



Grace Newsletter

November 2023

Family Focus Night—



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Moved to January

Join us at 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 11th. There will be a good will offering! Kids are welcome to participate, but if you feel you may need child care email lboederdfm@gmail.com and child care will be made available here at the church hall

Family Service Event—



November 5th

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

High School Bible Study—

High School Bible Study is every Sunday evening starting at 6:00 PM here at the church. Remember to let Lynnette know your Dutch Bro's drink.

Voter's Meeting and Potluck—

Our next voter's meeting is on Sunday, November 12th. 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 2024.

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 interested in becoming a voting member and you have read the church's constitution, 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 hot side dish
- G-L, bring a salad
- M-Se, bring a dessert
- Sh-Z, bring a meat dish

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CREEDAL THANKSGIVING

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 116:12-13

As Lutherans there are probably very few, with the exception of pastors, who have taken the time to read much written by Martin Luther. In light of the celebration of Thanksgiving Day I thought it appropriate to share a portion of Luther’s Large Catechism. This is from his Explanation of the First Article of the Apostle’s Creed.

I hold and believe that I am God’s creature, that is, that he has given me and constantly sustains my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, my reason and understanding, and the like; my food and drink, clothing, nourishment, spouse and children, servants, house and farm, etc. Besides, he makes all creation help provide the benefits and necessities of life—sun, moon, and stars in the heavens; day and night; air, fire, water, the earth and all that it yields and brings forth; birds, fish, animals, grain, and all sorts of produce. Moreover, he gives all physical and temporal blessings – good government, peace, security. Thus we learn from this article that none of us has life – or anything else that has been mentioned here or can be mentioned— from ourselves, nor can we by ourselves preserve any of them, however small and unimportant. All this is comprehended in the word “Creator.”

Moreover, we also confess that God the Father has given us not only all that we have and what we see before our eyes, but also that he daily guards and defends us against every evil and misfortune, warding off all sorts of danger and disaster. All this he does out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a kind father who cares for us so that no evil may befall us.

Hence, because everything we possess, and everything in heaven and on earth besides, is daily given, sustained, and protected by God, it inevitably follows that we are in duty bound to love, praise, and thank him without ceasing, and, in short, to devote all these things to his service, as he has required and enjoined in the Ten Commandments.

Here much could be said if we were to describe how few people believe this article. We all pass over it; we hear it and recite it, but we neither see nor think about what the words command us to do. For if we believed it with our whole heart, we would also act accordingly, and not swagger about and boast and brag as if we had life, riches, power,

honor, and such things of ourselves, as if we ourselves were to be feared and served. This is the way the wretched, perverse world acts, drowned in its blindness, misusing all the blessings and gifts of God solely for its own pride, greed, pleasure, and enjoyment, and never once turning to God to thank him or acknowledge him as Lord or Creator.

Therefore, if we believe it, this article should humble and terrify all of us. For we sin daily with eyes, ears, hands, body and soul, money and property, and with all that we have, especially those who even fight against the Word of God. Yet Christians have this advantage, that they acknowledge that they owe it to God to serve and obey him for all these things.

For this reason we ought daily to practice this article, impress it upon our minds, and remember it in everything we see and in every blessing that comes our way. Whenever we escape distress or danger, we should recognize how God gives and does all of this so that we may sense and see in them his fatherly heart and his boundless love toward us. Thus our hearts will be warmed and kindled with gratitude to God and a desire to use all these blessings to his glory and praise.

Prayer:

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

As I write this, the Israeli war against Hamas is being fought. They are talking about it spilling out of the Middle East and into other parts of the world. In addition, there are concerns about the US and global financial markets, mortgage rates are high making it almost impossible for people to purchase homes.

There are plenty of things we could focus on that are negative and which can make us fearful. But God would have us remember that He is always with us and that He will always provide for us. There is always reason to give Him thanks for His care and protection.

Be courageous and hopeful because God is always with you. 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 designated account, e.g., missions, technology, benevolence etc.
2. **Online Giving** - You can donate by going to the church webpage at 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 our church'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 to attach a voided check.

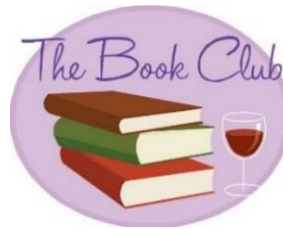
Contact the church office at 208-459-4191 if you have any questions or if you need assistance.

Better Together Youth Retreat—

South Idaho High School Fall retreat will be held at Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church in Meridian, ID, November 10-12. Join the group for fun, food, and faith growth. Bible study, service project, a variety of games, and a Boise State football game are just a few of the planned events. We will be returning late on Saturday night. Contact Lynnette with any questions: lboederdfm@gmail.com or (503) 320-5416.

Crappie Feed—

Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall is hosting a crappie feed on November 18th from 11AM-2PM at 11101 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell. It is free but donations will be accepted.



Our next meeting will be held on November 19th. We will be discussing "The Sweet Life" by Suzanne Woods Fisher. Our meeting place will be at Karen Southard's home.

A summary: Dawn Dixon can hardly believe she's on a groomless honeymoon on beautiful Cape Cod . . . with her mother. Sure, Marnie Dixon is good company, but Dawn was supposed to be here with Kevin, the love of her life (or so she thought). Marnie Dixon needs some time away from the absolute realness of life as much as her jilted daughter does, and she's not about to let her only child suffer alone--even if Marnie herself had been doing precisely that for the past month. Given the circumstances, maybe it was inevitable that Marnie would do something as rash as buy a run-down ice-cream shop in the town's tightly regulated historic district. After all, everything's better with ice cream. Her exasperated daughter knows that she's the one who will have to clean up this mess. Even when her mother's impulsive real estate purchase brings Kevin back into her life, Dawn doesn't get her hopes up. Everyone knows that broken romances stay broken . . . don't they? Welcome to a summer of sweet surprises on Cape Cod--a place where dreams just might come true.

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.

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, November 30th from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. Please reach out to Lynnette for an address. Appetizers and children are always welcome!



**Surviving
the Holiday
Sessions**

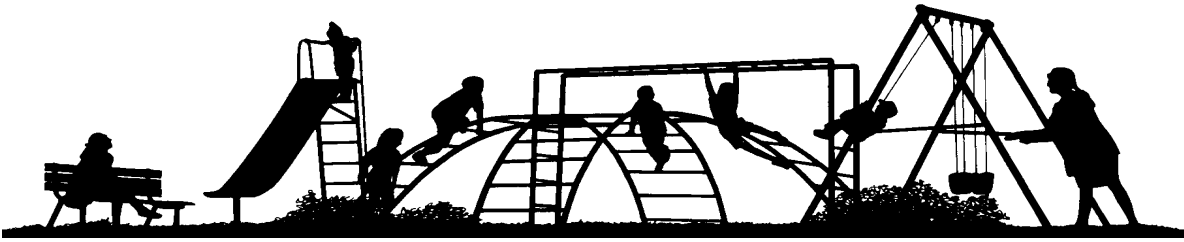
**November 15 5:30 PM
November 18 10:00 AM**

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 location and register there.



Preschool News!

4-Year-Old Class

October brought all things Fall! We had our very own Firefighter Will and his crew visit us for fire prevention month. He brought a 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 nocturnal animals focusing on bats & spiders; made some fun bat & spiders crafts, and we learned about the parts of a pumpkin as well as the life cycle a pumpkin goes through. We are currently watching our carved pumpkin go through the cycle of decomposition in our classroom from a sealed container. We met with our reading buddies at the end of the month and read "The Worrmysaurus" by Rachel Bright & Chris Chatterton. Each child received the book to take home and share with their family.

In our Bible stories we learned about Joseph's Coat of Many Colors, Baby Moses, the Burning Bush, and the Red Sea. 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 and Ms. Cheri

3-Year-Old Class

We have finally found our routine with these little Preschoolers. They are so full of energy and each one has such fun personalities. We are working on communication. We say "can I see that toy, please?" instead of just grabbing things. We are sharing and taking turns too. This past month we learned about Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Joseph's coat of many colors and the Ten Commandments. We also had firefighter Will come by with his big red Fire truck and his fellow firefighters. We learned how important fire alarms are in our homes and when we are scared firemen are there to help us. The seasons are changing, the leaves are falling and it is getting colder, but we still go outside so remember to wear hats and jackets every day. Our Bible verse last month was "God gives good gifts" Matthew 7:11. Our learning focus was on the colors; orange and black, the shape was a square and our letters were H, I, T, X and numbers 4,5 and 6.

Mrs. Dee & Ms. Micky

Upcoming Event: Thanksgiving Mini-Feast - November 16th 11:00AM

Students are welcome to bring one special guest to this event. The Preschool Partners for the 3-year-old class are invited to attend as well.

Upcoming Break: No preschool the week of November 20th. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families! We will resume school on Monday, Nov. 27 for the 4's and Tuesday, Nov. 28 for the 3's.

Concordia Circle/LWML—

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 5th after worship service downstairs in the Sunday School area. Please contact Carla Shields with any questions.

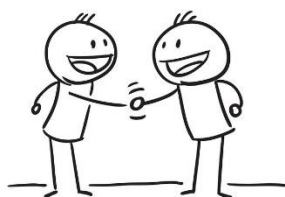
Thanksgiving cards are available downstairs in the card display in the fellowship hall. Individual cards are available in the carousel for 50 cents. There is a limited supply of boxed Thanksgiving cards for \$5. Christmas Cards will be available for purchase in November and December. Box of 12 for \$5.00/Box of 24 \$10.00. You may reach Barbara at (208)465-5084.



Get your Holiday Cards early!



Getting to know our family—



Florence “Flo” Hopkins occupies the November Spotlight in the current series highlighting Grace’s homebound members. Flo is a delightful, soon to be ninety-six-year-old resident of Grace Assisted Living in Caldwell where she has resided for some three plus years. Born in Winner, South Dakota, November 14, 1927, the oldest of twelve children, Flo’s family moved first to Scotts Bluff, Nebraska where she spent her childhood and early teen years before coming to Idaho. Flo’s mom died when Flo was but a toddler and her younger sister an infant, resulting in a second marriage for her dad and additional siblings. Growing up in Scotts Bluff was a special time in the life of young Flo. She remembers working in homes caring for children as well as working for a brief time in the local hospital, even entertaining the idea of becoming a nurse. But life in Scotts Bluff was short-lived when Dad moved the family further west to Idaho. Flo remembers the many shed tears because of the move stating,

“I cried all the way to Idaho.” The family settled in the Marsing/Caldwell area and took to cherry picking in the spring. Flo mused that perhaps her dad moved to the area because all the children could find work picking fruit in the many orchards around. With a mischievous smile on her face, the ever-friendly Flo remembers how “we used to flirt with the prisoners that were brought out to help with the harvest!” Single life ended for Flo in January of 1948 when she married a returning soldier, whom she had met through a friend, in the old Grace Church on Albany Street in Caldwell. As the children were growing up, Flo also taught Sunday School there and all seven children were confirmed at the Albany Street Church. During these years the family did some ranching in Emmett raising cattle and hay, did some logging, operated a sawmill, and also managed to sell Christmas trees. Today Flo keeps busy at Grace Assisted Living reading, visiting with friends, and exercising which includes walking the halls at Grace. Twice this author has “run into” her making the rounds, still with a spring in her step. Although Flo is homebound, she regularly watches Worship Anew as do several of her friends.



Learning to acknowledge God’s blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. Greg and Mike were meeting for lunch. Greg was dreading this meeting because he was used to Mike always complaining about how hard his life is. On this particular day, Greg was surprised. Mike was telling the story of how he and his wife had recently decided that they should get their estate plan in place. The process began as Mike and his wife met with their LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Mike was not really a money guy. He was not the guy who could quickly offer up an estimate of the total net worth of his estate. So, when the LWML Gift Planning Counselor asked the couple to fill out a Lifetime Plan for Giving survey, which included many things, but especially an inventory of financial

assets, Mike was shocked to see the actual dollar value of his estate. Mike said to Greg, “All my life I have been comparing myself to others, always believing that everyone else is more blessed than I. I am not a billionaire, but I was actually quite overwhelmed to see the combined value of our house, our cottage, our paid-up life insurance and our retirement accounts. I usually just look at things one at a time. Combined together, I realize that I have been underestimating what God has been doing in our lives. Now I am asking the question, ‘I wonder what God wants us to do with all of this?’ I have this feeling that it includes more than just inheritance to the kids, as they are all doing quite well.” Greg responded, “Mike this is awesome. With your new-found perspective, I think your estate planning is going to be a lot of fun. Are you thinking about leaving a gift to ministry?” Mike responded, “I sure am. Every time I see the kids from our Lutheran School in worship, I am so glad they are learning about Jesus. I want to help provide scholarships so more kids can come in the future.” Are you recognizing God’s abundance? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact our Utah-Idaho counselor, Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Phone: (208) 733-6599, Cell: (208) 954-3534

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:

- Myron & Dee Volk
- Nathan Volk
- Karen Waits
- Jacob Wald
- Rebecca Weaver
- Bunnie Welshons
- Kim Whitehead
- John Wilkinson
- David, Allison, Aedan, Bryce & Ciaran Yager



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”

End of the Church Year / For the Return of Christ: Almighty God, You sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. By Him, You have promised to usher in a new creation, the home of righteousness. In Your perfect time, send Your Son to return to us, bringing with Him the new heaven and new earth so that Your Church may find her rest in Your eternal kingdom, where all true joys are to be found. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen”

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 – Anita Lindbloom

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***

November 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Psalm 95			1 <i>Preschool 4's</i> Bulletin Deadline 5:30 pm GriefShare	2 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i> 1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters	3	4 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details. Set Your Clocks Back one hour before bedtime
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