



Grace Newsletter

June 2017

12 Months of Prayer—

June: Police

Beginning this month we will be praying for our police officers in the Caldwell Police Department. Watch for a list of their names.

LWML / Concordia Circle—

Concordia Circle/LWML meets monthly on the first Monday of each month. Their next meeting will be on June 5th at 6:00 p.m. Along with devotions a potluck will be held at Lillian Pierce's home. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Contact Barbara James (465-5084) or Lillian Pierce (467-1437) with any questions.



NOTE: There are no meetings in July & August.

A Poem for Father's Day—

Dad

He never looks for praises
He's never one to boast
He just goes on quietly working
For those he loves the most
His dreams are seldom spoken
His wants are very few
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken too
He's there.... A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold to
In times of stress and strife
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad

LWML Convention—

The Time Has Arrived! It's time to be encouraged through worship and Bible study, equipped to share His message of salvation and engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness! Pray for safe travel as we gather to participate and experience this life changing opportunity. Pray for all convention hosts, speakers, and workers. Don't be late for the Opening Worship with LCMS President Matthew Harrison, Proclaimer. We'll see you at the 37th Biennium LWML Convention June 22-25, 2017, in Albuquerque, New Mexico!



Office HOURS

Starting May 29th and for the months of June, July and August church office hours will be Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. When the school year starts back up in September office hours will again include Mondays.

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“The Best is Yet To Come!”

*“It was said among the nations, ‘The LORD has done great things for them.’
The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126:2-3)*

I recently shared an article with a number of people at Grace titled, “Hundreds of Churches Will Close Down This Week.” That title sounds ominous but it simply observes the reality that there are many churches closing their doors because they have lost their way. Here are three observations the author of that article made.

1. **We must stop bemoaning the death of cultural Christianity.** At one time people didn’t think twice about finding, joining and attending a church. Those days have, for the most part, gone away. People no longer come to a church because they believe they must do so to be culturally accepted. Basically, all a church had to do was put a sign out front with worship times and people would come. But Jesus said to His disciples, “Go and make disciples....”
2. **We must cease seeing the church as a place of comfort and stability in the midst of rapid change.** God’s truth never changes. But delivering that unchanging truth today likely means putting away the words, “We’ve never done it that way before.”
3. **We must abandon any entitlement mentality.** A church is not a country club where we pay dues to get certain perks and privileges. The church is a gospel mission outpost where we are to put ourselves last. Jesus said we are to be willing to die for the sake of the gospel. That’s the opposite of the entitlement mentality.

When I read those points I do NOT see Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool. I see people who are excited about their church, the ministry it performs, and who are willing to pitch in and be about the business of getting the Gospel into the ears and hearts of people. Can we do better? Sure. There’s always room for improvement. But I believe we are prepared for that challenge.

That was confirmed for me by what happened on Sunday, May 21st. That was the day we were blessed to have Pastor Dave and Cindy Quail as our guests. Pastor Quail took the Bible study hour to get us up to speed on what’s been happening with him and his family since they left in 1994. He then delivered the message during worship and assisted in distributing the Lord’s Supper. I may have been mistaken but I thought I saw him choke up a bit as he communed people he had come to know and love as their pastor but had not seen in many years.

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Anniversary Celebration Sunday!!*

We capped the day off with a phenomenal potluck lunch. Thanks so much to Dick Ledington for smoking the pork shoulder and to Mark Elli whose recipe provided the sauce the pulled smoked pork rested in. There was so much amazing food provided by the rest of the congregation that I didn’t know where to start (or stop!!).

I spoke with Pastor Quail a couple of days after the

event and he said he and Cindy thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. Their only regret was that there were many people they weren’t able to talk to for as long as they would have liked. But that’s to be expected when trying to catch up on almost 23 years of being apart! All in all, it was a wonderful Anniversary Celebration Sunday!!

In the midst of the fellowship and food Pastor Quail noted three areas of ministry that we emphasize here. I had not spoken to him beforehand, he simply pointed them out. They were:

1. our Preschool,
2. the care we are providing for our grounds, and
3. the value of a staffed Day Care.

As he said, our Preschool has a wonderful reputation in our community. People who send their children here regularly tell us what an incredible blessing it has been for their children and how pleased they are with the curriculum and with our teachers.

The Thursday before the Quails arrived we had our End of Year Preschool Celebration. Over 200 people gathered in our sanctuary to watch their children or grandchildren take the next step forward in their journey of life. In addition, they were able to hear those little evangelists sing of the love of Jesus. Very few of the people there were members of Grace Lutheran Church and, I suspect, there were many who had no church home at all. I pray that God used our Preschool again this year to plant the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts and lives of those who don’t yet know Jesus and that those seeds would sprout and serve to advance God’s kingdom.

In his sermon, Pastor Quail spoke about the physical changes that have happened since he left. He pointed out that these all preach a message about our love and commitment for this place and our God. I couldn’t agree more! When people see activity like this, they notice. I pray that we will find many ways to use all of the blessings we have received from God to bless the lives of others who do not yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

And during his conversation downstairs Pastor Quail spoke of the value a Day Care would bring to our ministry. As Caldwell expands, there will be a greater need for quality Day Care for two-income families. It is my understanding that those who are providing Day Care around Caldwell are filled to capacity. If we could find a way to begin a Day Care ministry we would be able to help people in our community with a much needed service, expand our Preschool and Pre-K ministry, and, more importantly, open another door to speaking about Jesus to those who have yet to hear and cling to His mercy and grace.

As I wrote earlier, I believe we are up to the challenge of what lies ahead. For 75 years “The LORD truly has done great things for us, and filled us with joy.” And I believe the best is yet to come!

God bless you and I’ll see you in church!

Pastor Brooks

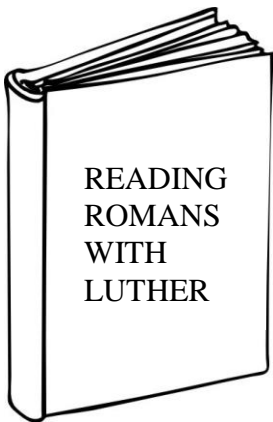


The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, **June 25** at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Carla Shields' residence. We will be reading and discussing "Distant Shores" by Kristin Hannah.

Summary: In her remarkable *New York Times* bestseller, *Summer Island*, Kristin Hannah struck a chord in readers and critics alike with her portrayal of the bittersweet reunion between an errant mother and her unforgiving daughter. Now Hannah once again reveals the fragile ties that bind a family in transition, as two people choose to escape the limits of their ordinary lives and reach for the extraordinary promise that lies on *Distant Shores*. Elizabeth and Jackson Shore married young, raised two daughters, and weathered the storms of youth as they built a future together. But after the children leave home, they quietly drift apart. When Jack accepts a wonderful new job offer, Elizabeth puts her needs aside to follow him across the country. Until the sudden death of her father changes everything. Enriched by soul-stirring emotion and an appreciation for the simple joy of everyday miracles, *Distant Shores* is an exquisite reminder of the most precious gifts in life: friends and family, children and lovers, the strength to change, and the courage to forgive—all flawlessly captured by the graceful hands of Kristin Hannah.

Any and all women are invited to join us for a heartfelt talk and a glass of wine! If you have any questions, you can call Janet at 801-518-7319.

Summer Adult Bible Study—



We will be reading/discussing the book "Reading Romans with Luther" By RJ Grunewald starting Sunday, June 4. To prepare for this study please read the first two chapters of the book of Romans in your Bible and then read the introduction and first chapter of the "Reading Romans with Luther" book. If you do not

have a book and wish to purchase one we have some available for \$13.00.

Attention Golfers—

There will be a golf scramble at River Bend golf course on Sunday, June 18th at 3 PM. The cost is \$30. Please call Terry Hensen at 459-6453 if you are interested in golfing. We need to know a week in advance who is coming.



Summer Travel Plans?

Summer is a time for travel and vacation. We pray that as you travel God will bless you with a safe journey, rest and recreation wherever you go.

We encourage you to also make the Lord part of your summer plans, as well. If you know where you will be on a given Sunday, contact the church office and we will provide you with the location of the nearest LCMS congregation.

Summer Offerings

Summer is typically a time when we see a dip both in attendance as well as in our weekly offerings. This can lead to financial difficulty at the church as the needs here continue through the summer months. During this time our Church Insurance premiums, Worker Health Care premiums and regular payroll must still be paid.

Please prayerfully consider the ongoing financial needs here at Grace even if you aren't able to be here in worship each week. Thank you.

A Psalm of Summer

Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home;

It maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag.
It leadeth me down the Interstate each weekend;
it restoreth my suntan.
It leadeth me to State Parks for my comfort's sake.

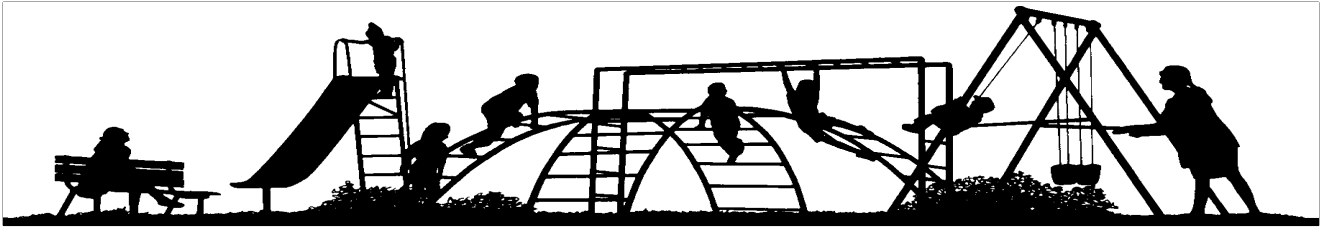
Even though I stray on the Lord's Day I will fear no reprimand for I am relaxed;
my rod and my reel, they comfort me.

I anointest my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry.

Surely my trailer will follow me all the weekends of the summer,
and I shall return to the House of the Lord in the Fall.

But by then it will be hunting season –
and that's another psalm!





Grace Lutheran Preschool

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!

Check out our website gracelutherancaldwell.org for school information.

To register, you may do so by:

- stopping by the church office to pick up a registration form,
- contacting the church office(459-4191) for a registration form to be mailed or
- go online to <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> and click on the link to fill out a registration form

To pay the registration fee and/or monthly tuition, you may do so with:

- cash or check made out to “Grace Lutheran Church”
- a monthly payment using Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking or savings account. Follow the link online to download and print a form or stop by the church office and our secretary will assist you in setting that up (****there is a discount off of the monthly tuition if this option is used, call the office to find out more****).
- a debit or credit card. Click the “**Make a Payment**” button on our online preschool page. You will need to create an online user profile and password the first time you use this option.

4 Year Old Class

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Our End of the Year Celebration went very well! What a great turn out, 227 in attendance. Thank you all for the encouraging support! The aisle was lined with pavers that had the student’s footprints and read ‘Walking the Path He Trod.’ They were sprayed with a clear weather protection several times so they will last long and perhaps become a keepsake. In the front of the sanctuary were two big cardboard crosses, covered with handprint paper rocks that read ‘The Lord is My Rock...’ Psalm 18:2. The themes were part of the songs both classes sang together, all 36 of their joyful voices

Thank you to LWML and Patty Eckman who used her Thrivent Action funds to purchase four sets of hand bells, music, teaching tools, protective cases and CDs. This fall we’ll start incorporating hand bells in our music time. What an exciting way to learn!

Thank you to all the sponsors of our Adopt a Student Program, you all were wonderful role models and a very important part of their foundation. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers, joining us for chapel and the gifts you gave. This is a great opportunity to share our love with families in our community. While the students made your monthly craft we prayed for you; they truly enjoyed creating something special just for you. It’s impressive to see the support and unity of church and preschool. The sponsors for the 2016/2017 school year were:

Ron & Donna Ehlers
Larry & MaryEtta Fredrickson
Judy Green
Terry & Sharon Hensen
Mark & Mary Kroll
Dick & Peggy Ledington
Ken & Carol McIntyre
Mark & Peggy Schroeder

Don & Lorene Schuster
Leroy & Sherrie Prien
Sandy Smith-Mouchka
Don & Karen Southard
Chuck & Connie Stadick
Julius & Donna Steiger
Linda Symms

God Bless your summer, Mrs. Christiansen and Ms. Patti

3 Year Old Class

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Proverbs 3:5a. The children learned this verse for May. Here is a list of all the Bible Verses we learned if you would like to refresh your child’s memory over the summer:

God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

God gives good gifts. Matthew 7:11

Give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 136:1

Jesus has been born for you! Luke 2:11

Jesus grew in wisdom and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. Deuteronomy 6:5

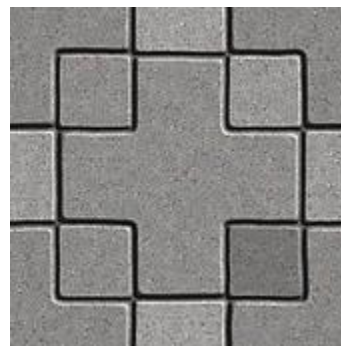
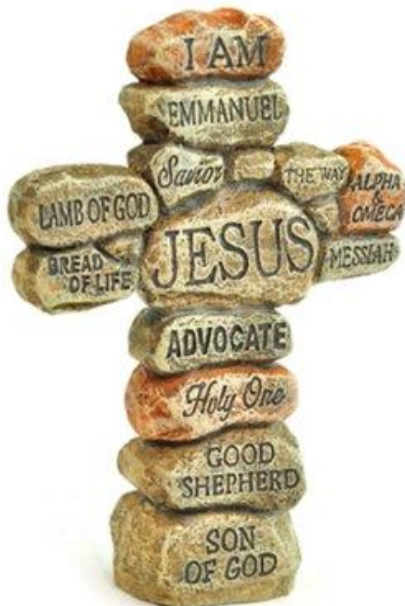
Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”. John 14:6

He is not here: He is risen! Matthew 28:6.

We talked about Daniel and the lions, Zacchaeus and Jonah and the whale. We sang Happy Birthday to our summer birthday students: Capri Ozuna (June 22) and Lyla Redmond (July 25). We were able to get the tricycles out this past month. They really enjoyed that. The children got to know Mrs. Lillian when she subbed one day. “Thank You” Lillian for helping us out.

All the children grew this year (very evident in their first and last day of school pictures that were sent home); their baby faces disappeared, they are now taller, have added a few pounds and most important we pray they grew in the knowledge of Jesus and how much they are loved. Thank you to all for making our “End of The Year Celebration” a wonderful evening and for sharing your child with us. Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you all next year in the Pre-K class.

Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray



The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my GOD is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that save me, and my place of safety.

Psalm 18:2

Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, May 14 after church
Lunch will be served by the kids & men
Talent show by the kids



Kids need to sign up for the talent show with their Sunday School Teacher



It's time for all youth to say goodbye to our Seniors - Dylan, Maddie, Eli, Amanda, Andi & Ilse!

Join us on Sunday, May 21 at 6 PM at church for the Goodbye BBQ!
Please bring a side or dessert to share!

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
Proverbs 31:10



**Camp Grace Summer Sunday School begins June 4
Adult Facilitators are needed!**







Sign up to serve for just one Sunday of the summer!

thank you!
for teaching Sunday School
Patty Eckman, Marlee Hubach, Maddie Mar, Jerry & Patti Lawson, Carla Shields, Amber Rau, Mark Elli, and Sharon Henson!

Vacation Bible School
July 10-14
Volunteers needed for
EVERYTHING!



June 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	2	3 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship in Denny's at Flying J
4 Pentecost Sunday 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion Greeters: Sandy Smith, Karen Waits	5 6:00 pm LWML / Concordia Circle at Lillian Pierce's	6 5:45 pm Exercise	7 Bulletin Deadline	8 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	9  6:00 pm Fish Fry Fundraiser see p. 6	10 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship in Denny's at Flying J
11 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship <i>Board of Trustees</i> <i>Board of Education</i> Greeters: Linda Symms Glenda Nash	12	13 5:45 pm Exercise	14 Flag Day Bulletin Deadline 	15 11:30 am Youth Servant Event – Idaho Food Bank see p. 6 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 p.m. Council	16	17 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship in Denny's at Flying J
18 Father's Day 9:00 am Donuts for Dad 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion Greeters: Angela Bow	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	21 Summer Begins Bulletin Deadline	22 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	23	24 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship in Denny's at Flying J
25 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Tara Daniel	26	27 5:45 pm Exercise	28 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 pm Hot Summer Nights – Tie Dye see p. 6.	29 5:45 pm Exercise	30	

LWML Convention June 22 – 25 Albuquerque, NM