

 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

Grace in Action

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For the Week Beginning April 28, 2024

Today Divine Service: While Pastor is attending Peru FORO, we thank our Elders for leading today's service in his absence. He is scheduled to return to Midland Monday morning. He will conduct tomorrow evening's divine service at 7pm.

May Newsletter: Please pick up your copy from the table in the entryway. They are nicely laid out in alphabetical order. Thanks for helping Grace keep our postage costs down, as they are planning to go up again.

Camp Lone Star Parent/Camper Meeting: There will be a meeting of all campers and their parents **TODAY** right after church in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for forms, payment and questions. Amount due at this meeting is \$300.00. If you cannot be there, please call Ms. Carol 432-638-4153.

Bibleville: Today we studied "The Unwise Wise King." Solomon gathers the supplies and artisans to begin the most important construction project of his reign—building a house for God. Using the very finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, Solomon builds a temple so glorious that none to come after it would ever compare. Later in his life, Solomon's many wives and concubines lead him away from the true God. In His anger, God vows to take the kingdom away from Solomon's descendants

<u>Monday Evening Divine Service is BACK</u> at 7pm. If you can't make it to Sunday's worship service, we will be waiting for you on Monday. We will take a summer break in mid-May.

<u>Our Last ECP Puppet Chapel</u> is this Wednesday and Thursday at 10 am. You are welcome to join us.

<u>Midweek Ministry</u> is Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 pm. There is a place for *you* at Grace on Wednesdays. Read below to see what's for dinner on Wednesday.

This Week's Wednesday Meal is *Taco Salad & desserts*. Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 pm. your free-will offering is always appreciated to help cover our expenses. Please use the PINK SHEET so we will know how many will be joining us.

<u>Family Promise:</u> Our next week to serve begins next Sunday evening, $May 5^{th} - 11^{th}$! Our 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.

Voters' Assembly Meeting is next Sunday, May 5th following the divine service. Please make sure to mark your calendars. Lunch is being served.

<u>Call Day Results:</u> 147 congregations submitted calls for residential M.Div. and Residential Alternate Route grads. 93 graduates were available (37 from Fort Wayne, 56 from St. Louis) and they received their Calls this past week. As we pray for those men and their respective congregations, we pray especially for the 54 congregations whose request went unfulfilled this year. Lord, have mercy! It's Confirmation and Graduation Season: Do You Need a <u>Greeting Card?</u> Check the card rack in the east hallway for your greeting card needs. We always have a great selection of *Christian cards* and great prices.

<u>Grace Quilters</u>: If you haven't picked up the quilt(s) you purchased, please contact Margaret Cloyd or Gina Zimmerman to pick up & pay for your quilts or call the church office to make other arrangements. As a reminder, **Due to increased material** costs, full-sized quilts are now \$65 and the lap quilts are \$45.

VBS NEEDS SERVANTS! VBS is July 1-3, 9:00-Noon. There are many opportunities to serve! Use the **PINK SHEET** to sign up! Also, see pages 6 & 7 of your May newsletter for more details.

Quilter's Time Change: The Quilters are now meeting on Thursdays from 1 - 3pm in the Community Room. Contact Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 or Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 with any questions. There is no experience necessary. Come join us!

This Week's Bible Verse:



Altar Flowers continue to beautify the chancel. The *Flower Chart* is on the bulletin board across from the Parlor in the south hallway. This is a wonderful way to celebrate your special days and people. The cost is \$50 a vase and you can supply one or two. Next to the chart is the envelope to fill out. Place it in the offering plate on place it on Victoria's desk. All the directions are on the envelope. There are a quite a few openings still throughout this year.

<u>2024 Tellers Needed:</u> Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the first-fruit offerings collected after the Sunday divine service. Please, prayerful consider which month(s) you are available. **Please sign up on the PINK SHEET.**

LCMS Sharing Newsletter: A special edition issue can be found at the Resource Center. You can read about Sharing Hope in Honduras.

Stephen Ministry What's it like to receive the care of God through a Stephen Minister? Sorry, confidentiality prevents telling you who to ask about this one. But over and over again care givers speak of it as though a heavy burden was lifted off of them.

Living in the Light of the Lord: John 15:2 – "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

Life Quotes: "It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." *Deaconess Bethany Stoever*, *Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

<u>The Lutheran Hour:</u> "Rejoicing On the Way" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunez. God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Family Shield Ministries: "Concordia Center for the Family." Guest: Dr. Todd Biermann, Executive Director. 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 (04/21)	
Sunday School Attendance (04/21)	
Adults	
Lil' Lambs	0
Bibleville	
Youth	
Monday Divine Service (04/22)	9
First Fruit Giving (04/21)	

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

Adult	Fellowship Hall
Acts	
Adult	Community Room
Sunday Lessons	Pete Lufholm
Adult	
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	~
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Little Lambs	

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	04.28.24
7:30	The Lutheran Hour KWEL AM
8:00	Family Shield KWEL AM
9:15	
10:30	Divine Service
Monday	

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Wednesday

6:45	Men's Breakfast Connection
10:00	Puppet Chapel
11:30	The Sheep of Bibleville
5:00	Meal – Taco Salad
6:00	Joyful Chorus
6:00	Midweek Ministry

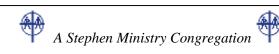
Thursday

Puppet Chape	0:00	1
Quilter		
Altar Guild Mtg	5:30	

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Next Sunday

7:30	
8:00	
9:15	
10:30	Divine Service w/Communion
11:45	
2:30	Legacy Ranch
4:00	Adult Information Class



ECP 2023-2024: Shine With a New Heart Conversion of Paul – Acts 16:23-40 Create in me a clean heart. O God. Psalm 51:10