



Grace Newsletter

October 2018

InsideOut Human Trafficking Awareness & Training for Teens—



Took place on Sunday, September 16. Thank you to everyone for attending. All youth 6th-12th grade were encouraged to attend. The following issues were discussed:

- *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.

Some Feedback: "Thank you for hosting this event with Insideout. Our youth and parents that attended thought it was informative and eye opening. I thought that this event tastefully opened the door for our youth to be able to discuss good and bad practices in order for them to keep themselves safe. It was great to see that Insideout is a faith-based organization. They clearly put God first, and are there to be a resource to those in need. What they taught was to help guide and strengthen the family and value strong parenting. If you missed this event I would strong suggest you to find out more through Amy Hubach and Insideout."

Brett Lindemood
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Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church
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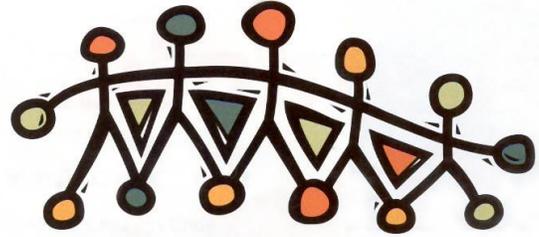
WHO: All preschool classes and their younger siblings.

WHAT: A fun time with preschool friends trick-or-treating in the daylight from the trunk of a car.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 30th.

WHERE: The parking lot at Grace.

Preschool parents and members of Grace bring your car and decorate your trunk. Arrive at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot to line up and get your trunk ready. The children will have the Halloween Parade of Costumes out back by the playground at 11:15 a.m. It will be a fun time for adults and kids.



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

The African Children's Choir will be performing at Grace on Wednesday, November 21 and we are so excited to host this world renowned choir!

Would you be willing to help house the children? We need homes for the children for three nights:

Wednesday, Nov. 21
Thursday, Nov. 22
Friday, Nov. 23.

We are in need of eight host families who will be willing to open their home to incredible, beautiful children. Each family will house 2 children and 1 adult.

Host Family Expectations:

- ~ pick the children up after the performance on Wednesday night
- ~allow the children to participate in your Thanksgiving dinner (the first and possibly only American Thanksgiving the children will ever be a part of)
- ~drop children off at Grace on Friday morning and pick up in the late afternoon
- ~drop children off on Saturday morning for departure with sack lunch

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WHO ARE THE LUTHERANS

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

Have you ever asked found yourself asking a question like the one at the top of this page? If not, read on and I think you'll be please to know.

Historically, Lutherans are those who follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther who, over 500 years ago, rediscovered certain important and beautiful Biblical truths. Lutherans have a proud heritage indeed.

On October 31st, 1517 a young Augustinian Monk posted 95 Theses (statements for debate) on the church door at the University of Wittenberg in Germany. Little did this priest know the fire these statements would spark.

Martin Luther was prompted to post these statements because of his growing concern for the spiritual welfare of the people and the church that he loved. Through personal struggle and study he had come to the certain understanding that our salvation is a free gift of God's grace and not dependent on our good works or personal merit in any way. The truth that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross as an all sufficient payment for our sins had been, if not lost, the certainly blurred by the church of his day.

These statements for debate were quickly translated into German and printed on the recently invented moveable type printing press and widely distributed. When the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church learned of Luther's theological position their reaction was swift and severe. Because his teachings caused people to question certain teachings of the church Luther was condemned as a heretic and ordered to appear before a royal council.

At this council, which took place in the city of Worms, Luther was brought before the Emperor himself. An officer of the court pointed to a pile of books and asked, "Dr. Luther, did you write these books and are you ready to admit the errors in them." Luther asked the council for some time to inspect the books and consider his reply. The court gave him one night.

That night Luther studied and prayed and in the morning he was brought before the court again. When asked if he was willing to recant, that is, to declare that he was in error, and refute his earlier teaching, Luther as his accusers to show where, according to God's Word, his writings were in error.

This answer did not satisfy those who were opposed to Luther. And finally, when told to answer with a simple "yes" or "no", Luther spoke these now famous words:

“Unless I am shown my mistakes from Scripture or plain reason, I am bound by the Word of God. I am neither able nor willing to act against conscience. Here I stand! I cannot do otherwise. God help me.”

“I am bound by the word of God.” These words are really what Lutherans are all about. Lutherans are those who, confidently and without reservation, confess the words of St. Paul to young pastor Timothy, *“All Scripture is God-breathed...”* This means that all of the Bible is inspired by the Spirit of God and is therefore the authority which reveals the wisdom of God.

Sola Scriptura, the principle that we look only to this inspired Scripture for our lives of faith and practice, is one of the great blessings which Lutherans have given to the Christian community. And it is this declaration which ultimately decides if Lutherans will continue to be Lutheran.

This month as we observe another anniversary of the Reformation I pray its significance is not lost upon us. We have reason to be proud of our heritage, bold in our confession, and thankful for people like Martin Luther who were willing to stand up to the powers that would try to silence them. It was never Luther's intent to form a new church body and when those who followed his teachings began to be referred to as "Lutheran" he strongly objected.

But we can thank God that through Luther our Lord refocused His Church. This refocusing must actually be done with each new generation. In this way, the Reformation wasn't really a single event. It's a movement within the Body of Christ that must constantly inspect what it is being taught and believed to be sure it is in accordance with God's Word. Each generation faces the challenge to remain faithful to God and to call the church to continually conform to God's Word and will.

The hymn writer said it well.

***God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord grant while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.***

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

Pastor Brooks

**Treasure Valley Circuit Reformation Service
4:00 PM, Sunday, October 28th
At Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool, Caldwell
Potluck to follow the worship service.**



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **October 28** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. Our meeting place is at

Marilyn Seay's residence. Please call for directions.

A short summary: Alaska, 1974. Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival. - Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown. In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of incomparable beauty and danger. *The Great Alone* is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

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.

Grace Choir—



All Grace Lutheran choir members and those who would like to join the choir - choir practice begins Wednesday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. We like to sing almost every Sunday, plus have a few solos in between, and, if you play an instrument the congregation enjoys those as well. If you have any questions, please contact Lorene Schuster at 455-2793. We'll see you at choir practice!

Voter's Meeting—

Getting this information out early so people can mark their calendars. Our next voter's meeting will be on Sunday, November 11th. The meeting will include the annual election of officers and for members who are not voters to become voting members if they so choose. **FYI: when you become a member you do not automatically become a voting member.** If you are interested in becoming a voting member please contact Pastor Brooks or Steve Nisula.



Concordia Circle/LWML—



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7

Please join us at the Western Zone LWML Fall Rally on **October 6th, 2018** at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2981 E Boise Ave, Boise, Idaho. Registration begins at 9:00 with the program to begin at 9:30.

Bible Study will be led by Rev. Matt Henry the Western Zone LWML Pastoral Counselor.

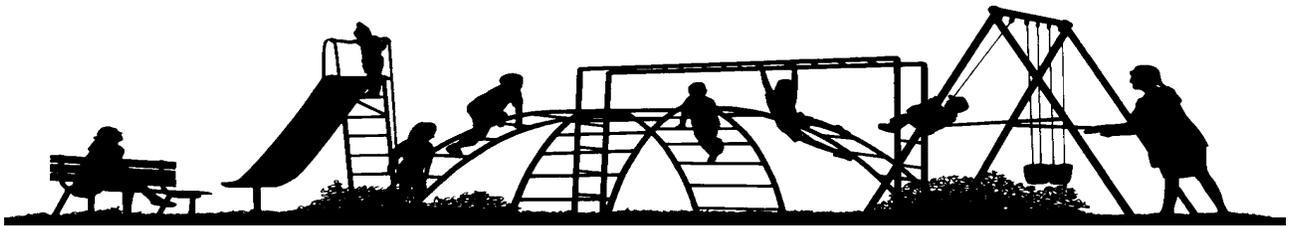
There will be 6 "Happiness Stations" to participate at. The stations will include a pedicure, neck massage, creating a card, making sugar scrub, relaxing to music, "Just a Cup of Coffee" devotion.

If you would like to participate in the ingathering, bring new heavy socks for men or women. The socks will be donated to the Boise Rescue Mission

Lunch will be provided by the ladies of Beautiful Savior.

The ladies will be carpooling from Grace. Please meet at the church at 8:00 so we can leave by 8:15. If you live in the Nampa area and want to carpool please contact Barbara James.

Babysitting is available. If you are bringing children please contact Barbara James (208)465-5084, so the ladies of Beautiful Savior can plan accordingly.



Grace Lutheran Preschool

Important Dates for 2018

Oct. 30	Costume Parade & Trunk or Treat
Nov. 6 – 8	Parent Teacher Conference
Nov. 19 – 23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 16	Christmas Program
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Christmas Break

Pre-Kindergarten

4 Year Old Class

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We have twenty-nine wonderful students this year, sixteen in the morning class and thirteen in the afternoon class. It's been wonderful getting to know them. Our Bible stories were about Creation, Adam and Eve, the first sin, Noah's ark, and God's promise to Abraham. We focused on getting acquainted, manners, class rules, pencil grip, left and right. They enjoy touch and flip cards, and tracing the different textures with their finger to find the match by how it feels. This is great for fine motor skills and sensory. Individual assessments were conducted to give a snapshot of each child's ability, which is one of the many ways to help show progress throughout the year.

With the help of wooden pieces (big & little line and big and little curve), touch & flip cards, and other hands on activities they learned letters L, F, E, H, and T. Some of our crafts were making a hand sized Earth using blue and green play dough, Adam & Eve popsicle stick puppets, sun catchers, a rainbow with an ark, frog puppet, paper trees and a starry sky. Our science experiments tie in with the Bible stories; this gives them another way to learn and absorb knowledge. They discovered what sinks or floats, and that Skittles magically create a rainbow with just a bit of water. They've all made new friends, and have great imaginations. We're off to a great start.

In His grace, Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti



### 3 Year Old Class

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We are so blessed and excited to have 11 children this year! We've been working hard on learning the rules and routine of the classroom and getting to know our new friends. In September our kiddos learned all about the 7 days of creation & how we use our 5 senses. We focused on the letters E, L, F, the numbers 1, 2, 3, and the rectangle shape. We had fun making a book about the 7 days of creation and a book about our 5 senses. We also made binoculars to see through, jingle bells to hear & made maracas for music, touch & feel sticks with rough and soft items, tasted the difference between salt and sugar & tried sour lemons. We finished with smell using scratch & sniff stickers and making our own smelly "flowers." The students worked very hard all month to make books to take home and review with the family about the days of creation and the five senses. This last month we also had some very special guest. Thank you to Adam's parents, Rich & Michele Lawson, for bringing their awesome race cars in to show us. The kids had so much fun seeing, hearing, touching, and sitting inside the cars. If you are ever interested in watching Adam's family race they welcome you to watch them at the Meridian Speedway anytime.

In October we will be learning more colors, shapes, number, and letters along with bible stories about the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark and Joseph with his coat of many colors. Our new bible verse for October is:

"God gives good gifts." -Matthew 7:11

We will also be hosting a costume parade and "trunk or treat" on October 30th. The children can come dressed up to school that day and then just before the end of our school day the children will have a little parade. More information will be sent home about this day as the event gets closer. Just our students will participate in the parade, but students and siblings are invited to participate in the "trunk or treat." Parents you are more than welcome and invited to decorate your own car trunk and join in the fun of the "trunk or treat."

We have had so much fun getting to know all your kiddos and look forward to very fun and exciting year!!

Mrs. Amanda Gigray & Mrs. Katie Villegas



OCTOBER 30th

11:30AM

(Refer to Page 1 for Details)

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 Servant Event

Saturday, October 13 10:30 AM

Make Mini Apple Crisps & a
Pumpkin Craft for our
homebound members

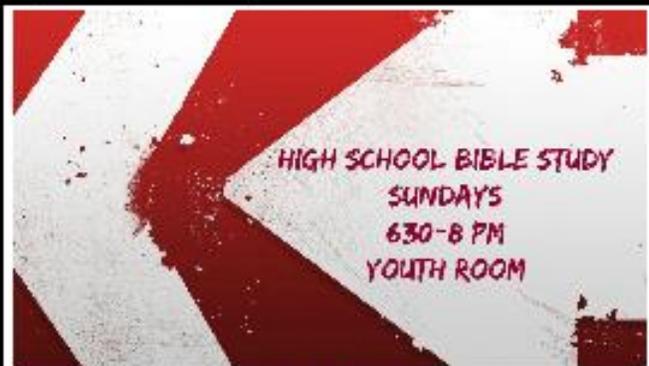
ALL AGES WELCOME TO JOIN

FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH I CALL TO YOU, I CALL AS MY HEART GROWS FAINT; LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I. PSALM 61:2

<p>6th-12th Grade at Friendship Celebration</p> <p>YOUTH NIGHT</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 14 Leave Grace at 5:30 PM</p>	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>  <p>9:15 AM EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>Preschool: Patty Eckman Elementary: Jerry & Patti Lawson 5th-6th: Mark Elli 7th-8th: Carla Shields High School: Marisa Smith Special Class: Sharon Hensen Pastor Brooks: Genesis Amy Hubach: Everybody, Always</p>
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Registration due
October 14 with
\$150 deposit



OCTOBER 7, 21 & 28
YOUTH NIGHT AT FRIENDSHIP ON THE 14TH

October 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 7:00 pm LWML – Concordia Circle	2 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Chapel 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Sarah Kroll's	3 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study	4 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	5	6 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 9:00 am LWML Western Zone Fall Rally
7 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study Greeters: Lee & Christee Weymouth	8 Columbus Day	9 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Sarah Kroll's	10 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study	11 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Theology on Tap at Burger Theory	12	13 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 10:30 am Family Servant Event see p. 6
14 Registration Due for 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 5:30 pm Youth Night at Friendship Celebration see p. 6 Greeters: Linda Symms	15	16 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Sarah Kroll's	17 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study	18 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council	19	20 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
21 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study Greeters: Angela Bow	22	23 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Sarah Kroll's	24 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline No Midweek Bible Study	25 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Theology on Tap at Burger Theory	26	27 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
28 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 4:00 pm Reformation Day Service 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study Greeters: Don & Kay Braun	29	30 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 11:15 a.m. Costume Parade 11:30 a.m. "TRUNK OR TREAT" 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Sarah Kroll's	31 Reformation Day Halloween <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study	27 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	28	29 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J