



- ✝ 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 November 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 as well as gluten-free wafers.*

**We Welcome Into God's Forever Family** through Holy Baptism Cara Lucia Caylor, daughter of Dylan & Shantel Caylor. Cara's sponsor is Mary Neely. The Lord richly bless her baptismal journey.

**Monday Evening Divine Service** is **TOMORROW NIGHT at 7:00 pm.** This opportunity is the Lord's gift to not neglect meeting together as some are in the habit of doing (Heb 10:25).

**Bibleville:** In today's "Waterworks" lesson, we learned about how God provides water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge – no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God's ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out to the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

**ECP Prayer Pals:** Please remember to pray for your "Pals" each day. Also, be ready to complete their Christmas cards and place them in the basket on the table near the ECP office.



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

**No Wednesday Meal or Midweek Activities** this week as there is no school. See you in church on Thursday morning! Meals and Midweek activities will return on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Day Divine Service:** Join us for a special service for Thanksgiving called "His Steadfast Love Endures Forever." This service provides us with an opportunity to express thankfulness and praise to our God for all his goodness to us. Let the Scripture, sermon and songs allow us to show great gratitude to our God on this holiday. Our divine service is Thursday at 10:00 am.

**Children-Led Christmas Program:** Practice begins Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 6:50pm in Bibleville.

**Advent Devotions Available Today!** Advent begins December 1. The devotions follow our midweek theme, *Peace Came to Earth.* The first midweek service will be at noon and 7 pm on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You!** to everyone who gave the *Gift of Life* at our blood drive last Wednesday. A total of 18 units were given. Our first blood drive for 2024 will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Save the date and mark your calendars now.

**Grace Quilters:** New quilts are displayed in the east hallway and available for purchase beginning **TODAY.** The suggested donation for the large quilts is \$50 and the lap quilts is \$30. Make sure to pin your name to your choices. The profits from this sale will be donated to Grace's *Debt Retirement Fund.*

**More Quilter's News:** Starting December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Quilters will meet from 9am – noon. They are always looking for new faces. Contact Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 or Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 with any questions.

**The Church Office:** will be closed on 11/23 & 11/24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Jr. High Focal Point:** We will be doing a Service Project on November 28, from 4-7pm. at Breaking Bread. The address is 410 East Florida Ave. Midland

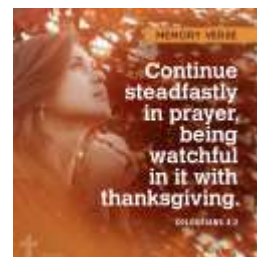
**Sunday School Offerings** this year our designated offerings go to Camp Lone Star for "Camperships." Our goal for Camperships is **\$2,000.** As of the end of October, our Sunday School offering total was **\$1,849.98.** There are only 6 weeks left of the year and we need **\$150.02** to reach our goal. Help us get there by putting a few dollars in the offering basket when it is passed around in your Sunday School class.

**VBS Dates Are Set:** Our 3-day VBS will be July 1, 2 and 3. We are doing VBS early this year because of other events during the second and third weeks of July. Mark your calendars!

**LCMS Sharing Newsletter:** The latest issue can be found at the Resource Center. You can read about welcoming Ukrainian Refugees in Wittenberg, Germany and where they found shelter. There's also an article on Catechism from LCMS President, Matthew Harrison.

**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:**



**WHO WILL UP-END THE DALAGER FAMILY?** The GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST is set for December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 – 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Guidelines will be given to participants prior to the competition. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** by November 19<sup>th</sup> if you will be participating. Mark your calendars now, you don't want to miss out on this great Family Memory Making event!



**2024 Flower Chart:** is up in the south hallway, across from the Parlor and ready for you to choose your special date(s), one or two vases. They are \$50 per vase. Complete an envelope next to the flower chart and make sure to include your dedication. Also, let us know if you want To keep your flowers or not by writing “yes” or “no” on the flower chart by your name. Flowers are usually removed from the altar on Tuesday.

**2024 Tellers Needed:** Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. See your December newsletter for complete details. All of 2024 is currently open. So, please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** indicating which month(s) you are available.

**Workers in the Harvest Field!** We have budgeted for 2 Mission teams Beyond our Walls for 2024. One is an Adult ESL team for Peru and the other is Work team that has two possible locations for 2024. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you are interested in receiving more information on either of these teams.

**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: Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”** Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**Life Quotes:** “For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Loving Mercy"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others. (*Matthew 25:34-40*) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Family Shield Ministries: "Putting God Back in the Holidays at Thanksgiving and Christmas"** Guests: Bill & Penny Thrasher. 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 (11/12).....	129
Sunday School Attendance (11/12) .....	68
Monday Divine Service (11/13) .....	7
First Fruit Giving (11/06 & 11/12) .....	\$14,339.17

### Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<i>Revelation</i> .....	<i>Pastor Pase</i>
<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Community Room</b>
<i>Sunday Lessons</i> .....	<i>Pete Lufholm</i>
<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Parlor</b>
<i>Bible Stories</i> .....	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</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>
<b>Little Lambs</b> .....	<b>Room 12</b> (1-2 year olds)

### Graceful Living This Week

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>11.19.23</b>
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
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion
2:30.....	Legacy Ranch
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00.....	Joyful Tones
7:00.....	Divine Service w/Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	
2:30.....	Mission Agape
<b>Thursday</b>	
10:00.....	Thanksgiving Service
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>11.26.23</b>
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



ECP 2023-2024

Is on Thanksgiving Break.

Keep our teachers, staff, & students in your prayers as they spend time with their families.