

Grace Notes



Watching You

The country music song by Rodney Atkins, "Watching You," vividly portrays the shock of parenting: children model their parents, no matter what. Whether it's learning to cuss or learning to pray, children always watch their parents and want to do everything they do. *"I've been watching you, dad. Ain't that cool? I'm your buckaroo, I wanna be like you."* Parents know how frightening it is when their kids model the worst parts of them. And yet, parents also know the joy of seeing their child fold their hands, bow their head, and close their eyes to pray to Jesus.

Though children actively resist their parents all the time, at the end of the day, they want to be just like them. *"We'll be just alike. Hey won't we, dad? When I can do everything you do 'Cause I've been watching you."* The lesson to be learned for parents and grandparents is that there's always work to be done. It's not *if* you discipline your children, it's *how*. The discipline will always be there, it's just a matter of what kind. The education of your children will exist no matter what, it's just a matter of what kind.

The primary responsibility for education is always with parents. God has given children to parents, not to schools or governments, but to parents. If schools or governments would be helpful to their children, parents could use these, but the responsibility to educate children is still given to the parents and no one else.

So, what's the primary purpose of discipline? What's the primary goal of education? Discipline forms children into *disciples* of God's Word. Education (*ex + ducere* → *educare* = "lead out") leads children out of darkness and into light. Parents are teachers and educators who model for their children how to be a disciple of God's Word who delights in God's teaching.

If schools or governments can't or won't teach our children God's Word, we must take up that responsibility as parents. If schools or governments can't or won't stop teaching evil things, we must teach our children those good things that no one else will.

Children will model the behavior of those around them. Parents worry about setting the right example for their children by refraining from cussing and praying with their children, so the same should be true when it comes to the school they send their children to, the friends their children have, and the church they actively participate in.

It's a joy to hear our children read God's Word, pray to Jesus, and sing boldly. We know that they, in turn, will model the discipline and education they received from us. They will know wisdom and instruction. They will perceive words of understanding. They will receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity (Proverbs 1:2-3).

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it...Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him...Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge" (Proverbs 22:6, 15, 17)

Pastor Woelmer

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3</p> <p>8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4pm-Quilting 7pm</p>  <p>Elders Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am-GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm LWML Business Mtg and Birthday Celebration at Eva's Cafe</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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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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We now accept CCMS enrollment

Pastoral David Woelmer

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail (rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am.
We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.



Thank you! Thank you! The Born Again Emporium continues to be blessed with wonderful volunteers, generous donations and sales – allowing us to make a difference in Smithville with our quarterly awards. We are so appreciative of our “Grace” volunteers – and have been particularly happy to see some new faces including high schoolers volunteering. The Emporium is entering its’ busy season with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching. The seasonal room is decked out for Fall and Christmas. Winter coats and Halloween costumes will be put out in a few weeks. Grace Lutheran is scheduled to work **September 25-30, 2023**; Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 2pm. Please join us for a day or a couple of hours – your help is always appreciated. Feel free to contact Brenda Sanders or Rose Pietsch for more information.

Elders: Corey Macks
Jasen Swartz

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

Altar Guild: Tammy Campion
Becky Watson



As of August 24, 2023

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	71,348.15
CEF-General	2,520.22
CEF-Land/Youth	12,683.17
CEF Scholarship	12,839.54
Legacy Deo	6,028.23
Total Dedicated Funds	53,900.33
General Fund Balance	17,447.82



Sep. 1	Bonnie Kaiser
Sep. 4	Heidi Poppe
Sep. 7	Baylor Watson
Sep. 8	Daucie Davis
Sep. 9	Jacob Stinson
Sep. 10	Roy Flora
	Anthony Hurst
Sep. 11	Benny Hajdik
Sep. 12	Dorine Hoskins
Sep. 13	Chrissy Becker
	Trenton Vinklarek
Sep. 16	Gene Brown III
	Donna Zimmerhanzel
Sep. 17	Charlie Johannessen
Sep. 23	Edward Randle
Sep. 24	Esther Wolff
	Caysen Swartz
Sep. 26	Collin Kasper
Sept. 27	Patricia Satterwhite
	Robert Wolff
	Wesley Kaiser
Sep. 29	Courtney O’Rear
Sep. 30	Laurie Rector Hancock

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your “Grace” family



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 Ester Wolff, 1st grade through 4th grade is Kayla Herschap, 5th grade through 8th grade will be Donna Zimmerhanzel 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. We are working to strengthen our high school class and look forward to new ideas from Pastor Woelmer.

Rally Day went very well!! Thank you to Charlie Johannessen and David Kadlecek and all who helped them cook the hamburgers and hotdogs. Your assistance every year is greatly appreciated. And thank you to all who helped set up and clean up. It is always a joy to see the kids have a fun time and adults as well with a friendly game of dominos and Christian togetherness!! We look forward to another God Blessed Year!!

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.

Our current mission project is Missionary Becky Bartelt, 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, Margie Hicks, 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 resume on **Wednesday, September 6** and continue each Wednesday evening this fall in the parish hall at **5:30 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.

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! Because of Labor Day weekend, we'll have our September meeting on the 10th.



UPCOMING:

Sept. 7th
 6pm-Business
 Mtg/Birthday
 Celebration at Eva's
 Cafe

Sept. 11th
 4pm-Quilting

Sept. 25th
 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 Project for August and September– Fire Department

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:



LWML TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

LWML Texas District 43rd Biennial Convention
 June 13–15, 2024
 Corpus Christi, Texas
 Omni Hotel

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

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

Oct. 1st, 2023-LWML Sunday



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!
Better Together - Romans 15:5-6
September 2023

Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

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 - through donations of wish list items, monetary donations and so much more. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support. THANK YOU!!

Visit Day Opportunities

FLHS will be hosting Visit Day for 7th and 8th Grade students. This annual visit day is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. Our area Lutheran schools will join us for this event and you are welcome to join us too! This event will begin with lunch and last through approximately 3pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend!!
8th Grade Visit Day - Wed. Sept 20th
7th Grade Visit Day - Wed. Sept 27th

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, bounce house, and lots of fun!

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.

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!

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 by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (fhlstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.



Singing the Church's Song in Asia

...NEWS FROM BECKY BARTELT
Serving the Lord in Taiwan/Asia



At the beginning of August I spent ten days in Taipei at the Taipei International Choral Festival. This was my first time in Taipei. The festival consisted of a festival choir, conducting workshops, choral competitions and concerts. Every evening there was a concert featuring a choir from Taiwan and an international choir.

The festival choir, in which I participated, consisted of singers and music-lovers from all over Taiwan, several from Hong Kong, a few Taiwan-American dual citizens, a German exchange student and me. We rehearsed Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* for nine days and then performed it in German with the Taipei Youth Orchestra at the National Concert Hall. It was a great experience.

Not only did I get to meet and chat with a lot of people, but I got to experience choral rehearsals in the Chinese

language under the direction of the Taipei Philharmonic Chamber choir conductor for about 2/3 of the time. Then a guest Hungarian conductor led the rest of the rehearsals and put the finishing touches on for the concert. I'll be honest. I only understood about one out of every 8-10 words of the Chinese rehearsal, but I did understand her modeling and was able to follow along with some help from the singer next to me. I did learn that while students learn to read music using a numeric solfege system, at some point they begin to read music using the fixed do system. In this system the notes we would call C,D,E,F,G..., they would call do, re, mi, fa, so. It would be for an American like reading music by singing the letter names instead of using solfege syllables based on the key of the piece. It seems like the choir tended to jump into warm-ups without much physical preparation (stretching, breathing exercises, getting the body active, etc.), though the vocal coach for the second soprano sectional rehearsals did more physical preparation. I pray that the experience and the people I met will help me in future musical endeavors in Taiwan. The international choir competition was very interesting to watch. There were choirs from Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Indonesia. Most choirs seemed to do one piece with some kind of extremely well-choreographed movement. The Hong Kong choir won the competition with choirs from Indonesia coming in second and third.

Pictured above are the huge organ in the concert hall, the outside of the National Concert Hall and the woman who sat next to me and helped me figure out where we were in the music when I was confused. Her English name is Misty. I am praying for the Holy Spirit to work in her even as she prays to the goddess who she believes gave her her husband. Pictured below is the choir and orchestra on stage for rehearsal at the concert hall.



Interestingly, the picture that got the most attention on Facebook was this one. I am trying chicken foot for the first time. My friends insisted it is delicious and a treat to be savored. I thought it tasted like chicken and struggled not to drop it with my chopsticks and still eat what is to be eaten off the bones. We went to a local restaurant and also had a red bean pancake for dessert. It was surprisingly sweet and delicious.

***Regarding my address below:

On the way home from the train station, I tried to give the taxi driver my address in Chinese. I told him three times the street number and the street, and he gave me a confused look every time. Finally, I told him and pantomimed that it's near the baseball stadium in the park, and he figured it out. Later, at my Chinese lesson I found out that in Taiwan you start with the city, then the district, then the street and then the number. I really confused the taxi driver!

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PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR....

- a wonderful time of learning and making music in Taipei
- a growing number of missionaries on the field in Chiayi with various responsibilities

PLEASE PRAY FOR..

- my sister as she continues chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.
- my dad as he will be having surgery for sciatica soon.
- safe travel to the USA as I spend my vacation time with my family during their medical difficulties.
- continued perseverance in language-learning.
- Asia Region missionaries as we meet to plan and work together the end of September in Taiwan.