



Welcome to Grace Cheryl Rogers

Grace welcomes Cheryl Rogers as a member!

Cheryl has lived in the Round Rock West neighborhood for many years. She is an Accounting Manager at Girl Scouts of Central Texas.

She enjoys spending time with her adult daughter Amanda, who lives in the area. Cheryl has an artistic side to her. She creates wonderful designs for t-shirts. This artistic side also is expressed in baking cookies, cakes, pies and any kind of desserts. Her off time is also spent with friends and reading. She's learning to like going to the gym but is still working on that.

As a lifelong Lutheran she feels at home in worship and is excited about getting to know Grace.

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LENT AT GRACE WEDNESDAY SERVICES AND SMALL GROUPS

Three Wednesday services, 7p, March 4, 18 and April 1 are scheduled. These services will reflect on our Sunday Bible text as well as the story of the Good Samaritan (Neighbor).

There will be two weeks (March 11 & 25) with the small group meetings. These small groups will receive guide materials and if needed a resource person to help.

Why do we need small groups? Grace is a small congregation that knows each other already.

Small groups give the gift of a little more time together than the moments before and after worship. *Small groups give the gift* of focusing attention on our faith journeys. *Small groups give the gift* of building deeper relationships with folks you already like. Grace will receive all these gifts from the Lenten Small Groups.

The goals of these small groups are to deepen our relationships and practice studying Scripture and praying together. All ages are welcome (and needed).

LENTEN BOOK GROUP

Just as small groups deepen our relationships a book group can bless us.

Pastor Cindy will be leading this group as we read Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass. Over the past years Grace has gotten smaller in numbers and Pastor believes this loss has dampened our spirit. Coming together to read Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks might be a way to reclaim who we are now and how we see the fullness of God's presences with us now.

We will meet three times between March 4-April 8. The meeting times will be set by the group. All ages are welcome (and needed). "Although most of us know that gratitude is good — and good for us — there is a gap between our desire to be grateful and our ability to behave gratefully. The implications of the gap are bigger than we realize, affecting both our personal and public lives."

LENTEN OFFERINGS ARE CHOSEN LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE (LIRS)

VISION All migrants and refugees are protected, embraced and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities.

MISSION As a witness to God's love for all people, we stand with and advocate for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice.

CORE VALUES Driven by a desire to serve vulnerable refugees and migrants, we refuse to compromise our moral, economic, and political integrity as we carry out our mission to that end.

Innovation

Committed to bold action and continuous learning, LIRS invites others to join our mission, eager to embrace fresh perspectives and explore new ways to engage in this work of welcome.

Interdependence

LIRS depends on a diverse network of community partners, faith-based groups, and private entities to magnify our reach and impact — and they rely on our expertise and leadership.

AMMPARO Migrant Children

The word "amparo" in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. In a holistic, whole church response that connects international and US outcomes, the ELCA has developed this strategy based on the following commitments:

- • Uphold and guarantee basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families.
- • Address the root causes of migration in countries from Central America's Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit.
- • Work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; and Engage as a church body with all its companions, affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes and to advocate for migrant children and their families.

Please designate you offering to "Lenten Offering". All Wednesday service offerings will be designated "Lenten Offering".