



- ✝ 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 March 19, 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 as well as gluten-free wafers.*

We Welcome Into God's Forever Family through Holy Baptism Dax, Jake & Marion Hritz, children of Ryan & Wendy Hritz. The Lord richly bless their baptismal journey.

Chronicles of the King, our Lenten series, written by Rev. George Kirkup, PhD, pastor, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holbrook, New York, continues this Wednesday at noon and 7pm. This week: *"Know Thyself: Uzziah"*

Portals of Prayer: The latest edition begins April 1. Copies are laid out on the ushers stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!), for yourself and to give away as a witness to your Lord.

Adult Information Class is back today at 4:00 pm.

Monday Evening Divine Service will be held tomorrow at 7 pm. Invite someone you haven't seen in church lately.

All Midweek Activities will resume this Wednesday, 3/22.

Wednesday Meal: This week's meal is *Enchilada Casserole, 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.**

Easter Lily(ies): Would you like to provide a lovely lily or two for our Easter Sunday Divine Service? Make sure to fill out your envelope with your dedication. **Cost is \$15 each.** Last day to order is **April 3rd**. Envelopes are on ushers' stand.

Two More Weeks Left! Our Door Offering recipient through March is Mission Agape. They provide food baskets for children over the weekend. Their ministry is beyond Midland-Odessa now. The basket for our free-will offering is on the half-circle table. Checks are to be payable to Grace, memo "Mission Agape."

Mission Agape: Served on 3/8. We serve again this Tuesday from **2:30-3:30 pm.**



Blood Drive Is Around the Corner! There are several time slots still open for Saturday, March 25th from 10:00-2:00 pm. Use the **PINK SHEET** to indicate your preferred time slot.

Mother/Son Event – Knights of the Round Table: "Be strong in the Lord." Ephesians 6:10 is the theme Bible Verse for the Mother/Son Event on March 25th from 6:00 – 7:30. Moms, enjoy a night out in the Kingdom with your knight. A light "feast" will be served along with tournament games, dragon slaying and a dubbing ceremony! **Please sign up on the PINK SHEET.**

Pictorial Directory: Thank you to all who participated in the photo appointments last weekend. The company is allowing photo submissions by those unable to be photographed. Photo must be at least wallet size and a digital photo. If the photo is professionally produced, permission to use it also must be submitted. There is a \$20 per submission to offset the cost of printing. We do not have access to any pictures from previous directories. *If you want to submit a photo, submit it by March 28th.* Email to office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org. Victoria will also collect the \$20 fee.

Bibleville: Bibleville: Today kids studied The Lord's Supper: Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Filled Easter Eggs are needed for Bibleville Easter Egg Hunt. Just get some plastic eggs (any size) and fill them with your choice of candy. Chocolate is ok! There will be 2 drop-off boxes. One by Bibleville and one in the entryway. If you have questions, call Ms. Carol at 432-638-4153. The Bibleville Team and kids thank you! **Needed by April 2nd.**

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: We only had 3 families sign up to attend the Camping Event at Lake Colorado City State Park so the Family Life Team decided to cancel the trip. However, we are wondering why the lack of interest? Is it because of the date or is camping just not your thing? We want to find out if we should try for another date or replace camping with another event. **Please fill out the PINK SHEET to help us with the decision.**

Coming Soon to the Resource Center: In the near distant future, a handful of new resources for adults and children will be arriving. Keep a look out!

Christmas In Action: Yes, we are doing a project this year. We have a Captain, and a project has been selected! We'll be caulking and painting a newly sided home. The date for our workday is May 5. Let us know you will serve in this valuable ministry in Midland. Use the **PINK SHEET** to let us know. The event will be early May.

The Interest is Definitely There for a short-term construction team from Grace. This is your **FINAL** opportunity to show us your interest. Use the **PINK SHEET**. A meeting will be held soon to see which project we want to do and when we can do it.

Are You Praying? Chaplain Aaron Bell is our adopted chaplain, serving the USMC. Pastor reached out to him to see how things are going. Jane used to be in regular contact with him. Pastor heard back. He will be moving in a few months to a new base. Once he is settled then we will continue another Jane "legacy" and that is care packages for his Marines.

Couple's Retreat: Once again we are gauging interest for this retreat. Please see the **PINK SHEET** and check the best month(s) that fit with your schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL FOCAL POINT will have a lock-in at the church on April 6th. Talk to Natalie Keesee if you have any questions.

BK and KFC Kids will be going roller skating on April 22nd at the 1st Baptist Church from 10:00-12:00. Talk to Jamie Moerbe or Ms. Carol if you have questions.

JR. HIGH FOCAL POINT will have a lock-in at the church on April 28th. Talk to Ross Klapon if you have any questions.

No Flowers During Lent but that doesn't mean you cannot select your special days and loved ones to remember the rest of the year. The flower chart is on the bulletin board in the south hallway, across from the Parlor. You can choose one or two vases. Each vase is \$50.

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.

Everybody Needs Greeting Cards? The Easter cards are out + other cards for all occasions on the Grace card rack, with the best price in town. Check the card rack in the east hallway for your greeting card needs.

This Week's Bible Verse:



Stephen Ministry Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting. God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you!

Living in the Light of the Lord: Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

Life Quotes: “When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Is God Missing in Action?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Is God “missing in action?” Not if we see things from God’s eternal perspective. (*John 11*). The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Family Shield Ministries: “Jesus Said WHAT?” Guests: Rev. Christopher Kennedy. 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 (3/12).....	97
Sunday School Attendance (3/12).....	48
Monday Divine Service (3/13).....	No Service
Lenten Service Noon (3/15).....	32
Lenten Service 7pm (3/15).....	13
First Fruit Giving (3/6, 3/8, & 3/12).....	\$161,386.34

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

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

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	03.19.23
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 w/Communion
2:30.....	Legacy Ranch
4:00.....	Adult Info. Class

Monday
7:00..... Divine Service w/Communion

Tuesday
2:30..... Mission Agape
6:00..... Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday
Noon..... **Lenten Service**
5:00..... Meal – Enchilada Casserole
5:30..... ECP Board Mtg.
6:00..... Joyful Chorus
6:00..... Midweek Ministries
7:00..... **Lenten Service**

Thursday
9:00..... Quilters

Saturday
10:00..... Blood Drive
6:00..... Mother/Son Event

Next Sunday **03.26.23**
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 calms the storm
Jesus has power over nature, over everything.
Great is the Lord, Psalm 145:3
Be amazed!*

