



✠ 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

Grace in Action

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For the Week Beginning November 26, 2017

Holy Communion is celebrated today *after* the divine service. When you see the sanctuary doors close, come back in. Take a registration slip from a pew, fill it out and go to the altar steps. 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!

Come To the Fellowship Hall TODAY immediately following the service for a cookie & punch. Why? Jerry Penick is turning 90 on the 30th and the family invites the family of Grace to have a cookie & punch, say "Happy Birthday" before you head out to lunch.

Your December Newsletter is available today. Please take yours home with you.

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

Graceful Seniors meet Tuesday at 10 am in the Community Room as we continue our study of Matthew.

Wednesday Meal: is at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is **Burritos & Tacos**. Please join us! A free-will offering is appreciated to help cover expenses.

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.

Help Decorate Grace: Altar Guild members will start decorating on **Tuesday, 12/5**. Please join us!

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 20th.**

Christmas Parade Float: It is back on! Grace will have a presence in the city of Midland's Christmas parade on **Saturday, December 9th**. It will be simple and sweet, but will reflect the theme, but more importantly the first Christmas. We have some prep work to do. We also may need some walkers along the float. For details on either, please sign up on the **PINK SHEET**.

Prayers for Pastor Pase as he leaves Friday to attend the *Foro* in Lima, Peru. He is scheduled to return Wednesday morning, Dec. 6th.

Pictorial Directory: Don't forget to stop by and pick your copy of the directory at the table in the entryway.

Candy Canes: We are collecting candy canes for the parade on **Saturday, 12/9**. We need 5,000 candy canes! There is a table in the entryway for your candy canes. Thank you for your participation in this Grace Lutheran project. **ALSO** would you be willing to take a case of canes home and tie the GLC cards onto the canes? What a great family project this can be! Contact Sharon Burks, PR Chairperson for details. 556-3420.

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!

Children-Led Christmas Eve Service: This Wednesday will be our first practice for the children led Christmas Eve service. We will meet in the Community Room from 5:45-6:50p.m. Please have the children ready to work. If you have not signed up, you can still participate. Please write your children's information on the **PINK SHEET** and just show up on Wednesday.

Advent Begins Next Sunday: To help in your preparation we offer Advent devotions on the Ushers' stand in the back of the nave. Take one for yourself and one to share with family/friends.

Christmas Caroling: We are going caroling on Sunday evening, Dec. 17th. 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 10th.

Happy Campers: There will be a Parent Meeting in January 2018 (TBD). Any youth is welcome and we would love to have our Bibleville Youth (3-6) there. We're planning on Early to mid-June to go to Camp Lone Star. Check your December newsletter and watch the Youth Board for more information.

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.

Today's Light Bible Week One Hundred: This week we read through Peter's two Epistles. What appropriate letters for us! One is written to give us encouragement as we endure suffering and the other is written to warn against false teachers promoting sinful lifestyles.

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: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. I Peter 3:8

Listen...God is Calling: 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 Quote: "All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." *C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Advent Adventure". Guest Speaker Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight." (*Mark 13:24-37.*) 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 (11/19)..... 116
 Sunday School Attendance (11/19)..... 56
 Monday Divine Service (11/20)..... 9
 First Fruit Giving (11/13 & 11/19) \$11,096.75

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 – 6th Grade
Little Lambs (Ages 0-2)..... Room 12
..... Kelly Patterson & Larissa Keller

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday 11.26.17
 7:30.....*The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
 1070 & 107.1 FM
 8:00 *Family Shield* KWEL AM
 AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
 9:10 Sunday School
 10:30 Divine Service
 11:45 Jerry Penick's Birthday Celebration
 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service

Monday
 6:00 Joyful Tones
 7:00 Divine Service

Tuesday
 10:00 Graceful Seniors
 6:00 S.O.S.

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

Thursday
 9:30 Quilters

Next Sunday 12.03.17
1st Sunday of Advent
 7:30*The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
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 8:00 *Family Shield* KWEL AM
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 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service

Our ECP continues to *Shine* this week.
 You are invited to read
 Luke 1:1-25 with us this week.

