



Grace Newsletter

October 2019

Smile for the directory—

We are taking 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 professional directory pictures were taken in 2016.

This directory will be in black and white and free. 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. “Now if Hope can just remember to bring in her camera.”



Trunk or Treat



WHO: All preschool classes and their younger siblings.

WHAT: A fun time with preschool friends trick-or-treating in the daylight from the trunk of a car.

WHEN: Thursday, October 31st. 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade, 11:30 a.m. Trunk or Treat.

WHERE: The parking lot at Grace.

Preschool parents and members of Grace bring your car and decorate your trunk. Arrive at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot to line up and get your trunk ready. The children will have the Halloween Parade of Costumes out back by the playground at 11:15 a.m. It will be a fun time for adults and kids. This is a great event for church members to get to know our preschool families and vice versa.



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.

Some Birthday Humor:

A couple had been debating the purchase of a new auto for weeks. He wanted a new truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic around town. He would probably have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

“Look!” she said. “I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up. You could surprise me.”

So, for her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

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THE REFORMATION IS STILL RELEVANT!

On October 27th we will observe and honor the Reformation. In fact, Christians around the world will observe the Reformation either that Sunday or 4 days later on the actually “anniversary” of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther sent his *Ninety-Five Theses* along with a letter to Albert of Brandenburg, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Mainz. It’s also likely that he posted his *Theses* on the door of All Saints’ Church in Wittenberg as was the custom at the university whenever a debate was being held. By doing this Luther focused attention on his protest against the authority of the pope and certain teachings of the church.

It was a very tumultuous time in Europe with wars being waged and much social unrest. In that regard, the times we live in are very similar to Luther’s. But despite this, this period was also a time of great progress in arts and sciences. And the invention of the printing press became a key player in the Reformation. Without it Luther’s ideas would likely have died in Germany.

Martin Luther, like many others in his day, wrestled with great anxiety and uncertainty regarding his salvation. The key question for him was, “How do I find a merciful God?” Fortunately his search for comfort and hope drove him to the God’s Word. Through his study of Scripture he found the answer to his uncertainty in these words of the Apostle Paul, “*For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law*” (Rom 3:28).

Luther was stunned to discover that the righteousness of God found only in the God’s Word (*Sola Scriptura*), and that God’s righteous is a free gift of God’s grace (*Sola Gratia*) to the one who, by faith, (*Sola Fide*) trusts in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (*Sola Christi*) for the forgiveness of sin.

And Luther quickly realized that reforming the church would not be his work. Only the Word of God could do it! He said, “In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no one by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion....I simply taught, preached, and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such losses upon it. I did nothing; the Word did everything.”

Giving God’s Word to the German people in a language they could understand fueled the Reformation. There’s no denying that his translation of the Bible into German shaped the German language. His genius was his ability to apply God’s Word in a way that made sense to the common man.

But this was a very difficult task. While translating the Old Testament books said: “Oh, God, what a hard and difficult task it is to force these writers, quite against their wills, to speak German. They have no desire to give up their native Hebrew in order to imitate our barbaric German. The translation of Job gives us immense trouble on account of its exalted language, which seems to suffer even more under our attempts to translate it than Job did under the consolation of his friends.”

If this were all Luther accomplished he would still be considered one of the largest figures of Western history. But the biggest impact of the Reformation was that of redefining religious life by uniting the sacred with the secular. Through the Word Luther came to see that a person became spiritual through baptism and faith. It wasn’t just the clergy and nobility who are spiritual but the common people as well. Through faith all Christians “*are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession*”, in order that we “*may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*” (1 Peter 2:9)

It was and is the Word and only the Word that changes sinners into saints by bringing spiritually dead people back to new life in Christ. Luther emphasized that, as we read, study, and interpret Scripture, ultimately Scripture reads, studies, interprets and transforms us. As we study God’s Word, we begin to view our world through new eyes and the biblical drama becomes the key that unlocks our life and helps us to interpret our world. Instead of simply viewing the Bible as meaningful to our life, we discover that our life becomes meaningful as God’s Word redefines it.

What a joy to be able to receive these gifts of God through such a man as Martin Luther! And what a privilege it is to be free to gather as God’s people to praise Him and to serve others in His name!

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, **October 27** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing **“Educated”** a memoir by Tara Westover. Our meeting place is TBD.

Short Summary: Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

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; the next meeting will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Carol McIntyre and Barbara James are hosting and devotions will be given by Sherrie Prien. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Peggy Schroeder with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

- Western Zone LWML Fall event, Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 a.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Boise, ID. Meet at 8:00 AM at Grace if you would like to carpool.
- LWML Sunday is Sunday October 13th. “Faith Like a Mustard Seed” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus’ words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

2019 Congregational Education—

During the 2019 year, Grace has been focusing on suicide education including prevention, gatekeeping skills and more.

A woman from our church family, Grace Lutheran, recently posted on her Facebook page:

“If your suicide attempt did happen – how long would it have been since you passed?” This woman answered her own question: 6 years. She then had many comments on her post AND many direct messages from people sharing their story and how long it would have been. Here are some of the responses:

-4 years

-5 years

-1 year, 3 months

-10 months

-Which one? My first attempt 7 years and my last attempt 4 years

-3 hours ago

-I currently want to kill myself, so, not very long I guess

In November, the Speedy Foundation will be hosting at Grace an eight hour training called, “Mental Health First Aid” designed for us – teachers, secretaries, farmers, health care workers, stay at home moms and dads, volunteers, friends and everyone in between. The cost will be \$50 with lunch and snacks included and is limited to 30 participants. We are still working out the date, but it will either be the 2nd or 16th of November. If you are interested, please talk to Amy Hubach.

COUNCIL MEETING—

The next council meeting will be held on October 17th at 7:00 p.m. All board leaders are encouraged to attend.

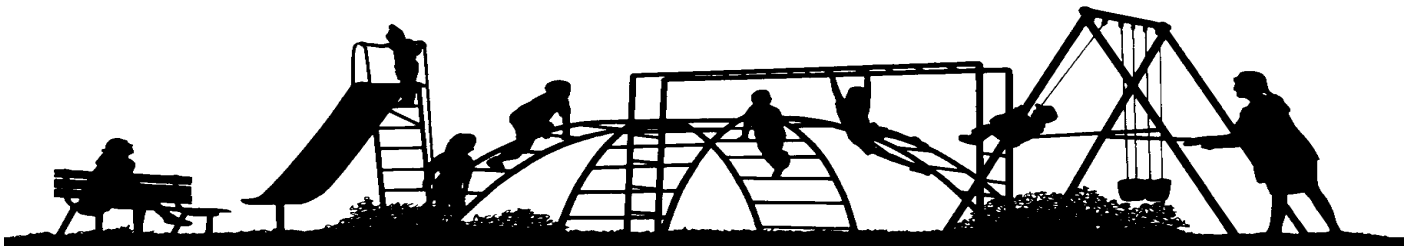
ELDER’S MEETING—

The next elder’s meeting will be held on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to any member and members are encouraged to attend.

VOTER’S MEETING—

Getting this information out early so people can mark their calendars. Our next voter’s meeting will be on Sunday, November 24th.

“Personal participation is the universal principle of knowing.” – Michael Polanyi



Preschool News!



OCTOBER 31st

11:15 AM

(Refer to Page 1 for Details)

Pre-Kindergarten

4 Year Old Class

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September came in with a bang!! We have 18 cute little kiddos in our pre-k class this year and they are all eager to learn and have fun. We've been working hard on learning classroom rules and how to be a good friend. Our class motto is "Be Kind Like Jesus!" Our learning focus was on the letters A, Y & L, the numbers 1, 2, & 3, the circle shape, and the colors yellow and red. We have started to work hard on learning how to write the letters in our name. Our bible focus has been about God creating the heavens and the earth, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark and about Abraham and Sarah and their family growing big like the stars in the sky.

We've had so much fun getting to know our children and look forward to a wonderful year ahead and lots of new adventures!

Ms. Patti and Ms. Amanda

### **3 Year Old Class**

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Our first weeks of school have been a great success! We had a visitor, Mr. Jerry, bring us some cute baby chicks for our class to see and touch that went perfectly along with our senses unit and of course the color yellow.

Our classroom also gained two new students... a boy and a girl! Making our class size 11. So much fun already done!

Love,
Mrs. Katie and Mrs. Celeste

Sleep & Your Preschooler Preschoolers need about 11 to 12 hours of sleep each day, which can include a nap. There's wiggle room about exact sleep times — the most important thing is to help kids develop good, consistent habits for getting to sleep.

A Note on Naps. Most preschoolers do still need naps during the day. They tend to be very active — running around, playing, going to school, and exploring their surroundings — so it's a good idea to give them a special opportunity to slow down. Even if your child can't fall asleep, try to set aside some quiet time during the day for relaxing. (And you'll probably benefit from a break too!)

Source: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/sleep-preschool.html>



C of I Football

Saturday, Oct 19 @ 1 PM
\$13 adults \$11 students

Kids 5 and under Free

Contact Amy if you need us to buy your ticket

Tailgating begins around
11 AM

Join us for a BBQ and fun at
the JAAAC Parking lot
Row G Spot H

Tailgate Party



Pumpkin Carving Contest & Dinner

Saturday, October 26
6 PM

Please bring your own pumpkin & carving materials

the **TUNE**
NOW Gathering
7.8.20 thru 7.12.20



High School District Youth Gathering
Next Summer

July 8-12 in the Treasure Valley

Cost: \$350 which includes:

Housing at NNU, all food, speakers, evening events & a night at Roaring Springs

\$50 deposit due by November 1

More information to come

Pick up your sticker from Amy

MSSM

Sunday, October 27 @ 6:30 PM
Food, Games & Bible Study

Middle School Ministry

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17



HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS
6:30-8 PM
YOUTH ROOM

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20 & 27



A Life in Christ



Grace Lutheran
Youth
Confirmation

Every
Sunday
12 PM to
2 PM

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Choir	3 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters 5:45 pm Exercise	4	5 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 9:00 a.m. Western Zone LWML Fall Event 2:00 pm Erma's 90 th Birthday Celebration
6 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 Greeters: Ron & Faith Teach	7 7:00 pm LWML / Concordia Circle	8 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 2:00 pm Merry Widows 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	9 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Choir	10 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters 5:45 pm Exercise	11	12 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 4:00 pm Amelia's 4 th Birthday Celebration
13 LWML SUNDAY 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study Greeters: Myron & Dee Volk	14	15 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am Chapel 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	16 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Choir	17 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Council	18	19 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 11:00 am C of I Tailgate Party see p. 5.
20 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 Greeters: Lee & Christy Weymouth	21	22 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 5:45 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Elder's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	23 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Choir	24 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters 5:45 pm Exercise	25	26 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Denny's at Flying J 6:00 pm Pumpkin Carving Contest & Dinner see p. 5.
27 Reformation Service 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm MSM 7:00 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Karen Waits, Joan Hood	28	29 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 5:45 pm Exercise 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	30 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Choir	31 Reformation Day <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 11:15 am Preschool Costume Parade and Trunk & Treat 1:00 pm Quilters / Crafters 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:

- Don & Lorene Schuster

- Garnett & Marilyn Seay
- Ryan & Carla, Dylan & Conner Shields
- Jeff Smith
- Paul & Marisa, Tyler & Tug Smith
- Don & Karen Southard
- Chuck & Connie Stadick
- Chaney & Holly Stotts
- Chaney Stotts Jr.
- Roland Suess
- Pete & Clarane Sundin
- Linda Symms

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 – Penny Storms Jeffries, Jim Christensen, John Lindbloom, Amy Pieksma Rovig, Jack Hamblin, Mark Hammer, Gary Olufson, Ron Salow, Mitch Cunningham, Shive Huggins, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz

Heart issues – Brook Van Leuven, 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 – Flo Hopkins, Dora Evans

Parkinson’s – Bryan Schuster

Liver – John Newhouse, Bryant Neal, Dave Henderson

Rehabilitation – Scott Weiskircher, Jake Nash, Sunshine Bryden

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

Sepsis – Jim Weiss

Deaths of – Stephanie Sevy

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.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6