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Newsletter
AUGUST 2025

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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



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 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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FALL SERMON SERIES — Strong And Courageous

In the opening chapter of Joshua God says this, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, do not be dismayed for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:9). These words set the tone for an amazing true story of triumph and victory through God's promises.

Today we are equally in need of victory through his promises. This Fall we will journey together through the book of Joshua. Our message series and Sunday AM Bible study will revolve around this book. Over the course of eight weeks, we will use these themes to focus our attention on God's promises.

Sept. 7	Joshua's Calling! (Joshua 1-2)
Sept. 14	He's a Way Maker (Joshua 3-5:12)
Sept. 21	Jericho Goes Down (Joshua 5:12-6:27)
Sept. 28	Broken Faith (Joshua 7-8)
Oct. 5	Stop the Sun (Joshua 9-12)
Oct. 12	Parcel the Pieces (Joshua 13-19)
Oct. 19	Cities of Refuge (Joshua 20-22)
Oct. 26	What is Written (Joshua 23-24)

We will be studying together from a CPH book entitled: Strong and Courageous. Books will be available in the Narthex beginning in mid-August. Please plan to be part of God's movement here at Grace, this Fall.

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



BACK TO SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

For GRACE KIDS/GRACE YOUTH Families

August 24, 12:15—2:30PM

Mangels' House

Pizza and Water available.
Bring a side or dessert to share.

RSVP with Serena please.

THANK YOU

for your prayers and support of our teens and adults as they attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

begins September 7.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

October 3-4, 2025; Grades 5-8

Camp Copass, 8200 E McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76208

\$50 per person; Registration is OPEN!

Theme: Inner Armor

Speak with Serena for details.

FAMILY MINISTRY 2025-26 PLANNING MEETING

August 17, 12:15pm—1:45PM

Lunch included.

RSVP for lunch with Serena by 8.14.

YOUTH NIGHT

Wednesdays, 6:30—8PM

(NO MEETING ON 8/6/25)

Food, Games, Praise Time, Study & Prayer
Youth Shed, Grades 6-12

GIRLS—Shine: Sparkling With God's Love

The world needs to hear about God's grace. He wants you to shine His brilliant love in the darkness of sin and reflect His love like billions of pieces of brilliant light to those who are hurting. Let's find out how we can shine the Gospel of Jesus to His people.

GUYS—Daniel: Faithful Fire

Uncover the trials Daniel faced and discover the keys to overcoming challenges. Tailored for teen boys, this 8-week small group Bible study examines topics like faithfulness, courage and prayer. Join us as we navigate life's obstacles and strengthen our faith in God.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

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September 11, 12PM

Lunch Provided

Bring a helpful tip or idea that senior citizens in the Arlington area should know.

Guest Speaker: Daniel Bautista, Executive Director from Morada Senior Living

Devotion by Pastor Doug

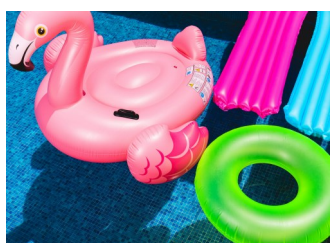
Contact Serena with questions.

EMBRACE LIFE 

Begins Oct. 1 and Runs for 8 Weeks

Wednesdays, 6-8 PM

If you are interested in serving in this area, please speak with Serena, Barb Spivy, or Barb Koehn.



POOL PARTY
AUG. 2, 3-7 PM,
MANGELS' HOME

Brats and drinks provided.
Please bring sides and snacks.

Contact Keith or Lyn with questions, for directions, and to let them know you are attending.

Young Adults

The Screwtape Letters


C.S. LEWIS

Bible Study: Sunday, 10:45am, Conference Room
(Old Library in the Main Building —Behind Connection Corner)
Leader: Martin Bode

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SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



SEPTEMBER 2ND-8TH

YOUTH ADVENTURE LUNCH
Sunday, 9/7 for Grades 6-12

Meet at **In-N-Out Burger** on Hwy. 20 @ 12:15 pm. Bring a friend and a question or comment to share about your faith. Youth are covered by Grace for this one—and always covered by His grace!



GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Special Shared Service — August 31



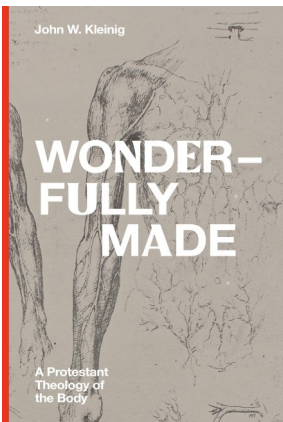
On Sunday, August 31, we will join together our two worship services (*English speaking and Spanish speaking*) at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Immediately following we will have a time of fellowship in the Gym. There will be breakfast tacos, fruit, juices, coffee, donuts and an opportunity to connect with new people. Please plan to attend the post service fellowship event.

Schmidt's Moving

Jim and Stephanie Schmidt will be moving to the Nashville area in mid-August. On Sunday, August 17, we will pray over and bless them during the service and have a reception in the Narthex following the service. They have each invested mightily in the ministry of Grace over the past decades. Jim has served as congregational president twice, many years as an elder, while Stephanie has always been eager to serve behind the scenes. With sadness for our loss we pray for God to open many new doors for them in this transition.



New Adult Bible Study



"*Wonderfully Made*" will be a new adult Sunday school class beginning August 17, 2025, in the Fireside Room. Wonder-Fully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body, will be the textbook used. The class theme is taken from Psalm 139:13-18. The author is Dr. John W. Kleinig. Dr. Kleinig has been a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Australian Lutheran College. He is also the author of the Hebrews and Leviticus Commentaries in the Concordia Commentaries series. Wonder-Fully Made is available online from multiple outlets, including christianbook.com, eBay, Wal-Mart, and thriftbooks.com. For more information please call Jim Runzheimer at (817) 795-2020 (office) or email at runz-law@att.net.

Dallas Lutheran Hymn Festival!

Do you know adults and children who love to sing and sing well? Help us find singers in our Lutheran congregations and schools who would like to participate in the choirs for the 12th Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Meyerson Symphony Center on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Singers are encouraged to respond/register by Friday, August 29. Please visit <https://lutheranhymnfestival.org/festivals/> and select *Adult or Children's Choir Registration* for more information on rehearsals and other requirements, as well as to register.

For more information, please reach Miguel Ruiz (mruizmusic@gmail.com) or Dr. Scott Hyslop (shyslop@ziondallas.org) and the children's choir will at 719.849.120. We'd love to have you come and sing with us as we celebrate our heritage of spiritual song with festive music in the beautiful Symphony Center!

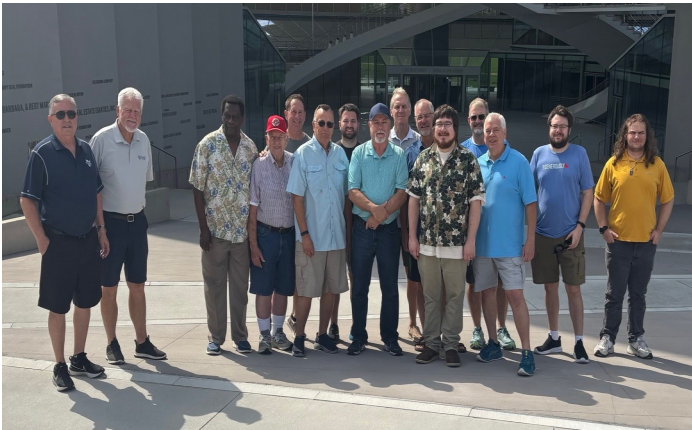
Memorials & Honorariums

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

From June 25, 2025 through August 1, 2025, the following gifts have been gratefully received in loving memory of Charles Sparks who now resides in his Eternal Home in Heaven.

NARTHEX RENOVATION FUND

- In memory of Charles Sparks: Martin & Lucy Schlotte, Catherine L. Wesson, Jane Kieschnick, Mrs. William M. Leimbach, Nancy Grieser, Tommy & Delores Smith, Roland & Kay Savant, Mrs. Gerry Sparks, Shahid & Lindsey Ali, Cyndy Otto



Men's Ministry Trip

We're grateful for an incredible day at the Medal of Honor Museum! It was more than a trip, it was a time of reflection, brotherhood, and deep appreciation for the courage and sacrifice of others. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it meaningful.

Don't miss the next opportunity to connect. More details on [PAGE 1](#) of this newsletter.



COME JOIN US!

Choir & Joybells

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 6:15PM

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Contact Will Land for questions at wland@grace.lc



And the LORD

is the one who is going ahead of you;
He will be with you.

He will not desert you or abandon you.

Do not fear and do not be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8, NASB

WELCOME OUR NEW GRACE FAMILY!



Liam French

"I've felt the pull of God for many years and have misunderstood him for many as well. Joining Grace has helped me understand God and know his glory while also providing a great community willing to bring newcomers."



Graeme and Rachel Roberston

From Rachel Robertson

"We had been searching for a church home since we had been married and it was the gospel focus and the strong welcoming community that has drawn us here time and again. Our family is looking forward to growing spiritually at Grace."

Please welcome their child: *Belle*.



Betty McRitchie

"I was born in 1941 and raised in Middletown, Ohio. After being widowed at 23, I was led to a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, where my relationship with God and the Church began. Over the years, I've lived in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. When my husband passed in 2008, I moved back to Arlington to be near my daughter."

My daughter Tanya and I attended an Ash Wednesday service at Grace, and I immediately felt God's presence. I had been sensing His call, and when I entered Grace, I knew I had found where He was leading me. The warmth, care, and sense of belonging confirmed it — I'm home. I look forward to becoming a member of the Grace family."



Blake and Samantha Winters

From Samantha Winters

"I grew up in the Lutheran church and community. Recently, I have found a new passion in serving with an open heart. We are jumping in with both feet. We are praying God will reshape our lives and will light a new flame through participation at Grace."

Please welcome their children: *Fletcher, Lillikoi, Oliver, Tabitha, George and Henry*.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Mike Kennedy
 8/5 Jim Runzheimer
 8/6 Sujay Geddati
 8/7 Charlotte Walker
 8/8 Robert Gergens
 8/9 Christina Estell
 8/10 Hannah Chavez
 8/10 Joanne Elmers
 8/11 Orena Hohertz
 8/11 Joe Sparks
 8/12 Dorothy Kennedy
 8/12 Martin Schlotte
 8/13 Cassie Baumann
 8/13 Donald Crow
 8/15 Terry Surratt
 8/16 Lila McDermed
 8/16 Denise Shaw
 8/20 Doug Brutlag
 8/20 Rilla Terry
 8/20 Shannon Edgar
 8/23 Doris Davies
 8/23 Lucille Schlotte
 8/23 Marcus Wagner
 8/23 Tommy Ott
 8/25 Cynthia Cunningham
 8/26 Ernie Owens
 8/26 Tom Wagoner
 8/27 Darlene Topping
 8/29 Ron Carter
 8/29 Lucy Jaimez Cortes
 8/29 Suma Manukonda

8/3 DelRay & Cathy Alberts
 8/6 Tommy & Delores Smith
 8/10 Joe & Joanne Elmers
 8/13 Sid & Sonya Sorensen
 8/14 John & Tracey Rukavina
 8/14 Keith & Lyn Mangels
 8/17 Troy & Cassie Baumann
 8/22 Jordan & Laura Hart

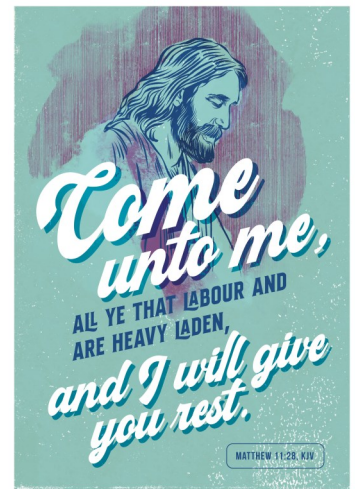
Your Elders Are Here for You

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. Masterson



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



