



# Grace Newsletter

## September 2018

### The Solace House — a new home is opening for child victims of sex trafficking.

#### What is the Solace House?

Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Inc. - Solace House exists to provide a home for girls 12-18 years of age who are victims of sex trafficking. Solace House will serve children in Idaho, but will collaborate with other states throughout the United States as a possible placement.

#### Where will the Solace House be located?

Solace House will be located in the Boise area in an undisclosed location.

#### What type of services will Solace House provide?

A child/youth might be a victim of sex trafficking within the family structure or through force, abduction, fraud or coercion. Children/youth need a sense of belonging and ongoing reassurances of value and worth. Therefore, Solace House is a residential care facility that provides trauma informed care, group and individual therapy, supports, life skills, and opportunities for physical activities and peer interaction for the purpose of restoration and rehabilitation.

#### How long will victims be able to stay at the Solace House?

Children/youth can stay at the Solace House for up to two years and when ready, a case manager will work on transitional services for a permanent placement.

More information on the Solace House and Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Inc. can be found at: <https://idahoatc.org/>

Amy Hubach  
Director of Family Ministry



### Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** that another way to get your kids ready for school is to open a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Young Investors (Y.I.) Club investment? Being in the Y.I. Club means they receive **3.5% interest on balances up to \$1,000**, \$1 for every A grade, \$25 for 10 service hours and scholarship opportunities for high school seniors. Don't wait another semester. With as little as \$25, your kids can be well on their way to saving and learning about stewardship with LCEF's Y.I. Club. For more information visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org).

### Volunteer Job Opening: High School 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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# CHRISTIAN BY GOD'S CHOOSING!

*"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 2:10*

Last past month I preached a sermon series from Ephesians titled "What in the World is the Church Supposed to Do". One repeating theme in that series was the idea that, as God's people, we are unique, different. I think about and struggle with this regularly. As a child of God, how am I different from those around me who don't know and trust in Jesus?

In a book titled "Christ Esteem" the author makes this statement: "I know a woman who works at the counseling center of a large university. In describing the staff she said, 'These are some of the most loving, kind, compassionate people I have ever met, yet, they are all atheists.'"

I've found this to be true, as well. In our society there are many very kind, caring, loving people who really could care less about God, who, in fact, are often antagonistic toward God and Christianity in particular.

It's obvious that what makes us different as God's people is not that we are necessarily more caring or helpful than people who aren't Christians. While we are to strive to show forth God's love in these ways, the truth of the matter is, we can often act rather "unChristian-like". And at those times, if the difference between being Christian or non-Christian is determined by our actions, does that mean we are no longer Christians? Does our sinful behavior mean we are no longer the people of God?

Of course not!

You see, the one thing that makes us different as Christians is the fact that we have been called into a personal relationship with God through the power of His Holy Spirit and chosen to be His people.

Peter says 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

We are Christians, the people of God, because of God's calling, God's choosing. In His kindness and mercy He chose you to be His own. It's this, and only this, that makes you different from other people who have no relationship with God.

Despite our many faults and the fact that we don't always act like His people, God chose us anyway. This is a wonderful and freeing truth. It's wonderful because it assures us that God loves us at all times. And it's freeing because we are free to develop and deepen our relationship with a loving and merciful Father rather than attempting to win His love and favor with our acts of goodness and love.

Each September the calendar at church begins to fill up as we kick off our Fall activities. One glance will quickly show you that we are beginning a very busy month.

But September is also very exciting as we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to grow in our faith through Bible study and deepen our relationship with God and one another as we gather regularly for worship (especially after the busy summer activities).

If you've grown a little complacent in your worship pattern, make a commitment to come to worship regularly once more. And take part in one (or more) of the Bible study classes being offered. This year on Sunday morning we are offering two different studies:

## **"Everybody, Always"**

*Becoming Love in a World Full of  
Setbacks and Difficult People"*

Led by Amy Hubach

This study focuses on practical ways we can show love to our neighbor and gently give witness to the love of God.

## **"Seeing the Christ in Genesis"**

Led by Pastor Brooks

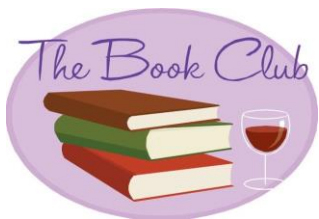
It's amazing how often you see Jesus in the Old Testament if you're really looking. This study takes us on a journey through the book of Genesis where Jesus pops up again and again.

In addition we will have weekly and monthly opportunities for study and fellowship during the week. Look for more information on these in this newsletter,

- *Women's Bible Study* – Tuesday evenings at the home of a member.
- *Theology on Tap* – A men's Bible study twice a month at a local brew pub / restaurant.
- *Scripture readings for Sunday* - Meets Saturday mornings at the Denny's at the Flying J.

I pray God's blessings for you as continue to grow in your faith and love for Jesus and others. And I look forward to seeing you in church.

*Pastor Brooks*



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **September 23** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton. Our meeting place will be

at Carolyn Bryden's in Kuna. Call the church for her address.

**A short summary:** During a picnic at her family's farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking crime, a crime that challenges everything she knows about her adored mother, Dorothy. Now, fifty years later, Laurel and her sisters are meeting at the farm to celebrate Dorothy's ninetieth birthday. Realizing that this is her last chance to discover the truth about that long-ago day, Laurel searches for answers that can only be found in Dorothy's past. Clue by clue, she traces a secret history of three strangers from vastly different worlds thrown together in war-torn London—Dorothy, Vivien, and Jimmy—whose lives are forever after entwined. A gripping story of deception and passion, *The Secret Keeper* will keep you enthralled to the last page.

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.

## Upcoming Bible Studies—

**Women's Bible Study** - begins on Tuesday, September 11 at Sarah Kroll's home. 7:30PM – 10:00 PM

**Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy**

DISCOVER THE REDEMPTIVE SIDE TO JOB'S STORY OF SUFFERING

Joy is the constant companion of the woman who trusts in the Lord. And while you can find it in friends, family, and circumstances, unfailing, persistent joy will only ever overflow from your relationship with Jesus.

Just ask Job, the man from Uz who clung to God's goodness while all his worldly joys were stripped away. But how is it possible to hold onto such joy in times of sorrow? In this 7-session study by Lisa Harper, discover the redemptive side to Job's story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith, point others to the gospel, and remember God's providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you.

**Men's Bible Study – Theology on Tap** meets twice a month on Thursdays in the evening at a local restaurant. Contact Mark Elli for details.

**Saturday Mornings – all welcome.** Join this group at Denny's in the Flying J Truck Stop in Caldwell. It starts on Saturday, September 8th at 8:00AM. Discuss the readings for upcoming Sunday's worship while enjoying breakfast and fellowship. Meets weekly.



## Concordia Circle/LWML—

The ladies of Concordia Circle wish to invite all the women of Grace Lutheran church to join them on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> as they resume their monthly meetings. The evening begins at 7:00 pm with dessert and fellowship. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact a member of Concordia Circle or Barbara James (208) 465-5084.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Western Zone LWML Fall event, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Boise, ID.
- LWML Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>



We invite you to our  
**Oktoberfest & Carnival**  
Saturday, Sept. 15th  
2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell  
**3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

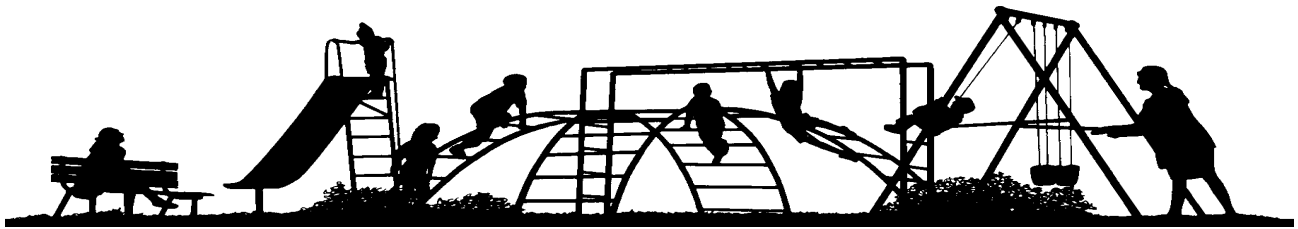
**Carnival for all ages 3:00 - 6:00 PM**  
balloon darts, marshmallow bullseye, pingpong pail, plinko, mini golf, spin the wheel, go fish, face painting, ring toss, cake walk, prizes, cotton candy, caramel apples, popcorn

**Dinner at 5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
bratwurst or frankfurters, German red cabbage, hot potato salad, sauerkraut, chips, apple strudel, local beer, wine, homemade root beer, lemonade and...

Live Local Polka Music by  
"Treasure Valley Musik Meisters"

**Hope to see everyone there!**

Suggested Donations will be posted & appreciated to help offset costs



## Grace Lutheran Preschool

### We're Going Back To School



Tuesday  
September 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### *Pre-Kindergarten 4 Year Old Class*

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Here we go again! Another year filled with Jesus, learning, playing, imagination, crafts, creativity, music and unfiltered comments from toddlers. We have 27 students so far and are blessed to have morning and afternoon sessions again.

We're adding trees to our science and growing them from seedlings. We plant several types of seeds throughout the year, but haven't tried growing trees before. The trees will be an exciting addition to our science journals as the students draw what they learn. Hopefully by the end of the year the trees can be transplanted outside at church and your home.

Our **Adopt a Student Program** has been a great success and it's time again to sign up. The program is a wonderful opportunity to create intergenerational friendships, share the love of Christ and help encourage a child as they grow and develop. As a member of our church family if you choose to be a sponsor you will be given a picture and basic bio of a student. Then, the beginning of October, a short Meet & Greet will be held during class time, giving opportunity for parents, student and sponsors to get to know each other. As a sponsor you are encouraged to pray for your adopted student throughout the year, join us at least a few times to sit with your student for chapel, and to give them a gift for Christmas, Easter, and Birthday. In response the adopted student will pray for their sponsor and make them a monthly craft. The program is very beneficial and helps strengthen the bond between our church and our preschool. It has helped to create lasting friendships between families that otherwise wouldn't have connected. Parents have expressed how beneficial the program has been for the students' social and spiritual growth.

Chapel is the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 and 12:30. You're welcome to join us in the sanctuary for this fifteen minutes of special time in God's word. We are given the opportunity to have an impact on the world, to reach out and share His grace with those around us. We pray that as we begin this journey the Lord will guide our words and direct our actions so that His love for us shines through each day. We ask for your prayers and support for a blessed year to come.

In His grace,  
Mrs. Julie Christiansen & Ms. Patti



### 3 Year Old Class

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First we have to say **“Welcome” to our newest teacher, Mrs. Katie Villegas.** She was born in Nyssa Oregon and raised in Caldwell ID. She graduated from Caldwell High School in 2004 and married her husband Isaac in 2015. In welcoming their 6th child to their family resulted in 5 sons and 1 daughter heavily outweighing the girls in the house. She enjoys cooking, baking, finding any new food or craft on Pinterest, as well as enjoying numerous summer and sports outside activities with her family. She spends her extra time researching and participating in activities with the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho and other programs raising awareness for her son with special needs. Welcome, welcome, welcome to our family here at Grace. We are grateful to have you.

Our preschool room is decorated and our hearts are ready for the journey we are about to take spreading God’s great love, exploring Bible stories and discovering the wonderful characteristics of the children we will be meeting, teaching and with God’s help inspiring.

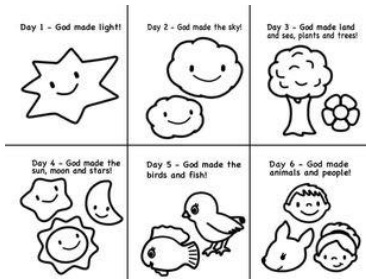
We have 12 students (7 boys, 5 girls) this year in our morning class. We will not be holding any additional sessions because we did not get enough registrations to do so.

During the month of September the children will learn about God’s Creation; explore God’s gift of the five senses; cover classroom safety & rules, feelings and will work on their fine motor skills. Motor skills focus will include how to use glue sticks & bottles, how to correctly hold crayons, markers, and other writing instruments, to hold & cut with scissors, and maybe even a little bit of taping. Our first bible verse of the school year is Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

We are looking forward to meeting all of our new preschool families.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jackson. His birthday is on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Villegas & Mrs. Gigray



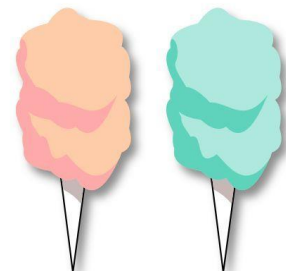
### Proverbs 22:6

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



## Preschool Families & Friends come have some fun at our Oktoberfest & Carnival

Saturday, Sept. 15th  
2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell  
**3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
See page 3 for all the details.





Sunday, September 9 @ 9:15

Preschool: Patty Eckman

Elementary: Jerry & Patti Lawson

5th-6th: Mark Elli

7th-8th: Carla Shields

High School: **TEACHER NEEDED**

Special Class: Sharon Hensen

Pastor Brooks: Genesis

Amy Hubach: Everybody, Always

## All Youth Progressive Dinner Sunday, September 9 4:30 PM

Appetizer: The Farrell Family

Salad: Host Needed

Main Dish: Host Needed

Dessert: Host Needed

*We will be planning the events for the year*

**Drivers NEEDED! Call or text Amy**



HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY  
SUNDAYS  
6:30-8 PM  
YOUTH ROOM

SEPTEMBER 23 & 30  
SEPTEMBER 16 - INSIDEOUT PRESENTATION

*Thank You*

for serving with Summer Sunday School!

Hope Farrell, Jon & Margaret Kilzer,  
Cathy Reinke, Sharon Hensen, An-  
jelika Pickett, Riley Hubach, Carla  
Shields, Tony Osmus, Lillian Pierce, &  
Lorene Schuster



## Human Trafficking Awareness & Training for ALL STUDENTS

6th-12th Grade

Sunday, Sept. 16 6:30 PM

\*What is human trafficking?


\*Who is at-risk of being trafficked?

\*Grooming and Recruiting tactics.

\*Internet tools: How do they play into  
human trafficking?

\*Other players in Human trafficking.

# September 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>30</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study  Greeters: Garnett & Marilyn Seay	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 128:2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.</i></p>					<b>1</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
<b>2</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Chaney & Holly Stotts	<b>3</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>4 1<sup>st</sup> day of Preschool</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>5</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
<b>9 Sunday School Rally Day</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 4:30 pm All Youth Progressive Dinner see p. 6  Greeters: Ron & Faith Teach	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>12</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J  <b>OKTOBERFEST 3 PM TO 7 PM</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  6:30 pm Human Trafficking Awareness and Training see p. 6  Greeters: Myron & Dee Volk	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  9:30/12:30 Preschool Chapel  5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	<b>19</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
<b>23</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm Grace Book Club  Greeters: Rebecca Weaver	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>26</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J