



✝ Sharing God's Grace

✝ Living His Word

✝ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:15 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am

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For the Week Beginning May 11, 2025

New Sermon Series: Started last Sunday, on the Book of Acts entitled, "Be the Church!" This series will run through the end of July. From God's Word, we see how the early Christian Church began and how it was led by the Holy Spirit to live out its faith before others.

Mother's Day: Today, more than ever before, take a moment to call or send out a special wish and a prayer to your mom, grandmother, aunt, friend, or whoever fills this special role in your life. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Pastor Ramey's Bible Study: James – Pr. Ramey began a study today on the Epistle of James in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. It's not too late to join us as we study Luther's "least favorite" book of the Bible.

Portals of Prayer: There are still some copies of the newest edition on the usher's stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!), for yourself and give away as a witness to your Lord. **Did you get your copy?**

Dead Sea Scrolls at Midland Bible Church: *Treasures from the Hall of Faith* will be at Midland Bible Church May 8 – June 30. This exhibition includes various fragments of early Christian writings. Call 432.684.0722 for information. Brochures available on the Narthex table.

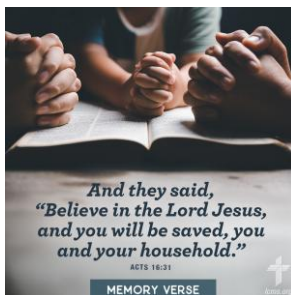
Bibleville: This week's lesson was "Lost-and-Found Wonders." Jesus shares the parable of the Lost Son. In the parable, a young man squanders his inheritance, ending up in squalor. Determined to plead for his father's mercy and beg to return as a servant, the son instead receives a celebration. Angered at his father's welcome for the prodigal, the older son confronts his father. The father's gentle response reassures the young man of the father's everlasting love and care.

Victoria Still Needs Your Help! All members and visitors (with contact information) please remember to sign the attendance sheets for each Grace worship service that you attend. Don't forget to include your children. It's very important to have accurate information to send reports to the District Office.

Midweek Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30am!

We are studying the Gospel of St. John each week in the Community Room; please join us. Bring your own Bible and (perhaps) a pad for notes!

This Week's Bible Verse



Midweek Meals: The May 14th meal is *Luby's Night Surprise & Desserts*. **This is the last Midweek Meal & Ministry Activities until August.** Please fill out the **PINK SHEET** and let us know how many meals will be needed for your family. Your free-will offering helps to offset expenses and is greatly appreciated.

Midweek's Last Wednesday is this week! The Kids will celebrate with Ice Cream and Bible Bingo! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15!

ECP Spring Praise Chapel: Grace's ECP will be presenting our children in this Chapel event on May 14th & 15th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and join us for this unique performance if you are able. I know the children would love to see our smiling faces in the pews.

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline to submit articles, photos, etc. to Victoria is Friday, 5/16 at 2:00pm. Please make sure to send everything by email.

Read All About It In the May Newsletter: The Women of Grace will be having a conference on May 16th & 17th. It will be based on the Chosen Bible Study of Esther by Donna Snow. Games, giveaways, fellowship, and much more. See page 9 of the April newsletter and contact Gwen McWhorter for more information. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you would like to attend.

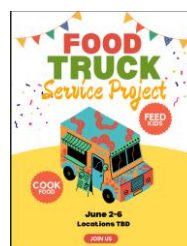
Confirmation Weekend: Next Saturday at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary, our 2025 Confirmands, Kiernan Cate Baker, Cadence Nicole Hall, Jacob Michael Jones, Jenna Lee Powell, Alivia Grace Schumacher, & Steve "Wade" Stansell will undergo their Questioning. A reception sponsored by the LWML Parish Workers will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. On Sunday, May 18th 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.

Camp Prayer Pal Cards: May 25th is the deadline to return your prayer pal cards. Please make sure to hand them to Carol Massie.

2025 Tellers Needed: **A servant is needed for May** and other months to assist in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. Check the **PINK SHEET** and sign up for the month you are available.

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 bags. That's It! They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. Pick up at T & T Donuts at Wadley and Garfield. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out on one of the available months.

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! *New quilts will be on display May 11th – 25th. Prices are \$65 for full quilts & \$45 for lap quilts. Make sure to tag your choice(s) quickly. They disappear FAST!*



Grace Lutheran Church is excited to partner with ROPE Youth for the third year in a row for a service project **June 2nd – 6th**. This collaboration gives our church the opportunity to serve food-insecure families during the summer months—a time when many children lose access to regular school meals. Throughout the week, volunteers will be working at various locations, preparing, cooking, and handing out meals to families in need. We need 5-6 volunteers each night. **SIGN UP ON THE PINK SHEET!**

VBS Meeting: All who signed up to help or didn't sign up and would like to help with VBS this year are asked to meet with Ms. Carol on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00. We will hear the plans for crafts, snacks, science, Storytime and games. If you signed up for one of these areas, please be ready to share your thoughts and ideas. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you will be there!



VBS: is July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 – 12:00. Use the QR Code below to register your child BY June 15. Children 3 yrs (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade are welcome! Invite your friends to join you In an Epic Australian Adventure!

2025 Flower Chart: is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. There are still a few dates open. 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.**

Our Next Blood Drive: Will be July 30th. Details are in the May newsletter. Location will be announced as we get closer to that date. Then you can sign up for your preferred time. Thanks for your understanding.

Life Quotes: “As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "How to Be Happy" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. (*John 15:11*)

Last Week’s Attendance at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (05/04).....	140
Sunday School Attendance (05/04)	69
Adults	46
Bibleville.....	16
Youth.....	7
Pastor’s Bible Study (04/30)	15
Pastor’s Bible Study (05/07)	16

Contributions as of 05/04/2025

Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$19,871
	Balance	\$ 273
YTD:	Need	\$352,764
	Received	\$264,578
	Balance	(\$ 88,186)

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Adult.....	Fellowship Hall
.....	<i>Pastor Mike Ramey</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>

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	05.11.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service
Wednesday	
10:00.....	Spring Praise Chapel
10:30.....	Pastor’s Bible Study
5:00.....	Meal – Luby’s Night Surprise
6:00.....	Joyful Chorus
6:00.....	Midweek Ministry
Thursday	
10:00.....	Spring Praise Chapel
1:00.....	Quilters
Friday	
9:00.....	Women’s Conference
2:00.....	Newsletter Deadline
Saturday	
9:00.....	Women’s Conference
5:00.....	Questions
	w/Confirmation & Reception to Follow

Next Sunday	05.18.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion

*ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW
Dorcas and Lydia
Serve wholeheartedly...
Ephesians 6:7
GROW While Serving!*