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GLEE GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2026



### New Faces at Grace

We're excited to officially welcome Sam and Steve Moore as new members of our church family! We thank God for bringing them to Grace and look forward to growing in faith together, building friendships, and serving alongside them. Be sure to say hello and help them feel right at home!

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## PREPARE THE WAY CAMPAIGN



God's people at Grace and beyond have been generous to support this effort with pledges and gifts so far totaling \$153,265. If you are wanting to participate in this work and have not yet been able to commit, please complete the pledge card located in Narthex, or simply earmark gifts towards "Prepare the Way." A video describing this project, and additional updates and information, can be viewed at [go.grace.lc/preparetheway](http://go.grace.lc/preparetheway). Demolition of the Narthex will begin on June 1. Our worship services, both English and Spanish, will be moved to the Family Life Center during the renovations.

Have an opinion? We have a box for that! Please fill out an opinion card and drop it in the box provided in the Narthex by Sunday, May 31st.

Starting Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will meet in the gym for our Sunday worship services while our Narthex undergoes renovation. We will begin our service at 9:30 as usual, and Sunday School will follow.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & UPDATES

Grace Lutheran Church	* New Series *	Starting Sunday, June 7
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# Summer of GOOD NEWS

### Summer of Good News: New Series

Beginning Sunday, June 7, we will worship in the Gymnasium while we complete the accessibility improvements connected to "Prepare the Way." We will also begin a new series called, "Summer of Good News." Each week we will take a look at the assigned Gospel reading and grow in our understanding of God's magnificent love in Christ! Join us in the Gym every Sunday at 9:30AM.



### Holy Smokers Celebrating Father's Day

The Holy Smokers were able to give \$600 towards the Accessibility Project due to your generous orders at Easter and are going to designate 50% of our Father's Day profits to the project. We are smoking St. Louis style ribs, briskets, and sausage (mild 14 ounce or spicy 12 ounce) on Saturday, June 20. The brisket will average 10-12 pounds pre-cooked. And if you can't use a whole brisket, find someone to share the brisket.

Signup sheet will be in the Narthex Sunday, May 24. You can also contact Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703, or Ernie Owens 817-247-0747. Orders need to be pre-paid; briskets are \$100.00, ribs are \$35.00 per slab, and mild sausage is \$8.00 per ring, and spicy sausage is \$10 per ring. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church - memo to Holy Smokers. Deadline for placing your order will be NOON, Sunday, June 14. Ribs and sausage will be ready for pickup around 2:00 pm Saturday, June 20. The briskets will be ready for pickup around 7:00pm. We will call Saturday with updated pick-up time.

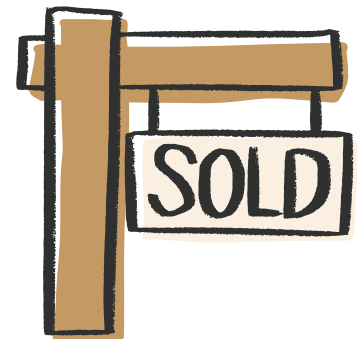
Interested in joining the Holy Smokers? You're welcome to come out Saturday morning at 7:00AM—we'd love to have you!



### Pastor Doug's New Bible Class

Pastor Doug will begin leading a new study through the book of Mark. The Gospel of Mark is a book of action. While the other Gospel's emphasize the deeds of Jesus, this book focuses on the

authority of Jesus' words and the effect they have on people, and hopefully us, as we gather to listen afresh to the master's teachings! Join us in MR2 at 10:45AM each Sunday or online at [youtube.com/@grace.lutheran](https://youtube.com/@grace.lutheran).



### Property Sale

The sale of 300 West Park Row, (1 acre lot to the west of our main campus,) was recently completed. This culminates the action taken at a special voters' meeting in the Fall of 2025.

**Sisters In Christ**  
**Ladies GAME NIGHT**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11  
6-8PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Sisters in Christ: Game Night

Join our Sisters in Christ ministry for a fun-filled Ladies Game Night on Thursday, June 11, from 6-8 PM in the Fireside Room! Ladies of all ages are invited for a sweet evening of laughter, friendly competition, and fellowship as we enjoy games and time together. Bring a favorite dessert or appetizer to share for our potluck and invite a friend to come along! Sign up in the narthex or scan the QR code—we'd love to see you there.

## WOMENS MINISTRY NEWS

### Christmas in July Service Event

Make a card (or more!) for yourself and make one or more for our home bound Christmas baskets. More info to come!

### August Fellowship Dinner

Dinner at La Madeleine on S. Cooper. Gather for food and fellowship! More info to come!



*Welcome to  
the Table*

**WOMEN'S RETREAT  
RESCHEDULED FOR  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
Registration Now Open**

**COST**  
Bunk-style: \$75  
Motel-style: \$125  
Sat only: \$25

**Mt Lebanon Conference Center**  
1701 Texas Plume Rd, Cedar Hill

**For details, contact:**  
Laura Brammer (469-434-0078) or  
Paula Ferguson (214-543-2741)

### Women's Retreat

Join our sisters from Our Redeemer, Irving and other area LCMS churches at Mt. Lebanon for a retreat at Cedar Hill, day or overnight. Costs are all inclusive, and differ between room styles. Bunk-style is \$75, Motel-style is \$125, and Saturday only is \$25.

Let's gather a group and enjoy fellowship with our sisters in Christ! Contact Serena to signup with our group!

## YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
10:45am in MR1 during Narthex  
Renovations - Led by Martin B

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# Bring-a-Board

BRING A BOARD TO SHARE,  
WHETHER FOOD, DRINKS,  
OR A GAME!

*Friday, June 19*

STARTING AT 7PM  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 W PARK ROW DR.,  
ARLINGTON, TX 76010

RSVP AT (817) 274-1626  
OR EMASSEY@GRACE.LC

## GRACE YOUTH NEWS

# BLAZE WEEK

SHINE  
GOOD VIBES

ER TIME  
LEVEL TIME

COMMUNITY SERVICE  
LUNCH TOGETHER

BIBLE STUDY  
DAILY FUN

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**grace** Youth

Wednesday, June 3; 6:30—8PM Cookout & Games  
Wednesday, June 10; 6:30—8PM Art Night  
Youth Shed, Grades 6-12  
Speak with Serena with questions.

# GRACE KIDS 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



GRACE FAMILY NIGHTS  
JUNE 22-24 | 5:30-8:30PM  
210 W PARK ROW DR., ARLINGTON, TX 76010



## YOU'RE INVITED! GRACE FAMILY NIGHTS

TRAVEL THROUGH ROME WITH OTHER FAMILIES AND WATCH **GOD'S WORD COME TO LIFE** AS YOU EXPERIENCE EACH DAY'S BIBLE THEME TOGETHER.

DINNER STARTS AT 5:30PM, AND OPENING STARTS AT 6PM

FREE + ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!  
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST  
AT [GO.GRACE.LC/VBS](http://GO.GRACE.LC/VBS)

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
[CHURCHOFFICE@GRACE.LC](mailto:CHURCHOFFICE@GRACE.LC)  
OR (817) 274-1626



## Donations for VBS Needed

We're in need of several items for the above Grace Family Nights VBS this year! It's right around the corner! Please let Serena know if you can provide these items and she will add your name to the sign-up list.

### ITEMS:

- Colorful Blankets (borrow or purchase) – 10
- Colorful rectangular plastic table covers – 10
- 30 Rectangular white table covers
- Brown rectangular plastic table covers – 10
- \$28.99 – Wooden Mallets, 50 pcs, 14 cm, WalMart
- Sand Paper – 3M Ultra Durable Power Sandpaper, 60 Grit, ¼ sheet – 4.5x5.5.5, 5 pack – Need 4 packs (WalMart)
- 1 Set of Skeleton Keys (Borrow or Buy) WalMart – \$11.99 10 -Pack
- Newsprint Packing Paper - \$17 (WalMart)
- 5lb, 160 sheets
- 3 packages Wet Wipes
- 1 small bag potting soil

### ITEMS:

- 1 box of white plastic table runner with built in slider (cutter)
  - Large Stack of Paper Bags
  - 5 tennis balls
  - Ten 2-foot lengths of 8inch wide cardboard
  - Fake Fruit (Wal-Mart)
  - 5 child XS white T-shirts
  - 5 child S white T-shirts
- ### FOOD:
- 2 Boxes of hard Bread Sticks
  - 1 Box of Matzah
  - Pita Bread Pack
  - 2 lbs of sugar cubes
  - Dried Fruit – 1 bag pineapple, 1 dates

### FOOD:

- Granola bars – Quaker Chewy Chocolate Chip (No peanut butter) – 36 Bars
- String Cheese Sticks (Mozzarella) – Great Value – WalMart 24 pack
- Bag of Veggie Straws (Sea Salt – not zesty)
- Tangerines – 1 Bag
- Family size box of graham crackers
- 2 large Goldfish Boxes
- 1 Large Bag of Swedish Fish
- 1 bag rolls 2 6-packs raisins
- Two of Chocolate Gold Coins 25 - count at WalMart for \$12.99
- Apple Sauce – 1 pack
- Pear Cups – 1 pack
- Orange Cup – 1 pack
- Go Go squeeze fruit/veggie packs dinosaurz

**Thank you for your kindness and support!**

## GRACE LUTHERAN EARLY EDUCATION NEWS



We're excited to share that our preschool is now enrolling for the fall! We offer a nurturing, Christ-centered environment for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, where little ones can learn, grow, and thrive.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a caring and engaging place for their child, we'd love to connect. To learn more or to reserve a spot, please contact us—we're happy to answer any questions and help you get started!

## THANK YOU NOTES

### From Paul & Mary Wolter

We are thankful and appreciative that Grace's lead elder, Joe Masterson, and his spouse, Nancy, visited Mary at The Pavillion on Creekwood in Mansfield and brought flowers. We are also thankful to Elder Ernie Owens for visiting Mary during the past 5 months and providing the Lord's sacraments. We are also remiss for not sending thanks for the Christmas basket of unique items and products provided while Mary was a resident at the AVIR facility in Arlington during December and January.

Mary's had health issues beginning with her colon cancer surgery in July 2025 and then back surgery in November 2025. A UTI infection has caused health, strength and other issues which has been present since November 2025. She has been hospitalized 5 times since last July and has taken over 5 ambulance rides, so she says she's qualified to rate the EMS providers. Most recently she was diagnosed with an aggressive bacterium that requires treatment with daily liquid antibiotic infusions for 5 days. Many thanks for everyone's prayers.

### From Dorene Goodson

To Pastor Doug and my brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for the many blessings, kind words, and happy wishes you shared with me at church on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. You helped begin a wonderful celebration of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday week, and your thoughtfulness truly warmed my heart.



## 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 April 22, 2026 through May 19, 2026, the following gift was gratefully received in loving memory of Cyndy Otto who now resides in heaven.

### LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

- In memory of Cyndy Otto: Michael & Susan Fuchs

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### Church Office

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Monday-Friday | 9AM-5PM

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Monday-Friday | 7AM-5:30PM

Please keep these contacts handy for RSVPs, questions, and events highlighted in this newsletter. If there's anything else you need, don't hesitate to contact the Church Office—we're happy to help!

## HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS



### Mother's Day Breakfast

The Mujeres en Gracia women's ministry recently hosted a special Mother's Day breakfast, bringing together around 50 women for a time of fellowship and reflection on God's Word.

We were especially thankful to welcome 11 women who visited our church for the first time, and we pray they continue connecting with our congregation. During the event, a message was shared about placing our trust completely in Jesus Christ, who is our true refuge and hope.

We are grateful to everyone who supported and took part in this beautiful event.

## MOMENTS FROM THIS MONTH

BAPTISM OF KHLOE AND MATTHEW GUITIERREZ



BAPTISM OF BELLE ROBERTSON



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GLEE 2026 GRADUATES!



# MOMENTS FROM THIS MONTH

GLEE SPRING SING & GRADUATION



2026 CONFIRMANDS



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**KEEP UP WITH THESE MOMENTS AND MANY MORE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!**

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**FACEBOOK:** Grace Lutheran Church Arlington, TX | @gracelutheranarlington  
**TIKTOK:** @grace.lutheran  
**YOUTUBE:** Grace Lutheran Church | @grace.lutheran

## Special Dates

- Worship moves to Gym, *June 7, 2026*
- St. Barnabas, Apostle, *June 11, 2026*
- Sisters in Christ Game Night, *June 11, 2026*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2026*
- Juneteenth, *June 19, 2026*
- Young Adults Bring-A-Board Night, *June 19, 2026*
- Father's Day, *June 21, 2026*
- Rome: Grace Family Nights, *June 22-24, 2026*
- The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, *June 24, 2026*
- National DCE Day, *June 26, 2026*
- St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles, *June 29, 2026*



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- *Blake Winters — June 1*
- *Nancy Helm — June 3*
- *Katie Schmidt — June 3*
- *Maryann Jacobs — June 4*
- *Rachel M. Son — June 4*
- *Devon D. Scoggins — June 4*
- *Santa George — June 6*
- *Marci Wright — June 7*
- *Brian Reynolds — June 7*
- *Mark Joeckel — June 7*
- *Michael R. Smith — June 8*
- *Brent Burns — June 10*
- *Karen Widger — June 10*
- *Naomi Seaver — June 10*
- *Zachary Rubel — June 10*
- *Glenn Moretz — June 11*
- *Mike Campbell — June 11*
- *Antonio Saldana — June 13*
- *James Schmidt Jr. — June 13*
- *Allie Bahe — June 13*
- *Alison Roth — June 14*
- *Sasha Green — June 14*
- *Santiago Massey — June 14*
- *Shelly Savant — June 15*
- *Robert Matthys — June 15*
- *Evan Desroches — June 16*
- *Kathy A. Rawson — June 19*
- *Richard Crossman — June 20*
- *David R. Joeckel — June 21*
- *Andrew Swille — June 21*
- *Dorothy Mollins — June 23*
- *Patrick S. Curtis — June 27*
- *Eileen Watkins — June 27*
- *Linda Johnson — June 29*



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- *Shahid & Lindsay Ali — June 2*
- *Joe & Nancy Masterson — June 6*
- *Howard & Dawn Stacy — June 13*
- *Brian & Ann Bassett — June 15*
- *David & Cathy Taylor — June 20*
- *Eric & Bette Rathjen — June 20*
- *Arnold & Santa George — June 22*
- *Scott & Chelsea Schlesinger — June 22*
- *Glenn & Mary Moretz — June 24*
- *David & Reecanne Joeckel — June 25*
- *Jim & Jan Runzheimer — June 25*
- *Red & Susan Hoar — June 27*
- *Clyde & Dorothy Mollins — June 29*
- *Miguel & Jessica Nieves — June 29*

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## Prayer Prompts for June 🙏

Join us in praying through these simple prompts throughout the month:

- Our Church Family — Pray that God would strengthen our church in faith, unity, and love as we grow together in Christ.
- GLEE Students & Graduates — Give thanks for accomplishments this year and pray for God's guidance, protection, and direction in the next chapter ahead.
- Young People — Pray that children, teens, and young adults would grow in their faith and build lasting friendships rooted in Christ.
- Visiting Families — Pray for the families and guests God brings through our doors—that they would feel welcomed, encouraged, and loved.
- New Connections — Ask God to create opportunities for meaningful conversations and relationships within our church community.
- Summer Ministry Opportunities — Pray that God would use summer events, activities, and gatherings to draw people closer to Him.