



✚ 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 July 8, 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!

**Team Treasure Tres' Commissioning:** The team, Team Leader Lea Keesee, Tiffani Hamilton, Terry Wells, Carol Massie and Natalie Keesee leaves this Friday for Peru. They will lead a 3-day VBS (Mon-Wed) and then a 3-day health fair (Thurs-Sat). Prayers for their travels and their service in La Victoria. Pray for the missionaries on site as well. Gracias!

**Grace Connections Refresh:** This weekend is the first weekend of our Grace Connections refresh. If you would like more information please see Pastor Allman after the service in the entryway or contact him via email or cell phone. Look for more information and a sign up next weekend.

**The Family Resource Center is OPEN!:** Thank you for those who have already utilized the Family Resource Center. I ask that if you take a book to please return it in a timely order and please sign the clipboard with your name and the book that you have checked out. PLEASE only check out books that are on the rotating rack. Please ask Pastor Allman if you do not see a book on display and he will check to see if the copies have been checked out. Thank you as always for the continued support. Pastor Allman

**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.

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

**Y.A.C.H.T. Club:** Meetings have moved back to Mondays at 7pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you tomorrow night!

**LifeDate:** The latest edition from Lutherans for Life is on the shelf in the entryway behind the sofa. Take one to learn how to better defend God's most precious gift, life!

**ECP Executive Director Hiring Committee Decision:** Amy Hoppman, one of our current ECP teachers has been offered the position of Executive Director of our ECP and she has accepted. We thank the Lord for the tenacious work the hiring committee did and for the Lord leading and directing the process.

**\$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 Filling Up FAST!** Enrollment is limited. (3 – 4 yrs. group is now closed.) Our VBS this year is July 23-27 from 9 AM- 12 PM and the theme is Splash Canyon. Registration forms are in the July Newsletter or go to [www.vbsmate.com/events/GraceLutheranMidlandTexas/16838](http://www.vbsmate.com/events/GraceLutheranMidlandTexas/16838) We hope to see everyone there.

**VBS Donations:** Thank you everyone who has grabbed a donation raft and donated. If you grab a cash donation raft please hand the money or check to Pastor Allman after service or if during the week please hand the cash donation to Victoria in the Church office. Thank you for your continued support towards VBS!!!

**Pool Party:** This year's pool party at Doug Russell Aquatic Park is on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org).

**Prayer Vigil Coming:** On Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Servants Needed:** Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or call Victoria in the Church office if you can help Jim count our Sunday donations or deliver worship bulletins to those who can no longer make it to Divine Services.

**Organ Improvement Project Update:** We are now over \$146k of the necessary \$252,650. Please continue to pray for this project and all contributions are needed and appreciated. Your July 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:** It's a Match - Matching is an important part of what Stephen Ministry is all about. Those who are interested in serving are matched with the best job for them. Those who need care are matched with the best caregiver for them.

**Extreme Makeover...in HIS Image 2 Corinthians 12:10 –**  
**“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with**  
**weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and**  
**calamities.”** Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content  
means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as  
somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless  
us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships,  
calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing: but that is  
why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own  
wisdom.

**Life Quote:** “When people consider euthanasia for those  
experiencing illness or decline with aging, God’s Word is clear  
again through King David in Psalm 139:16b (NIV): “[A]ll the  
days ordained for me were written in your book before one of  
them came to be.” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran*  
*Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A*  
*Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Sufficiency"** Speaker Emeritus of The  
Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. In a world of pain and  
violence, people ask, "Why doesn't God do something?" Pastor  
Ken Klaus answers, "He has." (*2 Corinthians 12:9*)

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

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (07/01) ..... 132  
Sunday School Attendance (07/01).....55  
First Fruit Giving (07/01) .....\$13,708.22

**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** **07.08.18**  
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

**Monday**  
7:00 ..... Y.A.C.H.T. Club

**Wednesday**  
6:45 ..... Men of Grace

**Friday** **Team Treasure Tres' to Peru**

**Next Sunday** **07.15.18**  
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

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

