

Grace Notes



2022

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

These words of Psalm 46 often find their way onto our lips and into our hearts at this time of year. At the end of October, we celebrate the Reformation and sing “A Mighty Fortress,” Martin Luther’s famous hymn based on the words of Psalm 46. The Reformation reminds us of the central truth that we are saved by God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. The words of the LORD in Psalm 46 teach us this. We can be still and know that He is God because Christ is our Savior by grace alone.

At the beginning of November, we celebrate All Saints Day as we give thank to God to those who have gone before us in the Christian faith and now dwell in Paradise with Christ. The words of Psalm 46 teach us that God is our refuge and strength in the midst of moving mountains, roaring waters, foaming seas, raging nations, and tottering kingdoms. This gives us peace, comfort, and hope even as we grieve our loved ones who have died in Christ because we know He is their refuge and ours now and eternally. He takes us to be with Himself when we die and promises to raise us from the grave on the Last Day.

The words of Psalm 46 are fitting for us right now, not only for these reasons, but also for our encouragement as my time as your pastor comes to a close. For more than twelve years, it has been an incredible blessing to serve as your pastor, proclaiming God’s Word to you and administering His means of grace to you. Thank you for receiving these gifts with joy in the Lord and for encouraging me with the Word of God in return. Thank you for sharing your lives with my family and me. God’s Word has been our joy in times of blessing and our comfort in times of sorrow. The Lord Jesus Christ has been our only refuge, and we know that He will continue to be our ever-present help at all times and in all things. God be praised for His grace that saves us through faith in Christ and raises us from the grave on the Last Day to dwell together with Him and with all His saints forever!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	3 6pm LWML 	4	5
6 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm- Youth Group	7 4pm-Quilting 7pm Elders  Elders Meeting	8	9 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	10	11	12
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20 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	21 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON  7pm-Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Parish Hall Christmas Tree decorating	28 8am Braille	29	30 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation 7pm-Advent Midweek			

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Elders: Bert Bunte
Tommy Oates
Nov. Altar Becky Watson
Guild: Tammy Campion

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

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

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We now accept CCMS enrollment

Pastoral Care During Vacancy

Pastor Carl Roth of Grace Lutheran Church in Elgin is our vacancy pastor. If you are in need of pastoral care (hospital visit, etc.) please contact him at 512-229-8899.

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Tues. – Thurs and 9 to 1 on Friday. 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. I am here 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 I will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Lisa Stem



As of October 27, 2022

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	48,283.59
CEF-General	2,495.19
CEF-Land/Youth	12,557.21
CEF Scholarship	12,712.01
Legacy Deo	12,978.63
Total Dedicated Funds	39,647.83
General Fund Balance	8,635.76



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



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.kfu.org). Their variety of programs will provide something of value to every person who listens.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 15	Katie & Jaysen Swartz
Nov. 17	Debbie & Tommy Higgins
Nov. 27	Vicki & Robert Vinklerek



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 will partner with First Presbyterian the week of November 8 to 12. Our work days are Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 2. Sale days are Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. Donations are accepted on Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. Donations are appreciated. Join us as you are able.

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!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 4	Debbie Hampton
	Chuck Stem
Nov. 5	Philip Appel
	Cheryl Moore
Nov. 8	Olivia Larkin
	Phillip Hellman
Nov. 9	Rose Pietsch
Nov. 12	Mary Ann Duty
Nov. 14	Aaron Owens
	Andrew Stem
Nov. 15	Marilyn Burns
Nov. 19	William Miller
Nov. 21	Kellye Geigenmiller
Nov. 24	Kaylee Wolff
Nov. 28	Alex Caldwell

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 are excited to have Sunday School back at 8:45 am every Sunday. Our classes will be in the fellowship hall for all ages. 3yrs old through kindergarten teachers are Kim Appel and Esther Wolff, 1st grade through 4th grade is Kayla Herschap, 5th grade through 8th grade will be Donna Zimmerhanzel and Gene Brown, III and High School will be Gene Brown. We are always in need of volunteers to help teach or to sub when one of the teachers is out, so please feel free to contact a board member and we will gladly assist you in getting set up to volunteer.

DONUTS!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the Board of Education Bulletin Board for anyone who wants to furnish snacks between Sunday School and Church. There is also a donation can in the kitchen by the donuts if you would rather just donate to the cause.

The Board of Education will sponsor the can food drive the month of November to benefit the Smithville Food Pantry. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

We have decided to not have an organized Christmas Program this year due to not having a permanent Pastor at Grace. We will however be singing Christmas Carols each Sunday in December at the opening of Sunday School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a Board member.

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.

Our Board members for this year are: Charlie Johannessen, Toni Ann Kadlecek, 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

Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages has returned to its regular time slot of 8:45 AM. The response from so many members of our congregation has been tremendous. The parish hall has been filled with great joy each Sunday morning as so many children and adults are eager to learn God's Word—and there's always room for more! Please join us each week in the Parish Hall for a short opening with everyone together before we go to our separate classes. You won't regret making time to read, learn, and rejoice in God's Word!



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the guest pastor for that week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.



Youth Confirmation

Youth confirmation classes are continuing **each Wednesday evening** this fall in the parish hall from **5:30-6:30 PM**. Please keep our 7th and 8th graders and their families in your prayers as they grow in the knowledge and grace of God's Holy Word. Pastor Nate Hill will be teaching our youth confirmation class.

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! Please join us!



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission

UPCOMING:

Nov. 3
6pm-Regular
Meeting

Nov. 5th
Lutheran World
Relief Drop Off

Nov. 7th
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.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Mission offering for October was missionary Becky Bartelt

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

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

Orphan Grain Train- \$25,000

Our loving Father, You call us to remember those who are poor and hungry. We thank You for the dedication of those serving through the Orphan Grain Train. As we are experiencing a pandemic in our world today there are so many who are hungry due to unemployment. Guide their help and desire to put food in the hands of so many in need. Bless them with the necessary storage and shipping supplies so they can continue to impact the lives of people through their acts of giving and servanthood. Lord, we are grateful for them and ask You to find ways we can meet the needs of those we serve. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

The Littlest and Least of These — \$42,000

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor Dallas community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes. The Academy uses Christian books, music, and Bible stories. There are regular devotional services, and families are encouraged to attend worship. St. Paul is outgrowing their current facility after a single year of operation. Going forward, more space is needed for the preschool, nursery, and after-school educational enrichment. The kitchen serving meals needs to be upgraded to a commercial kitchen. The funds will help with these expenses and will allow the Academy to further expand their mission in the community and bring more to Christ.



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



You Are Invited

To the church Christmas gathering
Hosted by LLL & LWML

When: Thursday December 1
Where: Grace Lutheran Parish Hall
Time: 6PM

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert!

LLL will provide the meat

Love Offering Tree

Come and enjoy the celebration of the Advent
and Christmas season

Fellowship, laughter, program, singing and food

Program: Blessings from the Manger



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!

"Build Up" - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Basketball and Archery Season Underway

FLHS archery program has been hard at work the past two months preparing for the archery season. Competitions are scheduled from November to January. Boys basketball practices have begun. We have a very excited group ready to begin another season. Information will be coming soon regarding schedules so you can make plans to come cheer on your Falcons!

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 4th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 4th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 11th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Wednesday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship and students will be assisting with music. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.

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 at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Amazon Smile

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am

Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support and allowing our ministry to continue to grow. THANK YOU!!



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 November

November 1	Mark 9:14-50	Jeremiah 48-49
November 2	Mark 10:1-31	Jeremiah 50-51
November 3	Proverbs 25	Psalms 119:121-160
November 4	OFF	
November 5	Mark 10:32-52	Jeremiah 52
November 6	Mark 11	Lamentations 1-3
November 7	Mark 12	Lamentations 4-5
November 8	Mark 13:1-31	Ezekiel 1-5
November 9	Mark 13:32-37	Ezekiel 6-9
November 10	Proverbs 26	Psalms 119:161-176; Psalms 120-122
November 11	OFF	
November 12	Mark 14:1-42	Ezekiel 10-12
November 13	Mark 14:43-72	Ezekiel 13-15
November 14	Mark 15	Ezekiel 16-17
November 15	Mark 16	Ezekiel 18-20
November 16	II John	Ezekiel 21-23
November 17	Proverbs 27	Psalms 123-128
November 18	OFF	
November 19	III John	Ezekiel 24-27
November 20	Hebrews 1-2	Ezekiel 28-31
November 21	Hebrews 3-4:13	Ezekiel 32-34
November 22	Hebrews 4:14-6:20	Ezekiel 35-38
November 23	Hebrews 7	Ezekiel 39-41
November 24	Proverbs 28	Psalms 129-132
November 25	OFF	
November 26	Hebrews 8-9	Ezekiel 42-44
November 27	Hebrews 10:1-18	Ezekiel 45-48
November 28	Hebrews 10:19-39	Daniel 1-3
November 29	Hebrews 11	Daniel 4-6
November 30	Hebrews 12	Daniel 7-9

Voter's Meeting
July 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Bernie Satterwhite.

Pastor Appel opened the meeting with a short devotion concerning Hymn # 598 from "The Red Hymnal" from the section of death and burial. The Red Hymnal has 11 stanzas however the current hymnal only has 3 or 4. He reminded us that the Word of Christ stands forever.

Roll was taken with 27 members and a quorum present.

President's Comments: Bernie Satterwhite stated that we need to look at things strategically and not wait until things break to fix them. We need to figure out what our priorities are. He stated we have been having good meetings and he thanked everyone for their participation on the organ issue.

No new members or transfers.

New Voting Members: Jim Duty made a motion to reinstate Kristin Appel as a Voting member. Tim Wolff seconded, motion carried.

There were no deletions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the April 3, 2022 regular meeting or the Special Meeting held on June 12, 2022. The meetings were approved as submitted.

Tim Wolff verbally reported the Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports.

Trustee Report: none

Elders Report: Charlie Johannessen reported that the Elders have been studying Proverbs in their meetings. They cooked Easter breakfast, with the help of many others, and it was a big success. They have officially transferred Sharon Reinberg's membership to Our Redeemer in Quincy, Illinois.

Pastor's Report/Youth Report: Pastor's report was distributed and read by the Voters, highlighting all the activities that he has been involved in from April 3, 2022 – July 16, 2022, including the funeral of Johnny Schroeder on April 12th and the Confirmation of Baylor Reed Watson on May 1st. He continues to lead worship services at Epiphany in Bastrop the first Sunday of each month as well as attend Congregational meetings and provides weekly assistance to the lay Bible study leader in addition to arranging guest preachers for Christ Lutheran in Loebau as they have a vacancy. He continues to host *Sharper Iron* on KFUE weekday mornings. He informed the Voters that Vicar Gary Johnson will be ordained and installed on July 24th at Zion in Schulenburg and Vicar Joshua Hahn will be ordained and installed at Immanuel in Giddings.

Board of Education: Barb Johannessen stated the Board has decided to transition to Sunday school before church starting the first Sunday in September, with the goal of providing consistency to our youth in the education of our Lord. They seek volunteers to help teach these classes. They are planning a Rally Day for the last Sunday in August. The current Mission Project is Bastrop Pregnancy Outreach Center.

GLLC: Darlene Becker reported the Center has trouble keeping employees. They have put out the Now Hiring sign. They are making adjustments to counter the issue and she asked us to keep Angel Hurst, the Learning Center Director, in your prayers.

LWML: June Parker read a written report stating what the LWML is currently planning and our monthly Mission Projects, including teaming up with the LLL to provide beans for Camp Lone Star at the end of July.

LLL: Jim Duty reported they cooked for VBS and will cook the beans for Camp Lone Star BBQ on July 31st.

Evangelism: They had a float in the Jamboree Parade on April 23 and won a trophy. They also cooked a meal for VBS.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Pat Satterwhite reported on the progress made by the Constitution/By-laws Review Committee. Meetings have been held every two weeks since May to complete this update.

New Business:

- a. President Satterwhite updated the Voters on the issue with the air conditioner unit in the sanctuary. Charlie Johannessen made a motion to authorize Bernie Satterwhite and the Trustees to identify the issues and move forward. Brad Zimmerhanzel seconded, motion carried.

The Voter's closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Pietsch