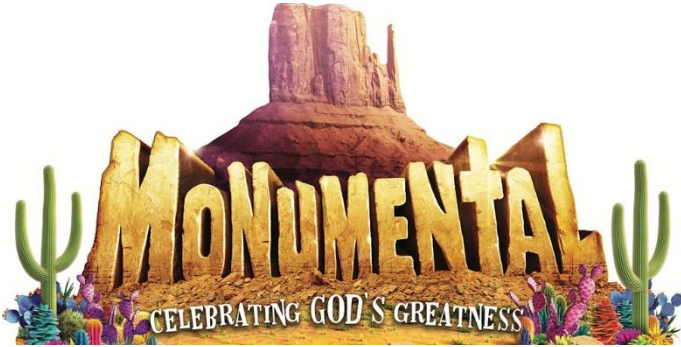




Grace Newsletter

July 2022

Vacation Bible School—



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We could not have done it without You!

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| Cathy Reinke | Jacque Rowen |
| Carla Shields | Mary Cabral |
| Avery Daniel | Mary Kroll |
| MaryEtta Fredrickson | |
| Bunnie Welshons | Hannah Woodward |
| Kate Hough | Lorene Schuster |
| Micky Lawson | Mason Markle |
| Riley Nelson | Peggy Ledington |
| Elizabeth Osmus | Nancy Hoffmann |
| Peggy Schroeder | Karen Southard |
| Lynnette, Gabriel & Jimmy Boeder | |
| Hailey, James, Alex & Tim Christiansen | |
| Hope & Thomas Farrell | |
| Lori, Michael & Makenna Hardin | |
| Jon, Margaret, Miles & Grant Kilzer | |
| Jerry & Patti Lawson | |
| Ken & Carol McIntyre | |
| Mike & Lillian Pierce | |
| Mark & Cindy Runyan | |
| Connie & Chuck Stadick | |
| Becky, Dustin & Em Walling | |

Teacher Position Available—

We are seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2022-2023 school year to co-teach in the 4–5-year-old class. Contracts are for a year beginning in August and ending in July. The first day of school starts September 6 and ends May 19th. This class meets 4 days a week (Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs.). Teachers are expected to be on the premises a half hour before and after class time on school days. Education and/or experience with early childhood education is preferred but not required. For additional information please contact Lillian Pierce (208 467-1437) or Grace Lutheran Church (208 459-4191).



Preschool Registration—

Our preschool registration is open!

See page 4 for details!
 3-year-old class has 2 spots remaining in the AM class
 Tours are Available
 Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM
 Contact Office 208 459-4191



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“The Problem With I” - by Zack James Cole

Once again this month I want to share an article from the 1517 website. I pray it blesses you as it did me.

On January 5th, 2004, under cover of darkness, I was dropped off in front of concrete steps that led to solid metal double doors with a solid metal sign above that read, “Through These Portals Pass Prospects For America’s Finest Fighting Force. United States Marines.”

Marine Corps Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, was one of the most challenging experiences of my life. The physical demands were grueling, but the psychological and mental strengthening were just as seemingly insurmountable. One of the earliest psychological challenges that were thrust upon us was the forbidden use of the word “I.” We were unauthorized to refer to ourselves in the first person in any way. Doing so would be met with a response from our Drill Instructors that would produce weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- “I need this.”
- “May I go to the bathroom?”
- “I forgot, Sir.”

Using the words “I, me, my, we” were all violations and were met swiftly by a Drill Instructor yelling and spitting into your ear “I! I! I! I!” “How about ‘this Recruit’?!” We were instructed when referring to ourselves to do so in this way,

- “Sir, good morning Sir! This recruit requests permission to speak with Drill Instructor Sergeant Kardos, Sir!”
- “This recruit requests to make a head call (go to the bathroom).”
- “This recruit was instructed but cannot recall at this time (I forgot).”

There were sixty-four recruits in my platoon, Platoon 2036. There were no “I’s” in 2036. Only recruits. This was a difficult transition to make at first. Many recruits found themselves on the wrong end of a Marine drill instructor yelling at them to remember that “I” did not exist.

Just like at Parris Island, “I” is not going to cut it when it comes to being known by Christ. The answer of “because I” to the question “How are you saved?” is wrong from the start. If your hope is in “I,” if your reasons for being known by Christ are because of all of the “wonderful” things you have done, you are going to miss the whole point. When you approach salvation from this perspective, Scripture can often take on a terrifying meaning:

“On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness’” (Matt 7:22-23).

This passage used to scare me to death when I was in the Church youth group. I considered it the most frightening passage in all of Scripture. I knew that I had not prophesied, cast out demons, or done mighty works. All I heard from this passage was the “depart from me.” And yet even those around me who had done these things still seemed only to hear, “depart from me.” Despite what we had done or not done, all of the Christians I knew lived in fear they had not done enough.

With this view, how could I ever be sure that I was doing all of the things? How could I show myself approved? How could I ever hope to have any assurance of my salvation and right standing with God? If even those who did all of these wonderful things failed to make the cut, how could I?? How was I going to

make sure that Jesus knew me? How was I going to be sure that I was saved? I, I, I, I!

When it comes to salvation in Christ, the correct emphasis is not on your choosing, your deciding, or your accepting but instead on God’s action. The correct answer to the question “How are you saved?” is “because HE.”

God decided to send Jesus to save you; God chose you when HE sent a preacher to tell you about the good news that Christ died for you. Jesus gave HIS life for you on the cross. When asked, “how did you get ‘saved’?” Your first thought should not be, “I got saved when I chose to ask Jesus into my heart in 1989.” It should rather be, “I was saved by Christ when HE chose to lay down his life and die on the cross for me.” Who is doing the saving? Who is doing the deciding? Who is doing the choosing? It is always Christ.

I deserve death, hell, and the grave according to even the good that I have done in this world. It is not enough. I in the first person is damned and unknown. However, there is someone outside of I, someone outside of you, that our faith and hope is in. I earned wrath with my sin. But He chose to gift me with his grace and faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23). The reason Christ knows us is because of all the good things he has done for us, specifically in his dying on the cross and raising three days later for our justification (Rom. 4:25).

Our reasons for why we will be with him and have eternal life are because HE saved us.

Our reasons for receiving the forgiveness of sins is because HE gave it to us as a gift, not because we tried to purchase it with our good works and mighty things we have done for him.

It was HE who purchased us. Not with silver and gold but with his precious blood. What is more valuable in this universe or anywhere else for that matter than the blood of God? Nothing. And that is why you will not hear the words “depart from me”:

- Because HE died for you (Rom. 5:8).
- Because HE was united with you in your baptism (Gal. 3:27).
- Because HE promised he would never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5).
- Because HE promised that where he is you would be also (John 14:3).
- Because HE died on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins (1 Cor. 15:3).

So rest in the faith and hope that on that day, your confession will be “because you, Jesus, died for me! I am here because you promised! You know me because your name was placed on me!” Only those who are hoping in and choosing to believe in themselves, rejecting Christ for them, will not be recognized by Christ. All who have received faith in Christ will be recognized. For their confession will be the same one that Paul gave to the Galatians: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose” (Gal. 2:20-21).

The problem is “I.” But the way, truth, and the life is Christ. Specifically, Christ for you.



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.

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.



Summer Mission Trip—



IT'S BOOKED!
 Dates: 7/2/2022 – 7/9/2022
 Please keep the youth and the chaperones in your prayers.

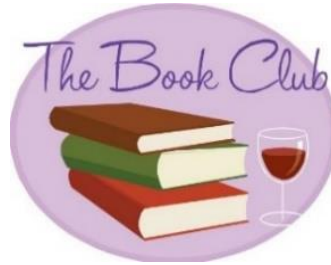
Parents' Night Out—

July 29th from 6-9 PM

Drop your kiddos off at Grace for a night of snacks, games and movies while you enjoy an evening out or a quiet evening in.

No Charge.

Please RSVP by July 24th
 Church Office: (208) 459-4191
 Colleen Fuller: (701) 570-1517



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, July 24th at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. Our meeting place is TBD.

A brief summary:
Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought

has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

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.

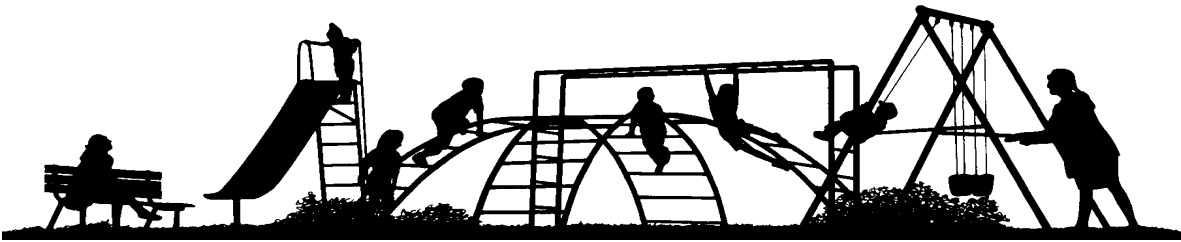
GriefShare Sessions—

Starting on August 17 we will be offering GriefShare sessions. GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life that create feelings of grief. You might be experiencing a job loss, a divorce, estrangement from a child, or the loss of friends because of a move. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in GriefShare sessions. We encourage you to ask a pastor, counselor, or church leader for help in finding resources that will be of specific help in your situation. More information will come available as we get closer to the start date.

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!**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
for the 2022-2023 school year
School Starts September 6th

Four/Five-Year-Old Class
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Registration Fee: \$190

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2022)

***Monthly Tuition: \$190**

September - May

Three/Four-Year-Old Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Fee: \$105

(Secures spot & not refundable after August 1, 2022)

***Monthly Tuition: \$105**

September - May

CLASS SESSIONS:

Morning Session: 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Afternoon Session: 12:00 - 2:30 P.M.

AM Sessions must be full to open a PM session.

10 student min. to open a 4-year-old PM session + 8 student minimum to open a 3-year-old PM session.

All students must be toilet-trained to enter the program.

For more information call 459-4191 or visit: gracelutherancaldwell.org

*Tuition is due by the 15th of every month.

Monthly \$5 discount available for autopay via **checking/saving** payments.

(Registration is also available at: <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/>)



Concordia Circle/LWML—

Our next meeting will be September 12. Carol and Connie are hosting and Barbara is leading the devotion.

Lifeline Baby Bottle fundraiser—

Concordia Circle celebrated LWML 80th Birthday by distributing 80 Lifeline Pregnancy Center baby bottles to church members. We are thankful for all of the donations received. We are waiting for some bottles to be returned and hopefully will have the results available in next month's newsletter.



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, XXL) will be gathered and donated to the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall. Please place donated item in the totes in the Narthex.

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.uta-hidaholwml.org

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



Returning God's Blessings


Helen was married for fifty-two years. Her husband Ralph was called home last year. This year, responding to her attorney, Helen finally made an appointment to meet with her attorney to review her will, which she had created twenty-five years ago with her husband. Before going to the attorney, Helen met with her LWML Gift Planning Counselor to consider her charitable gifting plan. She was shocked to find gifts she planned from her estate long ago were no longer appropriate. One gift was to a women's shelter sponsored by her congregation that closed just last year. One was to support a specific missionary who had served in Asia for fifty years but had retired seven years ago. One gift was designated for a ministry that she had never heard about. She said to the Gift Planning Counselor, "I am not sure if I should put a plan in place again because it might get outdated."

The counselor pointed out two things. The gift to the missionary had a definite expiration date to it. Every missionary's service will come to an end at some time. A better gift would have designated the ministry that was placing the missionary. Beyond that, the counselor emphasized that a ministry gifting plan is based on the best plan for that current moment in time. It requires regular review, at least every five years, to make sure that it is keeping up with changes. Her fears could be addressed by simply committing to this regular review. Helen felt better.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through appropriate ministry gifts that are not as prone to having an expiration date. They can also regularly review your plan, making sure it is up to date. Contact, Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Phone: (208) 733-6599 Cell: (208) 954-3534

July 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 (ESV).</i>					1	2 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
3 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Sheila Engle	4 Independence Day 	5	6 Bulletin Deadline	7 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance	8	9 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
10 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Charlie & Jacquie	11	12	13 Bulletin Deadline	14 1:00 pm Quilters	15	16 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
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24 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Gene & Judy	25	26	27 Bulletin Deadline	28 1:00 pm Quilters	29 6 – 9 pm Parent's Night Out See page 3	30 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
31 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Don & Karen	Youth Retreat – July 2 thru July 9th – Woodland Park, CO					

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:

- Roland & Toni K.
- Jerry & Patti L.
- Erma L.
- Dick & Peggy L.
- Sharon L.
- Dave & Vicki, Haley & Dalton L.
- Jim & Anita L.
- Forrest & Sandi L.
- Larry L.
- Bob & Vicky M.
- Linda M.
- Ken & Carol M
- Lisa M.
- Ryan & Jessica, Reagan & Margaret M.



from Portals of Prayer

For Our Nation ~ “Almighty God, throughout history, You gave protection, strength, and wisdom to Your people. We pray that You will remain with our nation. Give us protection from all evil that tries to destroy us. Give leaders wisdom to govern as You want them to. Send Your Spirit to everyone in our nation so Your Word may be spread from coast to coast. We praise You for our nation. Give it protection today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

For Our Armed Forces ~ “God of all protection, be with those who are serving our nation. Let Your Word strengthen them daily. Give them courage and strength to complete their tasks. Protect them from harm, and bring all who are away from loved ones home. We thank You for their service as soldiers of our nation. Help us to support them in any way that they need and bring unity and peace to our nation and to the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven,

Liver – Bryant Neal

Lung – Sherrie Prien

Mental health – David Ledington

Multiple health issues – Melody Briggs

Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore, Jake Nash

Covid – Katy Singleton

Deaths – Kay Braun, Judy Fox, Norm Kendall, Martha Weymouth

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



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*