



- ✝ 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 September 17, 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.*

Music Ministry Dedication: We are blessed with our music ministry at Grace. Today we will dedicate all involved in our music ministry at the beginning of the service. Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

ECP Prayer Pals: Thank you to all who became an ECP Prayer Pal last Sunday. There are still just a few more kiddos who need *you*. The exact number is 17. (We didn't have pictures of one class last week.) Go to the table in the Entryway and take a packet with a picture of your prayer pal, 7 cards with envelopes and instructions. It is that simple.

JH & HS Focal Point: "Splashout" to be held at the Hamilton's House today, 9/17 from 4 – 6pm.

Portals of Prayer: Copies of the newest issue are laid out on the ushers stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!) one for yourself and some to give away as a witness to your Lord.

New Resources Are Here! Full information is in your September newsletter, but two new books are on the table in the Entryway. 3 copies of each book are available. Sign out a book on the clipboard, read the book and then sign it back in when you are done and return the book.

Bibleville: This week's lesson was "A Servant's Mission." Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham's homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah's family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

Monday Divine Service at 7pm! We are here tomorrow night. This is your opportunity to be fed by the Lord if you are not present Sunday. It is also your opportunity to invite someone you don't see here on Sunday to be fed by the Lord.



Mission Agape Servants: We serve this Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast Connection meets this Wednesday, 9/20 from 6:45 – 7:30 am. They meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at Higher Grounds Coffee on Andrews Highway. Ryan Hamilton is Connection leader.

The Sheep of Bibleville Connection meets Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Parlor.

Midweek Ministry is Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 pm. There is a place for *you* at Grace on Wednesdays. We have classes from Kindergarten through adults. Joyful Chorus, our adult choir also meets at this time. Again, something for everyone on Wednesdays. Read below to see what's for dinner on Wednesday.

This Week's Wednesday Meal is *Enchiladas, 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.**

S.O.S. Connection Group (Surviving On Scripture) will begin a new Bible Study on Oct. 5, "Meant For Good," A study of Joseph. We are an over 50 women's group who meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Library. Please contact Carol Massie 432-638-4153 or Cindy Hilton 432-638-7159 if you have any questions.

Texas District Pastors' Wives Retreat: has been a blessing to our Texas District since 1986. A perpetual endowment fund was created in 1998 to help cover the registration. Grace helped to promote this endowment when it began. In celebration of the 25th anniversary they are seeking to raise \$25,000 to add to this fund. We hope you will prayerfully consider making a gift. **You are encouraged to give in loving memory of Pastor Pase's wife, Jane Ellen.** A brochure giving full information is also available in the Resource Center.

KFC (Kids For Christ- Kindergarten-4th Grade) will be going to the "Kid's Farmers Market" on September 30th. We will meet at 8:45 at the West Texas Food Bank (1601 Westcliff Dr.). More details coming soon.

Pillow Pal Party: We will gather in the Community Room on 10/1 at 12 Noon. It's easy and fun. The Breast Center and the recipients really love our pillows, and they bring comfort to so many. Please join us!

National Life Chain is Sunday, 10/1 from 2-3:30 pm at the corner of Illinois and Andrews Highway. We will use the signs we place on the south lawn. We are able to stand (and move) because we were given life! This is why we stand for life!

Oktoberfest: is getting closer. It's on **October 28th from 5 – 7pm.** We're all excited about the food, music & dancing.

Green Acres Mini Golf for our Youth:
 Jr. High Focal Point – Oct. 8, 6-7:30 p.m.
 High School Focal Point – Oct. 15, 4-6 p.m.
 S.W.A.T. Preteen – Oct. 22, 3-5 p.m.

Camp Lone Star: Registration begins November 14th, and we want to be ready! Our week at camp will be **June 9th-14th, 2024.** Watch for the **PINK SHEET** in October to sign up the kids!

Altar Flowers: Have you signed up for flowers for your special date(s) yet? **Open dates are 10/22 (1), 10/29 (1), 11/5 (2), & 12/31 (2).** The flower chart is posted in the south hallway, across from the Parlor. Flowers are \$50 per vase. The envelopes are next to the chart for you to fill in your dedication. You can either place them in the offering plate or on Victoria's desk.

We Want to Celebrate ALL Milestones! Our *Retirement Milestone* will happen in the fall. If you have retired from a full-time position, let us know in the church office. Again, *full-time!* If you are still working part-time, consulting and the like, you are retired. And we want to honor that milestone. So, let us know by signing up on the **PINK SHEET**.

LCMS Sharing Newsletter: The latest issue can be found at the Resource Center. You can read about Serving Over Spring Break. How a pre-deaconess program student helped homeowners rebuild after Hurricane Ian.

Life Date! The latest edition is on the Resource Center. This is an excellent resource from Lutherans for Life that will aid you in your speaking up for and on behalf of the unborn.

This Week's Bible Verse:



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: Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Life Quotes: “No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "High Ground" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (*Psalm 27*) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Family Shield Ministries: "5 Traits of a Healthy Family." Guest & author: Dr. Gary Chapman. 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 (09/10) 130
 Sunday School Attendance (09/10)..... 71
 Monday Divine Service (09/11)..... 6
 First Fruit Giving (09/10)..... \$14,006.00

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

Adult..... **Fellowship Hall**
Revelation..... *Pastor Pase*
Adult..... **Community Room**
Sunday Lessons *Pete Lufholm*
Adult..... **Parlor**
Bible Stories *Josh/Kelli Jones*
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 **09.17.23**
 7:30..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
 1070 & 107.1 FM
 8:00..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM
 AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
 9:15..... Sunday School
 10:30..... Divine Service w/Communion
 2:30..... Legacy Ranch
 4:00..... JH & HS Focal Point

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

Tuesday
 2:30..... Mission Agape

Wednesday
 6:45..... Men’s Breakfast Connection
 11:30..... The Sheep of Bibleville
 5:00..... Meal – Enchiladas
 5:30..... ECP Board Mtg.
 6:15..... Joyful Chorus
 6:15..... Joyful Noise
 6:15..... Midweek Ministry

Thursday
 1:00..... Quilters
 5:30..... S.O.S.
 6:00..... Bus. Admin. Mtg.

Saturday
 8:30..... KFC Kids Farmer’s Market
 6:00..... Milestone Dinner

Next Sunday **09.24.23**
 7:30..... *The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
 1070 & 107.1 FM
 8:00..... *Family Shield* KWEL AM
 AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
 9:15..... Sunday School
 10:30..... Divine Service

ECP 2023-2024: Shine While Trusting
Call of Abraham – Genesis 12:2-9; 33:11-20
I have called you by name.
Isaiah 43:1

