

# Grace Notes



2020

The month of February provides several opportunities for Christians to give thanks to God for the lives of His people throughout the ages. I'll highlight three important celebrations of the Church Year during the month (one of which will be familiar to you, though you may have never thought about the connection to the Church) that will help you stay grounded in His Word.

On February 10, the Church commemorates Silas, the fellow worker of St. Paul and St. Peter. We first meet Silas in Acts 15:22, where he is noted as one of the "leading men among the brothers." Silas accompanies Paul on his second missionary journey that took the Word for the first time into Greece. One of the more memorable events during that journey was their imprisonment in Philippi, where Paul and Silas sang hymns even while in jail. Silas remained in Berea while Paul went on to Athens, but then Silas rejoined Paul in Corinth, where he likely remained as a pastor for an extended time. Sometime later, Silas also accompanied Peter (1 Peter 5:12). Silas, also known as Silvanus, is listed as a co-author of the two epistles to the Thessalonians. On February 10, read Acts 16:16-34 and rejoice at the work God has done through His servant, Silas.

On February 14, the Church remembers St. Valentine, martyr. This date is well-known throughout the secular world as a day to express some sort of love or affection in a worldly sense, but the Church attaches a much more significant remembrance to this date by recalling the love of Jesus. Valentine was a physician and priest who lived in Rome during the rule of the emperor named Claudius II (AD 268-270). In a time when it was illegal to be Christian, Valentine was arrested for remaining true to the Savior. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution (February 14, 270), Valentine left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer. This note was written on an irregularly shaped piece of paper, which became a pattern for





the written expressions of love that still highlight celebrations of this day around the world. On February 14, read 1 John 4:7-21 and give thanks to God for His love shown first to you in Christ Jesus which then flows from you to others.

On February 24, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Matthias, apostle. Likely one of the seventy-two sent out by Jesus in Luke 10, Matthias was later chosen by lot to fill the vacancy left by Judas' betrayal and death (Acts 1:16-25). Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in God's Word, nor is much known of him from tradition. He may have gone either to Ethiopia or Armenia in service to the Lord. Early Church tradition suggests that he may have been martyred for his faith at Colchis in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) around the year AD 50. On February 24, read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and rejoice that the Lord chooses to do His work even through those whom the world may neither know nor regard—including you and me.

This month also includes the notable celebration of the Presentation of Our Lord and the Purification of Mary on February 2. Since this day falls on a Sunday this year, we will observe it during the Divine Service here at Grace. I pray that the Lord richly blesses you through the accounts and examples of His faithful saints, men and women whom He has forgiven by His blood.

In Christ,  
**Pastor Appel**

# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages						1
2 Groundhog Day 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 5pm-Youth Group Super Bowl Party	3 7pm Elders  <b>Elders Meeting</b>	4	5 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Bible Classes	6 6pm LWML 	7 Pastor Away-Family Day	8
9 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	10 5pm-Piecemakers 7pm-LLL 	11 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg	12 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Bible Classes	13 11am- Bible Study	14 Pastor Away-Family Day Valentine's Day	15
16 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	17 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	18	19 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance 6pm Midweek Bible Classes	20 11am- Bible Study	21 Pastor Away-Family Day	22
23 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	24 8am Braille	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Midweek 6pm-Soup Supper 7pm-Lenten Service	27 11am- Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	28 Pastor Away-Family Day	29

### Grace Lutheran Church

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

**Elder(s):** Kerry Becker  
C. Johannessen

**Ushers:** Bert Bunte  
Galen Bunte

**Trustees:** Allan Hancock  
Johnnie Kalina

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

**Feb. Altar Guild:**  
Nelda Rohde  
Wendy Rohde

#### **Acolytes:**

**Feb. 2** Jacob Moore & Marianna Peres  
**Feb. 9** Juniper Smith & David Wolff  
**Feb. 16** Baylor Watson & Thomas Brown  
**Feb. 23** Storm Gorton & Jacob Moore



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

### 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](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.

#### **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



#### **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**



# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

# DOLLARS & SENSE

As of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Name	Balance
<b>Prosperity Checking Acct</b>	<b>70,502.45</b>
<b>CEF-General</b>	<b>2,425.35</b>
<b>CEF-Land/Youth</b>	<b>12,205.71</b>
<b>CEF Scholarship</b>	<b>12,356.19</b>
<b>CEF Property Loan</b>	<b>130,326.36</b>
<b>Legacy Deo</b>	<b>11,463.07</b>
<b>Total Dedicated Funds</b>	<b>21,495.37</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>49,007.08</b>



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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 1** Helen Fleck
- Feb. 2** Darrell Campion  
David Kadlecek, Sr.
- Feb. 3** Walter Psencik
- Feb. 4** Aaron Kasper  
JoAnn Nelson
- Feb. 7** Madison Whitney  
Cody Spencer
- Feb. 8** 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
- 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

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



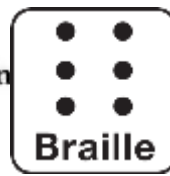
There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



**Board of Education  
Sunday School  
Midweek News**



**WORK AT  
GLLC  
Grace**



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**

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



**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 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



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 book of Exodus from 11 AM-Noon most Thursday mornings (check the calendar for days we don't meet) in the parish hall. Please join us to hear and study this wonderful history of God's salvation for His people!  
After Thursday morning Bible study, we stay in the parish hall and join together for a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for the meal and a spirited game of train afterwards. 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

**Youth Group Super Bowl Party**

On Sunday, February 2, 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!



Grace will partner with First Presbyterian to staff the thrift store February 3rd to the 8th

Hours are 10 to 2 Monday through Thursday. 9 to 2 on Friday and Saturday.

The store has been very busy. We have received many lovely donations.

The money we make serves the community. We are all volunteer.

Join us as you are able. Thank you for your donations and support by shopping with us.

Please do not leave donations after hours. We need to be available to take them inside.



**Board of Education  
Sunday School  
Midweek News**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

**REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is Sunday School Mission Sunday.** Though Pastor Askins has moved on to other ventures, we have chosen our Mission for this quarter to be our Congregations new foreign missionary. Which should be appointed soon.

Easter this year will be April 12, we have started preparing for this very important celebration.

**CHALLENGE!!!!**

We would like to Thank everyone who continues to participate in the weekly challenge and encourage each of you to continue to participate weekly 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. If there is anything you would like to see done differently, we are always open to suggestion.

Again, we would like to welcome June Parker to our Board and look forward to what this new year will bring.

May God Bless all of you.  
Respectfully,  
**Barb Johannessen**



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

**Lent 2020**

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 second chief part of the Catechism, the Apostles' Creed. 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.

Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	Soup: A - Fo Host:	Imposition of Ashes Divine Service with Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed
March 4	Lent Midweek 2	Soup: Fr – P Host:	1 <sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed
March 11	Lent Midweek 3	Soup: R – Z Host:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed
March 18	Lent Midweek 4	Soup: A - Fo Host:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed
March 25	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr – P Host:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed
April 1	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed
April 5	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms Divine Service with Holy Communion
April 9	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar
April 10	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
April 12	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service



# LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

**UPCOMING:**

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Casserole Sale

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Business Meeting

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.

February Meeting Agenda:

Topic: Kristen Appel

All ladies are to bring snacks.

Mission Project:

January mission project was to the Bastrop County Pregnancy Outreach

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

**LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:**

The theme for the June LWML convention in Corpus Christi-Christ is our anchor.

Mission grant balance: \$37,750

**National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:**

**Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families (\$100,000)**

Detroit has experienced economic disaster and leads the nation with 57.3% of their children living in poverty without food or opportunity. Camp Restore Detroit provides a safe nurturing Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults. This camp provides a place for the children to come and learn about God's love as they participate in art, theatre, and music classes and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational and developmental skills. Additionally, adults are offered parenting, finance, and resume building classes. This grant will fund the renovation of two previously abandoned houses into community outreach centers, along with the house furnishings and outreach materials.



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

*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!

### Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will welcome Elizabeth Ahlman, Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Raymond Keating, Susan Maluschka, Ruth Meyer, and Brian Wolfmueller on Friday, February 21st at 10 am for the 2nd annual Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up. The presentation will begin at 10 am but other activities begin at 8 am. We are blessed to offer this event to our community!

### Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are available now! Tickets are \$20 each.

Drawing will be the week of March 2-6, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- Guided Gulf Coast Fishing Trip for 2
- 30" Fire Pit with adjustable grill top
- Smith & Weston M&P 380 Shield EZ Slide Pistol
- Side of Beef with Custom Processing
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- 4 Season Passes to Schlitterbahn
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 1 Week of Day Camp at Camp Lone Star
- \$100 Milton's Furniture Gift Certificate and \$250 Visa Gift Card
- Custom Cedar Carved Truck and Hay Hauler by Daniel Schulze

Only 1,000 tickets available - don't wait - get yours today!

Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!

### New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to March 6, 2020 will have registration fees waived for the 2020-2021 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! Consider a shadow day, which is a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. You can receive registration materials or schedule a shadow day by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com).

### Thank you!

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

### 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. We utilize TADS to disburse these scholarship funds, and EVERY family who applies receives some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS. **In today's increasingly hostile, non-Christian society, you can't afford to NOT send your child to FLHS!**

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am. Our teachers and local association pastors lead 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. Faith is looking for individuals or families who share in our commitment to Lutheran Education and asking that you would support our ministry through a one-time gift, establish a monthly giving plan, or set up an enduring gift. To learn more about these options, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

### Keep in Touch

Stop by school and say "Hi," explore what the students are learning in classes and learn more about FLHS.



# Read Through the Bible in 2020

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