



SUMMER 2025

# CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



## ***"Praise Music"***

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

On these beautiful Texas days of Spring - the big blue sky, the flowers in bloom, and the temperatures still in check (for now) - it is easier for us to see creation itself praising God. We may have to look a little harder in mid-summer or mid-winter to see this... but to be sure, even then, all of creation praises God. Psalm 96:1-3 says,

*<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

*<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

*<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

What does it mean to sing to the Lord "a new song"? God's grace toward us is a dynamic, life-giving, sustaining grace. Though the message of the gospel has not changed in two millennia, for those in Christ the reality of the gospel affects our lives every day. Surrendering ourselves daily to God's love, our souls are renewed day-by-day. In Christ, no longer are we shackled by the chains of sin and burden under the weight of guilt and shame, but we have new life in every moment. In Christ there is freedom, joy, and hope. In every season of the year (and of life), God is worthy of our highest praise. That is something to sing about! Martin Luther once said:

*"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.*

*The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."*

When we gather in worship on Sunday mornings, we do so to praise God with humble hearts for His almighty greatness and loving goodness. We lift our voices in adoration to exalt our Father in heaven. Our praise of God ought not be confined to the walls of our sanctuary, but in all we say and do in our lives as we follow Jesus. When God's people are living as God created us to do - reflecting his goodness and holiness through our love for Him and service to one another - God is praised.

On this blessed day, might you make time to make music for the Lord today? We will let your life lived today be a song of praise to God? May we as a church community, let our light shine as we worship our magnificent God and Creator!



**Worship**



**Discipleship**



**Mission**



**Fellowship**

# WORSHIP

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These past few months we have journeyed through the season of Lent to Easter. In addition to our regular Sunday morning service, we gathered for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Our Good Friday service was new for us at GLPC (normally having a Maundy Thursday service). We hope that it was a meaningful service for all.

Easter morning we had two services - 7:00am Sunrise Service & 10:30am sanctuary service.  
It was so wonderful to gather on this joyous day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

Since January, Rev. Henderson has been leading us through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and we have now begun a more focused look at the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6 that will take us into the month of June.

We hope you will continue to join us for worship throughout the summer!



## Worship Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for worship services in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or something, please sign up in the binder on the volunteer desk!

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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We believe that rooting ourselves in Bible study with other believers is essential to our call as disciples.

We do want to continue our journey in our discipleship groups as we meet together and study God's word. We have several ongoing classes that meet on Sunday mornings as well as Bible studies that meet during the weekdays. Please join us as we gather together!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings, 9:30am

### The Voyagers Room 202

In-depth study of the Bible led by a team who use various commentaries to help enhance the lively class discussion. Meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### The Cultivators Room 209

The Cultivators Class is a lively discussion-oriented group for on-the-go adults seeking to understand how to apply scripture to daily life. We will be unpacking The Bible from its ancient origins to what each book offers a modern reader. Come as you are – no experience necessary!

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

### Women's Thursday Bible Study Room 209

We meet Thursday at 10am and we would love to have you join us! Our studies vary, and we always enjoy great discussion!

### Women's Friday Bible Study Room 209

Fridays at 10am. This class has a goal to grow an understanding of God's word and to deepen our relationship with Him by studying the Bible as well as Bible studies by other theologians.

### Men's Friday Bible Study Room 209

Fridays at noon. We read aloud and discuss books by renowned theologians along with pertinent Bible passages, always from a Reformed perspective.



# MISSIONS

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## Missions Wall

Our updated Missions wall is complete with a plaque for each of our Mission Partners! GLPC is actively supporting these partners with donations, support of their fundraisers, and volunteering opportunities. We will be inviting our Mission Partners to give a brief presentation during a service throughout the year to inform us about their service, impact in the community, and how best we can support them.

## Monthly KCM Food Pantry Drive

As a reminder, we still invite food donations on the first Sunday of the month, which we deliver to KCM to help with their food pantry throughout the year. KCM is also happy to take your plastic bags and egg cartons to help repackage food and other items. We have a container for plastic sacks, paper bags, and egg cartons in our food donation bin.

## Recap: Love & Serve Day

Missions have been busy serving our community with service and support. On May 4, 2025, the congregation shopped for Katy Christian Ministry to help stock their shelves for those needing support. HEB was filled with GLPC members in their new “Come Grow with Us” t-shirts, filling grocery carts with everything from food donations to essential need items. We donated 2,520 lbs. in products. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Our next service day will be September 14, 2025, when we will extend our service “Beyond the Doors” to help the community with various needs with projects. More details will follow. If you did not get a new t-shirt and would like to have one, let a Mission member know and we will get you one.



## Alexander Elementary School

Our friends and neighbors at Alexander Elementary have acknowledged our growing relationship by awarding us the Texas PTA Life Member Award. GLPC was a guest at their PTA volunteer brunch. The Missions Team will be hosting a Soft Freeze Ice Cream Machine for Teacher Appreciation Week as a thank you for their excellent service to our community and for being a good neighbor to GLPC.

## Back to School Projects

GLPC will be sponsoring children with Back-to-School drives for Presbyterian Children's Home and Services and The Red Apple Back to School Drive for Katy Christian Ministry. Even as one school year is ending, our Mission Partners are looking to the needs of children for the next school Year. Look for details in the bulletin insert in the coming weeks.

# GLPC KIDS

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## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held each Sunday at 9:30am & then again during our worship service for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Elementary aged children will begin the service with their family and be dismissed to Faith Express after the Children's Lesson. Childcare is available for our youngest kiddos. We would love to see your kids there!



**June 2-5 | 9am-noon**

We're excited to journey to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth this summer for VBS! Registration is open through May 28th!



Our VBS mission project this year will benefit Operation Christmas Child! During the week of VBS, we will fill shoeboxes of items to be sent to children in need all over the world. If you would consider donating, lists of suggested items can be found by the QR code or in the church foyer. Donations can be dropped off in the orange bin near Faith Express until June 3rd!



## CLUB 45

**CLUB 45** is a great time for 4th & 5th graders to dig into God's Word, have fun, & spend time with the youth group! This summer we will meet the following Sundays: **June 1st, June 29th, July 20th, and August 3rd!**

## YOUTH

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### Grand Lakes Presbyterian Youth Ministry SUMMER 2025

**JUNE**

1<sup>st</sup> : Game Night!  
8 -13<sup>th</sup> : **SUMMER TRIP - BUFFALO RIVER, AR!!**  
15<sup>th</sup> : **NO** Youth Group - Happy Father's Day!  
22<sup>nd</sup> : Youth Group!  
25<sup>th</sup> (Wed) : Swim Party @ the Dentons!  
29<sup>th</sup> : Icy Blast Ice Cream Night!

**JULY**

6<sup>th</sup> : **NO** Youth Group - Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!  
13<sup>th</sup> : **NO** Youth Group - Summer Break  
20<sup>th</sup> : We're Back - Popp'n Popsicles!  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Wed) : Mid-Week Movie Night!  
27<sup>th</sup> : Summer Sizzling Snow Cone Night!

**AUG**

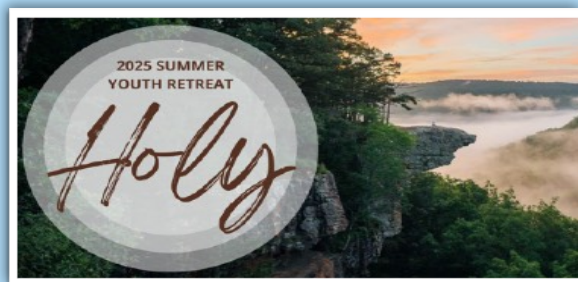
1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> (Fri-Sat) : Escape Room & Lock-In!  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Graduate Send-Off!  
10<sup>th</sup> : Back-to-School Bingo!  
... Fall Calendar TBD!



### Youth Talent Show Fundraiser Sunday, May 18th, after Worship

The youth are working to raise money for their yearly retreats! These retreats are such great experiences for our youth to grow in their faith!

Please join us for a delicious lunch, bake sale, and super fun talent show!!



### Youth Summer Trip - Buffalo River, AR - June 8-13

This is for all Jr & Sr High students. Along with our Bible Studies, we will raft the Buffalo River, hike, and more!

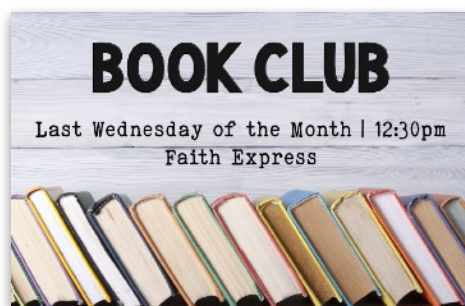


# FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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**Table for 8ish** is one of the best ways to get to know other members! Many groups were only able to meet a couple times this fall, so we would like to keep those same groups going this spring. If you did not sign up in the fall & would like to join, or if you were in a group & are now unable to meet, please contact Bonnie.



# FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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It is yearly checkup time. Are we experiencing any symptoms? Why, yes! And they are all good. We have a thriving congregation which stays engaged with our community in part by keeping our finances healthy with annual checkups.

We began our year by pulling together the 2024 financials for our lender Thrivent Financial who asks to review how we are doing within ninety days of closing the books each year. No hiccups there.

This was followed by conducting our own internal checkup with the assistance of Larry and Yannic, two members of the Finance Committee. Their work helped ensure we have proper checks and balances in place so we can continue to be the best stewards of our church's contributions.

Take a deep breath and keep growing with us!

## FINAL BUDGET IN BRIEF as of 4/30/25:

### INCOME:

Contributions :	\$245,258.06
Other Income :	<u>\$16,172.72</u>
Total All Income :	\$261,430.78

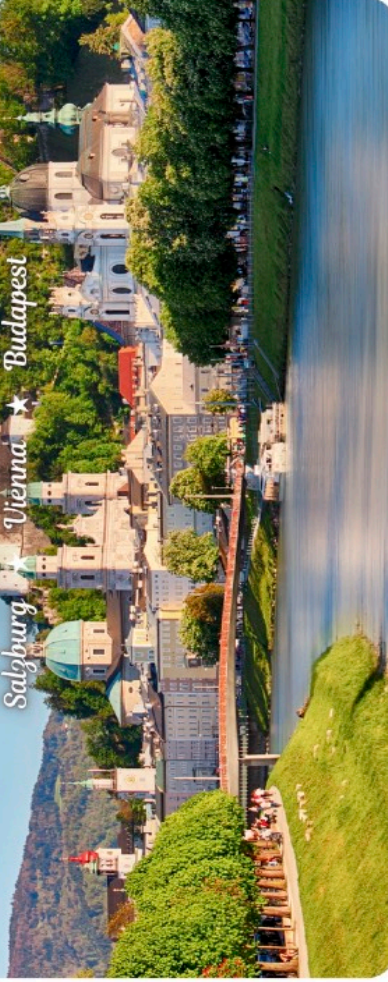
### EXPENSES:

Op. Expenses :	<u>\$(292,255.09)</u>
NET TOTAL :	<u>\$(30,824.31)</u>



# Europe

Salzburg Vienna ★ Budapest



## Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church

June 5 to June 14, 2026

- ★ Embark on a spectacular journey through the heart of Europe, where history, music, and breathtaking landscapes come together for an unforgettable experience. From Salzburg's rich musical heritage to Vienna's imperial grandeur and Budapest's vibrant charm, this tour offers a perfect blend of culture, history, and performance opportunities.
- ★ Explore the birthplace of Mozart, stroll through the picturesque Old Town, and enjoy a concert in this city renowned for its musical heritage.
- ★ Experience the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace, savor a dinner with live music, and attend a concert in the stunning St. Peter's Basilica.
- ★ Discover the city's architectural beauty, shop for local treasures, and experience Hungary's rich equestrian traditions with a folklore show and horse performance.



### 10- Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip international airfare
- 8 Nights' accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome Dinner
- Motorcoach and Tour Manager as per program
- Meals, activities and admissions as per itinerary
- Performances for the group

### Tour Cost

\$4, 579 per person in DBL  
\$5, 205 per person in SGL  
Based on 50 participants

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FRIDAY, JUNE 05, 2026: DEPARTURE FROM THE US



DAY 1



DAY 2

- Arrive in Munich.
- Oberammergau - Visit this charming Alpine village known for its passion play and beautifully painted houses.

SATURDAY, JUNE 06, 2026: MUNICH – NEUSCHWANSTEIN – SALZBURG (D)

- Neuschwanstein Castle - Discover the fairy-tale masterpiece that inspired Disney's castles, perched high in the Bavarian Alps.
- Overnight in Salzburg.



DAY 3

SUNDAY, JUNE 07, 2026: SALZBURG, PERFORMANCE I (B, D)

- City tour of Salzburg.
- Mozart Geburtshaus - Step into the birthplace of Mozart and uncover the life of a musical genius.
- Potential performance opportunity in Salzburg.
- Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.



DAY 4

MONDAY, JUNE 08, 2026: SALZBURG – BERCHTESGADEN – SALZBURG (B)

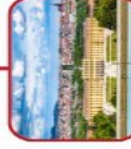
- Berchtesgaden - Excursion into Bavaria's breathtaking alpine landscapes.
- Salt Mine - Venture underground for a fascinating tour of centuries-old mining traditions.
- Boat Trip - Enjoy a scenic glide across crystal-clear waters.



DAY 5

TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2026: SALZBURG – VIENNA (B, D)

- Check out of the hotel.
- Mondsee - Visit the iconic Wedding Church, famed for its role in The Sound of Music.
- Melk Benedictine Monastery - Marvel at this stunning Baroque masterpiece overlooking the Danube.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna.



DAY 6

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026: VIENNA, PERFORMANCE II (B, D)

- City tour of Vienna.
- Schönbrunn Palace - Walk the opulent halls of this former Habsburg summer residence.
- Potential performance in St. Peter's Basilica.
- Dinner with live music in the evening.
- Overnight in Vienna.



DAY 7

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026: VIENNA (B)

- House of Music - Dive into Vienna's musical heritage with interactive exhibits and sound experiences.
- Volksoper Performance - Enjoy a world-class opera or operetta in this renowned Viennese theater.
- Overnight in Vienna.



DAY 8

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026: VIENNA – BUDAPEST, PERFORMANCE III (B, D)

- Budapest - Discover the city's rich history and stunning architecture on a guided tour.
- Potential performance in Budapest.
- Dinner and overnight in Budapest.



DAY 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026: BUDAPEST (B, L)

- Shopping Tour
- Tanya Csarda Excursion - Experience Hungary's rural charm with a traditional countryside visit.
- Welcome Drink upon arrival.
- Horse-drawn carriage ride.
- Lunch with live gypsy music and a Hungarian folklore show.
- Horse Show



DAY 10

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES (B)



**Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church**  
*Central Europe Performance Tour*  
**June 5-14, 2026**

Tour Organizer: Mr. Christian De la Cruz

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**  
ONLINE REGISTRATION CODE: FC3EEAED



**TOUR PRICE**

Tour Price is based on 50 participants and may increase if less than 50 participants register.

**Students:**

- \$4,579 double room
- \$5,205 single room

**Adults:**

- \$4,579 double room
- \$5,205 single room

**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

- Online registration is now open!
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is not confirmed until we receive your payment.
- An initial, non-refundable Tour Planning Fee/Booking Deposit of \$450 is required to register for this tour.
- To make payment and secure your spot tap, click, or scan the QR code in the red box above OR please visit [accounts.amclass.com](https://accounts.amclass.com). First time users will need to create an online user account. Once the account has been created OR if you already have an online user account, please login and enter the above **ONLINE REGISTRATION CODE** to register a participant for a tour.

**PASSPORT:**

- A valid passport (not included in price) is required for this tour.
- Please note that all passengers require at least 2 blank consecutive pages in their passports.
- Passports should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.

**PROTECT YOUR TRIP**

**HELP PROTECT YOU AND YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT:**

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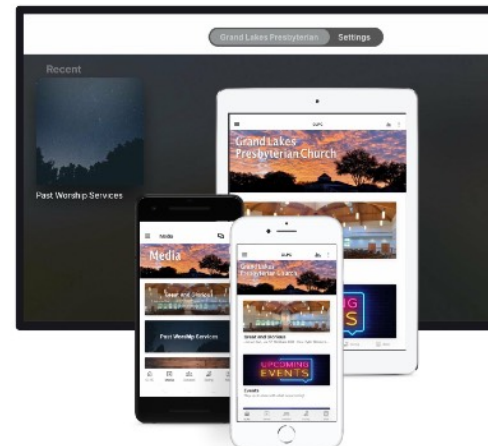
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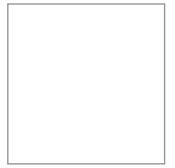
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## GLPC Highlights

### SUNDAYS

Disciple Groups:  
9:30am

Worship:  
10:30am

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