



# Grace Newsletter

August 2022

## 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.



## Teacher Position Closed—

We are no longer accepting applications for this position. We had several wonderful candidates apply and we were blessed to have met and interview each of them. We are prayerfully considering which person will be the best fit for our preschool. We are very grateful to our God for sending them our way. We will keep you updated.



## Little Lending Library—

"Have you seen the little white church on the post out in front? It's our Little Lending Library. We are looking for appropriate adult and children's books, new or used, to be placed in the little church. It appears that children's books are very popular and seem to be taken quickly. If you have any to donate please place in the bin in the church entry-way or feel free to drop them off at the office during the week. Let's encourage healthy family time and reading by enjoying good, uplifting books!



"Happiness is a Free Little Library"

## PRESCHOOL REMINDER

Parent Information Night/Open House  
6:30 PM, Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

After the presentation parents will meet with the child's teachers in their classroom.

If this is your child's first year attending our preschool, please bring their immunization records if you haven't already turned them into the office.

Children will need a backpack or school bag to bring home their school papers/crafts during the school year.



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# ***“All Things?”***

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.”* Romans 8:28

Of all the promises of God I think the words quoted above may well be some of the hardest to believe. Filled with the confidence of faith St. Paul says that, without exception, all things that a Christian goes through in this life will be worked out for his or her good; that there is nothing in this world that God cannot or will not bring good out of for those who are loved by Him.

In all things God works for good? How can anything good come out of family members arguing and fighting? What good can come out of bombings and terrorism? Where's the good when family or friends are sick or dying? The promise *“in all things God works for the good”* is a great promise but it can be so very hard to believe and trust.

But context is everything. God doesn't ignore or make light of the hard facts of life in Romans chapter 8. He doesn't say that all things will be good. In fact, quite the opposite. He says here in Romans and throughout His Word that the whole creation has been affected by sin and, because of that, our world is full of brokenness that hurts and burdens His people, that we will experience events which, without His aid, would most certainly crush us.

Paul certainly experienced great hardships. His own people rejected and tried to kill him. He was cursed, ridiculed, beaten and imprisoned. Paul's life was filled with troubles the likes of which you and I will never experience (God willing!).

You see, Christianity doesn't look at the world through rose-colored glasses. As Christians we readily acknowledge that bad things happen, things that hurt us and others deeply. But when they do we also know we have a God who loves us and who promises to give us strength in the face of those difficulties.

In a book titled *“Twice Pardoned”* Harold Morris tells his story of God's ability to work good out of terrible circumstances. As a young man he was falsely accused of killing a man and sentenced to two life sentences and began serving time for a crime he didn't commit in one of the worst federal prisons in our country. He was told by a guard, *“Take a good look at the front door of the prison because you will die here. You will never be free again.”*

For years Harold ranted at God and once, when a man tried to share God's love with him, he threw water from his toilet into the man's face. Five years of bitterness and hatred found Harold alone, a broken and desperate man, seriously contemplating suicide.

Out of shame he had never told his family where he was. As far as they knew he had simply

disappeared. But while reading a five year old copy of True Detective magazine a member of his family read Harold's story. Eventually, through his brother and a former classmate, Harold came to know God's forgiveness, love and mercy in Christ.

Harold served God in prison by leading Bible studies and helping other convicts know Christ's grace. He was selected to speak at local schools to students about the seriousness of prison life and used these opportunities to tell of the love which God had shown him. Unbelievably, five years after coming to faith and ten years after entering Georgia State Penitentiary, Harold Morris was paroled and three years later was granted a full pardon.

After his release, Harold studied and received a degree in religious studies and, at the age of 79, continued to work with young people, prisoners and churches sharing the love of God. Can God bring good out of seemingly overwhelming odds? Harold Morris would give a resounding, *“Yes He can!”*

God is able to do this because He is the Redeemer, the One who can bring blessing out of any circumstance. This was most wonderfully demonstrated in the way He brought about our salvation. When Jesus died on the cross, Satan and all the demons believed they had finally won. Jesus' disciples were despondent, hiding from the authorities, fearfully anticipating their own arrest and execution. It truly appeared that with Jesus' death all the promises of God died as well.

But in Christ's death and resurrection God brought the greatest blessing as He reconciled Himself to the world and gave us the promise that nothing can ever separate us from His love. As Paul says in the words immediately following our text: *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”* Romans 8:31-32

Yes, we freely admit that life is filled with difficulties. But God promises that in spite of that pain and suffering, He will bring good. I've discovered this and I'm sure many of you have as well.

And if you haven't yet, I truly believe you will at some time in your life. In the difficult times, God wants you to live in the peace that comes from the confidence that He will fulfill His promise to bring good, yes, in all things.

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

*Pastor Brooks*



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Our meeting place is at Sandi Lockhart's home.

**A summary:**

On the faded Island Books sign hanging over the porch of the

Victorian cottage is the motto "No Man Is an Island; Every Book Is a World." A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner, is about to discover just what that truly means.

A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. His wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. Slowly but surely, he is isolating himself from all the people of Alice Island—from Lambiase, the well-intentioned police officer who's always felt kindly toward Fikry; from Ismay, his sister-in-law who is hell-bent on saving him from his dreary self; from Amelia, the lovely and idealistic (if eccentric) Knightley Press sales rep who keeps on taking the ferry over to Alice Island, refusing to be deterred by A.J.'s bad attitude. Even the books in his store have stopped holding pleasure for him. These days, A.J. can only see them as a sign of a world that is changing too rapidly.

And then a mysterious package appears at the bookstore. It's a small package, but large in weight. It's that unexpected arrival that gives A. J. Fikry the opportunity to make his life over, the ability to see everything anew. It doesn't take long for the locals to notice the change overcoming A.J.; or for that determined sales rep, Amelia, to see her curmudgeonly client in a new light; or for the wisdom of all those books to become again the lifeblood of A.J.'s world; or for everything to twist again into a version of his life that he didn't see coming. As surprising as it is moving, *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love.

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.

**GOLFERS—**

We are looking at August 7<sup>th</sup> for our next golf outing at Purple Sage. Tee Time is 3PM with pizza at Idaho Pizza following.



If you are interested, please contact Connie Stadick at 208-890-2957.

**Preschool Registration—**

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

See next page for details!

Our 3-year-old class has 1 spot remaining!

The Pre-K has 2 spots remaining in the AM class.

We will open a PM class if additional enrollment numbers are met.

Tours are Available

Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM

Contact Office 208 459-4191

**GriefShare Sessions—**

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. We will be meeting weekly for 13 weeks. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief.

**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.

A weekly session will include: opening with a prayer, welcome & covering any announcements, a workbook discussion, watching a video, engaging in small group discussion and a wrap-up.

**WHEN:**

Wednesdays  
10AM—12PM

August 17—November 9

**WHERE:**

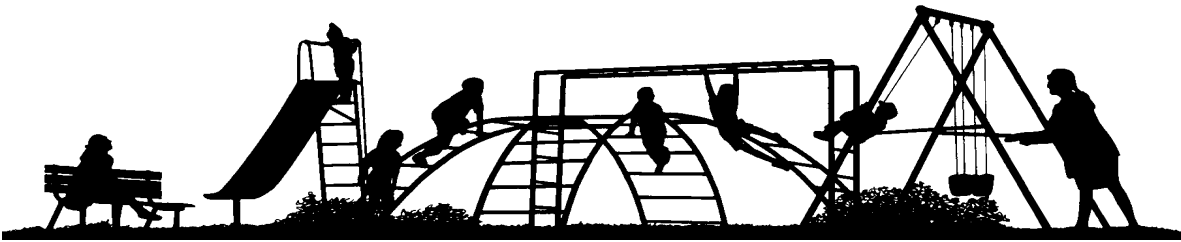
Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool  
2700 S. Kimball Avenue  
Caldwell, ID  
Basement—Fellowship Area

**CONTACT:**

Colleen Fuller (701) 570-1517 or  
Church Office (208) 459-4191  
to register or you may go online to  
griefshare.org, search on our loca-  
tion and register there.

No Registration Fee

Childcare will be provided as needed.



**Preschool  
News!**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**  
for the 2022-2023 school year  
**School Starts September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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](https://gracelutherancaldwell.org)

\*Tuition is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DONATION RESULTS: THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF GRACE! YOU ARE AWESOME!

#### Lifeline Baby Bottle fundraiser—

The bottles have been counted and we raised \$4,146.91 for the Lifeline Pregnancy Center. The center will surely be blessed by this generous donation. LCMS Life Ministry matched a portion of this gift in the sum of \$3000.00 that Lifeline will receive as well.



**Side Note:** We were missing 5 bottles when we returned them to Lifeline. If by chance you still have a baby bottle, please return it to the church (empty or full). Thank you.

**If you have questions about getting involved with LWML please contact Barbara James (208)465-5084.**

**Undie Sunday—** The ingathering of men's briefs and socks was counted. We delivered 164 pairs of briefs and 146 pairs of socks to the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Caldwell. They were very thankful for this generous donation.

**Concordia Circle is very thankful for your support on the projects we elect to do.**

Upcoming project in September will be School Backpacks for Orphan Grain Train. Watch your bulletins and newsletter for more information.



Randy and Rachel recently purchased some furniture. The trouble is it had to be assembled. Randy dug right in, but he was having trouble figuring out how to get it together. Rachel confronted him saying, "Did you look at the instructions? It frustrates me that you can't ever ask for help." Hopefully God's grace removed the offenses of that moment, but this story illustrates the fact that in life, we need help with things we can't do ourselves.

**Returning God's Blessings** If your air conditioner breaks, you hire someone to fix it because you must be trained and licensed to work with the coolant. If you have a tooth ache, you don't use a pair of pliers to fix it yourself; You go to a dentist. One apprehension for people completing their estate plans is that they don't want to be required to schedule appointments with attorneys, financial advisors, or tax planners, nor pay the costs. But trying to put together estate plans without help is like Randy trying to build his furniture without instructions. The investment of time and dollars in estate work is worth it, making sure things are completed correctly.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can assist your interaction with these professionals. Your Gift Planning Counselor will never bill you for the time they work with you. You can work through the tough questions and highlight the work that needs to be done, so that when you appear in your professional's office, you are prepared and ready to be efficient and able to make decisions to move forward. To begin this preparation process with your LWML Gift Planning Counselor, contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Phone: (208) 733-6599 Cell: (208) 954-3534


#### WAYS TO STAY COOL IN THE HEAT

<https://momwithaprep.com/15-ways-to-stay-cool-in-summer/>

- Stay Hydrated
- Turn on those fans
- Mist yourself
- Don't Cook
- Soak a handkerchief in water & tie it around your neck).

- Adjust air conditioning
- Get out of the sun
- Eat cool stuff (healthy ice pops)
- Turn off the lights, shut the blinds.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing
- Dress your windows w/ heat blocking window film

## August 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am ELC meeting 5:30 pm Board of Outreach	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
<b>7</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Don & Karen	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  5:30 pm ELC	<b>10</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00 pm Quilters  1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
<b>14</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  Greeters: Ron & Faith	<b>15</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School Caldwell	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00 pm Elder's	<b>17</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am GriefShare	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Quilters  1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School Nampa	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
<b>21</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion  Greeters: Chaney & Holly	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am GriefShare	<b>25</b> 1:00 pm Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Check with Terry Hensen for location
<b>28</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship  Board of Trustee's meeting after service  6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Sandi's  Greeters: Karen W.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am GriefShare  6:30 p.m. Preschool Parent/Teacher Information Night – Open/House	<p><i>Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.</i></p> <p><i>Galatians 6:1-2</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:

- Becky, Eldon & Addie, M.
- Jake & Glenda N.
- Loraine N.
- Bryant & Lisa N.
- Robert, Cheri, & Adam N.
- Steve & Debbi N.
- Merisa O.
- Elizabeth O.
- Gary & Jan P.
- Becky & Alli P.
- Jeff & Margie P.
- Irene P.



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*from Portals of Prayer*

**For Schools** ~ “You desire our children to come to You, Jesus, and to learn what it means to honor Your Father by growing in wisdom, stature, and favor. We humbly ask You to bless students, teachers, staff, and administrators of the schools in our nation. Grant wisdom, Lord Jesus, so they understand how to teach children to follow Your moral and spiritual example of love for the Father, His creatures, and creation. Amen.”

**For the Church** ~ “God of our salvation, thank You for the Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the called-out people, who long to see Your face while striving to worship and serve You in spirit and in truth. Come, Holy spirit, forgive our sin, strengthen our faith, and anoint us again with Your power and the authority of Jesus to assault the gates of hell with the knowledge that it cannot prevail against us. 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 – Dave 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, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven,*

*Liver – Bryant Neal*

*Lung – Sherrie Prien*

*Broken elbow ~ Sophie Cortes*

*Mental health – David Ledington*

*Multiple health issues – Melody Briggs*

*Motorcycle accident – Nolan Prescott*

*Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore, Jake Nash*

*Shingles – Christa Elli*

*Covid – Katy Singleton*

*Deaths – Jon Holtmann, Les Robinson, Betty Schultz*

*We also remember and pray for our Shut-In’s – Margaret Edmiston, Dora Evans, Flo Hopkins, Loraine Navis, Charles & Paula Row, Arlene Schmitt, & 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***