



Grace Newsletter

May 2022

Preschool Registration—

Our preschool registration is now open!

Register by May 15th

*to lock in lower registration fees
and tuition rates*

for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 3-year-old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday.

Fee is \$95 then goes up to \$105 after May 15th.

Tuition cost is the same respectively.

The 4-year-old class is meeting 4 days a week:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Fee is \$180 and then goes up to \$190 after May 15th.

Tuition cost is the same respectively.

Your child must be the respective age

by September 1st to enroll into either class.

Register via our website: gracelutherancaldwell.org

or fill out the form included in this newsletter or give the form to someone who may be looking for a preschool.

New Name Tags—

If you've ever wondered what someone's name is or have forgotten and are afraid to ask, we have some great news. We have ordered name tags that we can print up here at church for everyone. We have two styles that will work on any clothes, magnetic strip or clip on. If you have a preference, please sign up for the type you would like to wear, as we have a limited number of the clip ones. You may sign up at church or via an email link that will be sent by May 5th. Once printed we will place your nametag in your church mailbox, and we ask that you wear it while you are at Bible Study, Worship and during Fellowship time downstairs. To make it easier for you, we would like you to keep your name tag at the church so it will be here each week. Before you leave, you can either place it in your mailbox or in a designated basket we will have downstairs. The name tags are FREE to you as we know they are that important! However, if you would like to donate to offset the cost, each name tag is about \$5. Just designate your donation to "Name Tags." Now we will know each member of our family here at Grace!



Little Lending Library—

"Have you seen the little white church on the post out in front? It's our new Little Lending Library. We hope to bless the community with free good books people can borrow or take to enjoy. We will also have an invitation to join us at worship inside each book. We are looking for appropriate adult and children's books, new or used, to be placed in the little church. If you have any to donate please place in the bin in the entryway. Let's encourage healthy family time and reading by enjoying good, uplifting books!"



"Happiness is a Free Little Library"

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Never Buried Alone

I found the following article very enlightening and insightful and wanted to share it with you this Easter season.

Never Buried Alone

by Daniel Emery Price

Who we are buried with matters. But there is no need to go out and find a dead prophet so you can join him six feet under.

“So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.” 2 Kings 13:20-21

Let’s be honest for a minute. The Bible has some strange stories in it. I’m not talking about just the miraculous nature of many of the stories but rather the seeming randomness of some of them.

This story from 2 Kings 13 is both miraculous and really random. It’s only two verses long and recounts how a dead man was thrown into the grave of a deceased prophet and then came back to life. That’s it. We don’t know his name, his family, what he did after that, or how people responded to his resurrection. We only know he was dead and then he wasn’t. You could read it in 10-seconds and move on, but I suggest that you push pause.

There is a reason why it is there. Like all of the Old Testament, this revival story is pointing to something else—Someone else. And it’s speaking one profound truth:

Who You Are Buried With Matters!

Before we get to that, let’s talk about who Elisha was for a moment. Elisha was the Prophet of God to the Nation of Israel after Elijah was taken up in a chariot of fire. In other words, he was the mouthpiece of God. He was the one set apart to bring forth the word of God to the people. He was not the Messiah (the Word made flesh), but he was the flesh-and-blood anointed of God who spoke His word.

Now, this nameless man doesn’t regain life because of who he is or anything he does. He is resurrected because of who he ends up being buried with. He is carelessly buried with the anointed one. His union with Elisha’s death results in his own resurrection. He didn’t ask to be buried with him. He made no decision to be buried with him. He exercised no free-will. He was simply thrown into Elisha’s grave.

Tossed into Elisha’s death. And it’s the same for you and me.

Who we are buried with matters. But there is no need to go out and find a dead prophet so you can join him six feet under.

If you are baptized, you are *already* buried with someone. And not just a prophet who speaks the word of God. You are buried with the very Word of God made flesh (John 1:14). You are buried with Jesus. You are united to His life, death, and resurrection. And because this is true, you will also be resurrected. Baptism is a life-giving, death-defying, act of God for His creation—dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).

But don’t just take my word for it, read Paul’s language in Romans 6:3-5.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Do you see it? Who you are buried with matters.

It doesn’t matter who you are.

It doesn’t matter what you’ve done.

It doesn’t matter when you were born.

It doesn’t matter where you came from.

It doesn’t matter what your name is.

The man in our story is nameless for a reason. The only name that matters is the name of the One you are buried with. The name you are baptized into: *“the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* Matthew 28:19.

Baptized child of God—you will never be buried alone. You have *“been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead”* Colossians 2:12. Therefore, *“your life is hidden with Christ in God”* Colossians 3:3.

Your resurrection is as certain as the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

Daniel Emery Price is the Director of Content for 1517.

What a joy to know the Easter truth that Jesus’ resurrection is the guarantee that we, too, will rise from the dead.

Christ is risen! *He is risen, indeed!*

God bless you all and I’ll see you in church.

Pastor Brooks



What do young people need? Times to unplug with fun, safe programs, outdoor recreation, games and activities; opportunities to develop life values and appropriate risk-taking with significant, trained adult mentors and like-minded peers; and chances to form and grow "sticky" faith they'll carry with them into adulthood. Get it all at CAMP PERKINS!

We recommend you register early to reserve your spot. There is also the typical Budget Buddy Discount available through March 15 (which is \$35 off the full price!).

SPRING WORK WEEKEND - May 27-30 - Grab your chainsaw, shovel, and broom and head up to Camp Perkins to help prepare the camp for summer at this free event. Great for individuals, friends, and families! FREE for all! Contact info@CampPerkins.org for information on Thrivent Action Teams!

FRIENDS & FAMILY CAMP – Weekend July 29-31: Planning a family vacation? Come to Camp Perkins and enjoy swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, s'mores, and more! Kick back with those closest to you for a week or weekend, enjoying leisurely free time or taking part in Camp events! *Prices vary by age and housing.

SINGLE PARENT & CHILD RETREAT - July 15-17 - This retreat is designed for single parents to bring their families to camp to fellowship with other Christians. Find the support you need in this Sawtooth sanctuary. Space is limited so register soon! Housing in cabins.

Summer Mission Trip—



Adventures in Colorado Servant Event
 Location: Lutheran Valley Retreat
 Woodland Park, CO
 Dates: 7/2/2022 – 7/9/2022
 Participant Age: 11 and up
 Cost: \$255 per person
 (Should be able to pay with fundraising.)
 Please let Carla know if you are interested
 208-250-6447



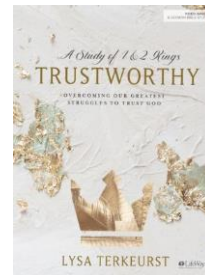
Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **May 22nd** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "Counting by 7's" by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Our meeting place is at Hope Farrell's.

A brief summary Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old

genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life...until now. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. The triumph of this book is that it is *not* a tragedy. This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing, girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read.

All women are welcome to join us for a heartfelt discussion and a glass of wine! If you have any questions call Hope at (208) 405-6080.

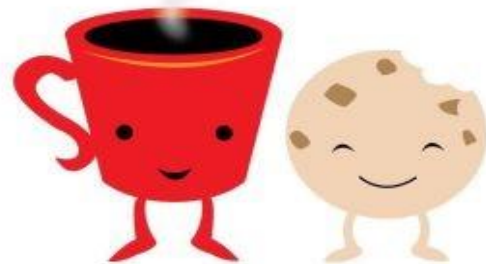
Women's Bible Study—



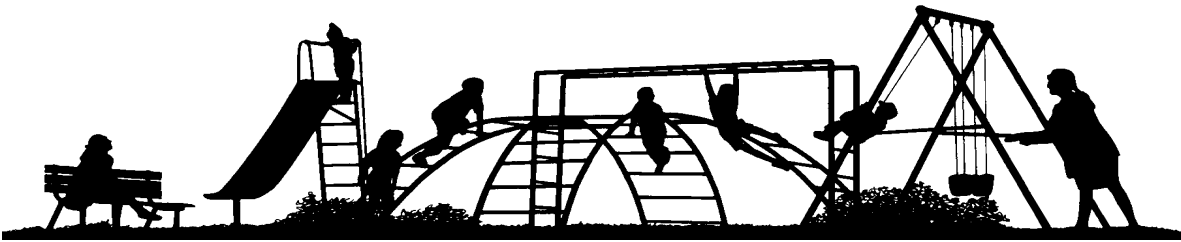
Weekly on Tuesdays from 4/19 – 5/24 this group is studying Trustworthy – a 6-week study of 1 & 2 Kings by Lysa Terkeurst. When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we're much more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him. It's then that we begin to press into our ways and our own timing. No human

can carry the weight of being their own god, but so many of us try. There are a few study books left for \$10.00. They meet at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the church. When this study is done they will meet up again in September/October. Let Janet Brooks or Sarah Kroll know if you are interested.

Coffee/Fellowship Hour—



Hosts are needed! The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall on the door next to the kitchen counter. You may also send an email or call the church office to sign up. The church supplies the coffee, napkins, & plasticware. You supply the snack and clean-up.



Preschool News!

4-Year-Old Class

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April was jam packed with all things easter, spring, & earth day! We had so much fun doing crafts like directed drawings of bunnies and learning about the true meaning of Easter. We did bible crafts of the Easter cross and Jesus' Ascension, as well as made resurrection rolls for snack time. We started our butterfly and spring unit. We have some fun little caterpillars in our classroom and are patiently waiting for them to turn into butterflies. We are making our own fun butterflies and bees to decorate our classroom. The kids had so much fun playing in our fake mud and earthworms. Earth Day was April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we celebrated with a fun craft and some yummy cookies. With spring comes lots of new plants and we have been planting seeds and watching things grow like grass & wildflowers. Our learning focus was on the letters G-E-F, number review 1-10, the rectangle shape, the AABCC pattern and all the colors of the rainbow.

Bible story focus was Easter! Bible Verses: Palm Sunday (Hosanna, Blessed is the King. - John 12:13), Easter and the rise of Jesus (He is not here for he has risen. - Matthew 28:6), Ascension (I go prepare a place for you. - John 14:30), & The Holy Spirit (All of them were filled with the holy spirit. - Acts 2:4)

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Michelle

## END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION ON MAY 19<sup>th</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### 10 Simple Ways Kids can Help the Earth

April was a great time to touch up on earth day and why we must always take care of it. Check out the web address below of things kids can do to help keep earth healthy and beautiful! The first item on the list is: Kids can conserve

water – turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth, don't fill the bathtub up too full, & be conscious of how much water you are using when you play outside water games over the summer. For the remaining 2 thru 8 way visit the website below.

FIND OUT MORE HERE: <https://www.adoretheparenting.com/10-simple-ways-kids-can-help-the-earth//>

### 3-Year-Old Class

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April was so much fun! We continued to learn about Spring and plants, We began to grow grass from seed and it was and has been neat to watch it grow! Ms. Micky brought in her rock collection and the kids had a lot of fun learning and taking turns seeing all of the different kinds of rocks and gems. Easter was great, we spent a lot of time talking about why we celebrate it, the kiddos loved the message! We got to have two fun little field trips this month-Ms. Micky shared her racecars with us and the kids loved to see and hear them start up, vroom vroom! Then we had a guest come in and talk to us about taekwondo, and some of our students even got to break a board. April has been great to us!

Our bible verse for the month was "He is not here, he has risen" Matthew 28:6. Our learning focus was on the colors black and gray, we reviewed all the shapes, letters X, Y, Z, and we reviewed all our numbers!

Ms. Micky and Ms. Hannah



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Next meeting is May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Donna Rookstool is hosting and Peggy Schroeder will lead the devotion. Contact Barbara James if you have any questions.

Lifeline Baby Bottle fundraiser—

Concordia Circle celebrates LWML 80th Birthday. Starting May 1st, Concordia Circle will be distributing 80 Lifeline Pregnancy Center baby bottles to church members. Members are encouraged to place coins, dollar bills or even a check in the bottle during the month of May. (Please make checks payable to: GLC Concordia Circle) We ask that bottles be returned to the church by Sunday, June 5th. If you have any questions, contact Barbara at 208-465-5084.



Mother's Day & Graduation Cards—

Concordia Circle has cards for sale. Mother's Day is May 8th and Graduations are taking place all over the valley this month. Purchase a card or a box of cards for these special occasion. Cards are located downstairs in the glass display case. Contact Barbara James for help.



Butch and Marie got married when they were nineteen. They were married for seventy years before the Lord called them home last year. When they were thirty-five, after having three children, they had created their first estate plan with a will that established guardianship for their children and created a minor's trust to provide for their children, providing for their needs until the youngest would reach the age of twenty-five. Their youngest child is now fifty-five and most of the provisions of their early plan no longer are needed.

Returning God's Blessings

Butch and Marie thought that they never needed to update that will. There was a problem with that. The original inheritance language from fifty-four years ago did not include the words "per stirpes." That phrase means that a child's inheritance will pass to their children if they die before receiving it. Two of Butch's and Marie's children passed away three years ago from illness. Each of them had three children. However, without the appropriate language, none of the inheritance will pass to those children (grandchildren of Butch and Marie). That would have crushed Butch and Marie had they known it happened. It also created some tension between some of the grandchildren.

All of this could have been avoided if Butch and Marie had reviewed their plan periodically through the years. It would have been worth the money to sit with an attorney. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can encourage these regular checkups and make sure your gifting plans to family and ministry are clear. Contact our Utah-Idaho counselor, Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Phone: (208) 733-6599 Cell: (208) 954-3534



Since April of 2020 the congregations of the Treasure Valley Circuit have supported the airing of Worship Anew on KIVI, Channel 6 at 8:30 Sunday morning. This half hour Lutheran service features our familiar liturgy and pastors preaching on the appointed readings of the day. Many have benefited from Worship Anew during the Covid experience.




Special thanks to the congregations and individuals whose generous donations have met the \$600 per Sunday cost and kept this gospel program airing. Please continue to make those who are unable to attend in person aware of Worship Anew. Your continued support is invited through your congregation or by sending checks directly to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605.

Note: We have received information that our time slot may be changing by a half hour. We will keep you posted!.



May 2022



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study	2 7:00 pm Concordia Circle / LWML	3 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:30 am Chapel 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	4 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 5:30 p.m. Board of Outreach	5 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilt or Craft 7:00 pm LWML Zoom Chat	6	7 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton
8 Mother's Day 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study	9	10 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	11 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Merry Widows	12 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	13	14 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton
15 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study	16	17 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Elder's 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	18 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Council Meeting	19 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> <i>Last Day of School</i> 1:00 pm Quilt or Craft 6:30 pm Preschool Celebration	20	21 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton
22 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Voter's Meeting 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (last meeting until Sept/Oct).	25 Bulletin Deadline	26 1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	27	28 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton
29 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study	30 	31 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." – James 1:17</i></p>			

PRAYER PAGE

Church Family Prayers—

Families are selected alphabetically, prayed for by name and are listed here and in the bulletin. A postcard reminder is sent a week or so prior to your prayer date. We welcome any feedback regarding our family prayers. Would you like to see any changes? Also, please note that not all members are on our prayer request emails. If you would like to be notified of prayer requests that come into our office, please ask to be put on the “prayer chain” email distribution list. This list is different from our “general” distribution list. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the office or Pastor Brooks if you have a prayer request. This month we will be praying for the following families:

- Julie F.

- Larry & MaryEtta F.
- Jim & Mary F.
- Colleen, Chelsea & Erin F.
- Trish H.
- Karen H.
- Shirley H.
- Jeff & Michelle, Michael, Trey, Makenna, Hunter & Hannah H.
- Mike & Lori H..
- Dave & Trish H.
- Terry & Sharon H.
- Nancy H.
- Joan H.
- Flo H.
- Danielle, Jessica, Kate & MeiLi H.



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*from Portals of Prayer*

**Mother’s Day** ~ “Heavenly Father, on this Mother’s Day, we praise You for the gift of our mothers. We thank You for Christian parents who have taught us about Your love and have pointed us to Christ. Be with all mothers. When they are feeling inadequate, comfort them with Your presence and mercy. Guide them with Christ’s love to love their children, even when they are hard to love. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Ascension of Our Lord** ~ “Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and came to live among us on this earth. You suffered and died so that we could be forgiven and restored as children of our heavenly Father. Having risen from death, You have ascended to the righthand of Your Father. Rule over Your Church with mercy and grace. Provide for the needs of Your people. Keep us faithful until You return in glory so that we may be with You for all eternity. Amen.”

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Keep in our Prayers—

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

Cancer – Dane Vorderstrasse, Wayne Snavely, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Gary Smith, Abel Saloum, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz

Heart – Katherine Clark, Pat Torrey, Kay Braun, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven,

Liver – Bryant Neal

Lewy Body Dementia – Judy Fox

Lung – Sherrie Prien

Mental health – David Ledington

Multiple health issues – Melody Briggs

Parkinson’s – Bryan Schuster

Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore, Jake Nash

2nd degree body burns – Declan Rowen

Death – Frank Kimura, Garnet Goedeken, Kay Smolden

We also remember and pray for our Shut-In’s – Margaret Edmiston, Dora Evans, Flo Hopkins, Norm & Donna Kendall, Charles & Paula Row, Arlene Schmitt, Betty Schultz, Rosetta Schuster, & Martha Weymouth.



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*