



Grace Newsletter

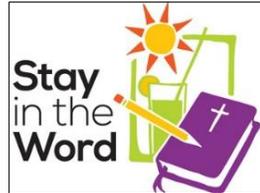
August 2019

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 are reading/discussing the book **The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy** by Tim Keller during our Sunday morning bible study hour. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.



Note: There will be several Bible Study Classes starting up in September. Two on Sunday mornings, one on Tuesday evening (women's), and one on Thursday evening (men's). Sunday morning classes will be led by Pastor Brooks and Amy Hubach.

Share Your Garden—

If your garden is producing enough that you'd like to share with others, bring it to church and place it in our "Share Your Garden" stand located in the entryway. Any produce in this stand is available to anybody who wants it.



Sermons on Website—

All 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. There is also a lot of other information on our website such as the church calendar and events. This newsletter is posted too. Check it out!

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 position requires 7-8 hours a week more if a PM class is opened. 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).

Some Teacher/Student Jokes—

- Q: Teacher: Didn't I tell you to stand at the end of the line?
A: Student: I tried but there was someone already there!
- Q: How is an English teacher like a judge?
A: They both give out sentences.
- Q: Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?
A: Student: Not really.
- Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
A: Because his class was so bright!

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JESUS IS LORD OF ALL!

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11



Many years ago I saw a movie titled “Robin Hood – Prince of Thieves.” And although the movie could have been less graphic and violent, it was rather nice to see a movie that held up the notion that there is such a thing as

good and evil in the world and that good can triumph over evil.

But this particular version didn’t follow the classic tale of Robin Hood as I remembered it. Robin Hood still fought against the evil Sherriff of Nottingham but there were a number of not-so-subtle attacks against the church and Christians in general.

It was taken for granted that the Englishmen ere Christians but rather than upholding any moral virtues, they were portrayed as crude, uneducated beer-swillers, The clergy were either money grubbers, as in the case of the bishop who assisted the Sherriff in stealing Robin’s birthright, or loud drunkards like Friar Tuck. Surprisingly, the only person who demonstrated a consistent moral center was the Muslim warrior played by Morgan Freeman.

Another anti-Christian bias came out in the references made to the Crusades against the Turkish Moslems. As a young man Robin had joined the Crusades to fight with King Richard. But we learn that this was done against the will of Robin’s father. They had parted with angry words because Robin’s father believed the Crusades were foolish and ill-conceived and that it wasn’t worth dying in an effort to “force” your religion on someone else.

Now, I’m not necessarily defending the Crusades. While most of the Christians who participated in the Crusades truly believed they were on a holy mission and fought believing they were carrying the banner of Christ to free people from the forces of darkness and unbelief, there were certainly many inhumane actions conducted in the name of Christ by those who went forth to free Jerusalem from the Turks. But their errors must not prevent us from faithfully and boldly confessing the reality that Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of kings.

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In our days we could stand to have a little more of the fervency which marked the early Christians.

“Jesus is Lord” was the first Christian Creed and with this battle cry the first missionaries marched forward in their conquest of the pagan world that surrounded them. But they didn’t venture forth with swords of steel. Rather, they were armed with the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17).

Jesus Christ was Lord then and He is still Lord today. He has conquered death and brought the promise of eternal life and immortality to all who would believe on His name. He is the Head over all things and rules His church with power and grace. Because He ascended and is seated at the right hand of God all things have become His possession and under His Lordship.

When we call Jesus “Lord” we are saying that we pledge our complete loyalty to Him. This confession is an acknowledgement of ownership and an expression of our trust in His ability to deliver us from every evil of body and soul.

“Jesus establishes His Lordship in a way that baffles men.”

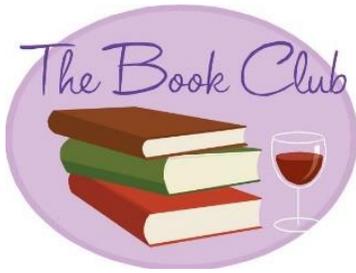
But Jesus establishes His Lordship in a way that baffles men. The crusaders were mistaken. They believed they could bring the Kingdom of God to people by force. But Jesus wields no swords, commands no armies, and drops no bombs. And He certainly doesn’t crush His enemies into submission.

Instead, He woos and wins our glad loyalty by the message of the Gospel which calls us to faith and trust in Him as the one and only Savior from sin. He does not scold us into a stronger faith. Rather, He blesses us into a stronger faith.

Jesus is Lord even though people shut their hearts against Him. Jesus is Lord even when His disciples cannot understand His strange ways of dealing with those of us who confess Him as Lord. Unbelief does not disprove His Lordship. And it isn’t our faith that establishes His Lordship. Rather, faith, which is God’s gift to us, grasps and clings to the reality of Jesus as the one and only Lord of Life because He is the One who lived, died, rose from the grace and ascended into heaven.

We are God’s people and Jesus is our Lord and Master. Our battle cry and personal creed remains, “Jesus is Lord.” God bless you as you follow Him and I look forward to seeing you soon in church.

Pastor Brooks



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **August 25** at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing “**A Prayer for Owen Meany**” by John Irving. Our meeting place is TBD. This book has around 600 pages so hopefully it is really good and reading goes quickly.

A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick

A short summary: I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice—not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew, or even because he was the instrument of my mother's death, but because he is the reason I believe in God; I am a Christian because of Owen Meany.

In the summer of 1953, two eleven-year-old boys—best friends—are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy's mother. The boy who hits the ball doesn't believe in accidents; Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul ball is extraordinary.

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—

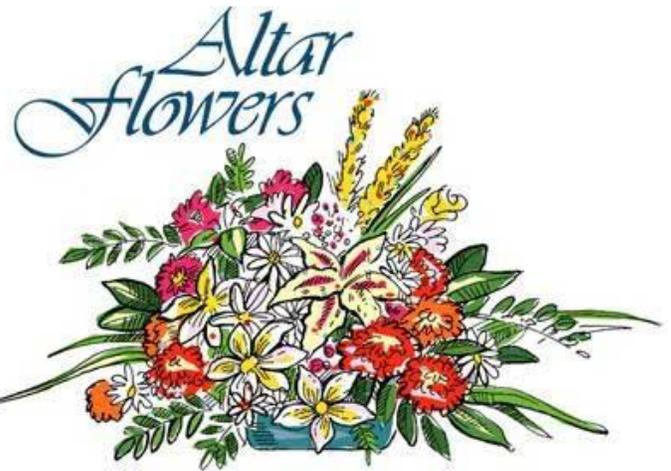
The elder meeting will be held on August 20th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to any member and members are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL MEETING—

The council meeting for July will be held on August 16th at 7:00 p.m. All board leaders are encouraged to attend.



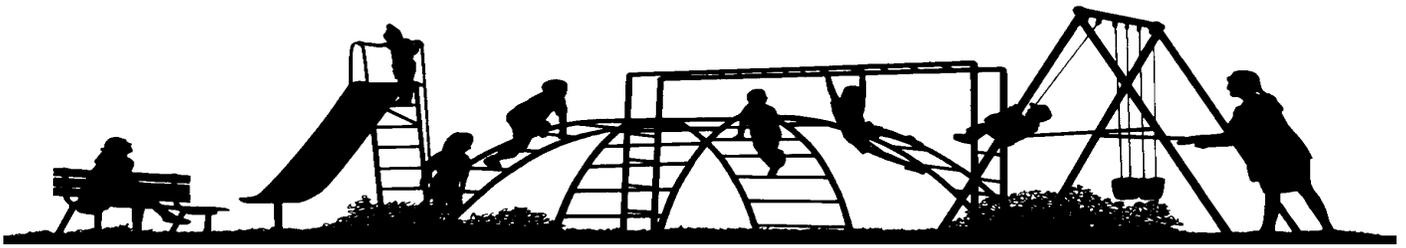
“Plans are underway for the **Third Annual Grace Lutheran Oktoberfest!** This event will be on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Oktoberfest will have live music, a beer garden, kids' games, a catered German dinner from “Old Country Sausage” and fun for adults and youth. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase in advance. Please mark this on your calendar now.



Our flower sign up calendar has several Sunday's open in September, October and December for bringing in flowers to place on the altar. Take a look and sign up to bring in flowers in memory of, in honor of or just because of someone. The flowers always look very nice on the altar. If you like you may also notify the office to announce in the bulletin who the flowers are for or if they are for a specific occasion. The sign up calendar is on the wall between the entry way and Amy's office door. Cut flowers may be put on the altar in a vase. If you have a potted plant or flower please place those on the stands located next to the altar.

A William Arthur Ward Quote—

- “Do more than belong: participate.
- Do more than care: help.
- Do more than believe: practice.
- Do more than be fair: be kind.
- Do more than forgive: forget.
- Do more than dream: work.”



Preschool News!

REGISTER NOW for the 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

Openings are available in both classes – Pre-K AM almost full!

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.

We're Going Back To School



Tuesday
September 3rd

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



Backpack Blessings

Sunday, August 18

at the 10:30 service

All kids bring your backpacks & all families will receive a special blessing packet for the school year

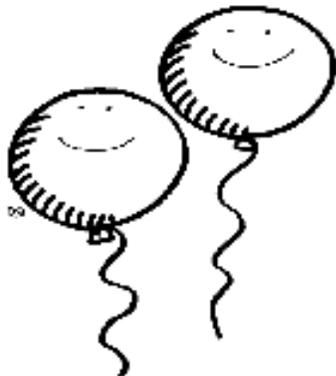
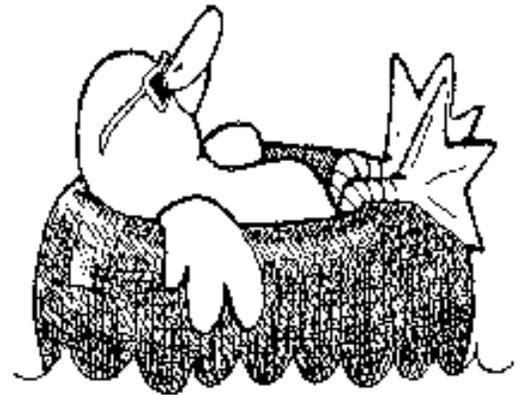
All Youth

Float the Boise River

Sunday, August 25 after church

bring a sack lunch

All families meet at the Hubach's for a BBQ after the float



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8

- Kids move up to their new grade
- New adult classes will begin
- Confirmation class will begin

Annual All Youth Progressive Dinner

hosts needed for:

Appetizer, Salad, Main Meal & Dessert

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="color: #00AEEF; font-style: italic;">Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #00AEEF; font-weight: bold;">Psalm 143:8</p>				<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #00AEEF; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: #00AEEF; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;"> <i>Sawtooth Backpacking Trip 1st - 4th</i> </div>
				5:45 pm Exercise	6:30 pm Men's Night at Grace	
<p>4 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Greeters: Charlie & Jacquie Rowen</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
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<p>11 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>Greeters: Mark & Peggy Schroeder</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>1st Day of School Marsing</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
		5:45 pm Exercise		5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Council		
<p>18 Backpack Blessing 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Greeters: Terry & Cathy Reinke</p>	<p>19 1st Day of School</p> <p>Caldwell Vallivue Nampa Notus</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21 Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>1st Day of School Wilder</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
		5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's		5:45 pm Exercise		
<p>25 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>All Youth – Float the Boise River</p> <p>7:00 pm Grace Book Club</p> <p>Greeters: Ryan & Carla Shields</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
		6:30 pm Preschool Open House & Parent Information Night		5:45 pm Exercise		

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. A postcard is sent out in the mail reminding families of the date that they will be specifically prayed for and for them to contact Pastor if there is anything specific they would like prayer for.



This month we will be praying for the following families:

- Gary & Gail Meyer

- Becky, Eldon & Addie Moler
- Jake & Glenda Nash
- Loraine Navis
- Bryant & Lisa Neal, Cynthia, Connor & Logan
- Steve & Debbi Nisula
- Al Osmus
- Tony & Elizabeth Osmus
- Gary & Jan Parfit
- Becky & Alli Parry
- Jeff & Margie Pate
- Irene Pedro

Prayer ~ God of grace, be with all who are sick or suffer from any kind of affliction of body, soul, or mind. In the midst of their sufferings, comfort them with the certain promise of Your love and Your promise to bring us healing according to Your good and perfect will. Be a comfort and strength to the friends and families of all whose loved ones have died recently. Assure them of the heavenly inheritance awaiting all who trust in Jesus for salvation and help them to look to You daily in their time of sorrow.

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, Mitch Cunningham, Bob Mercer, Shive Huggins, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Jannet Studer, Doris Powell

Heart issues – Katherine Clark, Verla Mercer, Gary Carmain

Stroke – Toni Kroll, John Haverman, Jean (Margaret Kilzer’s mother)

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

Hip surgery – Dora Evans

Back surgery – Janice Beaudry, Gail Meyer

Kidney – Craig (Jeanne Berg’s brother-in-law)

Parkinson’s – Bryan Schuster

Liver – John Newhouse, Bryant Neal, Dave Henderson

Rehabilitation – Scott Weiskircher, Jake Nash,

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

Seizures ~ Tug Smith

Deaths of – Dean Finch, Ann Brooks, Ginny Neunaber, Charles Christiansen

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.