

## Ministries, Life Groups and Bible Studies

### Grace Christian School

Ben Elliott, Principal  
bellott@gracelcms.net  
760-747-3029 x7105

### Grace Christian Preschool

Ronae Cherkin, Director  
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760-747-3029 x7119

### The Stand - High School Youth

Pastor Scott Gary  
psgary59@gmail.com  
760-745-0831

### Choir & Worship Music

Cheryl Hernandez, Director  
chernandez@gracelcms.net  
760-745-0831

### Children's Church

Patti McDonald  
pmcdonald@gracelcms.net

### Women's Ministry

Lisa Hoyle  
hoyle7@earthlink.net

### Men's Ministry

Ron Carter  
roncarter003@gmail.com

### Sarah's Circle

Led by Cora Garland  
760-745-4559

### Adult Bible Study

Led by Bob Ness  
Sundays 9:30 AM  
760-745-0831

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

### Grace Latino Ministries

Pastor Sam Gomez  
samygo4@att.net  
760-745-8031 ext 7104

### Confirmation & Communion Classes

For Youth in grades 5-9 Anglo & Latino  
Led by Lay Leaders  
Sundays at 9:30AM in the youth room  
ytanko@gracelcms.net 760-745-0831

### 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*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
December 30, 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](http://www.GraceLutheranEscondido.org)

Follow us on Facebook:  
[www.Facebook.com/GraceEscondido](http://www.Facebook.com/GraceEscondido)



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

**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.

**Prayers of the People**

Please visit our prayer niche 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 12/23-25/2018**

Sunday	8:00 AM	80
	9:30 AM	140
Latino	10:45 AM	58
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	215
	8:00 PM	177
Christmas Day	10:00 AM	63

**Church Giving for November**

(5th month of fiscal year)

<b>Actual for November</b>	\$37,298.00
<b>Budget Monthly</b>	\$55,417.00

### Opportunity for Special Year End Giving

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