



Grace Newsletter

June 2019

Bible Studies—

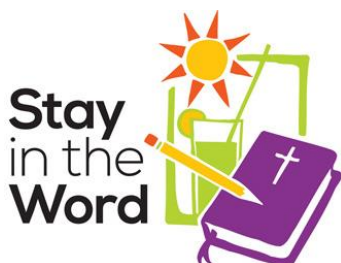
Saturday Morning Bible Study at Denny's (at the Flying J) at 8 AM. Small group discusses and studies the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday morning service. The group will not meet on Saturday, June 8th due to the Love Your City event. Please contact Terry or Sharon Hensen (208) 459-6453 if interested.

Summer Read and Sunday Bible Study

We will be reading/discussing the book **The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy** by Tim Keller starting Sunday, June 2 during our Sunday morning bible study hour.

An angry prophet. A feared and loathsome enemy. A devastating storm. And the surprising message of a merciful God to his people. The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. It is also the most misunderstood. Many people, even those who are nonreligious, are familiar with Jonah: A rebellious prophet who defies God and is swallowed by a whale. But there's much more to Jonah's story than most of us realize. Author and Pastor Timothy Keller makes the case that Jonah was one of the worst prophets in the entire Bible. And yet there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son, and Jesus. Jesus in fact saw himself in Jonah.

This will be a very interesting and enlightening Bible Study. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.



Teacher Position Opening —



We are seeking a PRESCHOOL TEACHER for the 3-4 year old class for the 2019-2020 school year. This is one of two teacher positions for the class. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 am and depending on enrollment may meet in the afternoons from 12:00 – 2:30 pm. Education and/or experience with early childhood education is preferred but not required. For additional information please contact Mike or Lillian Pierce (208 467-1437) or Grace Lutheran Church (208 459-4191).

Preschool Registration—

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open! The Pre-K morning session is just about full. We offer afternoon sessions once the morning session is full. The Pre-K AM class is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM – 11:30 AM and the PM class will run 12 PM – 2:30 PM. We also offer a class for 3 year olds. This class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM – 11:30 AM. Your child must be 3 before September 1 and toilet trained to enroll in the 3 year old class. Check out our website gracelutherancaldwell.org for additional school information and to register.

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REVERSING THE CURSE OF BABEL

“Tongues as of fire appeared to [the disciples] and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:3-4

June 9th is Pentecost Sunday. On the first Pentecost the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus came on the believers in a very visible and powerful way. But did you know that the original Day of Pentecost fell during a Jewish celebration?

Shavuos (shah-voo-ohs), sometimes called Pentecost, is one of three Jewish festivals that required a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The other two are the Feast of Tabernacles and the Feast of Passover.

Pentecost is a Greek word that means “fifty days.” And *Shavuos*, the Hebrew name for the holiday, means “weeks.” Both refer to the period of time between the festivals of Passover and the first fruits of the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel.

The observance of Pentecost was an occasion to return to God the first and the best portion of the harvest. Those “first fruits” would indicate both the character and the quantity of the remainder of the crop. If the first fruit was good, the rest of the harvest would be, too. If the first fruit was abundant, there would be an abundant harvest yet to come.

Jesus had commanded the disciples to wait in Jerusalem, “*for the promise of the father*” (Acts 1:4,5). So they waited. Then, on the fiftieth day after Christ’s resurrection, God unleashed the power of His Holy Spirit in a new way:

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4

Some who heard the disciples speaking in foreign languages thought they were merely babbling. But God had chosen the time when Jews from all over the world would be in Jerusalem, and He used that “babbling” to reap a spiritual harvest of souls among every tribe, tongue and nation on the face of the earth. Jews who had come to offer God the first fruits of the wheat harvest became the first fruits of a great spiritual harvest. And they represented the harvest to come, not just for the Jewish people but for all of the world.

Paul says in Romans that God is able to turn all things for good. Pentecost is but one example of this. People speak in many languages as a result of sin and pride. Thousands of years before, at a place called Babel, the Lord prevented humanity from uniting to do

evil. He cursed them by confusing their language and scattering them into many different nations and tongues.

How like our gracious God to reverse the curse of Babel on Pentecost after Christ’s resurrection. Languages that once confused and alienated people were now used to proclaim the good news that God’s salvation had come to the nations. People once divided through sin would now be united in the Savior. Out of chaos and cacophony God created a beautiful diversity and harmony, that people of all languages might come together as a choir of praise to the glory of God.

“Out of chaos and cacophony God created a beautiful...harmony”

God’s harvest of souls of all peoples and tongues has been going on for almost 2,000 years. In that time the world has changed. Empires have risen and fallen. Wars have been fought and times of peace have been enjoyed. And through all the events that have taken place over these 2,000 years, people have received the gift of faith created by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

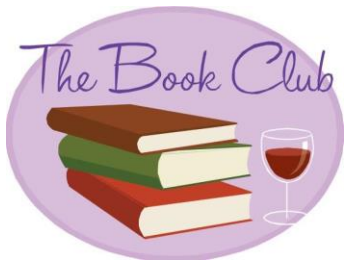
And you and I are among that harvest, that great throng of sinners who have become saints by the power of God’s Spirit who loosed the tongues of the first Christians to praise God in languages they had never learned.

The strains of that chorus which began in Jerusalem on Pentecost continues to echo throughout the world. And the choir continues to gain in strength and number as the Lord of the harvest continues His work. Together with Him we gather together and sing songs of praise to the Lamb who once was dead but now is alive forevermore.

And we are privileged to help in the work of the harvest as God’s Spirit draws people throughout the world to salvation in Jesus. The harvest truly is plentiful. And by God’s grace we here at Grace will continue to sow the seed of the Gospel and water it as we teach God’s Word faithfully and clearly.

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



The next gathering of our Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **June 30** at 6:30 PM. **"How to Stop Time"** by Matt Haig. Our meeting place is TBD.

A short summary: Tom Hazard has just moved back to London, his old home, to

settle down and become a high school history teacher. And on his first day at school, he meets a captivating French teacher at his school who seems fascinated by him. But Tom has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old, but owing to a rare condition, he's been alive for centuries. Tom has lived history--performing with Shakespeare, exploring the high seas with Captain Cook, and sharing cocktails with Fitzgerald. Now, he just wants an ordinary life. *How to Stop Time* tells a love story across the ages—and for the ages—about a man lost in time, the woman who could save him, and the lifetimes it can take to learn how to live. It is a bighearted, wildly original novel about losing and finding yourself, the inevitability of change, and how with enough time to learn, we just might find happiness.

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 —

The 38th Biennial LWML Convention is in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019.

Inspirational

performer Joe Castillo has developed a new way of telling stories with his hands in the

sand – SandStories. With the use of sand, a light table, and music, Joe creates a powerful message. As he creates different scenes, they are displayed on a screen for the audience to see. Joe has obtained an M.A. in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary.



For more details go to the LWML's website at lwml.org/2019-convention



Reminder & update:

Our church office hours are Tues. thru Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. **Note:** the office will be closed June 4-7 and June 11-12 due to vacations.



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Summer is just around the corner and vacation travel is on the minds of many. To start that travel off all ladies are invited to Concordia Circle's summer break picnic Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm at the home of Peggy Schroeder, 26924 Bird Haven Court, Wilder, ID. We will enjoy conversation, laughter, food and take a journey with St. Paul looking at the "Road Signs of Life". Contact Peggy, 208-731-3839 with questions. Our group does not meet in July or August.

Oktoberfest Interest Meeting—

Thank you to all who attended this meeting and for your interest in helping with Oktoberfest. This event is a go! Mark your calendar. It will be on Saturday, September 14th. The board of outreach will provide more specifics as the date gets closer.

~ The Blessings of Spring ~

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

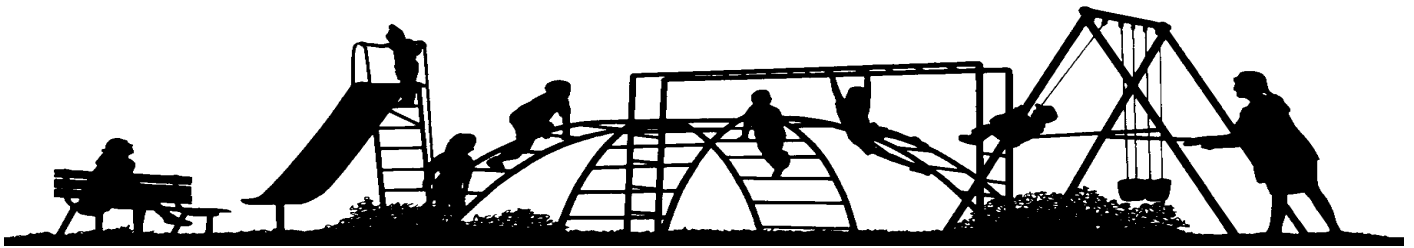
With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!



Preschool News!

Pre-Kindergarten - 4 Year Old Class

May was our last month of the school year. Our theme for the month was camping and we released our butterflies after watching them transform from caterpillars into a chrysalis and then into butterflies! It was so much fun watching them fly away to their new homes. We made hand print tulips on tea towels for Mother's Day and saw pictures ("You're The Best Dad I Ever Saw") for Father's Day. The kiddos also filled out some fun questionnaires about their Mom's and Dad's.

Bible story focus was the Holy Spirit, the great commission, and love and kindness.

Bible Verses:

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. - Acts 2:4

For whoever is not against us is for us. - Mark 9:40

Love is Patient, Love is Kind. - 1 Corinthians 13:4

The end of the year celebration was so much fun. We had 275 guest and our kiddos did fantastic singing. We sure will miss them! Good luck in kindergarten and make sure to stop by and visit.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Patti

3 Year Old Class

Summer has finally arrived. With that said we sadly had to say good bye to our students as they will hop on into pre-kindergarten. Before we let them hop away, we first had a jam packed last couple weeks of school where we explored the ocean. We decorated the classroom with fishing nets, fish, sea shells, sharks, an ocean water sensory table, and a pin the tail on the shark! The kids enjoyed cutting out fish and hanging them in our classroom windows. We also made a Mother's Day gift, pavers with handprints made into flowers, butterflies, and had a lot of Ocean themed books to read at story time. We reviewed all the letters of the alphabet, numbers 1-20, all the primary colors, and being fishers of men with our bible stories. The kids worked very hard at learning all of the songs and performing them at our End of the Year Celebration where they also received their certificates and frogs congratulating them for making it into the next phase before they are off to Kindergarten! Thank you to all the families that came to support our students and celebrate with cookies and refreshments after the graduation. It was a pleasure teaching these bright, happy, beautiful children this school year, they will all be missed! Have a great summer!

Love,

Mrs. Lillian and Mrs. Katie



Summer Sunday School
begins June 2

Facilitators NEEDED

to volunteer to lead ONE lesson for ONE hour during the summer

This year's theme:

Kid's Travel Guide to the Fruits of the Spirit

Donuts with Dad
Sunday, June 16 9 AM
Bring your dads, grandpas
and uncles!

Pick up a donut or two from Lanny's
Donut Truck! First donut is free!



LOVE
your
CITY

Serve Your City
alongside your
church family
June 6-8
Sign up in the entry way

**Help for one day or
every day!**

Youth Backpacking Trip
August 1-4
More details to come



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL


JUNE 24-28
9 AM - NOON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
STORY, GAMES, CRAFTS,
PRESCHOOL &
SMALL GROUP LEADERS

SIGN UP TODAY!



June 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
2 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Gary & Gail Meyer	3 6:30 p.m. LWML / Concordia Circle at Peggy Schroeder's	4 5:45 pm Exercise	5 Bulletin Deadline	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> LOVE YOUR CITY! </div>		8
9 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Becky Moler	10	11 5:45 pm Exercise	12 Bulletin Deadline	13 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise	14	15 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
16 Father's Day 9:00 am Donuts for Dads 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Tony & Elizabeth Osmus	17	18 Newsletter Deadline 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's	19 Bulletin Deadline	20 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Council	21 First Day of Summer	22 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J
23 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Margie Pate, Sara Upson	<div style="background-color: #ffd700; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Vacation Bible School – ROAR!</h2> </div>					
30 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Leroy & Sherrie Prien	<p style="font-style: italic;">His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.</p> <p style="font-style: italic;">2 Peter 1:3</p>					

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 and monthly 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 for you to contact Pastor if there is anything specific you would like prayer for.



- Dorothy Jaime
- Dawna James
- Ray & Barbara James
- Chris & Natalie Kelpin
- Norm & Donna Kendall
- Jon & Margaret, Miles, Grant & Bonnie Kilzer
- Frank & Phyllis Kimura
- Mark & Mary Kroll
- Alex & Sarah Kroll
- Jerry & Patti Lawson
- Dick, Peggy & David Ledington
- Erma Ledington
- Shane & Vicki, Jake, Austin, Natasha, Amanda, & Aiyana

This month we will be praying for the following families:

- Riley & Amy, Marlee, Ella & Maya Hubach
- Eva Hulse

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**Prayer** ~ Lord Jesus Christ, You are the first fruits of the dead, never to die again. Send us with Your Word of hope and comfort to any who are ill, recovering, facing surgery, depressed, or troubled. According to Your good and gracious will, bring healing to all we've listed here and to those we hold near in our hearts. We ask you to give comfort to those who have lost loved ones. Help them cling to the promise of the new life You have given those passed through the death and resurrection of Your Son and give all of us confidence that on that last day You will wipe away all tears from the eyes of Your people.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

## Keep in our Prayers—

We pray God's healing, care and comfort for those dealing with:

*Cancer - Amy Pieksma Rovig, Jack Hamblin, Gary Olufson, Roberta Frazier, Ron Salow, Randy Erickson, Mitch Cunningham, Bob Mercer, Shive Huggins, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer*

*Heart issues –Randy Elms, Katherine Clark*

*Lung failure – Sam Normore*

*Stroke – Ann Brooks, Toni Kroll, John Haverman, Ginny Neunaber*

*Mental health – Amy (a friend of Bert's), David Ledington,*

*Parkinson's – Bryan Schuster*

*Eye/Vision – Melissa Dewitt*

*Rehabilitation – Scott Weiskircher, Jake Nash*

*Long-term illness – Charles & Paula Row, David Schuster, Jannet Studer,*

*Deaths of – Richard Von Dach, Dolores Harrison*

*We also remember and pray for our Shut-In's – Gwen Barney, Janette Charlesworth, Margaret Edmiston, Norm Kendall, Sarge Sargent, Martha Weymouth, & Leonard Wolff*

*Additional information about those we've listed and their situation can be found in our weekly bulletin.*