



# Grace Newsletter

June 2022

## Preschool Registration—

***Our preschool registration is open!***

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

Registration Fee - \$105.

Monthly Tuition - \$105.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Registration Fee - \$190.

Monthly Tuition - \$190.

Your child must be the respective age by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll into either class. Receipt of the registration fee secures your child's spot.

Our 3-year-old class has 2 spots remaining in the AM class. We will open a PM class if need be. Register via our website: [gracelutherancaldwell.org](http://gracelutherancaldwell.org) or stop by our office to pick up a paper copy. Tours are available as well – Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM.

## Program Change—

The Worship Anew Lutheran service broadcast on KIVI channel 6 will be shifting to a new time beginning June 26. Due to changes at the station, **it will be aired at 9:00 AM Sunday**

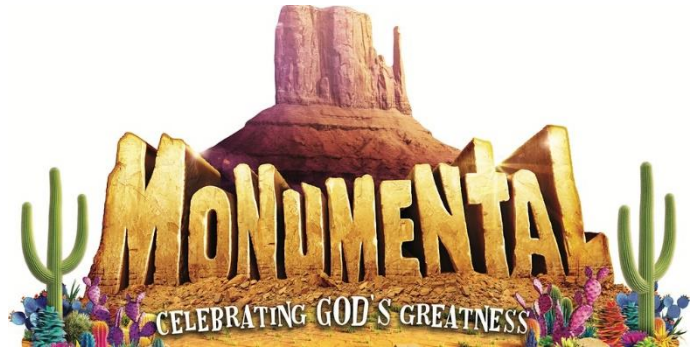


**mornings, a half hour later.** For over two years this program has been a blessing to those unable to attend the Divine Service in person, and a supplement to others. Your continued support is invited through your congregation or by sending checks directly to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605.

## 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!"

## Vacation Bible School—



June 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>

9AM – NOON

Children going into PreK (age 4) thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

PreK children need to be bathroom independent.

If you have children who are older (7th grade – 12th grade) and who would like to volunteer please contact Patti at (208) 402-1369 or (970) 314-8760

**BBQ, Bouncy House & Dunk Tank on Friday!**

Register via our website:

<https://gracelutherancaldwell.org> or directly at <https://glcp.wufoo.com/forms/monumental-vacation-bible-school/>

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# *“Trust the One in You”*

*Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house and tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:2-4*

In my first year at seminary it quickly became clear that I hadn't anticipated the difficulties of the course work and the high expectations of the professors. This, coupled with other personal issues, I began to question whether I was in the right place. In my second quarter, I felt compelled to speak with someone about my personal concerns, feelings and questions as to if I was doing the right thing or not.

I clearly remember sitting in Prof. Brighton's office and with the slightly musty smell of leather-bound books and his desk, piled high with papers and other academic paraphernalia, I began to feel even more overwhelmed. Fortunately, Prof. Brighton broke the ice by calmly asking how I was doing and what I wanted to talk to him about.

Not knowing exactly how to begin I just sort of poured out my heart: how I didn't know if I could keep up with all the course work, how I felt swamped and overloaded, how I hadn't expected things to be so difficult, either academically, financially or emotionally. And I concluded with the statement, "I don't know if this is the place for me. I don't know if God really wants me to be a pastor."

I'm not sure what I expected Dr. Brighton to say. I suppose I expected a verbal pat on the back to assure me that everything was going to be okay but that didn't happen.

I can still see Dr. Brighton looking me straight in the eye and saying, "Maybe you're right. Maybe God doesn't want you to be a pastor." I certainly hadn't expected – or wanted – to hear that! Stunned, I heard him continue to say that the seminary was difficult and rigorous and not everyone could keep up, that there were many pressures at the school, some of which could be controlled and some of which simply had to be endured. And it may well be that God didn't want me to be a pastor but that He might be using these things to help me see what He *did* want me to do.

In that moment my worst fears seemed to be realized and I literally felt the panic begin to rise. But then Dr. Brighton said something which continues to ring in my ears. He said, "But remember this, as well. There is another one at work who doesn't want you to be a pastor. And this one will fight hard in whatever way he can to stop you from doing the Lord's work. The devil works hard every moment to keep men out of the harvest field because he knows that there the battle for the eternal souls of people is waged." That meeting changed my whole perspective on the seminary and my place in it.

Dr. Brighton's words don't just apply to a struggling first year seminary student. His words apply to each and every one of us because we're engaged in the same battle each and every day. There are so many things in life; bills that seem to swallow all our money even before it is in the bank, relationships with family which are often strained and difficult, troubles at work. All of these can make us begin to wonder if God cares and what He has in store for us.

That's when we need to remember what St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*"

We are in a spiritual war each and every day. And we need to remember that there's another one working against us who doesn't want us to have the joy of Christ's love or the power of His Spirit in our lives. The devil works hard to distract us with the cares and problems of this world so that we're impotent, powerless to work for Christ.

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' disciples and used them to carry on the work of Jesus by bringing the message of salvation to others. This continues to be the work of every Christian. You were filled with the Spirit of God on the day of your baptism. And He will never leave you.

The question for all of us is, will we trust the one who is in us or listen to the lies of the prince of this world and let him dictate how we will act and react?

We hear voices every day that tell us we should think only about our own problems, that they are so difficult that they're insurmountable. Voices that tell us that, while it may be true that God is there, because of one thing or another that we've done He isn't about to help us. But remember where those voices come from. They come from the one who would turn us from God and His will for our lives.

Instead, listen to that other voice, that still small voice, which reminds you that no matter how difficult your circumstances may seem He promises to be with you and stand by you. Listen to and trust the voice of Him who defeated the prince of this world. Listen to the voice of Him who says that He will give you what you need to live as His child of faith. Don't tune out but listen to that voice which promises, "Surely I am with you, even to the end of the age."

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.

**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.

We are still in need of summer staff (counselors & cooks). Please visit their website: [campperkins.org/employment](http://campperkins.org/employment) if interested.



## Summer Mission Trip—



### IT'S BOOKED!

Adventures in Colorado Servant Event

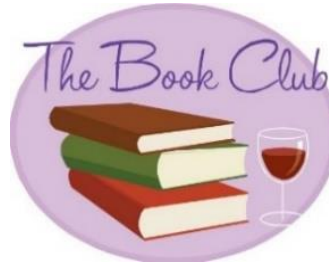
Location: Lutheran Valley Retreat

Woodland Park, CO

Dates: 7/2/2022 – 7/9/2022

Please let Carla know if you have questions

208-250-6447



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **June 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "Counting by 7's" by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Our meeting place is at Connie Stadick's.

### A brief summary En route from New York's LaGuardia

Airport to Tampa International, Flight 848 bursts into flames and crashes into Tampa Bay. All 261 passengers and crew are killed. For one week, newspaper columnist Peyton MacGruder and her fellow reporters cover one of the nation's worst air disasters in years with overwhelming and numbed emotions. Then a woman Peyton's never met gives her a plastic bag that has washed up behind her house. The bag contains a note, almost certainly from the doomed flight, with a simple yet wrenching message: T- I love you. All is forgiven. -Dad. Combing through the passenger list to find the victims whose children's names begin with T, Peyton is determined to deliver the note to its proper owner. A quest which will prove as important to Peyton's own life as to the mysterious T.

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.

## Mortgage Debt Retirement Fund-raiser—

As a way to help pay off the mortgage debt, the Board of Stewardship and Finance created a simple fund raiser. On your birthday, make a donation to the mortgage debt retirement fund in the dollar amount equal to your age. This donation would be in addition to your regular tithes and offerings.



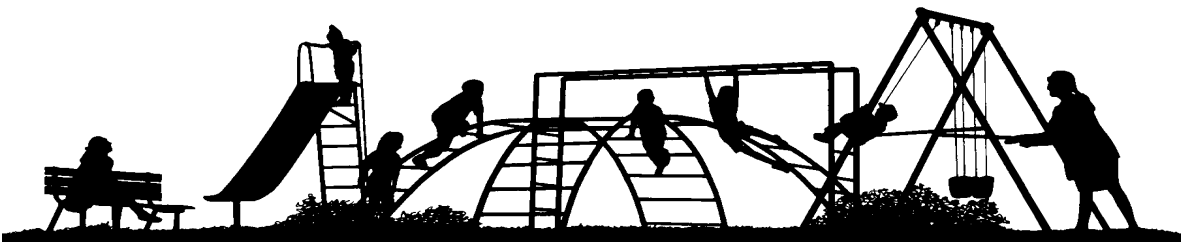
**Thanks for Your Support!**

**Update:** Since this fundraiser began in January of 2021 you have contributed \$10,551 to paying down the mortgage. Thank you!

## 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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May was a short month and our last month of school. We had fun learning and practicing our songs for our celebration and making desert themed crafts like lizards & cactus to decorate the sanctuary with. We made a caterpillar & butterfly craft while watching our very real caterpillars go through their life cycle to become beautiful butterflies. We made our moms a fun hot pad with handprints for Mother's Day and made our dad's a super awesome gift to go home for next month for Father's Day. We had fun learning our last letters for the year. Our last day of school and preschool celebration was on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme was "Celebrating God's Greatness" & the kids did an amazing job singing their songs and they looked so adorable for the celebration.

Our learning focus for the month was on the letters Oo-Ii-Zz, number review 1-20, the hexagon shape, the AABC pattern and all the colors of the rainbow.

Bible verses and story focus: The Great Commission (For whoever is not against us is for us. - Mark 9:40) & Love & Kindness (Love is Patient, Love is Kind. - 1 Corinthians 13:4)

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Michelle

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Learning During the Summer resource:

If you'd like some ideas for continuing learning over the summer this website is jam packed full of fun ideas. The

teacher is so generous in providing video and materials to make learning fun and easy. Have a blessed summer!!

FIND OUT MORE HERE: <https://pocketofpreschool.com>

### 3-Year-Old Class

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Wow! Summer break is here at last! This year has flown by, and what a joy it has been 😊. We are so blessed to have gotten to know and spend time with such amazing kiddos! We ended on a strong note, with learning about the Holy Spirit, loving thy neighbor, and the Lord's prayer. It's amazing how much our kiddos have learned, we have seen so much growth from them. We hope that they have an amazing summer and continue to grow in their faith and always know that God loves them!

Our bible verse for the month was "Trust in the Lord God with all your heart" Proverbs 3:5. Our learning focus was reviewing all of the colors, shapes, numbers, and letters.

Our graduation celebration was a hoot! Thank you parents for sharing your kiddos with us. We have been blessed this year with such a great group of kids! We hope to see you at VBS this year and we hope you have an amazing summer! God Bless

Ms. Micky and Ms. Hannah



## Concordia Circle/LWML—

Our next meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Linda Symms residence. Linda Symms & Peggy Schroeder are hosting and Lillian Pierce is leading the devotion. Bring a salad or dessert to share for our summer potluck and your mites. This will be our last meeting for the summer. Our meetings will resume in September.

## Lifeline Baby Bottle fundraiser—

Concordia Circle celebrated LWML 80th Birthday by distributing 80 Lifeline Pregnancy Center baby bottles to church members. Members were encouraged to place coins, dollar bills or even a check (made out to GLC Concordia Circle) in the bottle during the month of May. If you still have a bottle please return it to the church by Sunday, June 5th.



## ATTENTION: LADIES OF ALL AGES

### “It Only Takes a Drop”

Are you ready to go to the mountains to be refreshed and renewed? You are all invited to come to Camp Perkins July 15-



17, 2022 for the LWML Utah-Idaho Retreat. Come and enjoy time in Bible study with Mary Smith, worship, fellowship, and fun. As we study God’s Word, we will learn how God shows His love for us as we dive into the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:7-43).

Cost: Retreat Center \$163, Cabin \$136 (by June 28th. Fee increases \$10 after that date)

Registration forms available at [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org)

## Undie Sunday—

Concordia Circle will be sponsoring "Undie Sunday" from Father's Day, June 19th to July 4th. Men's socks and briefs (size L, XL, XLL) will be gathered and donated to the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall. Please place donated item in the totes in the Narthex.

**For more information on any of the above events please contact Barbara James (208)465-5084.**



### Returning God's Blessings

Two years ago, Marie’s husband was called home to Jesus. Bud had always taken care of the financial matters: paying bills, investing, and planning for the future. They had been married for seventy years. Now, Marie was feeling overwhelmed. The financial planner kept calling, asking her permission to change investment strategies. The life insurance company regularly had calling teams contacting her, asking if she wanted to add to her coverage. The local bank kept sending mail asking her if she wanted to refinance the mortgage. The senior living representative she and Bud had met four years ago kept asking if she was ready to move into assisted living. The burden of these decisions was overwhelming. So, when her daughter asked her if she had reviewed her will lately, Marie became angry. “I just need everyone to leave me alone. Stop bugging me.”

It is wise to do good planning while both spouses are alive. It is even better to make sure that those plans are written down, detailing an organized, planned approach to caring for the financial gifts God has placed in your care. It is unwise to expect that children or other relatives will be able to jump in, without any prior involvement, to make the same kind of choices you have chosen all your life. They will lovingly do their part, but you may be asking them to carry out a difficult or impossible task. Planning can bring peace of mind. When a good plan is in place, seeking interaction with professional legal, financial or tax advisors can be seen as continuing that plan. Asking children to help will also be part of that continuance.

Now is a good day to start. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can highlight areas of decision and point you to the right professionals to help you write down a plan, all the while expressing your love for your family and your devotion to the Lord. Contact, Lois Anderson, [loisandersonlwml@gmail.com](mailto:loisandersonlwml@gmail.com), Phone: (208) 733-6599 Cell: (208) 954-3534


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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
<i>"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."</i> <b>Philippians 4:13</b>			<b>1</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>2</b>  1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton	
<b>5 Pentecost Sunday</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Bob & Vicky	<b>6</b>  6:30 pm Concordia Circle / LWML at Linda Symms'	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  1:00 pm Merry Widows	<b>9</b>  1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance  1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton	
<b>12</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship   Greeters: Liz Osmus	<div style="background-color: #FFD700; border: 2px solid #008000; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"> <b>VBS 9AM – NOON – Mon. thru Fri.</b>  <b>On Friday we will have a B-B-Q, Bouncy House &amp; Dunk Tank</b> </p> </div>			<b>15</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>  1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton
<b>19 Father's Day</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Mike & Lillian Pierce	<b>20</b>	<b>21 First Day of Summer</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>23</b>  1:00 pm Quilt or Craft	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at Sunrise in Middleton	
<b>26</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Connie's Greeters: Hope Farrell	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>30</b>  1:00 pm Quilt or Craft			

# 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:

- Mike & Lorrie H.
- Dorothy J.
- Dawna James
- Ray & Barbara J.
- Joseph & Terry K.
- Chris, Natalie & Audrey K.
- Norm & Donna K.
- Jon & Margaret, Miles, Grant & Bonnie K.
- Phyllis K.
- David & Alice K.
- Alex & Sarah K.
- Mark & Mary K.



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### *from Portals of Prayer*

**The Holy Trinity** ~ “Holy Trinity, though You are unfathomable, You have given us hearts of faith. We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your great works in the world and in us. We marvel at the beauty of Your creation. The redeeming work of Your Son brings us hearts of gratitude. The Spirit’s gift of faith is our guarantee of live forever with You. We praise and magnify Your holy name. Amen.

**Father’s Day** ~ “O God, we praise You for being our kind and heavenly Father. Your compassion and love in sending Your Son to die for us is the greatest gift we could ever receive. We thank You also for Christian fathers in our homes who lead us to know You and know the way of salvation through Your Son, Jesus. Bless all Christian fathers in their service to You and their families. In Jesus’ name. 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 Snavelly, 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*

*Death – Lorraine Losser*

*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***