

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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“We, the family of Grace Lutheran, exist to be a ‘mission-driven’ congregation (Matthew 28:18-19), dedicated to reaching and winning the lost for Jesus Christ, discipling the saved, and caring for people locally and globally, so as to be prepared for His final return.”(Grace Lutheran’s Mission Statement)

## *A Brief History of Grace*

In 1943, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Copperas Cove, Texas, initiated the idea of a mission church in Killeen. Services began May 23, 1954, under the sponsorship of Immanuel. Worship and Sunday School were held at the Center Theater at 409 North Gray Street in downtown Killeen. On Sunday, April 3, 1955, Grace Lutheran Church was formally organized as a mission congregation of the Texas District, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

On July 13, 1958, the congregation moved temporarily from the Center Theater to Fowler Elementary School on Trimmier Road. The first church building was built and dedicated at 1301 South Trimmier Road on September 14, 1958.

Over the years, the Holy Spirit blessed the Grace Family with steady growth. In 1970, the congregation changed from mission status to being a self-supporting congregation. On September 13, 1970, the congregation dedicated the current facilities at 1007 Bacon Ranch Road.

On April 2, 1995, the congregation celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Part of this celebration included the dedication of the expanded and remodeled facilities. This building project began in 1993 as Phase I of a three phase construction plan and included a new Education Wing, a new Narthex, a renovated Sanctuary, and the remodeling of the administration facilities.

Grace Lutheran School began as a preschool ministry in 1978 with kindergarten being added in 1983 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 1984. Over the years various grades were added as enrollment increased. In the fall of 1997, two portable educational buildings were added to meet the needs of the expanding needs of the school and church. The school has faced many challenges and has enjoyed 25 years of blessings and success serving the congregation and the Killeen and Ft. Hood communities. Currently, Grace Lutheran School is focusing its efforts on the Early Childhood programs and has recently added extended care, day care, and "Mother's Day" out programs for 1 and 2 year olds.

Grace celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2005 with a three part celebration under the theme, "Remember, Rejoice, Rededicate." During this year long celebration, we remembered with thanksgiving all that God has done in and through this congregation, we rejoiced in the salvation that God has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and we rededicated ourselves in our confession of faith to the mission that God has entrusted to this congregation. We pray that our gracious Lord will continue to bless the work Grace is doing to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# *Interested in Membership?*

If you are interested in membership here at Grace, we would be happy to have you as part of our fellowship in the Body of Christ. Membership at Grace means more than just joining a “church.” It means that you are member of the mission of Grace Lutheran Church & School.

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

There are 6 steps to the process of becoming a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

1. We ask that you would spend time in prayer seeking the Lord’s guidance in making your decision about calling Grace your “church home.”
2. Meet with the Pastor so that we can get to know each other, fill out the proper paperwork, and, if necessary, request a transfer from your current home congregation if you are a member of a sister congregation of the Missouri Synod.
3. Complete the Inquirer’s Class, a nine lesson survey of Lutheran doctrine, practice, and worship. This class is required of all new members. It will serve as a review for those coming from a Lutheran background and will satisfy the needed instruction for those that do not.  
  
This class normally meets for 9-10 one hour sessions on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Other arrangements can be made if necessary.
4. The Pastor will gain approval for your membership from the Board of Lay Ministry.
5. Meet with one of the Lay Ministers & an Assimilation Team for a final orientation about Grace.
6. Schedule a time at one of the worship services for you and your family to be formally inducted into membership.

## MEMBERSHIP & MISSION

We ask that as you prayerfully think about membership here at Grace, you would consider our mission, our commitment to that mission, and your contribution to that mission. Please see our Mission statement on the first page of this brochure.

Our mission means that we are committed to...

- ✦ DISCIPLING THE SAVED - each individual grows in the faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✦ CARING FOR PEOPLE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY - we build each other up and support each other, here and abroad.
- ✦ REACHING AND WINNING THE LOST - we strive to support, local, national, and international mission activities so as to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Our mission is accomplished by...

- ✦ Regular attendance in worship.
- ✦ Participation in corporate Bible Study and personal devotions in God’s Word.
- ✦ Supporting the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church through prayer and through the stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure.

We pray the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon you and your family as you make this important decision.