



Grace Newsletter

September 2019

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.

Smile for the directory—

Starting mid-September we would like to start taking member pictures for our church directory. Pictures will be taken on Sundays at church by Hope Farrell and/or Vicky Mallon. Our church management software – Church360 allows us to upload pictures and then download into a directory format. The last directory pictures were taken in 2016 so for those members who had pictures taken we can use those or if you prefer a more recent photo we can simply take another one. More info to follow!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Erma Ledington invites you to a celebration of her 90th Birthday.

Erma's birthday party will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, ID 83605

Please enter church at the back door; watch for balloons. Cards only please; your presence will be her blessing.

Women's Bible Study —



Heroes of the Old Testament

Begins: September 10, 2019

Day of the week: Tuesday

Time: 7 pm

Study: Heroes of the Old Testament

Presenters: Beth Moore, Lisa Harper, Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter and Jennifer Rothschild

Host Home: Margie Pate

All women are welcome to join this weekly bible study. Please contact Sarah Kroll.

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A PARABLE OF TWO WATERS



The land of Israel has two large bodies of water which actually teach us a very important faith lesson.

In the northern part of the country is the Sea of Galilee. This body of water is fed by the Jordan River as it flows from Mt. Hermon southwards. The Sea of Galilee, which lies almost 700 feet below sea level, teems with life and is symbolic of the richness of the land. Fish are so plentiful that they provide the area with its major industry, as well as the main staple of the diet of this region.

It's not only in the sea itself but also the land that surrounds it where you see signs of the rich blessing this body of water brings to the area. There are lush green estates, rich pastureland and an abundance of grass and trees. The cool, fresh water of the Sea of Galilee is the gift of God to a thirsty country and it enriches the whole area.

It was on the hillsides surrounding this sea that Jesus told many of His most powerful lessons. It was here that He fed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish, taught the people the importance of trusting God for their daily needs and His disciples to pray for their daily bread.

Leaving the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River meanders down through the center of the land of Israel toward the southern end of the country. The water remains fresh and rich with life as it passes through the country.

But only sixty miles south the Jordan feeds into another sea which is strangely opposite of the Sea of Galilee is almost every way. In this sea nothing lives at all, therefore the name, The Dead Sea. There is no greenery around it, in fact, no growth of any kind. The trees which once grew close enough to be touched by the water of this sea stand as skeletons, encrusted and strangled by the salt that cakes everything nearby.

Seeing this desolation causes one to ask what happened to the water in its short journey from the north. How could it be so rich and full of life there and yet so barren when it reaches the Dead Sea?

The answer is that nothing happened to the water itself. Analysis of the water from the Jordan River just prior to its entrance into the Dead Sea shows it's water to be identical and just as good as the water to the north.

The difference between the two bodies of water is that the Sea of Galilee has both an inlet and an outlet. The Dead Sea only receives water and keeps it to itself. The level of the Dead Sea is maintained only through evaporation. Everything it receives it keeps and the result is a dreadful kind of death. And it's this taking and keeping without giving back that teaches us a powerful lesson.

You and I receive blessing after blessing from God's gracious hand. We receive gifts of love, caring support, material blessings that sustain our lives. But we receive them not simply for ourselves.

One of the purposes God blesses us is so we might be a blessing to others. If we keep the blessings just for ourselves, something within us dies. We are created in the image of God whose very nature is to give and, when we choose not to, we act in opposition to our true nature.

As you live each day, see it as an opportunity to share the good things God has given you. It may be a smile or a word of encouragement. But whatever you give, God will bless.

God richest blessing to 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, **September 22** at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing “**A Prayer for Owen Meany**” by John Irving. Our meeting place will be at Connie Stadick’s home. This book has around 600 pages so we skipped

meeting in August to give us extra time to read.

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—

Meets the first Monday of every month; however, due to the first Monday being Labor Day, the next meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. MaryEtta and Bunnie are hosting and devotions are TBD. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Peggy Schroeder with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENT:

- Western Zone LWML Fall event, Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 a.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Boise, ID.

ELDER MEETING—

The elder meeting will be held on September 17th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to any member and members are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL MEETING—

The council meeting will be held on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. All board leaders are encouraged to attend.



Games, dinner, drinks, music, dancing, vendors

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

2700 S. Kimball Ave, Caldwell

3rd Annual Oktoberfest Celebration

Saturday, September 14, 2019

3 - 7 pm (dinner served 5:00 – 6:30 pm)



All are welcome to come celebrate our German Lutheran Heritage with us along with our community during this month of Oktoberfest!

Invite your friends and family!

We invite the community to join us for a fun evening!

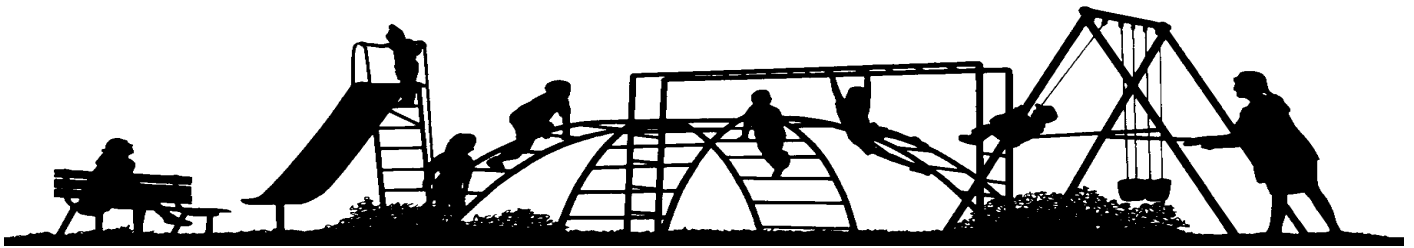
- Dinner:** Provided by *Old Country Sausage*
Brats with sides or hot dog & chips
- Games:** Provided by *Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool*
- Music:** Provided by *Treasure Valley Musik Meisters*
- Drinks:** 4 local beers from Crescent Brewery
Variety of wine,
Homemade root beer
Soda pop
- Vendors:** Local artisan craft booths



***Carnival Games for the kids; Face painting; Snack and prize booths; Cake Walk; Games for adults**

Live Local Polka Music for dancing
Cash, check or credit card accepted

Suggested donation for dinner \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids –
All dinner proceeds to benefit
Boise Rescue Mission Nampa facilities
Limited to 250 meals – come early to enjoy!



Preschool News!

Pre-Kindergarten 4 Year Old Class

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We are excited for another year filled with Jesus, learning, playing, imagination, crafts, creativity, music and unfiltered comments from sweet kiddos! If you have a special job or trade you'd like to share with our kids please let us know. We love learning about different things from friends.

Chapel is the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30. You're welcome to join us in the sanctuary for this fifteen minutes of special time in God's word. We are given the opportunity to have an impact on the world, to reach out and share His grace with those around us. We pray that as we begin this journey the Lord will guide our words and direct our actions so that His love for us shines through each day. We ask for your prayers and support for a blessed year to come.

*Miss Amanda, Miss Patti*

**DID YOU KNOW?** One of the most important things parents can do, beyond keeping kids healthy and safe, is to read with them. That means starting when they are newborns and not even able to talk, and continuing well beyond the years that they can read by themselves. Study after study shows that early reading with children helps them learn to speak, interact, bond with parents and read early themselves, and reading with kids who already know how to read helps them feel close to caretakers, understand the world around them and be empathetic citizens of the world.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2017/02/16/why-its-important-to-read-aloud-with-your-kids-and-how-to-make-it-count/?noredirect=on>

### *3 Year Old Class*

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Summer break has come to an end and we are more than excited to start our new school year!

We are also pleased to announce we have a new co-teacher, Celeste Mays! She has previously taught first grade for the Notus school district, but has taken time off to finish her special education program and raise a family. Her husband Michael and her daughter Malena live in Caldwell and are excited to see all the new and wonderful growth. She has also been a part of the Breath of Life worship team in Caldwell since 2015.

We currently have 10 children enrolled in our class and are eager to meet them and their families.

Subjects we will start the year off with are our 5 senses, motor skills development, classroom safety and Creation. Our bible verse is God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1.

Love,
Mrs. Katie and Mrs. Celeste



Sunday, September 8 @ 9:15

Preschool: Patty Eckman
 Elementary: Jerry & Patti Lawson
 5th-6th: Mark Elli
 7th-8th: **TEACHER NEEDED**
 High School: Carla Shields
 Special Class: Sharon Hensen
 Pastor Brooks: Seeing Christ in Genesis
 Amy Hubach: Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic world

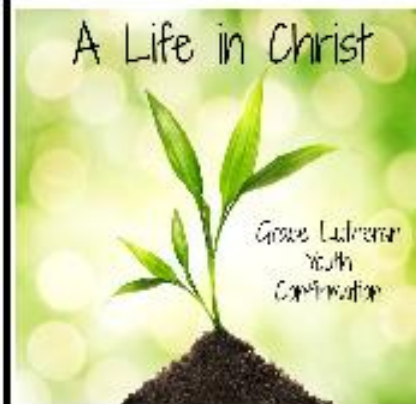
**All Youth Progressive Dinner
 Sunday, September 8 4:30 PM**

Appetizer: Southards
Salad: Reinkes
Main Dish: Schusters
Dessert: Runyans

We will be planning the events for the year
Drivers NEEDED! Call or text Amy



SEPTEMBER 15, 22 + 29



A Life in Christ

Grace Lutheran
 Youth
 Confirmation

Every
 Sunday
 Beginning
 September 8
 12 PM to
 2 PM
 Questions?
 Contact Pastor

Thank You

for serving with Summer Sunday School!

renda Talbot, Margaret Kilzer, Hope
 Farrell, Peggy Schroeder, Anjelika
 Pickett, Sherrie Prien, Amber Rau,
 Larry Fredrickson, Lynette Fisher,
 Marilyn Seay

The Lord will give
 strength to His people.
 The Lord will give His
 people peace.

Psalm 29:11

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Greeters: Don & Karen Southard</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>1st Day of Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Rally Day</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 4:30 pm All Youth Progressive Dinner see p. 5</p> <p>Greeters: Linda Symms</p>	<p>9</p> <p>LWML / Concordia Circle 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OKTOBERFEST 3 PM – 7 PM</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p> <p>Greeters: Chuck & Connie Stadick</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>9:30 am Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm <i>Elder's</i> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm <i>Council</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study 7:00 pm Grace Book Club</p> <p>Greeters: Chaney & Holly Stotts</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Preschool 4's Bulletin Deadline</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters</p> <p>5:45 pm Exercise</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p> <p>Greeters: Garnett & Marilyn Seay</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><i>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8</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. 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:

- James & Anjelika, Amelia & Alison Pickett
- Karen Pickett
- Mike & Lillian Pierce

- Leroy & Sherrie Prien
- Todd & Amber, Melissa, Kolby, & Kaleb Rau
- Terry & Cathy Reinke
- Bob & Donna Rookstool
- Heidi & Kayleigh Ross
- Paula & Charles Row
- Charlie & Jacquie Rowen
- Sarge Sargent
- Arlene Schmitt
- Mark & Peggy Schroeder
- Betty Schultz
- Rosetta Schuster
- David & Roberta Schuster

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:

General health issues – Anita Lindbloom, Mel Clausen

Cancer – John Lindbloom, Amy Pieksma Rovig, Jack Hamblin, Mark Hammer, Gary Olufson, Roberta Frazier, Ron Salow, Mitch Cunningham, Shive Huggins, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Jannet Studer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz

Heart issues – Katherine Clark, Gary Carmain

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

Mental health – David Ledington, Amy (Bert’s

friend)

Hip surgery recovery – Dora Evans

Back surgery recovery – Gail Meyer

Parkinson’s – Bryan Schuster

Liver – John Newhouse, Bryant Neal, Dave Henderson

Rehabilitation – Scott Weiskircher, Jake Nash,

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

Sepsis – Jim Weiss

Deaths of – Ginny Neunaber, Heidi Ross’ grandma

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.