



- ✚ Sharing God's Grace
- ✚ Living His Word
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Sunday School – 9:10 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am
Monday Divine Worship – 7:00pm

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For the Week Beginning May 12, 2024

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.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS: All Mothers, please stop by the desk in the entryway for a little gift from the Outreach Team.

Bibleville: In today's lesson we studied "Consuming Fire." Elijah challenges the people to stop "limping" between Baal and the true God. Gathering the 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah proposes a test to determine the truth: each side will butcher a bull for sacrifice and call on their god to send down fire. The prophets of Baal call upon their god, even cutting themselves to appease it, but nothing happens. Elijah drenches his offering with water, completely filling the trench around it. Then Elijah offers a simple prayer to the true God, who sends down fire from heaven to consume the offering, the wood, and even the water in the trench.

Monday Evening Divine Service has two more weeks until a summer break. 7 pm tomorrow night!

Grace Quilters are auctioning a military quilt in honor of our Grace Veterans this month. Proceeds will go to Debt Retirement. The quilt is hanging in the hallway near the Community Room and will be there all month. Silent Auction information will be on the table near the quilt. Your support of this project, and Grace Quilters, is always greatly appreciated!

Graceful Seniors meet Tuesday at **10:15 am** in the Parlor as the study of Genesis chapter 36 is our focus. You are invited to join us!

Midweek Ministry finishes out another year this week. It truly has been a blessed year.

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

ECP Spring Praise and Graduation is this Wednesday and Thursday at 10 am in the sanctuary. The Grace family is definitely invited to join the ECP family.

Confirmation Weekend: This Saturday at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, our 2024 Confirmands, Evan James Hale, Adalynn Joy Hayden, Henry Robert Wolfmueller, & William Charles Wolfmueller will undergo their Questioning. A reception sponsored by the LWML Parish Workers will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. Sunday, May 19th they will undergo the Rite of Confirmation. The congregation is invited and encouraged to be present at both events in support of these young brothers and sister in Christ.

It's Confirmation and Graduation Season: Do You Need a Greeting Card? 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.

Grace at the Rockhounds: We had a great response last week about having a picnic and watching our Rockhounds in early August. We need at least 25 bodies and we got that! Let's get a lot more. This is a great fellowship activity that our Fellowship Team is advocating. The game is on Wednesday, August 7th. First pitch is 6:30 pm. Gates/Picnic should be opened at 6:00 pm. \$10 per person is what we are asking. **Please indicate your interest and sign up on the PINK SHEET.**

VBS ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE HERE: Pick up a VBS enrollment form from the VBS table in the entryway today. Fill it out and return it by May 26th so we can get a good count on how many children we need to plan for.

Your Prayers Are Requested: Dr. Larry Rast, President of Concordia Theological Seminary is retiring. His successor will be selected this Saturday. There are four finalists for this position.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters will continue to meet throughout the summer 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.

2024 Tellers Needed: 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 Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others--listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith.

Living in the Light of the Lord: 1 John 5:12 – "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

Life Quotes: "Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let's partake in the blessing of proclaiming God's truth and putting Christ's love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!" *Pastor Michael Saleminck – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Waiting, But Not Alone" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21) The Lutheran Hour airs at 7:30am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Family Shield Ministries: "Five Traits of a Healthy Family" Guest: 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 (05/05).....	135
Sunday School Attendance (05/05).....	71
Adults	44
Lil' Lambs.....	2
Bibleville.....	16
Youth.....	9
Monday Divine Service (05/06).....	11
Ascension Day Service (05/09).....	29
First Fruit Giving (04/29 & 05/05).....	\$11,322.16

Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation

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

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	05.12.24
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
8:15.....	Elders' Meeting
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service
2:30.....	Legacy Ranch
4:00.....	Adult Information Class

Monday
7:00.....Divine Service

Tuesday
10:00.....Graceful Seniors

Wednesday
6:45.....Men's Breakfast Connection
10:00.....Spring Praise Chapel & Graduation
11:30.....The Sheep of Bibleville
5:00.....Meal – Smorgasbord
6:15.....Joyful Chorus
6:15.....Midweek Ministry

Thursday
10:00.....Spring Praise Chapel & Graduation
1:00.....Quilters
5:30.....S.O.S.

Friday
2:30.....Newsletter Deadline

Saturday
6:00.....Confirmation Questions & Reception

Next Sunday **05.19.24**

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

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

ECP 2023-2024: Shine In His Word
Timothy – 2 Timothy 1:3-14
These are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ – John 20:31

