



✠ 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 December 03, 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.

Back to the Old Way for This Week: With Pastor Pase in Peru Holy Communion distribution will be done alternating tables, as we had done in the past. Follow the cue from the ushers.

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!

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

Today is the Beginning of Advent: Devotionals are on the ushers' stand. Our Advent Series this year is "*Behold the Light!*" We will have service at noon and 7pm. The circle drive entrance is the *only* entrance unlocked for the noon service.

Wednesday Meal: is at 5:00 during Advent in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is **Super Subs**. 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: Grace will have a presence in the city of Midland's Christmas parade **this Saturday**. 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 attends 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.

Christmas For Our Staff: The gift box is on the shelf in the entryway for gifts to our paid staff. Gifts for our pastoral staff are to be given directly (in person or mailed) to the pastors. The Board of Elders.

Focal Point 2.0 Lock-In: 7pm – 7am this Friday-Saturday. Bring a "white elephant" or other gift of \$10 max. Servants are still needed. Contact Pastor Allman with questions.

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! Use the **PINK SHEET** to let us know you're coming.

Children-Led Christmas Eve Service: This Wednesday the children will practice from 5:45-6:50pm in the sanctuary. Please have them **READY** to go when you drop them off. The next two weeks will be the same schedule. (Added practice on 12/20.) We will also have a practice in the evening on Thursday, 12/21. Thanks for your help. Stay healthy!

THANK YOU! To all who attended my "Birthday Party" in the Fellowship Hall last Sunday. I thank you and appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. You are all special to me and to my family. Thank you for your thoughtfulness also!- Jerry Penick.

The Fifth Gospel: That is how Isaiah is often referred. Pastor Pase's Sunday School class will begin a study of this great book next Sunday. You are welcomed to join the study.

Christmas Caroling: December 17th is the date. We need names of who is going to be there and names of whom we may visit. Use the **PINK SHEET** for both. The *firm* deadline to submit names is next Sunday, December 10th.

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 One: 1st and 2nd
 John is what we are reading this week. These letters were written to encourage and strengthen the faith as we see others walking away from the truth.

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.

Stephen Ministry: Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply from the heart. I Peter 1:22

Listen...God is Calling: 1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

Life Quote: "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Prep Time" Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Preparing for Christmas is quite different than preparing for Christ. Today's Lutheran Hour message explores those differences. (*Mark 1:1-3*) 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

Thanksgiving Service (11/23).....	54
Divine Service (11/26).....	87
Sunday School Attendance (11/26).....	35
Monday Divine Service (11/27).....	10
First Fruit Giving (11/20, 11/23 & 11/26)	\$8,369.00

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

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

Adult	Fellowship Hall
<i>Isaiah</i>	<i>Pastor Pase</i>
Adult	Community Room
<i>Growing in Christ</i>	<i>Pastor Allman</i>
Adult	Parlor
<i>Sunday Lessons</i>	<i>Pete Lufholm</i>
Grades 7-8	Youth Room
.....	<i>Rotation</i>
Grades 9-12	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad & Lisa Dalager</i>

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	1st Sunday of Advent	12.03.17
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00	<i>Family Shield</i> 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 Big Spring
6:00	Joyful Tones
7:00	Divine Service w/Communion

Tuesday

9:00	Decorate Church
6:00	Abell Choir
7:30	God's Groupies

Wednesday

6:45	Men of Grace
12:00	Advent Service
5:00	Meal – Super Subs
5:45	Childrens' Christmas Practice
5:45	Midweek Ministries
.....	1 st Year Confirmation
.....	2 nd Year Confirmation
.....	Joyful Chorus
.....	Adult Study
7:00	Advent Service

Thursday

7:00	Seekers
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Friday

7:00	Focal Point 2.0 Lock-In
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Saturday

7:00	Focal Point 2.0 Lock-In Release
6:00	Midland City Christmas Parade

Next Sunday **12.10.17**

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	
12:00	Grand Friends Christmas Lunch	
2:30	Legacy Ranch Service	

Our ECP continues to *Shine* this week.
 You are invited to read
 Luke 1:26-38 *with us this week.*

