



- ✝ Sharing God's Grace
- ✝ Living His Word
- ✝ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am
Monday Divine Worship – 7:00pm

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For the Week Beginning November 22, 2020

Holy Communion is celebrated today *after* the divine service. After the sanctuary empties, come back to the chancel steps. Fill out a registration slip from the pew. Place it on the rail.

Welcome to Grace's Family Conner Moehring comes to our family via transfer from Cross Lutheran in New Braunfels.

Let's Be Safe! We follow safe protocols on Sunday morning (keep that mask handy!) but what about Wednesday evenings? Please remember that if you cannot maintain a safe distance, have the mask ready to be worn on Wednesdays as well (and any other day you are here). Our air filtration system is a great asset to our health, but it is only one asset. We have done a good job thinking about each other. Let's continue to be proactive as we are proactively praying the Lord to break this virus! Pastor Pase.

Advent Begins Next Sunday! Advent devotionals are on the ushers' stand following our Advent theme of *Jesse Tree*.

December Newsletter: Your latest newsletter is arranged on the entryway table in alphabetical order for you. Please remember to stop and pick up your copy before you leave Grace today.

Family Promise Service Project with ECP: Thank you to everyone who donated items or cash for Family Promise. Executive Director Tom Miller was in chapel this past week and was very appreciative on how Grace and Grace ECP shines and shares!

ECP Prayer Pals: Did you get your Prayer Pal tag? They are ready for you to choose one or two students to pray for daily during the school year. You can also say some extra prayers, send cards, or give small treats on special occasions or holidays. All items will be handled through the ECP Office, to be given to the students.

Thanksgiving Day Divine Service is at 10:00 am this Thursday with our theme, *Why Christians Give Thanks!*

Zoom Will Continue for the foreseeable future but *only* for Sunday morning divine service. Thanksgiving, Midweek Advent, Christmas Eve/Day will not be Zoomed.

Poinsettias: Help the Altar Guild adorn our sanctuary this Christmas. They are \$15.00 each. Please pick up an order envelope located on the Ushers' stand. See Margie Norton with questions. **No orders after Sunday, December 20th.**

Decision on Pastoral Call: Last Sunday November 8th, I made the public announcement that I respectfully declined the call to serve at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Walnut, Illinois and will be remaining here at Grace. Thank you for the prayers during the time of deliberation. Pastor Allman.

Change Coming in December: We are returning back to our "normal" printing of the service folders. This means that the hymnals will be in use again. Sanitizing hands protects you. We are seeking to be faithful with the resources the Lord has given us.

Ski Trip Parent Info Meeting: On Sunday 12/6 and Sunday 12/13 at 11:30 AM (or right after church), there will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall for all parents of JH and HS students interested in going on the Ski Trip to Ruidoso, NM on January 15-17. **Please attend ONE of these meetings** to get your questions answered, pick up required forms, etc. These are 2 date options for the same meeting, so you only need to attend one. Please contact Lisa Dalager at 432-556-2957 with any questions.

Vocation and Grace Gifts Bible Class: Pastor Allman has begun a new Bible study in the Community Room. It's not too late to join, contact Pastor Allman and he will work with you to complete the six sessions.

NO Wednesday Meal: There is no meal this week as we remember the things we are truly thankful for on Thanksgiving Day. Prayers for everyone to have a safe and happy time however you choose to celebrate this special time.

The Masked Singers: Are you joining us for Christmas caroling on Sunday, 12/20? Do you know someone we can carol to? Please contact the Church Office or Pastor Pase to let us know you can make it. Also, give us the name and address of those who would appreciate a socially distant carol.

Calling All CHRISTMAS Kids: Some of you have spoken to Mrs. Jane, but we need you to contact the church office with your child/children's names & ages. Also, please email the best contact information since we will need to be in contact often! Thank you.

Intergenerational Family Event!!! The Family Life Ministry Team will be hosting the annual Gingerbread house competition in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 5th from 9am – 12 noon. Please see handout to RSVP.

Challenge Yourself: Are you connected? Are you engaged? Do you know one another? We all have reasons why we don't engage and connect, but as one body, one family in Christ there aren't any reasons to not do so. There are Grace Connection opportunities available as we have resumed meeting in safe, clean locations. There is a connection for all. These are the groups currently meeting: Men's Breakfast, SOS, Sisters of Grace, Graceful Seniors, Growing in Grace, and CROSS. Please seek Pastor Allman to challenge yourself to be engaged and connected.

Monday Night Service: Pastor Pase is leading the Divine Service on Monday nights and you are encouraged to invite those you haven't seen lately to the feast in the Lord's house tomorrow at 7:00pm.

Scholarships: All seniors & current college students please stop by the Church Office for an application to apply for the Baumann Scholarship.

Need a Greeting Card? We have a well-supplied card rack in the East hallway. Stop by and pick up your card *whenever* you are in the building. There's something for all occasions and you won't find a better price anywhere.

Embrace the Challenge to Grow!!!: Our *Family Life Resource Center* has many opportunities to continue your faith formation and to grow family wellness. If you have any questions contact Pastor Allman.

How Can Stephen Ministry Help Our Congregation as We Walk Through Covid-19? Many people are grieving the abrupt changes to their normal life, even if they haven't lost loved ones. Some may feel guilty about grieving while others are suffering more severe losses. Stephen Ministers are very well equipped to support the feelings people may have; good, bad or otherwise. Stephen Ministers are available to visit with anyone in our congregation. Our Stephen Ministry Leader, Pastor Pase, can set you up with one.

Living the Stewardship of God's Grace: Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

Life Quotes: "This Thanksgiving, let's remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet '[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy' (Psalm 126:3)." *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Magnum Opus" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His "Magnum Opus." (Daniel 8:27) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Family Shield Ministries: "The Family Shield 2020 Thanksgiving Special" Guests: to be announced. We will be recognizing our employees on the Thanksgiving radio program, as well as some of our dedicated volunteers. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Last Week at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (11/15)	142
Sunday School Attendance (11/15).....	74
Monday Divine Service (11/16).....	11
First Fruit Giving (11/09 & 11/15).....	\$10,355.67

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

Adult	In Person and Zoom
.....	Fellowship Hall
<i>Hebrews</i>	<i>Pastor Pase</i>
Adult	Parlor
<i>Growing in Christ</i>	<i>Pastor Allman</i>
Adult	Community Room
<i>Sunday Lessons</i>	<i>Pete Lufholm</i>
Grades 7-8	Youth Room
.....	<i>Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton</i>
Grades 9-12	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad & Lisa Dalager</i>
Adventure Zones in Bibleville	<i>Ages 3 years – 6th Grade</i>

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	11.22.20
7:30	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:10	Sunday School
10:30	Divine Service
Monday	
6:00	Joyful Tones
7:00	Divine Service
Tuesday	
6:30	Men's Breakfast Connection
10:00	Graceful Seniors
6:30	CROSS
Thursday	
10:00	Thanksgiving Service
Next Sunday	11.29.20
7:30	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
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8:00	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
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Our ECP is taking a break during this Thanksgiving week. Continue to pray for our ECP Staff, Students, & Families