

Grace Notes



2019

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The celebration of Jesus' resurrection is once again here. What joy is ours to know, believe, and proclaim that sin is forgiven, the devil is crushed, and death has been put to death, all because Jesus has been raised from the dead. Easter is the most important event that has ever happened in human history. For these reasons, our celebration of Jesus' resurrection is not limited to one Sunday, but we dedicate an entire season to it. This month, let's take a look at the ways we continue to give thanks for Jesus' resurrection during this season of the Church Year.

During the season of Easter, we slow our celebration down to "real-time." God's Word teaches us that the time in between Jesus' resurrection and the day of Pentecost was fifty days—and that's how long the season of Easter lasts. During those fifty days, we hear several accounts from the Gospels that tell us how Jesus appeared bodily to His disciples on multiple occasions in order to teach them the Scriptures. For example, the 2nd Sunday of Easter always reminds us of Jesus' appearance to Thomas, who then confessed the truth about Jesus that we believe along with him: "My Lord and my God!" We also hear Gospel readings that include long sections of Jesus' teaching. For example, the 4th Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we use Psalm 23 for the Introit and hear Jesus tell us in John 10 how He has laid down His life for us. On the fortieth day of the season, we celebrate our Lord's ascension into heaven with a special evening worship service (that will take place on Thursday, May 30 this year). Much like the season of Christmas contains too much joy for one day, and so we celebrate for twelve days, the season of Easter contains so much joy that we celebrate for fifty days!





The season of Easter is also marked by singing—lots of it! The Lenten fast from certain expressions of praise is over. The fullness of resurrection joy resounds once again during the season of Easter, as we sing "Alleluia" every chance we get. We leave worship every week humming the hymn of praise, "This is the Feast." Many of the most joyful and comforting hymns of the church occur during the season of Easter: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," and "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won," to name just a few.

Finally, the season of Easter includes several especially beautiful adornments to our sanctuary. The Easter lilies trumpet the reminder of the resurrection life that is ours because Jesus has been raised from the dead. The paraments are white, the color of holiness, purity, and new life. Our banners show forth the light of resurrection, as the cross that for the world would be the sign of death has become for us faithful the sign of eternal life. The paschal candle is lit every Sunday during the season of Easter to recall that the light of Christ that shone forth for us on Easter morning now is given to us in the water and Word of Holy Baptism.

Jesus' death and resurrection have changed everything. Our salvation is accomplished. There is no doubt about it. This is the good news for all of us, and it is the good news for the world. How can we help but celebrate it for a full season? How can we help but proclaim it to everyone we meet, not only during this time of the year, but always? The fact is: we can't help it! Let's tell the news, dear members of Grace, that more may hear and believe. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am GLLC Chape 6pm-Regular Midweek Schedule	2 6pm LWML 	3 Pastor Away-Family Day	4
5 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Youth Confirmation	6 7pm Elders 	7	8 10am GLLC Chapel 7pm- FLHS Spring Thing! - Warda	9 11am-Bible Study	10 Pastor Away-Family Day	11
12 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	13 5pm Piecemakers 7pm LLL 	14 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Dime Box	15 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance	16 11am-Bible Study	17 Pastor Away-Family Day	18
19 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	20 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pmEvangelism	21	22 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm- GLLC Graduation I	23 11am-Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	24 Pastor Away-Family Day	25
26 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	27 Memorial Day 8am Braille	28	29 10am GLLC Chape I	30 6pm- Potluck 7pm- Ascension Worship	31 Pastor Away-Family Day	

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Elder(s): Bert Bunte
MW Kasper
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers: Vince Kaiser
C. Johannessen
Trustees: Allan Hancock
Johnnie Kalina
May. Altar Guild:
June Parker
Libby Caldwell

Acolytes:

May 5 Joshua Zimmerhanel & Thomas Brown
May 12 David Wolff & Marianna Peres
May 19 Juniper Smith & Adrian Wolff
May 26 Ramon Wolff & Baylor Watson



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

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

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: 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.



May 18 Jason & Rebekah Watson
 May 19 Micah & Brooke Deapon
 May 25 Chuck & Lisa Stem
 May 30 Michael & Elizabeth Caldwell



May 4 Rod Langer
 May 7 James Rice
 May 8 Brody Bennight
 Shena Kadlecek
 Ryan Teague
 Adrian Wolff
 May 9 John Stelling
 May 11 Lyla Vinklerek
 May 13 Alice Miller
 Jarrett Randle
 Darcy Long
 May 14 Murrelyn Rice
 Autumn Smiley
 Kyleigh Psencik
 May 15 Kayla Herschap
 May 17 Asher Vanegas
 May 18 Nelda Rohde
 Victoria Seaton
 May 19 Matthew Taylor
 May 21 Daniel Davis
 May 24 Bayleigh Seaton
 May 25 Cason Herschap
 May 29 Rebekah Watson
 May 30 Madison Hannusch
 Brenda Sanders



As of April 25th, 2019

Name	Balance
<u>Prosperity Checking Acct</u>	55,654.60
<u>CEF-General</u>	2,400.08
<u>CEF-Land/Youth</u>	12,078.55
<u>CEF Scholarship</u>	12,227.47
<u>CEF Property Loan</u>	136,992.81
<u>CEF Annex Loan</u>	13,348.38
<u>Legacy Deo</u>	10,098.08
<u>Total Dedicated Funds</u>	22,795.48
<u>General Fund Balance</u>	32,859.12

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

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

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PIECEMAKERS

talent needed. If you can tie a knot you can help.

On Palm Sunday we displayed our quilts we made for Lutheran World Relief and now we begin to work for next year.

Monday may 13th will be our next work date. We meet at 5:00 PM in the sunday school room, alley entrance. All are welcome. No



GLLC Learning Center

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



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 will be closed may 20 to the 27th for Memorial Day.

May13 to the 18th is an open week..volunteers are welcome

Grace is scheduled for June 24 to June 29th. Join us as you are able

Our next date is August 19th to 24th. Then they will close August 26to 31 for Labor Day.

The BAE continues to be all volunteer. No paid positions.

There is a list of organizations which have received Grant's. This list is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance

Many thanks for all the people who donate and shop with us. The Lord continues to bless this ministry.



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.



The Ascension of Our Lord – Potluck and Service

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended visibly into heaven. This is an important event in the story of our salvation, so much so that we confess it each week in the Creed. This year, Ascension Day falls on **Thursday, May 30**. To celebrate Jesus' reign as our good and gracious King, the elders are hosting a **potluck at 6 PM** in the Parish Hall, followed by the **Divine Service with Holy Communion at 7 PM** in the Sanctuary. Please join us on May 30 as we give thanks for our ascended and reigning Lord!



**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



**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. Our Sunday School Mission for this quarter continues to be 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.

What a great service we had on Easter Sunday. Thank you, Pastor Appel, for always presenting such important events so well. The Easter Egg Hunt that followed the service was a success with an estimated 1100 eggs being hidden and hopefully all found.

We are planning a reception for our Graduating Seniors on May 26, 2019 and would like to invite everyone to come and congratulate all of those that are graduating. It will follow immediately after Church Service.

We are also reviewing the Sunday School and Mid-Week Curriculums, in an effort to possibly be able to have our lessons compliment each other.

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. Thank you, ADULTS, for stepping up and proving to the youth that we do all pay attention!!! Keep it up!!

May God Bless all of you.
Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen



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!

Youth Confirmation 2019

On Sunday, May 5, three young women will confess the truth of God's Word in front of God and this congregation and be confirmed in the Christian faith. Please plan to be here that day to be strengthened in your own faith and remember the solemn



vows you once made concerning the importance of the Christian faith for you. Your presence will be a great encouragement to these young women and their families! Here are their names and confirmation verses:

Nicole Claiborne – John 3:16 – Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Amber Hurst – Revelation 2:10 – Jesus said, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Mackenzie Peres – Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

UPCOMING:

May 2nd
6pm-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 or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

May Meeting Agenda:

Host: Rose and Mary Lou
Devotion by Pastor Appel
Project: Flower Planting

Our Mission Projects:

LWR Shipping Fund, Pastor Askins Mission, and Braille.

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

*Reaching Visually Impaired
Inmates with God's Love*
(\$18,500)

Incarcerated visually impaired people are among those Jesus came to save. LWML District mites will provide equipment and material for a work center in Texas to produce free ESV Bibles in Large Print to serve these children of God.

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

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

-Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018
(\$36,500)

One of the largest needs in Prison and Jail Ministry is not only the offering of Word and Sacrament ministry to those incarcerated, but also in assisting the person when he or she returns to the community. The Prison and Jail Ministry Conference enables over 200 lay and clergy participants from 30 of our LCMS districts to learn about the importance of prison and jail ministry as well as networking with one another for best practices and support of each other in a very difficult mission and ministry. A number of LCMS districts are already doing, or are starting up a Prison and Jail Ministry, and a Synod-wide conference will allow these to continue and expand as changes and new developments continue in the federal and state criminal justice systems. Grant funds would help pay for the expenses involved in hosting a conference.



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!

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department - including a choir concert, skit, and art displays. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

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.

Youth Camps

FLHS is excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer.

April 29-May 1 - Archery - Grade 5 to 9

June 3-5 - Soccer - Pre-K to Grade 3

June 10-12 - Basketball - Grades K to 8

June 17-19 - STEM Camp - Grades 1 to 4

July 8-10 - Volleyball Camp - Grades 3 to 8

July 22-24 - Art Camp - Grades 1 to 4

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

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.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. 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!

Junior High Game Night

Come on out for our last game night of the school year! Friday, May 12th from 7:00 until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School for students in 7th to 10th grade. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in any subject areas, but 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.

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.)

Readings for the Month of May

May 1	Luke 18:31-43	Deuteronomy 12-14
May 2	Luke 19	Deuteronomy 15-18
May 3	Luke 20:1-26	Deuteronomy 19-22
May 4	Luke 20:27-47	Deuteronomy 23-25
May 5	Proverbs 8:22-36	Psalms 60-63
May 6	OFF	
May 7	Luke 21	Deuteronomy 26-27
May 8	Luke 22:1-38	Deuteronomy 28-29
May 9	Luke 22:39-65	Deuteronomy 30-32
May 10	Luke 22:66-23:25	Deuteronomy 33-34
May 11	Luke 23:26-56	Joshua 1-4
May 12	Proverbs 9	Psalms 64-67
May 13	OFF	
May 14	Luke 24:1-35	Joshua 5-7
May 15	Luke 24:36-53	Joshua 8-9
May 16	Acts 1	Joshua 10-12
May 17	Acts 2:1-13	Joshua 13-15
May 18	Acts 2:14-47	Joshua 16-18
May 19	Proverbs 10:1-14	Psalms 68-69
May 20	OFF	
May 21	Acts 3	Joshua 19-20
May 22	Acts 4	Joshua 21-22
May 23	Acts 5	Joshua 23-24
May 24	Acts 6	Judges 1-4
May 25	Acts 7:1-53	Judges 5-6
May 26	Proverbs 10:15-32	Psalms 70-71
May 27	OFF	
May 28	Acts 7:54-60	Judges 7-8
May 29	Acts 8	Judges 9-11
May 30	Acts 9	Judges 12-13
May 31	Acts 10:1-22	Judges 14-17

Save the Date
2019
Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 9 thru Thursday, June 13
5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



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!!