



- ✚ 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 January 7, 2018

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.

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!

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.

LifeDate: The Winter 2018 edition is now available. We are proudly pro-life, so pick up your copy at our resource center.

Monday Service: We are back! Look around and see who's been missing lately and invite them to come with you.

Active Shooter Training: Next Sunday 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. **Deadline to RSVP is January 10th. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.**

Football Extravaganza: is next Sunday, 1/14 from 3-7pm. See your January newsletter for details or contact Pastor Allman.

Adopt A Bible to replace the Bibles in the pews. The poster is in the entryway. **Sign your name on each Bible you wish to purchase. This is all we are doing NOW.** Payment and dedication will come later.

Bible Disposal: The proper way to dispose of Bibles is either burying or burning. With the addition of new pew Bibles, we will have a ceremony where we will burn the current pew Bibles. If you have Bibles at home that need to be disposed of, this will be your opportunity to do it a way that is dignified and proper. More details coming later

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.

In & Back Out Again: Pastor Pase and Jane have been out for a little R&R and are back in town today. Pastor Pase will be out Monday and Tuesday as he attends the Circuit Visitor Conference at Camp Lone Star. He will be back in the office on January 10th.

Wednesday Ministry Activities: Start up again this Wednesday, 1/10. There's a place for **YOU** at Grace on Wednesdays too!

Wednesday Meal: Is back at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu this week is **Baked Potatoes**. Show your appreciation with a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE: If you haven't already got your Baby Bottles for Midland Life Center, pick yours up in the narthex today. 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. ECP students and families will be joining this effort this week and next, so give them a thumbs-up! For more information about Midland Life Center, brochures are in the rack on wall near nursery.

Watch Your Mailbox for your 2018 commitment form. Our sealed commitments will be placed in the baptismal font on Sunday, January 28th (Monday, the 29th). The letter should be arriving this week.

Quilters Are Back: They will be in the Community Room on Thursday, 1/11 at 9:30. Contact Jerry Penick if you are interested in joining these ladies in their "Labor of Love."

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.

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: If you're looking for the best lay caregiving ministry available for today's church, look no farther. Stephen Ministry is the tops, and we can prove it! Our congregation is committed to providing quality Christian care to those who are hurting by equipping people to serve as Stephen Ministers.

Listen...God is Calling: Mark 1:7 – And John preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." John is right: Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Life Quote: "Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian— A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (*John 1: 48-51*) 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 (12/31).....77
Sunday School Attendance (12/31).....34
First Fruit Giving (12/31)\$128,053.20

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 01.07.18
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

Monday
6:00 Joyful Tones
7:00 Divine Service w/Communion

Tuesday
6:00 S.O.S.
6:15 Board of Youth
7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday
6:45 Men of Grace
9:15 Board of Education
5:15 Meal – **Baked Potatoes**
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
5:30 PPC
7:00 Board of Elders

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7:30 Vision & Skills Huddle
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6:00 Focal Point 1.0

Our ECP continues to **Shine** this week.
You are invited to read
Matthew 2:1-12 *with us this week.*

