



- ✝ 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 January 29, 2023*

**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. *Common Cup and Individual Cup are offered this morning.*

**Living in the Light of the Lord** discipleship concludes TODAY with our theme being "Goodly Requirement," and we place our sealed commitments in the baptismal font. If you have forgotten your Commitment, there are extra forms on the Ushers' stand. Please make sure you put your name on the envelope. Thank you!

**Outreach Ministry Team** has a new Board Chair. Lea Keese is filling the elected term of Jane Pase (2023). She is installed this morning!

**February Newsletter** is nicely laid out in alphabetical order on the table in the entryway. Please help us save postage and pick your copy up today. Thank you!

**CAMP LONE STAR:** Parent/Camper meeting is scheduled for TODAY right after church in the Fellowship Hall. Information and a timetable for payment will be shared at this time.



**Mission Agape** is our Door Offering recipient through March. Mission Agape provides food baskets for children over the weekend. Their ministry is beyond Midland-Odessa now. Your newsletter has all the details. The basket for our free-will offering is on the half-circle table. Checks are to be payable to Grace, memo "Mission Agape."

**Serving at Mission Agape:** Two times a month, hour each, in the afternoon. Boxing up food. That's it! Oh yes, a servant heart! Use the **PINK SHEET** to let Pastor know you are in. Looking for 10-12 servants. February is our desired starting month.

**Our Celebration of LIFE Continues...** Take, fill, and bring back the baby jars full of coins, cash and even checks to the table in the Entryway. All donations are going to the Life Center of Midland. Make checks payable to Grace and memo it "Life Center." There is a running total posted at the table. Grace ECP joins us for the next two weeks. Who will give more? The kids or the adults? See our Life Advocate, Mina Fitting with any questions.

**Ordination At Alive in Christ, Big Spring:** Vicar Bobby Roever will be ordained on TODAY, 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.

**Blood Drive is 3 Days Away:** We have 8 time slots still available. It's not too late 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.

**Peru Mission Trip:** The team is making the final arrangements. They will be commissioned next Sunday morning during the divine service. Keep them and the mission (VBS) in your prayers.

**Bibleville:** Today we studied "A Deacon Delivers" in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, "Who helps us understand Scripture today?"

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

**Voters' Assembly Meeting** is next Sunday morning following the divine service. This is our first of four scheduled meetings for 2023. All voting members are reminded of their responsibility. Lunch will be served.

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

**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.

**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.

**Wednesday Meal:** This week's meal is *Hamburger steak, 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.**

**Who's Moving?** BJ Haley will be relocating to North Carolina to be with her son, the end of February. Take time to call or better yet, go and see her before she leaves.

**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 by using this QR Code:



Or by using this link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64628step=2> You will 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. Contact Vicki Byars at 432-770-9877 with any questions.

**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** continue 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!** New **Valentine** cards are now on the Grace card rack, along with cards for every occasion, and the best price in town. There is always a special reason to send a card. 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 February newsletter for complete details. Call or email the church office and let us know when you can serve.

**This Week’s Bible Verse:**



**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 **March 5<sup>th</sup>** for a Valentine Service Event.

**Stephen Ministry:** People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That’s why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it.

**Living in the Light of the Lord: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”** God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

**Life Quotes:** “Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults.” *Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: “Your Time to Shine”** Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God’s light, even more so. *Matthew 5:14-16.* The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries: “Dealing with Depression.”** Guest: Dr. Richard Winter. Aired at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Aired at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (1/22) .....132  
 Sunday School Attendance (1/22) .....67  
 Monday Divine Service (1/23) .....10  
 First Fruit Giving (1/16 & 1/22).....\$7,765.34

**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**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Commitment Sunday</b>	<b>01.29.23</b>
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i>	KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i>	KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:00.....		Bibleville
9:15.....		Sunday School
10:30.....		Divine Service
4:00.....	Vicar Bobby Roever’s	Ordination

**Monday**  
 6:00..... Joyful Tones  
 7:00..... Divine Service w/Communion

**Wednesday**  
 11:30..... The Sheep of Bibleville  
**4:00** ..... **Blood Drive**  
 5:00..... Meal – Hamburger Steak  
 6:15..... Joyful Chorus  
 6:15..... Midweek Ministry

**Thursday**  
 9:00..... Quilters

**Saturday**  
 9:00..... KFC Valentine Cards

**Next Sunday** **02.05.23**  
 9:15..... Sunday School  
 10:30..... Divine Service w/Communion  
 11:45..... Voters’ Assembly  
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch  
 4:00..... Adult Info. Class



*ECP 2022-2023: BEE IMITATORS OF GOD  
 Zacchaeus  
 [Jesus said] You are my friends. John 15:14  
 Be a friend to all!*