



Grace Newsletter

February 2018

Human Sex Trafficking—

As mentioned last month we will be taking the year of 2018 to educate and become involved in the fight against Human Trafficking, specifically, Sex Trafficking. What is Human Sex Trafficking? "Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and globally.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Taken from: <https://sharedhope.org/the-problem/faqs/>

What is the difference between a pimp and a trafficker?

Nothing. A pimp is another name for a trafficker. A trafficker/pimp is any person who causes an adult (using force, fraud or coercion) or any minor to engage in commercial sex in order to profit from the exploitation of that individual.

What makes a child vulnerable to sex trafficking?

Age. Age is the primary factor of vulnerability. Pre-teen or adolescent girls are more susceptible to the calculated advances, deception, and manipulation tactics used by traffickers/pimps – no youth is exempt from falling prey to these tactics. Traffickers target locations youth frequent such as social media sites, schools, malls, parks, bus stops, shelters and group homes. Runaway or homeless youth as well as those with a history of physical and sexual abuse may have an increased risk of being trafficked.

Internet Safety Threats. Pimps are continually trolling the internet posing as a teen girl or boy interested in friendship. The relationship is developed without threat until the unsuspecting child agrees to meet them, to send compromising photos or shares their deepest secrets with them. That's when the predator can move in and begin to separate them from their safety nets.

Throughout the year, speakers and organizations will be invited to Grace to share on statistics and what is happening in our valley. We will also talk about this issue on a global scale. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the planning process, please talk to Pastor or Amy.



2018 Flower Calendar—

This year's calendar is available for people to select their favorite date or dates for placing flowers on the altar. It is hanging on the bulletin board just outside Amy's office.

In Honor Of

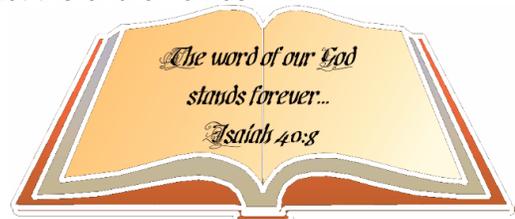


Just Because

Note: the calendar this year is a reusable dry erase calendar. Please be careful not to wipe off the dates or other entries and to use only the dry erase marker provided.

Online sermons—

Sunday & mid-week sermons are available at www.gracelutherancaldwell.org. If you missed a Sunday and would like to know what the sermon was about you can listen to Pastor Brook's sermons on-line. The sermons are located under the RESOURCES tab. Once there click on SERMONS. This will bring you to a menu of sermons listed by the latest date. You are also welcome to leave comments on the website if you are so inclined. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



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“Lent 2018”

“Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, ‘God is love.’ He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.” (LSB 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died)

Wow! The first month of 2018 is almost gone already!! It seems like we just got through putting away the Christmas decorations and already making plans for the next significant event of the Church Year: Lent.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which is February 14th. How appropriate that we begin to observe God’s greatest act of love on the day dedicated to love – Valentine’s Day. This year will focus our hearts and minds on Jesus in two ways.

“The Crosses of Lent”

It’s been said about preaching that, if we aren’t talking about the cross of Jesus Christ, we are off the subject. This is especially true for the season of Lent. This year we’re going to really focus on this topic.

Crosses come in many shapes. Some have been designed by artists and some by executioners! This year we will consider the themes of nine different crosses in our Wednesday evening services as well as on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and one of our Easter services. Each of these relate to a significant aspect of Jesus’ suffering and death and what that accomplished for us.

The history of each of the Crosses of Lent – the Crosses of Prophecy, Humility, Hope, Regeneration, Suffering, Mission, Redemption, Passion and Victory – will enable us to appreciate anew the rich meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ.

This year we are offering you to a gift made by different members of the congregation – a handmade cross in the shape of the cross described each week and a shadow box in which hang them. We believe this will be a wonderful way of thinking about and meditating on the meaning of Lent as well as a way of sharing the story of Jesus with friends and neighbors who see it in your home. We hope it will be something you will wish to have on display all year-round.

I pray you will all have the opportunity to attend these services and that they are a blessing to you.

“The Gospel in Seven Words”

On the Sundays in Lent we will be doing something I have never tried before.

Imagine that a friend or family member who is unfamiliar with your Christian faith asks you to summarize the gospel. They aren’t looking for a laundry list of doctrines and they have no interest in

hearing you recite the Apostles’ Creed. They want to get to the heart of the matter. “In seven words or less,” they say, “tell me what you believe as a Christian.”

In business they refer to this as the “elevator speech. You might also think of it as a way “Twitter” speech. Twitter only allows you 140 characters per message. What would you say? How would you put it? Are you be prepared to confess your faith in Jesus?

To be a Christian is to “*believe with your heart*” and “*confess with your mouth*” the good news of God’s love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9–10). Peter calls us to be prepared always “*to give a reason for the hope*” we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). We have the best news in the world to share! But are we prepared to share it?

During this season of Lent, I’m inviting you to intentionally think about how to share this good news which is so important. The Sundays in Lent will serve as opportunities to consider the many ways in which the Scriptures proclaim Jesus. Then, during the week, I’m asking each of you to work on your own summary, with the hope that all of us are more prepared to share the good news of Jesus. And believe me, I’m going to be working on this right along with you.

My prayer is that this will be not only an opportunity for us to grow in our faith but a way we can “take away” a very practical, useful, and personal statement on why Jesus is important to me.

I pray God’s blessings for you as we prepare to walk through Lent, living life out our faith together in this broken world and I’ll see you in church.

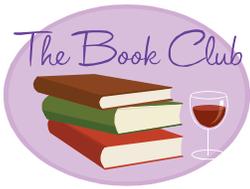
Pastor Brooks

Let’s Read through the Bible again!

I’m inviting our Grace Community to participate in another “Reading Through the Bible” opportunity. We did this a couple of years ago with a plan to read through the Bible in one year. I have to confess that was a bit aggressive, even for me.

Now, instead of reading through the Bible in one year, we are providing a plan to do this in three years. Each month you will find a “Through the Bible” plan on the back of the calendar. We will also provide the same plan in church printed on card stock. As you complete each day just check the box. If you get behind, don’t worry, it will be much easier to catch up with this plan.

I pray this serves as a blessing for everyone as we continue to grow together in God’s Word. ***Pastor B***



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, **February 18** at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Lorene Schuster's residence. We will be reading and discussing "The Boat Runner" by Devin Murphy.

Summary: In the tradition of *All The Light We Cannot See* and *The Nightingale*, comes an incandescent debut novel about a young Dutch man who comes of age during the perilousness of World War II. Beginning in the summer of 1939, fourteen-year-old Jacob Koopman and his older brother, Edwin, enjoy lives of prosperity and quiet contentment. Many of the residents in their small Dutch town have some connection to the Koopman lightbulb factory, and the locals hold the family in high esteem. On days when they aren't playing with friends, Jacob and Edwin help their Uncle Martin on his fishing boat in the North Sea, where German ships have become a common sight. But conflict still seems unthinkable, even as the boys' father naively sends his sons to a Hitler Youth Camp in an effort to secure German business for the factory. When war breaks out, Jacob's world is thrown into chaos. *The Boat Runner* follows Jacob over the course of four years, through the forests of France, the stormy beaches of England, and deep within the secret missions of the German Navy, where he is confronted with the moral dilemma that will change his life—and his life's mission—forever.

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.



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Concordia Circle/LWML will meet Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Connie Stadick is hosting and devotions will be given by Sherrie Prien. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Barbara James with any questions.

Next Council Meeting—

Is on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30pm. All board chairs are encouraged to attend.

Next Elder's Meeting—

Is on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 6pm.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study—

Starting Tuesday, February 13th this group will be meeting at Karen Waits' residence and studying "Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men". This study was created by writer Donna Pyle and Artesian Ministries. This is an eight week study with video presentation featuring Donna Pyle.



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)

Russian Romance!

Presented by TREBELLE—

Enjoy piano trios by Rachmaninoff, Borodin, and Rimsky-Korsakov

Performed by Jennifer Dunn, violin, Robyn Wells, piano, and Heidi Nagel, cello.

Saturday, February 10, 7:30 pm
College of Idaho, Jewett Auditorium, Caldwell

Sunday, February 11, 3:00 pm
Eagle United Methodist Church

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 pm
Cathedral of the Rockies

Suggested Donation: \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors



Grace Lutheran Preschool

REMAINING 2017-2018 CALENDAR

February 5 – 9	Lutheran School's Week (Recognition)
February 11	Children Sing – Sunday Service
March 26 – 30	Spring Break
April 24 – 26	Conferences
May 17	Last Day of School
May 17	Celebration Program

In celebration of Lutheran School's week all preschool families are invited to attend our Sunday worship service on February 11th at 10:30 a.m. The preschool children will be singing and after services you are welcome to join us downstairs for flap jacks!



Please have your child at the preschool by 10:15 a.m.
A free will donation will be taken to help raise money to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering.



4 Year Old Class

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Hard to believe that we're into the second semester of school already. We started the new year learning about the wise men visiting Jesus. Our Bible verses were: The wise men visited Jesus. Matt. 2:1-12, God is an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4, Whoever believes in me will be saved. Mark 16:16, and This is my Son that I love. Matt. 3:17

They're working on letters R, K, A, M, and N. The students are doing great with sorting, counting, addition and subtraction. The numbers we focused on for Math were 4, 5, 6, and 7. They enjoy learning about order and what comes before, after, or next whether in a story or with numbers. We're working on more and fewer and several positional words; rug games are a good way to help them retain what they've learned. The majority of the students have mastered the letter sounds out of order, and some are reading small words.

Hibernation was a popular topic this month, it was fun for them to figure out which animals hibernate. Our crafts were: water coloring pictures of wise men, paper penguins, pinecone bird feeders, red handprint birds on trees, built upon a rock craft with sandpaper, baptism shell, and angels with doilies, counting and making snowflakes with shapes, decorating a king's crown, M is for mouse, and Jesus' baptism with blue jello. The students are such a blessing.

In His grace, Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti

### 3 Year Old Class

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During January we were busy making paper snowmen, glittering snow globes, cups of cocoa (with marshmallows), colorful paint monsters, snow (from hair conditioner and baking soda), a paper craft of Jesus being baptized, practicing our scissor skills, playing with shaving cream and making green play dough from yellow and blue. We may have missed listing a craft or two so keep a lookout in your child's backpack for their crafts as we sometimes wait to send them home all at once when the month is over.

We ate cinnamon rolls, shortbread cookies, honey on saltine crackers, grasshopper legs (made from peanut butter, butterscotch morsels, & chow mein noodles), cheese snowman, Ritz cracker faces, pretzel snowflakes & scones with jam. We hope the children are enjoying the variety of snacks offered, I know we have fun kidding them about some of the names of the snacks and what they actually are. They seem to get a "kick" out of it.

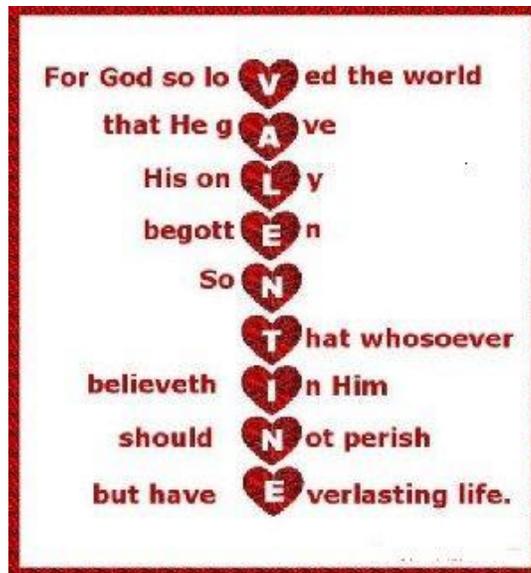
We have started using children name tags (without their animals) for exit cues. It is amazing seeing children recognizing not only their own name but their classmates name as well.

We welcomed three new students to our preschool in January: Bella & Carson to our Monday/Wednesday class and Owen to our Tuesday/Thursday class. We are looking forward to getting to know them and teaching them all about the love that Jesus has for them. We are blessed to have a total of 21 students now.

This month's bible verse is "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, & mind." Deuteronomy 6:5. We will talk about some of the wonderful miracles that Jesus performs (healing people, turning water to wine, walking on water etc...). In recognition of Lutheran School's week we are asking our children to sing on Sunday, February 11, during our church service. The songs will have been sent home the last week of January so if you do not have the songs please let us know so we can get you a copy. We will also focus on the colors pink, the heart shape, the letters B, R, K, & A, and the numbers 14, 15, & 16. We will also be discussing nutrition and what foods are good for you and not so good for you. We will be having a Valentine's Day party on February 14th and 15th. A list of the children's names will be sent home this month.

A special **"thank you"** to Mrs. Lillian Pierce for coming and teaching for the first 1 and ½ weeks of school in January. Mrs. Farrell was away taking care of her mother who went to be with our Lord on January 11.

Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray



FRIDAY, FEB. 23 AT 6 PM

Family MOVIE NIGHT



IN THE SANCTUARY - DISNEY'S INSIDE OUT



Flap Jack Sunday!
February 11
During the fellowship hour

All funds raised will go toward the National Youth Gathering

A Life in Christ



Grace Lutheran
Youth
Confirmation

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY
4, 11, 18 & 25

ALL YOUTH FLOWER DELIVERY

TO THE RESIDENTS OF AUTUMN WINDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
11:30 AM
EAT SOME PIZZA BEFORE WE GO!

...THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER...
GALATIANS 5:13



MSM

February 19 @ 6:30 PM

Snacks, Games & Bible Study

Middle School Ministry

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

WINTER RETREAT

High School Winter Retreat

At Camp Perkins

March 2-4 Cost: \$100

Register by Feb. 15

Chaperones NEEDED



HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS
6:30-8 PM
YOUTH ROOM

February 11, 18 & 25 No Bible Study on February 4

February 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>Mark 1:11 - And a voice came from heaven:</p> <p>“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”</p>				<p>1 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion 12:00 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>No High School Bible Study Greeters: Alex & Sarah Kroll</p>	<p>5 <i>Preschool: 3's</i></p> <p>7:00 pm LWML/Concordia Circle</p>	<p>6 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Janet Brooks'</p>	<p>7 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p> <p>11:30 am Flower Delivery at Autumn Wind see page 6</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Preschool Children Singing 11:30 am Flapjack Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm High School Bible Study Greeters: Sharon Lewis Flo Hopkins</p>	<p>12 <i>Preschool: 3's</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study Karen Waits</p>	<p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY Valentine's Day <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Ash Wed. Service Choir Practice after Service</p>	<p>15 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30 pm High School Bible Study Greeters: David & Vicki Lewis</p>	<p>26 <i>Preschool: 3's</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits</p>	<p>28 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Hymn Sing & Midweek Lenten Service Choir Practice after Service</p>			