



✚ 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 January 28, 2018

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!

Commitment Sunday is TODAY! In Case You Forgot your commitment form, there are extras on the ushers' stand in the back of the nave. Please, please, please put your name on the envelope.

It's Laid Out Nicely For You, Did You SEE It? Better, question, did you *take* it? Yes, your February newsletter is laid out nicely on the table in the narthex. Please get yours today.

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

Focal Point 1.0 (High School) will meet TODAY from 6:00-7:30 in the Youth Room.

Could You Be the Next Teller? Grace needs about an hour of your time after Sunday morning services to count the tithes. *No experience necessary!* February – December are wide open. You are all challenged to be the first to sign up or call Victoria.

Can't Make It? There are several people who can't get to church services anymore but still *need to hear God's Word*. Grace needs volunteers for **Worship Service Delivery**. Please consider serving, if only for 1 week from February – December. Sign up or call Victoria to get on the calendar.

Monday Service is TOMORROW at 7pm! Look around, see who's been missing lately and invite them to come with you.

Blood Drive is NEXT WEEK! You saw the poster as you came in today. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or call Victoria and set your time to give the "gift of life." Wednesday, February 7th is the date from 4:15 – 7:00pm.

The Bibles Have Arrived! We would like them in place by Ash Wednesday. We need your information for dedications. Please use the **PINK SHEET** to provide your dedication(s) for your bible(s). **Deadline for all dedications is next Sunday, February 4th.**

Y.A.C.H.T. Club: Grace's Young Adult connection group has adopted a new name: The Y.A.C.H.T. Club (Young Adult Christians Hanging Together.) Join us for dinner, fellowship, and Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. in the youth room (the north doors will be unlocked). We are currently studying the book of Matthew. See ya there!

Parish Workers (LWML): Meet at 6:30 on Tuesday 1/30 in the Community Room. All women of Grace are invited. Mina Fitting will speak about Pro-Life. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday Meal: Is back at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu this week is **Jambalaya**. A free-will offering to help cover expenses is always appreciated.

Family Promise Servants: You've seen the board up. Our guests arrive in a few weeks. Let's fill the board now.

Lutherans Engage Magazine: Copies are available at the Resource Center. This issue has a great article of the work *we* are doing in Peru.

Even More on Peru! At the Resource Center is the latest copy of *Sharing* from LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Top story is on *our* mission in Peru.

Do You Love Kids? There's an opportunity to serve Bible Bits kids (preschool age) in Room 12 during Midweek classes. Please use the **PINK SHEET** or contact Pastor Allman if you are willing to serve a Wednesday evening.

Fathers: Our annual Father/Daughter Dance is on Friday, February 9th. 6-7:30 p.m. This is a great time to show your daughter(s) how special they are to you. It will be your chance to "SHINE like STARS!" A fun evening is planned for all. **R.S.V.P.** on the **PINK SHEET**.

Fat Sunday is Back!! The Board of Education will host a breakfast buffet on Sunday, February 11th at 8:30. This is the Sunday before Lent, so bring your best appetite for some King Cake and breakfast casseroles! Hope to see you there!!

Happy Campers: We are encouraging families to register their children as soon as possible to ensure their spots for June 10-15. Families will pay the entire fee but will be reimbursed 2/3 of the registration cost. So far, 5 kids from Grace are going! Don't let your child be left out of all the fun! If you have *any* questions call or text Michelle Wolfmueller at 936-697-4854 or email her mwolfmueller@gmail.com

Higher Things: A *commitment date* to attend the Higher Things *Dare to be Lutheran* conference in Carbondale, IL. July 10-13 is set for **Feb 2nd**. February 4th Sandra Ostapowich from *Higher Things* will answer questions in the Youth Room immediately after church. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Call/email Kelli Jones 432-528-5651 mrs.jonesk@yahoo.com

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.

Connection Groups is what we call small groups of 4 to 12 people. We have Connections who meet twice monthly on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in age or interest related Groups. For more information, please contact Pastor Allman.

Stephen Ministry: Our Stephen Ministry is based on the concept that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. Stephen Ministry is a means where people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need.

Extreme Makeover...in HIS Image: Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live – for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

Life Quote: “Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): ‘For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. (*Isaiah 40:21-31* (The almighty God of all creation)) 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 (01/21)..... 135
 Sunday School Attendance (01/21).....66
 Monday Divine Service (01/22).....8
 First Fruit Giving (01/15 & 01/21)\$8,009.00

Our ECP continues to *Shine* this week.
 You are invited to read
 Matthew 4:18-22, 6:9-13, 10:2-4 *with us this week.*



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	Commitment Sunday	01.28.18
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	
2:30	Legacy Ranch Service	
6:00	Focal Point 2.0	

Monday

6:00 Joyful Tones
 7:00 Divine Service

Tuesday

6:30 Parish Workers

Wednesday

6:45 Men of Grace
 9:30 Grace Guild
 5:15 Meal – **Jambalaya**
6:30.....Midweek Ministries
 Bible Bits 3-4 yrs.
 Bible Bunch K-2nd
 Pre-Confirmation 3rd-4th
 Pre-Confirmation 5th-6th
 1st Year Confirmation
 2nd Year Confirmation
 Joyful Chorus

Thursday

9:30 Quilters
 11:30 Polity Committee

Next Sunday

02.04.18

7:30 *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
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