



- ✝ 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 February 5, 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 continues throughout 2023 and all our baptized life. Don't hide your light under a bushel! Don't let Satan poof it out! If you have yet to bring your 2023 sealed Commitment, please do so. There are extras on the ushers' stand in the back of the nave. You may place it in the offering plate. It will be placed on the altar with those brought last Sunday.

Peru Mission Trip: VBS materials are packed, flights are confirmed (we leave Saturday morning), passports in order and we are ready to serve Him in Peru! We ask for your prayers for safety, good health, an abundance of energy, and flexibility as plans change, but above all, that the light and love of our Savior would shine through us in all we do.

Voters' Assembly Meeting is today following the divine service. Lunch is being served.

Pastor's Adult Information Class continues today from 4:00-5:30 pm in Community Room. We are on lesson 3 of this 10-session class. Not too late to join us.



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."

WOW! WOW! WOW! This may be a one-week record for a **PINK SHEET** sign-up (not counting a meal). 19 are interested in serving at Mission Agape. Pastor will be firming up details this week. We are looking at Tuesday at 2 pm. We want to do it twice a month. That will be determined this week, which two Tuesdays. For those who signed up, watch your email inbox. We want to start in February!

One More Week! We are collecting for the Life Center of Midland through next Sunday. Our ECP has some catching up to do as they didn't have school three days this past week. Take, fill, and bring back the baby jars full of coins, cash and even checks to the table in the Entryway. Make checks payable to Grace and memo it "Life Center." There is a running total posted at the table. See our Life Advocate, Mina Fitting with any questions.

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

Blood Drive Rescheduled: We could not secure a Wednesday until late Spring. We want 3 blood drives a year. So, the rescheduled blood drive is **Saturday, March 25th from 10:00-2:00 pm**. We'll begin sign-ups again in a few weeks.

Bibleville: In today's Bible lesson, students studied the amazing account of "An Enemy Converts." On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God.

Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf. Discuss, "How does the conversion of Saul change the history of the world?"

New Study Begins Next Sunday in Pastor's Sunday Bible class. They concluded the Gospel of John today. Next study will be Romans. We begin next Sunday at 9:15 am.

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

Newsletter Deadline: Friday, 2/10 @ 2pm is the deadline to submit all information for the March 2023 newsletter & calendar. Please email all information to Victoria in the church office. 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.

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 is 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.

Sunday School Offerings for Camp Lone Star "Camperships": The total donated for the month of January was \$588.99! That's almost 3 "camperships in one month! See page 11 of the February newsletter for complete details. *Thanks to those who have already donated.*

New Pictorial Directory: Mark your calendars – **Photo dates are: March 3rd & 4th**. 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> To get a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no charge, 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: Last chance to reserve your campsite for the Family Life Camp Out at Lake Colorado City State Park on April 28-30. We have 3 families signed up, but need at least 2 more to go forward with the plans. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or call Ms. Carol at the church office.

S.W.A.T. (Standing on Word and Truth): 5th/6th graders will meet at Grace on **March 5th** for a Service Event.

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.

Living in the Light of the Lord:
Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

Life Quotes: “How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Shine Like Stars" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who know – and loves – each one. *1 Corinthians 3:6-7*. 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 (1/29) 128
 Sunday School Attendance (1/29) 61
 Monday Divine Service (1/30) No Service
 First Fruit Giving (1/23 & 1/29) \$13,096.17

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 – 6th Grade*

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday **02.05.23**
 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
 11:45..... Voters' Assembly
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch
 4:00..... Adult Info. Class

Monday
 9:00..... Circuit Meeting, Big Spring
 6:00..... Joyful Tones
 7:00..... Divine Service w/Communion

Tuesday
 6:30..... CROSS

Wednesday
 10:00..... ECP Puppet Chapel
 5:00..... Meal – Pizza
 5:15..... CY&FL Board Mtg.
 6:15..... Joyful Chorus
 6:15..... Midweek Ministry

Thursday
 9:00..... Quilters
 10:00..... ECP Puppet Chapel
 6:00..... SOS

Friday
 2:00..... Newsletter Deadline
 6:00..... Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday **Peru Mission Trip – 2/19**
 10:00..... JH Focal Point Service Project

Next Sunday **02.12.23**
 8:15..... Elders' Mtg.
 9:15..... Sunday School
 10:30..... Divine Service
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch
 4:00..... Adult Info. Class



ECP 2022-2023: BEE IMITATORS OF GOD
Jesus blesses the children
[Jesus says] "Love one another." John 13:34
Be loving!