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Prayer for the Church at Large

Lord Jesus Christ, in this world of unrest and strife You founded Your holy Christian Church through faith as a kingdom of peace and joy. You have established this worldwide communion of saints in which all believers are joined by the invisible bond of faith and in which we are gathered around Your Word and Sacraments. I thank You for making me a citizen in Your holy kingdom through the cleansing waters of Baptism. I praise You for Your goodness because You bestowed upon me and all Your children Your Holy Spirit. Keep the flame of faith alive in all believers through the forgiveness and peace given us through Your precious body and blood in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. Continue to fill us with the spirit of love and peace toward one another. Make us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Fulfill among us Your promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Your Church. Extend Your kingdom so that Your salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. Hear us for the sake of Your truth. Amen.

— Scot Kinnaman, *Lutheran Book of Prayer* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), p. 118

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer



Lenten Suppers

On Ash Wednesday, February 18th we will have an opportunity for fellowship from 5:30—6:15pm in the gym to gather for a chili and soup supper. We are asking for congregants to consider bringing either chili or soup to share that evening. We will have extension cords for your crock pot handy. Each following week we will have a family meal opportunity from at the same time and place. Menus will be announced prior to each Wednesday.

Lent Midweek Services

Our Lenten services are coming up! Join us on **Wednesdays at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM** as we journey through the season of Lent together. In between services at **5:30 PM**, everyone is invited to gather for **potluck-style dinners** (as mentioned above) before worship. We hope you'll come for food, fellowship, and meaningful time in God's Word.

- Ash Wednesday—February 18
- Rebellion: Running from God—February 25
- Repentance: Running to God—March 4
- Restoration: Running with God—March 11
- Resentment: Running Ahead of God—March 18
- Reconciliation: God Runs to Us—March 25



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GENERAL GRACE NEWS



Explore Grace Seminar

Our next Explore Grace Seminar will be on **Saturday, January 31st at 9:00 AM**, after having been postponed due to inclement weather. This seminar is for those interested in learning more about our faith family, including basic Christian beliefs, Lutheran distinctives, and Grace Lutheran Church. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the church office at churchoffice@grace.lc, or Pastor Widger for more information.

Thrivent Members Meeting



Thrivent members are invited to attend the **annual review, update, and luncheon**, scheduled for **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026**. Please note that an RSVP is required in order to ensure adequate meal arrangements. To RSVP or for additional information, please contact the church office at (817) 274-1626, or Chris Owens.



Soup-er Bowl

We're still in our Soup-er Bowl collection benefiting Arlington Charities! This effort helps keep local food pantries stocked with soup during the cold winter months. We're still collecting **canned soup all the way through Super Bowl Sunday on February 8**. Your generosity has made a big impact in past years—**1,000 lbs of soup in 2024** and an incredible **1,200 lbs in 2025**, providing much-needed support for our community. As you shop in these next few weeks, consider picking up a few extra cans and bringing them to church.

Pastor Doug's New Bible Class

Beginning on **Sunday, February 22**, I will begin a study of the *book of Lamentations*. We all know life is not what it should be. What can we do about it? What does God call us to do about injustice and deep sorrow. The voice of despair becomes the voice of hope. *Those who suffer and Christians who seek to comfort the suffering* will find wisdom and strength in this book. The class meets in **MR2 @ 10:45**. I hope you will consider joining us for lively discussion.



New GriefShare Ministry



Starting on February 10th, Grace will begin offering this program of healing and hope. During this 13 week recovery support opportunity participants will hear insights from grief recovery experts, meet others who understand what they are

going through, receive comfort and support for their journey, learn practical tips for navigating grief, and discover six signs of healing. To register go to griefshare.org/findagroup or contact the church office at (817) 274-1626.

Thank You to LCMS Life Ministry

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to the *Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Life Ministry* for allowing Grace Lutheran Church to be a part of the Million Dollar Life Match Grant in 2025. With this money, the Embrace Grace/Life Ministry was able to touch lives in a practical way with the love of Jesus and involve more people at Grace in serving young mothers and children in the community.



EMBRACE GRACE

EG meets on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Please keep this ministry in prayer.



This is love.

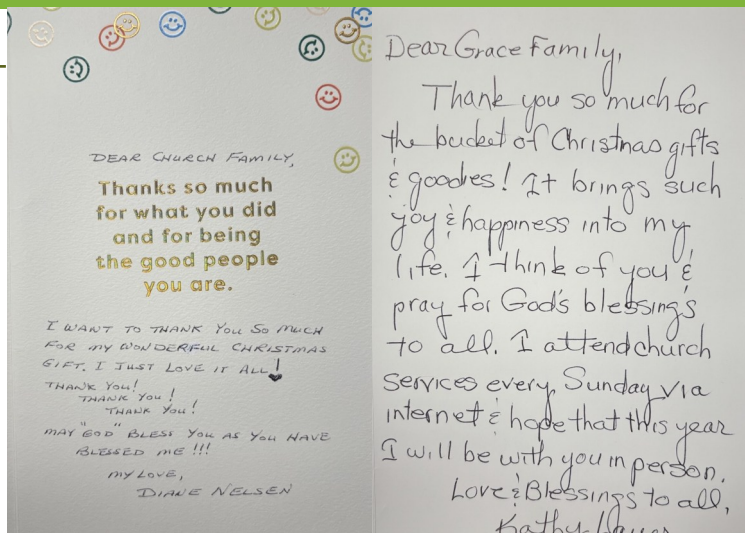
GENERAL GRACE NEWS

Thank You for Christmas Baskets

We recently received thank-you cards from members who were blessed through our Christmas Baskets, and we wanted to share a glimpse of their gratitude with our church family.

Diane Nelsen wrote, "Dear Church Family, thanks so much for what you did and for being the good people you are. I want to thank you so much for my wonderful Christmas gift. I just love it all! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! May GOD bless you as you have blessed me. My love, Diane Nelsen."

Kathy Lauer shared, "Dear Grace Family, thank you so much for the bucket of Christmas gifts and goodies! It brings me such joy and happiness into my life. I think of you and pray for God's blessings to all. I attend church services every Sunday via internet and hope that this year I will be with you in person. Love and blessings to all, Kathy Lauer "



Thank you to everyone who helped make these gifts a meaningful expression of Christ's love.



Holy Smokers Easter Sign-Up

The Holy Smokers want to remind everyone that Easter is the first Sunday in April this year.

The sign-up sheet for hams, pork loins and sausage will be available in the Narthex beginning March 1.

Look for details in the March newsletter.

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 December 24, 2025 through January 18, 2026, the following gifts were gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

- In memory of Harvey & Elise Brown: Ruth Brown

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- In memory of Jon Pelzer: Sue Gustafson, Steve & Lisa Woolston, Mary Thiede, Pastor Doug & Karen Widger, David Swille, Gerry Sparks, Pastor Steve & Alison Roth

MAINTENANCE FUND

- In memory of Gene Rosentreter: Jack & Nelda Schrank

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

- In memory of Jon Pelzer: Karen Bornsen

GRACE SENIORS NEWS

Thursday, February 12, 12 PM



Invite a friend!

B-I-N-G-O! (Bring a prize from home or the store for the prize pile.)

Enjoy an Italian Trio, Salad, Bread and Dessert!

Call (817-274-1626) or email (space@grace.lc) Serena to RSVP or to volunteer by 2/9.

WOMENS MINISTRY NEWS



Bible Journaling: Priscilla

Our Bible Journaling ladies recently gathered and spent time in Scripture, creativity, and fellowship along the way. It was a joyful time of reflection and expression of faith, and we're excited to share a glimpse of their work with you.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Friendship TO A TEA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 2-4PM
Bring your favorite teacup or mug, and a friend!
Cost: Free Will Offering
QUESTIONS OR RSVP TO LYN MANGELS
(817) 713-4604

Sisters In Christ

Acts 18:26
"She explained to him the way of God more accurately."

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 GLEE wing

YOUTH NIGHT

Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 25; 6:30—8PM
Food, Games, Devotion & Prayer
Youth Shed, Grades 6-12
Speak with Serena with questions.



BLAZE WEEK

Local Mission Camp

THEME: (The Way)

July 6-9, 8am-4pm, \$TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

For Incoming GRADE 6 - Completed GRADE 12

A week of local service, mission, and fun!

Includes: Large Group/Small Group Bible Study/
Discussion, Daily Service, Mission or Fellowship
Opportunities

Tentative activities include: Group Dynamix
Team Building, Serve at Buckner, Serve at
Arlington Urban Ministries, Meals on Wheels,
Alley Cats, Swimming and More!

THERE{4}

Teen Girl Gathering

Feb 27, 5:30pm to 10pm
& Feb 28, 7:30am to 4pm



THERE{4} GATHERING

THERE{4} is a 2-day conference designed to inspire high school girls to boldly live out their identity in Jesus Christ. Register for tickets at there4gathering.com

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2026 | CARROLLTON, TX

Thank you!

Your prayers for healing are appreciated by my family while I was recovering from my injury. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring and prayerful body of believers. Thank you! Serena



PRETEEN CONFERENCE
GRADES 4-6 FEB. 6-7, \$64 EACH

EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

APRIL 5

8AM YOUTH FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

11AM EGG HUNT ON THE FIELD

GOSPEL GOODY BAGS!

EGG STUFFING: MARCH 29 AT 10:45, GYM

DONATIONS OF PLASTIC EGGS, CANDY, STICKERS, RINGS, CROSSES, & OTHER TRINKETS THAT FIT IN A PLASTIC EGG ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED IN NARTHEX AND SERENA'S OFFICE.



JUNE 22-24, 5:30—8:00PM

Rainforest Falls Family
Camp

Camp for the Whole Family!
(Includes Dinner, Games,
Praise Time and More!)

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Parenting happens in habits.

We make meals, shuttle our kids to events, answer their questions, discipline them, and do bedtime. These ordinary routines can serve as extraordinary opportunities to live out God's love in profound ways!

EACH SUNDAY IN THE GLEE WING

BRING YOUR INFANTS AND TODDLERS OR THEY CAN STAY IN THE NURSERY

10:45-11:45



Explore practical insights from 'Habits of the Household' to enrich your family life.

CONTACT MIGUEL OR JESSICA NIEVES 972-935-3627 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS.



Grace Lutheran Early Education will be accepting Texas Education Freedom Accounts for Private Pre-Kindergarten 3 and Private Pre-Kindergarten 4 for the next school year. Applications for TEFA open February 4 on educationfreedom.texas.gov

YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY — 10:45am
Mere Christianity, in the Conference Room

We have a new date for our White Elephant gift exchange and lunch!

Sunday, February 22 | 12:15PM

Cane Rosso— 200 N East St. Arlington, TX 76011
RSVP with Serena or Emily
churchoffice@grace.lc

HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

Misa todos los domingos
12:00pm

- Estudios bíblicos—Viernes 6:00pm
- Clases de inglés—Miércoles 6:30pm
- Clases de música—Domingos despues del servicio

Women's Breakfast — *Cancelled*



Due to freezing temperatures, our Women's Breakfast scheduled for January 31 was canceled. While we were disappointed not to gather, we look forward to coming together for similar events in the future and will share details as plans are made.

DESAYUNO DE MUJERES

AMADAS por GRACIA

SÁBADO, 14 FEB | 10AM

Grace Lutheran Church
210 W Park Row Dr
Arlington, TX 76010

Mujeres EN GRACIA



CLASES DE INGLÉS

REGISTRATE ¿Eres adulto y te interesa aprender inglés? Acompañaos en nuestro regreso el 4 de febrero.

"Contamos con cuidado de niño"

LAS CLASES SON \$20

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 - 8 pm.

210 W. Park Row Dr. Arlington, Tx 76010 | (817) 713-6699

NIVELES:
PRINCIPIANTE
INTERMEDIO
AVANZADO

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARIES



2/2	Hosny Gad	2/16	Libby K. Burgdorf
2/2	Rylan D. Morris	2/16	Lou Ann Kersten
2/3	James R. Kempf	2/16	Steven Roth
2/3	Mary Schlotte	2/16	Zoey C. Sessums
2/5	Russell C. Hildebrandt	2/21	Nancy Grieser
2/7	Janet Baetz	2/22	Dean Mickelson
2/8	Ann Basset	2/22	Della Jo Winters
2/8	Walt E. Baumann	2/24	Jenna Del Cristo
2/8	Pat Coomes	2/24	Susan White
2/8	Miguel A. Nieves	2/25	Dara Cunningham
2/8	Rachel Schmidt	2/25	Beverly Gilbert
2/10	William Richmond	2/26	Lisa Woolston
2/10	Phyllis Slotter	2/27	Stacey Hakomaki
2/11	Joann Boyle	2/10	Tommy & Elizabeth Ott
2/11	Laura Hart	2/14	Ernie & Chris Owens
2/12	Jim Duppstadt	2/14	Larry & Darla Creel
2/13	Thomas W. Wagoner	2/21	Mike & Ronda Campbell
2/14	Elise M. Morris		

Special Dates

- ◇ The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord, *February 2nd*
- ◇ Valentine's Day/Commemoration of St. Valentine, *February 14th*
- ◇ Ash Wednesday, *February 18th*
- ◇ Commemoration of Martin Luther, *February 18th*
- ◇ First Sunday of Lent, *February 22nd*
- ◇ Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, *February 24th*

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.

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



ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	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

