



✚ Sharing God's Grace

✚ Living His Word

✚ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am  
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am

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## For the Week Beginning January 12, 2025

**Jesus and His Church** is the theme for our 2025 Discipleship Series. Commitment Sunday is January 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch your mailbox for an important letter. There are copies of the Commitment form inside this week's bulletin

**Pastor Ramey began a new Bible class** entitled *The Way of the Kingdom*, a study of Matthew 5-7 known as Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." The class will run January-February 2025 on Sunday mornings (9:15 – 10:15 am). Booklets will be made available.

**January Newsletter:** They have been emailed. However, Gmail, Yahoo and some other providers have blocked your receipt of the newsletter for some reason. If you didn't receive one, there are extra copies at the Resource Center for you to pick up.

**Portals of Prayer:** The January-March edition is laid out on the ushers stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!), for yourself and give away as a witness to your Lord.

**2025 Contribution Envelopes** are laid out alphabetically for you in the east hallway next to the Community Room. Please make sure to take yours today.

**Bibleville:** As we gathered today, we studied "The Poolside Sign." For thirty-eight years, a paralyzed man has lain by the pool of Bethesda, hoping to enter it and receive healing. Jesus asks if he desires healing and then tells the man to take up his bed and walk. When the Jews see the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath, they question him about who told him to do this, but the man doesn't know who Jesus is. After encountering Jesus at the temple, the man reports back to the Jewish leaders, who persecute Jesus.

### This Week's Bible Verse



**Donuts:** Are you willing to pick up donuts for a month? It's super easy! You go to the drive-up window, say "Grace Lutheran" and they'll give you 3-4 bags. That's It! They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. T & T Donuts at the Wadley and Garfield. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out.

**Midweek Meals and Ministries ARE BACK!** The January 15<sup>th</sup> meal is *Soups*. Please fill out the **PINK SHEET** and let us know how many will attend from your family. Your free-will offering to help offset expenses is greatly appreciated. All Midweek classes start following our meal.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

**Jr. High Focal Point:** will go bowling on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30pm at Bowlero.

**HS Focal Point:** will have a movie and game night in the Youth Room on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

### Listening Posts Beginning in February

*Listening Posts* are opportunities for Grace members to share their "stories" about their membership at Grace Lutheran Church. There will be a few "probing" questions offered prior to the Posts (in the February newsletter) to help everyone think about what they want to share. The Posts will be held at various times on various days of the week. Each group will be limited to no more than 10 participants and will last for 60-90 minutes. **Sign-up sheets are on a table near the Community Room next to the 2025 contribution envelopes.** The goal of this exercise is to gather as much information on the "what was" (i.e., history) of the Grace congregation to help us understand the "what is" (current situation) of our church. Further events will help us determine the "what will be" (future) of our mutual mission and ministry. We need at least 65% of the current worship attendance (about 78 participants) to get a good reading on the congregation.

**Grace Quilters:** The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays (excluding holidays) 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!

**Women of Grace:** This casual, yet meaningful gathering encourages the women of Grace to bring a lunch or snack. 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.

**2025 Flower Chart:** is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. Please help keep expenses down for our Altar Guild by signing up today for your special dates. Each vase is \$50. 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 checking "yes" or "no" at the bottom the envelope. Flowers need to be picked up by Tuesday morning. **Make your checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.**

**Living in the Light of the Lord:** Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

**Life Quotes:** “From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour:** "What’s This Neighborhood Coming To?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). When you’re not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (*John 1:14*)

**Family Shield Ministries:** "Archive Topic: Ministering to the Grieving" Guest: Daniel Verkoyan. Host: Kay Meyer. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**2025 Tellers Needed:** Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. March through October & December are currently open. So, please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** indicating which month(s) you are available.

**Father-Daughter Dance:** “Sock Hop” is the theme for this year’s dance! Save the date, February 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30, for this special evening. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** so the Family Life Team can get an accurate count.

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (01/05) .....	114
Sunday School Attendance (01/05) .....	48
Adults .....	35
Bibleville .....	10
Youth .....	3
First Fruit Giving (01/5) .....	\$17,052.00

**Sunday Morning Sunday School**

Adult .....	Fellowship Hall
.....	<i>Pastor Mike Ramey</i>
Adult .....	Parlor
Bible Stories .....	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</i>
Grades 7-8 .....	Youth Room
.....	<i>Ryan &amp; Tiffani Hamilton</i>
Grades 9-12 .....	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad &amp; Lisa Dalager</i>
Adventure Zones in Bibleville .....	.....
.....	<i>Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>

**Graceful Living This Week**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>01.12.25</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
8:15 .....	Elder’s Board Mtg.
9:15 .....	Sunday School
10:30 .....	Divine Service

<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:45 .....	Men’s Breakfast Conn.
10:00 .....	ECP Puppet Chapel
5:00 .....	Meal – Soups
6:00 .....	Joyful Chorus
6:00 .....	Midweek Ministry

<b>Thursday</b>	
10:00 .....	ECP Puppet Chapel
1:00 .....	Quilters

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>01.19.25</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
6:00 .....	JH Focal Point Bowling

ECP 2024-2025: **Continue to GROW**  
*Jesus calls His Disciples*  
*[Jesus said] Come Follow Me*  
*Matthew 4:19*  
**GROW as a disciple!**