



✚ 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 July 1, 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.

Team Treasure Tres' is taking 300 individual hand sanitizers to Peru. Clean Hands, Saves Lives! *We are almost there!* 3 for \$1 can be purchased at Dollar Tree. Take a tag at the Peruvian Flag in the foyer!

Team Treasure Tres' leaves Friday, July 13. Please keep the team in your prayers as preparations are in progress. Also pray for the permanent missionaries as well.

Monday Service: ... no Monday Divine Service in July.

The Grand Unveiling is **TODAY!** The first installment of our Family Resource Center is finally here. Pastor Allman will be available to point out all the opportunities and answer any questions after today's service. The expectations of the resource center are for the books to be used and returned in a timely fashion. If you would like to purchase one of the books contact Pastor Allman and he will guide you where to do so.

VBS Donation Area: This year the donation area is located in the narthex by the balcony entrance. Please consider taking a look at our needs for VBS this year and prayerfully consider grabbing a donation raft tag. If you grab a donation raft tag please place your donation in the large raft. Thank you for your assistance and for all those who have been serving and who will be serving to make VBS a success!!!

LifeDate: The latest edition from Lutherans for Life is at the Resource Center. Take one to learn how to better defend God's most precious gift, life!

Kenya Medical Mercy Team: Pastor Pase is the Team Leader and Lea Keese is a part of this team. If you are led to financially assist Lea in going, checks are to be made payable to Grace and memo "Lea to Kenya". She is seeking \$1,700. Please be praying for the team as they prepare.

ECP Executive Director Hiring Committee continues to meet, vetting two strong candidates. Please be in continued prayer for the committee and our ECP.

Am I REALLLLLY Connected? We are in the midst of an ongoing Grace Connection refresh and I would like to invite everyone to either create a connection or join a connection. You read about it in the newsletter and you have received a letter from me. If interested in more information either leading a connection or being a part of a connection please contact Pastor Allman.

\$1 feeds 4 People: Sunday School offering recipient for July – December is West Texas Food Bank. Please see your July newsletter for more information.

VBS Registration Is Open!!! VBS is filling up fast. Forms are in the July Newsletter and you can also register online at www.vbsmate.com/events/GraceLutheranMidlandTexas/16838 Enrollment is limited, so register sooner than later. Our VBS this year is July 23-27 from 9 AM- 12 PM. The theme is Splash Canyon and we hope to see everyone there.

A HUGE Thank you: Thank you to all who gave up their personal time to help us move from our old place to our new home. Alyson and I appreciated your helping hands and your muscles!!! Pastor Allman

Add This Event To Your July Calendar: This year's pool party at Doug Russell Aquatic Park is on Friday, July 27th from 7-9pm. Grace families may bring 4 guests. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. We are also inviting our VBS families to join us. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** even if you're not going to swim. Snacks will be available. You can also sign up by calling the Church Office or sending an email to office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org.

Prayer Vigil Coming: On Sunday, July 29th, plan to attend a special Prayer Vigil. Following the Divine service from noon-1:30p.m., you are invited to pray with your family of Grace. This is for *everyone*, all ages. A prayer-guide will be provided.

We Keep Chugging Along! Our Organ Improvement project is now over \$145k of the necessary \$252,650. Please continue to pray for this project and all contributions are needed and appreciated. Your June newsletter has all the details.

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 are in your newsletter. Stay tuned!

Stephen Ministry: Living Right - "I must be living right!" You've probably spoken those words in the midst of a very good day. What does it mean to "live right"? Peter lays it out for us: "As servants of God, live as free people. . . Honor everyone . . ." (1 Peter 2:16-17 NRSV). Those involved in Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry, do just that. They serve God and respect others by providing Christian care.

Extreme Makeover...in HIS Image: 2 Corinthians 8:3 – “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will.” St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

Life Quote: “When we see the young woman in a crisis pregnancy . . . vulnerable, helpless, feeling destined to make only one choice—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do . . . We lift her up and offer Christ’s compassion in real, practical ways.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Truly the Worship of God" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. When you get out of your religious comfort zone and meet people who don't know Jesus, you have opportunity to grow in faith and witness. (*Acts 10:34-48*) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. (*Mark 4:38-41*). 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

Sunday Divine Service (06/24) 134
 Sunday School Attendance (06/24).....49
 Monday Divine Service (06/25)..... 10
 First Fruit Giving (06/18 & 06/24)\$8,360.36

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 – 6th Grade
Little Lambs (Ages 0-2)..... Room 12
..... Kelly Patterson & Larissa Keller

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday 07.01.18
 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

Wednesday Office Closed Independence Day

Thursday - Saturday LWML Texas District Convention

Thursday
 11:30 Polity Committee

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Our ECP is on Summer Break.
 Keep our teachers & their plans for the
 next school year in your prayers.

