

GRACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S PAGE

LOVE

When you hear the word love what do you think about? Many people think of their car, home, job, or some other material possession. Imagine a husband coming home from work and his wife is cooking a wonderful meal, and he says, "That smells great, honey!" He then walks into the kitchen and sees the homemade pizza his wife has made and says, "Pizza, I love pizza!" He turns to the right and sees the kale salad that she has made and says, "My favorite salad, I love kale." His children run into the kitchen to greet him and they yell, "Daddy!" He says, "Oh kids, I love you too! I love you as well, honey!" To most people, this situation sounds normal. Yet where in scripture does God teach us to love pizza, kale, or any food? Does God in His Word tell us to love our homes, jobs, or material possessions? The answer is no. God does teach us to love God and love neighbor. Then when did we learn to say love for almost every single thing? From our culture, "I loveeeee it." God teaches us not to love things because rust and moth can destroy them and thieves can break in and steal.

When you hear the word "love", who do you think about? We thank God for our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, sponsors, godparents, church family, friends, etc. We love these people, don't we? Yes, praise the Lord. Yet Jesus also teaches us to love our enemies. Think about the person who hates you. Or the person you hate. We should not hate yet why does that person hate you and/or you hate him/her? I submit to you it is because at some point you or he/she did not love. For most of us, we stop loving someone when love is not reciprocated.

Love leads us to repentance. Loves forgives the person who has wronged you. Anyone can love those who will love them back. Love is hard work. Love tests your brothers who have sold you into slavery to see if they are repentant. Love forgives your brothers who hated you and wanted nothing more than to kill you. Love does not hold grudges but forgives. Love receives those who have wronged you to core of your soul. Can

you imagine how Joseph in the book of Genesis would have felt? Yet, by the grace of God, Joseph was able to love his brothers. Joseph could have complained about how things had turned out, but he continued commending himself to one true God. The God who is Love, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Love is not solely an emotion. It is so much more. Love is action. A husband does not simply tell his wife that he loves her, but he shows her. He is faithful to her. He lays down his life for his bride. His bride loves him, she submits to him and respects him. Children love their parents by listening and obeying them. Good parents raise their children in the fear and love of the Lord. Confirmation (teaching the tenants of the Christian faith) does not start when a child is in seventh grade but when a child is born. Parents teach your children the Christian faith. If you rely only on the pastor to do this for two years, your children will probably leave the church as they get older. If you do not teach them, the world will teach and it does not know God. Read the Bible to them daily. Sing hymns at home. Have them memorize the Bible. Though they might complain at first, they will thank you for it as they mature. Sharing the Word of God with your children is an act of love.

Jesus does not just simply say I love you, but he showed his love to people through His actions. Jesus was slapped on the cheek but did not resist and instead continued to be mistreated. He was hit, spit upon, called all sorts of insults, Beelzebub, prince of demons; he was whipped and crucified. Yet in all this, he continues to trust in the love of His father. He continued to believe that all that he was going through was to demonstrate God's love for us. For yet while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. This is love, not that we have first loved God but that he loved us and sent his son as a propitiation for our sins. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor Schuller



Worship Opportunities – March, 2025

Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes – 10:30 a.m.



									Order of Service
		First	Epistle					Distribution	LSB Pg
Date	Festival	Reading	Reading	Gospel	Preacher	Liturgist	Hymns	Hymns	#
2-Mar	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Hebrews 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	798 414 413	620 621	p. 184
5-Mar	Ash Wednesday 10:00am 7:00pm	Joel 2:12–19	2 Cor. 5:20b– 6:10	Matt. 6:(1–6) 16–21	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	607 563 422	419	
9-Mar	First S. in Lent	Deut. 26:1– 11	Rom. 10:8b–13	Luke 4:1–13	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	424 656 745	420 716	p.184
12- Mar	Midweek 1 10:00am 7:00pm				Ogrodowicz	Holzer	431 656 433		
16- Mar	Second S. in Lent	Jer. 26:8–15	Phil. 3:17– 4:1	Luke 13:31–35	Schuller	Ogrodowicz	728 708 508	629 635	p.151
19- Mar	Midweek 2 10:00am 7:00pm				Schuller	Ogrodowicz	586 730 825		
23- Mar	Third S. in Lent	Ezek. 33:7–20	1 Cor. 10:1–13	Luke 13:1–9	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	579 421 861	609 418	p.203
26- Mar	Midweek 3 10:00am 7:00pm				Ogrodowicz	Holzer	426 421 437		
30- Mar	Fourth S. in Lent	Isaiah 12:1–6	2 Cor. 5:16–21	Luke 15:1–3, 11–32	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	571 430 609	636	p.184



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

As of the February Council Meeting

Souls: 590 Communicants: 498



Meetings This Month



Grace Lutheran Ladies Afternoon LWML will meet on Thursday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses are Mary Lueckemeyer, Debbie Hintz and Rose Marie Prenzler.

Grace Lutheran Ladies Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses this month are Maudie Bates and Linda McArthur.



Men's Bible Breakfast meets every Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

March 4 – Joe Green March 11 – Ronnie Haevischer March 18– No Breakfast (spring break) March 25 – David Dahmann

The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the FAC for a Fish Fry. More details will appear in future bulletins. If attending, please bring an appetizer or dessert.



Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8th.

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS

Communion Ware: Dorothy Holle

Paraments: Susie Thaler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Delphine Addicks, Sandra Addicks, Billy Thaler, Elroy Wellmann



ALTAR FLOWERS

March 2 -

March 9 -

March 16 –

March 23 -

March 30 -

RADIO MINISTRY

(30-minute program aired on KWHI 1280 AM each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.) (Cost is \$85 per week.)

March 2 -

March 9 –

March 16 –

March 23 -

March 30 –





March 2 – The Colanter Family

March 9 – The Hart Family

March 16 -

March 23 – The Watters Family

March 30 -



Ash Wednesday Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On March 5th.



It's time to reserve your Easter Lily to be placed in Church on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for that purpose are in the Narthex and you may designate "in honor of someone" or "in memory of loved ones" or "just because". The cost is \$13.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Altar Guild. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or turn in to the office. The deadline for ordering plants is April 7, 2025.



Spring Gala

Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:00pm at Brenham Fireman's Training Center

Invitations have been delivered to church member boxes and tickets are on sale now. Tickets will be available in the school office through March 14th. We will also be selling tickets after service through Sunday, March 9th.

We are also needing items for both the live and silent auctions! Items we are looking for include: Vacation home stays, Fishing or hunting trips, Themed dinners, Sports and outdoor items, Gift cards, Electronics, Tickets to events, Goods and services, Home décor, and more!

For Auction questions, please contact:

Brittany Hartfield at 361-550-5040 or britt0711@gmail.com or Jennifer Krieg at 214-205-5821 or jenniferlkrieg@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the school and PTL. We can't wait to see you at this year's Gala!

GRACE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT

MARCH 31, 2025 @ 6PM

1212 W. Jefferson St. Brenham, TX 77833

WHY CHOOSE US?

Grace Lutheran School is committed to developing a complete, well-rounded student with exceptional critical thinking skills and a firm belief in Jesus Christ.

Open for Registration

March 3, 2025

CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

- Veritas Press: Omnibus
- Ecclesiastical Latin I-IV
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
- Fine Arts

Home Economics



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	24 Isaiah 26:1 - 27:13 8:15am Chapel 7:00pm Council Meeting	25 Isaiah 28:1 - 29:24 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	6:00pm Choir Practice	27 Isaiah 32:1-20 HS Track Meet 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:00pm PTL Spirit Night - Nathan's BBQ	Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	1 Isaiah 36:1 - 39:8
2 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Pastor O - LSB 184 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	6:00pm GLHS	Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	Week 8:15am Ash Wednesday Service 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice	School Week 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible	Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off National Lutheran	8 Isaiah 50:1 - 52:15
9 The First Sunday in Lent Pastor Schuller - LSB 184 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	School - Daycare Open - Sack Lunch	11 Isaiah 54:1 - 57:21 Spring Break - No School - Daycare Open - Sack Lunch 7:00pm Ladies Evening Circle	Daycare Open -Sack Lunch 10:00am Mid-Week Lenten Worship I		Day Off Spring Break - No	15 Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:37
16 The Second Sunday in Lent Pastor Schuller - LSB 151 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC		18 Jeremiah 5:1 - 6:30 8:15am Chapel	10:00am Mid-Week Lenten Worship II 12:00pm Trustees 4:30pm Confirmation	8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible	21 Jeremiah 11:1 - 12:17 Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	22 Jeremiah 13:1 - 14:22 Blue Bell Fun Run
23 The Third Sunday in Lent Pastor Schuller - LSB 203 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	7:00pm Council	25 Jeremiah 18:1 - 19:15 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 6:30pm Men's Club	4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten	Wolf Relays,	_	29 Jeremiah 26:1 - 28:17 PTL Spring Gala Denim & Diamonds
30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent Pastor O - LSB 184 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	31 Jeremiah 29:1-32 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm High School Information Meeting	Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten	3 Jeremiah 34:1 - 35:19 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Elders	4 Jeremiah 36:1 - 37:21 Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	5 Jeremiah 38:1 - 40:16