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



APRIL 27, 10:45 AM  
SPECIAL EVENT  
For Grace Women & Men

Join us for Breakfast Burritos  
for all in the Gym!

**FOLLOWED BY:**

LOVE-BOX PACKING PARTY for the Ladies of Grace in our Gym. Sisters in Christ women's ministry is partnering with the Embrace Grace ministry to pack 100 Love Boxes for women seeking support in their pregnancies. These boxes will be distributed to the Metroplex Women's Clinics around Arlington and Ft. Worth and is their first introduction to join an Embrace Grace support group. We will create an assembly line to pack the boxes. If you prefer to sit, you may write cards of encouragement to the moms seeking support.

A meeting to develop a **NEW MEN'S MINISTRY** at Grace will take place in MR 2 with Pastor Doug. Please join us!

Call Serena with questions.

**graceSeniors**

**APRIL 10, 12P, FIRESIDE**  
**HAM & CHEESY-POTATO CASSEROLE & PEACH COBBLER**  
**LUNCH 'N LEARN: DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME**  
BY THE SULLIVAN TEAM OF SULLIVAN DFW HOMES  
Grace Lutheran Church: 210 W. Park Row  
Arlington, TX 76010, 817-274-1626

@ Cidercade

**Young Adults**

April 27, 12:15pm

Bring \$ for lunch. Games covered.  
RSVP to Keith, Lyn, or Serena.

500 E. Division St.

**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES**

If you fall into this category, and would like to be recognized this Spring, please let Serena know by the end of April.

**Send the following information:**

- ✓ Graduation picture OR favorite picture
- ✓ Favorite Bible verse
- ✓ College major/degree
- ✓ Next steps after graduation
- ✓ School you're graduating from



## GLEE NEWS



## GENERAL GRACE NEWS

### Loving Liberia



We praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for helping Loving Liberia in building a new school in Monrovia that will house 420 children with 20 classrooms, a computer lab, a science lab, library and cafeteria, plus offices. As you will see in our video ([CLICK HERE](#)), we are in the early phase of construction, and we have a long way to go to have the school ready for September. Change Agent Network has partnered with us in building our new school. Change Agent Network has built 28 schools in Liberia, so we know our school will be a blessing to the students in helping reduce poverty through quality Christian education. We would like to invite the Liberian communities living in the United States to partner with us in raising the funds to complete this new school. The vision for our new school is pictured bottom right.

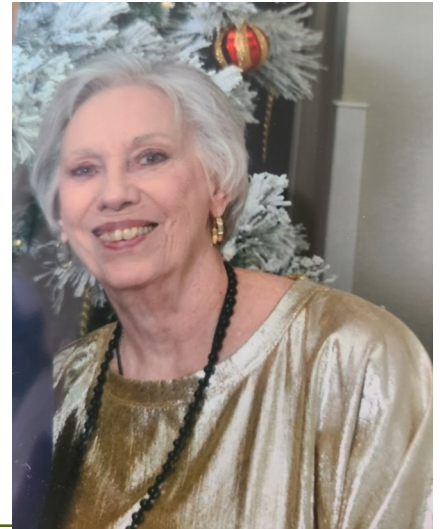
We need \$35,000 to finish the construction and begin making a positive impact for the next generation of Liberians. Would you consider partnering with us to buy 10 bricks for \$10 or 10 bags of cement for \$100? Even the smallest donation helps! For those who can give more, please consider a larger investment in the lives of children in Liberia. Donate at [www.lovingliberia.com](http://www.lovingliberia.com) to make a difference in the lives of Liberian children and their families.

*Pastor Russell Hildebrandt*



## WELCOME OUR NEW GRACE FAMILY

Mary Ann Jackson recently moved from her home of 50 years to a Senior Community and wanted a church closer to family. Both of the wonderful pastors at Grace have spoken at the worship service at her Senior Community and she felt like this was where God wanted her.



Joel Lynch and Stacey Hakomaki got married in 2019, but have been together since 2013. Their family consists of our two wonderful dogs, Dazee and Deacon, who are without a doubt their lives.

They met in Truckee, CA at a ski resort; and have been in the DFW area since 2019. Stacey was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church, in Whitter, CA; Joel was baptized at St. Euenes Catholic Church, in Santa Rosa, CA. They are excited to begin this journey of building stronger faith with Grace Lutheran and in the Lord.

Hello! We are Jerahmey and Jessica Krueger! Thank you for welcoming our little family into your congregation. We have been together since 2011 and married since 2017. We found God right before He blessed us with our first daughter Athena who is 4 years old. Since then we have been walking with Jesus and trying our best every day to be better people.

We were recently blessed with another little girl Iris who is now 5 months old. Everyday we see how good God is and try to humbly submit. Thank you again for being so welcoming and we hope to learn more about God and his goodness for ourselves and our daughters.





4/2 Alan Meyer  
 4/3 Bette Rathjen  
 4/5 Kathy Lauer  
 4/8 Melinda Platt  
 4/8 Shawn Curtis  
 4/9 Tim Reed  
 4/14 Zane Ali  
 4/15 Jon Pelzer  
 4/17 Janet Flagg  
 4/17 Paul Wolter  
 4/21 Donna Wright  
 4/23 Gail Roe  
 4/25 Lexi Ali  
 4/27 Cyndy Otto  
 4/28 Nathaniel Livesay  
 4/28 Pat Madison  
 4/28 Judy Murrell  
 4/30 David Swille  
 4/30 Joshua Sepulveda



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

## Save the Date

◇ April Fool's Day, April 1st  
 ◇ World Health Day, April 7th  
 ◇ TAX DAY, April 15th  
 ◇ Palm Sunday, April 13th  
 ◇ Maundy Thursday, April 17th  
 ◇ Good Friday, April 18th  
 ◇ Easter Sunday, April 20th  
 ◇ Earth Day, April 22nd  
 ◇ Administrative Professionals' Day, April 23rd  
 ◇ Arbor Day, April 25th



## 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).

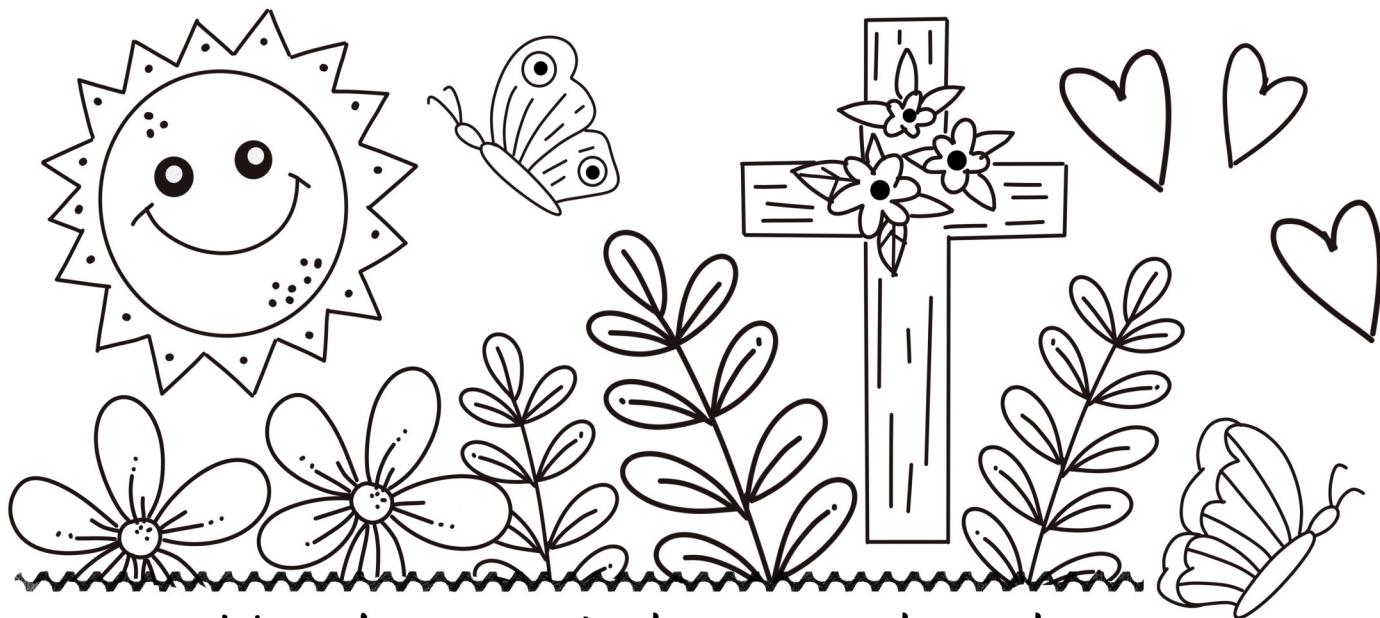
New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "S" for example, then Brian Bassett would be your assigned elder.

*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



He is not here; he has

RISEN

Luke 24:6, NIV

