



Grace Newsletter

July 2019

Bible Studies—

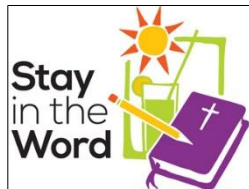
Saturday Morning Bible Study at Denny's (at the Flying J) at 8 AM. Small group discusses and studies the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday morning service. Please contact Terry or Sharon Hensen (208) 459-6453 if interested.

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.



Lost 'n' Found Box—



The Lost n Found box is located on top of the coat rack in the Narthex. The items in this box will be donated to Goodwill August 1. Be sure to take a look at what is in the box before this date.

Scholarship Awarded—

Grace Lutheran Church has awarded a scholarship to Marlee Hubach. Marlee is starting school in August at Concordia University in Nebraska. She will be studying to be a teacher. She is the daughter of Riley and Amy. Please support her in your prayers.

Teacher 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).

Sermons on Website—

Reminder: Pastor Brooks' sermons are available on our website - <http://www.gracelutherancaldwell.org>. Click on "RESOURCES" in the main menu bar and then SERMONS. The sermons are available from February 16th, 2014 to present.

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IN-DEPENDENCE!

“From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Once again this month on July 4th we observe the birthday of our nation. As Americans we enjoy so many benefits of living in a free nation. One of those is the right to hold and express opinions which may run counter to the opinions of those who occupy leadership positions in our government. This is a blessing that many, if not most, of the people in the world today do not enjoy.

However, this is a bit of a two-edged sword. Independent thought and speech are held in such high regard by our society that there are many who would say that any disagreement with the opinion they hold is a restriction on their freedom of thought and speech. Since there's no such thing as absolute truth my opinion on a subject is just as valid as anyone else's. And to imply otherwise shows you to be a bigot, racist or worse.

This, I believe, is one reason why Christians and Christianity are viewed with such hostility by many. Those who would follow Christ and proclaim the Gospel message that there is no salvation except through Him are viewed as fanatics. If you hold too strongly to such a belief you must be a fanatic. I've even heard it said that there's nothing wrong with faith as long as you don't take it too seriously. Unfortunately, it would appear that the only absolute truth is that there's no such thing as absolute truth.

“If you hold too strongly to [faith in Christ] you must be a fanatic.”

Because of this Christians are often hesitant to speak out on certain issues. Society puts so much pressure on the church that many denominations have given way to popular opinion and rejected the clear teachings of God's Word.

The truth of the matter is, popular opinion has nothing to do with what is right and what is wrong. We don't define God, He defines us. We don't tell God what He does or doesn't allow, He tells us. God's truth isn't subject to our vote or opinion. And those who believe it does have succumbed to a form of idolatry. Rather than worshiping God as He has revealed Himself in His Word, people create a god in their own image who thinks and acts like they do.

There's a cartoon which shows two frightened men on a downward escalator bound for hell. Fires are visible at the bottom and the men are profusely sweating as one says to the other. “This can't be

happening! My church voted by a 2/3 majority that hell doesn't exist!”

The truth of the matter is, we can have whatever opinion we desire. But in the end God's “opinion” will be seen for what it is – the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Churches and denominations may run themselves according to their own definition of the truth but, in the end, they and we will be judged by God and His law.

For us as Christians, the source of truth is summed up in the passage noted at the top of this page. The holy Scriptures, God's inspired, Spirit breathed Word is the only source through which we can know salvation. It's only there that we find the truth that our salvation is dependent only on Christ. As Peter said in Acts: *“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

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And only in His Word does God reveal, teach, rebuke, correct and train us what it means to live for Him. We aren't allowed to add to it or take away from it. God's Word declares His truth and our only response can be to struggle with it daily as we apply it to our life and, by His power, live it to His glory.

As we observe Independence Day this month, let us also be reminded of the fact that, as God's people, we are never independent from Him but are constantly in-dependence upon Him for all things.

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

Pastor Brooks

LCMS Synodical Convention

Once again this year our church body meets in Convention. This will take place from July 19-25 in Orlando, Florida. Please keep this event and the delegates who attend in your prayers as they make decisions which will shape our church body. And pray that every decision conforms only to God's Word.



The next gathering of our Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **July 28** at 7:00 PM. **“Home Front”** by Kristin Hannah. Our meeting place is TBD.

A short summary:

Bestselling author Kristin Hannah explores the intimate landscape of a troubled marriage with this provocative and timely portrait of a husband and wife, in love and at war.

From a distance, Michael and Joleen Zarkades seem to have it all: a solid marriage, two exciting careers, and children they adore. But after twelve years together, the couple has lost their way; they are unhappy and edging toward divorce. Then the Iraq war starts. An unexpected deployment will tear their already fragile family apart, sending one of them deep into harm’s way and leaving the other at home, waiting for news. When the worst happens, each must face their darkest fear and fight for the future of their family. An intimate look at the inner landscape of a disintegrating marriage and a dramatic exploration of the price of war on a single American family, Home Front is a provocative and timely portrait of hope, honor, loss, forgiveness, and the elusive nature of love.

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.



Concordia Circle/LWML—

This group does not meet in July or August. See you in September.

ELDER MEETING -

The elder meeting will be held on July 16th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to any member and members are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL MEETING -

The council meeting for July will be held on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. All board leaders are encouraged to attend.



~ The Summertime ~

**Thank you Lord for the golden sun
That warms the earth from sky of blue
The rays that brightens the summer's day
Speaks of the love that flows from you**

**The summertime of heat filled days
We thank you for the cooling breeze
And the shade that cools us down
Under the shadow of leaf topped trees**

**We seek the shelter of your wings
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul
And the rest you give to us who sinned**

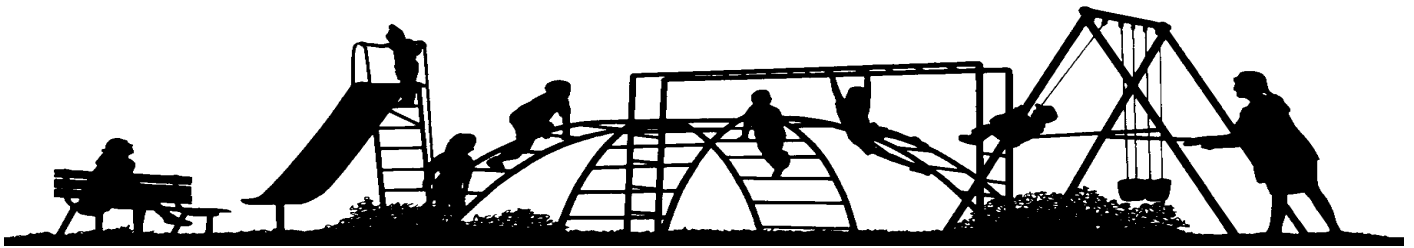
**We thank you for the sparkling sea
To dive beneath its cooling waves
And Lord we thank you for the blood
Of your Saviour Son the One who saves**

**The summer days we thank you for
The joys of spending sun filled hours
Along the coast or countryside
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers**

**For in the heart redeemed by you
Your Saviour Son brings a better clime
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace
And for our souls it is always summertime
Colin Moffett**



Reminder & update:
Our church office hours are Tues. thru Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. *Note: the office will be closed July 18-19 due to vacations.*



Preschool News!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!

Check out our website; gracelutherancaldwell.org for school information.

Openings are available in both classes!

Three/Four Year Old Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Fee: \$85

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2019)

Monthly Tuition: \$85

September - May

Four/Five Year Old Class

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Registration Fee: \$125

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2019)

Monthly Tuition: \$125

September - May

Our morning classes meet from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

We will offer PM classes if enrollment numbers are sufficient.

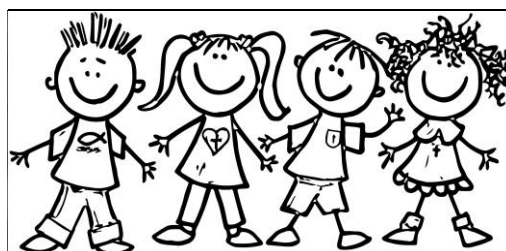
If a PM class is opened it will run from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

To register, you may do so by:

- stopping by the church office to pick up a registration form,
- contacting the church office(459-4191) for a registration form to be mailed or
- go online to <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> and click on the link to fill out a registration form

To pay the registration fee and/or monthly tuition, you may do so with:

- cash or check made out to “Grace Lutheran Church”
- a monthly payment using Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking or savings account. Follow the link online to download and print a form or stop by the church office and our secretary will assist you in setting that up (******there is a discount off of the monthly tuition if this option is used, call the office to find out more******).
- a debit or credit card. Click the “**Make a Payment**” button on our online preschool page. You will need to create an online user profile and password the first time you use this option.





Summer Sunday School

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

Swimming at the Caldwell Pool!
Sunday, July 21 6:30-8:30 PM
Cost \$2

Please sign up at church in advance AND
invite your friends and neighbors!



Backpacking Trip
August 1-4

Hiking to Hell Roaring, setting up camp &
day hiking to various lakes in the
Sawtooths


Cost \$30 which includes food
Questions? Contact Amy

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED WITH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**WE COULD NOT HAVE
DONE WITHOUT YOU!**



July 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------|---|--|---|------------------|---|
| <p>***National Youth Gathering***</p> <p>July 11-15</p> <p>Minneapolis, MN</p> | 1 | 2 5:45 pm Exercise | 3 Bulletin Deadline | 4  5:45 pm Exercise | 5 | 6 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J |
| <p>7 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Greeters: Hope Farrell</p> | 8 | 9 5:45 pm Exercise | 10 NYG - Leave Bulletin Deadline | 11 ***NYG*** 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise | 12**NYG** | 13 ***NYG*** 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J |
| <p>14 ***NYG*** 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>Greeters: Bob & Donna Rookstool</p> | 15 ***NYG*** | 16 ***NYG*** Newsletter Deadline 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm <i>Elder's</i> | 17 NYG - Return Bulletin Deadline | 18 1:00 pm Quilters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm <i>Council</i> | 19 | 20 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J |
| <p>21 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30 Swimming at Caldwell Pool</p> <p>Greeters: Jerry & Patti Lawson</p> | 22 | 23 5:45 pm Exercise | 24 Bulletin Deadline | 25 5:45 pm Exercise | 26 | 27 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J |
| <p>28 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm Grace Book Club</p> <p>Greeters: Tony & Elizabeth Osmus</p> | 29 | 30 5:45 pm Exercise | 31 Bulletin Deadline | <p><i>Now the Lord^[a] is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.</i></p> <p><i>2 Corinthians 3:17</i></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.



This month we will be praying for the following families:

- Sharon Lewis
- Dave & Vicki, Haley & Dalton Lewis
- Jim & Anita Lindbloom
- Larry Lund
- Ty & Rene' Lyon
- Bob & Vicky Mallon
- Josie Martinez
- Rich, Donna, & Matt McCartin
- Frank & Phyllis Kimura
- Mick & Kim McGarvey
- Ken & Carol McIntyre
- Ryan & Jessica McMorris

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**Prayer** ~ Lord, on this day set aside to celebrate our Independence may Your people look to You acknowledging we are solely dependent on You. We thank You for the blessings of liberty and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. Yet we admit we have not always chosen the right way and ask Your forgiveness. May we never presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, our industry and businesses are in need of You. As the prophet has said, may justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never-failing stream for this pleases You and blesses all. We ask this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

*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, Mark Hammer, Gary Olufson, Roberta Frazier, Ron Salow, Randy Erickson, Mitch Cunningham, Bob Mercer, Shive Huggins, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Jannet Studer*

*Heart issues – Katherine Clark, Verla Mercer, Gary Carmain*

*Lung failure – Sam Normore*

*Gall Bladder – Anita Lindbloom, Jeri Poindexter, Lee Weymouth*

*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*

*Liver – John Newhouse, Bryant Neal*

*Rehabilitation – Scott Weiskircher, Jake Nash*

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

*Seizures ~ Tug Smith*

*Deaths of – Sherrie Fry, Randy Elms, Erma Neal, Rev. Merv Kellerman, Pastor Don Moll, Leilani Neal*

*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.*