



- ✝ 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 17, 2024

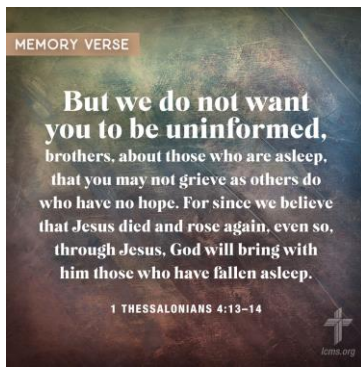
Communion: We celebrate Holy Communion today. Please read carefully the statement concerning Holy Communion provided in the worship folder. In faithfulness to God's Word, we practice close communion. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare for this sacred meal. You are encouraged to use pages 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.*

Voter's Assembly: is TODAY in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the divine service. All voting members are reminded of their privilege and responsibility. The 2025 budget is just one item of business. Lunch will be served.

Bibleville: Today, we studied "The Born-Again Truth." Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish Council, comes to see Jesus under cover of darkness. Puzzled by Jesus' instruction that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God, Nicodemus asks how someone can be physically reborn. Jesus gently instructs Nicodemus as He explains the spiritual rebirth found only in Christ. Christ alone is the light come into the world to save us from the darkness of our sin.

Thank You! Pastor and Laura thank the Grace congregation for the warm welcome, help, and financial gifts of the members. We are truly grateful for your help and support as we "transition" to Midland. We are glad to be with you!

This Week's Bible Verse:



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

This Week's Wednesday Meal is *Baked Spaghetti, salad & desserts*. Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 pm. Your continued free-will offering is greatly appreciated. Please use the **PINK SHEET** so we will know how many will be joining us.

Practice for Children-Led Christmas Service: is tonight, November 20th from 6:15-7:15 in Bibleville.

Our Next Blood Drive & the Last for 2024 is this Wednesday, 11/20 & there are several time slots open. What's donated in Midland, stays in Midland. We need to step up our game for this blood drive. Please mark your calendar today. Invite your friends and family to donate. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or call the church office to secure your time.

Grace Quilters: Will display new quilts in the east hallway by the Community Room from November 21st to December 19th. Full size quilts are \$65, and lap quilts are \$45. Please make checks payable to Gina Zimmerman.

"Hanging of the Greens" The Altar Guild invites our Grace family for the "Hanging of the Greens" in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, 12/7 at 11:00am**. When you have finished your Gingerbread House, come on down and help decorate! Following a devotion and prayer, we will decorate the church for our Christmas season.

Sunday Lessons: Pastor Ramey is inviting any members of Grace who would be willing to read the lessons on Sundays to please indicate their intentions on the **PINK SHEET**. We will hold an informal training session on **Saturday, 12/14 at 10:00am**. Watch GIA for the meeting location.

Going Out of Business Sale: The card rack in the east hallway will no longer be there beginning January 1, 2025. This has been a good resource for those needing cards, but its usefulness seems to have dwindled in the last few years. All the cards in our inventory have been placed on tables and are available for a freewill offering. Take what you want or stock up for the year. If you use the cards and would like us to continue, please let Rhonda Shutts or Carol Massie know. If enough people want to see it continued, we will reconsider keeping it going.

Mark Your Calendars: Grace *will* have a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00am on 11/28. This wasn't on the November calendar, as we weren't sure if there would be one. Please join us for this special service.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays from 1 – 3pm in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. Come join us!

Gingerbread House Competition: Who will be the winning family this year? Come join us on 12/7 from 9 – 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The Family Life team will provide donuts & kolaches. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** so we can have enough kits for everyone. See page 5 of the November newsletter for complete details.

Women of Grace: Something New! This casual, yet meaningful gathering encourages the women of Grace to bring their favorite lunch or snack, creating a relaxed atmosphere, where we can come together. Whether you have a little lunch break, are in between appointments or simply want to come and enjoy each other's company, please join us on **Thursdays from 1 – 2pm in the Parlor**. For more information, please contact Gwen McWhorter (903) 641-1966 or Rachel Schimank (979) 595-3095.

December Teller Needed: One more servant is needed in 2024 to assist Jim Raven in counting the first-fruit offerings collected after the Sunday divine services. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET**. 2025 will be here before we know it. So, please prayerfully consider

Living in the Light of the Lord: “For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the Church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

Life Quotes: “If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” C.S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*) – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Album-Worthy" Lutheran Hour
 Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy."
 (*Genesis 35:3*)

Family Shield Ministries: "Topic: Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry – Part Two" Guest: Julianna Shultz. Guest Host: Rev. Mark Femmel. 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 (11/10)	141
Sunday School Attendance (11/10).....	60
Adults	35
Bibleville	22
Youth.....	3
First Fruit Giving (11/10).....	\$39,706.00

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Adult	Fellowship Hall
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 – 6 th Grade
Little Lambs.....	Room 12 (1–2-year-olds)

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	11.17.24
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
11:45.....	Voter's Assembly

Tuesday
 2:30..... Mission Agape

Wednesday
4:00.....Blood Drive
 5:00..... Meal – Baked Spaghetti
 6:15..... Joyful Chorus
 6:15..... Midweek Ministry
 6:15..... Christmas Eve Practice

Thursday
 9:00..... ECP Thankful Breakfast
 1:00..... Quilters
 1:00..... Women of Grace

Friday
 9:00..... ECP Thankful Breakfast

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ECP 2024-2025: **Jonah**
 Repent, then and turn to God
 Acts 3:19
 GROW in Repentance!