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A Note from Pastor Pase

Dear Fellow Saints of the Risen Lord!

In April I attended the Texas District Theological Convocation in Austin. The theme was *Two Kingdom Missiology: LCMS Public Theology in Service to the Gospel in Twenty-First Century America*. I want to highlight what really stuck with me from one speaker, the Rev. Dr. Greg Steltz who runs the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, DC.

There are a lot of things happening in our society. There are a lot of voices, specifically trying to shut us up. I want you to know this. Our foundations are solid. And they are three. 1) God is in control! Don't ever doubt that! 2) God is the One engaging. And 3) We get to put His engagement into action. That may sound scary. But we have the First Amendment and that shuts the mouths of the lions like it did for David. Remember, all this talking they do, all this threatening they do is because that is all they **can** do. We are protected.

Which is good because, as I am sure you know, there is a cultural war going on. There is a virtual blackout in the Christian worldview. And there is a political movement against us. It is time for us to engage.

Look back at the story of Esther. Esther 4:14 says, "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

"For such a time as this!" We are to be like Esther. In Esther Mordecai uses his left-hand vocation to protect the promise. The promise to God's people we call the right-hand vocation.

We are to engage the world with a unique perspective. We have a dynamic differentiation. We are limited in what we can do but unlimited on what God can do.

And what would God do? Yes, many ask WWJD? This is not the proper question to ask. How about WWFD? What would the Father do? What would He have us do to preserve His world? But I believe (from Dr. Seltz) the better question is WWJRD? What would Jesus *really* do? He would honor the Father. That is what He always did. He told the leaders "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." He was always about honoring the Father.

We honor the Father when we remember and exercise the fact that God is always working. We honor the Father when we don't think and act that He has abandoned us in our country.

Remember Esther! We are here "for such a time as this."

Remember we are protected. The left-hand kingdom God has provided us has given us First Amendment protections. They can threaten, but their words are empty. As long as the Constitution stands, we stand. We stand ready to be used by God. For God engages the world in order to preserve it and save it. We boldly proclaim the Gospel while humbly proclaiming the Law. Our best witness is indirect and unintentional meaning, daily living the faith. We may not believe this but Christians being Christians in society makes a difference. Perhaps that is why we don't see a difference being made.

Live your Christian vocation. God preserves us through the left-hand kingdom, so we are free to serve Him in His right-hand kingdom. Like Jesus, we seek to honor the Father in all we think, say, and do.

God bless our efforts for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Pastor Pase
Ps 46:10

THOUGHTS FROM MS. CAROL



Dear Family of Grace,

As of May 1, we have 40 days and 40 nights to go. Do those numbers ring a bell for you? It rained for 40 days and 40 nights while Noah and his family were locked safely in the ark. Well, we do not plan to board an ark, but we will be boarding a New Mexico/Texas Charter Coach on June 9th bound for LaGrange, Texas, and a week of Pioneer Camp at Camp Lone Star. This year we are a group of 28 children ranging in age from 3rd grade through High School. Macy Dalager is making her final trip as a camper as she will graduate in May. She can go back as a counselor though . . . wouldn't that be awesome! One of our campers, Emma Hayslip, is going this year for the first time! Her dad went when he was a kid and both her parents are excited for her to have this opportunity.

The theme of this summer's camp is from



“Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.”

I will be asking for prayer pals for our 28 campers this month. A prayer pal writes a short note in 4 cards (provided), writes the campers name on the outside and returns them to me or the church office by June 2nd. They will receive one card each day from you during “Slab” time, which is also “Pioneer” time when Cindy Hilton and I will have the opportunity to be with the kids as a group for 1 hour. A prayer pal also keeps his/her camper in daily prayers during the week we are at camp. Please consider being a prayer pal to one of our kids!

The campers have a busy daily schedule as you can see below –

Morning Devotion	Flat on Bunk (FOB) - rest
Breakfast & cabin clean up	Cabin group activities
All camp song time and VIP message	Round Up
Cabin group activities	Dinner
(craft, canoe, swim, archery, etc.)	Slab Time (Pioneer Time)
Lunch	All Camp Activity
Morning devotion	Evening Devotions

This year the NEW dining hall (part of their capital campaign) is finished and ready for the campers. This means we ALL eat together instead of in shifts! I'm ready to go! Start the countdown!

Blessings,

Ms. Carol

Our Baptismal Journey

More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

Ascension Day Service

Ascension Day is the most overlooked church festival day. **Thursday, May 9th** is Ascension Day and we will have an Ascension Day service with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm. The Ascension of our Lord is vitally important to our current and future plans as God's children. See you in church!



A MATTER OF
FAITH

Confirmation Weekend

Evan James Hale
Adalynn Joy Hayden
Henry Robert Wolfmueller
William Charles Wolfmueller

Will reaffirm their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation.

Questioning will be on Saturday, May 18th at

6:00 pm in the sanctuary with reception following in the Fellowship Hall

Rite of Confirmation is in the sanctuary at **10:30am** on Sunday, May 19th.



VBS

Campfire Firelight VBS will be on **July 1, 2, and 3** (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). This year's VBS theme is based on Psalm 56:3: "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. This verse reminds us that we can trust God no9 matter what challenges we face in life. Surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills, Camp Firelight is the perfect location for every campers favorite summer activities! The Bible Stories will teach the children about people in the Bible who experience the gift of a trusting relationship with God, and will teach us to trust God to lead the way (story of Ruth), to give us peace (Jesus Calms the Storm) and to spark joy (Philip and the Ethiopian) in our own lives and in the lives of others.

REGISTRATION: During the month of May, a table will be set up in the Entryway with **registration forms** for you to fill out or take home and bring back. All registration forms need to be returned by June 15th.

DONATE: There will also be a table with items we will need for our VBS. You will have the opportunity to select one or more items to **donate**. Most items can be purchased at Amazon.com.

BORROWED ITEMS: Along with purchased items, we will also need some items you might have at home and are **willing for us to borrow** during the VBS days. These items include: Christmas trees (2-6 feet), sleeping bags, tents (able to be set up inside), lanterns, camp stoves, and any other items you think we might use for our decorations.





SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES AT VBS

SIGN UP ON THE PINK SHEET	
OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION
PRAYER WARRIORS	We always begin with prayer. Everyone can do this! Pray for all aspects of this year's VBS. Pray for the servants, the leaders, the children and the mission project. Pray for our VBS Vision: Trusting God to be with us in every situation.
Donations	Pictures of items from Amazon will be displayed on a table in the entryway for you to pick up and purchase. All purchases need to be returned to the church by June 16th.
CAMP COUNSELORS 5-6 ADULTS JR. COUNSELORS 5-6 YOUTH	Lead a group of campers through the Camp Stations (Opening/Closing, Craft, Story, Music, Snack., Science, Recreation) You will stay with the campers during the activities, but will not be responsible for the activity. JR COUNSELORS will help the Camp Counselor. Groups will include Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th and 5th/6th)
CRAFT LEADERS 2 ADULTS 1 YOUTH	Assist Campers in making a craft each day. Crafts and supplies will be purchased and ready to go for you each day.
STORY LEADERS 2 ADULTS 1 YOUTH	You will tell the Bible Story (Law and Gospel) each day using a variety of fun and interactive methods. The stories to be told in a fun and interactive way. Ideas are outlined in the teacher's guide which is provided.
SNACK LEADERS 2 ADULTS 1 YOUTH	Prepare pre-planned snacks for the children each day and serve them after sharing a table prayer. All you need will be provided.
RECREATION 1 ADULT 2 YOUTH	Supervise pre-planned games with the children. All supplies will be made available to you each day.
SCIENCE 1 ADULT 1 YOUTH	Dazzle the minds of the children with pre-planned science experiments. Your science lab and experiments will be furnished with all you need.
WORKSHOP VBS PREP	Attend workshops to help prepare necessary items for VBS. June 19 and/or June 26
SET UP / DECORATE MANY SERVANTS NEEDED	June 30th After Church: Decorate different areas/hallways of church (directions will be given) Set up tables/chairs; Directions will be provided.
CLEAN UP TAKE DOWN MANY SERVANTS NEEDED	July 3rd at noon. All decorations taken down. VBS materials/supplies collected and boxed up or returned to rightful place. Directions will be provided.



Important Dates:

- May 1 & 2: Puppet Chapel
 May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 15: Spring Praise Chapel & Graduation for Mrs. Hope's MWF 4's and Mrs. Cavazos' 4's at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. Please enter through the doors facing Northrup (circle drive).
 May 16: Spring Praise Chapel & Graduation for Mrs. Amanda's 4's and Mrs. Dutchover's Kindergarten at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. Please enter through the doors facing Northrup (circle drive).
 May 22 & 23: Last 2 days of school – DISMISSAL at 11:00 – Pick up your kiddos and meet us on the playground for a picnic!

Have a safe, healthy and blessed Summer, can't wait to see you all next year!!

Some availability left in a few classes for the 24-25 school year! We also need substitute teachers for next year!! To inquire, call Amy or Micah at 694-3063 to find out more about joining our fantastic team!

Bible Stories, Bible Words and SHINE Words for May

May 6 – 10	Paul and Silas Acts 16:34-40	Deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:13 Shine during troubles
May 13 – 17	Timothy 1 Timothy 1:3-14	These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ John 20:31 Shine in His Word
May 20 – 23	Shine	Let your light shine Matthew 5:16 Shine! Shine! Shine!

STORIES

Bible

&

WORDS

What a blessed year we have had at the ECP! The students have learned to SHINE, SHINE, SHINE!



Voters' Assembly is on the calendar for Sunday, May 5th after divine service.

We will honor our 2024 high school graduates at this meeting.

*Konnor Alexandra Benton
Macy Anne Dalager
Zachary Paul Hayden
William Wyatt Krueger*



May 12th is Mother's Day.

Today, more than ever before, take a moment to call or send out a special wish and a prayer. Whether it's your mom, grandmother, aunt, friend, or whoever fills this special role in your life.



Midweek Ministry



There's a place for YOU at Grace!

6:15-7:15 pm: Bible Bunch, K-2nd

(Teachers: Jennifer Powell, Stacy Baker, Casey Gregory)

Pre-Confirmation, 3rd-4th

(Teachers: Jessica Diaz, Lauren Schwalbach, Stephanie Mitchell)

Pre-Confirmation, 5th-6th (Michelle Wolfmueller, Jennifer Powell)

High School (Ryan Hamilton)

Adult Study, (Rotate Leaders)

1st Year Confirmation (Carol Massie)

2nd Year Confirmation (Pastor Pase)

Our last Wednesday this year is May 15th

May 15th will be a Midweek Celebration with Ice Cream and BINGO For Bible Bunch through 7th Grade + High School!

Wednesday Meals for May



Join us for the Wednesday Meals. There's always great food and fellowship. Meals start at **5:00pm** and end at **6:00pm**. Show your appreciation with a free-will offering to help cover the expenses. All meals include salad & desserts.

May 1	Taco salad
May 8	Fried Chicken
May 15	Surprise!

Please make sure to sign up for dinner *each week* on the **PINK SHEET** so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

What's Going On At Grace

Monday Evening Divine Service – 7:00 pm

If you are not able to be in the Lord's house on Sunday, our Monday divine service is for you. Also, remember CD and DVD copies of each divine service are available upon request to the church office. You may also listen to the previous Sunday's divine service via our website, www.gracelutheranmidland.org.

Our Last Monday Evening Service is May 20th until August



Remember we have *endowments* and *scholarship funds* that are doing great work. Your periodic or regular contribution keeps them going and ministry being done. The funds that we really need to keep funded are the Youth Fund and the Jane Pase Kindergarten Scholarship Fund. You can use your Endowment envelope and earmark which fund it goes to. Thank you for your generosity.



Graceful Seniors

We meet on **May 14th at 10:15am** and **May 28th at 10:00**. We are studying Genesis. And *you* are invited to join us! We are meeting in the Parlor. Enter through the circle-drive doors.

2024 FLOWER CHART



The **2024 Flower Chart** is located on the Grace bulletin board in the south hallway, across from the Parlor. **The flowers are still \$50/vase.** There are several dates still open. Please fill out an envelope, place payment inside and turn it in either in the **offering plate** or on **Victoria's desk** no later than Monday preceding your flower date to get the dedication in the Worship Folder on the day your flowers are on the altar. **Make checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.**

Please note there is a new place to check on the envelope at the bottom if you would like to pick your flowers up by Tuesday morning.



Rope Youth Service Project: Our Focal Point Youth Groups will be serving hamburgers from the Rope Youth Food truck again this summer. Our week is June 3-7. **Parents and members** are invited and encouraged to serve with the teens. Call Natalie Keesee or Carol Massie to sign up for an evening of serving from 4:30 – 7:00.



Stephen Ministry is a valuable ministry, in place at Grace since 2005. Do you know of someone (look in the mirror first) who is hurting? Do you know it is not good for him or her to be walking this path alone? Pride says we can, but pride is wrong. We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to walk with those hurting. Talk to Pastor Pase or any Stephen Minister you see wearing their blue nametag. And remember ... this isn't just for Grace members. Look around your sphere of influence.



Our **2024 Sunday School Offering** is going to Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need.

Our total offerings through April 14th are \$933.25.
Our goal is \$3,000 by December 31st.



The Columbarium is fully functional and there are several niches available. Engravings are also available. Engravings have been done on the niches occupied. If you would like to purchase a niche in the Columbarium, please see Victoria in the Church office for the forms.

Prayer focus for May is our Children, Youth, & Family Life Ministry Board

Chair: Ryan Hamilton
Michele Hayden, Cindy Hilton, Natalie Keesee, Ross Klabon, Carol Massie, & Jamie Moerbe





**It's not too late to sign up for May 2024
Please prayerfully consider the open months listed below.**

A teller assists Jim Raven (Grace's Financial Secretary), in counting the tithes collected after Sunday service. It normally takes about one hour.

No prior training is needed.

Jim will show you on the spot how to help, and your presence serves as an important "control" in ensuring more than one person is present while tithes are counted.

Tellers are needed for May, July - October, & December 2024!

Please sign up on the PINK SHEET

In your weekly worship bulletin.

Please check your calendars to see when you are able to serve.



Grace Quilters

Grace Quilters are auctioning a military quilt in honor of our Grace Veterans this month. Proceeds will go to Debt Retirement.

The quilt is hanging in the hallway near the Community Room and will be there all month. Silent Auction information will be on the table near the quilt. Your support of this project, and Grace Quilters, is always greatly appreciated!

The auction will end on May 26th

Our Quilters do such a fantastic job! We are always looking for new faces to come in and work with us. The best part is that there is no experience needed. The ladies continue their "labor of love" on **Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00pm** in the Community Room. Stop by to see what all the excitement is about. Contact Margaret Cloyd 432-638-3358 or Gina Zimmerman 432-553-2263 if you have any questions.

Due to increased material costs, quilts will now be \$65 for full size and \$45 for lap quilts.



G.R.A.C.E. Connections

Stay connected to the Word and your family at Grace!

We currently have 5 active Connection Groups at Grace.

Graceful Seniors Leader Pastor Pase. They meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parlor. This is a mixed group, studying books of the Bible. Though called “Seniors,” all ages are welcome. Current study is Genesis.

Growing in Grace Meets Wednesday during Midweek Ministry hour in the Library.

SOS (Surviving on Scripture). They meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm in the Library. If you are interested in joining us, contact Cindy Hilton or Carol Massie for details.

The Sheep of Bibleville Leader Pastor Pase. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 11:30am – 12:30pm in the Parlor. (Please use doors by the Circle Drive.) This Connection Group began to give the Bibleville Team an opportunity to be fed during the week. Their current study is Romans.

Men’s Breakfast Connection Leader is Ryan Hamilton. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at Higher Grounds Coffee on Andrews Highway from 6:45am – 7:30am. Topics will vary.

G.R.A.C.E. Connections are the Grace congregation in mission. They are groups of 4 to 12 people who come together and are intentionally led in the mission statement of our congregation:

† **Sharing God’s Grace**

† **Living His Word**

† **Making Disciples**

The Core Values of G.R.A.C.E. Connections are:

- **Growing**...by reaching out, *witnessing*, and forming new groups
- **Relating**...and *connecting* with each other as the body of Christ
- **Acting**...in Christian *service* and mission
- **Caring**...and *praying* for each other and the world
- **Enriching**...personal growth and spiritual transformation through *Bible study*

Satan seeks to divide to destroy. Stay CONNECTED. Be CONNECTED. Be a part of a G.R.A.C.E. Connection!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Erin Heard	05/01
Terry Wells	05/04
Cadence Hall	05/04
Adam Hobratschk	05/04
Teresa Clingman-DeShaw	05/06
Karsen Mitchell	05/08
Toni Granat	05/09
Rowan Sparks	05/09
Hawley Moore	05/12
Margie Norton	05/13
Brent Schaekel	05/13
Frances Witt	05/14
Rachel Pelletier	05/16
Bryson Powell	05/17
Stephen Boyles	05/19
Claudia Chaney	05/23
Lea Keese	05/23
Chris Stansell	05/23
Betty Barnes	05/24
Brandon Pokky	05/24
Jessica Diaz	05/29
Jamie Moerbe	05/30
Blake Dalager	05/31
Elizabeth Grabow	05/31



Baptismal Birthdays

Terry Wells	05/01
Will Froebel	05/01
Fred Norton	05/08
Lauren Schwalbach	05/09
Virginia DeBerry	05/09
Adalynn Hayden	05/10
Erin Heard	05/10
Harper Diaz	05/11
Eli Hale	05/13
James Powell	05/13
Reagan Smith	05/14
Gina Zimmerman	05/14
Denise Schumacher	05/15
Pat Lufholm	05/26
Stefan Parsley	05/27
Kelli Baumann	05/27



Anniversaries

DENNIS & CAREN STEPHENS	05/17
44 YRS.	
JAMES & JUDY ROBERTS	05/23
37 YRS.	
MAC & MELANIE HALL	05/23
15 YRS.	





**Mother-Son
Buckaroo
Rodeo**

An illustration of two cowboy hats: a pink one with a white band and a brown one with a white band. They are positioned below the text.

Palm Sunday

The Lord blessed us during our Lenten journey as we were *Guided to the Cross*. We began Holy Week with the traditional palm processional as the pictures below show. We finished with a beautiful sunrise Easter service and then our triumphant, joyous Easter divine service. He is Risen! He is Risen! Indeed!

Do you have your palm branch in your home behind a picture of Jesus. He is the King of kings and the King of our homes.



WE DID IT! We brought it back and it was wonderful! We had 32 kids, 28 parents and 22 Servants . . . that's 82 in total! What a fun and interactive way to hear and learn about the events of Holy Week. That was Ms. Jane's vision for this family event. We plan to do this again for Easter 2026. If you missed this one, don't miss the next one! Watch the Texas Messenger (in the Lutheran Witness) for an article about our Jerusalem Jubilee.

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Christmas in Action 2024

Thank you to our Captain, Jason Hawkins! And a HUGE thank you to Jodie Hawkins and the Greenwood Interact Club who were, by far, the majority present. The project could not have been completed without them since Grace officially had two servants present. That's right two! I am sure we can easily triple that number next year. And yes ... we *will* be back in 2025 to serve again beyond the walls with Christmas in Action.



Jr. High Focal Point

Last month, our Junior High Focal Point assembled for the HIGHLY anticipated annual lock-in at Grace Lutheran Church on March 22, the junior high youth did more than just crash-test wheelchairs and frighten their peers in the hallways. They gathered in prayer and fellowship with a thought-provoking devotion led by Pastor Pase.

Later on, the twilight hours did NOT disappoint. These boys came prepared for another epic game of late-night capture the flag! Each of them showed up donning black clothing from head-to-toe with walkie talkies and earpieces for stealth communication. Earpieces! Conversely, the girls made great use of the megaphone in an alternative strategy. Ask all of our youth about the laughter, growth, and fellowship from the 2024 junior high lock-in!



K.F.C. / S.W.A.T.

painting & pizza & Pastor

The 3 "P's Event



New Member Dinner

We had 25 attendees at the Spring New Member Dinner on April 14th. Included were new Grace family members, their Buddies, Elders & Pastor Pase. It was a fun evening full of food & fellowship. We are looking forward to our next New Member Dinner in the Fall.

Thanks to the New Member Committee – Stephen & Michelle Boyles, Rachel Schimank, & Vicki Byars.



CHATTER

Texas District CEF Newsletter



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CELEBRATING WITH LEGACY DEO

by Raelyn Pracht



Legacy Deo's CEO, Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick and Texas CEF Executive Director, Becca Jones

This collaboration will continue at the 2024 LWML Texas District Convention this June in Corpus Christi. We hope to see you there, Friends!

On Friday, March 15, almost one year to the date of the dedication of their new building, Texas District CEF joined in celebrating Legacy Deo's loan payoff with a symbolic Note Burning. What a beautiful partner to walk with in ministry!

We give God praise not only for the abundant blessings He has blessed Legacy Deo with including current and former staff, but also for the strong relationship between our two ministries.

Two Ministries



One Heart

APRIL 2024 RATES

FIXED RATE		FLOATING RATE		CONGREGATIONS	
One Year Note	4.000% (4.06% APY)	One Year Note	3.250% (3.29% APY)	Savings	1.250% (1.26% APY)
Three Year Note	3.750% (3.80% APY)	Three Year Note	3.500% (3.55% APY)	Building Fund	3.000% (3.04% APY)
Five Year Note	3.850% (3.91% APY)	Five Year Note	3.750% (3.80% APY)		
Jumbo Investment**	4.150% (4.22% APY)	Flex Savings	1.000% (1.00% APY)		
		Rainy Day Fund*	1.250% (1.26% APY)		

** \$100,000 minimum investment. 18-month term.

* Amounts over \$10,000 receive the Flex Savings rate

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Thank you, CEF Reps and the Board for Church Extension, for spending your time helping us achieve our mission of being the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus. You are a valued partner to not only Texas CEF, but also to your congregation and to the Texas District. We appreciate you!

*"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."
1 Corinthians 3:9*

Did You Know?

about Texas District CEF's
Rainy Day Fund?



It's a great investment to help you -

- Save for something specific
- Save for the unexpected

Visit texascef.org/rainyday
to find out more!

Through investments from Texas District LCMS congregations and their members, Church Extension Fund will be the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

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Grace Prays~~~~~2024

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation's leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our ECP

*For updates to Grace Prays,
please email Victoria
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or call the Church Office,
432.697.3221*

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- ❖ Mike Barbian, Cimarron Place
- ❖ Charles Colgan, Ashton Medical Lodge
- ❖ Eleanor Dillenburg
- ❖ Georgi Rushing

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

- ❖ Jim Hill, Royce Parsley, & Melinda Richmond.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Diane Richey (Carol Massie's sister) had wrist surgery on 3/25. Therapy is going well. She saw her doctor on 4/24.
- ❖ Walther Marcis (Pastor's father-in-law) is still waiting on a few more appointments to determine if he is a candidate for the TAVR procedure.
- ❖ Linda (sister of Rhonda Shutts) lymph node biopsy was negative. She has started chemo & radiation.
- ❖ Charles Hall, (former JP in Midland & friend of Todd & Vicki Byars.) his heart procedure was done on 4/19 with 2 stents inserted.
- ❖ Mary Ann Johnson is in Hospice Care as of 4/4.
- ❖ Jeff Turner saw his neurologist on 4/17. Doctors are fairly certain it's not ALS, but possibly an autoimmune disease with similar symptoms. Next appt. is 5/2 for more tests & study.
- ❖ Mary Groshans (Dillon Caylor's grandmother) is in MCH ICU with kidney & lung failure.
- ❖ Andy Zinkgraf (Dean at MCA) had a heart attack on 4/18. 2 stents were replaced.

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