



✝ 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 26, 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.

**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: *“Our Last Hope: Josiah”*

**April Newsletter** is nicely laid out in alphabetical order on the table in the entryway. Please make sure to pick yours up today and help Grace with the ever-increasing cost of postage. Thank you!

**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.



**Mission Agape** has been our Door Offering recipient since January. Today is the last day to give your gift to this much-needed ministry. Today we have board member Alex Snellen with us who will share with us at the end of the divine service. The basket on the half-circle table in the Entryway is where your gift may go.

**New Resources Are Here!** Books for kids and adults are available today. They are displayed now on the table in the Entryway. Please sign out (and in) on the clipboard.

**Adult Information Class** Join us today at 4:00 pm.

**Did You Buy a Quilt?** They will be available in the Community Room **TODAY** for pickup. Gina Zimmerman will be there to collect your payment. If you are unable to get yours today, please pay Victoria in the church office.

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

**Graceful Seniors** meet Tuesday at **10:00 am** in the Parlor as the study Genesis chapter 15 is our focus. You are invited to join us!

**Wednesday Meal:** This week's meal is *Chicken & Stuffing 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.**

**Family Promise:** We serve **NEXT WEEK!** Our new Coordinator is Nicol Benton! You may talk to her or Pastor Pase about getting involved as a Family Promise Servant. The sign-up board is in the Entryway. Please keep this vital ministry in prayer.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Envelopes are on ushers' stand.

**Thank You!** Jim Raven for putting the blocks together for our nursery. We know the kids will love them. They are just the right size!

**Pictorial Directory:** Thank you to all who participated in the photo appointments. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Email to [office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org](mailto:office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org).** Victoria will also collect the \$20 fee.

**Bibleville:** Today kids studied Peter Denies Jesus: Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus does not deny us because we belong to Him as baptized members of His Body, the Church, instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back.

**Easter Sunrise Breakfast:** We need servants to help cook at 5am and others willing to serve at 7:45am after our sunrise service. Please let Margie know if you are willing to help at either of these times.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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.**

**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 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Natalie Keesee if you have any questions.

**BK and KFC Kids** will be going roller skating on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Ross Klabon 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** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

**Living in the Light of the Lord: Romans 8:1** – "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

**Life Quotes:** "The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!" *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Hell: No One Has to Go There"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination. (*Matthew 26:20-29*). The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries: "Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God's Presence"** Guest: Michelle Diercks. Aairs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Aairs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (3/19).....	105
Sunday School Attendance (3/19) .....	55
Monday Divine Service (3/20) .....	10
Lenten Service Noon (3/22) .....	25
Lenten Service 7pm (3/22) .....	35
First Fruit Giving (3/13, 3/15, & 3/19) .....	\$10,283.17

**Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation**

<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<i>Romans</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**

**This Sunday** **03.26.23**

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
4:00.....	Adult Info. Class

**Monday**

9:00.....	Circuit Meeting-Monhans
6:00.....	Joyful Tones
7:00.....	Divine Service

**Tuesday**

10:00.....	Graceful Seniors
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**Wednesday**

<b>Noon</b> .....	<b>Lenten Service</b>
5:00.....	Meal – Chicken & Stuffing Casserole
6:00.....	Joyful Chorus
6:00.....	Midweek Ministries
<b>7:00</b> .....	<b>Lenten Service</b>

**Thursday**

9:00.....	Quilters
6:00.....	Business Admin. Mtg.

**Next Sunday**

<b>4.02.23</b>	
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion
2:30.....	Legacy Ranch
4:00.....	Adult Info. Class

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*Palm Sunday*

*Hosanna – "Save us"*

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*John 12:13*

*Be excited in praise!*

