



# Grace Newsletter

April 2019

## Suicide Prevention—

Grace welcomed the Department of Health and Welfare to lead a training on Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Skills. Thank you to all who attended that important training. We want all members to know and understand some risk factors:

Risk factors do not cause or predict a suicide, rather they are characteristics that make it more likely an individual will consider, attempt or die by suicide.

- Mental disorders, particularly mood disorders, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and certain personality disorders
- Alcohol and other substance use disorders
- Hopelessness
- Impulsive and/or aggressive tendencies
- History of trauma or abuse
- Major physical or chronic illnesses
- Previous suicide attempt
- Family history of suicide
- Recent job or financial loss
- Recent loss of relationship
- Easy access to lethal means
- Local clusters of suicide
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation
- Stigma associated with asking for help
- Lack of health care, especially mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Cultural and religious beliefs, such as the belief that suicide is a noble resolution of a personal dilemma
- Exposure to others who have died by suicide (in real life or via the media and Internet)

Retrieved from: <https://save.org/about-suicide/warning-signs-risk-factors-protective-factors/>

Amy Hubach, Director of Family Ministry

## Teacher Position Available—

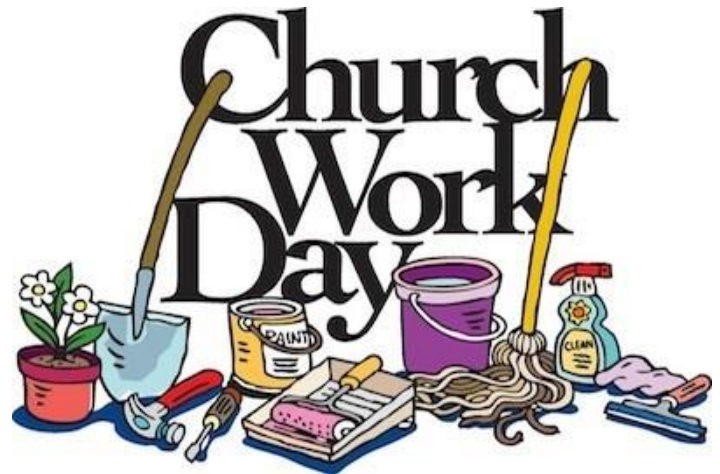
Grace Preschool is seeking a preschool teacher for the 2019-2020 school year for the 3-4 year old class. Mrs. Lillian Pierce is going to teach this class for the remainder of this school year. The job opening is a co-teacher position with a contract beginning in August. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Education and/or experience with early childhood education is preferred but not required.

For information, contact Mike or Lillian Pierce (467-1437) or Grace Lutheran Church (459-4191).

## Spring clean-up for Easter—

We have lots to do and the church is in need of your participation. Lunch is provided. Contact Dave Henderson 208 614-9396 if you have any questions.

Join us Saturday April 13th



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## THE LAW HAD TO BE FULFILLED

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5*

Why did Jesus die? We're forced to ask that question again this month as we observe the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It's a rather disturbing question because it just doesn't seem fair. Why should God's innocent Son die for something He didn't do? But when we begin to understand why God the Father required His Son's death, we begin to understand how much God really loves us.

You see, our God is a God of law and order. He established the physical laws which govern our universe, He established the moral laws which are to direct our lives, and He established the civil laws which keep our society from disintegrating. As these laws are disobeyed, there are consequences, sometimes tragic consequences.

Take, for example, the law of gravity. I may not like the fact that I can't simply jump off a tall building and float to the ground as light as a feather but the law of gravity is unchangeable. If I am foolish enough to disregard this law, I *will* pay the price.

Or, let's say I want something my neighbor has. I can simply take it, but if I am caught, again, I *will* pay the price. In fact, whether I am caught or not, I pay a price.

When I was about Middle School age, I stole a couple of small items from a local grocery store. I wasn't caught but I was so troubled that I began to have nightmares. That was enough to convince me that the small gain I received from not paying for something wasn't worth the risk of getting caught or the guilty conscience that brought on the nightmares.

Our God is a God of law and order. If you break His Law, there's a price to pay. That price, God says, is separation from Him, a consequence that brings death. Separated from the God of Life is death.

But God worked out a plan by which the Law would be satisfied AND Mercy could be extended. But He couldn't simply break or ignore His own Law by declaring us innocent.

Some years ago a pastor explained it this way: "When a mob breaks into a jail and sets a criminal free, that prisoner is not legally a free man because the law still retains its claim on him. Violence is not law, but rather the overthrowing of the law. To make a transgressor legally free, the demands of the law must be complied with. Behold here the reason why God would not use His almighty power to set us captives free, because He would not set aside His own Law. He wanted our liberty, but legally, lawfully; and the Law requires a ransom.

"But has not a ruler the right to pardon those under sentence of the law? Our civil constitution confers this prerogative on our chief magistrate; but he is to use this authority *lawfully*, and if he pardons without cause, he abuses his authority and becomes the patron of transgressors. Man had to be redeemed according to law, with judgment and righteousness, and could not be restored by violence or connivance."

It was for this reason that God, in His great mercy, laid all our sin on His own Son and made Him our Ransom. Christ stood in the judgment of God for us, suffering all the penalties required by God's justice and gaining for us a perfection that is acceptable to His Father.

Christ had to die to completely satisfy the Law. But in so doing He has truly set us free. The judgment holds no fear for us. Those in Christ need never fear that God will say there's something left undone in regard to their salvation. Christ's suffering and death was enough, more than enough, to pay the ransom required for our sin. This is why Jesus was able to declare so confidently as He breathed His last breaths, "It is finished."

Why did Jesus die? He died because of God's great love for us. Because He died we will live forever. That's the message of Good Friday and Easter that gives you and me hope, confidence, and joy.

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

*Pastor Brooks*

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### *April 2019*

### *Lent & Easter services*

Wednesday, Apr. 3            "Remember Sins No More"  
Sunday, Apr. 7            "Digging Ourselves into a Hole"  
Wednesday, Apr. 8            "Remember Steadfast Love"  
Palm Sunday, Apr. 14            "A New Beginning!"  
Maundy Thursday, Apr. 18            "Access!"  
Good Friday, Apr. 19            "Agnus Dei"  
Easter Sunday 7:00 am, Apr. 21    "Planning...for Life!"  
Easter Sunday 10:30 am, Apr. 21    "Against All Odds!"



The next gathering of the Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **April 28** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "Two Roads" by Joseph Bruchac. Our meeting place will be at Barbara James' home.

A short summary: It's 1932, and twelve-year-old Cal Black and his Pop have been riding the rails for years after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Cal likes being a "knight of the road" with Pop, even if they're broke. But then Pop has to go to Washington, DC--some of his fellow veterans are marching for their government checks, and Pop wants to make sure he gets his due--and Cal can't go with him. So Pop tells Cal something he never knew before: Pop is actually a Creek Indian, which means Cal is too. And Pop has decided to send Cal to a government boarding school for Native Americans in Oklahoma called the Challagi School.

At school, the other Creek boys quickly take Cal under their wings. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, he begins to learn about his people's history and heritage. He learns their language and customs. And most of all, he learns how to find strength in a group of friends who have nothing beyond each other.

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 Hope at 208-405-6080.

## MOBILE BOUND —



NOW is the time to make your plans to attend the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019. Join your LWML sisters "In Praise to the LORD," the

convention theme based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a. **Blood Donation** — Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Give Blood! Save Lives!** By donating blood, you can help save the lives of three people in need. The American Red Cross will be sponsoring the blood drive. **Only those who donate blood will be exempt from the Servant Activity Fee!**

Schedule your appointment by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and click on "Donate Now." The sponsor code is "LWML 2019." Ya'll come help!

For more details go to the LWML's website at [lwml.org/2019-convention](http://lwml.org/2019-convention)



## Concordia Circle/LWML—

Meets the first Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. MaryEtta Fredrickson is hosting and devotions will be given by Marilyn Seay. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Peggy Schroeder with any questions.



## Bethesda Auxiliary

The Bethesda Auxiliary, a nationwide 3,400 member volunteer organization, prayerfully and financially supports Bethesda Lutheran Communities in its mission to provide services that share the good news of Jesus Christ with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Beginning as the Good Shepherd Auxiliary in 1956, the Bethesda Auxiliary has been a steadfast benefactor for people with developmental disabilities. From providing household items to sponsoring a comprehensive disability ministry curriculum, the Auxiliary has offered a wide-variety of support and has been a valuable partner to Bethesda. The Auxiliary's reach expands beyond the states in which Bethesda provides services. Auxiliary members also engage people at conventions and pastoral conferences across the country. The Bethesda Auxiliary continues to grow nationwide, providing service opportunities to people of all ages. The Auxiliary currently serves in the following states and regions:

- North Unit: Northern California, Nevada and Hawaii
- Pacific Southwest Unit
- Colorado Unit
- Oregon Unit
- Washington and Alaska Unit
- Idaho Unit
- Utah Unit
- Texas/Louisiana: Bethesda's Good Samaritan Home Women's Auxiliary
- Wisconsin Unit

**The Idaho Unit Annual Meeting will be held here at Grace on Saturday, April 6.** Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with devotions beginning at 10:00 a.m. To learn more about Bethesda Communities and the auxiliary members of Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara James at (208)465-5084.

## Community Marketplace and Yard Sale—

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. (Deadline to register & reserve a site: April 20).

**WHO:** Our Caldwell friends and neighbors – come sell, come shop.

**WHAT:** Small craft or artisan wares to sell in the marketplace; any used items to sell in the yard sale. Bring a lot or a little, **no** booth fee, **no** commission. (But you take home whatever you have left).

**WHERE:** Tables under our picnic shelter for the marketplace; tables on the grass for the yard sale.

**WHY:** To have fun and to provide you with more visibility for you sale. We hope you have a chance to meet and mingle with your neighbors.

**Bring all those crafts you have been working on for all to admire. Clean out those attics and closets and bring your treasures for others to browse.**

**Visit with friends, snack on some goodies, shop for great deals, and maybe make a little profit, too!**

Local food trucks will be on site:

1. Bid Daddy's BBQ
2. Off the Grid pizza & burgers
3. Double Decker Espresso bus

To register for a site, call/text Colleen (701) 570-1517 or text Linda (208) 989-5374. For more information please call the church (208) 459-4191.



Grace Lutheran Church  
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## Church Family Prayers—

During each church service we pray for three of our church families. Families are selected alphabetically, prayed for by name and are listed in the bulletin. We are now listing the families for the whole month in each newsletter. The postcard reminder will still be sent out in the mail reminding you of the date that you will be specifically prayed for and if there is anything specific you would like Pastor to pray for during service to contact him.

This month we will be praying for the following families:

- Mike & Louise, Cody & Carli Ehlers
- Mark & Ellie, Maddie & Olivia Ellie
- Martin & Hope, Greg & Thomas Farrell
- Dean Finch
- Mike & Lynette Fisher
- Bert Fiskum
- Julie Frazier
- Larry & MaryEtta Fredrickson
- Jim & Mary Freeland
- Henrietta Frerichs
- Frank & Sherrie Fry

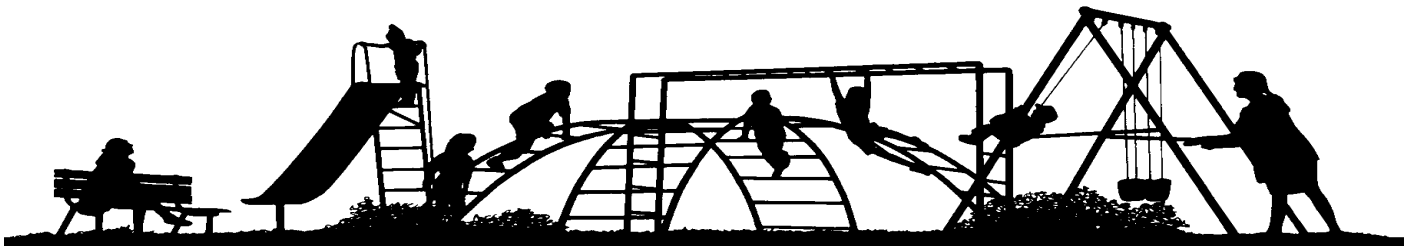


## Mark Your Calendar—

This year's **Love Your City** is scheduled for June 6-8<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for people and or groups to serve. Things we can do are painting (small jobs like a room or a fence), household cleaning (windows, etc.), and sorting, organizing, trimming, pruning, weeding, small home repair jobs. If you know someone who could use some assistance please contact Colleen Fuller or the church office.

**LOVE**  
**your**  
**CITY**  
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## Grace Lutheran Preschool

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

We had so much fun in March! We had a new friend join our classes...Sweet Little Annie the Hedgehog and we are all in love. We celebrated the month with lots of rainbows. We made rainbow heart name tags and had a blast playing in our new rainbow sensory bin. For St. Patrick's Day we tried really hard to catch a sneaky little leprechaun with no luck...he stole our gold and left lots of glitter and green foot prints all over the classroom. We made rainbow leprechaun potions out of food coloring, dish soap, baking soda and vinegar. We have been working really hard on writing our lower-case letters in our names and making sure we know how to spell our names without looking at them. We celebrated Dr. Seuss week with fun dress up days and making our own "things" puppets and each kiddo was sent home with a little "wocket" for their pocket. We had fun with science and talking about the wind and how we can make our own wind by blowing with our mouths. We tested out what types of things we could move with our wind by blowing through a straw. February 28th was National Tooth Fairy day so we made little glittery "tooth" fairies to fly around. Bible story focus was the mustard seed, Jesus is the light of the world and Jesus feeds the 5000. Focusing on miracles!! Bible Verses were: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard Seed. - Matthew 13:31, Jesus is the Light of the World. - John 8:12, Trust in God. - John 14:1



Spring is Here!! We have been longing for more sunshine and warmer days and we are so excited that it is finally here. We grew grass and started learning about the different parts of flowers.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Patti

### *3 Year Old Class*

Marching was the easiest way to learn the month of March so the kids marched around the room every day when we began our calendar time. We did fairy tale stories and had a visit from a very sneaky leprechaun that made a big mess in our room. We also received a visit from a hedgehog and got a new shopping center to play with! For St. Patrick's Day the kids made a Leprechaun face, a funny shamrock, and had green juice with rainbow rice Krispy treats and green and white sprinkled cupcakes. Purple was our color so we made a purple P shaped pig. Our bible stories consisted of Jesus entering Jerusalem, The Last Supper, Judas' betrayal, and Jesus' arrest and trial. The kids had fun dressing up and rein-acting the events from the stories and getting their feet washed as Jesus did for his disciples. Our snack for the Last Supper was flatbread crackers and they were able to taste a piece of unleavened bread that was actually made and brought back from Jerusalem along with grape juice. We have focused on the kids practicing tracing letters and have incorporated the sound of each letter when reciting our ABC's. Other crafts made were Billy Goats for the nursery rhyme, kites for spring to go along with all the kites we hung from the ceiling in our room, and we planted individual cups of grass to grow!

April is going to be very fun and very busy! We are going to do something new with the kids and introduce Mrs. Wishy Washy and make some Oh Lovely Mud. More info to come next month!! The kids are going to learn about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection to coincide with our Easter Celebrations and a new Bible verse, "He is not here. He is risen!" Matthew 28:6. Our learning focus will be the colors gray and black, the shape circle, letters X, Y, Z, and the number 20. Our subjects are Easter, Earth Day, and Plants & Growth. Lastly we will be holding our last parent teacher conferences as we near the end of the school year.

Love, Mrs. Katie and Mrs. Lillian



Join us for worship during Holy Week

April 18: Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

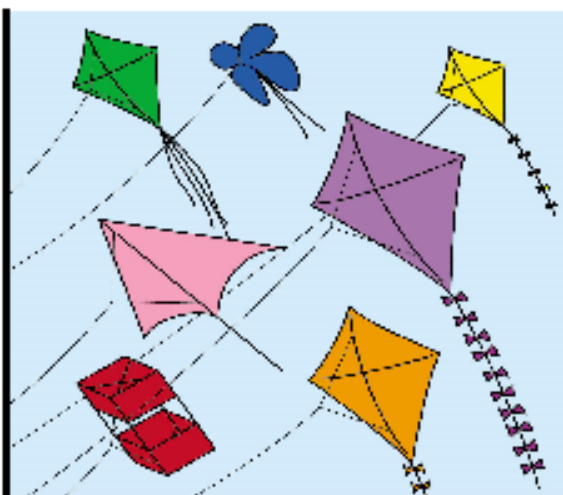
April 19: Good Friday @ 6:30 PM

**Easter**

Worship @ 7 AM & 10:30 AM    Breakfast @ 8 AM

Sunday School w/ Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:15 AM

The Kids Sing at the 10:30 Service



Family Event

**Kite Flying at Grace**

Saturday, May 4

1-3 PM

There will be prizes for:

- ⊗ Highest Flying Kite
- ⊗ Longest in Flight
- ⊗ Most Creative Homemade Kite

Join us for a high flying,  
fun day!

Ice Cream will also be scooped  
out to participants!

  
**M S M**  
 Sunday, April 14 @ 6:30 PM  
 Food, Games, & Bible Study  
 Middle School Ministry


**ROAR!**  
 Save the Date for VBS  
**June 24-28**

April  
 7, 14 & 23

NO BIBLE  
 STUDY  
 April 21



# April 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>1</b>  7:00 pm LWML / Concordia Circle	<b>2</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Chapel  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>3</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Class 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J  9:30 am Bethesda Idaho Unit Annual Meeting
<b>7</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study  Greeters: Dave & Vicki Lewis	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>10</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Class 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters  5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Theology on Tap	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J  <b>All Church            Spring Clean-Up            Day</b>
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship <i>Board of Education            Board of Trustees</i> 6:30 pm MSM 6:30 H.S. Bible Study  Greeters: Flo Hopkins, Sharon Lewis	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> 9:30/12:30 Chapel <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>  5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	<b>17</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Class  7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters  5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>19</b>  6:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	<b>20</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am SS & Egg Hunt Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion  Greeters: 7AM: Steve & Debbi Nisula 10:30AM: Jim & Anita Lindbloom	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<b>24</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Class  7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  1:00 pm Quilters  5:45 pm Exercise 6:30 pm Theology on Tap	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J  <b>10:00 am Community            Marketplace &amp; Yard            Sale</b>
<b>28</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: Ty & Rene Lyon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i>  5:45 pm Exercise	<i>Luke 24 - <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the            tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of            the Lord Jesus.</i>			