

# Grace Notes



2019

“We should see each other more often.”

Perhaps you’ve said that to a cousin you hadn’t seen since you both were little. Maybe a good friend who moved far away said it to you the last time you parted ways. Perhaps it was your doctor who said it to you at the end of your last appointment.

The saying applies to us as Christians as well.

“We should see each other more often.” Throughout the Bible, the one true God gathers His people together. For example, Leviticus 23 details the worship life God gave to His people Israel, as God gathered them together on the Sabbath and various feasts. God gave His people great joy in this, as King David prays in Psalm 133:1, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brother dwell in unity!” This has not changed in the New Testament. Jesus makes His promise to His people as they gather together: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Hebrews 10:23-25 states, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

As is evident from God’s Word, the statement applies to Christians with great joy: “We should see each other more often!” That’s certainly true for times of worship and Bible study; it’s also true in every day life. Our fellowship begins in the Lord’s Word and Sacrament, and it finds expression throughout the week. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:26, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” It’s a great blessing to share a meal with fellow church members. It’s a great joy for the children of our congregation to share friendship in the classroom and playground. “We should see each other more often.” That statement applies to us as the members of Grace not only on Sunday morning, but every day of the week.



That statement also applies to the pastor and lay people. It’s always a wonderful part of my Sunday morning to greet each one of you after the Divine Service, but it’s really a very short time to see each other. “We should see each other more often!” How might that be true here at Grace? Here are a few thoughts:

- *Home visits* – I know this may seem a bit antiquated in today’s world, but I’ve found the home visits that I’ve done during my time at Grace to have been very beneficial to me and to our members. It provides an opportunity to share our lives with each other in a comfortable setting. Give me a call, or answer mine; let’s put something on the calendar!
- *Spiritual 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? Let’s sit down, whether in my office, at your home, or over lunch, and visit about your Christian faith and the ways it can continue to grow even in the midst of this life’s troubles and trials.
- *Hospital visits* – You probably already know about this one. While I pray that God provides health for you, I also know that the effects of sin bring sickness upon all of us, and it’s my desire to bring God’s gifts of His Word and prayer to you in those times.
- *Funeral planning* – Stay with me on this one. Facing the reality of death like this isn’t morbid, but instead provides an opportunity for us to confess our faith in Christ alone. By planning your funeral ahead of time, you not only take the burden off your family. More importantly, you give a final witness to your family, friends, and the world that you know that you will spend eternity with the Lord because of what Jesus has done for you. What Scripture readings and hymns will do that well at your funeral? Let’s visit about that and write down your plans now.

You and I may already have had such visits; why not visit again? If you never have had any such visits, this year is a great time to give it a try. There are many ways that all of us together at Grace, as pastor and people, can experience the countless blessings that our Lord has for us by being together more often as members of the Body of Christ. “We should see each other more often.” Let’s make it happen here at Grace in 2019!

In Christ,  
Pastor Appel

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor Away- Family Day	2 Groundhog Day
3 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 5pm- Youth Group Super Bowl Party @ Appels'	4 7pm Elders  <b>Elders Meeting</b>	5	6 10am GLLC Chapel	7 6pm LWML 	8 Pastor Away- Family Day	9
10 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	11 5pm Piecemakers 7pm LLL  LLL	12 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Lexington	13 10am GLLC Chapel	14 Valentine's Day	15 Pastor Away- Family Day	16
17 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	18 President's Day 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	19	20 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance	21	22 Pastor Away- Family Day	23
24 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	25 8am Braille	26	27 10am GLLC Chapel	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages	

### Grace Lutheran Church

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

### Grace Lutheran Learning Center

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Smithville, TX 78957  
Office Phone: 512-360-2800  
Fax Number: 512-237-5990

Email address: [gracelutheranlearn@att.net](mailto: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: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### 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):** Davey Kadlecek  
Vince Kaiser  
**Ushers:** Galen Bunte  
C. Johannessen  
**Trustees:** Jan. Altar Guild:  
Linda Read  
Frances Mynar

**Readers:**  
Feb. 3 Bernie Satterwhite  
Feb. 10 Jean Miller  
Feb. 17 John Stelling  
Feb. 24 Dana Bunte

**Acolytes:**  
Feb. 3 David Wolff & Baylor Watson  
Feb. 10 Thomas Brown & Adrian Wolff  
Feb. 17 Mackenzie Peres & Juniper Smith  
Feb. 24 Joshua Zimmerhanel & Marianna Peres



Pre-School/	Mary Lou Oliver/
Kindergarten	Wendy Rohde
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	Charles Johannessen
3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Gene Brown
6 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	June Parker
Adult Classes	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	Kim Appel
1st – 3rd grade	Tim & Esther Wolff
4th - 6th grade	Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade	Pastor Appel
Adult Class	Ed Randle



# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb. 16 Kikue & Clarence Hannusch
- Feb. 20 Toni Ann & David Kadlecek  
Brenda & John Anderson
- Feb. 24 Marilyn & Ed Randle
- Feb. 25 Marlene & Mike Wallace



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 1 Helen Fleck
- Feb. 2 Darrell Campion  
David Kadlecek, Sr.
- Feb. 3 Micah Deapen  
Walter Psencik
- Feb. 4 Aaron Kasper  
JoAnn Nelson
- Feb. 7 Madison Whitney  
Cody Spencer
- Feb. 8 Katherine Benedix  
Khloe Pietsch
- Feb. 9 Barrett Watson
- Feb. 11 Daniel Kadlecek
- Feb. 12 Bailey Bennight  
Tammy Campion
- Feb. 13 Jane Bunte
- Feb. 14 Colson Kovar
- Feb. 15 Jerry Fleck  
Teresa Slusher
- Feb. 17 Elizabeth Penn  
Paisley Owens  
Jaysen Swartz
- Feb. 18 Jase Wallace
- Feb. 21 Tammy Teague
- Feb. 22 Ryan Smith  
Hallie Herschap
- Feb. 23 Rebekka Gwin  
Alexandria Hernandez  
David Wolff
- Feb. 24 Kimberly Craig
- Feb. 25 Justin Teague
- Feb. 26 Kayson Kaiser  
Ann Schroeder  
Johnny Schroeder
- Feb. 27 Belinda Mangum

# DOLLARS & SENSE

As of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name	Balance
<u>Prosperity Checking Acct</u>	26,666.18
<u>CEF-General</u>	2,392.69
<u>CEF-Land/Youth</u>	12,041.40
<u>CEF Scholarship</u>	12,189.86
<u>CEF Property Loan</u>	138,885.07
<u>CEF Annex Loan</u>	14,593.54
<u>Legacy Deo</u>	11,672.12
<u>Total Dedicated Funds</u>	6,288
<u>General Fund Balance</u>	20,378.18

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

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



**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**

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



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





PIECEMAKERS

We meet each month to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We meet at 5pm in the Sunday School building, alley entrance. We usually work until about 7. All are welcome. Tying a knot is the only skill you need.

Our next session is February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



### 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 [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application



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.

### Youth Group Super Bowl Party

On Sunday, February 3, our Youth Group will gather at the Appels' house (1416 NE 8th Street) for our annual Super Bowl



party. All middle school and high school youth and their parents are welcome to attend. The Appels will provide the main dish, and the youth are asked to bring either a drink or snack to share. Come over any time after 5:00 PM to enjoy the game, the commercials, and time together as Christians!

### Lent 2019



This year, Ash Wednesday is March 6. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the penitential forty-day season of Lent that prepares us for Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord. Each Wednesday during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10), we will have a soup supper at 6 PM

followed by a worship service at 7 PM. This year's Lenten midweek services will focus on the first chief part of the Catechism, the Ten Commandments. Make plans to join us for these services in the coming weeks to grow in the repentance and faith that Jesus has given.



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**



We had a very successful week. Thank you volunteers and donors. We can't do it without you. We had used almost all available adult hangers. We sold lots of items and racks were again full of empty hangers. We sold furniture items, books,, linens, and assorted items. Our next rotation [will be](#) February 25 through March 2. We close for Holy week and we work again on April 29 to may 4

Join us as you are able. Thank you to our volunteers There will be s volunteer appreciation brunch on Tuesday February 12 at 9 AM at the Methodist church Please RSVP to [lindaread456@gmail.com](mailto:lindaread456@gmail.com) or text yo 512 914 2174. RSVP.by January 30



ALL invited to lunch/game day  
**THURSDAYS at NOON**  
In the Parish Hall

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.



Dear members of Grace,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift to our family this year! We are extremely humbled to be a part of such a loving group of Christians here at Grace. We look forward to working with you and among you to further the kingdom of God here in this place. God bless you all!

In Christ,

**Pastor, Kristin, Benjamin, Noah, Matthew, and Caleb Appel.**



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 feel blessed to announce that we are once again considering a student for financial assistance with his education at a Lutheran School near us. Please remember that the Board has funds available on a quarterly basis if you know anyone that may benefit from assistance please contact a board member for details of how to apply.

**CHALLENGE!!!!**

Our challenge participation is falling off by both Adults and Youth!! Please encourage each other to participate as we as a board feel it is important to educate each other on what Christ did for us and continues to do for us.

Please remember to answer your challenge question at the back of your bulletin each week. The youth WON in 2018 for the most participation. Adults, Please participate this is a great way to educate everyone in the congregation and have fun at the same time. Trust me the Youth are paying attention!!!! If you have any suggestions or any thing you would like to see us do please contact us.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

**Barb Johannessen**

**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.



February 6, 2019	*March 6, 2019	*April 10, 2019
February 13, 2019	*March 13, 2019	April 24, 2019
February 20, 2019	*March 27, 2019	May 1, 2019
February 27, 2019	*April 3, 2019	



# LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

**UPCOMING:**

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Casserole Sale

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** (Thurs. 6pm)

LWML Meeting

-POTLUCK-

“Scripture Quilting”

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 [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or [www.lwmltxdist.org](http://www.lwmltxdist.org) to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Our Mission Projects:

Lutheran Indian Ministries:

Lutheran Indian Ministries proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American peoples, disciples Native leaders to share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters, and assists in the healing of pain, sorrow, and suffering in a way that values Native cultures.

We envision a day when all Nations walk together in Christian Fellowship.

**LWML TEXAS DISTRICT  
GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:**

*Forward in Faith-Funding the Ministry of Faith of Lutheran High School (\$10,000)*

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas will use this mission grant to further this Central Texas educational ministry by purchasing needed theological resources, curriculum instruction materials, and teaching tools. These materials will enable them to provide Christ-centered education to their students.

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

**National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:**

**-Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians (\$75,000)**

Clarence DeLude III (Kanaka), who is on staff with Lutheran Indian Ministries, is enrolled in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center Program at Concordia University, Irvine, California, which leads to ordination. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, Clarence, a Native Hawaiian will be used as God’s instrument in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his fellow Kanaka people. Grant funds would be used for scholarships for Clarence, VBS/Teen Camp, on-going Bible study, and Sexual Abuse and Leadership Training (SALT) seminars.



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



*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!**

### **End of Year Giving**

Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran High School during our End of Year giving. We didn't quite make our goal of \$50,000, however we are still thankfully accepting donations to support the ministry at FLHS. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to February 1, 2019 will have registration fees waived for the 2019-2020 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Thank you!**

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS over the last few months. We are so incredibly blessed! THANK YOU!!

### **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 or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate!

### **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.

### **Yard Signs Available**

Show your support of FLHS by placing a sign in your yard. New single sided signs are now available. There is no cost to you to obtain one! Come by and pick one up today! (\*Donations are accepted to offset cost.)

### **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 receive some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS.

### **Keep in Touch**

Stop by school and say "Hi," explore what the students are learning in classes and learn more about FLHS. Find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or Twitter - like and share our posts. Also, visit our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com)!



# The Askins in Asia



## Celebrating Christmas in Sri Lanka

Clad in the traditional garb of Sri Lanka, a group of young men and young women gathered on the stage (picture above). They began to sing Christmas songs in Tamil. While I couldn't understand the words, I knew the music.

In front of them gathered a large group of children and adults. Pastors were in the front; one of them preached a sermon, another prayed. Pr. Mahlburg, our LCMS missionary to Sri Lanka, also prayed and gave a blessing.

Unlike congregational services in the USA, the children and adults did not necessarily sit quietly; this often shocks American Christians who visit congregations in South Asia. They're not quiet places.

Despite the comings and goings of the children and adults, in many ways, the service looked very similar to other Christmas programs you might find in the LCMS.

And yet, I learned, there was one significant difference: Many of the attendees were not Lutheran. Many were not even Christian. In fact, for many of them, this might have been the first time they heard

the message of Christ who came as a child to suffer and die for their sins, and the sins of the entire world.

For many years now, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka — our LCMS partner church there — has hosted Christmas programs in Colombo, the capital and largest city in Sri Lanka.

This year, however, instead of just one program, they hosted multiple programs. They took place in the upcountry where most of their congregations are located.

In addition to lessons and carols and a sermon, they also have a cultural program that celebrates their heritage as Sri Lankans. They hand out gifts to the children after the program as well. The gifts include food and materials for school.

While the outfits might look a little different and the songs take place in a foreign language, the Lord reaches out through his church in Sri Lanka. All over the world, the church proclaims the same message: Christ died for you.

It was a great privilege to witness Christ's church in action.

## First Christmas in Taiwan

— Eliza

We landed in Taiwan Easter Saturday. And now we are celebrating Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany. Holidays can be hard when faraway from what was familiar and constant. The smells, the sights, and the sounds bring back memories of family, friends, traditions, and more.

As I reflect and look back, tears of joy and sadness spring forth. And yet, the children around stare puzzled at their teary-eyed mother wondering what's wrong. Because even if she cries tears of joy, they fear mommy is hurt, scared, lonely, etc.

It is in those moments mom gets to share the memories and create new ones. After those tears, mom realizes the children don't have the same years of memories and traditions but can make them now. No matter the country, we are together and Christ is at the heart and center of our celebrations. He provides for us and gives the eternal gift of grace. So in our weakness—in our tears—He is the strength and comfort we need.

This year had new memories. We found an artificial tree with fake snow on the tips and pinecones. The children ask for snow every year, and neither their first home in Texas or their two Asian homes ever truly had snow. Presents found their way under the tree decorated with the ornaments gathered over the years. A rope of outdoor lights hung around the front window for neighbors to enjoy also.

The children participated in a program at church. Cookies were baked. We grilled a turkey. We shared meals with fellow missionaries, giving the feel of a large family gathering. And of course at the center of it all, we frequently received the Divine Service, feeding and uniting us in faith here and throughout the world.

Now we look ahead to the joys and blessings of 2019. Easter 2018 meant a move and new beginnings. Easter 2019 will be the start of rest and reconnect as we start home-service with fundraising. In that there will be more memories and maybe even traditions started too.

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

To support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Roy S. Askins, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Askins-Hong Kong" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at [www.lcms.org/givenow/askins](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/askins). To give a gift over the phone, please call 1-888-930-4438.

Contact us at [roy.askins@lcmsintl.org](mailto:roy.askins@lcmsintl.org).

## For Your Prayers

In your prayers, please keep these things in mind:

- For those traveling, especially Pr. Askins as he helps international guests travel to the USA for Symposia in Fort Wayne
- For Eliza and the children as they are home while dad is gone for two weeks
- For Pr. Askins as he tries to finish his STM while also preparing for home service support raising and events this summer
- For a vehicle that we might borrow during home service this spring

## Thank You

To all of you who are supporting us in so many and various ways, thank you.

For your prayers, thank you. For your financial support, thank you. For your notes and thoughts, thank you.

—The Askins



## A Page of Pictures

Enjoy these pictures from the last month. For more, visit our website: [askinsinasia.com](http://askinsinasia.com).



Eva Maria played a duet with Helen, our pastor's daughter.



The children sang together in the choir for the Christmas program.



The best fake Christmas tree — with snow — ever!



Above Left: the best tea in the world: Mackwoods in Sri Lanka.



Below left: Pr. Mahlburg and the children who participated in the Sri Lanka Christmas program.



Above Right: The cultural program in Westward Ho.



# 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.)

## Readings for the Month of February

February 1	John 17	Isaiah 12-16
February 2	John 18	Isaiah 17-21
February 3	Proverbs 3:1-12	Psalms 19-20
February 4	OFF	
February 5	John 19:1-27	Isaiah 22-25
February 6	John 19:28-42	Isaiah 26-28
February 7	John 20-21	Isaiah 29-32
February 8	Romans 1	Isaiah 33-36
February 9	Romans 2	Isaiah 37-39
February 10	Proverbs 3:13-26	Psalms 21-23
February 11	OFF	
February 12	Romans 3	Isaiah 40-42
February 13	Romans 4	Isaiah 43-45
February 14	Romans 5	Isaiah 46-49
February 15	Romans 6-7	Isaiah 50-54
February 16	Romans 8	Isaiah 55-58
February 17	Proverbs 3:27-35	Psalms 24-27
February 18	OFF	
February 19	Romans 9	Isaiah 59-63
February 20	Romans 10	Isaiah 64-66
February 21	Romans 11	Exodus 1-3
February 22	Romans 12	Exodus 4:1-6:12
February 23	Romans 13	Exodus 6:13-8:32
February 24	Proverbs 4:1-19	Psalms 28-31
February 25	OFF	
February 26	Romans 14:1-15:13	Exodus 9-11
February 27	Romans 15:14-33	Exodus 12-14
February 28	Romans 16	Exodus 15-16