



- ✠ 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 December 31, 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!

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE: TODAY is the day to put our "Life is God's Gift from Womb to Tomb" signs out on the south church lawn. Get your family's (and maybe one or two extra) in the narthex immediately following Divine Service. THEN come back to the entryway and get your Baby Bottle(s) and fill to benefit Midland Life Center! Fill them w/coins, currency, or checks (payable to Midland Life Center) and then bring them on a Sunday to place in basket in entry or empty into large Baby Bottles. Last day to collect is Jan 28.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who provided a poinsettia this year. They may be taken after today's Divine Service.

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.

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

Monday Service returns next Monday, January 8th.

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 10th.

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 Bakhou! 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.

Message from Pastor Allman: We have signed our home contract this week!!! Construction is set to begin the first week of February. Thanks to all who have been praying for patience during our process.

Altar Flowers are back after the season of Advent. The 2018 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board across from the Parlor and **January is COMPLETELY OPEN**, as well as most of 2018. Remember your special days and people with one or two vases. Details are by the Flower Chart.

Happy Campers: All youth are 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 Five: We finish our two-year read through the Bible by reading Revelation 20-22. Start over again for God's Word is the truth we need.

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: People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it.

Listen....God is Calling: Luke 2:21 “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” The Name of Jesus means “the Lord Saves.” There is no better way to end or begin a year than with the sweet comfort of the Name of Jesus. He saves us. He loves us. He desires to bless us. That assurance is the basis for all we do in our Christian lives, in the realm of stewardship and in every realm.

Life Quote: “Our failures won’t undermine the Lord’s reign. Others’ successes can’t overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity—not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil’s deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let’s exercise our majesty enthusiastically!” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Breaking News!" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it! (*Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine, for your light has come.")*) 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 (12/24).....	114
Children-Led Christmas Eve Service	157
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	94
Sunday School Attendance (12/24).....	50
Christmas Day Divine Service	73
First Fruit Giving (12/18, 12/24 & 12/25)	\$19,436.00

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 **12.31.17**
 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

Monday **Church Office Closed**

Tuesday
 7:30 God’s Groupies

Thursday
 11:30 Polity Committee
 6:00 PPC

Next Sunday **01.07.18**
 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

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

