



The week before Easter is observed throughout the Christian Church as Holy Week. During that week, we focus on the events of Jesus' Passion. This year, Holy Week begins on April 14. Here are a few thoughts on the week and our various worship services that I pray will benefit our faith in Christ during this holy time.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 14. This is the day when Jesus entered into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as the crowds laid their cloaks to pave His way and waved palm branches in celebration as they shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" We remember this event in our worship service by including a procession of palms as we sing the hymn, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." On Palm Sunday, we give thanks that Jesus is a King, but not an earthly King. He comes as King who will reign from His cross, where He earns our forgiveness.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, although we do not have worship services, it is customary to read the accounts of Jesus' Passion from each of the first three Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This is a helpful way to prepare ourselves to remember Jesus' suffering and death during worship on Thursday and Friday. Check out our congregation's Facebook page each morning if you'd like to read these Gospel accounts along with me.

Thursday, April 18, is observed as Maundy or Holy Thursday. This was the day our Lord instituted His Holy Supper, so our worship focuses on this precious gift and also includes the celebration of the Sacrament. For this reason, the first part of this service has a more celebratory nature than others during Lent; for example, we sing the entirety of the Communion liturgy. At the same time, Maundy Thursday is also the day our Lord was betrayed. That is why this service also includes the stripping of the altar while Psalm 22 is chanted. We prepare ourselves in the starkest terms to remember our Lord's suffering and death on the cross. No benediction is spoken at this service, all the way until the end of Easter morning. This helps us to see this as really one long service, for all of it together is Jesus' victory over sin and death for us.

Friday, April 19, is observed as Good Friday. This was the day our Lord was crucified and died for our sakes. The normal adornments of the sanctuary are gone. The crucifix on the altar is veiled in black. As the account of Jesus' suffering and death is read from the Gospel of John, the lights in the sanctuary gradually grow dark. We remember with deepest repentance that our Lord was crucified for our sins. That is how, even in the midst of the darkness of the day, we still call it *Good* Friday.

The following day, April 20, is Holy Saturday. On this day, we recall especially our Lord's three-day burial in the tomb. Although we do not have a worship service, it is appropriate to spend this day in longing and anticipation, knowing that our Lord has promised and will deliver His resurrection on the third day.

All of this culminates in our joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 21. The darkness of Good Friday is gone, and the light of Resurrection is here! All of the praises that were restrained throughout the season of Lent return in full force. The sanctuary is adorned in all its splendor as we celebrate our Lord's victory over death and the grave that He delivers to us by His grace.

I encourage you to make each of these services a part of your observation of Holy Week this year, as these events are the center of our Christian faith. Let us remember with great joy all that our Lord Jesus has done for us!

In Christ, **Pastor Appel**

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Elders Elders Meeting	2	3 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm Lenten Schedule (see below)	4 6pm LWML	5 Pastor Away- Family Day	6
7 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	5pm Piecemakers 7pm LLL	9 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg- Manheim	10 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm Lenten Schedule (see below)	11 11am-Bible Study	12 Pastor Away- Family Day	13 7am- Congregational Cleaning and Work Day
14 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Voters Mtg and Potluck after Service 6:30pm Youth Group	15 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	16	17 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance	18 Maundy j hursday 7pm Worship	19 Service of Darkness 7:00p	20
21 RISEN 8am EASTER Worship/Communion 9am Easter Breakfast Easter Egg hunt	22 Earth Day 8am Braille	23	24 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm-Regular Midweek Schedule	25 11am-Bible Study NEW SLETTER DEADLINE/NOON	26 Pastor Away- Family Day	27
28 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	29	30		5:3	I MIDWEEK SCHE 0-6:15p Bible Class 0-6:45p Soup Supp 7:00p Worship	S

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Sunday School8:45 AMMidweek Classes8:45 AMWorship Service10:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

401 Wilkes Street Smithville, TX 78957 Office Phone: 512-360-2800 Fax Number: 512-237-5990 Email address: gracelutheranlearn@att.net We now accept CCMS enrollment

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box located in the Narthex

Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is: <u>timothyappel@gmail.com</u> and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.



Passengers for Church Van

Benny Hajdik - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You may leave a message if no one answers.

Elder(s):	Vince Kaiser Jack Page	Organist(s): June Parker		
Ushers:	Kerry Becker Brad Zimmerhanzel	Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)		
Trustees :	Gary Smith Tommy Oates	Apr. Altar Guild: Toni Ann Kadlecek Sharon Reinberg		

Acolytes:

- Apr. 7 Mackenzie Peres & Joshua Zimmerhanzel
- Apr 14 Juniper Smith & Baylor Watson
- Apr. 18 Ramon Wolff & Thomas Brown
- Apr. 19 Adrian Wolff
- Apr. 21 David Wolff & Marianna Peres
- Apr. 28 Juniper Smith & Mackenzie Peres



Pre-School/ Kindergarten 1st/2nd Grades 3rd/5th Grades 6th/8th Grades Adult Classes Mary Lou Oliver/ Wendy Rohde Charles Johannessen Gene Brown June Parker Pastor Appel

STILL IN NEED OF SUBTITUTE TEACHERS



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K 1st – 3rd grade 4th - 6th grade 7th - 8th grade Adult Class Kim Appel Tim & Esther Wolff Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub) Pastor Appel Ed Randle

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care



If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you. **Pastor Appel**

In the Hospital



- Apr. 2 Michelle & Mitchell Randle
- Apr. 17 Ann & Johnny Schroeder
- Apr. 18 Angel & Allan Hurst
- Apr. 30 Karla & Jeffery Burns



As of March 28th, 2019

Name	Balance		
Prosperity Checking Acct	29,679.14		
CEF-General	2,397.53		
CEF-Land/Youth	12,065.74		
CEF Scholarship	12,214.50		
CEF Property Loan	137,625.14		
CEF Annex Loan	13,764.47		
Legacy Deo	10,098.08		
Total Dedicated Funds	13,764.47		
General Fund Balance	16,652.28		

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.



There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



Apr. 4	Caleb Appel	
Apr. 6	Bert Bunte	
	Mary Lou Oliver	
Apr. 9	Shannon Monecke	
Apr. 14	Nora James	
Apr. 15	Mark Peres	
Apr. 17	Marybeth Claiborne	
Apr. 18	Addisyn McNeil	
Apr. 21	Vincent Kaiser	
Apr. 22	Natalie Bennight	
	Matthew Appel	
Apr. 23	Timothy Appel	
Apr. 24	Brandon Dyal	
	Julie Rice	
Apr. 27	Addison Oates	
Apr. 29	Samantha Psencik	
	Tracy Hancock	
Apr. 30	Sterling Brown	

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family

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Here is another weekday opportunity for you to gather with fellow Christians here at Grace and study God's Word! Pastor Appel is leading a Bible study on the Small Catechism from 11 AM-Noon every Thursday morning in the parish hall. Come and refresh your memory on everything you learned as a youth during confirmation classes. Bring your Bible and your Small Catechism; if you don't have either one of those items, please let Pastor know and he'll be glad to get you one! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Appel.



PIECEMAKERS

We will meet again on Monday April 8th in the Sunday school building via the alley entrance. We meet at 5pm and are usually done by 7pm. Join us in tying quilts for world relief. Blessing of the quilts and school bags will be on April 14th which is Palm Sunday. After

service, quilts will be packed for shipment.



WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at <u>512-360-</u>2800 to receive an application



Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

REMEMBER!!!!! **The FIRST Sunday of every month is Sunday School Mission Sunday.** Our Sunday School Mission for this quarter is The Refuge Rescue Ranch in Bastrop, for young girls who have fallen victim to human trafficking of all types. Please remember to give generously the first Sunday of every month to help support this great cause.

We as a Board will be working on Easter Sunday Events. We will be taking candy donations as well as plastic egg donations for our annual East Egg Hunt. If you want to donate please bring donations to the church or contact a board member.

CHALLENGE!!!!

We would like to encourage each of you to participate in our weekly challenge by answering the question in the back of the bulletin. We as a board feel it is important to educate each other on what Christ did for us and continues to do for us. So far, the youth are doing very well with consistency in answering challenge questions. I have had a couple of youth ask why the adults won't answer the questions. They tend to believe that we do not have the answers. What an observation from the youth in our congregation. I would love to see the Adults prove them WRONG!!

May God Bless all of you. Respectfully, Barb Johannessen



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am. We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille

bible study books. Toni Ann Kadlecek



The BAE continues to be blessed with bountiful donations and cheerful shoppers. Thank you to all who support us by donating, shopping, or volunteering. We couldn't do it without all of you. BAE will be closed for Holy Week and reopen April 22nd. Our next scheduled week will be April 29th to May 4th. We work Monday through Thursday from 10 to 2 and Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. We share lunch together and enjoy the fellowship and service to others. Join us as you are able.



We meet at noon in the Parish hall. We have a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for a spirited game of train. If you don't know how to play--not a problem. We will help. We play for the fellowship and don't play for points



Two Germany Trip Opportunities in 2020

In 2020, the city of Oberammergau, Germany, will be holding its world-renowned Passion Play that happens only every ten years. Two central Texas pastors are leading tours in 2020 that will include not only this Passion Play, but also a variety of Luther sites. Pastor Obersat of Ebenezer, Manheim, is leading a tour in May 2020, and Pastor Barz of Crown of Life, San Antonio, is leading a tour in July 2020. Information concerning both of these tours is available in the narthex for anyone who is interested.

Evangelism Committee Needs

Over the past two years, our congregation has had a parade float in both the Jamboree in the spring and the Festival of Lights in the winter. The Evangelism Committee is considering the possibility of acquiring a trailer for the congregation's continued use, not only in these parades, but also for the bazaar and other functions. If you have a trailer that you'd be willing to donate, or if you know of a reasonably priced trailer that might fit our purposes, please speak to John Anderson of the Evangelism Committee.



Caring for Towers Residents

The staff at Towers Nursing Home was very appreciative of our congregation's recent donation of toiletries for their residents. The Evangelism Committee is continuing to encourage the members of our congregation to donate various toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) to the residents at Towers. You can place them in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you for showing this love to our neighbors at Towers!



Jamboree Parade

This year's Jamboree parade will be on Saturday, April 27. Our Evangelism committee is once again sponsoring a float advertising our congregation's upcoming VBS, "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World." We are in need of people of all ages to ride on the float. If you would like to do so, please speak to Pastor Appel or Brenda Anderson.



Pastor Askins Visit, Meal, and Gift

On Sunday, April 28, our congregation will be blessed to have Pastor Askins and his family with us. Pastor Askins will be presenting on his work in Asia during Bible class and preaching during the worship service. Following the service, our LWML is hosting a potluck celebration; plan to bring a dish to share and keep your eyes open for further details. As a part of the Askins' family visit, we would like to present them with a special gift. An anonymous donor has pledged \$1,000 toward this gift and has challenged the congregation to match or exceed it. Over the next few weeks, you can give toward this special offering either by placing your gift in the offering plate of bringing it by the church office. In either case, please make note on the check or envelope that your gift is for the Askins family. Please plan to be with us for this special day in the life of our congregation; you won't want to miss it!

2019 MIDWEEK DATES

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule consists of a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30. Dates marked with an asterisk (*) occur during Advent and Lent, when we have midweek worship services at 7 PM. During this season of the Church Year, midweek classes will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM so that parents and children still have the opportunity to eat at the soup suppers before services. Sharon Reinberg will once again be coordinating and cooking midweek meals. Contributions are needed to assist with the cost; please designate your offering toward midweek meals and bring it to the office during the week or place it in the plate on Sunday morning. Please plan to participate in our midweek classes this year; it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow together in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith.



CLASSES

2019			
*April 3, 2019	April 24, 2019		
*April 10 2019	May 1 2019		



5:30-6:15p Bible Class 6:00-6:45p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship

Lent 2019

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This penitential, forty-day season of the Church Year prepares us for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Here at Grace, each Wednesday during Lent we have a soup supper at 6 PM followed by a devotional worship service at 7 PM. This year's Lenten midweek services will focus on the first chief part of the Catechism, the Ten Commandments. Our Lenten midweek offerings this year will go to support three important missions: Grace Lutheran Learning Center, Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas, and Pastor Askins in Hong Kong. The schedule for this year's services, including Holy Week and Easter, is printed below. Make plans to join us for these services in the coming weeks to grow in the repentance and faith that Jesus has given.

April 3	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr – P Host:	7 th and 8 th Commandments
April 10	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host:	9 th and 10 th Commandments
April 14	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms Divine Service with Holy Communion
April 18	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar
April 19	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
April 21	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service

Lutheran Women in Mission

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness." Please contact any LWML member or Sharon Reinberg at 512-923-8222 to learn more or go to <u>www.lwml.org</u> or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

<u>April Meeting Agenda:</u> Host: Sharon and Marilyn King Topic: by Sharon (Total Forgiveness) Project: Tying Quilts

Our Mission Projects: Donation to National to meet their mission goals.

Unofficial at this writing, but National mission goals were met.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

-Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide (\$100,000)

Lutheran churches, missionaries, and new Christian families around the world will be provided with Bible story books, translated into their languages that teach children about Jesus. These brightly illustrated books, such as *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* and *Bible Stories in Pictures*, are given free of charge to the parents and missionaries who need them.



The Widow's Mite --- And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mark 12:42-44 ESV

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

UPCOMING:

6pm-Business

Spring Rally-

Manheim, TX

Palm Sunday

Put out guilts for

April 4th

Meeting April 7th

April 13th

Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories (\$5,000)

Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories will allow Lutheran Friends of the Deaf to provide these crucial resources to ministry partners in Texas and worldwide so that the Deaf people who come from Spanish speaking families may learn Biblical accounts and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one. HOME OF THE FALCONS!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Three new students have enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year and we are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day to check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its 4th Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 19 at the Classic Bank parking lot! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

*BAKERS ARE NEEDED! We need your help! Donations of any type of baked goods are welcome! You can drop off any donations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th and 29th,

at one of the Jones & Cowen Physical Therapy locations (283 E. Railroad Avenue in Giddings or 657 East Travis Street in La Grange) between the hours of 8 AM - 5 PM, at Faith Lutheran High School from 7 AM - 5 PM, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on June 8, 2019 at Pine Forest Golf Club in Bastrop, TX. Shotgun start at 8:30 AM. For more information on entering a 3 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available, and EVERY family who applies (through TADS) will receives some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2018-2019 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in any subject areas, particularly in the fields of science or English may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com . If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am. Our teachers and local association pastors will be leading us in worship throughout the year.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, Thrivent Choice Dollars, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

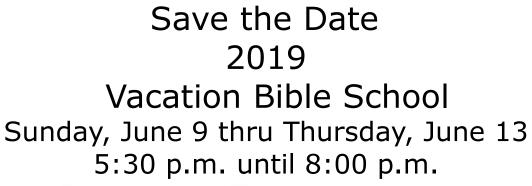
Read Through the Bible in 2019

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

"God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!" Continue your daily Bible reading during 2019. God's blessings for you in His Word abound! (*Note: On days listed as "OFF," consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.*)

April 1	OFF	
April 2	Luke 4	Numbers 2-3
April 3	Luke 5	Numbers 4
April 4	Luke 6:1-16	Numbers 5-6
April 5	Luke 6:17-49	Numbers 7-8
April 6	Luke 7:1-35	Numbers 9-11
April 7	Proverbs 7:1-13	Psalms 45-48
April 8	OFF	
April 9	Luke 7:36-50	Numbers 12-13
April 10	Luke 8	Numbers 14-15
April 11	Luke 9:1-17	Numbers 16-17
April 12	Luke 9:18-62	Numbers 18-20
April 13	Luke 10:1-24	Numbers 21-22
April 14	Proverbs 7:14-27	Psalms 49-51
April 15	OFF	
April 16	Luke 10:25-42	Numbers 23-25
April 17	Luke 11:1-36	Numbers 26
April 18	Luke 11:37-54	Numbers 27-29
April 19	Luke 12:1-48	Numbers 30-31
April 20	Luke 12:49-59	Numbers 32-33
April 21	Proverbs 8:1-11	Psalms 52-55
April 22	OFF	
April 23	Luke 13	Numbers 34-36
April 24	Luke14	Deuteronomy 1
April 25	Luke 15	Deuteronomy 2-3
April 26	Luke 16	Deuteronomy 4-5
April 27	Luke 17	Deuteronomy 6-9
April 28	Proverbs 8:12-21	Psalms 56-59
April 29	OFF	
April 30	Luke 18:1-30	Deuteronomy 10-11

Readings for the Month of April





Our God created our vast, amazing universe and also loves each of us with a vast, amazing love! He loved the world so much that He sent Jesus, the promised Savior, to live, suffer, die and rise again to save us—the most Miraculous Mission of all!!



Following the 8:00 am Easter Worship Service, the **Elders** will be flipping pancakes, scrambling eggs and popping toast.







Please bring complementary items for the full breakfast buffet, i.e., breakfast tacos, casseroles, biscuits or you may bring items for the continental breakfast, i.e., doughnuts, pastries and fruit.



We need volunteers to bring 1 gallon each of orange juice, apple juice and milk. We also need a few volunteers to help clean up after breakfast. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex

