



Special Voters' Meeting

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(Worship Director)

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(Director of Early
Education)

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Hildebrant
(Pastor Emeritus)



A Special Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th following the Bible Class Hour in the Gym. A light lunch will be served.

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..."

Please plan to attend. There will also be an update on the "Legacy Fund" at this meeting.

The Chosen Is Back!

The award winning Christian historical drama, depicting the life and ministry of Jesus that has been watched by over 280 million people, will return on **Wednesday evenings in MR2 at 7:00PM beginning June 4th.** Get your popcorn ready!

The Chosen is a historical drama series that explores the life and ministry of Jesus, primarily through the perspectives of those who knew and interacted with him. Set in first-century Judaea and Galilee, the series portrays Jesus's revolutionary life and teachings against the backdrop of Roman oppression and Jewish religious leaders.



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Message Series: "The Gospel—Through John's Eyes"

The Apostle John writes his Gospel account from a unique perspective. We will explore several stories from the fourth narrative over the coming weeks. John writes to help people experience real and abundant life, with a stated purpose as follows: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31, ESV)

4/27/2025	John 20:19-31	<i>Believing Thomas</i>
5/4/2025	John 21:1-18	<i>I Have Seen the Lord</i>
5/11/2025	John 10:22-30	<i>Shepherding Continues</i>
5/18/2025	John 16:12-22	<i>Filled with Joy</i>
5/25/2025	John 16:23-33	<i>I Have Overcome</i>
6/1/2025	John 17:20-26	<i>Unite</i>
6/8/2025	John 14:23-31	<i>Pentecost</i>

Memorials And 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.

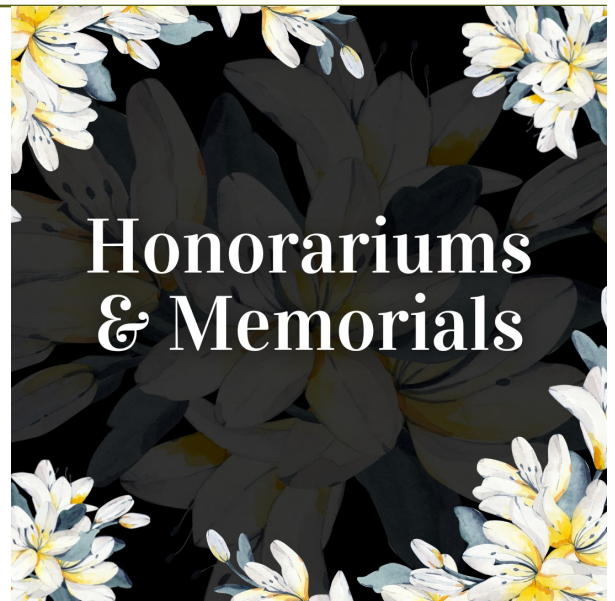
The following gifts have been gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones within our Grace Lutheran Family who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

THE MINISTRIES OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

An Easter Gift in memory of Harvey Brown & Elise Brown: from wife and mother, Ruth Brown

LIBRARY RENOVATION

In memory of Jo Ann Jeske: Chaz, Jessica, Caina & Zade Jeske ~ Janice P. Jeske ~ Lila McDermid ~ Neil & Lynn Muxworthy ~ Kent & D'Ann Besley ~ Edward & Dorothy Brucks



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

Dear Grace Family —THANK YOU for sharing your generous hearts with our community. I am grateful for your prayers for outreach, provision of Easter eggs and candy, donation of time and talent in Family Ministry, and your service at the Love Box packing party for Embrace Grace this past month. Your hearts for Jesus and His people are simply beautiful. I am blessed to serve along side each of you.

Joyfully and Together in Ministry,

Serena



BLAZE WEEK

Local Mission Camp

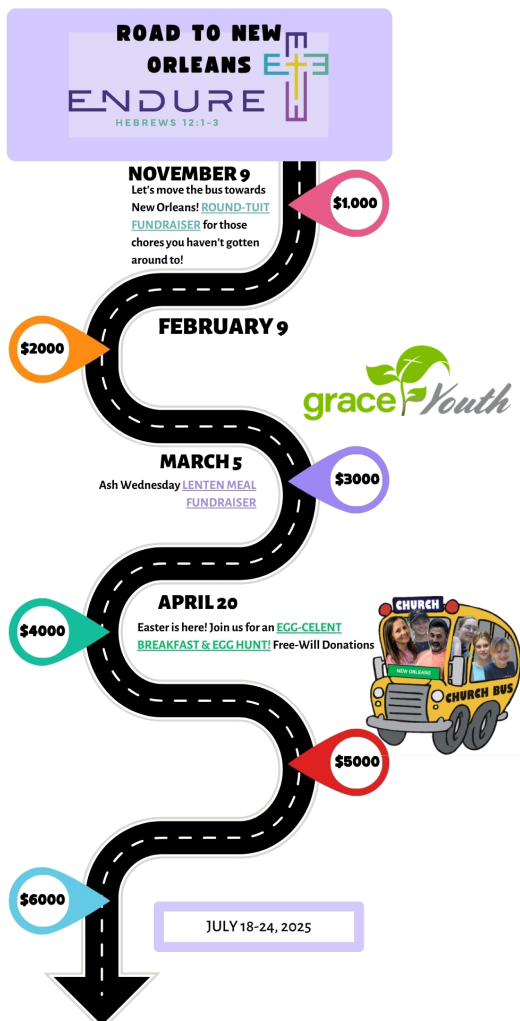
THEME: So Much More...
Experiencing the Abundance of God
July 7-10, 9am-4pm, \$60

For Incoming GRADE 6 - Completed GRADE 12

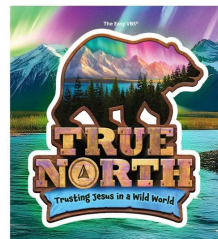
A week of local service, mission, and fun!

Includes: Large Group/Small Group, Daily Service and Mission Opportunity, Lunch (Pizza, Hot Dogs, Tacos, Chicken Strips) and Fun Activity Off Campus (Swim, Scavenger Hunt, Mini Golf Cidercade or Rock Climbing).

Contact Serena to sign up, ask questions, or to volunteer! space@grace.lc; 817-274-1626, x1002



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](https://vbs.grace.lc) MARCH 15 THROUGH JUNE 18.

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

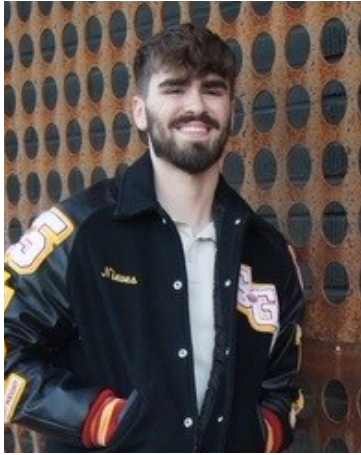


SAT., JUNE 21, 9AM—3PM VBC Prep
(Donuts & Lunch provided)

SUN., JUNE 22, 12PM—5PM Lunch (provided)
and VBC Prep

SIGN UP in NARTHEX LOBBY for DONATION
ITEMS & TO VOLUNTEER!

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



God bless **Max Blaine Nieves** on his graduation from South Grand Prairie High School on May 25. Max will enter the Fire and EMT Academy at Navarro College.

"And all nations will hate you because you are my followers, but everyone who endures to the end will be saved." (Matthew 10:22)

Congratulations!



God's Blessings to Makena Leigh Cove Reynolds on her Confirmation on May 18.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

May Jesus always be your guide!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a global mission organization that shares Christ's love in more than 60 countries, often bringing His message of hope to places where no other Christian organizations are present. People around the world experience the Gospel through LHM programs, services, or materials nearly 235 million times each week. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,700 radio stations throughout North America, in addition to being available online, as a podcast, on the American Forces Network, and on platforms such as Amazon Alexa, iHeartRadio, Spotify, and Sirius XM satellite radio. We encourage those people who are reached through these ministry efforts to respond by contacting staff or volunteers. LHM then cultivates relationships with those who respond to ultimately facilitate a relationship between them and a Christian community, thus helping grow the kingdom of God.

If you would like to know more about LHM or would like to offer financial support, please visit their website at www.lhm.org. You may also find envelopes at the Connection Corner in the Narthex gathering space with the word "Connect" written on them.

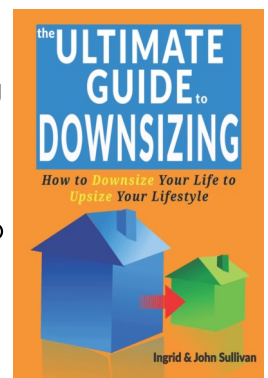


Women of Grace — Our team is looking forward to hearing from you! **Please fill out a Women's Ministry Survey by paper or online and complete by MAY 9TH.**

The insight we gain will help us decide how to move forward and plan for a meaningful ministry in the future. Speak with Serena if you have questions.



We have an Action Team donation to help subsidize the purchase of books from our April gathering on Downsizing with Ingrid and John Sullivan. Please let Serena know if you would like a book or sign up in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 for the first 25 people to sign up. After that, the cost will be \$20. Please sign up until May 20. Payment accepted at time of delivery.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Young Adult
LUNCH
FUZZY'S
TACO SHOP

JUNE 1ST
AT 12:15PM
FUZZY'S TACOS

510 E. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76010

JOIN US FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP!
CONTACT SERENA WITH QUESTIONS.

graceSeniors

**MAY 8, 12 PM, FIRESIDE
SALAD & DESSERT POTLUCK**

CHAIR EXERCISE FOR DAILY LIVING
DRESS IN COMFY CLOTHES & TENNIS SHOES!

CONTACT SERENA WITH QUESTIONS.
817-274-1626



I shall
dwell in
the house
of the LORD
forever.

PSALM 23:6, ESV

GLEE NEWS

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Grace Lutheran Early Education



Texas
Rising Star



4 Star Certified School

GLEE EARNS 4-STAR RATING FROM TEXAS RISING STAR!

We're thrilled to share that GLEE Preschool has been awarded 4-Star Certification — the highest possible rating — from Texas Rising Star! This honor reflects our commitment to serving our community with excellence and providing a nurturing, faith-based learning environment.

Thank you to our amazing staff, families, and church community for your support — we're grateful and excited for what's ahead!

GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Loving Liberia



We sing praises to our Lord and King – Jesus. There are three little words that differentiate Christianity from all other religions: “*He Is Risen!*” It is my prayer that you all had a great Easter celebrating the joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord that both of our schools in Liberia shared Jesus with the students, five days a week.



God has blessed us with raising \$75,000 towards the \$100,000 needed for the new school. Thank you for your support and prayers. This picture is what our new school will look like and will house up to 420 children, K-12. When we open in September 2025, we will start with K-9 and within four years we will see our first graduation class at our new school.

Beginning in June, we will interview teachers and staff, and train the teachers and staff in Lutheran doctrine. We pray that God continues to open the doors for funding and that He will help us select qualified candidates to work at our school. We also want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for Change Agent Network for partnering with us; without them we could not do this on our own. Lord Jesus, we thank you for your love for children all over the world and help us to be a blessing to the children in Liberia.

“He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

Pastor Russell Hildebrandt



CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE SMOKING AGAIN!

The Holy Smokers are smoking St. Louis Style Spareribs, pork loins, & sausage (mild 14 oz. or spicy 12 oz.) on **Saturday, June 14th.**

Orders must be PRE-PAID.

ORDER DEADLINE: June 8th at 12PM

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

RIBS (per slab)..... \$35
HALF PORK LOIN..... \$20
WHOLE PORK LOIN..... \$40
SAUSAGE (mild or spicy):
\$8 per ring
\$15 for 2 rings

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

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

5/1 Max Blaine Nieves
 5/1 Jordan Mangrum Scoggins
 5/1 Reecanne Joeckel
 5/1 Andy Van Hecker
 5/2 Susan Hamann
 5/3 Miranda Wagoner
 5/4 Dorene Goodson
 5/4 Hayden Brown
 5/8 Thomas Jones
 5/12 Olena Gerhardt
 5/13 Karen Bornsen
 5/14 Scott Cunningham
 5/15 Eric Rathjen
 5/16 Cynthia Walker
 5/17 Dawn Sepulveda
 5/18 Diane Itgen
 5/22 Brendan Terry
 5/23 Uvonne Duppstadt
 5/24 Ann Reynolds
 5/26 Sherry Burgdorf
 5/26 James Gerhardt
 5/27 Desiree Minor
 5/27 Ellen Pelzer
 5/28 Joe Masterson
 5/28 Kristin Braziel
 5/30 Cassie Winland
 5/30 Red Hoar
 5/30 Melonnie Pollard
 5/30 Robert Smith
 5/31 Makena Reynolds

5/4 Steven & Lisa Woolston
 5/11 Daniel & Nancy Helm
 5/11 Greg & Gail Roe
 5/16 Ken & Amy Homeyer
 5/21 Tom & Rae Ann Wagoner
 5/22 Michael & Na Schmidt
 5/26 Doug & Karen Widger
 5/29 Scott & Cynthia Cunningham
 5/30 Richard & Paula Crossman



Did you know that
 the church calendar
 is available
 ONLINE?
[CLICK HERE](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)
[go.grace.lc/](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)
[calendar](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)
 to access it. Any
 calendar changes
 made in the church
 office are updated
 in real time!



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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, then Brian
 Bassett would be your
 assigned elder.

Joseph C. Masterson

Save the Date

- ♦ National Day of Prayer, *May 1st*
- ♦ Cinco De Mayo, *May 5th*
- ♦ National Teacher Appreciation Day,
May 6th
- ♦ Mother's Day, *May 11th*
- ♦ Memorial Day, *May 26th*
- ♦ National Burger Day, *May 28th*
- ♦ Ascension of Jesus, *May 29th*



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



SPRING FLOWERS

WORD SEARCH



AZALEA
BLUEBELLS
BUTTERCUP
CROCUS
DAFFODIL

DANDELION
DOGWOOD
DWARF IRIS
FORSYTHIA
HYACINTH

LILAC
MAGNOLIA
PANSY
PHLOX
REDBUD

SNAPDRAGON
SNOWDROP
TRILLIUM
TULIP
VIOLET

