

Grace Notes



2017

As our newsletter series on the parts of the liturgy continues, this month we look the Words of Our Lord, also called the Words of Institution, during the Service of the Sacrament. Immediately after we pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray in the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words that He spoke in giving us the Lord's Supper as His precious gift. Every time we receive the Sacrament of the Altar at Grace, we hear these words: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

As was true of the Lord's Prayer last month, so it is true this month that pages could be written concerning these Words of Our Lord. For the sake of this article, however, let's consider just three things. First, when the pastor speaks the Words of Our Lord during the Service of the Sacrament, he makes the sign of the cross over the bread and the wine at the times indicated by the cross symbol in the words above. This is called the consecration. The sign of the cross is made over the elements on the altar, not as some sort of magic, but to indicate which bread and which wine we are to eat and drink in order also to eat and drink Christ's true body and blood. The consecration of the elements on the altar is important so that there will not be any doubt by those who partake of the Sacrament that they truly have received the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Second, the way in which the pastor speaks the Words of Our Lord is instructive. Any time we utter words that Jesus Himself spoke, we should do so with proper reverence and attention to what He is saying. This is true throughout the Word of Our Lord here, but especially when the pastor speaks the words: "This is My body...this cup is the new testament in My blood." The pastor speaks these words slowly and deliberately to draw attention to them. This invites all who hear these words to believe the mysterious and wonderful truth of what our Lord is saying: in the Sacrament, He gives us His true body and blood under the bread and wine for us to eat and drink for our forgiveness.

Finally, these Words of Our Lord are the Gospel, plain and simple. What more certain promise could we have the Christ has loved us fully and completely than to receive His true body and blood in Communion with Him at the altar? In order to emphasize this, the Words of Our Lord can also be sung by the pastor. At Grace, we often do this on important festivals in the Church Year, such as Maundy Thursday or Easter. The tune that is used for the singing of the Words of Our Lord is the same as can be used for singing the Gospel reading. Dr. Martin Luther was the one who suggested doing this, in order to make the connection even clearer. The Words of Our Lord in the Sacrament are the very Gospel for you and for me.

I pray that these three simple thoughts prove to be a blessing to you as you partake of the Sacrament of the Altar here at Grace. Listen well to these words each time you hear them, dear Christians, and rejoice that Jesus gives you His true body and blood under the bread and wine for you to eat and drink for the forgiveness of your sins!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LWML SUNDAY 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 2p LWML Rally-Lexington	2 7pm Elders	3 6pm Community Bunco	4 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	5  6pm	6 Pastor Away-Family Day 5 – 8 p LLL Fish Fry	7
8 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	9 7pm  LLL	10 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg- Lexington	11 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	12	13 Pastor Away-Family Day	14
15 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	16 6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism	17 Pictorial Directory	18 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance Pictorial Directory *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	19	20 Pastor Away-Family Day	21
22 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Potluck/Voters Mtg after Service 11am Brd of Ed	23 8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers	24	25 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	26  NOON	27 Pastor Away-Family Day	28
29 8:45am Bible Class 10am REFORMATION SUNDAY 4p Bi-Circuit Reformation Service in Serbin	30	31 500 th Anniversary of the Reformation 6p Trunk-or-Treat				
					*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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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.



Benny Passengers for Church Van 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): Galen Bunte
Jack Page
Ushers: Chad Catron
M. W. Kasper
Trustees: Allan Hancock
Tommy Oates
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Sep. Altar Guild: Mary Ann Duty
Toni Ann Kadlecek

Readers:
Oct. 1 Katie Stelling
Oct. 8 Rose Caldwell
Oct. 15 John Stelling
Oct. 22 Chad Catron
Oct. 29 Debbie Higgins

Acolytes:
Oct. 1 Sterling Brown & Alex Caldwell
Oct. 8 Juniper Smith & David Wolff
Oct. 15 Baylor Watson & Ramon Wolff
Oct. 22 Thomas Brown & Barrett Watson
Oct. 29 Alex Caldwell & David Wolff



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



Oct. 15	Tammy & Doug Teague
Oct. 20	Barbara & Steve Pauley
Oct. 22	Rose & Ronnie Pietsch



As of September 30th, 2017

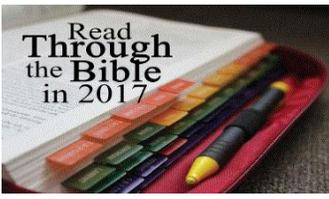
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<u>CEF-Land/Youth</u>	11,852.23
<u>CEF Scholarship</u>	12,692.26
<u>Legacy Deo</u>	9,561.20
<u>CEF Property Loan</u>	148,741.15
<u>CEF Annex Loan</u>	60,904.77
<u>Van Repairs</u>	25.00
<u>SS Missions</u>	421.00
<u>Memorial</u>	1,405.23
<u>Annex Bldg.</u>	109.00
<u>Door Offerings</u>	751.05
<u>GLLC Donations</u>	600.00
<u>Thrivent</u>	45.00
<u>Youth Group</u>	10.00
<u>Endowment</u>	770.13
<u>Rental Income</u>	7,598.31
<u>Total Dedicated Funds</u>	11,734.72
<u>General Fund Balance</u>	14,448.03

Oct. 2	Keatyn Becker
	Charlotte Metzler
Oct. 3	Kaylee Claiborne
	Alice Percy
Oct. 4	Frances Pool
	Heath Seaton II
Oct. 7	Brenda Anderson
	Kristin Appel
	Corbin Davis
	Kikue Hannusch
	Kolten Langer
Oct. 8	Milly Cheak
	Nickolas Claiborne
	Sherri McCullough
	Abigail Vanegas
Oct. 9	Juanita Bertsch
	Kathy Kasper
	Alex Vanegas
Oct. 11	Linda Read
	Marlene Wallace
Oct. 12	Jimmy Davis
Oct. 13	Madeline Moore
	Andrea Oates
Oct. 16	Joshua Phillips
Oct. 19	CathySmith
Oct. 20	George Helmcamp
	Davey Kadlecek, Jr
	Keegan Langer
	Barbara Pauley
Oct. 21	Don Young
Oct. 22	Nancy Young
Oct. 23	Daniel Robinson
Oct. 26	Marilyn Randle
	Rowan James
Oct. 31	Melissa Brown
	Michael Langer
	Zoey Wendland

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

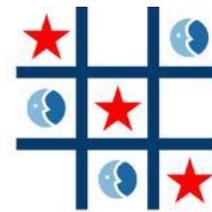
May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care

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



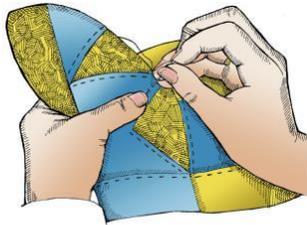
Our congregation continues to celebrate 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 by reading through the Bible during the year. A reading plan for the month of

October is included in this newsletter; these readings will also be included in the daily devotion suggestions given on the back of the bulletin each week. We pray that being in God's Word daily has been a blessing to each and every one who is on this journey. Even if you struggled last month or didn't read at all, don't be afraid to start this month! God's Word is full of blessings for you and for me!



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



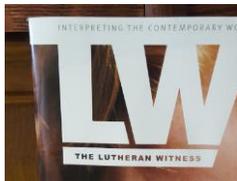
Monday October 23 we will meet to tie quilts. Join us at 5 in the Sunday school building alley entrance. We normally don't work for more than two hours.

PIECEMAKERS

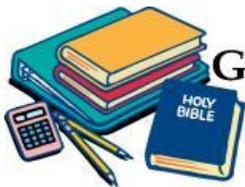


The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat on **Tuesday, October 31, from 6-8 PM.** If you've never heard of "Trunk or Treat," here's how it works. On October 31 members of our congregation will park their vehicles here at Grace, decorate

their trunks (or the bed of a trunk), and hand out candy to the kids who come. You are welcome to dress up in your own costume, if you'd like. This event provides a simple and safe way for parents to take their kids out on Halloween and gives our congregation an opportunity to be active in our community, interacting with our friends and neighbors who need to hear the good news about Jesus. If you plan to participate, please sign up on the sheet that has been provided in the narthex. We are also receiving donations of candy that participants can hand out in addition to what they bring. If you'd like to donate in this manner, please bring bags of individually wrapped candy and place them in the box in the narthex. Thanks for your participation in this fun event!



Lutheran Witness Magazine price for 2017 is **\$13.65**



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



The ladies of Grace and guests are invited to attend our next meeting on October 5th at 6:00p. We meet in the Parish Hall and start with a meal, Bible Study and a business meeting. Please pl



October 2 we will begin to pack up and move. The store will be closed for two weeks. Come and help if you can.



OCTOBER 17-18, 2017: We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed and electronic version of the new directory. Our directory won't be complete without you. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex!



**Board of Education
Sunday School
Midweek News**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

Our Sunday School classes are working on songs to sing together. Any child interested in singing with us please come to Sunday School and starting leaning the songs with us. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any Sunday School teacher. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

Sunday school is for all ages 3 years old and older. Summer is almost over and school is starting. Our PreK-Kindergarten class had most in attendance for the summer. Let's see if the **UPPER CLASSES** can beat them now that school is starting and everyone will be back in a routine.

We would also like to start a High School Sunday School Class so please help us get that started by attending each Sunday.

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday. Our Mission for this quarter is Faith Lutheran High School. Please Help us support this God sent facility. This means that all the offerings generously given, the FIRST Sunday of every month, in Sunday School will be given to this Mission. Please remember to bring your offerings to Sunday School each Sunday. (This does include the Adult Sunday School Class.) We start at 8:45AM. **COME JOIN US!!!!**

The Board of Education would like to remind every member of Grace Lutheran Church that we can add to the **Endowment Fund** at any time in any amount. Remember the Fund will be used for the Education of our Youth at Grace Lutheran. It will be used for scholarships to Christian Camps as well as to help off set the tuition, for any qualifying member, to a Lutheran based school this includes higher education levels. This is a tax-deductible contribution. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

If anyone has any interest in teaching or substitute teaching for any Sunday School Class, please contact myself or any Board of Ed Member.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen

Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughts, cards and phone calls during my 6 week hospital/rehab stay.

Special thanks to Pastor Appel for his visits and prayers.

I am home now and truly blessed by God on having a successful surgery and recovery.

In Christian love,

Milly Cheak



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.



**HELP KEEP
OUR CHURCH CLEAN**

Please keep our church beautiful by picking up any debris that you might find in and around your pews and discarding in trash receptacles. This will surely help in maintaining a tidy image for our members and visitors when they are looking for a place to worship. Our Custodian cleans on Fridays but with all our church functions during the week, we can get pretty messy. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

GLC Trustees

REFORMATION 500 BI-CIRCUIT WORSHIP SERVICE

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! On October 29, 2017, the congregations of Circuits 22 and 23 (Lee, Fayette, and Bastrop counties) are hosting a special worship service at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin at 4 PM for this occasion. Scripture readings and hymns will highlight the Reformation truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, taught in Scripture alone, because of Christ alone. The offering received at this service will go to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas; you are encouraged to bring an offering that commemorates the Reformation (for example, \$15.17 for the year the Reformation began; \$20.17 for the 500th anniversary year; \$95.00 for the 95 Theses; etc.). You are also invited to a dessert reception in St. Paul's gym after the service; please bring a German-themed dessert to share (for example, coffee cake). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ during this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

2017-2018 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 these two seasons 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.



**CLASSES
2017 - 2018**

October 4, 2017	November 1, 2017	*December 6, 2017
October 11, 2017	November 8, 2017	*December 13, 2017
October 18, 2017	November 15, 2017	*December 20, 2017
October 25, 2017	November 29, 2017	

2018

January 10, 2018	February 7, 2018	*March 7, 2018	April 18, 2018
January 17, 2018	*February 14, 2018	*March 21, 2018	April 25, 2018
January 24, 2018	*February 21, 2018	April 4, 2018	May 2, 2018
January 31, 2018	*February 28, 2018	April 11, 2018	



This year's midweek meals are being planned and prepared by one of Grace's new members, Sharon Reinberg. She served her previous congregation in Illinois in a similar manner, and we are overjoyed that God has brought her here to Grace! If you would like to assist in the cost of providing these meals, you can place your gift into the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Midweek Meals" as its designation. Thank you for your generous support of Christian education here at Grace!



Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.

PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	J	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Founded on Faith

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Are you a Veteran?

Would you like to share your story with our students? We want to hear from you! We are putting together a list of presenters for our Veteran's Day Celebration in November. Please call me at (979) 242-2889! Thank you for your service!

New Student

We are so thankful and blessed that a new student joined us last month. We now have 4 students - 2 boys and 2 girls. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

Registration

Registration is ongoing. If you know of a student who would like to hear more about Faith Lutheran High School, please let Nikki Kueck know at 979-242-2889.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:34 am. Our teachers and local association pastors will be leading us in worship throughout the year.

Volunteer's Needed

Many hands make light work for all involved. Each of us are blessed with gifts and talents from the Lord. How can you share your gifts and talents with Faith Lutheran High School? Call (979) 242-2889 to learn about opportunities to volunteer.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck, kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com or call (979)242-2889. The online application only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Every Thrivent member over the age of 16 is eligible to make two applications during 2017. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school.

Forty Days for Faith

Faith Lutheran High School continues our Forty Days for Faith prayer and pledge drive. It is a simple concept of praying for Faith Lutheran High School for 40 days straight and pledging money for each day. We will even provide you with a list of suggested petitions for each day's prayer. I encourage you to participate if you are moved to do so. More information can be found on our website. We thank you for your prayers and support!

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

Wish List

Would you like to help out Faith Lutheran High School by providing us with needed supplies and materials? We have created a wish list on Amazon. It can be found by clicking "Find a List or Registry" under the Accounts and Lists tab and then searching "Faith Lutheran High School."

* Our greatest need currently is science materials, like microscopes, slides, beakers, etc.

Keep in Touch

Want to know what Faith Lutheran High School is all about and what is going on here? Find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, or visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com. All of our social media sites are updated regularly with what is going on!

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Read Through the Bible in 2017

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

“God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!” Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by reading through the Bible in 2017. These same readings can be found on the back of your Sunday bulletin every week. *(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 October

October 1	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Job 34-37
October 2	2 Thessalonians 1	Job 38
October 3	2 Thessalonians 2-3	Job 39-42
October 4	1 Timothy 1-2	Ecclesiastes 1-3
October 5	1 Timothy 3-4	Ecclesiastes 4-7
October 6	Proverbs 21:23-22:16	Psalms 117-118
October 7	OFF	
October 8	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	Ecclesiastes 8-12
October 9	1 Timothy 6:3-21	Song of Songs 1-4
October 10	2 Timothy 1-2	Song of Songs 5-8
October 11	2 Timothy 3-4	Jeremiah 1-4
October 12	Titus 1	Jeremiah 5-6
October 13	Proverbs 22:17-23:16	Psalms 119:1-40
October 14	OFF	
October 15	Titus 2-3	Jeremiah 7-9
October 16	Philemon	Jeremiah 10-12
October 17	Mark 1	Jeremiah 13-15
October 18	Mark 2:1-17	Jeremiah 16-19
October 19	Mark 2:18-3:19	Jeremiah 20-22
October 20	Proverbs 23:17-24:7	Psalms 119:41-80
October 21	OFF	
October 22	Mark 3:20-35	Jeremiah 23-25
October 23	Mark 4	Jeremiah 26-28
October 24	Mark 5	Jeremiah 29-31
October 25	Mark 6:1-29	Jeremiah 32-33
October 26	Mark 6:30-56	Jeremiah 34-36
October 27	Proverbs 24:8-34	Psalms 119:81-120
October 28	OFF	
October 29	Mark 7	Jeremiah 37-39
October 30	Mark 8:1-21	Jeremiah 40-44
October 31	Mark 8:22-9:13	Jeremiah 45-47