



✚ 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 10, 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.

HANG ON! The sanctuary may look a little different at the beginning of the service but it won't later on, so hang on. Today as part of our divine service we will have the *Hanging of the Greens* and all will be well by the benediction.

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!

Christmas Lunch: Is today at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who signed up.

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

2018 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the entryway. Please get yours today.

Graceful Seniors meet Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Community Room as we continue our study of Matthew.

ECP Christmas Chapel is this Wednesday and Thursday at 10am. Come to the sanctuary and here the children lead chapel with smiles, joy and enthusiasm.

Advent Services: Wednesday at noon and 7pm. Our Advent Series is "*Behold the Light!*" 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 **Enchiladas**. Please join us! A free-will offering is appreciated to help cover expenses.

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.**

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 little table 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.

Newsletter Deadline is this *Friday at 2 pm*. This is another short month due to the Christmas holidays, so please have all information to Victoria by the deadline.

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!

Christmas Caroling is **NEXT SUNDAY** evening. Today is the *deadline* to notify Pastor Pase if you have names of who is going to be there and names of whom we may visit. Use the **PINK SHEET** for both.

Happy Birthday! Monday, 12/18 – Yes, it is really Manuel Gardea, our Custodian's 65th birthday, who has been on staff for 22 years. Let's celebrate this milestone by filling a basket full of birthday wishes. You can drop off cards in the church office during the week or Sunday, 12/17 in the entrance hall basket. Join the ECP Staff as they sing Happy Birthday on Monday the 18th at 8:45am in the ECP kitchen and enjoy a slice of cake with Manuel to start your day.

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

The 5th Gospel: Pastor Pase's Sunday School class began a study of *Isaiah* today, known as the 5th Gospel. Don't think it's too late to come next Sunday. They covered only the first 9 verses this morning! Be in God's Word with your family at Grace!

News From Peru and Levi: The mission is going well. Levi's last day is 12/15. He is in the process of transitioning into another mission field in the region. He is also engaged to a daughter of a missionary serving in South Korea. Check out the bulletin board in the north hallway for some Christmas greetings from Levi and the kids he works with in La Victoria.

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.

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 Two: We are about there. Two years almost done. 3rd John, Jude and we begin Revelation this week. What a blessed journey this has been.

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.

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.

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: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

Listen...God is Calling: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

Life Quote: "The hinge of history can be found on a Bethlehem door." *Evangelist J. John – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Life Narrows Down" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What's your passion in life? How far into the future will it take you? (*John 1:6-8, 19-28 (John testifies to Christ)*) 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 (12/03)..... 135
 Sunday School Attendance (12/03).....63
 Monday Divine Service (12/04).....8
 Advent Midweek Service Noon (12/06) 12
 Advent Midweek Service 7pm (12/06).....54
 First Fruit Giving (11/27 & 12/07)\$21,136.93

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

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

Adult..... Fellowship Hall
Isaiah 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 12.10.17
 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
 12:00 Grand Friends Christmas Lunch
 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service

Monday
 9:00 Board of Education
 6:00 Joyful Tones
 7:00 Divine Service

Tuesday
 10:00 Graceful Seniors
 6:00 S.O.S.
 7:30 Young Adults

Wednesday
 6:45 Men of Grace
 10:00 ECP Christmas Chapel
12:00 Advent Service
5:00 Meal – Enchiladas
 5:45 Childrens' Christmas Practice
5:45 Midweek Ministries
 1st Year Confirmation
 2nd Year Confirmation
 Joyful Chorus
 Adult Study
7:00 Advent Service

Thursday
 10:00 ECP Christmas Chapel

Friday
2:00 Newsletter Deadline
 6:00 Piano Recital

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 7:30 Vision & Skills Huddle
 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 w/Communion
 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service
 5:30 Caroling



Our ECP continues to *Shine* this week.
 You are invited to read
 Luke 2:1-20 with us this week.