



Grace Newsletter

March 2018

Human Sex Trafficking—

As previously communicated we will be taking the year of 2018 to educate and become involved in the fight against Human Trafficking.

Pornography undoubtedly perpetuates the commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls in America, yet the exact role it plays linking the two remains a hotly contested topic. It is commonly known in the anti-trafficking field that 80% of survivors report that their customers showed them pornography to illustrate the kinds of sexual acts they want performed.

Pornography is also used by traffickers to train sex trafficking victims about various sexual acts and situations buyers prefer. Besides being forced to watch pornography, victims of sex trafficking often have a much more violent and personal interaction through forced performance in the industry. There are multiple reasons traffickers' force victims into pornography, the top three are listed below.

1. *Traffickers force girls into pornography for psychological control.
2. *Traffickers force girls into pornography for a greater financial gain.
3. *Pornography is in and of itself a form of sex trafficking.

To read more, please go to:

<http://humantraffickingsearch.org/the-connection-between-sex-trafficking-and-pornography/>



Boise Rescue Mission Can Castle—

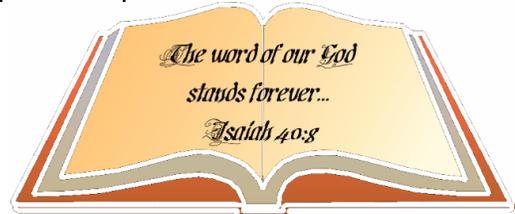
It's that time of year again! It's time to build a can castle! Actually a water castle! This year Grace will be collecting cases of water. During the month of March, please consider donating a case of water or two. There will be a barrel in the entry way of church to place the water in or beside. Thanks!

Host Families Needed—

The Trinity High School Choir from Bend, OR is touring and is in need of housing on Tuesday, March 27. They will be coming in from Pocatello around 5:30/6:00 PM and need a place to sleep, shower & have breakfast. The choir is heading home the next morning. There are a total of 50 people traveling in the group. If you can offer a place for 2-3 or more people to stay for a night please contact the office.

Online sermons—

Sunday & mid-week sermons are available at www.gracelutherancaldwell.org. 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. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



Change Your Clocks—

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 11. Move your clocks ahead one hour the evening before!



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“Our (continuing) Lenten Journey 2018”

*“Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?*

(LSB 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary, v. 2)

As you read this we're not quite half way through our Lenten journey. We began our annual trek to the cross of Good Friday and empty tomb of Easter as we observed Ash Wednesday on February 14.

The Gospel reading for the First Sunday in Lent is appropriately the account of Jesus' own forty day "journey" as He was tempted by the devil himself in the wilderness.

How brazen that the devil should think that he could seduce Jesus, the Son of God, into worshipping him. Yet that's what he did. And not just once, but three times.

And the remarkable thing about the devil's approach is that, as he tries to tempt Jesus, he quotes Scripture. He not only tries to make his temptation look, well, tempting, he also tries to make it justifiable by connecting it to the Word of God.

And yet, as he uses God's Word, he twists it. This is typical of the devil because he *"is a liar and the father of lies."* John 8:44

We know, of course, that Jesus didn't fall prey to the devil's temptation. Instead He was faithful to His Father. He stayed the course of accomplishing our salvation even though it meant suffering at the hands of those who hated Him and death on the cross.

But even though his temptations failed to keep Jesus from accomplishing our salvation that doesn't mean that he has given up his dirty, devious, diabolical, dishonest deeds. In fact, he has doubled down *"because he knows that his time is short!"*

Revelation 12:12. He has simply changed his target.

The bullseye he's aiming at now is your heart. He couldn't get Jesus so he's hell-bent on taking as many of God's creatures with him to destruction. And even though we know that we are safe in our Father's arms, the devil will continue to torment us and try to make our lives miserable because he hates God so much.

As a way of having strength to resist the evil one, I encourage you to avail yourself of the following opportunities to worship as we *"fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."* Hebrews 12:2

“The Crosses of Lent”

This series will continue through Easter Sunday. So far we've considered the Crosses of Prophecy and Humility. In the weeks to come we will be

*Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.”*

looking at the Crosses of Hope, Regeneration, Suffering, Mission, Redemption, Passion and Victory.

PLEASE NOTE: This year all of our weekday services will begin at 6:30 pm. In the past we've held our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7:00 pm but believe the earlier time will encourage families to participate. That extra half hour means a lot to those with homework or early bedtime schedules. Of course, we continue to meet for a light dinner on at 5:30 pm Wednesdays. And at 6:15 pm we meet in the sanctuary to sing hymns which you select.

“The Gospel in Seven Words”

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?

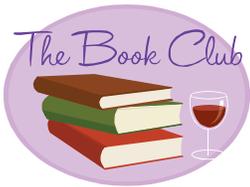
Each Sunday in we are looking at some of the ways the Scriptures tell the good news of Jesus. I'm asking you to think about why Jesus is important to you personally. The goal is for each of us to develop one or more ways to share the Gospel in just seven words with the hope that those seven words will spark a deeper conversation.

Reading Through the Bible in 3 years!

In February we began reading through the Bible again and provided a plan to do this in three years. Each month you will find a "Through the Bible" schedule on the back of the calendar. We also provide this at church printed on card stock. As you complete each day just check the box. If you get behind, don't worry, there will occasional catch up days built into this schedule.

I pray God's blessings for you as we continue to walk through Lent, living 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, **March 18** at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Carolyn Bryden's residence. We will be reading and discussing "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

Summary: Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hellish for all the slaves but especially bad for Cora; an outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is coming into womanhood - where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Matters do not go as planned and, though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted.

In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor - engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora and Caesar's first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven - but the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. Even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels. Forced to flee again, Cora embarks on a harrowing flight, state by state, seeking true freedom.

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.

WANT TO READ A GRACE BOOK CLUB BOOK?

The majority of the books previously read by Grace Book Club are available from the church library. The library is located downstairs off of the fellowship room. If you take a book simply return it when you have finished reading it.



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Concordia Circle/LWML will meet Monday, March 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.

2018 Utah-Idaho District Convention—

"Clothed in the Joy of the Lord!"

Mark your calendars. This year's convention is April 27-29 at Grace Lutheran High School in Pocatello, ID. Lodging available at Best Western Pocatello Inn.

For more information and registration forms, visit their website: UtahIdahoLWML.org or contact a local LWML society.

Western Zone LWML Spring Rally—

John 17:18 "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

The Spring Rally will be on Saturday, March 10 at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. and there is a \$3.00 suggested donation. Brunch will be served. Amy Hubach will be the Bible Study leader and guest speaker. There will be an ingathering to benefit the Salvation Army Community Family Shelter. Ingathering items are: all sizes of new underwear and socks for women, girls, boy, Mac&Cheese, canned soup, dry pinto beans and other canned food. Please contact Linda Larson at 208 899-3440 with any questions.

Idaho Author Showcase 2018—

This event will highlight six Idaho authors and their works, thoughts, and experience. Their books will be available for sale to the public.



When: Saturday, March 17th from 1-4PM

Where: Nampa Public Library – multi-purpose rooms A & B.

Authors Showcased:

- Joanne Pence – Cozy Mysteries
- Robin Lee Hatcher – Inspirational, Romance, & General Fiction
- Amanda Bonilla – Paranormal Romance
- Julie Weston – Western Mysteries & Idaho History
- Nan Kilmer Baker – Adult Biography
- Mark Asher – Birdcall Morning, Non-Fiction Dogs and their friends.

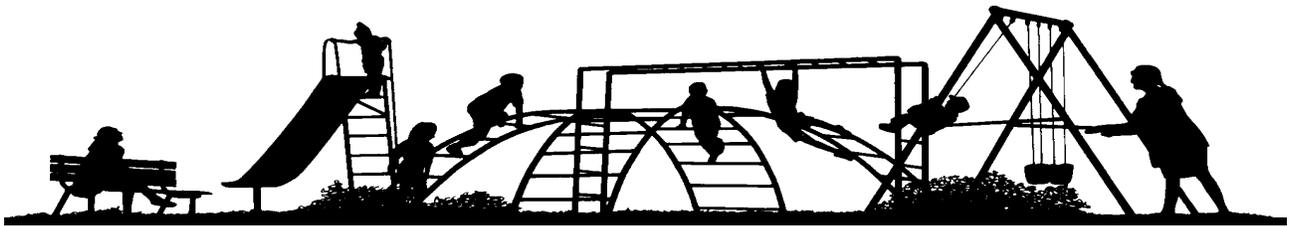
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You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.



Grace Lutheran Preschool

REMAINING 2017-2018 CALENDAR

March 26 – 30	Spring Break
April 24 – 26	Conferences
May 17	Last Day of School
May 17	Evening Celebration Program

4 Year Old Class

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These days, especially with the aid of technology, personal communication has become less prominent. The article below (<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/communication-parents.aspx>) gives helpful advice and suggestions to successfully communicate. It focuses on children, but can be used for all ages to help make communicating more sincere.

Be available for your children

- Notice times when your kids are most likely to talk - for example, at bedtime, before dinner, in the car - and be available.
- Start the conversation; it lets your kids know you care about what's happening in their lives.
- Find time each week for a one-on-one activity with each child, and avoid scheduling other activities during that time.
- Learn about your children's interests - for example, favorite music and activities - and show interest in them.
- Initiate conversations by sharing what you have been thinking about rather than beginning a conversation with a question.

Let your kids know you're listening

- When your children are talking about concerns, stop whatever you are doing and listen.
- Express interest in what they are saying without being intrusive.
- Listen to their point of view, even if it's difficult to hear.
- Let them complete their point before you respond.
- Repeat what you heard them say to ensure that you understand them correctly.

Respond in a way your children will hear

- Soften strong reactions; kids will tune you out if you appear angry or defensive.
- Express your opinion without putting down theirs; acknowledge that it's okay to disagree.
- Resist arguing about who's right. Instead say, "I know you disagree with me, but this is what I think."
- Focus on your child's feelings rather than your own during your conversation.

Remember:

- Ask your children what they may want or need from you in a conversation, such as advice, simply listening, help in dealing with feelings or help solving a problem.
- Kids learn by imitating. Most often, they will follow your lead in how they deal with anger, solve problems and work through difficult feelings.
- Talk to your children — don't lecture, criticize, threaten or say hurtful things.
- Kids learn from their own choices. As long as the consequences are not dangerous, don't feel you have to step in.
- Realize your children may test you by telling you a small part of what is bothering them. Listen carefully to what they say, encourage them to talk and they may share the rest of the story.

Parenting is hard work

- Listening and talking is the key to a healthy connection between you and your children. But parenting is hard work and maintaining a good connection with teens can be challenging, especially since parents are dealing with many other pressures. If you are having problems over an extended period of time, you might want to consider consulting with a mental health professional to find out how they can help.

In His Grace, Mrs. Christiansen and Ms. Patti

3 Year Old Class

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*During February we were busy celebrating Lutheran School's Week & Valentine's Day, learning about nutrition (healthy food/junk food), well-being (being healthy/being sick) and executing fun science experiments. .*

*For Lutheran School's Week the children sang in church on February 11 and did a wonderful job. We also had fun coming to school in our pajama's one day and wearing crazy hats and styling crazy hair another. We had fun decorating our Valentine's Day boxes with a hedgehog full of hearts and practicing our scissor skills cutting hearts. .*

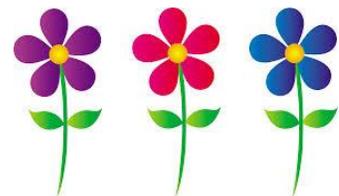
*We ate ice cream, grapes, graham crackers, strawberry smoothies, peaches, bananas, dill pickles, and jello for snack. (Most of these snacks were very healthy and just a couple of them not so much.)*

*The children got to spread "glitter" germs on their friends. They were being showed just how easily germs spread onto others from your hands that were just coughed into. We have been teaching them to cough into their arm/elbow area versus their hands and to keep their fingers away from their face.*

*This month's bible verse is "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6. We will talk about all of the events that led up to Jesus being crucified. When we return from Spring Break we will celebrate Easter which is all about Jesus rising and conquering death. April's topics of discussion will include Dr. Seuss (rhyming), St. Patrick's Day (a mischievous leprechaun), Fairy Tales, and the season of Spring. We will also focus on the colors purple, the triangle shape, the letters M, N, V, & W, and the numbers 17 & 18.*

*We pray that all those who are ill with the cold, the flu or whatever ailment that they recover and become healthy again. We have had several children ill and are very excited for the warm weather to come our way and for those germs to go away.*

Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray



# Bingo

## Friday, Night

March 9 at 6:30 PM

In the Fellowship Hall  
Baked Potato Bar Dinner

First BINGO card is free  
additional cost \$1 each

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

*Titus 3:5*

# MSM

March 19 @ 6:30 PM

Snacks, Games,  
Bible Study & Special Service Project

Middle School Ministry



Join us for worship during Holy Week  
pick up your special family devotional on Palm Sunday  
March 25: Palm Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:15AM

Worship @ 10:30 AM

March 29: Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

March 30: Good Friday @ 6:30 PM

Easter

Worship @ 7 AM & 10:30 AM

Breakfast @ 8 AM

Sunday School w/ Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:15 AM



## Confirmation

### March 18

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|----------------|---------------|
| Madeline Elli  | Olivia Elli   |
| Thomas Farrell | Jessica Hough |
| Ella Hubach    | Dalton Lewis  |
| Kolby Rau      | Jack Weymouth |



March 4 & 11

NO BIBLE STUDY 18 & 25

# March 2018

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Monday                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                            | Friday                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>4</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion<br>12:00 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:30 High School Bible Study<br><br>Greeters: Mark & Mary Kroll                       | <b>5</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's</i><br><br>4:15 pm Neighborhood Meeting – Special Use Permit<br>7:00 pm LWML/Concordia Circle | <b>6</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel<br><br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Janet Brooks'                                                                          | <b>7</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:15 pm Hymn Sing & Midweek Lenten Service<br>Choir Practice after Service  | <b>8</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><br>1:00 pm Quilters<br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>6:00 pm Theology on Tap  | <b>9</b><br><br>6:30 pm Bingo Night<br>See page 6   | <b>10</b><br><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J<br><u>9:00 am</u> Western Zone LWML Spring Even<br><b>Set your clock forward one hour at bedtime.</b> |
| <b>11 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br><br>12:00 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:30 pm High School Bible Study<br><br>Greeters: Jim & Anita Lindbloom | <b>12</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's</i>                                                                                          | <b>13</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study Karen Waits                                                                                                         | <b>14</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:15 pm Hymn Sing & Midweek Lenten Service<br>Choir Practice after Service | <b>15</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><br>1:00 pm Quilters<br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>7:30 pm Council         | <b>16</b>                                           | <b>17</b><br><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J                                                                                                       |
| <b>18 Confirmation Sunday</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion<br><br>No High School Bible Study<br>Greeters: Larry Lund<br>Richard Von Dach                      | <b>19</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's</i><br><br>6:30 pm MSM                                                                       | <b>20 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel<br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>6:00 pm Elder's<br>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits | <b>21</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:15 pm Hymn Sing & Midweek Lenten Service<br>Choir Practice after Service | <b>22</b><br><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br><br>1:00 pm Quilters<br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>6:00 pm Theology on Tap | <b>23</b>                                           | <b>24</b><br><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J                                                                                                       |
| <b>25 Palm Sunday</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br><br>No High School Bible Study<br>Greeters: Ty & Rene' Lyon                                                               | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>27</b><br><br>5:45 pm Exercise<br>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits                                                                                                                                         | <b>28</b><br><br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice                                                                                                           | <b>29</b><br><br><b>6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>                                                             | <b>30</b><br><br><b>6:30 pm Good Friday Service</b> | <b>31</b><br><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J                                                                                                       |