

Grace Notes



As we continue to learn to pray from the Psalms, this month we turn to Psalm 146. Let's consider it together here.

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being! The Hebrew word that begins and ends Psalm 146 is known to us in English: "Hallelujah!" Both this Hebrew loan word and its Greek counterpart, "Alleluia!" mean "Praise the LORD!" Psalm 146 calls upon us to praise the LORD because He alone gives us life now and eternally. The phrase "while I have my being" reminds us of the fact that our being continues will continue forever because the true God will raise us from the dead.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. In contrast to the LORD stand earthly authorities. Our trust does not belong to them because, unlike the true God, they are mortal. Throughout history, kings, emperors, and presidents have made their plans. Senates and parliaments have drafted and passed legislation. Yet every single earthly ruler has died or will one day die, no matter how grand their plans. The same is true for all human help; it never lasts forever. Only the true God endures to eternity; therefore, we trust in Him.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. Any blessings that come from earthly rulers or human help are temporary, but the blessings that come from the Triune God are eternal. He is the Creator and Preserver of all things. He keeps all His promises and does not forget those who are in need. Those who hope in Him will not be disappointed; they are blessed because they receive His promised help.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourner; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. As we continue to praise the LORD in Psalm 146, we once again focus on the way He helps those most in need. The prisoners, the blind, the bowed down, the traveler, the widow, and the orphan all look to the LORD for help, and He brings deliverance. Notice that "the righteous" are mentioned among this group. This is a reminder that the righteousness we have as Christians is not by our own doing; we are not righteous because we have perfectly obeyed God's Law. Instead, our righteousness comes completely as a gift. Though we are sinners, yet God declares us righteous by His grace for the sake of Jesus Christ.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! Psalm 146 summarizes our praises to God in this last verse. The true God is the King over all. All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus (Mathew 28:18-20). He uses that authority for the good of His Church, for He is our Brother. Jesus' ascension to the Father's right hand is a constant reminder of this comforting truth.

From beginning to end, Psalm 146 leads us to praise the Triune God for His salvation that leads us to eternal life. No earthly authority, no human help, and no idol can make and keep such a promise. The song of Psalm 146 remains ours today: "Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!"

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10am GLLC Chapel	4 	5 Pastor Away-Family Day	6
7 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion 11am-Family Sunday School 6:30pm-Youth Group	8 4pm-Quilting 7pm LLL 	9	10 10am GLLC Chapel	11	12 Pastor Away-Family Day	13
14 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion 11am-Family Sunday School	15 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism	16	17 10am GLLC Chapel	18	19 Pastor Away-Family Day	20
21 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion 11am-Family Sunday School 3pm- FLHS Opening Service in Warda	22 8am Braille 4pm-Quilting	23	24 10am GLLC Chapel	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	26 Pastor Away-Family Day	27
28 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion Rally Sunday Celebration after service	29	30	31 10am GLLC Chapel			

Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday School	8:45 AM
Midweek Classes	8:45 AM
Worship Service	10:00 AM

Elders:

Kerry Becker
Charlie Johannessen

Organist(s):
June Parker
Esther Wolff
Kim Appel
Ruth Eaton

Aug. Altar
Guild:

June Parker
Libby Caldwell

DOLLARS & SENSE

As of July 29, 2022

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	79,838.45
CEF-General	2,486.87
CEF-Land/Youth	12,515.32
CEF Scholarship	12,669.61
Legacy Deo	12,978.63
Total Dedicated Funds	34,316.69
General Fund Balance	45,521.76

Opportunities to Receive God's Gifts

When you are not able to make it to the weekly Divine Service on a regular basis, please know that opportunities to receive the gifts of God at other times are available. I encourage you to be in touch with me to let me know how I can deliver these gifts of God to you, because no Christian should go without God's gifts in Word and Sacrament. When circumstances do not allow you to join the congregation for a time, I certainly encourage you to make use of the Facebook livestream to hear the Scriptures and the sermon; I also would welcome the opportunity to set an appointment with you to study God's Word with you and bring you the Body and Blood of Jesus on an individual basis. ***This offer is made in earnest.***



You are not imposing on my time by requesting this of me; this is precisely why God has given time to me.
Please let me know how I can best serve you in Christ's name! —Pastor Appel

Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com 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.



In the Hospital

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**



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



Pastoral Check-Up

Many go to their doctor regularly to check on their physical health; why not do the same with your pastor concerning your spiritual health? I know that the previous year was difficult in many respects. How has your Christian faith been challenged? How has your Christian faith grown? Let's visit! Let's find some time to talk so that I can minister to you with the Word of God so that your faith in Christ will grow even in the midst of this life's troubles and trials..



KFUO Bible Study Resources

Looking for Bible study opportunities during the week? Make use of the fantastic resources for growth in your Christian faith produced by our very own LCMS radio station, KFUO (www.kfuo.org). Their variety of programs will provide something of value to every person who listens. Of particular interest for Grace, every weekday morning at 8 AM, you can hear Pastor Appel host the Bible study, *Sharper Iron*, with guest pastors from around the country. If you can't catch the show live, you can listen to archived episodes at www.kfuo.org/category/sharper-iron/.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 1	Philip & Kimberly Appel
Aug. 18	Don & Nancy Young
Aug. 20	Mark & Margie Peres
Aug. 23	Daniel & Donna Kadlecek
	James & Murrelyn Rice
Aug. 24	Jim & Mary Ann Duty
	John & Katie Stelling
Aug. 26	Mackie Wayne & Kathy Kasper
Aug. 29	Bill & Jean Miller



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am.

We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.



Grace and First Presbyterian will partner to staff the BAE August 15-20. Work dates are Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 2 and Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. Donations are accepted on Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. As always your donations and support are great appreciated. We are grateful to give back to the community due to the generous gifts of our donors and shoppers.

Gifts for Organ Repair



On June 12, the voters approved organ repairs that will cost approximately \$11,800. Fischer Pipe Organ Tuning and Service will be putting us on their schedule so that these repairs can be made this fall. If you'd like to make a special gift to help with the cost of these repairs, you can make use of the "Organ Fund" envelopes in your offering

envelope box. Thanks for your generosity in providing for music that glorifies God in our worship services at Grace!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 2	Kellie Rice
Aug. 4	Bobby Hoskins
Aug. 6	Jacob Hannusch
	Vance Kaiser
Aug. 7	Bradley Campion
	Kolson Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 8	Peyton Bennight
Aug. 9	Mike Davis, Jr.
	Bernie Satterwhite
Aug. 10	Donna Kadlecek
Aug. 15	Wendy Rohde
Aug. 16	Kaleb Barho
	Clint Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 17	Ashlyn Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 19	Eleanor Mutschink
	Kennedy Pietsch
Aug. 20	Nancy Fritsche
	Hannah Stem
Aug. 21	Angel Hurst
Aug. 23	Linda Noack
Aug. 25	Patricia Kaiser
	Julia Lorenz
Aug. 27	Debbie Higgins
	Patt Langer
Aug. 29	Troy Kasper
	David Rohde
	Stefanie Monecke
Aug. 30	Cindy Davis
	Katie Stelling
	Kira Kaiser
Aug. 31	Hallye Bonorden
	Gene Brown, Jr.

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

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



Dear Member of Grace Lutheran Church,

We have decided to bring Sunday School back each Sunday before church services. We are looking for volunteers to help teach our youth the precious word of our Lord and Savior. If you are interested even if it would be to co-teach with someone, please contact a board member.

We will have a rally day the last Sunday in August and Early Sunday School will start the first Sunday in September. Watch for details.

The Board has chosen our next Sunday School Mission to be the Bastrop County Pregnancy Resource Center. We would like to invite everyone to contribute to the Sunday School offering for this very worthy mission. There are envelopes on the Board of Ed Bulletin Board for anyone who would like to contribute to our Mission.

Come join us for family Sunday School every Sunday at 11:00 or immediately after Church Service. This is for all ages even if you do not have children!! It is a lot of fun!!

Our Board members for this year are: Charlie Johannessen, Toni Ann Kadlecik, Kathy Kasper, Mary Lou Oliver, Melissa Brown, June Parker, Barb Johannessen and the Sunday School Superintendent is Donna Zimmerhanzel. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have questions.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen
Board of Education



Family Sunday School

Family Sunday School continues at Grace through August 21st! Please join us after the 10:00AM service each Sunday to learn and rejoice in the Word of God together as the family of Jesus here at Grace! This class is intended for anyone and everyone; whether you are single or married or have lots of kids or have no kids, you are welcome to join us to learn God's Word together. Tables are spaced appropriately throughout the parish hall, with one family per table. Pastor introduces a new Bible story each week, and our learning includes both activities done as individual families and as a large group. We also include a hymn and a craft each week. We finish about 11:45 am. Please join us to learn God's Word together as families and as a congregation!



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM has resumed! We are studying God's Word in the Psalms that He invites us to speak back to Him in prayer. Each week has included a fantastic study and conversation so far; please join us!

Youth Group

All middle school and high school students and their parents are invited to join us at Youth Group! We normally meet every first Sunday of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM. Each month, we have time for Bible study, games, and snacks! In July, we're pushing our normal meeting time back one week due to the July 4th weekend; join us this month on Sunday, July 10, and invite your friends!



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

UPCOMING:

Aug. 4th
6pm- Regular
Meeting

Aug. 8th
4pm-Quilting

Aug. 22nd
4pm-Quilting

We welcome you to join us in “Serving the Lord with Gladness.” Please contact any LWML member or June Parker at 512-581-1168 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmldist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Mission offering for July is Camp Lonestar beans.

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students - \$50,000

Almighty God, You expect us all to share the “Good News” with those around us. There is also a great present and future need for men to enter our seminaries in order to be equipped and empowered to be the spiritual leaders in our churches and communities. Our heart-felt desire is to support them with scholarships so they can complete their training with less of a financial burden. Bless our efforts to support those You call to serve as professional workers in Your kingdom. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen

Donations to the large Mite Box in the Narthex are joyfully accepted.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

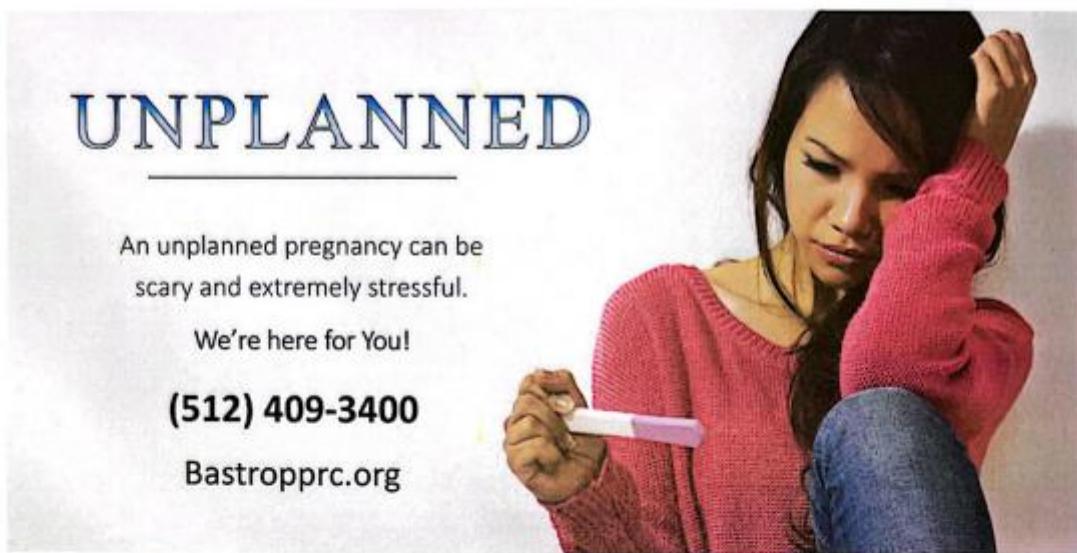
Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania — \$68,182

Mwadui Lutheran School in Shinyanga, Tanzania, has become one of the leading schools in the region with enrollment increasing from 40 to over 200 students. It is educating many new pastors, teachers, and professionals from all over western Tanzania using a curriculum with a Christian world view and daily chapel. This educational facility has become a valuable Christian outreach ministry to the community and region. However, malaria and other health issues continue to be a vexing problem for the students, teachers, staff, and community. The next step in enhancing this educational facility is starting a medical clinic. This grant will purchase medical equipment, medical supplies, and medicine to treat the various illnesses of the student community in the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tanzania (SELVD-ELCT).



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 is sponsoring for 4 Sundays in August a door offering for Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center.



UNPLANNED

An unplanned pregnancy can be
scary and extremely stressful.

We're here for You!

(512) 409-3400

Bastropprc.org

Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center

2007 N Main Street
(Inside Faith Baptist Church)
Open: 8am-5pm (Tues: 9am-6pm)
Closed 12-1pm

Our Services

Pregnancy Testing

Material Resources through our
MAP Program, such as cribs,
clothes, car seats, strollers, etc.

Educational Classes

Pregnancy and Birth

Parenting

We're here for You!

We know that an unplanned pregnancy can create a lot of questions with no easy answers. We are here to help you find those answers by discussing your options and providing you accurate information so that you can make an informed decision.

Your future is important to us, and we consider it an honor and privilege to be a part of your life, assisting you during such a crucial time.

When you come to our center you can rest assured that your visit and any information you share with us is completely confidential.

Mailing address: P O Box 2192, Bastrop, TX 78602

For Appointments : (512) 409-3400

Email: admin@bastropprc.org Website: bastropprc.org

Read Through the Bible in 2022

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

"God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!" Continue your daily Bible reading during 2022. 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.)

Readings for the Month of August

August 1	Matthew 21:1-22	1 Chronicles 1
August 2	Matthew 21:23-46	1 Chronicles 2-4
August 3	Matthew 22	1 Chronicles 5
August 4	Proverbs 15:1-11	Psalms 96-100
August 5	OFF	
August 6	Matthew 23:1-12	1 Chronicles 6-7
August 7	Matthew 23:13-39	1 Chronicles 8
August 8	Matthew 24	1 Chronicles 9-11
August 9	Matthew 25:1-30	1 Chronicles 12-14
August 10	Matthew 25:31-46	1 Chronicles 15-16
August 11	Proverbs 15:12-24	Psalms 101-103
August 12	OFF	
August 13	Matthew 26:1-35	1 Chronicles 17-20
August 14	Matthew 26:36-75	1 Chronicles 21-23
August 15	Matthew 27:1-26	1 Chronicles 24-26
August 16	Matthew 27:27-66	1 Chronicles 27-29
August 17	Matthew 28	2 Chronicles 1-3
August 18	Proverbs 15:25-33	Psalms 104-105
August 19	OFF	
August 20	1 Corinthians 1-2	2 Chronicles 4-6
August 21	1 Corinthians 3	2 Chronicles 7-9
August 22	1 Corinthians 4-5	2 Chronicles 10-14
August 23	1 Corinthians 6	2 Chronicles 15-17
August 24	1 Corinthians 7	2 Chronicles 18-21
August 25	Proverbs 16	Psalm 106
August 26	OFF	
August 27	1 Corinthians 8-9	2 Chronicles 22-24
August 28	1 Corinthians 10:1-22	2 Chronicles 25-28
August 29	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:34	2 Chronicles 29-31
August 30	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	2 Chronicles 32-33
August 31	1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13	2 Chronicles 34-36