



Grace Newsletter

November 2018

Human Trafficking Awareness—



This past year, Grace has focused on learning about human trafficking in our world, our country and our own community. We have worked with InsideOut on service projects, have voted their organization as a recipient of our mission offerings and have invited them to come to Grace to lead discussions and present on what they do, what they see and how they work with young women. Because of this partnership, InsideOut has asked Grace to help a young woman in a very personal way, by hosting a baby shower.

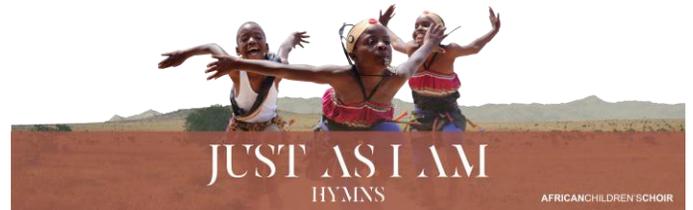
On November 10 at 2 PM, the women of Grace will throw a baby shower for a trafficking survivor.

There is much I would like to tell you about her, but it is not for the newsletter. Please know this, we at Grace have the opportunity to wrap our arms around her, love her, shower her, and remind her that she is God's precious child, dearly loved. Let us be Christ to this young woman.

She is having a baby girl and she needs just about everything (except 3-6 months clothes). If a few women would like to get together to buy her a bassinet, rocker, or a pack n play that would be greatly appreciated. She also needs newborn clothes, blankets, hats. I would like to ask each person to bring a package of diapers (any size) or wipes - because babies go through those quickly.

If you would like to help buy a bigger item, please let me know so I can connect you with other families who can go in on it together.

Thank you in advance for the love you will be sharing with this young woman. ~Amy Hubach



Come join the **African Children's Choir** as they perform at Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball in Caldwell, during their US Tour! The Choir will be performing at church on **Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm**. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The "Just As I Am" tour combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness. Nearly every performance is concluded with a thunderous standing ovation! In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining.

The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. The African Children's Choir has been Music for Life's major international program during its 34-year history. Music for Life (MFL) has relief and development programs in seven African countries. MFL has currently educated over 52,000 children and hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by their international relief and development programs.

Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive worship experience through song, dance and video storytelling!

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WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING ONTO?

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matthew 6:33*

The cheerful girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. As she was waiting with her mother at the checkout stand she saw them: a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.

“Oh please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?”

Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl. Seeing this as an opportunity to teach her a small lesson in finances she said, “They’re almost \$10 so if you really want them, I’ll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can earn enough to buy them.” Your birthday is only a week away and maybe you’ll get some money from grandma, too”

As soon as Jenny got home she emptied her piggy bank and counted out what was there: \$2.15. After dinner she pitched right in, doing the extra chores her mom set out for her. Each night she did the same and, when her birthday arrived, grandma did give her a crisp \$5 bill.

She now had a little more than she needed and the next time she and mother went to the store she bought her pearl necklace.

Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere: Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or took a bath because her mother told her if they got wet they might turn her neck green.

Each night Jenny’s daddy would take her upstairs to bed and read her a story. One night, after he finished the story, he asked her, “Jenny, do you love me?” And she said, “Oh yes, Daddy. I love you this much.” As she stretched our little arms out wide. And her daddy said, “Then give me your pearls.”

Jenny’s face fell. “Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess – the white horse from my collection, the one with the pink tail. Remember Princess Daddy? You gave her to me and she’s my favorite.”

“That’s okay, honey,” he said. “Daddy loves you. Good night.” And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after their story time, he asked again, “Jenny, do you love me?” And she said, “Oh yes, Daddy, very, very much.” “Then give me your pearls.”

“Oh Daddy,” Jenny said, “not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll – the brand new one I got for my birthday. You can even have the yellow blanket

that matches her sleeper.”

“That’s okay, sweetie. God bless you and sleep well. Daddy loves you.” And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in to read to her, Jenny was sitting on her bed and as he came closer he noticed that her chin was trembling and a tear was falling down her face. “What’s the matter, sweetie? Why are you so sad?” And without saying a word she lifted her hand, holding her pearl necklace. With a quiver in her voice she said, ‘Here Daddy, this is for you because I love you.’”

With tears in his own eyes, Jenny’s father reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace and with the other he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny. He had had them all the time and was just waiting for her to give up her dime store stuff so he could give her a genuine treasure.

Matthew records Jesus saying:

“Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on...Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these....But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

November is traditionally the month we think of giving thanks for the blessings God pours out upon us. He gives them all freely out of grace and mercy. But what blessings do we miss because we cling to the cheap stuff of this world and so have no room in our hearts to receive the richer gifts God wants us to have? God wants us to know that He is always with us and will provide all that we need.

Don’t miss the peace, hope, and confidence that comes from knowing this wonderful promise.

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

Pastor Brooks



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **November 25** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Children's Blizzard" by David Laskin. Our meeting place will be at Janet Brooks' residence

A short summary: "David Laskin deploys historical fact of the finest grain to tell the story of a monstrous blizzard that caught the settlers of the Great Plains utterly by surprise. Using the storm as a lens, Laskin captures the brutal, heartbreaking folly of this chapter in America's history, and along the way delves into the freakish physics of extreme cold. This is a book best read with a fire roaring in the hearth and a blanket and box of tissues near at hand." — Erik Larson, author of *The Devil in the White City*
Thousands of impoverished Northern European immigrants were promised that the prairie offered "land, freedom, and hope." The disastrous blizzard of 1888 revealed that their free homestead was not a paradise but a hard, unforgiving place governed by natural forces they neither understood nor controlled, and America's heartland would never be the same.

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.



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Concordia Circle/LWML will meet Monday, November 5th 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.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study—

There will be no Tuesday night Bible Study in November or December. Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 PM at Sarah Kröll's home. Please call the church if you need directions. However, as a way to still connect they are going to get together and watch a movie. Details follow:

Movie: Mom's Night Out
When: 11-13-18 (Tuesday)
Time: 7pm
Location: Sarah Kröll's home

Bring a favorite movie snack and join us for a movie night. All women are invited to attend.

Voter's Meeting—

Our next voter's meeting is on Sunday, November 11th. The meeting will include the annual election of officers (chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary and treasurer). In preparation for the election, a nominations committee consisting of the chair of all boards, the congregational chairman and the pastor as advisory will meet in early November to begin forming a slate of candidates. As a group, they will agree on members to be called to ask if they would consider being nominated for a particular office for 2019.

Board positions will also be filled. The vacancies needing to be filled include 2 elders, 4 outreach, 3 trustee, 2 stewardship, 1 education and 1 preschool. Those members who have completed a three-year term are eligible to be nominated to serve again. Boards require a minimum number of members to operate (usually 4+ but if others are interested; having more on a board is a good thing!). Members are invited to prayerfully consider how they might wish to serve and convey your interest to one of the nominations committee members: Steve Nisula, Dick Ledington, Dave Henderson, Mark Elli, Mike Houston & Lillian Pierce. Grace has plenty of members whose talents and abilities could be used for building up the church through this service. If you would like a description of a particular board and its responsibilities please contact Hope Farrell. Descriptions are available electronically or hard copy.

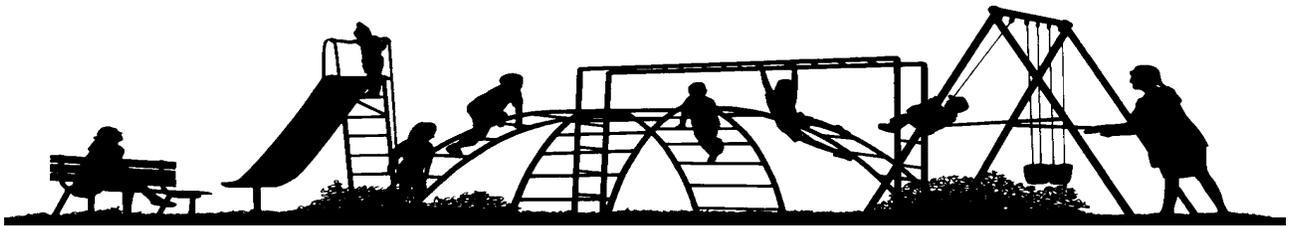
Also this is the time for members who are not voters to become voting members. If you are interested in becoming a voting member please contact Pastor Brooks or Steve Nisula.



A potluck will be served before the meeting. If your last name begins with the letters:

- A-F, bring a salad
- G-L, bring a dessert
- M-R bring a meat dish
- S-Z, bring a hot side dish





Grace Lutheran Preschool

Important Dates for 2018

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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Our class has been learning about Joseph's coat of many colors, how his brothers betrayed him, how he became a slave, and how his dreams helped save Egypt. Devotions tied in with the Bible verses. "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Matt 7:12. Baby Moses was next with, "My help comes from the Lord, maker of Heaven & Earth." Psalm 121:2. Then came Moses and the burning bush, "God said, 'I am who I am.'" Exodus 3:14. We ended with the plagues, "Let my people go." Exodus 7:16

Our letters were I, U, C and O and we reviewed the five letters we've already learned. They enjoy figuring out mazes and are learning how to write numbers. Our students are improving on math skills by counting, sorting, and making patterns. We worked on positional words including inside, outside, up, down, top, bottom, over, and under, by doing some fun games. One of the things we did for individual teacher/student time was to make paper candy corns. The three in one gave opportunity to discuss the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the Trinity. We focused on small, medium, large, top, middle, bottom, cutting and gluing skills.



Some of our favorite crafts were: fork painting a lion's mane, Joseph's coat made with colorful pieces of fabric, painting a fall tree, baby Moses, masking tape mummies, a burning bush with fire colored tissue paper, a spider web paper plate, baking muffins, and a letter "O" fall wreath. We ended the month with painting and carving pumpkins and studied how they grow. We emphasized how a Jack O' lantern represents Jesus' light shining in us.

We are thankful for Fireman Will Gigray for coming to discuss fire safety and the role of firefighters. We got to tour Caldwell's new fire truck, which is a very impressive.

In His Grace, Mrs. Christiansen & Ms. Patti

### 3 Year Old Class

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The month of October was jam packed with lots of fun! We talked about the dropping temperatures and the fall season. We had 4 new bible stories: the Garden of Eden, Noah's ark, Joseph's colorful robe & the Pharaoh's dream. The kids enjoyed making the tree from the Garden of Eden and a sneaky snake. We made a rainbow to remind us that God always keeps his promises. The kids had so much fun make their own colorful robe for their Joseph puppet.

We also made so many fun Halloween crafts like black cats, spiders, ghosts and our very own "Spookley the Square Pumpkin" from our story. On October 18th we had a very special guest visit us. Our very own firefighter Will (Ms. Amanda's husband) came and he taught us all about his job and showed us his awesome fire truck! Our colors for October were orange and black, our shape was a square, our letters were H, I, & T and our numbers were 4, 5, & 6. The kids also started learning the letters in sign language this month! We are having so much fun in class and are really getting to know each of our kid's unique and special personalities. This year is off to a great start!!

All our love,
Mrs. Amanda Gigray & Mrs. Katie Villegas



Proverbs 22:6

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

**RAKE
-n-
RUN**



Middle School Youth Rake n Run

Saturday, November 17 9:30-Noon

Snacks & Lunch Provided

Dress warm!

Parent drivers needed!



SUNDAY SCHOOL



9:15 AM EVERY SUNDAY

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: Timothy & Titus

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1



HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
POCATELLO, ID

**BIGGEST LOSERS OF THE
BIBLE**

NOVEMBER 9-11

COST \$55

SIGN UP ASAP WITH AMY

**African Children's Choir
performs
Wednesday, Nov. 21
@ 7 PM**



Invite your friends & family!

AFRICANCHILDRENSCHOIR™

Middle School WINTER RETREAT

SnoJam at Camp Perkins

January 4-6 Cost \$105

Sign up by December 16

One adult volunteer needed

REAL. PRESENT. GOD.

20 | LCMS Youth
19 | Gathering

We are excited to announce the youth & adults attending
the gathering:

Hailey Christianson, Emma Daniel, Greg Farrell, Maddie Elli, Olivia Elli,
Jessica Haugh, Ella Hubach, Marlee Hubach, Maddie McConnell, Kolby Rau,
Conner Shields, Emiley Walling, & Tanner Walling
Mark & Ellie Elli, Danielle Haugh, & Amy Hubach



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

november 4, 11 & 18

no Bible Study on Nov. 25

November 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><i>Ephesians 5:19-20</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p> <p>**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Daylight Savings End</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Marilyn Seay's</p> <p>Greeters: Lance & Jennifer Brock</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm LWML – Concordia Circle</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>9:30/12:30 Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Theology on Tap at Burger Theory</p>	<p>9</p> <p>H.S. Fall Retreat in Pocatello. See p. 6</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>Potluck & Voter's Meeting after Service</p> <p>6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p> <p>Greeters: Matt & Carolyn Bryden</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Movie Night at Sarah Kroll's</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:30 pm Council</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p> <p>9:30 am Rake n Run see p. 6</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p> <p>Greeters: Bruce & Pam Burns</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>9:30/12:30 Chapel</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. African Children's Choir</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Janet Brooks</p> <p>Greeters: Tara Daniel</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>30</p>	