



# Grace Newsletter

November 2022

## Youth Fundraiser—



November 6<sup>th</sup> following service. Our fishermen are supplying the fish and we need volunteers to supply the sides (salad, baked beans, or dessert). We

also need assistance with setting up and then cleaning up. If you would like to participate please see Lynnette or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the entryway.

## All Youth Service Event—

November 6<sup>th</sup> after the fish fry.



Please communicate with Lynnette if you can help with either raking or if you need your lawn raked. We will be leaving the church between 1:30 pm & 2:00 pm. lboederdfm@gmail.com

## Voter's Meeting and Potluck—

Our next voter's meeting is on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will include the annual election of officers (chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer). In preparation for the election, a nominations committee consisting of the chair of all boards, the congregational chairman and the pastor as advisory will meet in early November to begin forming a slate of candidates. As a group, they will agree on members to be called to ask if they would consider being nominated for a particular office for 2023.

Vacant board positions will also be filled. Those members who have completed a three-year term are eligible to be nominated to serve again. Boards require a minimum number of members to operate. Members are invited to prayerfully consider how they might wish to serve and convey your interest to one of the nominations committee members: Chuck Stadick, Don Schuster, Myron Volk, Patti Lawson, Garnett Seay & Lillian Pierce. Grace has plenty of members whose talents and abilities could be used for building up the church through this service. If you would like a description of a particular board and its responsibilities, please contact Hope Farrell. Descriptions are available electronically or hard copy.

Also, this is the time for members who are not voters to become voting members. If you are interested in becoming a voting member, please contact Pastor Brooks or Chuck Stadick.



A potluck will be served before the meeting. If your last name begins with the letters:

- A-F, bring a salad
- G-L, bring a dessert
- M-Se, bring a meat dish
- Sh-Z, bring a hot side dish

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# “Dead Sea Scrolls at 75”

*“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8*

November is normally the month we focus on giving thanks. Please read through this man’s reflection on a recent trip and I’ll connect the dots at the end.

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We were on a tour of the Holy Land a few years ago with Pastor Nabil Nour. Our tour included a few days in Jordan to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World, The Lost City – Petra. One of the local guides named Ibrahim would be the one to lead us on this excursion.

At the hotel that evening, the Dead Sea Scrolls came up in conversation for some reason, and Ibrahim made an off-handed comment about being there at the time they were discovered. My antennae immediately went up, and I was determined to find out more about what he knew. So the following day, enroute to Petra, I made sure to sit right next to him on the bus. I’m so glad I did.

He told me about how one of the local Bedouin boys had been tending goats near the Dead Sea. After one of the goats had strayed, he looked up to see a cave that he hadn’t noticed before. He threw a stone into the cave and heard a strange sound, so he and a friend climbed up to investigate. Inside they found a number of clay jars that had scrolls inside. They weren’t sure what they had found but knew it might be worth something, so they brought the scrolls along with them back to the black market in Bethlehem.

One of Ibrahim’s relatives was the dealer the boys brought the scrolls to in Bethlehem. Like Ibrahim, he was Syriac and thought that the writing might be ancient Syriac. It definitely was not Arabic. So he had someone he knew from a local monastery take a look. He determined that it was indeed Hebrew writing and after some bartering and back and forth, bought the first few scrolls for around fifty pounds. Fifty pounds! And the rest, as they say, is history.

The Dead Sea Scrolls include fragments from every book of the Old Testament except for the Book of Esther. They comprise more than 800 documents in total. They predate by 8 to 11 centuries the oldest previously known Hebrew text of the Jewish Bible. It is no doubt one of the greatest archaeological finds of all time.

Later in our trip, we went to Qumran, the desert community of the Essenes, where most of the scrolls were probably written and placed in clay jars for safekeeping. And then on to Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book, where many of the scrolls are displayed, along with the piece de resistance, the Great Isaiah Scroll, all 66 chapters of it.

In this 75th anniversary year of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, my hope is that every believer and non-

believer alike is able to one day enter that sacred space and make the slow walk around the great scroll. But even if that opportunity never arises, you have something far better awaiting you in the next room or in the palm of your hand. For as you pick up the Holy Bible, God’s Word to you and for you in Christ, the words of the prophet Isaiah echo in your ears, *“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.”*

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So what does this have to do with Thanksgiving you ask. Well, when you consider the fact that the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls put to rest the argument that we couldn’t trust the authenticity of the Old Testament, that’s a lot to give thanks for.

You see, in the mid-1800s scholars argued that the Old Testament text couldn’t possibly be trusted because there was no way people could have copied the text correctly over thousands of years. Before the Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls the oldest text of the Old Testament we had was a manuscript dating back to 1008 AD which was found in a synagogue that had been destroyed and buried by an earthquake.

The main reason we don’t have ancient Old Testament texts is because of the great devotion of the Jewish people. Because they believe (as we do) that their Scriptures are the very words of God, whenever they needed another copy there was a very long and involved process to make an exact duplicate. When they were certain the new copy (or copies) were true and correct, they burned the old ones so they didn’t fall into the hands of non-Jews and be desecrated.

The arguments of the scholars were very difficult to counter until the discovery and excavation of the Dead Sea Scrolls between 1847 and 1956. The earliest manuscripts in this find date back to 250 BC.

When the Great Isaiah Scroll mentioned above was compared with the manuscript from the burned synagogue they were virtually identical. Over the course of over 1000 years the Jewish people preserved God’s Word with great accuracy. This put a halt to the claim that the Old Testament we have today cannot be trusted.

Through His faithful people, God preserved His message for us, a message that gives witness to God’s plan for our salvation, a message which gives us the promise of the forgiveness of our sins and a joy-filled life for eternity. What a great thing for which to be thankful. Thank you Lord for knowing our needs long before we knew the need would exist!!

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

*Pastor Brooks*

## Available Giving Options—

1. **Mail** - Simply put your check in an envelope and mail to: Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball, Caldwell, ID 83605. Please write on your check if it is for a dedicated account, e.g., missions, technology, benevolence etc.
2. **Online Giving** - You can donate by going to the church webpage at [www.gracelutherancaldwell.org](http://www.gracelutherancaldwell.org). On the right upper side of webpage is an icon "online giving". You can set up donations for one time or for recurring donations. Online donations can be made from a debit or credit card and by fund transfer from a checking or savings account.
3. **Smart Phone** - A free app for your phone called "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" is available from Vanco, the company that handles Grace Lutheran's electronic transactions. Once you have downloaded the app, search for "Grace Lutheran Church and Preschool" in Caldwell, Idaho and select. You can set up the donations for one time or recurring. Again, donations can be made from a debit or credit card and by fund transfer from a checking or savings account.
4. **Donation by Phone** - Vanco is also offering to do donations by phone for those who do not have access to a computer or smart phone. Call 800-675-7430 and select option 1. They will ask you to identify the church first. Then they will walk you through the donation process. You can set up the donations for one time or recurring. Again, donations can be made from a debit or credit card and by fund transfer from a checking or savings account.
5. **Simply Giving** - This is an electronic funds transfer using a paper form. Hope Farrell in the church office can give you a form to complete and you will need attach a voided check. This option is currently the most used in our congregation for tithes, offerings and preschool tuition payments.

Contact the church office at 208-459-4191 for more information or assistance.

## Birthday Fundraiser Update—

Since the mortgage has been paid in full, the voluntary birthday debt retirement fund raiser has been discontinued. However, we have had questions about continuing the birthday offering. If you would like to continue to contribute to the building fund or any other special fund, that would be great. Be sure to indicate the fund you have selected on your check, envelope, or electronic contribution. Thank you.

*Board of Stewardship & Finance*



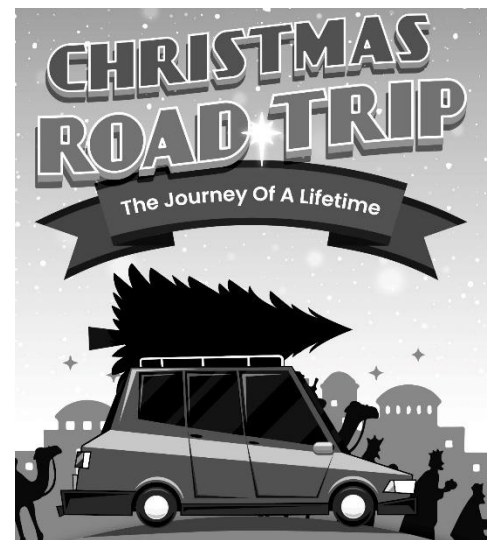
Our next gathering of Grace Book Club will be Sunday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley. Our meeting place will be at Karen Southard's.

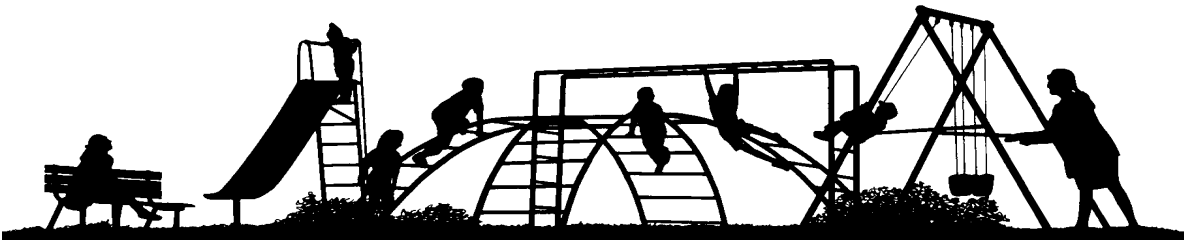
**A summary:** On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?

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.

## Children's Christmas Program—

I know it seems early, but Christmas will be here before we know it. This means we have already begun to plan for our children's Christmas program. Practices will begin the first part of December, and hopefully we will only need to meet a couple times ahead of the program. We will be needing 5 children to be characters in the play (it does not need to be memorized). We can have a couple kids be narrator and scripture readers, or we can do multiple depending on how many want to be a part of the program. Christmas Road Trip is both funny and comes with a great lesson and focus on Jesus. Contact Lynnette at [lboederdfm@gmail.com](mailto:lboederdfm@gmail.com) with any questions you may have, and to let her know if your children will be participating.





### **4-Year-Old Class**

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October brought all things Fall! We had our very own Firefighter Will visit us for fire prevention month. He brought the brand-new ladder truck to show us and taught us all about the gear they need to protect themselves while fighting fires. As the weather turned cooler, we rounded October off with our annual trunk or treat and Halloween parade. Our learning focus was on the letters B-D-J, the numbers 4-5-6, the triangle shape, the colors black and orange, and the AAB pattern. We learned all about bats & spiders; made some fun bat & spiders crafts, and we carved our own pumpkin and talked all about the parts of pumpkins.

Our bible stories: Joseph's coat of many colors, baby Moses, the burning bush, and the 10 plagues. Our bible verses for the month were "When I am afraid I put my trust in you." - Psalm 56:3 & "I can do all things through him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Cheri

### **Fire Prevention Tips:**

- Choose a meeting place outside your home. Children should know what to do when they hear a smoke alarm and there is no adult around. Help them practice going to the outside meeting place. Teach them to never go back inside a building that is on fire.
- Keep smoking materials locked up in a high place. Never leave cigarette lighters or matches where children can reach them.
- Never play with lighters or matches when you are with your children. Children may try to do the same things they see you do.
- Make sure you have a smoke detector in every room as well as the kitchen in your home! Practice having them go off and what you are supposed to do to get out safely!

For more information make sure to visit: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/>

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

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Well fall is definitely upon us! We have really started getting into the swing of things here at Preschool. We are so blessed to have such a great group of kids and they are loving learning! This month we learned about Adam and Eve, Noah's ark, and finished off with the story of Joseph. We learned about fire prevention this month and had firefighter Will come in and show us his gear and his ladder truck, the kids got a chance to go inside and get a glimpse of what firefighters do to help our community. Just a friendly reminder that it is getting colder out and we do go outside daily so please be sure to pack gloves and a beanie for your kiddos as well as a jacket please.

Our bible verse this month was "God gives good gifts" Matthew 7:11. Our learning focus was on the colors; orange and black, the shape was a square, letters-H, I, T, X, numbers-4,5,6.

Ms. Micky and Ms. Hannah

## Concordia Circle/LWML—

### CONCORDIA CIRCLE NEWS

Next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



Members are selling Thanksgiving Cards the beginning of November and Christmas Cards will be available mid-November. Most cards are \$5 for a box of 12. There are also all occasion individual cards available for 50 cents. These cards are located downstairs on top of the glass display case in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to purchase cards after church services, Barbara is available to help you Tuesday-Friday during church office hours. Please call her at 208-465-5084 or contact the church office directly.



*Get your Holiday Cards early!*



**Concordia Circle** is also inviting the church to join in a food and paper goods gathering for Love Inc (Love in the Name of Christ) during the month of November. The products are used for clients in their New Hope program, which helps move people out of need and into freedom in Christ through long-term counseling, mentoring and accountable participation with incentives. Bins will be placed in the entryway for your donated items. The following items listed in priority order of shortage are the most needed for helping the families: paper towels, shampoo, chocolate chips, refried beans, ramen soup, jam, caffeinated coffee, honey, white granulated sugar, brown sugar, peanut butter, cooking oil, baby wipes, and pull-ups size 2 & 3.



An LWML Fall/Holiday Bazaar  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Christ Lutheran Church  
1406 W. Cherry Lane, Meridian

Handcrafted items: lotions, chocolates, jewelry, décor,  
quilts, kitchen items,!

Shepherd's Café Offerings: fresh cinnamon rolls, pies, soup  
or chili, nachos, hotdogs or bratwurst and drinks.



# 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:

- Chaney Jr., Katie, & Klayton S.
- Bob & Brenda T.
- Roland S.
- Bob & Brenda T.
- Ron, Faith, & Pat T.
- Myron & Dee V.
- Karen W.
- Jacob W.
- Rebecca W.
- Bunnie W.
- Lee, Christy, Jack & Maria W.
- John W.



## *from Portals of Prayer*

**Veterans Day** ~ “O Jesus, warrior-king who will fight the last battle and prevail, I pray You would guard and protect the men and women in uniform who defend and protect us today, whether military, police, or emergency workers. Bless those who have served. Cause wars to cease to the ends of the earth. And this as well, dear Lord: the divorce rate is so terribly high among those who serve. Somehow extend Your healing hand t them and assure them of forgiveness in You. Amen.”

**Thanksgiving Day** ~ “Dear Lord, it is right to give thanks to You, for Your mercy endures forever. Open my eyes to the blessings I am surrounded with every day, and give me a thankful heart. Like the ten, I, too, am a leper because of my sin. I bow in thankfulness to You, the true temple. There is a world of things to give thanks for, but most of all, I thank You for the salvation that is mine in Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.”



## Keep in our Prayers—

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

*Cancer – Dave 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*

*Broken ribs – Sean Smith*

*Mental health – David Ledington*

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

*Shingles – Christa Elli*

*Deaths – Linda Symms, Arlene Schmitt, Hilda Koch*

*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***

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p><b>On Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> before you go to bed.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> 9:30 am Preschool Chapel</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am GriefShare</p> <p>5:30 pm ELC</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p> <p>9 AM – 3 PM Christ Lutheran LWML Fall/Holiday Bazaar – Cherry Lane, Meridian</p>	
<p><b>6 Daylight Saving Change</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Fish Fry Fundraiser Rake and Run H.S. Bible Study Devotion</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>7:00 pm Concordia Circle/LWML</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Elder's 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 10:00 am GriefShare <i>(Last Meeting)</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> 1:00 pm Board of S&amp;F 1:00 pm Quilters</p> <p>6:00 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm Theology on Tap</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>	
<p><b>13</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship</p> <p>Voter's Meeting &amp; Potluck</p> <p>6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Merry Widows</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30 am Preschool Chapel</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Preschool 4's</i> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Preschool 3's &amp; 4's</i></p> <p>11:00 am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Family Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>	
<p><b>20</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30 pm Grace Book Club 6:30 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>No Preschool – Thanksgiving Break</b></p>			<p><b>23 Thanksgiving Eve</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Service</p>	<p><b>24 Thanksgiving Day</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00 am Group Bible Fellowship</p>
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