

Ministries, Life Groups and Bible Studies

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Children's Church

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Women's Ministry

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Men's Ministry

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Sarah's Circle

Led by Cora Garland
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Adult Bible Study

Led by Bob Ness
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Adult Bible Study

Led by Lay Leaders
Thursdays at 7:00PM in the MRoom

Grace Latino Ministries

Pastor Sam Gomez
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Confirmation & Communion Classes

For Youth in grades 5-9 Anglo & Latino
Led by Lay Leaders
Sundays at 9:30AM in the youth room
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Feeling Fit Exercise Club

Led by Helena Isbell
Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30AM
in the multipurpose room

Mom's Bible Study

Led by Michelle Quezada
Meets Thursdays at 8:30AM in the
multipurpose room

Face to Face Jr. High Youth

Led by Max Bowman
maxwelbowman@gmail.com
Meets Saturdays at 6:00 PM

New Horizons Bible Study

Led by Grace Pastors
Wednesdays at 9:45AM in the MP room

Encouragers (Ladies)

Hosted by Arlene Shuster
arleneshuster@cox.net

Women's Bible Study (2 days/times)

Led by Kitty Thweatt
Every-other Monday 6:00pm-8:00pm
Every-other Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm
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Greek Bible Study

Led by Billy Clem n the MP room
2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm

Life Group Ministries

Grace has many more small groups in our Life Group Ministries. Find one that is right for your family by visiting our website or contacting Pastor Scott Gary:
psgary59@gmail.com ~ 760-745-0831~ or our website

Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship
9:30am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
10:45am Spanish speaking Worship

5th Sundays - "Celebrate Grace"

All in One Service
10:00am Family Worship and Children's Church

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Grace
LUTHERANCHURCH

December 2, 2018

We Welcome Cheri Keaggy Today



Beginning as a worship leader at a small church in Southern California, veteran CCM artist Cheri Keaggy has ministered through music and testimony for over twenty years. Her debut album, *Child of the Father*, released to rave reviews in 1994, earning her a Dove Award nomination for New Artist of the Year. Nine albums, nine number one songs, three Dove Award nominations and a Dove Award win later, Keaggy continues to be a mainstay on Adult Contemporary and Inspirational radio, while congregations the world over sing her songs, including "There is Joy in the Lord" and "In Remembrance of Me," during church services. Songs she wrote for her children have emerged as favorites at women's events through the years (MOPS, Hearts at Home, Proverbs 31 Ministries, Family Life Ministries). Find out more about Cheri on her website: www.cherikeaggy.com

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Grace Lutheran Church and Christian School
Holy Communion Statement
+ In the Name of Jesus +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to this special meal for all who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may celebrate His resurrection and live their lives led by the Holy Spirit until He comes again to establish His new heaven and earth.

If you have questions about our belief in this sacrament, don't hesitate to speak with one of the Pastors, elder or an usher. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Holy Communion Schedule

8:00 AM Every Sunday
9:30 AM 2nd and 4th Sundays

The yellow cards in the pews are for everyone to fill out and return in the offering plate during services. This helps us to serve you and prepare for all of our services. Thank you so much!

Find our calendar and more information on our website:
www.GraceLutheranEscondido.org

Follow us on Facebook:
www.Facebook.com/GraceEscondido



Giving at Grace is easy and secure online:
<http://www.GraceLutheranEscondido.org/giving/>

Opportunity for Special Year End Giving

Many thanks to everyone for your generous responses in terms of time, talent and treasures. It is through your financial contributions that enables us to maintain our daily operations and form a solid financial base to support our ministry efforts. As we approach the end of 2018 many of you will consider giving opportunities and how best to finalize your year-end tax plan.

As communicated in the recent Voters Meeting, our finances continue to be tight. We are covering our planned expenses with virtually nothing left over each month for growth. Increased expenses and a decline in giving have placed our cash flow in jeopardy.

We would like to encourage you to consider a special year end gift to help us enter our 100th Anniversary year with the resources necessary to continue to bring the story of Jesus into our community.

Support Grace Through Your Amazon Purchases

Amazon has a program that will provide 0.5% of your purchases to Grace with no cost to you! All you need to do is click on the following link and choose Grace as your charitable organization.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1957924>

Continue to access your Amazon account through smile.amazon.com. A portion of your sales will then be provided to Grace to support our many ministries. You will also find this link on our websites and our Facebook page. God bless your Christmas Season!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

Looking for practical ways to serve Jesus by serving His people?

We have a few opportunities available:

- Nursery! Coordinator needed as well as volunteers for Sunday services. Call Yoke 760-745-0831
- Coffee and Donuts! They bring us together! Two to four volunteers are needed to serve once a month (or less) depending on how many join the Coffee and Donut Hospitality Team!
- Church Ministry Office! Volunteers needed to cover Church Ministry Office for brief periods on Tuesday mornings and other times.

If you can help or have any questions, please email ytanko@gracelcms.net.

**Does the church office have your current email and contact information? If you're not receiving *The Grace Connect*, please call the church office so we can update your information.
760-745-8031**

Discovering Our Why at Grace

What is the mission and vision of Grace Lutheran Church & Christian School? Our mission statements are actually different depending on what document or website you look at! Our vision, "that everyone who comes into contact with our ministry will be in heaven through faith in Jesus Christ," is idealistic but fails to provide daily direction for our ministry.

Meanwhile, we have three major ministry areas (Church, School, and the Latino Ministry) each with various sub-ministries.

Do we understand how these ministries align and work together to move Grace forward toward a shared mission and vision?

A group of church and school members has been established and will be meeting to solidify and describe our vision.

This group will tap into the core of what motivates and inspires us uniquely at Grace. This is not a task for a small group, but a journey for the entirety of Grace. While we already have a core group of people for the workshop if you are interested or have questions, contact Pastor Pete at pastorpete@gracelcms.net

Children's Church for December

"Christmas Classics" Too often our holidays are dominated by busyness. Join us as we focus on fun, families, fellowship, and celebrating the birth of Christ! Children attending Children's Church on December 2, 9, and 16 at 9:30 am will receive one Jenga set per family to take home and cherish. For more information contact Miss Patti at pmcdonald@gracelcms.net

Prayers of the People

Please visit our prayer garden in the welcome center for our prayer list. Updated prayers of the People can always be found here and in the latest edition of *The Grace Connect* on-line newsletter.

Church Attendance Last Week

Saturday		23
Sunday	8:00 AM	74
	9:30AM	140
Latino	10:45 AM	68
Total:		305

Grace Christian School Book Fair & Online Store!

Everyone is invited to our Book Fair in the library from December 3rd - 7th. This comes just in time for Christmas gifts and our librarian can help you choose the perfect book for that perfect age. We also have our online Book Fair OPEN! Visit the Fair at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Grace-Early-Book-Fair>.

The online Bookfair is open NOW for early shoppers!

Contact our librarian for hours or if you'd like to volunteer:

librarian@gracelcms.net

Adopt A Family for Christmas

A tradition at Grace is the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree. This is a special tree in the welcome center decorated with "ornaments" reflecting the needs of a family that may be going through tough times and could use a little Christ Child cheer. If you know of a family in this situation please pick up the form available in the welcome center. To have the form emailed to you, and for more information, please contact Yoke:

ytanko@gracelcms.net or 760-745-0831

FRESH - HOMEMADE - TAMALES!

GLM - Our Grace Latino Ministry is making tamales for YOU and your FAMILY! Orders are now being taken at the following link.

Choose from:

Pork with red sauce Chicken with green sauce

Cheese/Jalapeno Sweet pineapple

\$20 for one dozen or \$12 for a half dozen

Orders can be picked up December 16th and 23rd after worship.

Order here: <https://tinyurl.com/GraceTamales2018>

You may also contact Ana or Alicia in the church office at:

760-745-0831 ext 7104 Thank you for supporting the Grace Latino Ministry!

Gifting That Gives Back

Give a Gift that says YOU CARE, in more ways than one.

This Christmas season; give a gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. Please consider participating in the Grace Lutheran Scrip Program. All it takes is pre-planning and your scrip gift will give a gift to Grace Lutheran Church and School too, and it does not cost you a cent! Deadline to receive your order in time for Christmas is 12/10/2018. Please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up an order form today!

Operation Christmas Child News

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at Grace! O. C. C. was another success!

- Grace Church and School boxed 513 shoeboxes!
- Our Official Drop-Off Location collected 1,382 boxes!
- 37 volunteers donated 814 hours!

God bless everyone for your part in spreading the the Word and making so many children happy!

Look for Grace in the Christmas Parade!

We will have a float in the 68th annual Jaycees Christmas parade in Escondido!

When: December 8th at 9:30 am.

Where: South on Broadway from Escondido High School to Grape Day Park. Please be aware that Broadway and many of the streets surrounding the parade route area will be closed at 8:00 a.m.

Look for us on and around our flatbed truck celebrating 100 years of Grace in the Escondido community! Don't forget to save the date - May 19th is when we will celebrate our 100th anniversary. Keep an eye open for more information on our celebration!

BE A PART OF OUR FLOAT IN THE PARADE! As a kick-off to our 100th year in Escondido, we are inviting you to join us in the annual Jaycees Parade! We need as many people as possible to walk behind our float in the parade as "angels." (Please note - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT) Here's the info:

MEET: On North Broadway in front of Escondido High School Football Stadium. (The float will be parked near the stadium)

TIME TO BE THERE: 7:30 AM (NO LATER THAN 7:55 AM) Someone can drop you off to ease parking.

BRING: Wear WHITE TOP and if you have wings bring them. We will have halos, horns and pom-poms for you.

PARADE ENDS: At Grape Day Park about 12:00. There are activities at the park after the parade if you'd like to stay.

QUESTIONS? Contact Helena Isbell at 760-310-1566

December at Grace

Please pick up a page of events for the month of December in the Welcome Center. We hope you will display the page at home and bring your family and friends to the many events happening at Grace! We look forward to seeing you!