



Grace Newsletter

November 2017

Voter's Meeting—

Our next voter's meeting will be on Sunday, November 12th. The meeting will include the annual election of officers. In preparation for the election, a nominations committee consisting of the chair of all boards, the congregational chairman and the pastor as advisory will meet in early November to begin forming a slate of candidates. As a group, they will agree on members to be called to ask if they would consider being nominated for a particular office.

Board positions needing to be filled include 2 elders, 2 outreach, 2 trustee, 2 stewardship, 3 education and 1 preschool. Those who have completed a three-year term are eligible to be nominated to serve again. Boards require a minimum number of members to operate (usually 3 or 4 people but if others are interested; having 5 or 6 on a board is a good thing!). Members are invited to prayerfully consider how they might wish to serve and convey your interest to one of the nominations committee members: Steve Nisula, Dick Ledington, Dave Henderson, Mark Elli, Mike Houston & Lillian Pierce. Grace has plenty of members whose talents and abilities could be used for building up the church through this service. If you would like a description of a particular board and its responsibilities please contact Hope Farrell. Descriptions are available electronically or hard copy.

Also this is the time for members who are not voters to become voting members. If you are interested in becoming a voting member please contact Pastor Brooks or Steve Nisula.

Consideration also needs to be given to whom will fill our Church Officer positions for 2018.



Potluck A potluck will be served before the meeting. If your last name begins with the letters:
A-F, bring a salad
G-L, bring a dessert
M-R bring a meat dish
S-Z, bring a hot side dish

Stomp Out Human Trafficking—



Donate your gently used shoes ANY SIZE (CHILDREN to ADULT) to help Stomp Out Human Trafficking. Donated shoes will be given to INsideOUT (a non-profit that works against human trafficking in Idaho).

Please no rips or holes in the shoes. If they have laces, please tie the shoes together

There will be a collection box in the entry way of the church.

Daylight Savings Time Ends—

Remember to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 4. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 5.



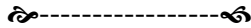
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“Lives of Giving Thanks”

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 107:1)

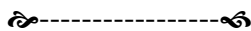
In our nation, the month of November is synonymous with Thanksgiving. Governor Bradford of Massachusetts made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation three years after the Pilgrims settled in Plymouth.



Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

William Bradford
Ye Governor of Ye Colony



It's a wonderful thing to be able to set aside a day on which we take time to thank our God for all the blessings He has poured out on us. I remember bringing home pictures of brightly colored pumpkins and turkeys when I was in grade school. And I'm already seeing many of the items that make up the traditional Thanksgiving dinner going on sale.

As the people of God we...live our whole lives giving thanks.

However, as God's children we are very familiar with giving thanks to God – not just on one token day but regularly and often. As the people of God we know that we are privileged to live our whole lives giving thanks.

We read many times these words (or very similar words) in the Old Testament: *“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”* And in the book of Revelation the multitude that surround the throne of God cry *“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor*

and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

This privilege is uniquely ours as God's people of faith. Martin Luther expressed so well in his explanation to the First Article of the Apostles Creed that we can give God thanks for our “body and soul, eyes, ears and all our members...and that He richly and daily provides us with all we need to support this body and life.”

But the biggest reason we have to give thanks is the fact that, for the Christian, each day is a new beginning as God says to us, “You are my child and you are forgiven.”

That particular blessing is possible because of another Thanksgiving Day. Not the one that took place in a tiny English colony, but one that took place nearly two thousand years ago in a tiny upper room. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and shared it with those gathered there.

That first, truly Christian, Thanksgiving (or Eucharist which is the Greek word for thanksgiving) was celebrated by Jesus and His disciples the night before He would be arrested, taken to trial, condemned and hung on a cross where He would die for you and me. And it is the Thanksgiving meal we are given the privilege to celebrate regularly as His family as we receive again the benefits of Jesus passion and death.

Our God is a great God and worthy to be praised. We can declare *“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”*

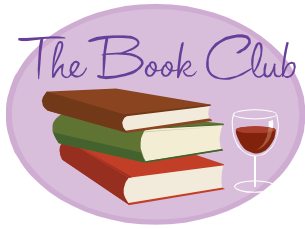
Yes, it's nice to set aside a day to give thanks to God. But it is so much more joyful to know that each and every day is a Thanksgiving Day for us, His children.

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

Pastor Brooks



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, Nov. 22
at 7:00 pm



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, November 19 at 6:30pm. Meeting place will be at Connie Stadick's residence. We will be reading and discussing: Twice Pardoned by Harold Morris

Summary: "In this graphic personal account, the author relives the horrors of prison existence as he faced two life sentences on false charges. His testimony of gaining parole and pardon has a great impact on teens and parents. "A miracle from the Lord", he says.

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—

The next monthly meeting for Concordia Circle/LWML will be on Monday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to join. The meeting will be hosted by Mary Etta Fredrickson with devotions by Connie Stadick.

Council Meeting—

The council meeting for this month will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. All board leaders are encouraged to attend.

Elder Meeting—

The Elder's meeting for this month will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.

New Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:

Goliath Must Fall: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants led by Amy Hubach. It's likely you have a threatening giant in your life...an adversary or stronghold that's diminishing your ability to live a full and free life. Frozen in the grip of rejection, fear, anger, comfort, or addiction, we lose sight of the promise God has for our lives. Demoralized and defeated, we settle for far less than his best. God has a better plan for you, a plan for you to live in victory. That's why he has silenced your giant once and for all.

In *Goliath Must Fall*, Pastor Louie Giglio uncovers a newfound twist in the classic story of David and Goliath. The key to living free from our giants is not better slingshot accuracy, but keeping our eyes on the one and only giant-slayer—Jesus. Put your hope in him and watch Goliath fall.



Jr. High Winter SnowJam

What could be better than GaGa ball at Summer Camp? Tubing at Winter Camp! And Broomball! And snow-shoeing! And some amazing time with Jesus! Come to Camp Perkins Junior High Retreat to play in the snow, eat great food, sit by a warm fire, build new friendships, bond with your youth group and get to know Jesus through Bible study, worship, and close community.

Retreat Details

For grades 6-9

SnowJam 1: Jan 5-7, 2018

SnowJam 2: Jan 26-28, 2018

Limited to 45 people each session.

***Jr High youth must register with a youth group.**

Cost: \$100/person early registration

(\$110 if registering within 14 days of event)

Men's Weekend

Ignore your cell phone (which doesn't work at camp anyway!) Play cards next to the fire. And start training now for the Pong-a-thon Tournament. Eat meat and relax for a movie night. Snowshoe and cross country ski the groomed trails or explore some of the best backcountry skiing terrain invites some sweet turns in fresh powder! Barrel down the tubing run! Snowmobile in the powder or on the trails of the Sawtooth Mountains - bring your own or rent one from Smiley Creek Lodge!

Winter Weekend Details

February 23-25, 2018

Cost:

Cost: \$115/person early registration

(\$125 if registering within 14 days of event)

Craft Retreats

Grab your scrapbooks, quilts, and sewing machines. Muster all of your creativity and get ready to craft your weekend away at Camp Perkins' annual Women's Crafting Retreat. Relax in the Camp Perkins community and have a massage while you are at it!

Retreat Details

January 12-14 or 15, 2018

February 9-11 or 12, 2018

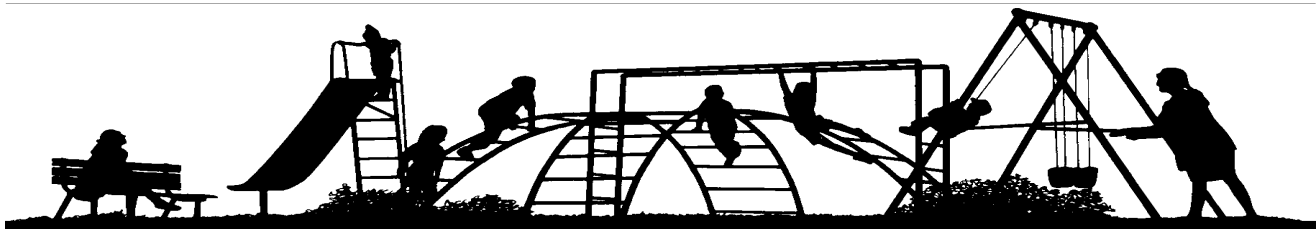
2 Nights:

\$125/person

3 Nights:

\$150/person

***Cost: \$115/\$140 person early registration**



Grace Lutheran Preschool

Our Mission Statement:

“To facilitate the love of God, promote emotional, social and intellectual growth and the physical well-being of each child.”

Important Dates This Month

Nov. 6 – 9	Conferences
Nov. 20 – 24	Thanksgiving Break

4 Year Old Class

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Our class has been learning about Joseph's coat of many colors, how his brothers betrayed him, he became a slave, and how his dreams helped save Egypt. Devotions tied in with the Bible verses. “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” Matt 7:12. Baby Moses was next with, “My help comes from the Lord, maker of Heaven & Earth.” Psalm 121:2. Then came Moses and the burning bush, “God said, ‘I am who I am.’”, Exodus 3:14. We ended with the plagues; and the importance of the blood of a Lamb on the doorframes so the Lord would pass over them, “Let my people go.” Exodus 7:16

Our letters were I, U, C and we reviewed the five letters we've already learned. They are getting better at recognizing letters by the sound it makes. Our students are improving their math skills by counting, sorting, and making patterns. We worked on positional words including inside, outside, up, down, top, bottom, over, and under. One of the things we did for individual teacher/student time was make two silly candy corn people, one for their sponsor and one to

decorate the hallway. The three in one gave opportunity to discuss the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the Trinity. This craft specifically focused on sizes small, medium, large, and positional words top, middle, bottom, along with cutting and pasting skills.



Our crafts were: Joseph's coat made with colorful pieces of fabric, a black bat, candy corn sun catchers, baby Moses in a basket made out of a brown coffee filter, masking tape mummies, a burning bush with fire colored tissue paper, frog masks, a q-tip skeleton, and painting. We ended the month with painting and carving pumpkins and studying how they grow. We emphasized how a Jack O' lantern represents Jesus' light shining in us.



A big thank you to Will Gigray for discussing fire safety and letting us tour the fire truck. Thank you to those who help make the Oktoberfest & Carnival a success. Thank you to those who participated in the Trunk or Treat, everyone enjoyed it.

With the help of Jesus' light,  
Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti

### 3 Year Old Class

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For October, Bible stories included the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, and Joseph (his colorful coat, his dreams, and his forgiveness towards his brothers). We made paper plate spiders, webs of string, cotton ball ghost's, paper black cats, and popsicle stick pumpkins. We painted a tree, constructed an ark & rainbow picture, & used water to make marker ink run and design Joseph's coat. Thank you to firefighter, Will Gigray, for spending time with the children and teaching them that even though firefighters may look scary that they are their friends and that they are there to help. The children really enjoyed sitting in the firetruck.

This month's bible verse is "Give thanks to the Lord", Psalm 136:1. Stories will include: the Ten Lepers, David & Goliath, & the Ten Commandments. We will focus on the color brown, the oval shape, the letters U, C, & O, and the numbers 7, 8, & 9. We will also include the season of Fall, hibernation, & Thanksgiving.



This month is going to be just as full of events and learning as last month was. We are looking forward to meeting with parents/guardians during conferences this month. Conferences will be held after school. We will also be hosting a mini Thanksgiving feast for each of the classrooms. We will have a sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring a dish to share. During the last week of November we will be starting our exploration of various countries. Children will be making a passport and getting it stamped as they visit a different country each day. They will get to sample different foods, learn about each country and their flag.

We have three birthdays this month. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Thom, (the 6th), Nora, (the 11th) and Jossiah, (the 14th).



Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray

Funny Turkey

The turkey is a funny bird
Its head goes bobble-bobble;

And all he knows is just one word..
And that is GOBBLE-GOBBLE!



1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.



Intergenerational Dinner

hosted by youth 6th-12th grade & their families

Wednesday, November 8 @ 6 P.M

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served

All adults 60 & older are invited to attend



High School Retreat at Grace, Caldwell

November 10-12

With Grace, Pocatello and Friendship Celebration

Our youth can choose to participate in the
lock-in only (\$30) or the entire retreat (\$75)

Questions? Contact Amy



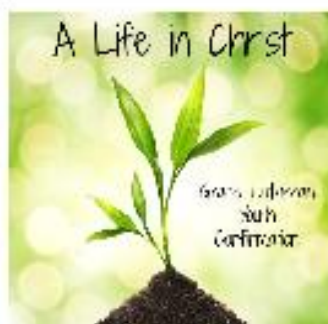
Middle School Ministry

will be combined for November/December

We will meet

Monday, December 4th @ 6:30 PM

**Please keep
Maya and Amy
in your prayers as they travel
to Hong Kong
to teach English
Nov. 14-26**





Every
Sunday
12 PM to 2 PM
Questions?
Contact Pastor



Nov. 5 & 12 Bible Study

No Bible Study 19 & 26

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30 am 3's Preschool Chapel Bulletin Deadline 7:30 Choir Practice	2 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	3	4 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J "Turn Back Clocks"
5 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm High School Bible Study Greeters: James & Julie Downen	6 <i>Preschool: 3's</i> 7:00 pm LWML/Concordia Circle	7 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel 10:00 am Women's Bible Study at Grace 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Donna Steiger's	8 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Intergenerational Dinner NO Choir Practice	9 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council	10 High School Retreat 10th-12th	11 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
12 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship <i>Potluck & Voter's Meeting</i> 6:30 pm High School Bible Study Greeters: Jim & Mary Freeland	13 <i>Preschool: 3's</i>	14 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 10:00 am Women's Bible Study at Grace 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Donna Steiger's	15 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 Choir Practice	16 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	17	18 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
19 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm High School Bible Study 7:00 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Larry & Mary Etta Fredrickson	20 <i>No Preschool</i>	21 <i>No Preschool</i> 5:45 pm Exercise No Women's Bible Study	22 <i>No Preschool</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	23 Thanksgiving Day <i>No Preschool</i> 	24	25 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
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