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Daylight Saving Time



Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend. Remember to "FALL BACK" one hour **THIS SUNDAY, November 2!**

Voters' Meeting Sunday, November 9 — In The Gym

Sunday, November 9th will be our annual Voter's Meeting @ 12:00pm (noon) in the Gym. A light lunch will be served. The agenda will include *election of officers, approval of budget, updates from ministry team and discussion of an "Accessibility Project"*. This project will seek to make our Sanctuary and Narthex more accessible to people with mobility challenges. It would include a covered drop-off area and a handicap ramp in the narthex.



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Advent Sermon Series

Beginning Sunday, November 30 we will begin a new series of messages entitled "*Even If...*". On that Sunday, the author of the series, Pastor Harry Smith from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving and I will be doing a pulpit swap. He will deliver the first message in this series "*Even If... Life Disappoints*" from the text in Matthew 21:1-11 in which Jesus is celebrated entering Jerusalem, but things don't pan out as the people expected. Other messages in the series include:

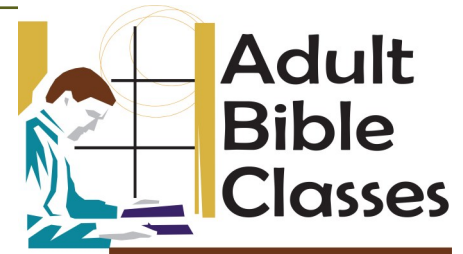
- December 7 – "*Even If... Life Makes No Sense*"
- December 14 – "*Even If... Life Overwhelms*"
- December 21 – "*Even If... Life Distracts*"
- December 24 – "*Even If... I Feel Forgotten*"
- December 28 – Living the "*Even If*" Life



GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Adult Bible Classes Resume

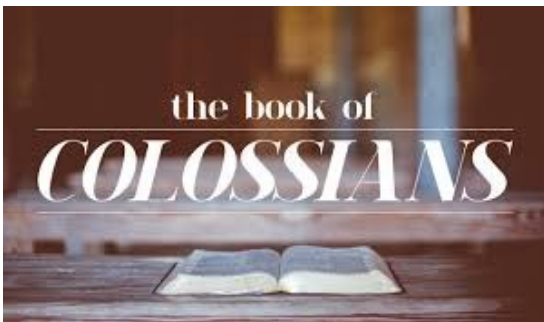
During September and October we took a pause to all study the book of Joshua together. **On Sunday, November 2**, regular adult Bible classes will resume at 10:45 each week.



Classes will be as follows:

- Pastor Widger's Bible Class - *Colossians* in MR2
- Jim Runzheimer's Class - *Wonder-fully Made* in the Fireside Room
- Martin Bode - Young Adults class, studying "*Mere Christianity*," in the Conference Room
- Miguel and Jessica Nieves - Parenting Class in the GLEE wing

New Bible Class — COLOSSIANS



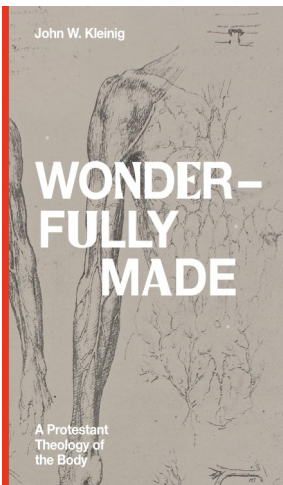
Have you ever wondered if Christ alone is enough? The people in Colosse were asking that question. Maybe we need more ceremony or angel worship or secret knowledge, or human wisdom. The world is still trying to do these things today. Jesus is nice, but don't we really need more? Come and join the conversation as we work through Paul's letter and rediscover the total sufficiency of Jesus! Pastor Widger in MR 2 @ 10:45 each week.

Name Tags

Ever been to a place where it seems like most people know each other, but you are the newbie? It can be hard to break into a new group. Research shows that one of the best ways for people to get comfortable in a group is for them to know the names of other people. You can make Grace an even more friendly and gracious experience by regularly wearing your name tag. If you can't find yours, contact the church office and we can help you get another one. New members — please be aware that your name tags are available in the Narthex. **Ask an usher for help!**



Adult Bible Study



"Wonder-fully Made" is a new adult Sunday school class that will resume Sunday, November 2, 2025, in the Fireside Room. *Wonder-Fully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body*, is the textbook. 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. This topic of our Lutheran theology of the body was also the theme of the recent September 2025 edition of the Lutheran Witness. *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.**

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 1-4 in GLEE wing
- Grades 5-8 (Confirmation) in Meeting Room 4 (Top Left)
- Grades 9-12 in Youth Shed
- Biblical Parenting Group in GLEE wing

THANK YOU!

Your prayers, help, and donations given to the Fall Festival served as a blessing to our community!

GRACE KIDS

Wednesdays, 6:30—8PM

Snack, Games, Praise Time, Devotion
& Prayer MR4, Grades 1-6

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 7-12

Speak with Serena with questions.

GIRLS — Shine: Sparkling With
God's Love

GUYS — Daniel: Faithful Fire



Did you know that the church calendar is available
ONLINE?

[CLICK HERE go.grace.lc/calendar](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)
to access it. Any calendar
changes made in the church
office are updated in real time!



**"Now therefore,
our God,
we thank You
and praise
Your glorious
name."**

1 CHRONICLES 29:13, NKJV

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

GRACE YOUNG ADULTS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY — 10:45am

In the Conference Room

11/16 LUNCH OUT — 12:15pm

LOCATION TBD



**PIZZA &
PICKLEBALL**

FRIDAYS, NOV. 7 & 21 - 6:30 to 9PM, FREE

Take a break & enjoy a night of food, fellowship, and a devotion. Enter the **Gym** on the South side.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

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

www.grace.lc
817-274-1626

WAYS TO SERVE THIS FALL & WINTER

Provide diapers to Metroplex Women's Clinic. They have a shortage of larger sizes (*Size 4-6 & Pull Ups*). The amount brought in will be matched by our Embrace Grace grant. Embrace Grace, with the help of Sisters in Christ and Bible Journaling, are sponsoring this effort to be completed by the women's breakfast on Nov. 15.

We are partnering with Blanton Elementary School, located on Collins.

- Staff Appreciation (77 on staff). This includes stocking their workroom with water and pantry-type snacks.
- We hope to provide specific-color youth through adult-sized sweatshirts for children in need. *Ask Serena for more details.*
- Provide hand sanitizer, tissues and Clorox wipes for 'cold/flu season.'

Items can be brought to Serena's office. Donations can be made for the purchase of these items, as well. Speak with Serena for clarification on these items.



Embrace **LIFE**
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Sisters In Christ

Falling into Christmas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

9AM - 12PM, FIRESIDE, RSVP BY 11/9

BREAKFAST, DEVOTION, CRAFT & DIAPER DRIVE

CONTACT SERENA FOR INFORMATION. SPACE@GRACE.LC; 817-274-1626

EMBRACE GRACE, WITH SISTERS IN CHRIST AND BIBLE JOURNALING, ARE COMING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THIS WOMEN'S EVENT. WE WILL MATCH THE NUMBER OF DIAPERS BROUGHT IN THROUGH OUR EMBRACE GRACE GRANT. PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING LARGER DIAPERS AND PULL-UPS TO BENEFIT THE METROPLEX WOMEN'S CLINIC AND OUR EMBRACE GRACE BRAVE GIRLS.



graceSeniors

Thursday, November 13

Hawaiian Feast! Pulled Pork/Baked Potato
& More (Food Provided)

Christmas Craft Service Project for Care
Baskets

RSVP to Serena or sign up in the Narthex
by 11/9. Let Serena know if you are
interested in hosting. **Bring a friend!**

HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS



SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Our Four-Team Soccer Tournament was held with great success, featuring four teams representing different schools and churches. May God bless all the players and participants! We thank God for the extraordinary participation of the entire community in our Fall Festival. It was a beautiful celebration of cultures, united by Christian values and love for our neighbor.



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

ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

- In memory of Ruth Currie: Lou Ann Kersten, Robert Linnstaedt, Duane Schluter

NARTHEX RENOVATION FUND

- In memory of Charles Sparks: Liam French
- In loving memory of Ruth Currie: Roland & Kay Savant

MAINTENANCE FUND

- In memory of Gene Rosentreter: Lou Ann Kersten, Linda Buck, Steve & Lisa Woolston, H.C. Wenzel, Ethel Pflueger, Farron & Karen Spross, Geraldine Sparks



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

Holy Smokers Are Smoking AGAIN!



THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE SMOKING AGAIN!

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS, PORK LOINS, AND SAUSAGE...



We are smoking whole turkeys (average 10-12 lbs.), turkey breast (average 6-8 lbs.), whole or half pork loins, and sausage (mild 14 ounce or spicy 12 ounce) on **Wednesday, November 26.**

Watch for the signup sheet in the Narthex or call Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

Orders will need to be pre-paid at \$40.00 per whole turkey, \$35.00 for the turkey breast, \$40.00 for whole pork loin, \$20.00 for a half pork loin, and \$8.00 per ring of sausage or 2 for \$15.00.

Checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the signup sheet or cash can be given to Cynthia, Ernie, or Brian. **Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, check memo: HOLY SMOKERS.**

Deadline to sign up for turkeys, pork loins and sausage will be after church service on Sunday, November 23.

We are planning pickup time for Wednesday, November 26, around 2:00pm. We will call you with an updated time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Wednesday morning, on November 26, around 7:00am.

Place Your Orders TODAY!



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

Joe Masterson	A-B
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

11/3 Luis Gutierrez
 11/3 Nancy Masterson
 11/3 Sondra Schubert
 11/4 James Hankins
 11/5 Chris Owens
 11/6 Jessica Nieves
 11/7 Deborah Hildebrandt
 11/8 Daniel Helm
 11/8 Don Walker
 11/9 Howard Stacy
 11/9 Jennifer Tatrow
 11/9 Rae Ann Wagoner
 11/11 John Biel
 11/14 Daryl Seefeldt
 11/15 Paul Burgdorf
 11/17 Mary Wolter
 11/17 Lynn Smith
 11/17 Roberto Espitia Gómez
 11/18 Will Land
 11/19 Dave Voss
 11/19 Dawn Stacy
 11/19 Linda Rawe
 11/20 Darla Creel
 11/21 Nancy Mickelson
 11/24 Elizabeth Gutierrez
 11/25 Janet Middlebrooks
 11/25 Serena Pace
 11/26 Jimmy Braziel
 11/27 Christian Sessums
 11/28 Donita Spawr
 11/29 Carol Hall
 11/29 Judy Horton
 11/29 Paul Tatrow



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/5 Alan & Moira Meyer
 11/6 Steven & Alison Roth
 11/9 Ricaurte Villanero & Yohana Touar
 11/15 Brent & Ann Reynolds
 11/17 John & Donita Spawr
 11/17 Hosny & Huda Gad
 11/27 Hugh & Joann Boyle

Special Dates

- ◇ Native American Heritage Month,
November 1st-30th
- ◇ All Saints' Day, *November 1st*
- ◇ Daylight Savings Time Ends,
November 2nd
- ◇ National Cancer Awareness Day,
November 7th
- ◇ Veteran's Day, *November 11th*
- ◇ Thanksgiving Day, *November 27th*
- ◇ Black Friday, *November 28th*



THANK YOU!

The Ministry Team thanks the members of Grace for their kindness during Ministry Appreciation Month in October. We are blessed to have people in prayer over us and brothers and sisters in Christ to serve alongside that God's Kingdom on Earth would be served. May God be glorified in all we do as a community of believers at Grace!

