



GRACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz, Sr. Pastor Rev. Isaac Schuller, Assoc. Pastor Rev. William Holzer, Assoc. Pastor

PASTOR'S PAGE

“27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32 Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.” I Corinthians 11:27f.

After reading this passage from St. Paul, can anyone dispute our practice of confirmation and closed communion? But they certainly do! But what I want to focus on is not that doctrine, but on what St. Paul attaches at the end of this admonition. Those words in verse 32 are very instructive for any Christian.

Why do we suffer? I would be lying if I said that I could explain all the things that cause us pain. And pain is not just restricted to how our bodies feel. Pain can take many forms for there are many ways that the Lord can discipline us. In our lives we must learn many things. And discipline, which very often involves painful experiences, is the way most, if not all, of us learn.

When we were children, we had to be taught lessons that were intended to keep us safe, if not just alive. The world can be a dangerous place and parents are the ones God appoints to teach children. What can be said of the physical also applies to the spiritual. Parents are the primary teachers who must discipline children so they will learn the spiritual lessons necessary to be kept safe in a world full of the devil’s works.

But who is appointed to teach these hard spiritual lessons when we reach adulthood? We are no longer under the care of our parents. Perhaps this is why young adults who leave parents to make their way in the world fall into sin and other great shame and vice. Like the prodigal son, young people often must find out the hard way what the world is like outside of the church.

There must be discipline and, in those cases, God Himself is the instructor to lead us to our senses. This is a process, the Lord’s discipline, that never ends for us until we close our eyes in death. God Himself chooses the discipline we need and applies it.

And a good thing too! We can rejoice in the Lord’s discipline. That work, alien as it is to what most people would call good, is a holy thing for us Christians. Through this discipline, God our loving Father, keeps us close by His side if we do not grow tired and frustrated as many do when put through fire. We needn’t be anxious that we suffer. We, as God’s children, know it is for our good, even if we don’t understand the need that God sees.

Contrast that with the world. The world tells us to run from pain and suffering. The world chides us, much like the unbelievers at the foot of the cross. How could a loving God do such things to His people. He can’t care for you if He is willing to make you suffer such pain and misery.

But which is better, to live in comfort and pleasure and die in sin, or to suffer and inherit eternal life? Doesn’t seem like much of a choice to me. Hard as discipline may be, Lord, give that to me so that I too may inherit eternal life, as St. Paul writes. May you too rejoice in the Lord’s discipline and sit with Him and His saints in eternal life. To Jesus be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor Holzer



Worship Opportunities – February, 2025

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



Date	Festival	First Reading	Epistle Reading	Gospel	Preacher	Liturgist	Hymns	Distribution Hymns	Order of Service LSB Pg #
Feb. 2	Fourth S. after the Epiphany	Jer 1:4-10	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Luke 4:31-44	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	594 519 937	633 645	p.184
Feb. 9	Fifth S. after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	1 Cor. 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11	Schuller	Ogrodowicz	688 398 856	609 628	p.184
Feb. 16	Sixth S. after the Epiphany	Jer. 17:5-8	1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20	Luke 6:17-26	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	394 684 672	686 688	p.151
Feb. 23	Seventh S. after the Epiphany	Gen. 45:3-15	1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	562 844 560	741 606	p.203

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
As of January Council Meeting

Death: Shirley Paetz on 12/12/24 Funeral on 12/19/24
 Edy McCoy on 12/17/24 Funeral on 12/27/24
 Nelly Barby on 12/31/24 Funeral on 01/11/25

Transfer In: David, Mikaela & Palmer Reese - from St. Matthew, Westfield – 12/8/24
 Karen French - from St. Matthew, Westfield – 12/8/24

Souls: 579 Communicants: 493

2025 ELDER RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Aubrey Jaster, Chairman
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Elder	Phone Number	Email Address	Beginning Family	Ending Family
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Paul Schulze	979-277-9112 (h) 979-530-3252 (c)	pauls@vulcansteel.com	Braun	Drews
Darrell Meier	979-421-3287 (c)	dr_meier@att.net	Duvall	Hahn
Fred Hein	979-885-3921	heinngann@aol.com	Hanson	Knight
George Breland	936-900-5466	gb9369005466@gmail.com	Knodt	Moore
Mike Flake	281-788-3109	Moflake56@gmail.com	Morrison	Rogas
Justin Henderson	713-898-9726	nosredneh@gmail.com	Rogge	Streckfuss
Mark Moerbe	979-203-3163	MarkMoerbe@gmail.com	Studhalter	Zorn



BLOOD DRIVE: This Sunday: The next blood drive will be this Sunday, February 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Family Activity Center. Contact Michael Parks for more information. Walk-ins are always welcome.

2nd ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT



Question: What's an Awesome Way to Spend an Evening?
Answer: Quiz Night in Brenham!

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Youth League, in conjunction with the Grace Lutheran Church Youth League in Brenham, would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Quiz Night on Friday, February 7th, at the American Legion Post 48 in Brenham.

The night will begin at 5:30pm and finish at 9pm.

For those who have never been to a quiz night event, let me explain. The evening will consist of 10 rounds of trivia. Questions are answered by teams on the forms provided. The forms are collected and tabulated after each round, and team standings will be announced during the evening. Each round will have a different focus to test your overall trivia knowledge. Prizes will be awarded to the winners throughout the night after each round. At the end of the evening, a Quiz Night Champion will be crowned. Will your team be proven the smartest in Washington County? Will the trophy go to Grace or Bethlehem? Sign up to find out!

Teachers Needed: Looking for ADVENTURE and/or EXCITEMENT, become a Sunday School teacher, helper or substitute. Over the last few years, the number of Sunday School students has increased and help is needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Casey Voskamp, Brian Markwardt or Derek Poehlmann.



Media publications by Grace pastors are posted on our website. Just go to <https://www.glcsbren.org/media> and you'll find plenty of theological content for your listening and watching pleasure. It's a great gift to those looking for a dose of confessional theology during the busy week.



Looking for the church calendar? Last week's bulletin? Can't remember a church officer you need to contact? Want to watch a church service? Listen to a podcast? Friends in Christ, check out the website at www.glcsbren.org. It has all these things and more for the benefit of God's blessed people at Grace and also those looking to see what Grace Lutheran Church is about.

You're invited to join us for

Spotlight on Life:
the Godly Family
What does the Bible say?

One day event with intriguing speakers, delicious lunch,
Q & A, and Sanctuary & Bell Tower Tour

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Check-in begins @ 8:30 AM

by Houston Lutherans For Life

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5000 W Tidwell

Houston TX 77091

HoustonLFL.org



Grace Lutheran School 2025 Spring Gala



The PTL invites you to the annual Spring Gala – Denim and Diamonds! Get ready for a fun night of good food, fellowship, auctions and live music featuring Robert Zientek & band. The money raised each year allows PTL to fund the many events and programs that GLS has throughout the school year. It also allows us to show appreciation to our dedicated teachers and staff and fund needs as they arise. Two items of priority for this year are security upgrades for the school and updating the Pre-K bathrooms and the girls/boys locker rooms.

When and Where:
Saturday, March 29, 2025
5:00pm at the 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.

If purchasing a Sponsor Table, please turn in your form with payment by February 13th. Sponsor packets are available in the narthex and the school office. Please note, this year's seating options will be like last year: either sponsor tables or general seating.

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 Sponsor questions, please contact:
Ashley Jahnke at 979-277-4897 or ashley@hoddere.com

For Auction questions, please contact:
Brittany Hartfield at 361-550-5040 or britt0711@gmail.com

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



Meetings This Month



Grace Lutheran Ladies Afternoon LWML will meet on Thursday, February 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses are Sandra Addicks, Sarita Mutscher and Ann Muchow.

Grace Lutheran Ladies Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses this month are Karen Studhalter and Barbara Maurer.



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.

February 4 – Doug Schoppe
February 11 – Eddie Colanter
February 18 – Jimmie Maurer
February 25 – George Breland



The piano in the choir loft is reaching its end, and so a replacement instrument is being suggested in a Yamaha Clavinova CVP-909. It's quality and sound are beyond dispute, but funds are needed for the purchase. Contributions can be made to the "music fund" should you wish to help in getting this exceptional instrument. For further questions, please contact Pastor Kunkel.



ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS

Communion Ware: Judy Rudloff

Paraments: Susie Thaler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Raymond Klussmann, William Krueger, Sue Krueger, Ronnie Hinze



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 2 -

February 9 - Rickie & Sherrel Stork

February 16 -

February 23 -

RADIO MINISTRY

(30-minute program aired on KWHI 1280 AM each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)

(Cost is \$85 per week.)

February 2 - Anonymous

February 9 -

February 16 -

February 23 -



Coffee &
Doughnuts

February 2 -Ogrodowicz

February 9 - Markwardt

February 16 - Jasters & Reids

February 23 - Tompkins & Poehlmans



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 3rd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	27 Proverbs 22:1 - 23:25 Spirit Night - Guadalajara 8:15am Chapel 4:00pm Varsity BB Game - Giddings @ Giddings 7:00pm Council Meeting	28 Proverbs 24:1 - 25:28 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 6:30pm Men's Club	29 Proverbs 26:1 - 27:27 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Voters' Assembly Meeting	30 Proverbs 28:1 - 29:27 8:15am Chapel 4:00pm Players vs. Parents BB Game	31 Proverbs 30:1 - 31:31 Pastor Ogradowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	1 Ecclesiastes 1:1 - 2:26
2 4th Sunday after Epiphany Pastor O - LSB 184 8:00am Blood Drive 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	3 Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 4:16 8:15am Chapel	4 Ecclesiastes 5:1 - 6:12 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm PTL Meeting	5 Ecclesiastes 7:1 - 8:17 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Elders	6 Ecclesiastes 9:1 - 10:20 Track Meet - Lake Houston Relays, Huffman-Hargrave, Tx 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle	7 Ecclesiastes 11:1 - 12:14 Pastor Ogradowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	8 Song of Solomon 1:1 - 3:11 8:30am PALS Training for Daycare
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany Pastor Schuller - LSB 184 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	10 Song of Solomon 4:1 - 6:13 8:15am Chapel	11 Song of Solomon 7:1 - 8:14 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 7:00pm Ladies Evening Circle	12 Isaiah 1:1 - 2:22 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice	13 Isaiah 3:1 - 4:6 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study	14 Isaiah 5:1-30 Pastor Ogradowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	15 Isaiah 6:1-13 Track Meet - Tiger Relays, College Station, Tx
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany Pastor O - LSB 151 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	17 Isaiah 7:1 - 8:22 Newsletter Deadline President's Day - NO School, NO Daycare	18 Isaiah 9:1 - 10:34 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	19 Isaiah 11:1 - 12:6 Class & Graduation Pictures 8:15am Chapel 12:00pm Trustees 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm GLSB	20 Isaiah 13:1 - 20:6 Track Meet - McGregor High School Meet, McGregor, Tx 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study	21 Isaiah 21:1 - 23:18 Pastor Ogradowicz Day Off PSIA at Immanuel Giddings 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	22 Isaiah 24:1 - 25:12
23 7th Sunday after Epiphany Pastor O - LSB 203 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	26 Isaiah 30:1 - 31:9 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice	27 Isaiah 32:1-20 HS Track Meet 8:15am Chapel 8:30am Ladies Bible Study PTL Spirit Night - Nathans BBQ	28 Isaiah 33:1 - 35:10 Pastor Ogradowicz Day Off 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	1 Isaiah 36:1 - 39:8

