



- ✝ 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 October 1, 2017*

**Communion:** We celebrate Holy Communion today. **Please read carefully the statement concerning Holy Communion** provided in the worship folder. In faithfulness to God's Word we practice close communion. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare for this sacred meal. You are encouraged to use pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book to aid in your preparation for this sacred meal.

**Gluten-Free Communion Wafers** are available if you are gluten-free. Please alert the Pastor when approaching the rail by mouthing the words "gluten free."

**Need A Prayer:** for yourself or someone else? In the entryway our Stephen Ministers are available and easy to spot. Just look for their blue nametag. Remember the power of prayer!

**LifeDate:** The Fall 2017 edition is now available. We are proudly pro-life, so pick up your copy at our resource center.

**Portals of Prayer:** The latest edition is now available on the Usher's stand in the back of the sanctuary. Take one for yourself and one or more to give as a witness to your Lord.

**Monday Service Is TOMORROW at 7pm!** Is somebody missing? Reach out and invite them to be in the Lord's house tomorrow evening.

**Wednesday Meal:** is at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is Brisket & Sausage. Please join us!

**"Mite Box" Alert:** We will recognize LWML next Sunday. The BIG Mite Box will be in the Narthex. If you have one, please bring your little Mite Box in and put your Mites in the BIG Mite Box! Don't have one? Just bring your mites – check the Bible account in Luke 21:2

**Blood Drive is Coming!** Only 7 slots left for Wednesday 10/11 from 4:30-7pm. Use the **PINK SHEET** and we will contact you to set up your time to give the gift of life or contact Victoria in the church office.

**Want a Day WITHOUT Cooking?** Mark your calendar for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast snacks begin our workshop at 9am. You will get to feast on lots of information about "The Life & Theology of Martin Luther." Lunch will be served (cost is \$10 . **Lunch deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup>.**) Then, later, bring your family and friends to Oktoberfest. A typical German meal will be served. If that is not your taste, there will be a live polka band,

Moxie the Clown, a “Where’s Luther?” scavenger hunt, and door prizes. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you plan on attending the workshop or if you would like to help with Oktoberfest.

**Focal Point 2.0 (Jr High)** meets next Sunday from 6:00-7:30 pm.

**PPC Meets This Thursday** at 6 pm in the Community Room as we prepare to bring the 2018 budget to the Voters next month. And yes, this *is* a prayer request.

**The Reformation Book:** Pre-order your copy for \$22.49 by October 15<sup>th</sup> on the **PINK SHEET** or call the church office. See the October newsletter for more information.

**“It’s Still About Jesus!”** It was then and still is 500 years later! We will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation throughout the rest of the year. We will have a special speaker and workshop as well as other informative and fun ways to learn how God used Martin Luther to share the Good News of grace in JESUS! Most of the events were planned *after* the 2017 budget was adopted. We are asking for anyone with a generous heart to donate to our **Reformation Celebration Fund**. To do so, send it to the church office and memo for: Reformation Celebration/Mission Board.

**Mark Your calendar** for Sunday, October 22nd! This is the day of our next Pillow Pal Party. We will meet in the Community Room at 12:30p.m. (After you have a chance to eat lunch) There are a variety of tasks to make

pillows: tying a simple knot, stuffing pillows, writing a Bible verse and saying a prayer for its future owner. We also need a few helpers to prep the pillows. Sign up on the pink sheet.

**Reformation 500 Choir & Musicians:**

Be part of a circuit-wide choir for the 10/29 service at 4pm. Contact Cindy Hilton at 638-7159 if interested or sign up on the **PINK SHEET**.

Instrumentalists will prepare special selections also. If you would like to play for this service contact Richelle Gengler 689-6655. We look forward to hearing from you to make this truly worshipful & memorable as we share our gifts of music for the Glory of God.

**Next week...Grace E.C.P** will have boxes for you to participate in Operation Christmas Child. You may take as many as you would like. Suggested items to fill boxes are listed in October's newsletter. You choose what age and if for a boy or girl. Return filled boxes by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may also put \$9 with box to cover the shipping cost. Contact Mary Wood if you have any questions. (432)694-3063.

**Servants, Grace Needs YOU!** Sign up at the MIT Board or use the **PINK SHEET** for **Worship Delivery Service in December**. Thanks to **Fern DeLaGarza** for signing up as Teller & **Jenny Bartlett** for Worship Service Delivery in October and **Mary Morgan** for December.

**Today's Light Bible Week Ninety-**

**Two:** We continue through the Pauline Epistles, finishing Ephesians and reading through the Epistle of Joy, Philippians. Rejoice in your Lord always!

**Connection Groups** is what we call small groups of 4 to 12 people. We have Connections who meet twice monthly on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in age or interest related Groups. For more information, please contact Ryan or Tiffani Hamilton, Chad or Lisa Dalager, Bill or Carolyn Hartzoge, Carol Massie, Gene or Millie Abel, Ashley Bains, Pastor Pase, or check out the MIT board in the long hallway across from the restrooms.

**Stephen Ministry:** All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. Gene Abel is part of our caring team. Please keep Gene in our daily prayers this week.

**Listen....God is Calling: Matthew 21:26** – “But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is!. Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

**Life Quote:** ““To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn't know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven't been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back.” *Cheryl Magness, writer, musician, and homeschool mom – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**The Lutheran Hour: “Power to Overcome Worry and Anxiety”**  
Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Thanksgiving and anxiety are two opposing forces. Have you ever thanked God for your problems, pains, and suffering? (*Philippians 4:4-13*) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries: “TBA”** Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Divine Service (09/24) .....168  
Sunday School Attendance (09/24)....100  
Monday Divine Service (09/25).....18  
First Fruit Giving (9/17 & 9/24) \$11,293.50

**Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation**

*Coffee, juice, & donuts are served at 9:00*

**Adult.....Fellowship Hall**  
*Faces of the Reformation..... Pastor Pase*  
**Adult.....Community Room**  
*Growing in Christ..... Pastor Allman*  
**Adult..... Parlor**  
*Sunday Lessons..... Pete Lufholm*  
**Grades 7-8 ..... Youth Room**  
*..... Rotation*  
**Grades 9-12 ..... Youth Room**  
*..... Chad & Lisa Dalager*  
**Adventure Zones in Bibleville Bibleville**  
*.....Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
**Little Lambs (Ages 0-2) .....Room 12**  
*..... Kelly Patterson & Larissa Keller*

**Graceful Living This Week**

**This Sunday 10.01.17**  
7:30..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM  
..... 1070 & 107.1 FM  
8:00 ..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM 1070  
.....& 107.1 FM  
9:10 ..... Sunday School  
10:30 ..... Divine Service w/Communion  
2:30 ..... Legacy Ranch Service

**Monday**  
9:00 ..... Circuit Meeting in Odessa  
6:00 ..... Joyful Tones  
7:00 ..... Divine Service

**Tuesday**  
7:30 ..... God’s Groupies

**Wednesday**

6:45 ..... Men of Grace  
5:15 ..... Meal – Brisket & Sausage  
**6:30 ..... Midweek Ministries**  
..... C.R.U.E.  
..... Bible Bits 3-4 yrs.  
..... Bible Bunch K-2<sup>nd</sup>  
..... Pre-Confirmation 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
..... Pre-Confirmation 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
..... 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation  
..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation  
..... Joyful Chorus  
..... Adult Study

**Thursday**

9:30 ..... Quilters  
6:00 ..... PPC Budget Meeting  
7:00 ..... Seekers

**Next Sunday**

**10.08.17**

**LWML Recognition Day**

7:30 ..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM  
1070 & 107.1 FM  
8:00 ..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM 1070 &  
107.1 FM  
9:10 ..... Sunday School  
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6:00 ..... Focal Point 2.0

Our ECP continues to *Shine* this week.  
You are invited to read  
*Genesis Chapters 25-29, Genesis 33:11-20 with us this*

