

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SCOUTING PROGRAMS

Due to the recent events in 2020 concerning the pandemic, we have seen the need to make adjustments to our Scouting program at Grace. While many units throughout the Country and our Council have seen drops in membership, we have also seen the loss of Units due to members not meeting in person. While we have started meeting in person with our Cub Pack and Scout Troop, we are still lacking in both Youth and Adult members. We realized a similar issue at Pack and Troop 33, Chartered by Oakland Baptist and have been able to develop a plan that will benefit both the Units and its Youth and Adult members. The 2 Packs will merge and meet at Grace and be chartered as Pack 540 while the Troops have done the same and will be chartered at Oakland Baptist under Troop 33. Both Pack 33 and Troop 540 will be kept and made available until such time as we are able to sustain meaningful membership and leadership to support them. We are still in need to both Cub Scout age Youth and additional Adult leaders as various levels (Den Leaders, Committee Members, etc.).

This cooperative merge allows us to continue to deliver the Scouting program to all of our Scouts by meeting weekly versus sharing limited time due to spacing requirements currently in place. The Cub Pack will be meeting at Grace every Monday beginning January 11 and the Troop will also meet on Mondays at Oakland Baptist. This also allows us the ability to have additional meeting space should the need arise, to meet in an alternate location. I would like to Thank our Adult Leaders, Walker Stockley and Preston Swasey in working with the Leaders at Oakland Baptist and myself to make this possible. In the end, our goal remains the same; deliver a positive Scouting experience to the Youth we serve.

Thanks,

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