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Newsletter
JULY 2025

Pastor Doug Widger (Lead Shepherd) | Pastor Steve Roth (Community Care)
Dr. Serena Pace (DCE - Director of Ministries) | Mr. Will Land (Music Director)
Mrs. Laura Scott (Director of Early Education) | Rev. Russell Hildebrant (Pastor Emeritus)

Men's Ministry

Saturday, July 12 – Meet at Grace @ 9:00 AM, in Fireside Room for breakfast and a devotion. Then we will proceed to the National Medal of Honor Museum. The cost will be \$20 per person.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 6 @ 8:00-9:30 AM, featuring Coach Tom Mueller. Tom has been a football coach at five colleges and universities, including TCU. He has also served as the Men's Ministry staff leader for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, leads a jail ministry, a ministry in a senior adult center, longtime Bible Study Fellowship participant and has worked for Young Life. His passion for ministry and love for God's word are infectious and will bless all who attend.



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A <u>Memorial</u> is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of a loved one or a friend.

As of June 24, 2025, 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.

NARTHEX RENOVATION FUND

- In memory of Charles Sparks: Lou Ann Kersten, Mary Thiede, Linda Buck, Nat & Doris Davies, Pamela Emery, Pastor Doug & Karen Widger, Karen Wilburn, Katherine Thoms, Karen Bornsen, Karen Scott, Phil & Edie Spalding, Arnold & Santa George, John & Donita Spawr, Virginia, Jimmy, and James Hankins, John & Tracey Rukavina, David Swille, and Catherine L. Wesson
- In memory of Jo Ann Jeske: Virginia, Jimmy, and James Hankins

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• In memory of Charles Sparks: Duane Schluter

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

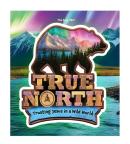
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

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 7-12 in Youth Shed
- Biblical Parenting Group in GLEE wing

Dear Grace Family —

MANY THANKS for your support, service hours, prayers, and donations to help make Vacation Bible Camp a success. We had over 50 children between church and GLEE & over 40 volunteers.



God used all of us to point the children to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

Thanks be to God!

Trust Jesus!



PRESCHOOL SPLASH DAY

JULY 15, 9:30—11 AM

Ready for a splashing

good time with other young families? We are meeting up for popsicles and fun in the sun on the East side of Grace.

Children dress in a swimsuit/swim diaper.

Items to Bring: Towel, Sunscreen, Water Shoes,
Hats, Lawn Chairs or Blankets, Favorite Snacks
and Water Bottles.

Go to this link for more information and to register, contact Serena at space@gace.lc or 817-274-1626.



BUNZE WEEK

local Mission Camp

THEME: So Much More... Experiencing the Abundance of God July 7-10, 9am-4pm, \$50

For Incoming GRADE 6 to 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, Skatium Bowling, and Dyno Rock). Contact Serena to sign up, ask questions, or to volunteer! space@grace.lc; 817-274-1626, x 1002



JULY 18—24

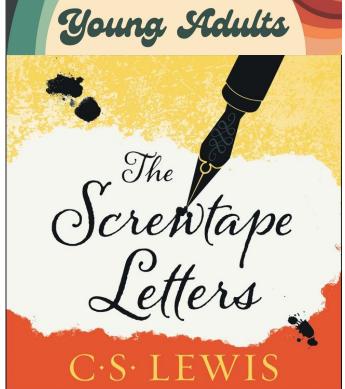
Please pray for our LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS: Lexie A., Shahid A., Lilikoi M., Serena P., Makena R., and Miranda W.

They will travel to New Orleans to join 25,000 other youth from all over the USA and the world! They will experience seminars that speak to teens' hearts, a service opportunity, interactive stations, amazing worship and so much more!

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



Contact Keith, Lyn or Serena with questions. We will take a count that morning.



Bible Study: Sunday, 10:45am, Conference Room

(Old Library in the Main Building —Behind Connection Corner)

Leader: Martin Bode

PRESCHOOL PREVIEW

JULY 31ST 5:00-6:00 PM

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



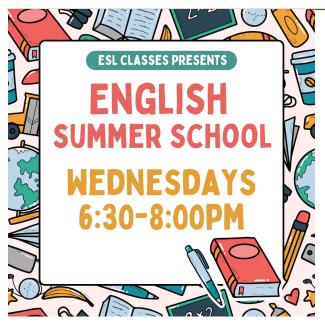
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HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

ESL Summer School



We have launched an English Summer School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00PM and we need your help! We're looking for 6 volunteers each week to assist students with their English pronunciation and engage in fun, simple activities around the table.

No teaching experience is needed — just a willingness to help others learn and feel supported. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Serena (space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626).

Service Of Blessing

Mark your calendars and join us for our Service of Blessing on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Last year, approximately 200 kids from our community received a special blessing and a bag filled with supplies to begin the new school year.

We encourage you to pray about how you can help us and support this year.

You can help by:

- Donating school supplies. A supplies list and place to drop off the supplies is in our Narthex/ lobby.
- Donating money for this cause: CHECK MEMO (SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2025) or online giving.
- Bagging supplies (a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex/lobby).
- Helping host at the reception after the back-toschool service.
- Praying for this event as we serve, care for, and share the Good News of Christ to our community.



To volunteer or any other questions, please contact Serena, Vicar Roberto or Deaconess Intern Lucy.

7/2 Finley Moore

7/3 Duane Schluter

7/3 Gerry Sparks

7/5 Phyllis Sparks

7/6 Paul Olson

7/8 Dorothy Davies

7/11 Jennifer Chavez

7/14 Jan Penland

7/15 Larry Creel

7/16 Joyce Pinnow

7/16 Mike Curtis

7/17 Matthew Gutierrez

7/18 John Spawr

7/18 Tracey Rukavina

7/20 DelRay Alberts

7/23 Lindsay Ali

7/26 Mary Thiede

7/26 Steven Woolston

7/29 Tommy Smith

7/30 Ronan Scoggins

7/31 Nat Davies



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Don & Cynthia Walker

7/3 John & Delane Peery

7/6 Jimmy & Kristin Braziel

7/7 Jerry & Melonnie Pollard

7/11 Max & Rose Widner

7/12 Donald & Sharon Alloy

7/12 Jon & Ellen Pelzer

7/13 Eric & Lauren Roe

7/27 Michael & Linda Johnson



A Prayer Of Freedom and Gratitude

Lord, we thank You for the gift of freedom, both in this country and through Christ. May we live each day with gratitude, recognizing that true freedom begins in You. Help us to use our freedom to love, serve, and reflect Your goodness to others. Strengthen our hearts to stand firm in faith and walk in the freedom Your grace provides. Remind us that our hope is not in the world, but in Your unchanging promises. May we always live as people set free by Your truth. *Amen!*

Save the Date

- ♦ Independence Day, July 4th
- ♦ Global Forgiveness Day, July 7th
- ♦ National Flag Day, July 22nd
- ♦ Parent's Day, July 27th
- ♦ InternationalFriendship Day,July 30th



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 "M," for example, Mike Curtis would be your assigned elder.

Joseph C. Hasterson

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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

Head Elder: Joe Masterson

