



Grace Newsletter

October 2022

Sunday School—



You are invited to attend or join our weekly Sunday School.

Ages 3+
Sunday Mornings
9:15—10:15 AM

Jesus said,
“Let the little children
come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these.”
Matthew 19:14

Preschool 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 27th. 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.

High School Bible Study—

High School Bible Study is every Sunday evening. Starts at 6:30 PM here at the church.



Saturday October 1, 2022
From 3:00pm - 7:00pm

2700 S Kimball Ave
Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool
Kids Carnival Games Brats & Hotdogs
Family Games Potluck sides
Classic relays Cotton Candy
Yard Games Popcorn & S'mores

**Join us for fellowship and fun
for all ages!**

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“We Need Your Input”

One of the things that we’ve discovered in the *Natural Church Development* process is the need to identify ministry goals for our congregation. To ensure that we are providing the ministry that God has not only gifted us to do but is also meeting the spiritual and personal needs of our members and community, we are asking for your honest input on the questions below. For certain items, please include your name as asked so we can reach out to you. If you prefer to remain anonymous, that’s fine. But know that any input you give is extremely valuable to our congregation. All responses will be viewed only by the planning team. A summary of the results will be reported to all the teams.

After completing the form please return or mail it to the church. If you have the ability to scan it and email it that is fine as well. Send it to graceonkimball@gmail.com

Thank you so much and I’ll see you in church.

Pastor Brooks

Grace Lutheran Church - Congregational Needs Survey 2022

NEED	YES	NO	Unsure
1. Do you know of congregational members who have a need for a visit in their home?			
2. Would a personal visit from the church be beneficial to you? If yes, your name and contact info:			
3. Are you willing to visit people from our congregation in their home? If yes, your name and contact info:			
4. Do you or someone you know need a ride to worship services/events?			
5. Are you looking for an interest group/small group to join, such as for home Bible study, fellowship, life issues support, crafting, music or prayer? Would you be willing or do you need help to start one? If yes, your name and contact info:			
6. Would you like information about community service opportunities?			
7. What style of worship meets your needs? --Traditional/liturgical			
--Blended: Contemporary music/liturgical setting			
--Either of the above that meets the needs of my Church family			
8. Would you like to participate in a specific area in worship? --Music			
--Lector			
--Usher			
--Tech Team			
--Altar care			
--Children's Message			
--Nursery			
9. Are there needs in your neighborhood/community that are not being met? If yes, what specifically are they?			
10. Would your family or friends benefit from an After-School care program here?			
11. Do you feel comfortable inviting friends to worship here? Why or why not?			
12. Are there any other areas of ministry that we could address to meet your or our community’s needs? If yes, what specifically are they?			

NAME (optional) _____

Dinner and Game Night

We would love for you to join us for dinner and games. Everything is provided so you just need to bring yourself and your family! Feel free to bring a favorite game if you would like. We will have child care and activities for the kids as well.

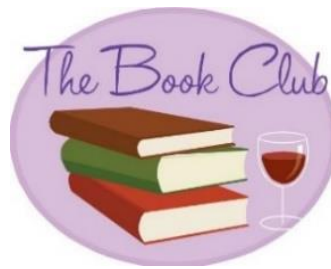
WHEN:
Saturday
5:00 PM
October 22nd

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

CONTACT:
Lynnette Boeder (503) 320-5416 or
Church Office (208) 459-4191
RSVP by October 21st

Lutheran Indian Ministries—

Update on the Lutheran Church (known as God's House Neah Bay) in Neah Bay. For those of us who journeyed to serve the Makah tribe in WA in July of 2015 (wow, that was 7 years ago) we thought you might enjoy reading about them. In August of this year, they had 25 volunteers from another church help with the much-needed task of painting the church building. They welcomed the mission team with a salmon bake and deep-fried halibut. Each night the volunteers gathered with church members for devotions. The project took about one week to complete. After sprucing up the church building and grounds, God's House invited their friends and neighbors to help with a community-wide cleanup. Some 250 people joined in the effort, collecting more than 4,000 pounds of trash in one day. (Sound familiar?) In September they hosted their annual Back to School Blessing. The church provided backpacks with school supplies to any child who wanted one. Teachers are also given school supplies for their classrooms. "The church at Neah Bay, while it may not be large in numbers, is mighty in the Lord and in service. We're on the move!" says Pastor Ben.



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **October 23rd** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes. Our meeting place will be at Lori Hardin's.

A summary: From the author of *Me Before You*, set in

Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

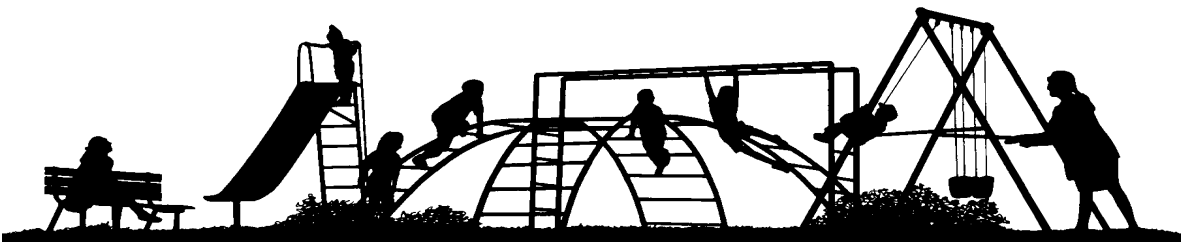
All women are welcome to join us for a heartfelt discussion and a glass of wine! If you have any questions call Hope at (208) 405-6080.

History of Reformation Day—

Reformation Day commemorates the day in 1517 when a German monk named Martin Luther (1483-1546) strode up to the church in Wittenberg and nailed his 95 'theses' to the church door. Luther chose to do this on October 31st as he knew the church would be full on the next day for All Saints' Day. Luther's intention when posting his theses was to highlight the practice of indulgences in the Roman Catholic Church. Indulgences were pardons from sin that could be bought, meaning that those who were rich enough could buy forgiveness for all manner of sins. Luther had hoped that pinning his protestations would spark wider debate and harden public opinion against the practice. However, so many people agreed with his ideas that they quickly spread across western Europe, helped by the recent invention of the printing press, leading to the religious revolt known as the Reformation. The reformation led many Christians to break off from the Roman Catholic Church and establish new, independent churches of their own, such as the Lutheran Church.



Resource: officeholidays.com



4-Year-Old Class

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We've had a wonderful start to our new school year. September was spent getting to know our new friends, learning the rules & how to follow directions.

The themes for September were "All About Me, Apples and Fall." 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 are continuing to work hard on learning all the letters in our names and practice writing them every day. We focused on learning that our scissors, pencils, crayons, & glue are tools and not toys. We talked about germs and how they spread when we touch our mouth and nose without washing our hands. We used glitter as our pretend germs and put some on each child's hands so they could see where their "germs" went as they touched things. We talked about what makes us different like our hair color, eye color and even skin color and how we are all beautiful and special just how God made us. We made apple crafts and even did an apple taste test.

Our bible focus: Week 1 we learned all about how God created our world in 7 days. Week 2 we learned about the first sin of Adam and Eve how they didn't follow God's rule and then made a snake sock puppet to remind us to always make good choices. Week 3 was about how Noah talked to God and built an ark to put his family and animals in to survive the flood that God sent. We also made our own ark like Noah in the shape of our hand and a beautiful rainbow. Week 4 was all about Abraham and Sarah and their family growing big like the stars in the sky. Our bible verses for the month were... "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." - Genesis 1:1 & "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." - Proverbs 3:5-6.

We are excited for cooler weather and had fun celebrating the first day of Fall on September 22<sup>nd</sup> by reading "Were Going on a Leaf Hunt" & then searching for your own leaves with the letters of the alphabet printed on them. Our kiddos also made a super fun craft blowing brown paint on paper to make a tree base and then using their fingers to put red, yellow, orange and green leaves on their trees.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Cheri

### **3-Year-Old Class**

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What a great start to the year we have had! Ms. Micky and I have had so much fun getting to know each and every student and their unique little selves. We have been spending time getting into the routine of things in class and the kids are doing great at familiarizing themselves with school and new friends. This month we talked about creation and just how God created our earth in 7 amazing days! We have been learning about our five senses and why they are important to gather and respond to information about our environment. Ms. Micky will be bringing in her racecars at the end of the month and the kids always love seeing and hearing them start up! Vroom, Vroom.

Our bible verse for last month was "God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1. Our learning focus was on the colors yellow and red, shape circle, letters-L, F and E, and numbers- 1,2 and 3. Thanks so much for sharing your kiddos with us.

Ms. Micky and Ms. Hannah

Concordia Circle/LWML—

CONCORDIA CIRCLE NEWS

Next meeting is October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. beginning with fellowship and dessert. All ladies of the congregation are invited to come. Contact Barbara James for more information.



Congratulations to Barbara on becoming a grandparent!



So much fun and joy ahead!

LWML Sunday 2022 — Theme



This year's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday theme is "For Us and With Us," based on Romans 8:31-39 — *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).

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 9, 2022. Concordia Circle will host the Coffee Hour following Worship Service. A mite offering will be taken that day.

We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Your generous mite offering donations, enable us to share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the LWML and Concordia Circle!



Returning God's Blessings

Herb loves his family. Three years ago, the Lord called home his wife, Betty. Now Herb lives within ten minutes of all four of his children. They are close and do many things together. But one day, Herb was talking with his pastor over lunch and shared that he had concerns about the estate plan he and Betty had put together twenty years ago. At the time, his children were forty years old. His grandchildren were just getting ready for college and most of their estate was planned to support their children, helping them through the expensive time of life. "But now," Herb remarked, "My grandchildren are all out of school. Most of them will make more in ten years than Betty and I did in our entire life. My children are all comfortable. But I am concerned that we are not providing enough financial support to assist the training of future Church workers in the LCMS." Herb's pastor put him in contact with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor.

Herb realized that several endowments exist across Synod and certainly at the Concordia Universities, to carry out exactly what was on his heart. After doing some investigation, he determined that 50% of his estate would now be aimed at providing funds for some of those endowments. He also created a fund with his pastor to support annual Church worker career activities in their congregation. He moved money into that fund because he wanted to start that right away.

Financial support of the Lord's work includes Gifts Now, Gifts in the Future, Gifts spread over time. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help uncover the gift for which the Lord has prepared you. Contact, Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com or (208) 954-3534.

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:

- Debbie S.

- Mark & Peggy S.
- Roberta S.
- Rosetta S.
- Don & Lorene S.
- Garnett & Marilyn S.
- Ryan & Carla S.
- Jeff S.
- Judy S. & Gene C.
- Paul, Marisa, Tyler & Tug S.
- Terry & Linda S.
- Don & Karen S.
- Chuck & Connie S.
- Richard S.
- Chaney & Holly S.



from Portals of Prayer

Columbus Day ~ “Dear Father in heaven, thank You for leading explorers and missionaries to America. Thank You for establishing us in a nation where we now have freedom to worship You in peace. Thank You for the opportunity to remember this day. Please help us always be thankful for opportunities to worship you and never take this freedom for granted. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Reformation Day ~ “Dear Father in heaven, thank You for working through the reformers who, enlightened by Your true Word, restored the truth to the Church. Strengthen us in this same Word to believe and confess that we are saved, not by our own works, but by the work of Your Son, Jesus, on the cross. Please keep us from straying from the truth in the Bible. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Keep in our Prayers—

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

Cancer – Dave Vorderstrasse, Wayne Snively, 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

Motorcycle accident – Nolan Prescott

Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore, Jake Nash

Shingles – Christa Elli


Death – family of Arlene Schmitt

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


October 2022


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>Philippians 4:7</p>						<p>1 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship 9:00 am Western Zone Fall Rally 3:00 pm Fall Festival</p>
<p>2 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Board of Trustee's 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>3 <i>Preschool 4's</i> 7:00 pm Concordia Circle/LWML</p>	<p>4 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>5 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:00 am GriefShare</p>	<p>6 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>
<p>9 LWML Sunday 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>10 Columbus Day <i>Preschool 4's</i> 1:00 pm Merry Widows</p>	<p>11 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>12 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:00 am GriefShare</p>	<p>13 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Board of S&F 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Theology on Tap</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>
<p>16 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>17 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 6:00 pm Board of Elder's 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>19 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:00 am GriefShare 5:30 pm ELC</p>	<p>20 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship 5:00 pm Dinner & Game night</p>
<p>23 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Grace Book Club 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>24 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>26 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:00 am GriefShare</p>	<p>27 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 11:15 Preschool Parade 11:30 am Trunk or Treat 1:00 pm Quilters 5:30 pm Outreach</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>
<p>30 Reformation Sunday 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>31 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #4F81BD;">“God does not need your good works but your neighbor does.”</p> <p style="font-style: italic; color: #4F81BD; margin-top: 10px;">Martin Luther</p> </div> </div>				