



✚ 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 19, 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.

**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!

**Hungry Yet???** Our congregational Thanksgiving dinner is TODAY after Divine Service. All Grace family and friends are invited to join in our FEAST!

**College Connect:** TODAY is the deadline. It's time to send out the College Connect care boxes for our college students and we need your help. Stop by the "board" and select items for the boxes. **SIGN THE CARDS PLEASE. LET THESE YOUNG ADULTS KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF AND PRAYING FOR THEM!**

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

**NO Wednesday Meal or Midweek Activities** this week as there is no school. See you in church on Thursday morning!

**Thanksgiving Day Divine Service** is at 10:00 with the theme "All To Thee Our God We Owe."

**The Church Office:** will be closed on 11/23 & 11/24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Cards:** There's a new selection in the east hallway. Please make your checks payable to "Grace Guild."

**Collecting:** It's time to bring in your labels from your soup cans, box tops, and stamps from Christmas cards you receive. The big mailbox in the entryway is where they go.

**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 with questions. **No orders after Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Nursery HELP:** We are looking for some NEW faces to help out in our NEW nursery on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or contact Sharon Burks. This is a once a quarter commitment.

**Christmas Lunch:** Sign up invitation to all mid-aged & older adults, children & youth. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at noon, Sunday, 12/10. A Special time hearing stories of how it was to be a kid in the "OLD" days. Please join us!

**Does It Bother You When CHRIST Is Left Out of Christmas?** That's why it's so important for our children to participate in children-led Christmas Eve service. Practices begin on Wednesday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a large group practice TBA. We need to know who will be here! Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET**.

**Christmas Caroling:** We are going caroling on Sunday evening, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We need names, both of who is going to join the caroling and who you know who we can carol to. So please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** with names/addresses to the carolers. Also, let us know if you will be caroling with us this year. The *firm* deadline to submit names is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayers for the Koch Family:** Uedoris Koch died this past Tuesday in San Antonio after a battle with dementia. Prayers for Ralph and the family. (Note: Ralph is the one who made our Easter tomb that we use yearly.)

**Today's Light Bible Week Ninety-Nine:** We finish Hebrews and read through James this week. James is more a plea for practical Christian living more than a treatise on Christian doctrine. That said, the grace of God forms the background to this letter.

**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 Pastor Allman.

**Check the MIT Board:** The 2018 sign-up sheets for Tellers & Worship Service Delivery are up for Grace members to volunteer. It doesn't take much time to do either one but the fulfillment is amazing. Contact Victoria in the church office if you have any questions.

**Stephen Ministry:** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

**Listen....God is Calling: Matthew 25:30** "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master – and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**Life Quote:** “A child who has been adopted by loving parents knows from the outset that he is loved because he knows they chose him. He was not simply accepted because he was conceived and born into their midst but was sought out to become their child. God is like that with us! ‘Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us’ (Matthew the Poor).” *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: “Show Me”.** Speaker Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. In Lerner and Loewe’s musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: “Don’t talk of stars, burning above if you’re in love, show me. Tell me not dreams, filled with desire if you’re on fire, show me.” In Jesus’ description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. (*Matthew 25:31-46.*) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

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

**Last Week at Grace**

Divine Service (11/12)..... 129  
 Sunday School Attendance (11/12)..... 81  
 Monday Divine Service (11/13)..... 8  
 First Fruit Giving (11/06 & 11/12) ..... \$10,516.50

**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 11.19.17**  
 7:30..... Vision & Skills Huddle  
 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  
 11:45 ..... Thanksgiving Meal  
 2:30 ..... Legacy Ranch Service

**Monday**  
 6:00 ..... Joyful Tones  
 7:00 ..... Divine Service w/Communion

**Tuesday**  
 7:00 ..... Board of Trustees  
 7:00 ..... God’s Groupies

**Wednesday No Midweek Activities**

**Thursday**  
 10:00 ..... Thanksgiving Service

**Next Sunday 11.26.17**  
 7:30 ..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM  
 ..... 1070 & 107.1 FM  
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Our ECP is enjoying their Thanksgiving Break this week.

