



✠ 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 24, 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!

Christmas Eve/Day: Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our Christmas Eve begins at 6pm with the Children-led service and our Candlelight service is at 10 pm. Our Christmas Day celebration with Holy Communion is at 10 am. “O, Come Let Us Adore Him!”

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.

January Newsletters are ready for you in the Narthex. Great pictures from the Midland Christmas Parade and other fun activities, plus a lot of news for 2018. Please pick yours up today.

Church Office Will Be Closed Tomorrow and Tuesday and we will be back Wednesday morning.

NO Monday Service for the next two Mondays. We are back on January 8th.

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

New Email Addresses: We are excited to announce an update to Grace's email system. Here are our new email addresses:
Pastor Pase – pastorpase@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org,
Pastor Allman – pastorallman@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org, &
Victoria – office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org.

There is no meal or Ministry activities until January 10, 2018.

Poinsettias: Thank you to all who provided a poinsettia this year. They may be taken after next Sunday's divine service (12/31)

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE: Next Sunday is the day we will place our “Life is God's Gift from Womb to Tomb” signs out on the south church lawn and also the first opportunity to get your mini Baby Bottles for Midland Life Center. If your family can't be here, ask another family to place a sign for you. We want them all out there for the whole month of January to spread that message in our community!

Active Shooter Training: January 14, 2018 the Board of Elders is hosting a course in the Fellowship Hall after Divine Service. See your January newsletter for a complete description of the course. *To save on paper there is no Pink Sheet this week so please RSVP by calling the church office before January 10th.*

How's He Been Doing? Who, you ask? Rev. Abjar Bakhoul! Well, his ministry has greatly expanded in location and effects. He is seeking to become a 501c3. (He has asked Pastor Pase to consider being on the initial Board.) Read his latest newsletter. Copies are at the Resource Center in the entryway.

Happy Campers: All 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 January newsletter and watch the Youth Board for more information.

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. This is a once a quarter commitment. Contact Sharon Burks for more info.

Sunday School Offering: for Jan-June 2018 is The Life Center, a non-profit, faith-based organization offering an alternative to abortion. West TX centers uphold and promote the value of human life at every stage of existence and development.

Today's Light Bible Week One Hundred Four: We finish our two-year read through God's Word. What a blessing it has been. As we conclude, look at the tree and see the Chrismon in the shape of a star with the letters “VDMA.” This is Latin for Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum' – The Word of God Endures Forever.

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. **We need Worship Service Delivery for January.**

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: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Listen....God is Calling: 2 Samuel 7:4 “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan ...” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God’s Kingdom: not our own desires or whims.

Life Quote: “So celebrate that divine-human Gift who has so changed your life by His Spirit. Praise Him for His gracious forgiveness and righteousness. Praise Him as the One who will one day transform the mortal into immortality. Indeed, He who was once a baby has changed and is changing lives and will one day change His whole creation.” *Rev. David Fuerstenau, Holy Truth Lutheran Church, Ketchikan, Alaska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: “Children of Promise” Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What is your favorite story? This Christmas Eve Day, The Lutheran Hour speaks about God's greatest story. (*Luke 1:30-32a*) 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 (12/17)..... 141
 Sunday School Attendance (12/17)..... 74
 Monday Divine Service (12/18)..... 13
 Advent Midweek Service Noon (12/20)..... 15
 Advent Midweek Service 7pm (12/20)..... 44
 First Fruit Giving (12/11, 12/13 & 12/17)\$27,784.68

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 **12.24.17**
 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
 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service
 6:00 Children-Led Service
 10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday **Church Office Closed**
 10:00 Christmas Service w/Communion

Tuesday **Church Office Closed**
 6:00 S.O.S.

Next Sunday **12.31.17**
 7:30 Vision & Skills Huddle
 7:30 *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
 1070 & 107.1 FM
 8:00 *Family Shield* KWEL AM
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 9:10 Sunday School
 10:30 Divine Service
 2:30 Legacy Ranch Service

Our ECP is Living in the Riches of God’s Grace.
 We will return to class January 9th.

