



Grace Newsletter

October 2023

Family Focus Night—



TACO
BAR
&
BINGO



Join us at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 21st. Food will be provided with a goodwill offering and prizes will be available for our Bingo night! Kids are welcome to play, but if you feel you may need child care for your littles, please reach out to Lynnette at lboederdfm@gmail.com and child care will be made available here at the church. Our family focus nights are inter-generational. Please put this date on your calendar as we would love to pack the fellowship hall, and please invite friends and neighbors.

Sunday Evening Service—

JOIN US FOR A
4TH SUNDAY
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
SERVICE

October 22 at 6 PM

PRAISE MUSIC, SCRIPTURE,
HOMILY & PRAYER



Saturday Oct. 7th

From 3:00pm - 6:30pm

2700 S Kimball Ave

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

Kids Carnival Games Brats & Hotdogs

Family Games Potluck sides

Classic relays Cotton Candy

Yard Games Popcorn

Pet the baby goats!

Join us for fellowship and fun
for all ages!

High School Bible Study—

High School Bible Study is every Sunday evening starting at 6:00 PM here at the church. We will be attending the praise and worship service on the 4th Sunday. Remember to let Lynnette know your Dutch Bro's. drink.

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NOT JUST A REFORMATION CLICHE

“But the righteous shall live by his faith.” Habakkuk 2:4

This month’s devotion is by Chad Bird from 1517.org. I believe it’s very timely for us today. We fear many things and often forget that God has the whole world in His hands, not ours and not those who oppose Him and His Word.

In churches that celebrate the Reformation, we usually hear this verse thrown about: “The righteous shall live by faith.” It’s a compact little creed. A good word.

But, for most of us, we have no idea of the harrowing, violent, 7th century BC context in which this phrase was born.

In the late 600’s BC, Babylon was rising as the biggest, meanest dog on the cosmic block. The world superpower. With horses swifter than leopards and keener than wolves, these warriors tear through the earth, destroying every opponent. Fortresses only make them laugh and sneer. They swoop down like eagles on their prey. And now Jerusalem, God’s city, is about to be in their talons.

The prophet Habakkuk spies them coming. And he cries out to God (Hab. 1:1-4; 12-17). He asks, “How long?” He laments that the Lord is sitting on his hands, letting this wicked and unjust enemy maul everything and everyone in sight. Why is God silent when this evil nation swallows up the peoples? Where is the Lord, the God of Israel, in their hour of deepest need?

Finally, Habakkuk says that he will stand like a watchman on the tower to wait and see how God will respond (Hab. 2:1). And the Lord’s answer soon arrives. He says to record the vision he’s about to give. In fact, for good measure, write it in huge block letters so that you can read it on the run.

Then God says two things. Two very important things. He makes a contrast between the person of unfaith and the person of faith.

First, the man of Babylon, the evildoer, the unbeliever, the worshipper of false gods, is puffed up. The Hebrew word is related to a tumor, which is swollen, malignant, about to burst and ooze its poison everywhere. This man of unbelief has a soul like a massive, cancerous tumor. Nothing is right within him (Hab. 2:4a).

Second, the righteous, the believer, the one whose God is the LORD, will live by his faith (2:4b). His trust is in the true God, and the true God is his trust. This verse, *“the righteous will live by his faith,”* is quoted directly in the NT three times (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). That doesn’t happen with many Old Testament verses. So, yes, it’s kind of a BIG DEAL.

But – and this is my main point – remember the context in which this bold word is spoken: the righteous will live by his faith, by what he does not see, because his eyeballs tell him that all hope is shot to hell. His eyes see the Babylonians coming, with murder in their hearts, blood on their tongues, and untold destruction in their wake.

What do Habakkuk and Israel have? Nothing but the word of God. Nothing but the promise of God. Nothing but God himself. They have the vision that the LORD gives, the words of hope he utters. And that, amazingly, is enough.

Their eyes see an open yawning grave but their ears hear the faint whispers of Easter.

So, this Reformation (and all times), when we hear this verse, *“The righteous will live by his faith,”* remember that it wasn’t penned by a theology professor in some German university. It wasn’t conceived in a lazy, pacific environment by someone engaged in deep religious reflection about life and whatnot. No, it was uttered by God when his people faced a violent, ferocious enemy bearing down on them with bloody swords and flesh-piercing spears. It was a word that whispered life and hope when everything else screamed doom and death.

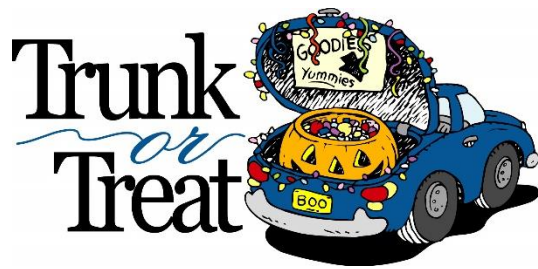
The gospel of Christ, the Good News, is that the righteousness of God is ours by faith. When the Babylons of our own evil deeds, shameful acts, and soul-destroying decisions bear down and beat down on us, when all hope of salvation and life and peace seems shot to hell, we live by faith in the Savior who forgives, redeems, restores – and has defeated Satan once and for all.

We stand, with Habakkuk, like a watchman on the tower, our hands shading our eyes, scanning the horizon. We see ourselves surrounded by enemies. Death stalks on every side, even within us. But we wait, we hope, we are all ears. Because those ears hear the word of God that says He is *for* us, He is *with* us, He is *mighty to save*. And by faith in that word that comes from the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit, we live.

We live in a confusing time and in a mixed-up world. And we often wonder what crazy thing is going to happen next. Knowing that God has us safe in His hands and that nothing surprises Him gives us hope and confidence – if we will just believe that truth!

Be courageous and hopeful because God is always with you. I’ll see you in church.

Pastor Brooks



Our next meeting will be held on October 15th. We will be discussing "Where the Last Rose Blooms" by Ashley Clark. Our meeting place will be at Janet's.

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: Tuesday, October 31st at 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 a 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.

20s/30s Group—

If you are in your 20s or 30s (or around there) we would love for you to join us once a month at the Boeder's home to watch and discuss *The Chosen*. We will meet again Thursday, October 26th from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. Please reach out to Lynnette for an address. Appetizers and children are always welcome!



Holy Land Trip—

Have you ever thought of visiting the Holy Land on a faith enrichment tour? Now is a good time. Pastor Randy and Carlene Bencoter are hosting a 10-day trip to Israel January 8-17, 2024 with an optional Egypt extension. Even if you are mildly interested, they would be happy to answer your questions and provide you with a brochure with the itinerary and details. Contact them at 208-634-9516 or randall.bencoter@gmail.com



A summary: Alice runs a New Orleans flower shop alongside her aunt, but thoughts of her mother, who went missing during Hurricane Katrina, are never far from her mind. After getting off on the wrong foot with a man who comes to the shop, Alice soon realizes their worlds overlap--and the answers they both seek can be found in the same place. In 1861 Charleston, Clara is an abolitionist, unbeknownst to her father, who is heavily involved with the Confederacy. She attempts to assist an enslaved woman reunite with her daughter, and a dashing Union spy is just the person to help them. But things go very wrong when Clara agrees to aid the Northern cause by ferrying information about her father's associates--and her own fiancé. Faced with the unknown, both women across the years will have to dig deep to let their courage bloom.

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.

CAMP PERKINS Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

2023/24 Retreats



Fall Work Weekend

October 13-15, 2023: **FREE event**

Join in Christian fellowship as we prepare the camp for Winter! Free lodging, meals, and campfires.



Women's Retreat

October 20-22, 2023: **\$160 early reg**

This retreat is designed to be an encouragement and spiritual renewal. Enjoy time in Bible study, worship, hiking, playing, and relaxing. PS - schedule a massage!



Junior High Snojam

January 26-28, 2024

Come play in the snow, eat great food, sit by a warm fire, build new friendships, and grow in your relationship with God through Bible study, worship, and close community.



Women's Crafting Retreats

January 12-15/15 & February 23-25/26, 2024

Grab your scrapbooks, quilts, sewing machines, and creativity. Get ready to craft your weekend away!



Winter Family Flurry

February 16-18/19, 2024

Join us for tubing and snowshoeing, snowmen building contests, and more! There is limited space in the comfort of the Retreat Center, so register early! Cost Varies



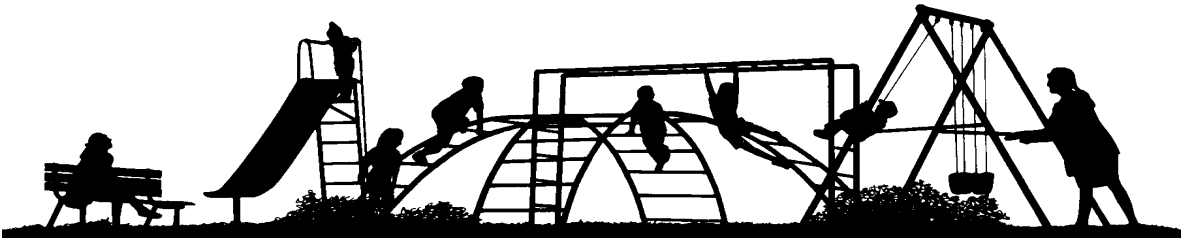
Senior High Snofest

March 1-3, 2024

Hang out by the fire, eat excellent food, and play in the snow while spending time in prayer and the Word with others from the region.



REGISTER ONLINE AT
CampPerkins.org
(208)788-0897 or Email info@campperkins.org



Preschool News!

4-Year-Old Class

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. We then talked to our friends about how many people they had in each of their families. 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 25nd by reading "Were Going on a Leaf Hunt" & then searching for their own leaves with the letters of the alphabet printed on them. Our kiddos also made a super fun craft painting a brown tree and then using their fingers to put red, yellow, orange and green leaves on their trees.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Cheri

TRUNK OR TREAT
Tuesday Oct. 31st
Parade starts at 11:15am



3-Year-Old Class

A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's but our first three letters are E, F, and L. One day we tasted a lemon for the letter L, surprisingly some of the kiddos liked it when their little mouths puckered, and right after that, we had lemon bread for a snack, Yum! For the letter F we had Fig Newtons. A little one said "I didn't ask for this!" Mrs. Dee kindly said, "it is a cookie, taste it." Another little one said, "it is black, I don't want it!". Our color is yellow, but some say it "lellow". We are learning about Gods Creation, our bible verse for September was "God created the Heavens and the earth," Genesis 1:1. We have been learning all about our five senses. We can see with our eyes, hear with our ears, touch with our hands, taste with our tongues and smell with our noses. Ms. Micky brought her race cars in on the 26th for our first on-site field trip, the children were able to sit in each of the cars. The cars were loud when they started them up. Some of us covered our ears. We take turns and we share, well we are learning to do that. The first month of preschool has been a great adventure. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us.

Mrs. Dee & Ms. Micky

Concordia Circle/LWML—

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd at 6 PM. Barbara James is providing the devotion and Marilyn Seay is hosting. LWML Sunday is October 22. Wear purple that day! Please contact Carla Shields with any questions. What is LWML? Here is their mission statement:



“The mission of the Lutheran Women’s missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church – MO Synod in affirming her relationship of the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

Getting to know our family—



The October Spotlight focuses on Erma Ledington, who, on October 8th, will be a young 94-year-old! Always smiling, Erma shares she was born Erma Kelpin on that day in 1929, the youngest of five children. There were three girls and two boys in the home on 6th Street in Payette at the beginning of the Great Depression. When Erma was a year old, her family moved into a new home built by her dad, still in Payette but now on 12th Street. The girls slept in one of the two bedrooms while the brothers slept on the porch in summer and the attic in winter! There was always enough to eat since the family gardened, had a cow, chickens and usually raised two pigs every year. The teen years found Erma in the local orchards picking fruit. “I picked a lot of cherries and prunes,” she shared. Graduation from Payette High School was followed by

a move to Wisconsin where she worked for a year while living with relatives. Then it was back to Payette, the site she met her future husband while at a small “going away” party for her sister who was leaving for Libya (Tripoli). “Lo and behold I met this guy who turned out three months later was my husband!” Erma Kelpin and Robert David Ledington were married on October 23, 1949 and celebrated fifty-six years together. GOD blessed them with five children, nine grandchildren and two great grands. Water aerobics, bicycling, and flower gardening were some of Erma’s favorite pastimes.

Once her children were school age, Erma began working outside the home, first for Health and Welfare in Payette and later WICAP. Both agencies required home visits to those in need.

Erma moved to Caldwell five years ago to be close to her “boys”. She resides at Grace Assisted Living and can usually be found reading a book. Although she can no longer attend Sunday morning worship at Grace, she faithfully watches Worship Anew.

Fall Prayer Walk—

Come and pray with fellow Christians on Saturday, October 14 at the Caldwell Memorial Park on Kimball St. at 3:00 PM. The walk and praying takes approximately one hour. Afterwards there will be a time of fellowship with a potluck dinner. Contact Arlene Robinett 208 391-8516 if further information is needed.

Love in the name of Christ—



Festivities begin at 6:30:

Silent Auction
Fellowship
Refreshments
and Coffee Bar

All proceeds benefit the
Treasure Valley LoveInc.

Featuring Bluegrass Music
by Betty Adams & Ozark Mountain Music
with Special Guest Honi Deaton
at Eagle Christian Church on Cherry Lane in
Nampa

PRAYER PAGE

Church Family Prayers—

We are praying for our church families each month. 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 and pray for those people, 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. We are praying for the following families this month:

- Mark & Peggy Schroeder
- Don & Lorene Schuster

- Roberta Schuster
- Garnett & Marilyn Seay
- Ryan, Carla, Dylan & Conner Shields
- Jeff Smith
- Judy Smith, Gene Clements
- Terry & Linda Smith
- Paul, Marisa, Tyler & Tug Smith
- Don & Karen Southard
- Chuck & Connie Stadick
- Chaney & Holly Stotts
- Chaney Jr., Katie & Klayton Stotts
- Roland Suess
- Ron, Faith & Pat Teach



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*from Portals of Prayer*

**Reformation Day (October 31):** Lord God, we give You thanks for the faithful witness of Martin Luther and his work to proclaim Your Gospel in its fullness. Grant that we may ever cling to the truth that we are justified before You by Your grace alone, through faith alone, for Christ’s revealed by Scripture alone, that we may always be fed and sustained by Your words of everlasting life. In Jesus’ name. Amen”

**For the Church:** Lord Jesus, You have promised that Your Holy Church will not perish and that the gates of hell will not overcome it. According to Your promises, guide and preserve Your Church, which You have purchased with Your precious blood. Defend her against all error, misbelief, and false belief, that she may remain steadfast in Your Word and grace, and come, at last, into Your heavenly courts. Amen”

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Keep in our Prayers—

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

Cancer – Teresa Owens, Dave Vorderstrasse, Wayne Snavely, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Bill Tibbetts, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz, Patti Wood
Liver – Bryant Neal

Heart– Katherine Clark, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven, Bob Downen, Janice Beaudry
Mental health – David Ledington
Physical Therapy – Gary Meyer
Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore
Deaths- Pat Torrey

We also remember and pray for our Shut-In’s – Janice Beaudry, Mel Clausen, Margaret Edmiston, Flo Hopkins, Dorothy Jaime, Erma Ledington, Gary & Gail Meyer, Loraine Navis, Irene Pedro, and Charles & Paula Row.



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*

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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>
1 Board Budgets Due 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study	2 <i>Preschool 4's</i> 6:00 pm Concordia Circle/LWML	3 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	4 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm GriefShare	5 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters	6	7 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details. FALL FESTIVAL 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM
8 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study	9 Columbus Day <i>Preschool 4's</i>	10 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 11:30 am Preschool Staff 6:00 pm Board of Elders 6:00 pm Theology on Tap 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	11 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm GriefShare	12 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Board of S&F 1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters	13	14 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details.
15 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour/Jerry B's 95 th Birthday Celebration 12:00 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm Book Club	16 <i>Preschool 4's</i>	17 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 9:15 am Partners Read (3's) 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	18 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm GriefShare	19 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters	20	21 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details. Family Focus Night Taco Bar & Bingo 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
22 LWML Sunday 9:15 am Christian Education 9:15 am Parenting Class 10:30 am Family Worship 12:00 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm Praise & Worship Service	23 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Newsletter Deadline	24 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 6:00 pm Theology on Tap 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	25 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am Reading Buddies (Pre-K) 6:00 pm GriefShare	26 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters 7:15 pm 20s/30s Group The Chosen at the Boeder's	27	28 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship – Call Terry Hensen for details.
29 9:15 am Christian Education 9:15 am Parenting Class 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Coffee Hour - Brooks/Larson Baby Celebration 12:00 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study	30 <i>Preschool 4's</i>	31 Reformation Day Halloween <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 11:15 Preschool Parade 11:30 am Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #C85130;">So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ~ Romans 10:17</p>			