



✚ 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 22, 2023

**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.

**Living in the Light of the Lord** discipleship continues. Our theme today is, "Out of Deep Darkness." The series concludes with Commitment Sunday next week.



**Mission Agape** is our Door Offering recipient beginning today through March. We are privileged to have Russ Hale with us this morning to tell us more about this ministry. Check out their table in the Entryway. The basket for our free-will offering is on the half-circle table. Checks are to be payable to Grace, memo "Mission Agape."

**TODAY is LIFE Sunday:** We begin our service project in conjunction with the ECP. We will go through Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be filling large baby bottles with coins, cash or checks for the Life Center in Midland. If giving by check, please make it out to Grace and memo it "Life Center." Your January newsletter has more details or see our Life Advocate, Mina Fitting.

**Commitment Sunday** is next Sunday. Bring your 2023 sealed commitment form with you to place in the baptismal font during the divine service. In case you do (please, don't!) forget yours, extra copies will be on the ushers' stand. Please make sure you put your name on the envelope. We don't want to open any of them to find out who they are to be returned to in January 2024. Thank you.

**Plenty of Openings** for Altar Flowers. The new 2023 flower chart is up in the south hallway, across from the Parlor and ready for you to choose your special date, one or two vases. \$50 a vase

**HS Focal Point** – Game Night @ Grace **TONIGHT** from 6:30 – 8pm.

**Pastor's Adult Information Class** began last Sunday and continues today from 4:00-5:30 pm in Community Room. This is a 10-session class. Materials are provided.

**Lutheran Schools Week** is this week throughout our Synod. Our ECP will celebrate with the following dress up days.

Mon. 1/23 – Hat Day

Tues. 1/24 – Crazy Hair Day

Wed. 1/25 – Crazy Sock Day

Thurs. 1/26 – What You Want To Be When You Grow Up Day

Fri. 1/27 – Wear your Grace Lutheran T-Shirt

**Monday Evening Divine Service** is tomorrow at 7pm. Invite someone you don't see here today.

**Who Will Keep It Going?** Let Pastor know! What, you ask? Bill Braden has been called home to the Lord. Who will be the "new" dum-dum man (or woman). Again, let Pastor know.

**Graceful Seniors** meet Tuesday at **10:15 am** in the Parlor as we continue our study of *GENESIS*. Chapter 12 is our focus. You are invited to join us!

**Wednesday Meal:** This week's meal is *Chicken Nuggets, 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.

**Blood Drive is 10 Days Away:** This is your opportunity to give the "Gift of Life" in 2023, Wednesday, 2/1 from 4 – 7:15pm. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** indicating your preferred time or contact the Church Office.

**New Pictorial Directory:** Mark your calendars – **Photo dates are: March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**. We want YOU to be included – it won't be complete without you! You can easily make your appointment to be photographed by using this QR Code:



Or by using this link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64628step=2> Be photographed for the new directory and receive your copy of the directory and an 8X10 portrait of your family at no charge. To get your copy of the directory, you must be in it. Make your appointment and do your part to make this the best directory ever! Contact Vicki Byars at 432-770-9877 with any questions.

**Ordination At Alive in Christ, Big Spring:** Vicar Bobby Roever will be ordained on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Bobby is in the SMP (Specialized Ministry Program) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Alive In Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Dr. Big Spring. A reception immediately following.

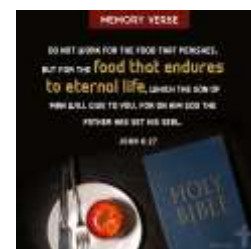
**LCMS Sharing Newsletter:** The latest issue is at the Family Life Resource Center. Read about *Serving Families in the Community* at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carol Stream, IL. They received a matching grant made possible by contributions to LCMS World Relief and Human Care to help their community.

**Grace Quilters** are back working on their "labor of love" on Thursdays at 9:00am in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to come. No quilting experience is needed. Contact Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 or Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263.

**Who Needs Greeting Cards? Everybody!** The Grace card rack always has a great selection of greeting cards, not to mention the best price in town. There are many others coming up soon on our calendars. Check the card rack in the east hallway for your greeting card needs.

**2023 Tellers Needed:** Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. See your January newsletter for complete details. **Please sign up on the PINK SHEET** indicating which month(s) you are available.

### **This Week's Bible Verse:**



**Church Council** meets Thursday at 6 pm. All officers and Board chairs, see you then.

**CAMP LONE STAR:** Parent/Camper meeting scheduled for **January 29<sup>th</sup>** right after church in the Fellowship Hall. Information and a timetable for payment will be shared at this time.

**Peru Mission Trip** is less than a month away now. The team's tickets have been purchased and training is continuing. Keep them and the mission (VBS) in your prayers.

**Father-Daughter Dance** (Light Up the Night) is Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET**.

**Couple's Retreat:** The Family Life Team would like to know your preference for a couple's retreat sometime this spring. Please let them know on the **PINK SHEET**.

**Family Life Campout:** Join us on our fourth annual Family Life Campout to be held Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Lake Colorado City State Park. **Please sign up on the PINK SHEET** and we will reserve your spot. Call Jodie Hawkins at 307-231-2134 with questions. **Payment is due no later than Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**BK Kids (Baptized in the King)-** Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet on **February 4<sup>th</sup>** (9:00-10:30) to make Valentines for our homebound members.

**S.W.A.T. (Standing on Word and Truth):** 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet at Grace on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** for a Valentine Service Event.

**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.

**Living in the Light of the Lord: Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”** Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

**Life Quotes:** “When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness’ (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved.” *Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Hopelessly Hopeful: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. *Colossians 1:27.* The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries:** “Limping with God: Jacob & The Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship.” Guest: Chad Bird. 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 (1/15).....	123
Sunday School Attendance (1/15) .....	70
Monday Divine Service (1/16) .....	11
First Fruit Giving (12.31, 1/9 & 1/15) .....	\$16,945.00

**Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation**

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

**Graceful Living This Week**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Life Sunday</b>	<b>01.22.23</b>
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
9:00.....	.....	Bibleville
9:15.....	.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	.....	Divine Service
2:30.....	.....	Legacy Ranch Service
4:00.....	.....	Adult Info. Class
6:30.....	.....	HS Focal Point Game Night

<b>Monday</b>	
6:00.....	Joyful Tones
7:00.....	Divine Service

<b>Tuesday</b>	
10:15.....	Graceful Seniors
5:15.....	Stephen Ministry Supervision
6:00.....	Board of Bus. Admin. Mtg.

<b>Wednesday</b>	
5:00.....	Meal – Chicken Nuggets
6:15.....	Joyful Chorus
6:15.....	Midweek Ministry

<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00.....	Quilters
5:15.....	Governance Committee
6:00.....	Church Council
6:00.....	SOS

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Commitment Sunday</b>	<b>01.29.23</b>
9:15.....	.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	.....	Divine Service
4:00.....	.....	Vicar Bobby Roever Ordination

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Feeding the 5,000+.  
God will supply every need of yours. Philippians 4:19  
Be satisfied!

