



- ✚ 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 March 18 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!

**Return From Exile** continues this Wednesday at noon and 7pm. Our theme this week is: "Death to Resurrection: The Wilderness to the Promised Land."

**Monday Service is TOMORROW at 7pm!** Don't see someone here this morning, care enough to invite them, encourage them to be here tomorrow at 7 pm.

**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 Spring 2018 edition is now available. We are proudly pro-life, so pick up your copy in the new resource center.

**Midweek Schedule During Lent:** Classes for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation will be from 5:45-6:45 pm. Bible Bits and Bible Bunch *do not meet during Lent.*

**Wednesday Meal: Is at 5:00 during Lent.** This week is **Hamburgers & Hot Dogs.** A free-will offering to help cover expenses is always appreciated.

**Moms: It is your turn to SHINE!** The Mother/Son bowling *this Saturday* from noon-2p.m. Details are in the March newsletter or talk to Jane Pase. **We just have a few spots left,** so R.S.V.P. as soon as possible by signing up on the back of the **PINK SHEET** this week. Note: Due to Bowlero's policy, children must be 4 years old for safety reasons.

**Holy Week** begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday. Our service will begin in the entryway as we all process in with palm branches. Holy Thursday at noon and 7pm and Good Friday at noon and 8pm.

**Easter & Confirmation Cards:** are now available in the greeting card display in the east hallway. Please make your checks out to *Grace Guild.*

**Focal Point 1.0 (High School)** meets next Sunday in the Youth Room from 6:00-7:30 pm.

**Calling All Bunnies:** Egg-ceptional help needed! Please help fill the baskets in the entryway by bringing candy-filled Easter eggs. **Deadline is Next Sunday.** These will be hunted by our Bibleville kids on Easter morning! *Thank you!! Board of Education.*

**Easter Lily(ies):** Would you like to provide a lovely lily or two for our Easter Sunday Divine Service? Make sure to fill out your envelope with your dedication. Cost is \$15 each. Last day to order is **Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.** Envelopes are on ushers' stand by the *Portals of Prayer.*

**Organ Improvement Project:** We have already received over \$60k for this much needed project. All the details are in your newsletter. Pledge forms are to be turned into the church office or given directly to Pastor Pase. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

**Christmas in Action:** Beyond the walls...Opportunity to help a citizen in need. Come fellowship and work along-side other members of Grace. In cooperation with Christmas In Action we will do some painting on a home. The location is 1401 S. Jefferson in Midland on **Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am Some prep work will be done on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. You can help on this day as well. On Saturday food will be provided. Child care can be arranged if needed. Please sign up on **PINK SHEET.** Any questions call Jeff Turner @ 626-991-6308.

**Furniture Available:** We have given new décor to the parlor and entryway too. We have a sofa, coffee table and chair available for you. A donation to the organ improvement fund is asked in lieu of payment. Talk with Pastor Pase. First come, first served.

**Endowment Committee News:** This is a reminder that college scholarship financial aid is available to members of Grace who are attending or planning to attend an accredited four-year institution. The aid is \$1,000 per year. Complete details will be in your April newsletter. Stay tuned!

**Tellers & Worship Service Delivery:** A BIG thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with these two important jobs. We are covered until August. So, please check your schedules for any openings later in the year.

**Welcome Becca Jones!** Texas District CEF announces that Becca Jones has been chosen to replace Steve Block as Executive Director. Steve retired after serving 25 years. Becca has 18 years of experience with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Most recently, she served as senior vice president of marketing and customer support at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund in St. Louis.

**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministers are members of Grace who have gone through 50 hours of training in providing high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information on how to receive care from one, please talk to Pastor Pase.

**Extreme Makeover...in HIS Image: Mark 10:45** – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

**Life Quote:** “Ultimately abortions are antithetical to the Gospel message the church proclaims, as we marvel over the fact that Jesus says to undeserving sinners: ‘I will lay my life down for my sheep,’ and so He did, taking on our sin and shame and the debt that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Abortion instead demands of an innocent life, ‘You will lay your life down for me.’” *Pastor Gunnar Ingi Gunnarsson, Loftstofan Baptistakirkja, Iceland – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Thrown into the Arms of God"**  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. The desire to advance your own interests can alienate you from others and God. Serving others without thought of reward is God's way forward for followers of Jesus. (Mark 10:32-45) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries:** “TBA” Airls at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Divine Service (03/11).....104  
 Sunday School Attendance (03/11).....57  
 Monday Divine Service (03/12).....5  
 Lenten Noon Service (03/14).....22  
 Lenten 7pm Service (03/14).....21  
 Lenten Noon & 7pm (03/07).....\$1,917.00  
 First Fruit Giving (03/05 & 03/11) .....\$7,186.00

**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**  
*..... Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton*  
**Grades 9-12..... Youth Room**  
*..... Chad & Lisa Dalager*  
**Adventure Zones in Bibleville ..... Bibleville**  
*..... Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
**Little Lambs (Ages 0-2)..... Room 12**  
*..... Kelly Patterson & Larissa Keller*

**Graceful Living This Week**

**This Sunday 03.18.18**  
 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**  
 9:15 ..... Board of Education  
 6:00 ..... Joyful Tones  
 7:00 ..... Divine Service w/Communion

**Tuesday**  
 6:00 ..... Mission Board

**Wednesday**  
 6:45 ..... Men of Grace  
 10:00 ..... ECP Puppet Chapel  
**Noon ..... Lenten Service**  
 5:00 ..... Meal – Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
 5:45 ..... Midweek Ministry  
 6:00 ..... Joyful Chorus  
**7:00 ..... Lenten Service**

**Thursday**  
 9:30 ..... Quilters  
 10:00 ..... ECP Puppet Chapel  
 11:30 ..... Polity Committee

**Saturday**  
 12:00 ..... Mother/Son Bowling

**Next Sunday Palm Sunday 04.25.18**  
 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  
 2:30 ..... Legacy Ranch  
 6:00 ..... Focal Point 1.0

Our ECP continues to **Shine** this week.  
 You are invited to read  
 Matthew 21:7-11, 15-16 *with us this week.*

