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Staff Appreciation Month



October is a month of celebrations at Grace. We will be celebrating our staff this month. Our staff has been a blessing to our church and community. Please take a moment to express your appreciation and love for these people listed below. There will be gift bags and note paper in the Narthex so they can receive notes of appreciation or gifts. *We will celebrate on Sunday, October 26th.*

-David Swille

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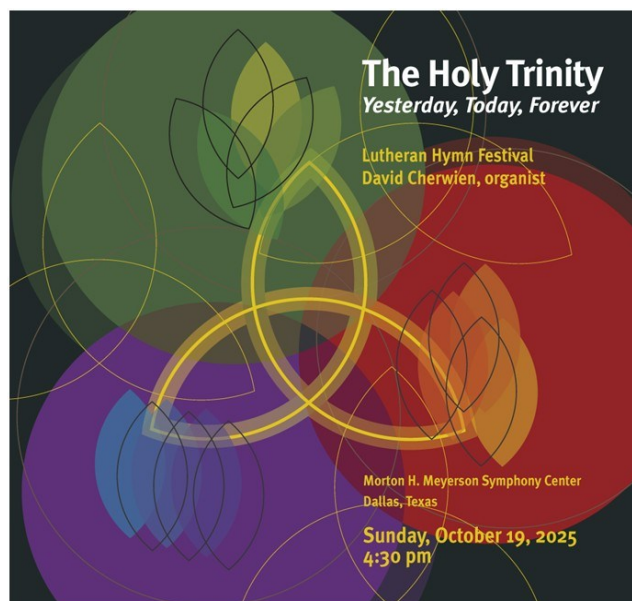
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Roberto Espitia
Lucy Espitia

GLEE Staff:
Laura Scott
Kristen Shef

Worship Tech Team:
Red Hoar
Kim Lopez
Danny Helm

Worship Music Team:
Son Chau
Lukas Bartke

Maintenance Team:
John Rukavina
Joe Masterson
Alan Meyer



LUTHERAN HYMN FESTIVAL

October 19, 4:30 pm
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
Dallas

For Group Seats – call the Church Office

For Individual Seats – click QR code



QUESTIONS?

Call or email Kurt Hilsabeck at 682-552-7779 or kshilsabeck@yahoo.com.

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 in Gym



Early Communion Class with Pastor Doug

October 12 AND October 19, 12 pm

Lunch is included for students and parents. RSVP to Serena by 10.8. We will also complete a special craft along with instruction.

GRACE KIDS

Wednesdays, 6:30—8PM

Snack, Games, Praise Time, Devotion & Prayer
MR4, Grades 1-5

Preschool and Down in the GLEE wing
All children in 5th grade and younger should meet their leaders in the Gym.

YOUTH NIGHT

Wednesdays, 6:30—8PM

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

Speak with Serena with questions.

Fall Family FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
3:00PM - 5:00PM



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.

817-274-1626

www.grace.lc

**NOW Accepting
Candy, Trinkets,
and Stickers!**

Sign up to
volunteer with
Serena or in
the Narthex.



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

Upcoming Events

GRACE YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Bible Study

10:45AM
In Gym - Joshua

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

College Age

Fridays in October
6:30PM - 9PM

Pizza & Pickleball Night

Bring a friend and enjoy free food, fellowship and friendly competition!

Young Adult Lunch Out

October 19
@ 12:15PM

Spring Creek BBQ on Cooper Street.

HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO SERENA PACE.



graceSeniors

LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursday, October 9

In the Gym, 12 – 1:30 PM

The seniors of HOLY CROSS Lutheran Church have been invited to join us for an Oktoberfest LUNCHEON and brief presentation on the REFORMATION. Contact Serena with questions.

RSVP to Serena or sign up in the Narthex by 10/6. We are looking for more help with hosting. Food and table decorations are covered.



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

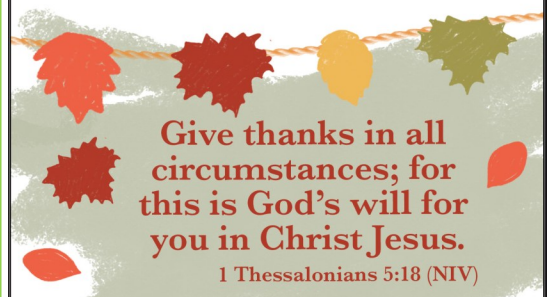
What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



SISTERS IN CHRIST

Dinner Out—October 9, 5:30 PM

Join us for Dinner Out at El Arroyo's on S. Cooper. Please RSVP to Serena by 10/6 or sign up in the Narthex. Everyone pays their way.



Falling into Christmas Breakfast Craft & Diaper Drive

November 15, 9AM to 12 pm

Embrace Grace, with the help of Sisters in Christ and Bible Journaling, are coming together for a women's breakfast and Advent craft event, **INCLUDING** a diaper drive (*all can participate*), benefitting our Embrace Grace women and the Metroplex Women's Clinic. We will match the number of diapers brought in through our Embrace Grace grant. Holly Tate, the Director for Client Services for MWC, will offer a devotion for us that morning. Please consider purchasing larger sizes and even pull-ups. The clinic has a shortage of these sizes.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

Please RSVP to Serena by 11/9 or sign up in the Narthex.



Oct. 1—Nov. 19

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.



The Grace Family Fall Festival is coming soon, and we need volunteers to start signing up NOW! If you're ready to jump in and help, contact **SERENA PACE** today!



GENERAL GRACE NEWS



Bible Journaling

resumed on September 20th via Zoom. We will be studying Women of the Bible this season with a creative response. If you need the Zoom link contact the church office or Alison Roth, Karen Widger, or Jessica Nieves.

Our remaining Fall schedule is as follows:

October 11th - Zoom
November 15th - In Person Event
December 13th - Zoom

Holy Smokers - SAVE THE DATE

Thanksgiving Turkey & Pork Loin
Wednesday, November 26

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! It is that time of year again, when the Holy Smokers will be smoking Thanksgiving turkeys, pork loins and sausage.



Look for details in the November Newsletter. For further information please contact Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747

Children can sing at the Lutheran Hymn Festival!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR...
Miguel Ruiz, Director

We invite children who:

- are in grades 4 - 8 (exceptions possible at the director's discretion)
- have unchanged voices
- enjoy singing & can match pitch

Rehearsal Commitment:

Singers must attend at least two of the three rehearsals listed in below. **Attendance is mandatory for the final October 19 Choir Call.**

· **Sunday, October 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Rehearsal at Our Redeemer, Dallas - 7611 Park Lane

· **Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

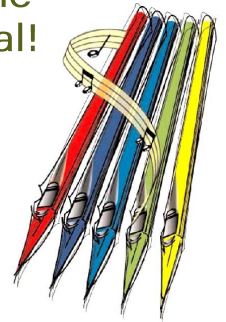
Rehearsal at Zion Lutheran, Dallas - 6121 E. Lovers Lane

· **Sunday, October 19, 3:00 PM**

Rehearsal - Meyerson

For any questions, please contact:

mruizmusic@gmail.com.



glee
Grace Lutheran Early Education

Spirit Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
5:00PM TO 8:00PM

Jason's deli®

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ARLINGTON, TX 76011





**"WHEREVER
THE CHURCH IS
PRAYING THE
MOST, THE
KINGDOM IS
GROWING THE
MOST."**

— JACK MILLER

The PRAY.TXLCMS Gathering

There is still time to join us for the pray.txlcms gathering as we seek God together for renewal, breakthrough, and the advance of His Kingdom. Let's come with open hearts, lifting our voices in unity, believing that as we pray, God will move in power.

Come ready to pray, worship, and contend for God's Kingdom to grow in our District and beyond.

EVENT DETAILS:

- DATE: October 17th (7pm) thru October 18th (2pm)
- LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Arlington (210 West Park Row Drive Arlington, TX 76010)
- TIME: Doors open at 6:15pm

Admission is *FREE* but registration required—[\[REGISTER HERE\]](#)

Memorials & Honorariums

A Memorial 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 August 28, 2025 through September 29, 2025, the following gifts have been gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

PAVILION FUND

- In memory of Sid Cook: Anita Cook

NARTHEX RENOVATION FUND

- In memory of Charles Sparks: Shahid & Lindsay Ali

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- In memory of Rev. Joe Ardy: Lou Ann Kersten

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Vickie Rosentreter	10/20 Karen Arrington
10/4 Easton Schlesinger	10/20 Nancy McCormick
10/6 Moira Meyer	10/20 Paula Crossman
10/6 Justin Gerhardt	10/23 Judy Livesay
10/8 Mike Pace	10/23 Van Alec Nieves
10/8 Patty Smith	10/24 Michael Schmidt
10/10 Elizabeth Ott	10/24 Monte Filler
10/15 Barbara Koehn	10/25 Lynn Van Hecker
10/15 Donald Alloy	10/26 John Peery
10/16 Jeanne Crow	10/28 Khloe Gutierrez
10/18 Zeke Ali	10/30 David Taylor
10/19 Austin Taylor	10/30 Jack Brown

10/7 Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt
 10/8 Hank & Maryann Jacobs
 10/10 Martin & Lucille Schlotte
 10/15 Hayden Brown & Gracie Topel
 10/28 Miguel & Dawn Sepulveda
 10/28 Monte Filler & Joyce Pinnow

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Grace Lutheran - Arlington



EVERY DAY
 I WILL
 BLESS YOU
 AND PRAISE
 YOUR NAME
 FOREVER
 AND EVER.

PSALM 145:2



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:

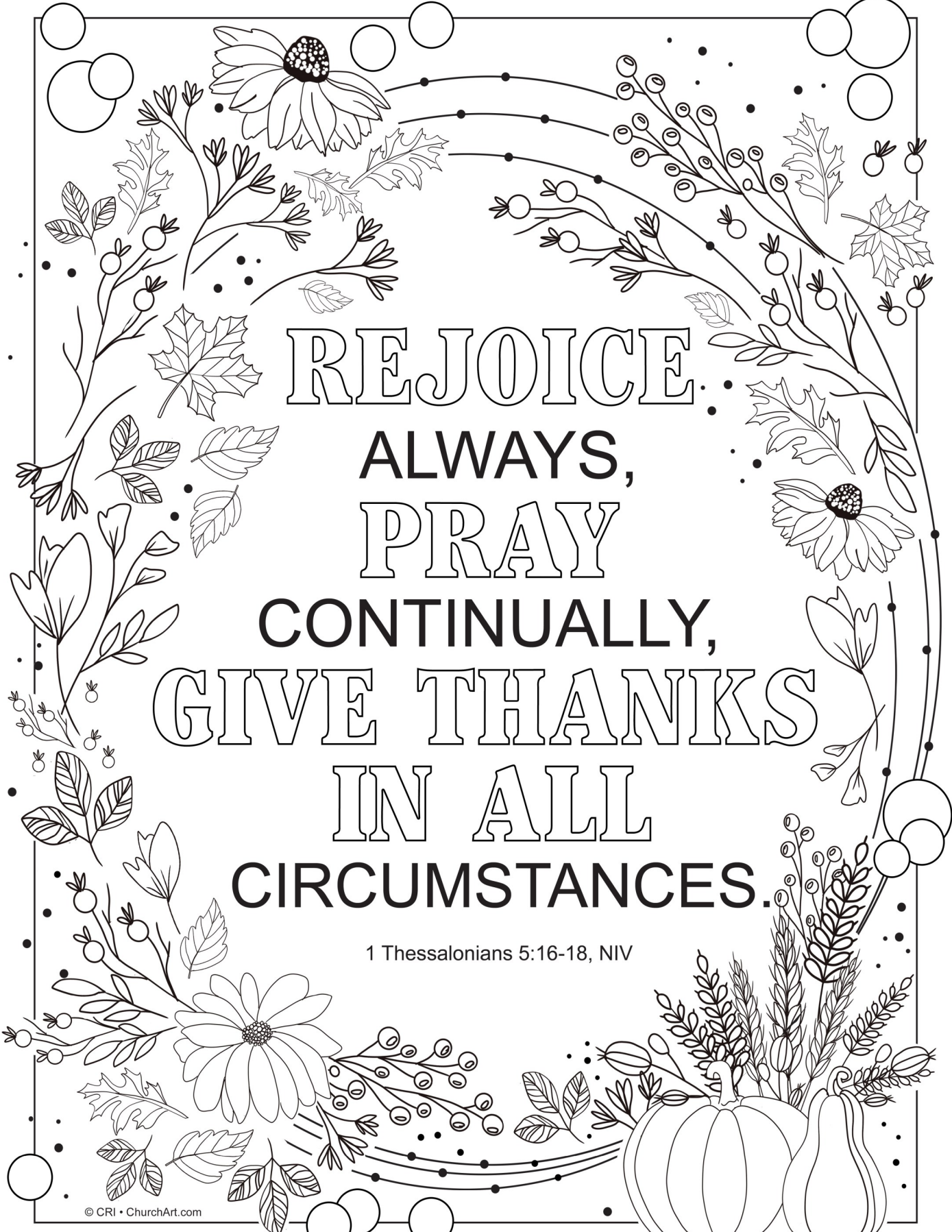
churchoffice@grace.lc

Joseph C. Masterson

ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED

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

Head Elder:
 Joe Masterson



REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV