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Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2025

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Strategic Operations

On Saturday, August 23, approximately 20 members of our church gathered from 8:30AM – 3:00PM. The purpose was to develop focal points for the next season of ministry. Several big objectives came from the session, including the following:

- 1) Connect people to God's power to heal and transform lives.
- 2) Help every visitor and member grow in relational connections.
- 3) Utilize marketing and communications to facilitate engagement.
- 4) Reach and serve young families within the church and community.

Each of these objectives has a leader and a team which will be meeting to promote key initiatives within their area. If you are interested in assisting with any of these teams, please contact <u>Serena Pace</u>.

- Pastor Doug Widger

Proposed Property Sale

We have a potential contract for the sale of 300 West Park Row, the one-acre lot which sits to the west of Pecan Street. The contract is pending legal review of both parties. A special Voters' Meeting is being planned for Sunday, September 21 @ 12:00pm, in the Gym, regarding the possible sale of the property.

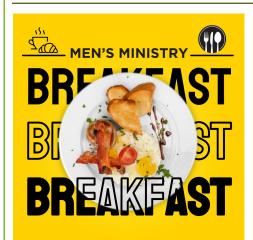
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Men's Breakfast — Saturday, Sept. 6 @ 8:30am

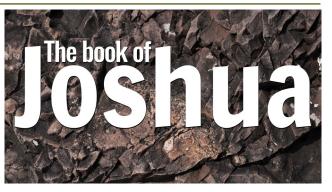


Join us on Saturday, Sept. 6 @ 8:30am, in the Fireside Room for our men's breakfast. Our guest will be Tom Mueller, former TCU football coach and men's ministry leader. Tom has helped lead many ministries including Young Life, City wide Men's conferences, and a prison outreach. His topic will be "Finishing Strong: It's Not How You Start but How You Finish."

GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Strong and Courageous — A Study in Joshua

Beginning Sunday, September 7 and ending on Sunday, October 26, we will be joining together in sermons and studies around the miraculous provision for God's people as they enter a land of rest, joy and peace. We are still looking for these things today. God's promises provided for Israel then and he will provide for the New Israel (the Christian church) today. Study books are available in the Narthex/Lobby. Small groups will be forming over the next two Sundays. Come be a part of the journey.





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

From July 25, 2025 through August 27, 2025, the following gifts have been gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

NARTHEX RENOVATION FUND

• In memory of Charles Sparks: Cyndy Otto, Sandra Fultz

SANCTUARY RENOVATION FUND

• In memory of Charles Sparks: Eric & Betty Rathjen

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

• In memory of her son, Mark Lauer: "Dear Grace family, please accept this donation to the Music Ministry in honor of Mark Lauer. Thank you for beautifying our services with your music. – Love & Blessings, Kathy Lauer"

PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT

• In memory of her mother, Margaret Kulinec Baetz: Janet Baetz

EMBRACE GRACE

• In memory of her mother, Margaret Kulinec Baetz: Janet Baetz

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 1-5 in GLEE wing
- Grades 6-8 (Confirmation) in Meeting Room 4 (Top Left)
- Grades 9-12 in Youth Shed
- Biblical Parenting Group in Gym (for Joshua Bible Study)





GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 210 W. PARK ROW, ARLINGTON, TX 76010

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, INFLATABLES, FOOD, TRUNK OR TREAT, AND MORE! THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.





FAMILY GAME NIGHT

September 20, 6-8 pm, in the Gym Nachos, Interactive Games, Team Competitions and More Family Fun!



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY September 7

ACOLYTE TRAINING

September 28, 12 pm

Please attend if you will serve as an acolyte. Grades 4 and up. This will take roughly 15 minutes, so please be prompt.

YOUTH ADVENTURE LUNCH



Sunday, September 28 @ 12:30pm for Grades 6-12 Meet at In-N-Out Burger, following Acolyte Training on Hwy. 20 @ 12:30 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!

RECESS 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.

YOUTH NIGHT Wednesdays, 6:30—8PM

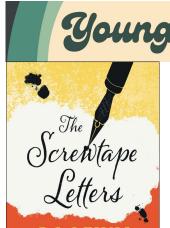
Food, Games, Praise Time, Devotion & Prayer Youth Shed, Grades 6-12

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 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



Young Adults

Bible Study: Sunday, 10:45am

Leader: Martin Bode

We are taking a pause on C.S. Lewis and meeting as a group in the Gym in order to join Pastor Doug's special Bible study on Joshua.

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YOUNG ADULT LUNCH OUT will be 9/28. Keep in touch with Keith and Lyn for location.



SISTERS IN CHRIST

October 9 — Join us for Dinner Out at El Arroyo's on S. Cooper at 5:30 pm. RSVP to Serena please by 10/6. Everyone pays their way.

November 15, 9AM to 12 pm—Who will you invite to "Falling Into Christmas?" We will gather for breakfast, singing, a devotion and a craft led by the Bible Journaling Team. RSVP by 11/9.

grace Seniors

September 11, 12PM

Join us for a brisket lunch with all the fixings and enjoy a special dessert compliments of Morada Senior Living!

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.



Begins Oct. 1 and Runs for 8 Weeks Wednesdays, 6-8 PM

Embrace Life is the second phase of the Embrace Grace program, which ministers to and supports young unwed mothers who have had an unexpected pregnancy. We meet weekly and walk with our new moms that they would have support as they take on new and practical skills necessary to raise a little one. Our prayer is that our church body can become their second home if they are without a church home.

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

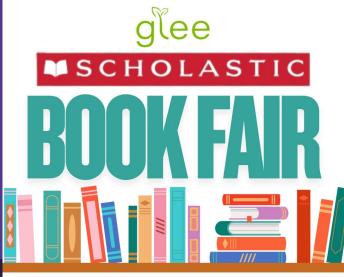


Meet our Nursery Caregiver, ANGELA HERNANDEZ

Hello, I'm Angela Hernandez. I have been a part of the Grace Lutheran community for 15 plus years, primarily in our Glee wing. I've worked closely with children of all needs and abilities from ages 6 months to 4 years. As both an educator and a parent, Grace holds a special place in my heart, as my own children attended GLEE. I look forward to meeting you and your family!

GLEE NEWS





SEPTEMBER 2ND-8TH

Grace Lutheran Church can shop the Scholastic Book Sale Sunday morning (SEPT. 7) to benefit GLEE!



THANK YOU
to the Grace
Lutheran Church
members who
came out to
Chick-Fil-A in
support of GLEE!

9/1 Kenneth Flaga

9/2 Roman Chavez

9/5 John Schlesinger

9/6 True Olson

9/10 Stan Taber

9/10 Lynzie Chavez

9/11 Jerry Pollard

9/11 Barbara Spivy

9/12 David Robinson, Jr.

9/13 Keith Mangels

9/13 Scott Schlesinger

9/16 Jim Kettler

9/16 Tyler Walker

9/20 Seth Sessums

9/21 Delores Smith

9/22 Douglas Widger

9/22 Janice Dehoney

9/24 Sidney Sorensen

9/25 Ginny Hankins

9/26 Kathy Crane

9/27 Katie Curtis

9/28 Susan Seefeldt

9/29 Gracie Topel-Brown

9/1 Charlotte McCormick **SEPTEMBER**



9/4 Paul & Mary Wolter

9/5 Mike & Shawn Curtis

9/9 Paul & True Olson

9/10 Gene & Vickie Rosentreter

9/13 Donald & Jeanne Crow

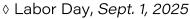
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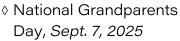
9/25 Monte Filler & Joyce Pinnow

9/26 James & Stephanie Schmidt

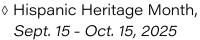
9/26 Paul & Jennifer Tatrow

Special Dates









♦ First Day of Autumn, Sept. 22, 2025





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

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.

Joseph C. Hasterson

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED **MEMBERS**

Grandparents

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

> Head Elder: Joe Masterson



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