



Grace Newsletter

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Human Sex Trafficking—

Know the Signs - Is human trafficking happening in your community? Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need.

Common Work and Living Conditions: The individual(s) in question

- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp / manager
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Avoids eye contact

Poor Physical Health

- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

Lack of Control

- Has few or no personal possessions
- Is not in control of his/her own money, no financial records, or bank account
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)

Other

- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in
- Loss of sense of time
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story

Ref: <https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognize-signs>

Amy Hubach
Director of Family Ministry

Volunteer Job Opening: 5th-6th Grade Sunday School Teacher

Time Commitment: September 2018-May 2019 (Substitutes available when you need them)

One of the wonderful things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need *more!* One of the frustrating and challenging things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need *more!* It's wonderful because there is room for *you* – please don't sit back and think that Grace is such a great congregation that, surely, we already have enough Sunday School teachers. Make the decision to join us this year.

Five reasons you should teach:

1. **The students are delightful:** They will enrich your spirit, expand your horizons and grow your faith – you need them in your life! Watch God's shaping hand in a child's life! Enjoy a great sense of accomplishment and pride in being part of something life changing!
2. **The lessons are compelling:** They will challenge your thinking, give you new ways of sharing your faith, and deepen your own relationship with Jesus Christ. The lesson plans and materials are provided for you.
3. **The time commitment is finite:** You commit to a school year.
4. **The teamwork is uplifting:** The community of Sunday School leaders will delight and encourage you and help you feel the creative energy of the Spirit.
5. **You promised:** Every time a child is baptized we, the members of Grace, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to become faithful members of his church. Volunteering to lead Sunday School is a terrific way to make good on this vital promise.

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WHY SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

*“Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.
My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!
When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes!
Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!
Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!”*
Psalm 119:24-29

There’s an ancient prayer of the Church which urges us to “*read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest*” God’s Word. That prayer, prayed for centuries, is still a great prayer because it’s likely that it has yet to be fulfilled.

Most people tend to use the Bible as a quick reference or encyclopedia of spiritual information. We have the tendency to consult the Bible irregularly, when a need prompts us to do so. Even when regular devotions are maintained, they’re often limited to short periods in which we focus on brief passages of Scripture randomly selected.

While these types of contact with God’s Word can be of value, they fall short of the importance of inwardly digesting and making the contents of God’s Word a very part of who we are.

If you scan the religion section of any bookstore or book section in any store you will find numerous books which deal with the question of why bad things happen in our world. And it isn’t only the unbeliever who struggles with this question. Christians also often find themselves plagued by distress and doubt in difficult circumstances.

One of the greatest benefits of regular Bible study (and regular worship as well) is that it helps us grasp the “big picture”. This “big picture” is truly the key to understanding the answers God offers in His Word to the problems we face in life.

Knowing the central message and themes of Scripture are crucial to understanding the meaning of the events of life. When we begin to see things from God’s perspective we will be better prepared to face and deal with whatever our circumstances may be.

And this doesn’t happen through some program of “speed reading” through the Bible. Rather, it’s a process guided by the Holy Spirit that takes time and commitment to regular study of God’s Word throughout life.

In February we began offering a schedule by which you can read through the Bible in three years. I hope that those of you who are participating in this are finding it helpful and interesting. As we read through His Word, God reveals how He has been at work in the lives of His people down through the centuries, and by extension, how he continues to be at work in our lives.

If you weren’t able to begin in February or if you have joined us since then, you can still begin. The cards we prepared for each month can still be used even if the dates don’t match up. Contact me or the church office and we’ll get you that schedule

And after you’ve gone through the Bible in these three years, your reading of God’s Word must not end. To grow and deeper and broader in our life and faith we need to also be in Bible study with our fellow believers, asking questions and hearing other perspectives.

Of course, there will always be questions that will remain in the realm of mystery. There are truths God intends to be revealed to us only in heaven. Nevertheless, there are more comforting and assuring answers to life’s problems available to us now than many realize.

A deeper understanding of God’s Word can rescue us from doubts and worries and enable us to live with the confidence God wants us to have as His people of faith. God wants us to have what we need as we move through suffering, pain, and hardship. And the last thing we need is the added burden of misunderstanding and doubt.

In my thirty years of ministry I’ve seen time and again the confidence and hope of those who have a deep understanding of God’s Word – even through some of life’s most brutal struggles!

I encourage you to make commitment to be in God’s Word regularly, not only in your personal reading of the Bible but also in Bible study with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Join with them in exploring the book where God promises to speak to us and strengthen us for our journey of faith.

I pray God’s blessings for you as you 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

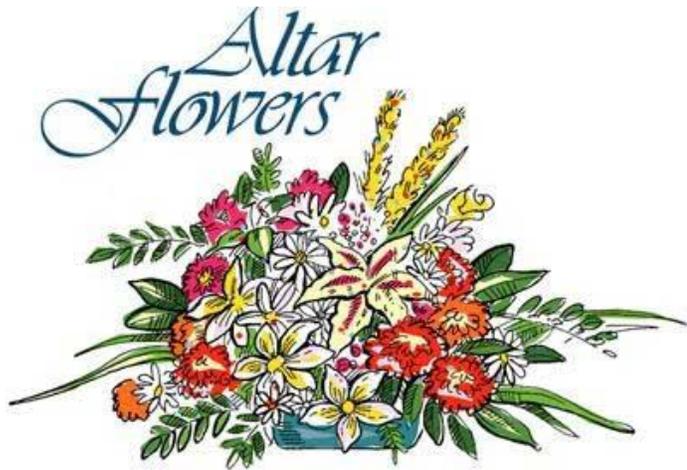


The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **August 26**. We will be discussing “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult. Our meeting place is to be determined.

A short summary: Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

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.



Our flower sign up calendar has several Sunday's open in September and October for bringing in flowers to place on the altar. Take a look and sign up to bring in flowers in memory of, in honor of or just because of someone. The flowers always look very nice on the altar. If you like you may also notify the office if you would to announce in the bulletin who the flowers are for or if they are for a specific occasion. The sign up calendar is on the wall between the entry way and Amy's office door. Cut flowers may be put on the altar in a vase. If you have a potted plant or flower please place those on the stands located next to the altar.



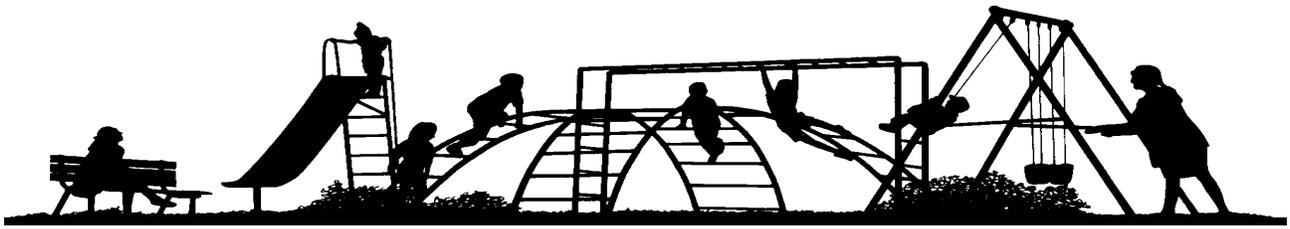
Concordia Circle/LWML—

Concordia Circle/LWML will begin meeting again Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Barbara James with any questions.

LWML mission grant #12 **Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda.** One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts ... (Psalm 145:4). As God has commanded us, each generation is to teach the next His promises. Providing a finished space to teach children, this grant will complete the second phase of construction of two classroom buildings in the Lukonda Village of the Kayunga District of Uganda. Two buildings with four classrooms each were completed in 2016 with labor and materials from Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC and LCMS Southeastern District with the support of the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU). The people of the village helped by providing bricks and land, but presently the buildings have only exposed brick and metal roofs, no doors, windows, concrete flooring or painted walls. This new grant will provide for the finishing touches to make a more comfortable school for educating 100 to 200 children from ages 4 to 12. Also, one of the buildings will have a temporary wall between two of the classrooms that will accommodate weekly Lutheran worship services. An LCU member will be the coordinator of this project and his expenses will be covered with this grant. He will report directly to the President of LCU. Our mites will be helping children learn about Jesus and equip them with skills that will benefit them as they grow spiritually and use their God-given gifts to benefit the next generations. To God be the Glory. ... but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14)

For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-12.

Prayer: Jesus, hear our prayer. You called the little children to be brought to You (Matthew 19:14). Open our hearts to hear the children of Uganda crying out for our help. Encourage, enable, and equip us to give generously that this mission grant is funded and we are filled with joy knowing that our mites will provide a finished school for the children of Lukonda. Amen.



Grace Lutheran Preschool

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open!

Check out our website gracelutherancaldwell.org for school information.

Pre-K AM Class is FULL
Pre-K PM Class has 5 openings!

3-4 year old AM Class has 1 opening
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.

We're Going Back To School



Tuesday

September 4TH

“If God would just make His will clear, I’d start to pray again.”

Have you ever felt this way? Whether you are questioning what God is doing with your life or feeling closer to God than ever, CPH’s (Concordia Publishing House) latest blog post by Hannah Schult offers some encouragement.

Ever since school got out at the end of May, I’ve been experiencing my very first teacher summer. I’ve been spending my time sleeping in, doing some traveling to see family and friends, napping, and just generally resting.

And while it has been nice to have little to no agenda or to-do list for each day, I also have learned how much I thrive on routine. I enjoy knowing what to expect for the day and being able to prepare at the beginning of the day. I accomplish much more when I consistently get in the habit of doing those things.

So needless to say, while I’ve enjoyed relaxing this summer, it also has been a bit of a challenge for me. Without school, my sense of community and purpose has dwindled. Living in a new town, most of the people I know are at school so it has been a challenge not seeing these people every day. I miss seeing my students and being in the classroom. Unfortunately, one of the biggest things I’ve lost with this lack of routine has been my quiet time with God.

My time spent writing, praying, reading, and digging into God’s Word has become almost nonexistent. And ironically, I’ve started to become frustrated with God. I’ve found myself thinking, “Well, if God would just make His will clear and speak to me, I’d start to write and pray again,” or “I’m not writing because God hasn’t given me the words. I’ll start again when He gives them to me.”

Today, I had a major realization. I’ve been waiting to hear God the whole summer, meanwhile I’ve been living my life with headphones on, blaring the world’s music. I’ve been filling my head with such loud noise, that even if my sweet Jesus was talking to me, I wouldn’t be able to hear it in the first place. I’ve been turning my ears away from the places I would hear Him (His Word, prayer, etc.) and opening my ears to my own doubts and questions.

Friends, I don’t know what season of life you’re walking through. Maybe you are going through a similar phase as I am and feeling distant from God. Maybe you’re questioning what God is doing with your life. Maybe you feel closer to God than ever. No matter where you are, I want to offer some encouragement.

First, the Bible tells us to seek God. Jeremiah says,

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13 ESV)

When we seek the Lord, He promises that we will find Him. We can find Him in His Word, in His body and blood at communion, in His people at church, in quiet prayer time. He promises to be there.

Second, when we seek Him, we shouldn’t keep this news to ourselves. We are reminded of this in Mark, which says,

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation’ ” (Mark 16:15 ESV)

Finally, our Lord promises to never forsake us in John,

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:18-19 ESV)

What a big promise this is! Our sweet Jesus tells us that He won’t leave us behind. He promises that even when we don’t see Him, He will come back and bring life. So, if you’ve been putting on the headphones to drown Him out, it’s time to unplug and listen to what our sweet Jesus has to tell you. He brings life and peace and joy and His message is worth it.

Listening to my sweet Jesus,

Hannah

Proverbs 22:6

Start **children** off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Family Camp Out

in the backyard of the church
August 10 beginning at 7 PM



Movie, s'mores and so much fun!

HOT
SUMMER
NIGHTS

Youth Group Event

Float the River

Sunday, August 19 after church

Bring a sack lunch

Tube cost: \$12 + tax & deposit

Life Jacket Rental: \$5 + tax & deposit

*You MUST have a
life jacket*



Bring your Backpacks
for the special blessing on
Sunday, August 19 at 10:30
and receive your family blessing
packet for the
2018-19 school year

Thank you to all of the Vacation Bible School Volunteers!

ADULTS:

Mark & Ellie Eli, Nancy Hoffmann, Connie & Chuck Stadick, Leah Guelker, Pam Burns, Peggy Schroeder, Ken & Carol McIntyre, Peggy Ledington, Jerry & Patti Lawson, Becky & Chris Walling, Amanda Gigray, Mike & Lillian Pierce, Vicki Lee, Hope Farrell, Riley Hubach, Dana & Lucas Brooks, Kyle Miller, Lorene Schuster, Patty Eckman, Kevin & Veronica McIntyre, Karen Southard, Sherrie Prien, Nick Eckman, Carla Shields, Susan Townsend

YOUTH:

Maddie & Olivia Eli, Javi Lujan, Conner Gigray, Emma Daniel, Marlee & Ella Hubach, Emiley & Dustin Walling, Greg & Thomas Farrell, Alli Parry, Hailey & James Christiansen, Reiss & Jordan McIntyre, Kolby Rau, Jack Weymouth, Kayla Garcia, Casey Korn, Cameron Sanchez, Maddie McConnell

Thank You!
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August 2018

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			1 Bulletin Deadline	2 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	3	4
5 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Don & Karen Southard	6	7 5:45 pm Exercise	8 Bulletin Deadline	9 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	10 7:00 pm Family Camp Out see page 6	11
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19 Backpack Blessings 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Youth Group - Float the Boise River see page 6 Greeters: Chuck & Connie Stadick	20 1 st Day of School – Caldwell, Notus, Homedale, Marsing, Vallivue	21 Newsletter Deadline 1 st Day of School –Parma 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	22 Bulletin Deadline 1 st Day of School –Nampa 12:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting	23 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	24	25
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