

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 MP room

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
kkthweatt@cox.net 760-715-3774

Greek Bible Study

Led by Billy Clem in 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

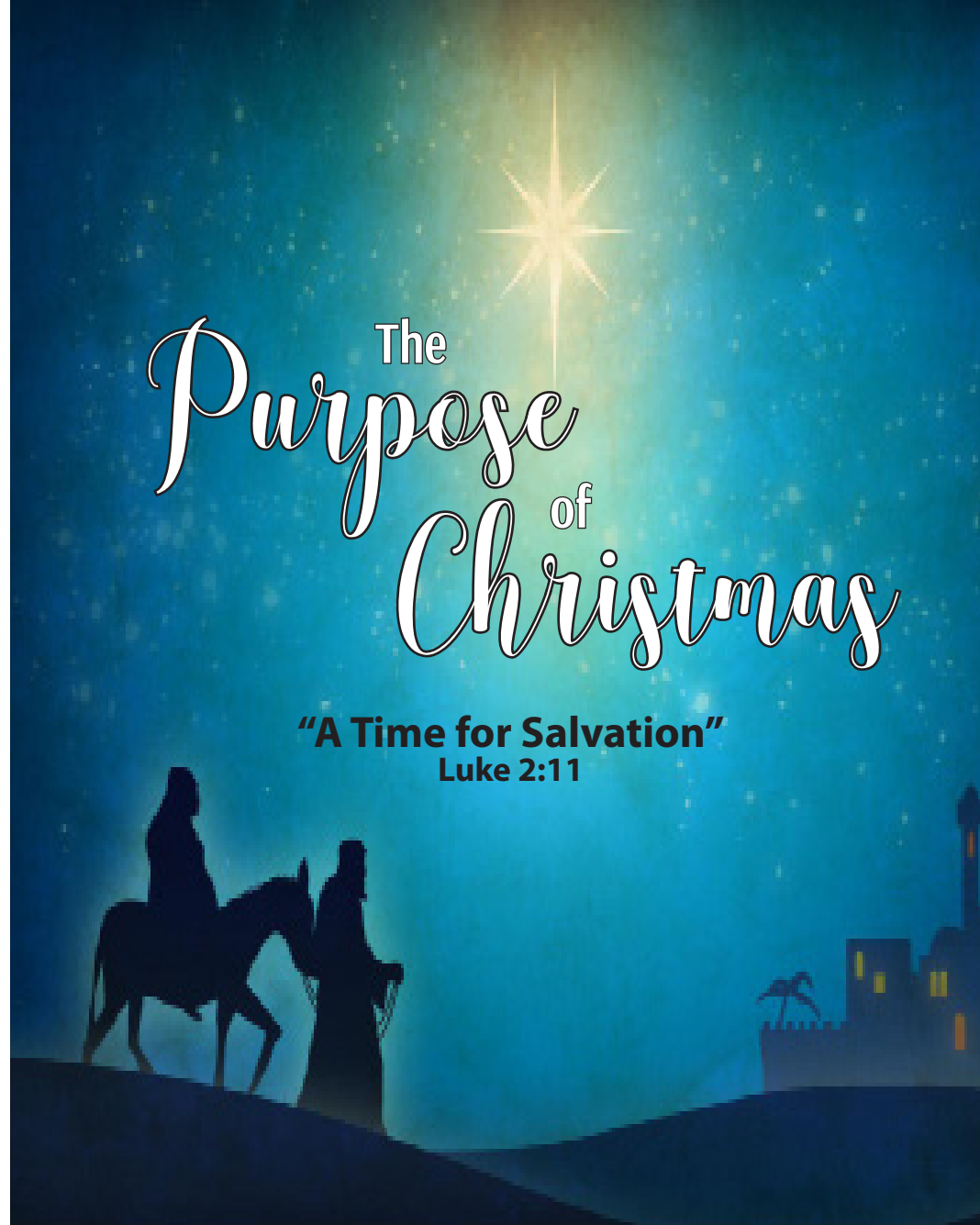
Sunday

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 16, 2018

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/>



*Building Relationships for Eternity...
One Person at a Time!*

The Purpose of Christmas part 2
"A Time for Salvation"
Luke 2:11

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Christmas is the story of:

1. Jesus came to save you from _____ and _____.
Luke 2:11, Romans 3:23, Romans 7:15-25

2. Jesus came to save you for a _____.
Ephesians 1:4, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Mark 8:35

3a. Jesus came to save you by _____.
John 6:28-29, John 3:16-17

3b. Jesus came to save you through _____.
Romans 4:5, Hebrews 11:6, John 14:1

Reverend Dr. Mike Gibson to Visit Grace

The President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Pacific Southwest District is on tour of the district and will be visiting our campus on January 8th, 2019. Make plans to hear Dr. Mike Gibson January 8, 7:00 PM for a Listen/Vision Gathering for Congregations and Church Workers.

Update on Senior Pastor Call Process from the Senior Pastor Transition Team:

The Senior Pastor Transition Team has a strong, heartfelt commitment to follow the Holy Spirit as we renew our quest to find and call our next Senior Pastor. We continue to work closely with Pastor Tom Meyer, our Circuit Visitor.

Candidate nominations are being accepted; please check the Grace website to submit a nomination, or leave a message with the office, or any member of the Team; two nominations have been received at this point.

We encourage all of the Grace Family to be in prayer over this process; regular and consistent prayer focused on the man God has selected to lead us will help us prepare for this important change here at Grace. The Team is interested in hearing any concerns you may have about our process.

We're not in a hurry; however as we listen and pray, we desire to bring the entire Body of Christ at this place along with us on this journey. We are walking in faith, not in fear as we journey together!! Transition Team members: Christie Elliott, Luz Olivares, Katy Sensmeier, Howard Breitenfeld, AJ Brumfield, Scott Kellar, Kevin DeCew and Jack Anderson.

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!

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.

Did You See Us In The Parade?

Grace had a float in the annual Escondido Jaycees Parade last Saturday. BIG thanks to Helena and Paul Isbell and their family for pulling this event off at such a busy time! Also thanks to Vanessa Lippman for designing the 100 year banner and back page of the program, Karen Moreno for the banner on the flatbed truck and Thrivent for their funding support. Our float consisted of handprints from all of our students as well as personal "feathers" from the students and members which made the "wings" for our Angel theme float. Also celebrating our upcoming 100 years in Escondido, the back of the float was a large poster of our stained glass window in our sanctuary loft. Many of our students and members rode the float and walked along side for the trip down Broadway. Grace also sponsored the back page of the Jaycees Parade Program which reached 1,500 people, and a parade attendance of 15,000!

If you missed the parade, you can view it at the following days/times:

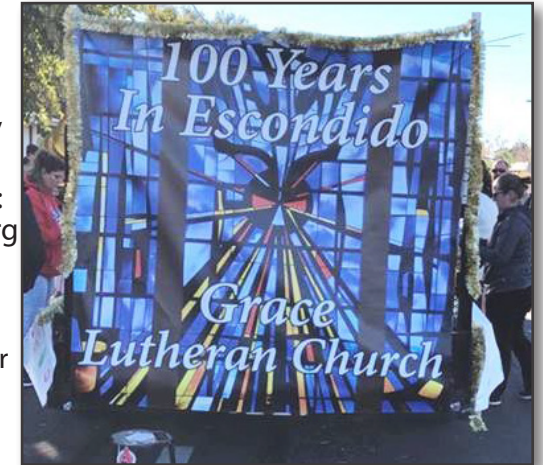
Dec 18, 5-7 AM, 4-6PM

Dec. 20, 3-5 PM

Dec. 22, 5-7 AM, 4-6 PM

Dec. 27, 5-7 AM, 4-6 PM

On "The Escondido Channel" (19 for COX, 99 for AT&T) or purchase a DVD by emailing: parade@escondidojaycees.org If you'd like to be a part of making this an annual event for Grace, please contact the church office: 760-745-0831 or ytanko@gracelcms.net



FRESH - HOMEMADE - TAMALES !

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

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!

Gifts That Give 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! Special order deadline has passed, but we still have some scrip on hand. Please stop by the Welcome Center and see if you can do some shopping at Grace!

Project Godway

THANK YOU to everyone who made our garage and bake sale fundraising efforts a great success this year! We are SO excited for all that God is going to do at our seventh season of Project Godway! Look for more information about our spring event in the new year.

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.

Grace Recognized in the Community

Pastor Scott, Principal Ben Elliott, and Vicar Dave received a certificate on behalf of Grace from Escondido Police Department and Escondido Education Compact this week for our involvement in the community. Grace's involvement in the community currently includes community soccer camp, serving meals at North County Interfaith, attending Escondido Police Department school safety meetings and Grace is the current site of Education Compact bi-monthly training meetings and monthly Project Hero dinners. Grace is happy to be an active part of our community.

Photos in Welcome Center

Students participating in the middle school photography elective will have their photographs on display in the church Welcome Center through church services this Sunday (12/16). Please stop by and take a look at the creative work of our students.

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. There are several of these special "ornaments" ready to be "adopted" by you for Christmas. Please stop by and spread some Christmas cheer!

Call for Readers

Reading the scriptures at the 8:00 AM worship services is appreciated by those who read and those who hear. If you would like to be on the roster of readers for 2019 and be scheduled for a Sunday, please contact Yoke at the church office: ytanko@gracelcms.net or 760.745.0831 x 7113

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!

Church Attendance 12/9/2018			Church Giving for November (5th month of fiscal year)	
Sunday	8:00 AM	73	Actual for November	\$37,298.00
	9:30 AM	176		
Latino	10:45 AM	75	Budget Monthly	\$55,417.00
Total:		324		