



# Grace Newsletter

May 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.

Some Facts:

- Globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90.
- Trafficking primarily involves exploitation which comes in many forms, including: forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.
- According to some estimates, approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labor exploitation.
- There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
- According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half are children.
- The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14-year-old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.
- California harbors 3 of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas on the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.
- The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from Texas than any other state in the US. 15% of those calls are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
- Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
- Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.
- The International Labour Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55%) compared to 9.5 million (45%) men.

Information taken from:

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

## Position Opening —



We are seeking a PRESCHOOL TEACHER for the 3-4 year old class for the 2018-2019 school year. This is one of two teacher positions for the class. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 am and depending on enrollment may meet in the afternoons from 12:00 – 2:30pm. Education and/or experience with early childhood education is preferred but not required. For additional information please contact Mike or Lillian Pierce (208 467-1437) or Grace Lutheran Church (208 459-4191).

## Next Elder's Meeting—

Is on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00pm.

## Next Council Meeting—

Is on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30pm.

## Next Voter's Meeting—

Is on Sunday, May 20 after service.



Starting May 21st church office hours will be Tues. thru Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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# A Lesson in Grace!

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9*

## Story Number One

World War II produced many heroes. One was Lieutenant Butch O’Hare, a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Lexington.

One morning, the *Lexington’s* radar picked up a formation of “*Betty*” bombers. All but two fighters were launched to intercept. Shortly thereafter, the *Lexington* picked up a second formation of *Bettys* only 12 miles out, coming from the other direction, completely unopposed. The carrier had only two Wildcats left to confront the intruders. Butch and his wingman “Duff” Dufilho. As the *Lexington’s* only protection, they raced eastward and arrived 1,500 feet above eight attacking *Bettys*. Dufilho’s guns were jammed and wouldn’t fire, leaving only O’Hare to protect the carrier. O’Hare’s Wildcat, armed with four 50-caliber guns, with 450 rounds per gun, had enough ammunition for about 34 seconds of firing.

O’Hare’s initial maneuver was a high-side diving attack. He accurately placed bursts of gunfire into a *Betty’s* right engine and wing fuel tanks. When the stricken craft abruptly lurched to starboard, he ducked to the other side of the “V” formation and aimed at an enemy bomber on the extreme left. When he made his third and fourth firing passes, O’Hare’s hits were so concentrated, the nacelle of a *Betty* jumped out of its mountings. Lieutenant Commander Thach, who arrived at the scene later, reported that at one point he saw three of the enemy bombers falling in flames at the same time.

Thach calculated that O’Hare had used only sixty rounds of ammunition for each bomber he destroyed; an impressive feat of marksmanship. In the opinion of Admiral Brown and of Captain Frederick C. Sherman, commanding the *Lexington*, Lieutenant O’Hare’s actions may have saved the carrier from serious damage or even loss.

By shooting down five bombers O’Hare became a flying ace, was selected for promotion to lieutenant commander, and became the first naval aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. With President Franklin D. Roosevelt looking on, O’Hare’s wife Rita placed the Medal around his neck. After receiving the Medal of Honor, Lieutenant O’Hare was described as “modest, inarticulate, humorous, terribly nice and more than a little embarrassed by the whole thing”.

Following these events Lieutenant O’Hare was achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander, was reassigned to the USS Enterprise where he commanded the entire air wing. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he was awarded the Navy Cross (posthumously), Distinguished Flying Cross, and Gold Star. On November 26, 1943 O’Hare was killed in combat at the age of 29. Chicago’s O’Hare Airport is named in tribute to this brave man.

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## Story Number Two

In 1893, a man who later came to be known as Easy Eddie, was born in St. Louis, MO. In 1912 he married

Selma Lauth and they had three children, Edward, Patricia, and Marilyn.

Easy Eddie passed the Missouri bar exam and operated dog tracks in Chicago, Boston and Miami. These, along with his law practice, made him very wealthy and he moved his family into a beautiful home, complete with a swimming pool and skating rink.

Eddie divorced his wife in 1927 and moved to Chicago. Selma and her two daughters stayed in St. Louis with their children. In Chicago Eddie made the acquaintance of one Al Capone. They became friends and business partners and Eddie, through various unethical and illegal schemes, made his second fortune. Eddie became engaged to the sister of a Mob-affiliated Illinois state representative and, over the years, Eddie was instrumental in keeping Capone out of prison.

However, in 1930, seeing the writing on the wall, Eddie arranged a meeting with Frank Wilson, an IRS agent who was trying to convict Capone. It’s believed that Eddie was the man who directed Wilson to the bookkeeper who would be the key witness in Capone’s trial in 1931. In 1939, the year Capone was due for early release, Easy Eddie was gunned down by two shotgun-wielding gunmen in Cicero, Illinois.

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So what do these two stories have in common? Well, as you may have guessed, Edward “Butch” O’Hare was Easy Eddie O’Hare’s son.

This month we honor mothers on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Veterans on May 31. The story of Butch O’Hare is the story of what the far-reaching effects of the love of a parent can do. But, more than that, I would suggest it’s a powerful story of the grace of God.

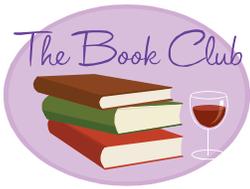
Now one would probably bet a nickel that Easy Eddie’s son would ever amount to anything. But out of a childhood overshadowed by a notorious, unscrupulous absentee father, arose a man of courage and integrity.

That’s what God’s grace is all about. Looking at us, the world would probably say none of us are really anything special. But, by God’s grace, we have been called into His family, made heirs of heaven itself, and given the assurance that we will live forever in the presence of the One who gave His life to earn our salvation. That’s grace!

Knowing this changes us. We become people who are able to be grace-full to those around us, loving, forgiving, and showing mercy to those God puts in our lives and telling them of the One who loved us so much He gave His own Son so we might be His adopted sons and daughters – purely out of grace.

I pray God’s blessings for you as we continue to live out our faith together in Easter victory, sharing the grace and kindness of God with all He puts in our lives and I’ll see you in church.

*Pastor Brooks*



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be on Sunday, **May 20** at 6:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Janet Brooks' residence. We will be reading and discussing "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein.

**Summary:** *Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, The Art of Racing in the Rain is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it.*

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.



### Ladies of Concordia Circle—

The Ladies of Concordia Circle will be hosting a Women's Luncheon on Saturday, 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. An empty plastic bag will be handed out to those who are interested on Sunday, May 6. There will be a flier inside the bag with all the details. Just purchase and fill the bag with the items and bring to the luncheon.

#### 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



### Concordia Circle/LWML—

Concordia Circle/LWML will meet Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Jacquie Rowen & Peggy Schroeder are hosting and devotions will be given by Sharon Hensen. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Barbara James with any questions.



### Reminder—

Join us Sunday, May 6th after services for some fish and to help raise funds for our High School Youth to go to the National Youth Gathering next summer.

### Congregational Meeting—

Our next congregational voter's meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin following a potluck lunch. The Council is meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize the agenda. **Potluck Information:** If your last name begins with the letters **A-F**, bring a meat dish; **G-L**, bring a hot side dish; **M-R**, bring a salad; **S-Z**, bring a dessert.

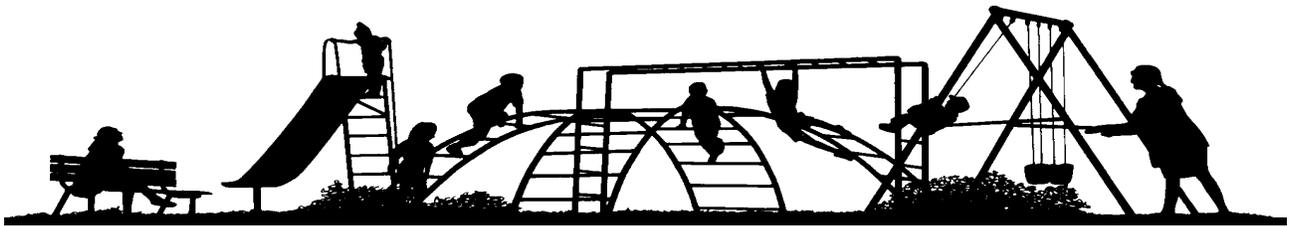
### New Members—

On Sunday, April 29, we formally received the following new members into our family here at Grace:

- ~ Lucy Anderson, Caldwell, ID
- ~ Nola Barningham, Middleton, ID
- ~ Mike & Lynette Fisher, Meridian, ID
- ~ Sherrie Fry, Umatilla, OR
- ~ Joan Hood, Nampa, ID
- ~ Norm & Donna Kendall, Caldwell, ID
- ~ Richard & Donna McCartin, Caldwell, ID
- ~ Pete Sundin, Caldwell, ID



We are glad that they have decided to make Grace their church home. Be sure and introduce yourself.



## Grace Lutheran Preschool

### REMAINING 2017-2018 CALENDAR

May 17

Last Day of School

May 17

6:00 p.m. Celebration Program

### **4 Year Old Class**

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Wow, one more month and the school year is over; it sure went fast. Our Bible stories have been: I go prepare a place for you. John 14:3, All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4, Love your enemies and pray for those who are mean to you. Matt. 5:44, and We live by faith not sight. 2 Cor. 5:7

We're in the middle of our butterfly unit, and the caterpillars are now in cocoons. The students are fascinated and check to see the changing progress every day. We've planted grass, green beans, carrots, and flowers. What a joy it is to see their excitement as everything grows. With the celebration of Easter and springtime it's a perfect opportunity to discuss new life and all the ways God continues to bless us.

Some of our favorite crafts were Jesus' ascension craft with a string pulling paper Jesus up to Heaven which was a blue plastic cup. Also, a pipe cleaner caterpillar on felt leaves, Holy Spirit craft, paper Jesus (on the hallway bulletin board), I 'toad'ly love Jesus toad puppet, rainy day cupcake liner umbrellas, and fruit loop patterns on skewers for snack.

They're recognizing shapes, colors and numbers by its spelling. We continue to subtract and add with hands-on manipulatives like Unifex cubes and tag bags that snap, buckle, button, and velcro. We have several games to help learn and retain knowledge, and they're doing wonderfully counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. For one-on-one time we continue mastering numbers, letters, sounds, or reading small words, depending on their individual needs.

We've been doing assessments to prepare for Spring parent teacher conference. It's nice to see their growth dexterity, letter



Week 29



Week 1

over the year, by comparing maturity, social skills, knowledge, colors, numbers, shapes, writing, etc. from the beginning of the school year to now. One of the many ways to show progress is a self-portrait. Below is one of our student's self-portraits from the 1st week and the 29th week.

Notice how she now adds hair, ears, nose, neck, hands, body, feet, shoes, and a flower on her dress. It may seem simple, but it's a small representation of her growth and understanding. We're very proud of all our students.

By His grace, Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti

### 3 Year Old Class

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*Grow, grow, and grow! April was all about growing. We planted lima beans, carrots, grass, & flowers. The children were thrilled when they saw the sprouts pop up. Many of the children kept having us check where they were on the giraffe height chart. They wanted to see how much they have grown. Watch for plants coming home the beginning of the month. We also spent time talking about recycling; keeping our Earth clean and not being wasteful.*

*Our Bible focus was on the wonderful news that Jesus rose from the dead and even though we can't physically see him we can be assured and have complete faith that he is alive. You don't have to see things to believe that they are true.*

*This month's bible verse is "Trust the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5a. Starting this month we will talking about the trust that Daniel and Jonah had when they were put into some troubling situations. Our topics of discussion will include the ocean, salt water & fresh water, Cinco de May, & Mother's Day. We will be reviewing colors, shapes, letters & numbers and we will be practicing our songs for the end of the year celebration. It is amazing that we are already in our last month of the school year. We hope to see all the children next year in the Pre-K class.*

*Happy Birthday wishes go out to Carson and Owen. Carson's birthday is on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Owen's is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*If you are interested in signing your child up for the Pre-K class next year; registration is open. You can register either online ([gracelutherancaldwell.org](http://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.*

*Thank you all for sharing your child with us. We had a great year and we pray that your summer is filled with many blessings.*

Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Gigray



#### Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool Seeks Director

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool seeks applicants for a director. The Preschool Director is an educational leader who carries out the mission of the congregation by providing leadership for a Christ-centered program, responsible for the Preschool's administration and management. The position is salaried at .45 FTE for 40 weeks during the school year, with an additional 45 total hours during the summer break. A detailed job description is available on the Preschool's website at [myboisechurch.org](http://myboisechurch.org) (click on Preschool link).

**Submit by May 31** a letter of application, resume, faith statement, and contact information of three professional references to: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (ATTN: Jackie McMurrin)

[3100 South Five Mile Road, Boise, ID 83709](http://3100 South Five Mile Road, Boise, ID 83709) OR [books@sov-id.org](mailto:books@sov-id.org)

# National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

## Sunday, May 6

after church in the picnic area

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
FISHERMEN WHO HAVE DONATED  
THEIR TIME & TREASURES!**



**HAVE  
FUN**

Come & Play

at the Refugee Apartment Complex

Sunday, May 20

Leave church at 4:45 PM

All youth & adults are invited to join

Questions? Contact Amy

This event takes the place of MSM in May

**Summer  
Sunday  
School  
beginning  
June 3**



**Facilitators NEEDED  
to volunteer to lead  
ONE lesson  
for ONE hour  
during the summer**



**Summer Backpack Trip  
in the Sawtooth Mountains  
July 22-27 details to come!**

*Congratulations to our Graduates!*

*Jake Daniel Cody Ehlers*

*Maddie Max*



*Wyatt Walker Dustin Walling*

**Vacation Bible School  
June 25-29**



**Volunteers NEEDED!**  
Youth Small Group Leaders,  
Station Leaders, Kitchen Help,  
Registration, and everything in  
between!  
**Sign up TODAY!**

# May 2018

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Mother's Day</b><br/>is May 13<sup>th</sup><br/>- <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                    |                       | <p><b>1</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                          | <p><b>2</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br/>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters<br/>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                              | <p><b>4</b></p>                                                                       | <p><b>5</b><br/><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>                                         |
| <p><b>6</b><br/>9:15 am Christian Education<br/>10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion<br/><b>Fish Fry after Service</b><br/>6:30 High School Bible Study<br/>Greeters: Al &amp; Dorothy Osmus</p>                                   | <p><b>7</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's</i></p> <p>7:00 pm LWML/<br/>Concordia Circle</p>                    | <p><b>8</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise<br/>6:00 pm Elder's</p>                      | <p><b>9</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br/>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters<br/>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                             | <p><b>11</b></p>                                                                      | <p><b>12</b><br/><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>                                        |
| <p><b>13</b>     <b>Mother's Day</b><br/>9:15 am Christian Education<br/>10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>6:30 pm High School Bible Study</p> <p>Greeters: Margie Pate, Sara Upson</p>                                                      | <p><b>14</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's</i></p> <p>4:45 p.m. "Come &amp; Play" – Refugee event see p. 6</p> | <p><b>15</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/>9:30/12:30 Pre-K Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise<br/>6:00 pm Elder's<br/>7:30 pm Council</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br/>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/><i>Preschool: 3's &amp; 4's</i><br/><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters<br/>6:00 pm End of Year<br/>Preschool Celebration</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>                                                                      | <p><b>19</b><br/><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J<br/>11:00 am LWML<br/>Women's Luncheon</p> |
| <p><b>20</b><br/>9:15 am Christian Education<br/>10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion<br/>Congregational Meeting w/ Potluck after Service<br/>6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Janet Brooks'</p> <p>Greeters: Becky &amp; Alli Parry</p> | <p><b>21</b></p>                                                                                       | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                                                                         | <p><b>23</b><br/><b>Bulletin Deadline</b></p>                                                                                         | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters<br/>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                                                                 | <p><b>25</b></p>                                                                      | <p><b>26</b><br/><u>8:00 am</u> Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>                                        |
| <p><b>27</b><br/>9:15 am Christian Education<br/>10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>Greeters: Jerry &amp; Patti Lawson</p>                                                                                                                    |                     | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                                                                         | <p><b>30</b><br/><b>Bulletin Deadline</b></p>                                                                                         | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters<br/>5:45 pm Exercise</p>                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                         |