



Grace Newsletter

April 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.

Smuggling or trafficking?

People often confuse human trafficking and people smuggling. People smuggling is the illegal movement of people across international borders for a fee. On arrival, the smuggled person is free.

Human trafficking is different. The trafficker is moving a person for exploitation. There is no need to cross an international border. Human trafficking occurs at a national level, or even within one community.

Human trafficking in numbers

- 51% of identified victims of trafficking are women, 28% children and 21% men
- 72% people exploited in the sex industry are women
- 63% of identified traffickers were men and 37% women
- 43% of victims are trafficked domestically within national borders

(Estimates by [The United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#))



Next Elder's Meeting—

Is on Tuesday, April 10 at 6pm.

Next Council Meeting—

Is on Thursday, April 19 at 7:30pm.

Next Voter's Meeting—

Is on Sunday, May 20 after service.

Grace in Motion—



**Do you run or walk?
Do you run or walk in races?
Join Grace in Motion!**

You can join the Grace in Motion team for the following races:

- Idaho Wine Run** (Sept 8 2018)-any registrations already done can be changed to join the team.
- FitOne** (Sept 22 2018) registration opens on June 6th (\$20 for any distance on that day only)

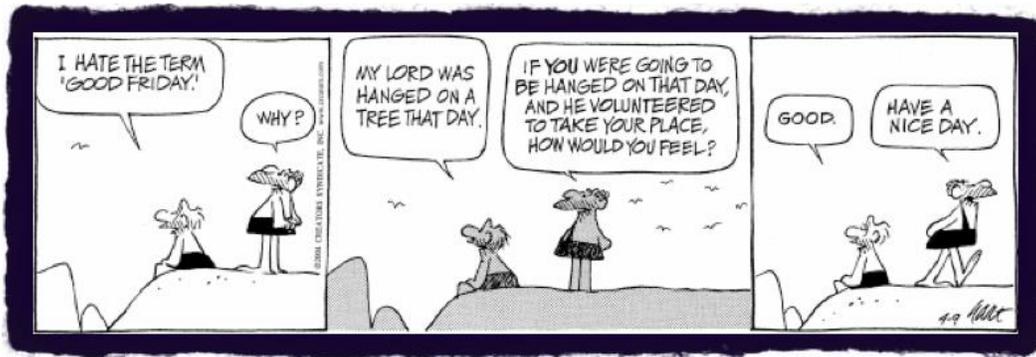
There will be more races to come! This is not about speed or winning - it's about encouraging one another, enjoying each other's company, getting to know one another outside of our church walls AND sharing with Grace with our communities.

Sign up for your FREE shirt today and pick up a Thrivent shirt along the way!

Questions? Contact Ty Lyon or Dawna James

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We ARE Winners!

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

As I write this, March Madness is in full swing. College basketball teams from all over the nation are either tasting the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat (if you remember watching *Wide World of Sports*, you're familiar with that phrase). It won't be long and there will be one team that feels they are on top of the world and another team that feels they have failed miserably.

I find that attitude interesting. The second place team always feels like terrible failures even though they've proven themselves to be better than every team but one.

Nobody wants to be the loser. We all want to be the winner. And that's what Easter is really all about. In Christ, we ARE winners! St. Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Cor. 15:55-57

On Good Friday a great contest took place. In fact, the greatest contest of all time took place as Jesus battled sin, death, and the devil in a life and death struggle. At the cross, Jesus was in a pitched battle with all the forces of hell. And the winner would get a sweet prize, indeed! At the cross, Jesus fought for all of mankind. And the prize was nothing less than eternal life in heaven for you and for me.

The prize was great...but so was the price. The price was the life of Jesus. On the cross Jesus died so that we might have life. That's why we call that day *Good Friday*. It wasn't good for Jesus but it was certainly good for us.

Letting your enemy kill you is certainly an odd way to gain a victory. And on Good Friday it certainly didn't appear that Jesus was much of a winner.

But if Satan was doing a victory lap that evening, He was a little premature! On that first Easter morning Jesus showed who really won the battle.

CFW Walther captured it so well in his Easter hymn, "He's Risen, He's Risen."

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain his hosts shouted and jeered,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones feared.

But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes;
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

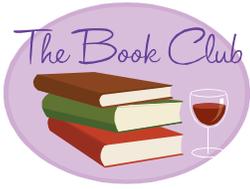
Jesus rising from the dead means that God's forgiveness has been won and the doors of heaven are open wide for all who by faith trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The message of Jesus' resurrection is one we can all be excited about as Jesus assures us: *"Because I live, you also will live."* John 14:19 This is the Good News that God wants everyone to know.

I pray God's blessings for you as we live out our faith together in Easter victory and I'll see you in church.

Pastor Brooks





The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, **April 22** at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Connie Stadick's residence. We will be reading and discussing "The Whole Town is Talking" by Fannie Flagg.

Summary: *Elmwood Springs, Missouri, is a small town like any other, but something strange is happening at the cemetery. Still Meadows, as it's called, is anything but still. Original, profound, The Whole Town's Talking, a novel in the tradition of Thornton Wilder's Our Town and Flagg's own Can't Wait to Get to Heaven, tells the story of Lordor Nordstrom, his Swedish mail-order bride, Katrina, and their neighbors and descendants as they live, love, die, and carry on in mysterious and surprising ways.*

Lordor Nordstrom created, in his wisdom, not only a lively town and a prosperous legacy for himself but also a beautiful final resting place for his family, friends, and neighbors yet to come. "Resting place" turns out to be a bit of a misnomer, however. Odd things begin to happen, and it starts the whole town talking.

With her wild imagination, great storytelling, and deep understanding of folly and the human heart, the beloved Fannie Flagg tells an unforgettable story of life, afterlife, and the remarkable goings-on of ordinary people. In The Whole Town's Talking, she reminds us that community is vital, life is a gift, and love never dies.

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, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Helen Carter is hosting and devotions will be given by Jacquie Rowen. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Barbara James with any questions.

14th Annual Prayer Walk—

The City of Caldwell and surrounding communities are hosting a prayer walk on Sat. April 14. Meet at 3:00 p.m. at Caldwell Memorial Part. There will be a potluck dinner & music starting at 4:00 p.m. after the walk. Please bring a dish to share. If you have questions please call Arlene Robinett at (208) 481-4568.



Shoes for kids in Uganda. Needed items:

- Denim Jeans
- Plastic folders
- Milk Jugs

Plastic items need to be flat and easy to cut out.

We will be cutting out shoes Saturday April 14, 10:00 AM in the Church Basement. For more information contact Carla Shields (208) 250-6447.

2018 Utah-Idaho District Convention—

"Clothed in the Joy of the Lord!"

This year's convention is April 27-29 at Grace Lutheran High School in Pocatello, ID. For registration forms, visit their website: UtahIdahoLWML.org.

There will be an ingathering for Camp Perkins. Items being collected are:

- Construction Paper
- Washable Markers
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Water Balloons
- Embroidery Floss
- Tempera Paint
- Sharpies



If you would like to donate to this cause, items may be given to a member of Concordia Circle or placed in the container in Narthex.

The Ladies of Concordia Circle will be

hosting a Women's Luncheon on May 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the church. The theme for the event is "Pick a Bag to Pack". All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Invite your friends to join you. Those attending are asked to pick a bag to pack and place items in a plastic bag and label it. The collected bags will be donated to Love INC of Treasure Valley.

The bags to choose from are:

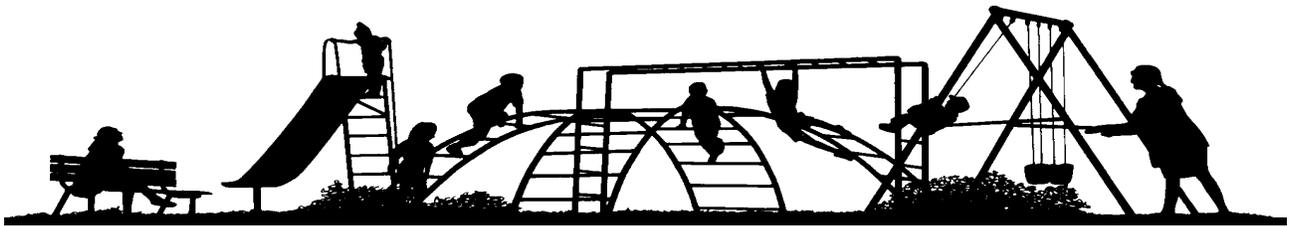
"SPOTLESS": small package of sponges, dish soap, roll of paper towel, small package trash bags.

"GOOD GROOMING": 2 rolls of toilet paper, box of Kleenex, 2 toothbrushes, regular size toothpaste.

You may include dental floss, Q-tips, cotton balls.

"SUDS & BUBBLES": 2 rolls of toilet paper, bar of soap, regular size shampoo, conditioner.

For more information contact Barbara James (208) 465-5084



Grace Lutheran Preschool

REMAINING 2017-2018 CALENDAR

April 24 – 26	Conferences
May 17	Last Day of School
May 17	Evening Celebration Program

4 Year Old Class

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Happy Spring! We had another great month! We started it by learning about Jesus walking on water, and made blue jello for our paper Jesus to walk on. It was a fun craft, and yummy snack. For St. Patrick's Day we glittered a Trinity clover, and discussed Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We set traps in attempt to catch a sneaky leprechaun; he got away, but left some tasty snacks.

Then we focused on Palm Sunday, and the kids made paper palm branches and waved them saying, "Hosanna, blessed is the King." as the students took turns riding the wheeled donkey. They enjoyed painting clothespins, which became legs for the donkeys they made. Then, we learned about the Last Supper and the disciples. Throughout the month some of their favorite crafts were: planting grass, painting a paper plate garden with carrots, created an ink blown tree with tissue paper cherry blossoms, golf ball painting, decorating a big paper Easter eggs with colorful torn paper, and using pastels to create a colorful background for a white cross. A coloring book of Lenten devotions was sent home with each students; we hope they're enjoying it. The month ended with the true meaning of Easter. God gave His only son that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life. John 3:16

We're mastering lowercase letters, matching them to upper case, and writing more words. For math our number review is centered on addition, subtraction, categorizing and recognizing a number by how it's spelled. The kids really enjoy the color by shape and color by number pages too. At recess we've taught them how to play red rover, leapfrog and red light, green light.

### Funnies

"I pulled my tooth out, even though the stump wasn't ready." - Korbyn  
He was referring to the 'root.'

I asked Hayven, "What did you have for breakfast?" She said, "cereal."  
"What kind?" She replied, "The sugary one."

I asked, "Do any of you dye eggs?"  
"No, because killing is bad." - Cooper

I said, "Please try one bite."  
"My tongue bits don't like Jello." - Gunner  
He was referring to his taste buds.

In His grace, Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti

### 3 Year Old Class

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We did our best to catch that mischievous little leprechaun but failed. Even though he took the gold he did leave some tasty treats for the children. The children were amazed when they saw that his footprints led to the restroom and indicated that he had used the potty. As each child walked thru the door that morning the explanation of the leprechaun's visit was repeated excitedly by the children. We will try again next year.

We also spent time reading "fairy tale" stories and even had a fairy tale dress-up day. The children know that they begin with "once upon a time" and end with "lived happily ever after." We have also emphasized that they are "not real" but a lot of fun. We have read Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack & the Beanstalk, Tom Thumb, and the Three Little Pigs. We are growing beans in the class room (the children are hoping that they get as big as the beanstalk in the story). Some have started to sprout; the children were excited to see just the little growth. We can't wait to see their expressions when they see how much they have grown after returning from Spring Break. The children made Cat in the Hat masks; houses of straw, sticks, and bricks; and paper characters from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. As part of one of our Bible stories the children's feet were washed; just as Jesus washed his disciple's feet. We should always try to remember to serve others. The children were arrested (with yarn) just like Jesus; some of them were not too sure about being arrested and others had the yarn off as soon as it was tied.

This month's bible verse is "He is not here: He is risen!" Matthew 28:6. Starting this month we will celebrate Easter; Jesus rising and conquering death; and his time on Earth before returning to be with his Father in heaven. **Please bring in a flower on April 2/3 for our classroom flower cross (Note: our monthly calendar said the 4th which is incorrect.)** April's topics of discussion will include Earth Day, Plants & Growth. We will also focus on the colors gray & black, the rectangle shape, the letters X, Y, & Z and the numbers 19 & 20. We will be taking a "walking" field trip to Mrs. Farrell's home to see if we can locate the "X Marks the Spot" treasure

If you are interested in signing your child up for the Pre-K class next year; registration opens April 1st. You can register either online (gracelutherancaldwell.org) or by completing the registration forms (available at the office or via mail) and mailing/turning them in at the office. Receipt of the registration fee secures your child's spot.

We are looking forward to meeting with the parents this month to discuss your child's growth during conferences!

Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray





Join us for worship during Holy Week

pick up your special family devotional on Palm Sunday

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



National Youth Gathering

Parent Meeting

Sunday, April 15

after church in the youth room to answer questions and talk about NYG

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National Youth Gathering

July 11-15, 2019

Minneapolis, MN

MSSM

April 16 @ 6:30 PM

Snacks, Games & Bible Study

Middle School Ministry



Save the Date for VBS

June 25-29

SELF DEFENSE

Self Defense Class
for girls ages 11-18

Saturday, April 14
10-11:30 AM
Grace Lutheran Basement

Class taught by Jerry Lawson
Cost: \$5

ESCAPE ROOM

Can you escape?
High School Students
April 22 after church
Cost \$25 Pizza included
You **MUST** sign up for this event

April 8 & 15
NO BIBLE STUDY
April 1, 22 & 29



April 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Christian Education Hr. & Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion Greeters: 7AM: Steve & Debbi Nisula 10:30AM: Linda McAuslan, Trish Haffner	2 <i>Preschool: 3's</i> 7:00 pm LWML/ Concordia Circle	3 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits	4 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	5 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	6	7 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
8 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 High School Bible Study Greeters: Bob & Vicky Mallon	9 <i>Preschool: 3's</i>	10 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits	11 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	12 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Theology on Tap	13	14 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 10:00 am Girls Self Defense class see p. 6
15 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship w/ Holy Communion National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting after church 6:30 pm High School Bible Study Greeters: Ken & Carol McIntyre	16 <i>Preschool: 3's</i> 6:30 p.m. Middle School Ministry see p. 6	17 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits	18 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	19 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council	20	21 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
22 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Escape Room H.S. Event – p 6 No High School Bible Study Greeters: Gary & Gail Meyer	23 <i>Preschool: 3's</i>	24 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Karen Waits	25 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	26 <i>Preschool: 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Theology on Tap	27	28 <u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
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