



- ✚ 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 November 27, 2022*

**Holy Communion** is celebrated today *after* the divine service. After the sanctuary empties, come back to the chancel steps. Fill out a registration slip from the pew. Place it on the rail.

**Advent Begins TODAY!** Advent Devotions are available for you on the Ushers' stand following our midweek theme, *This is My Son*. The first midweek service will be at noon and 7 pm on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**December Newsletter** is laid out alphabetically on the table in the entry way. Please help us save on postage by picking yours up today. For our guests, there are copies for you in the rack at our Resource Center.

**This is My Son** is our midweek Advent theme this year (Christmas Day too). Divine services are Wednesday at noon and 7 pm. Use circle drive door for entrance for the noon divine service.

**Have You Met the Challenge?** We are having a free-will offering for Military Biblesticks through Sunday, December 4 in thanksgiving for our military and our Vets. Our goal is 275 military Biblesticks. We have given 640 so far. Last time we gave 206. Each Biblestick is \$25. **Checks payable to Grace and memo "Biblesticks."**

**Monday Evening Divine Service** is **TOMORROW NIGHT at 7:00 pm**. This opportunity is the Lord's gift to not neglect meeting together as some are in the habit of doing (Heb 10:25).

**This Week's Wednesday Meal** is *Baked Spaghetti, salad, & desserts*. Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 pm and your free-will offering is always appreciated to help cover expenses. **Please use the PINK SHEET so we will know how many will be joining us.**

**Confirmation Instruction During Advent:** Pastor will be teaching both classes. 1<sup>st</sup> Year will meet from 6:00-6:50 in their room. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year will meet from 7:45-8:30 in their room.

**Gingerbread House Competition is this Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:30am – 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gingerbread kits and refreshments will be provided. Teams are encouraged to bring extra decorating candies from home to embellish their houses. Congregational judging will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Poinsettias:** Please help the Altar Guild adorn our sanctuary this Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 each and you can find the "order envelopes" on the Usher's stand. Please make sure checks are payable to **Grace Altar Guild**. Deadline is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Desserts for the Firemen** - Thank you to all who brought desserts for the Midland Fire Stations! Pastor and Carol delivered the desserts to the Central Fire Station on December 21<sup>st</sup> where Battalion Chiefs from each station picked them up. Along with the

desserts, the Outreach Team purchased gift cards to Rosa's for each station.

**Everybody Needs Greeting Cards** Check the card rack in the east hallway for your Christmas cards and any other greeting cards you may need. We always have a great selection and the best prices in town. Boxed cards are on the tables next to the card rack.

**A ROYAL CHRISTMAS** program practice will begin this Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Community Room from 5:45 – 6:50pm. The other **practices** are on **12/7, 12/14, & 12/21** and dress rehearsal on **Friday, 12/23 from 10:00 – 12:00**. We will have pizza afterwards on 12/23. It's important that all participants make every practice. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Carol 432-638-4153.

**Here We Come A Caroling!** What a great family activity! Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting in the Entryway at 5:30 pm. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** that you will be joining us AND ... if you have folks who we can visit, give us their names/addresses too. The **firm** deadline to submit names is Sunday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**We Will Try Again in 2024!** The initial interest in a trip to the Holy Land did not materialize into a large enough group to make the trip feasible. We will seek to go together in 2024.

### This Week's Bible Verse:



**Bibleville** - The Bible lesson this week is "A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

**Youth-Bibleville Challenge** – These 2 groups have challenged each other with "**Which group can have the highest TOTAL attendance in Sunday School and Midweek for November?**" After last Sunday, the totals are: **Youth 67** and **Bibleville 87!** We have 1 Sunday and 1 Wednesday left! Who will win the prize?

**VBS in Peru is A GO!** We have been invited to come to Los Olivos for a VBS the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. 9 years ago, Team Lord's Lambs kicked off the ministry of Castillo Fuerte in La Victoria. Team Lord's Lambs will help reignite Castillo Fuerte in Los Olivos. Interviews will be conducted after Thanksgiving for team members. If you have an interest in being considered for the team, let us know **NOW!** Use the **PINK SHEET** to show us your interest.

**FUTURE YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**SWAT (Standing on Word And Truth)** – The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders will have a lock-in on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be decorating Christmas Stockings and filling them for some of the children at the High Sky Children's Ranch.

**BK Kids (Baptized in the King)** – Kindergarteners through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will decorate Christmas cookies on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. These cookies will be boxed up and Pastor Pase will deliver them when he visits our shut-ins.

**JH & HS Focal Point Christmas Party** will be on 12/11 from 4:30 – 7pm at the Hamilton's. Service project details coming soon!

**CAMP LONE STAR:** We are planning on attending Camp Lone Star for Pioneer Camp the week of June 11 - 16, 2023. Camp is available for those ages 8-18. (Must have finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.) Registration opens December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will register as a congregation. Every family with camp-age eligible children will be receiving direct information in December. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if your child/children are planning to attend Camp this year.

**Grace Quilters** have been working every Thursday on their labor of love. Quilts have been hung in the east hallway. Stop by and take a look. The suggested donation for the quilts is \$50 and \$30 for the lap quilts. There are 15 large and 5 lap quilts. On the card table by the card rack are pieces of paper, pins and a pen to claim the quilt(s) you are wanting.

**Stephen Ministry What a Team!** All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. Please keep our caring team in your daily prayers this week.

**Gifted With Grace: Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."** Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

**Life Quotes:** "These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Paradise Restored"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? *Isaiah 11:1-10* The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries: "Behold, I'm Coming Soon!"** Guest: Rev. Bruce McKenny. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (11/20)..... 107  
 Sunday School Attendance (11/20)..... 60  
 Monday Divine Service (11/21) ..... 10  
 First Fruit Giving (11/14 & 11/20)..... \$5,848.92

**Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation**

**Adult** ..... **Fellowship Hall**  
*The Gospel of John*..... *Pastor Pase*  
**Adult** ..... **Community Room**  
*Sunday Lessons*..... *Pete Lufholm*  
**Grades 7-8** ..... **Youth Room**  
 ..... *Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton*  
**Grades 9-12** ..... **Youth Room**  
 ..... *Chad & Lisa Dalager*  
**Adventure Zones in Bibleville**.....  
 ..... *Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

**Graceful Living This Week**

**This Sunday** **11.27.22**  
 7:30..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM  
 ..... 1070 & 107.1 FM  
 8:00..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM  
 ..... AM 1070 & 107.1 FM  
 9:00..... Bibleville  
 9:15..... Sunday School  
 10:30..... Divine Service  
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch Service

**Monday**  
 6:00..... Joyful Tones  
 7:00..... Divine Service

**Wednesday**  
 12:00..... Advent Service  
 5:00..... Meal – Baked Spaghetti  
 5:45..... Christmas Eve Practice  
 6:00..... Joyful Chorus  
 6:00 – 6:50..... HS & Adult Classes  
 6:00 – 6:50..... 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation  
 7:00..... Advent Service  
 7:45 – 8:30..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation

**Next Sunday** **12.04.22**  
 7:30..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM  
 ..... 1070 & 107.1 FM  
 8:00..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM  
 ..... AM 1070 & 107.1 FM  
 9:00..... Bibleville  
 9:15..... Sunday School  
 10:30..... Divine Service w/Communion  
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch Service



*ECP 2022-2023: BEE IMITATORS OF GOD  
 Zechariah & Elizabeth, naming of John the Baptizer  
 "Prepare the way of the Lord. Isaiah 40:3"  
 Be prepared for His promise!*