



# Grace Newsletter

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## Human Sex Trafficking—

Recently, Danielle Hough and I researched and presented on pornography addiction for one of our counseling classes. The research and its effects are disturbing, especially considering that pornography addiction is not diagnosable. While doing my research I came across some articles about how children are used in pornography. Unfortunately, this is not "new" news - we see it on the news way too often - people being arrested for child pornography. But have you considered that too is a part of human trafficking? In the article titled, "The Harsh Reality of Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Pornography," we read:

### **Wait, kids are in the porn industry?**

*Did you know that child exploitation imagery—also known as [child pornography](#)—is one of the fastest growing businesses online, and content is becoming much worse over time due to consumers' demands growing more extreme? It has become a [\\$3 billion dollar annual industry](#). [The United States Department of Justice](#) states that child pornography is a form of child sexual exploitation. Period. And again, these children do not have a choice, therefore, these are extreme but real examples of human trafficking. Not only children, but [teenage girls](#) now make up the biggest slice of consumable online porn. Many videos fantasize sexual acts of minors even if the performers are over 18—not that the consumer can ever know their true age. Minor or not, the idea of any teenage girl in a sexual act with another person can fall under the category of sexual exploitation. Not cool.*

*[Porn fuels](#) the demand for the sex trade as a whole. But, are children and teens the only ones who can be trafficking victims? Short answer: no.*

**Yes, this is alarming and disgusting.**

**What can we do about it?**

Be the voice of change. Raise awareness. Teach your kids and grandchildren that sexual images are not normal to be looking at nor are they harmless.

By the way, a Barna study ("Teens and young adults," 2016) showed who is looking at pornography:

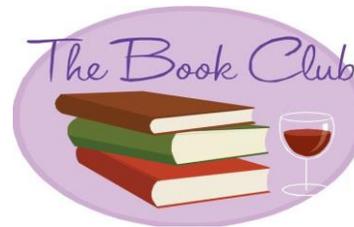
- Teens 12-17 years old: 21% came across it; 46% sought it out
- Young adults 18-24 years old: 9% came across it; 24% sought it out
- Older millennials 25-30 years old: 13% came across it; 37% sought it out
- Gen-Xers 31-50 years old: 13% came across it; 38% sought it out
- Boomers 51-69 years old: 21% came across it; 69% sought it out.

And Pornhub (I do not recommend jumping into this site), disclosed in 2017 that, "its videos were watched 92 billion times last year, by 64 million daily visitors." Yikes!

Fight for real, genuine & authentic love and support the organizations that are in the trenches working one on one with the kids being rescued. This is real.

To read the entire article go to: <https://fightthenewdrug.org/harsh-reality-of-trafficking-in-porn/>

**Amy Hubach**  
Director of Family Ministry



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **July 22**. We will be discussing "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt. Our meeting place is to be determined.

A short summary: Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his longing for his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the underworld of art.

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.

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## TRANSIENTS IN THIS WORLD!

*“Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, waved their greeting, and accepted the fact that they were transients in this world. People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home.*

*If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted.*

*But they were after a far better country than that – heavenly country.*

*You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.”*

*Hebrews 11:13-16 The Message translation by Eugene Peterson*

Transients, immigrants, aliens, foreigners, strangers. The people who represent these words have been in the news very much for the past few years. Having been born in this country and never challenged otherwise, I must confess that I have a very difficult time identifying with their circumstances.

However, the lengthy quote from the book of Hebrews at the top of the page tells us that we are really no different than them. Although I've never been called an alien, that's exactly what I am.

No, I'm not making a confession that I'm actually from a different planet. I don't think I've gone quite that far off the deep end yet. Technically, an alien is simply from a different place (not necessarily outer space). If a person is a citizen in one country but lives in another they are termed a “resident alien”. I believe that's a very good description of a Christian.

Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians: *“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Philippians 3:20. In baptism we were joined to our Savior, Jesus Christ. There we became a new creation, part of a new people, God's people.

Peter put it this way: *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”* 1 Peter 2:9-10

Since we are citizens of God's “holy nation” we are different from the rest of the people in the world. While there is nothing externally that would identify us as resident aliens, we are different in the most important ways.

We have a different God. We serve the Lord instead of ourselves. We have different hopes, dreams, and goals because we see life through different eyes.

We are different but not because of anything we've done. We are different because of what Christ has done for us. We have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb of God.

One way we are not different is in terms of sin.

We are just as full of sin as everyone else. But Christ's death and resurrection have taken the guilt of that sin away. We are forgiven and God is pleased to name us His dearly loved children.

As Eugene Peterson put it in the quote above, we are “transients”, we are passing through. When I was in the Navy I had the opportunity to visit a number of different countries. And while I found that interesting and enjoyed visiting, my heart longed to be home, near those who truly knew me and loved me.

That's how we are. We live here. We enjoy it. Most of the time life is good – very good – sometimes too good. But at the end of the day, we long to be in our true home.

Life is a journey for everyone. We are born, we journey for a time through this world, and then we pass into the next. For the Christian, for you and me, this journey ends with a homecoming. Christ will meet us at the end of this transient life to welcome us into the place He is even now preparing for us.

I pray God's blessings for you as continue your journey. I give thanks to our God that He has allowed me the opportunity to share this part of my journey with you. And I look forward to seeing you in church.

*Pastor Brooks*

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### Summer Travel Plans?

Summer is a time for travel and vacation. We pray that as you travel God will bless you with a safe journey, rest and recreation wherever you go.

We encourage you to also make the Lord part of your summer plans, as well. If you know where you will be on a given Sunday, contact the church office and we will provide you with the location of the nearest LCMS congregation.



Returning God's Blessings

## Freedom in knowing... —

Adam first learned of a knowledge limitation in the Garden. He and his companion Eve were created perfectly and eternally able to know good. Knowing 'evil' was a limitation given in love.

God's creation account chronicles this limitation. God prohibited eating the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of 'good' and 'evil.'" Knowing that evil would overcome life with death, God protected His people to live forever with Him. However, deceived into thinking they could be 'like God', people rebelliously desired equality with God.

Many Christians fail to relate this freedom in knowing to life's purpose or consequence. The God of perfect wisdom desires eternal peace for people. God didn't make a creature with limited decision making. People are given knowledge of God and 'good' as a gift.

Humankind also has a freewill to choose the knowledge of 'evil' and does. The disobedient choice of Adam and Eve, (and us), brings death. Disharmony replaces harmony, resulting in people murdering God's only Son.

Some Christians know that freedom of knowing good, is a gift of God, who fulfilled His promise to rescue and redeem the future from knowing 'evil.' Jesus lived perfectly and rescued all people from a defiant and wayward nature. Easter's glow shines the full knowledge and freedom of 'good' on us.

God gave people freedom to know. Knowledge opens daily doors of thought and action. Faith translates knowledge into a loving call to serve others. The human will's defiance, caused by the deception of knowing evil, translates into self-interest, despair and destruction.

When earthly life is over, value symbols left behind will transfer to another. Transferring life's treasures can benefit or injure. Those with faith's gift of knowing good, will plan to bless, not curse. How can your lifetime plan for giving be a 'testament for good'? [www.lwmlgiftplan.org](http://www.lwmlgiftplan.org) 800-741-4138 Ext 1



## Camp Perkins Retreat - LWML—

**Ladies...**We all love a retreat from cooking and cleaning. We all love spending time with our sisters-in-Christ and studying God's Word. Please register soon for a weekend at beautiful Camp Perkins so that you can enjoy all of these things and SO MUCH MORE!

Pastor Ross Shaver, Zion-Nampa, will lead the Bible study based on Joshua 1:9, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Early registration deadline is July 3, all registration deadline is July 6. Registration forms (with pricing details) are available on the website: [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org) and in the *U & I*.

Ingathering items (all members are encouraged to participate, even if you are not attending the retreat):

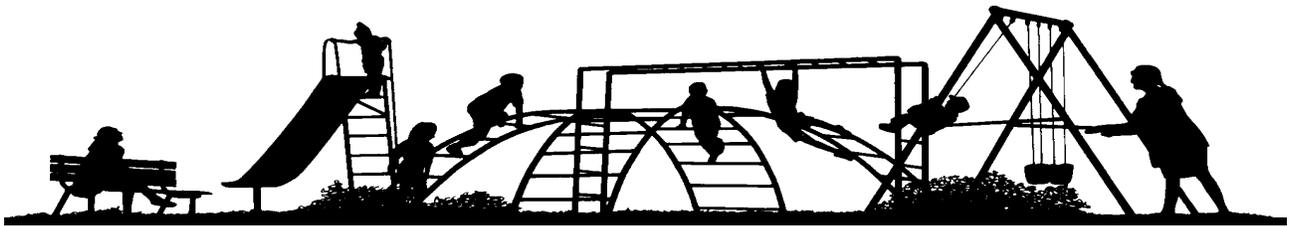
- Ziploc bags
- Liquid hand soap
- Masking tape
- Pens
- Aluminum foil
- Water balloons
- Rubber bands
- Craft supplies

Western Zone hosts are working hard to make our retreat experience a memorable one. Please join us on "A Christian's Journey" -- July 20-22 -- Camp Perkins.



LWML Grant #11 for the 2017-2019 biennium is Training Lutheran Middle

Eastern Missionaries. The Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is bringing the Good News of salvation, by discipling and educating new believers, and (as God's plan unfolds) it will assist in commissioning new missionaries around the world who will share the life-giving Word of God and the love of Jesus with many others. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-11](http://www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-11).



## Grace Lutheran Preschool

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open!

Check out our website [gracelutherancaldwell.org](http://gracelutherancaldwell.org) for school information.

Pre-K AM Class is FULL  
Pre-K PM Class has openings!

3-4 year old AM Class has 3 openings  
3-4 year old PM Class has openings

### Three/Four Year Old Class Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Fee: \$85

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2018)

Monthly Tuition: \$85

September - May

### Four/Five Year Old Class Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Registration Fee: \$125

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2018)

Monthly Tuition: \$125

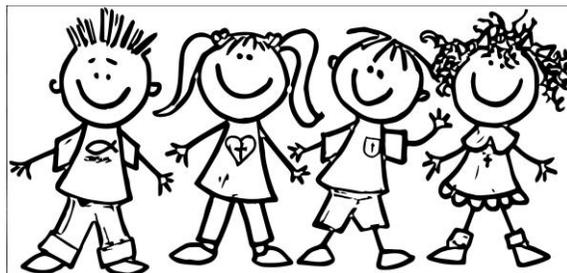
September - May

**To register**, you may do so by:

- stopping by the church office to pick up a registration form,
- contacting the church office(459-4191) for a registration form to be mailed or
- go online to <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> and click on the link to fill out a registration form

**To pay the registration fee and/or monthly tuition**, you may do so with:

- cash or check made out to “Grace Lutheran Church”
- a monthly payment using Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking or savings account. Follow the link online to download and print a form or stop by the church office and our secretary will assist you in setting that up (**\*\*\*\*there is a discount off of the monthly tuition if this option is used, call the office to find out more\*\*\*\***).
- a debit or credit card. Click the “**Make a Payment**” button on our online preschool page. You will need to create an online user profile and password the first time you use this option.



# THANK YOU!



## VOLUNTEERS!

### GROUP LEADERS

Janet Brooks  
Colleen Fuller  
Becky Parry

### COMMUNITY WORKERS

Pastor Brooks  
Tara Daniel  
Avery Daniel  
Ely Daniel  
Julie Downen  
Robbie Downen  
Ellie Elli  
Olivia Elli  
Maddie Elli  
Hope Farrell  
Mike Fisher  
Lynette Fisher

Trish Haffner  
Dave Henderson  
Trish Henderson  
Terry Hensen  
Sharon Hensen  
Mike Houston  
Riley Hubach  
Amy Hubach  
Ella Hubach  
Maya Hubach  
Barbara James  
Patti Lawson  
Jerry Lawson  
Ken McIntyre  
Steve Nisula  
Alli Parry  
Mike Pierce  
Lillian Pierce  
Cathy Reinke

Donna Rookstool  
Charlie Rowen  
Don Schuster  
Lorene Schuster  
Don Southard  
Chuck Stadick  
Linda Symms

### KITCHEN

Patty Eckman  
Nancy Hoffman  
Carol McIntyre  
Tony Osmus  
Liz Osmus  
Makenzie Osmus  
Karen Southard  
Connie Stadick

We painted.



We washed windows.



We pulled weeds  
(lots of weeds).



We cleaned.



This only covers a few of the tasks!  
Thank you for working so hard to help members of our community!

**1 John 4:19**

We love because he first loved us.

## Summer Backpack Trip in the Sawtooth Mountains

July 22-27 trip led by Jerry Deal & Amy Hubach

Sign up TODAY! Cost: \$50



Hot Summer Nights Family Event  
**Rock Painting Party**  
**Saturday, July 14 @ 6 PM**  
Bring a couple rocks per person  
Paint will be provided  
Paint something encouraging  
Hide it in the city!

**HOT**  
SUMMER  
NIGHTS

Have a kiddo heading to  
Camp Perkins this summer?

Let us know so we can connect who is going which weeks  
to help with carpooling!



## **LOOKING AHEAD...**



Family Camp Out  
in the backyard of the church  
August 10  
Movie, s'mores and so much fun!  
Mark your calendars!

# July 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Tony & Liz Osmus	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>   5:45 pm Exercise	<b>4 Independence Day</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  	<b>5</b>   1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  Greeters: Leroy & Sherrie Prien	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>   5:45 pm Exercise	<b>11</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>12</b>   1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>   6:00 pm Rock Painting Party see p. 6
<b>15</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Amber Rau	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>   5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	<b>18</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  Greeters: Ryan & Carla Shields	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   5:45 pm Exercise	<p><b>2 Corinthians 3:17</b>            Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where            the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.</p>			