



Grace Newsletter

August 2017

Volunteer Job Opening: 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School Teacher

Time Commitment: September 2017-May 2018 (Substitutes available when you need them)

One of the wonderful things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need *more!* One of the frustrating and challenging things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need *more!* It's wonderful because there is room for *you* – please don't sit back and think that Grace is such a great congregation that, surely, we already have enough Sunday School teachers. Make the decision to join us this year.

Five reasons *you* should teach:

1. **The students are delightful:** They will enrich your spirit, expand your horizons and grow your faith – you need them in your life! Watch God's shaping hand in a child's life! Enjoy a great sense of accomplishment and pride in being part of something life changing!
2. **The lessons are compelling:** They will challenge your thinking, give you new ways of sharing your faith, and deepen your own relationship with Jesus Christ. The lesson plans and materials are selected and provided for you.
3. **The time commitment is finite:** You commit to a school year.
4. **The teamwork is uplifting:** The community of Sunday School leaders will delight and encourage you and help you feel the creative energy of the Spirit.
5. **You promised:** Every time a child is baptized we, the members of Grace, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to become faithful members of his church. Volunteering to lead Sunday School is a terrific way to make good on this vital promise.



Zion Lutheran School— in Nampa is looking for a 3-year old Preschool teacher. This is a part time position. They are also looking for a part time general care provider. The applicant may apply for both positions, or for only one of the positions if desired. Please call the school at 466-9141 for more information. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the school.



Canyon County Habitat for Humanity— is looking for volunteers to work in their retail store, ReStore. They are a Christian based nonprofit organization that believes in the mission of helping hard working Idaho families acquire affordable housing. Senior citizens are encouraged to serve. Tasks involve cashiering, sorting, and retail customer service. Store hours are Tues. – Fri. 9am to 5:30pm and Sat. 9am to 3pm. A few fliers are posted to the bulletin board in the church hallway. "Our volunteers are a help in creating a positive customer experience. We love our store and we feel that our volunteers do too! As community members we all need to work together to create a partnership that continues to touch the lives of the people in need. By becoming a Canyon County Habitat for Humanity volunteer you let people know you are making a difference". Please call Jacy at 208-463-0864 if interested.

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“All I Really Need to Know...”?

“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)

More than thirty years ago, Robert Fulghum, a former minister of the Unitarian Church, wrote the book “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten: Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things.” Since its first printing this little book has sold more than seven million copies and been translated into 27 languages.

Fulghum has a special ability to translate the complex matters of life into very simple words, words just about anyone can understand and relate to. As popular as that book has been, it’s likely that you may have read it at one time or another.

In the preface he writes, “Most of what I really need to know about how to live, what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at Sunday School.”

Here is a list of the most basic things he says he learned there:

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”

He even gives a shout out to Idaho in the book when he writes: “I get tired of hearing it's a crummy world and that people are no good. What kind of talk is that? I know a place in Payette, Idaho, where a cook and a waitress and a manager put everything they've got into laying a chicken-fried steak on you.”

However, as popular as this book has been, Fulghum missed something. Something very simple. The most important thing.

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This is especially sad in light of the fact that he says that he learned these things in the kindergarten of his Sunday School. In fact, he strikes at the heart of God’s message of grace and mercy when he writes: “It wasn’t in books. It wasn’t in a church. What I needed to know was out there in the world. Remember, most of us got something for nothing the first time just by showing up here at birth. Now we have to qualify.”

It’s a sad Sunday School and a sad church that claims to be Christian that doesn’t teach the importance of the Christ who died to demonstrate how important we are to the God who made us. And then tells us that the life we have been given as a gift from God has been given to us so that we can demonstrate that the rest of life is about “qualifying”. The only way I can understand that word is that we have to somehow prove to God and others that we are people of value. This is exactly the opposite of grace

If the message of the cross, the Gospel of salvation is missing, then all the other things we learned in kindergarten (or in growing up), as helpful as they might be in life, just aren’t enough.

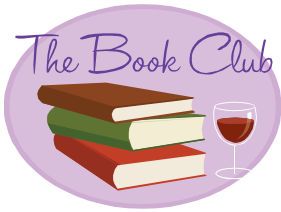
With the Reverend Fulghum, we can certainly agree that “Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will break our hearts,” but that’s not nearly enough. We need the simple “*wisdom of God*” (1 Cor. 2:7) St. Paul speaks of when he wrote: “*I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*” (1 Cor. 2:2).

Admittedly, had Fulghum mentioned Christ and His cross, his book would not have sold as many copies or put him on track to write the other books which followed. After all, “*the word of the cross is follow to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*” (1 Cor. 1:18). But unlike an author trying to sell books, we aren’t constrained. We may speak freely and courageously to the hope that is within us.

It is important to share, to play fair, to say you’re sorry, and even to flush. Warm cookies are good, even if they’re not good for you. But the most important word is not “the first word you learned” from Dick and Jane. The most important Word is the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

God’s blessings to you as we live out our faith together in this broken world and I’ll see you in church.

Pastor Brooks



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Connie Stadick's residence. We will be reading and discussing: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Summary: The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

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



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Thank you to the congregation members who stepped up and helped with crocheting and knitting scrubbies and dishcloths for the national LWML convention. These items were included in the delegate's convention bags. Due to the overabundance these items will also be used at the 2018 Utah-Idaho District convention.

Did you know that Grace was involved in two of the Mite raising events at the national LWML convention?

1. Grace sponsored one of the holes at "Tee Up 4 Mites" in honor of our 75th anniversary. With your help \$15,255.78 was raised for mission grants.
2. Grace was also represented in the "Mission in Motion/Mission pledge Walk". There were 1, 132 participating with \$72,686.06 raised for mission grants.

This a great start to the 22 mission grants that will be supported in the 2017-2019 Biennium. We will be sharing with you more information on these mission grants throughout the Biennium.



"Plans are underway for the **First Annual Grace Lutheran Oktoberfest!** In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in Germany and the 75th Anniversary of Grace

Lutheran here in Caldwell, we are making plans now to have an authentic family event on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Our very own Oktoberfest will have live music, beer garden, kids' games, German food, dessert, and fun for adults and youth. **We are hoping this will be something you want to come to with both family and friends.** With our beautiful new backyard, patio area and playground, we have the perfect place to gather and celebrate our heritage. Please mark this on your calendar now.

For this to be successful, we need lots of volunteers to do many things large and small (you knew we were going to say that!) We will need planners, bakers, grillers, beer servers, kids' games supervisors and leaders, set-up and of course, clean up. If you are as excited about this as we are and want to be part of the fun as we make plans, please let Pastor, Janet or Hope know. We have begun the initial work but as we get closer there will be lots to do."

Idaho Area Codes—

The 986 area code is being added to the area served by the 208 area code to ensure a continuing supply of phone numbers. Beginning August 5, 2017 this change requires you to dial or enter the area code and the 7digit number for all calls, including calls within the same area code. Starting September 5 new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the 986 area code. There is more information about this change at: www.puc.idaho.gov/telecom/AreaCode_bullets.pdf

Congregational Meeting—

Our next congregational voter's meeting is scheduled for August 13th. The meeting will begin following a potluck lunch. The Council is meeting on August 3rd to finalize the agenda. **Potluck Information:** If your last name begins with the letters **A-F**, bring a dessert; **G-L**, bring a meat dish; **M-R**, hot side dish; **S-Z**, bring salad.

Children Are Our Flowers—

...A Huge Success AND the Weather Cooperated!

Thank you to all those who helped Lutheran Community Services in April by purchasing plants, and flowers during the *Children Are Our Flowers Weekend*. Additionally your gifts to the May 4 Idaho Gives Day raised almost \$7000 to support the teaching of Positive Action and Life Skills to our young people in the Treasure Valley. We couldn't do the work we do without YOU! Your continual support, encouragement, and your prayers are so greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Love Your City 2017—

Organizations that we will be serving:

- Caldwell & Vallivue School Districts
- Hope's Door
- YWAM Refugee Welcome Center
- CATCH
- Idaho Youth Ranch
- Salvation Army
- Head Start
- Boise Rescue Mission

...and more!

There will also be two evening events for people who work during the day - August 7 & 9 at 6:30 PM. We will be filling backpacks, making blessing bags, and covering pillows.

Sign up at the registration table at church
or use the form below!

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)
Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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DOWN	BUSINESS	BEAR	MASTER
LAY	FATHER	LIFE	REMAIN
SERVANTS	GREATER	COMMAND	CHOSE



Participant Registration

Name: _____
Phone #: _____ Special Diet? _____

What type of work are you willing to do?

- Preparing Meals
- Warehouse Work
- Painting
- Cleaning
- Yard Work
- Put me anywhere!

Shirts \$8

Adult Sizes:
 Small _____
 Medium _____
 Large _____
 X-Large _____
 2X _____

Kids Sizes:
 Small _____
 Medium _____
 Large _____
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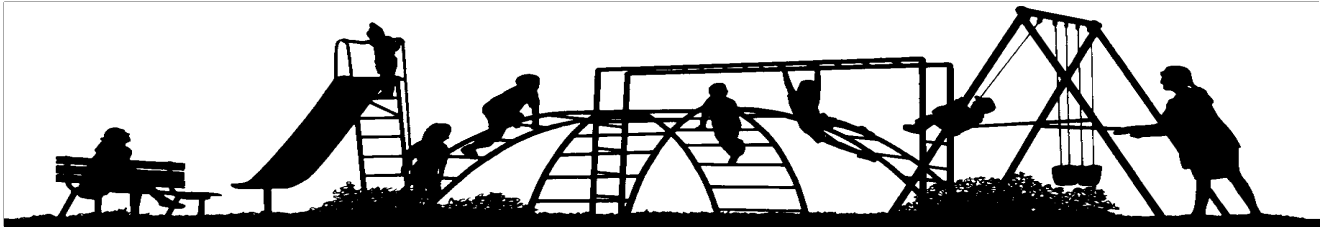
August 7-11

Days you are available to work

(please circle)

M T W Th F

Evenings: M W



Grace Lutheran Preschool

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!

Check out our website gracelutherancaldwell.org for school information.

Three/Four Year Old Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Fee: \$85

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2017)

Monthly Tuition: \$85

September - May

Four/Five Year Old Class

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Registration Fee: \$125

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2017)

Monthly Tuition: \$125

September - May

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.

We're Going Back To School



Tuesday
September 5TH

LOVE your CITY

all families are invited to
PARTICIPATE IN
LOVE YOUR CITY
AUGUST 7-11

THERE ARE SERVICE PROJECTS FOR ALL AGES
HOPE'S DOOR, CATCH, CARDWELL & VAILLUE SCHOOLS & MORE!

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28



Bring your Backpacks
for the special blessing on
Sunday, August 27 at 10:30
and receive your family blessing
packet for the
2017-18 school year



Camp Grace Summer Sunday School

Adult Facilitators needed
Aug. 20, 27 & Sept. 3
Sign up to serve for just one
Sunday of the summer!

Thank you for serving:
**Hope Farrell, Riley
Hubach, Karen Southard,
& Becky Parry**

Thank you to everyone gave their time during VBS!


Mark & Ellie Elli, Nancy Hoffmann, Connie Stadick, Leah Guelker, Linda Symms, Pam Burns, Tara Daniel, Colleen & Chelsea Fuller, Peggy Schroeder, Ken & Carol McIntyre, Peggy Ledington, Patti Lawson, Brenda Talbot, Faith Teach, Becky Walling, Amanda Gigray, Mike & Lillian Pierce, Julie Christiansen, Cathy Reinke, Carolyn Bryden

YOUTH:

Maddie & Olivia Elli, Logan Miller, Jessi Hough, Javi Lujan, Conner & Liam Gigray, Jake & Emma Daniel, Aubrey Charlesworth, Ella Hubach, Emiley, Tanner & Dustin Walling, Dylan & Conner Shields, Greg Farrell, Sunshine Bryden, Maddison Mar, Morganne Gigray, Kelsey Hereau, Danielle Crowe, Alli Parry



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:45 pm Exercise	2 Bulletin Deadline	3 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm <i>Council</i>	4	5 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
6 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion Greeters: Don & Karen Southard	7 6:30pm Love Your City evening event	8 5:45 pm Exercise	9 Bulletin Deadline	10 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	11	12 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
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13 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship <i>Voter's Meeting</i> Greeters: Available	14	15 1 st Day of School – Caldwell & Notus 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm <i>Elder's</i>	16 Bulletin Deadline	17 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	18	19 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
20 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion Greeters: Bruce & Pam Burns	21 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 10 am – 1pm in Idaho	22 Newsletter Deadline 1 st Day of School – Homedale, Parma & Marsing 5:45 pm Exercise	23 Bulletin Deadline 1 st Day of School – Vallivue, & Nampa	24 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	25	26 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
27 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Backpack Blessing Greeters: Don & Kay Braun	28	29 7:00 pm Preschool Parent Information Night	30 Bulletin Deadline	31 10:00 am Preschool Open House 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	