



Grace Newsletter

April 2024

Teacher Position Available—

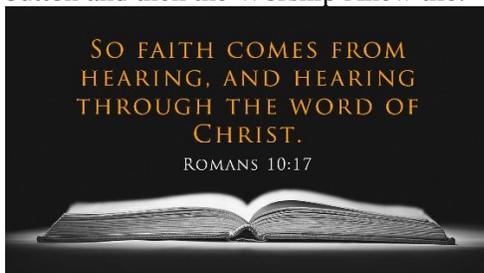
We are seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Contracts begin in August and the first day of school is September 3. The position is for the 3-year-old class which meets Tuesday & Thursday. Education and/or experience with early childhood education is preferred. For additional information please contact Lillian Pierce (208 467-1437) or Grace Lutheran Church (208 459-4191).



Please communicate this opportunity to anyone you think might be interested.



The Worship Anew program airs on Channel 6 at 9:00 Sunday morning. It provides a half hour worship service led by LCMS pastors. Worship Anew is an excellent option for those who are unable to attend worship at their congregation and a supplement to those receiving Word and Sacrament regularly. Each Sunday broadcast costs \$600 to air. Consistent support has allowed the program to be aired for over three years. If you would like to financially support this program in 2024, please send those gifts to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605, noting "Worship Anew" in the notes line. You may also visit our website://gracelutherancaldwell.org and click on the online giving button and then the Worship Anew tile.



It's that time of year again!

Clean out those closets, garages and storage sheds. Let those items you no longer use be a blessing to someone else.

Bring those crafts you have been working on to sell and enjoy great company, maybe even make some new friends.

In addition, this year the youth will be serving a BBQ lunch to raise money for missions and the National Youth gathering.

All are welcome, this is for the whole community. There is no charge for a spot, but we ask that you call Colleen (701)570-1517 or the church office to register (just name and phone #) so we have some idea how many to expect.

Remember whatever items you bring that do not sell must go home with you 😊. We hope you will join us to sell or shop, stay for lunch and catch up with friends old and new.

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Without the Resurrection – You got Nutin!

Being raised from the dead seems so contradictory to what we know and experience in this world. Death seems like the final statement from our human experience.

Paul, as he wrote to the Corinthian congregation wrestled with that issue. Some people were going around saying that the body does not rise from the dead. At best there is a “spiritual” translation into eternity. Paul explained to the Corinthians that if that is the case then everything about the Christian faith is nothing. Look at what he says: **14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.** 1 Corinthians 15:14-15 (ESV)

First Paul is saying that everything that has been taught about the faith falls apart and is worthless. On the resurrection hinges all other teachings of the faith. It is like a wheel of spokes but the hub is missing. To what can you fasten the teachings of the faith? Thus **“your faith is in vain.”** There is nothing so central to who Jesus claimed to be and what he taught. Paul is saying that they (the Apostles as eyewitness of the resurrection) have been false witnesses. That is an interesting thought considering most of the Apostles suffered martyrdom. Would you be willing to die for a lie?

Paul goes on: **17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.** 1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV) If the resurrection didn’t happen then there is no forgiveness of sins. Why is that? Because the resurrection is proof that God the Father accepted the sacrifice (the payment) for our sins by bringing Christ to life. Without the resurrection there is no certainty of forgiveness. It is only words. The resurrection is action! It is action by God on our behalf as much as the suffering and death on the cross.

Again, Paul puts forth the truth: **20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** 1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV) That is the assurance of not only what God has done on our behalf regarding forgiveness but also that you and I have assurance of our own physical resurrection and that we will one day be in eternity with our God. At the end of I Cor. 15 (“the Resurrection Chapter) Paul proclaims: **57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.** 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV) That is our assurance! That is the reason we can serve our Lord in our everyday life.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Pastor Randy





We are building a childcare center!

At a special voter's meeting held on Sunday, February 4th the voter's approved moving forward and securing a loan to build a childcare center that will be able to care for up to 100 children (infants through age 5).

If you would like to contribute to the cost of making this wonderful ministry outreach happen, just go to our website://gracelutherancaldwell.org and click on the green online giving button which will take you to our giving page where you can select the tile that looks like the image above.

Is it your birthday or your anniversary? How about making a donation to the childcare center in the amount of your age during your birthday month or in the amount of the numbers of years you have been married during the month of your anniversary?

We have been approved for the loan and the paperwork for securing the loan is almost complete.

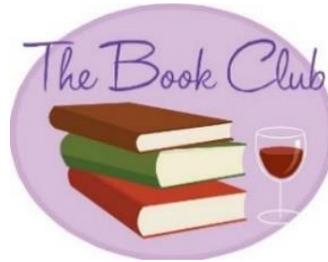
We will keep you updated on the steps going forward. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact Myron Volk, Trish Henderson or Janis King.



Grace Lutheran Church is offering training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and Basic First Aid, all in one four (4) hour class. Training will be provided by the Caldwell Fire Department. Those who successfully complete the class will be issued a certification card valid for two years. There is no cost for this training.

Training will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in the downstairs coffee room on Saturday, May 18, 2024 and Saturday, May 25, 2024. Each class is limited to six (6) students. Class will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM. It is expected that more classes will be available after October, 2024.

Sign-up for classes will begin on April 14, 2024. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the wall in the lobby near the entrance to the sanctuary. If you have any questions regarding these classes, please contact Mike Randolph.



DATE CHANGE – We will be meeting on **MONDAY evening at 6:30 p.m. on April 29th** due to the LWML convention the weekend before. We will meet at the church if no one is available to host.

We will be discussing “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus.

A summary: Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it’s the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America’s most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth’s unusual approach to cooking (“combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride”) proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn’t just teaching women to cook. She’s daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studied with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

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.

Preschool Registration—

***Our preschool registration is open!
Register early and by May 15th
to pay a lower registration fee
for the 2024-2025 school year.***

The 3-year-old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday. Fee is \$95 then goes up to \$105 after May 15th.

Tuition cost is \$105 monthly.

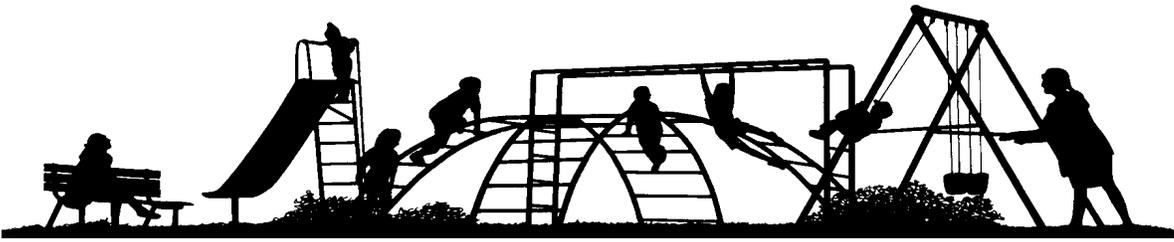
The 4-year-old class meets 4 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Fee is \$180 and then goes up to \$190 after May 15th.

Tuition cost is 190 monthly.

Your child must be the respective age by September 1st to enroll into either class.

Register via our website:
gracelutherancaldwell.org



Preschool News!

4-Year-Old Class

We started the month off celebrating Read Across America. We read Seuss books and had some fun with silly dress up days. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with all the rainbows and made rainbow heart name tags. We built a trap to try and catch the sneaky leprechaun in our classroom, but had no luck. He left lots of glitter and green foot prints all over the classroom. We had a fun lucky family project to learn about each other and what makes each of our families special. Spring is upon us and with that comes all things, Easter. We were lucky to have Ms. Cindy and Mr. Mark bring their "kids" in to visit our kids. The children loved getting to pet and jump with the cute baby goats. Our learning focus was on the letters U-R-X, the numbers 18-19-20, the diamond shape, the AABB pattern and all the colors of the rainbow.

March Bible Verses: "All things are possible with God." -Mark 10:27b & "He is not here for he has risen." -Matthew 28:6. We focused on the stories about the Ten Men Healed, Palm Sunday & Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. We had fun learning about the miracles of how Jesus healed ten men and we learned about Palm Sunday and how Jesus died for your sins, but came back alive on Easter Sunday.

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Cheri

Spring is Here!! We have been longing for more sunshine and warmer days and we are so excited that it is finally here.



DID YOU KNOW...

Handwriting Foundation

The foundation of all good handwriting begins with the following skills:

1. Pencil Grasp
2. Proper Letter Formation (top to bottom)

Therefore, it only makes sense to focus our efforts on these two skills when introducing young children to handwriting.

Introducing the right skill at the right time

Many adults jump the gun when it comes to handwriting and begin their instruction with writing on the lines. In order for young children to be successful with handwriting they must be introduced to the skills in the proper order first. Every child progresses through these skills at a different rate based on their fine motor skills.

FIND OUT MORE AT: <https://www.pre-kpages.com/handwriting/>

3-Year-Old Class

This month we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and had a visit from a pesky leprechaun. We learned about Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, and The Arrest, Crucifixion, and The Rise of Jesus. Our Bible verse for the month of March was "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6

We were visited by some very cute baby goats.
Parent teacher conferences will be the 23rd and 25th of April.

Ms. Micky and Ms. Lillian

Concordia Circle/LWML—

Our next meeting is April 1st at 6:00 pm downstairs in the fellowship hall. Sheila will be giving the devotion and hosting.



District convention information is below and the ladies of the LWML will be collecting items for the ingathering to benefit – Little Lambs Foundation of Cache Valley. LWML delegates will take items with them to the district convention. They are asking for: Pull-ups - size 4-5, Diapers - size 1-5, and Wipes. This foundation for kids is a non-profit that provides diapers and baby supplies to low-income families and comfort kits to children who are placed in foster-care, entering emergency shelters and escaping domestic violence.

UPCOMING EVENT

2024

UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT CONVENTION

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

April 26-28, 2024

RIVERWOODS CONFERENCE CENTER
615 Riverwood Pkwy,
Logan, UT 84321
(435) 750-5151

More Info
utahidaohlowml.org

REGISTRATION TO OPEN LATE FEBRUARY 10TH ON OUR WEBSITE!



Returning God's Blessings

A good gift plan can present solutions to challenging family dynamics.

Years ago, a husband and wife were meeting with their LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Both had been married before, as their spouses had been called home to Jesus. Each of them brought children into the relationship. The assets they brought were not equal. Urged by the advice of various people, they began considering a way in which they could isolate their assets from each other, creating multiple trusts. Complicating matters, because they truly loved each other, they wanted to provide for each other when the first of them was called home. They felt uncomfortable about such absolute separation of their assets if they truly were going to share their lives as “one flesh”, in keeping with the model of marriage from Genesis 1. They laid out a complicated stream of thoughts before the LWML Gift Planning Counselor. After a lengthy conversation, the gift planning counselor noticed an interesting phenomenon about their assets relative to family. Coming into this marriage, one spouse had twice as many financial assets as the other. That same spouse with the greater assets also had twice as many children as the other spouse. The ratio made sense. If they combined their assets and equally divided them among all their children, each child would receive the same amount as if they had put in place a complicated legal set of trusts to separate their assets. The Gift Planning Counselor conveyed a message to their attorney, and they emerged from that attorney with a simple plan that made them feel content. The plan they created together also allowed them to make some gifts to support ministry in the future. In addition, this plan did not foster an imposed separation between their children.

Taking the time for extended conversation and prayer allowed this couple to discern the right thing to do, rather than pursuing plans that would be expensive, complicated, and less than satisfying. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor is available to meet with you in the same way. Contact Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com

PRAYERS

Prayer requests—

Please submit your requests for prayer by phone to (208) 459-4191 or send an email to graceonkimball@gmail.com. You may also fill out a prayer request form that is located in the bottom far right corner of the mailboxes in the entryway. Give that form to Pastor Benscoter or place it in the office. Also, please note that not all members are on our prayer request distribution/contact list.

If you would like to be notified of prayer requests that come into our office, from and for our members please ask to be put on the “prayer chain” email distribution list. This list is different from our “general” distribution list.



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*from Portals of Prayer*

**For Families and Children** ~ “Heavenly Father, You created families to be a primary way for Your creation to thrive. Through faithful fathers and mothers, You bring children into the world. Through extended families, adoption, and more, You preserve and build up households. Protect families and children. Keep them strong in Your Word. Make households outposts of Your kingdom, where Your Word is heard and taught and families love and serve their neighbor. Strengthen congregations to support their families. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**For Caregivers** ~ “Heavenly Father, thank You for those who care for others who are in need. Thank You for their energy and love. Supply them with the wisdom needed for the many decisions they have to make. Let them share Your Word and promises. Build a bond between the caregivers and those for whom they care. Let the love they share reflect Your love for all people. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

*Note:*

If you do not keep your Portals of Prayer books for reference, please consider returning the books to the church office. They will be distributed in the future as part of prison ministry. There is a box in the entryway to place them in

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Keep in our Prayers—

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

Cancer – Don Southard, 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

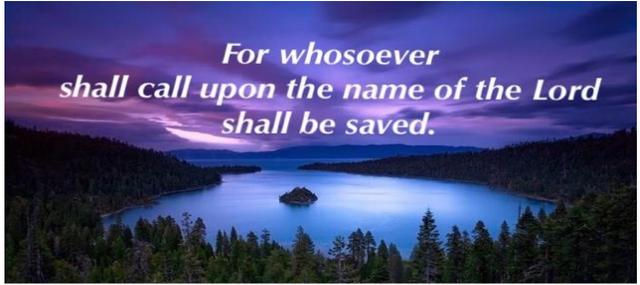
Heart– Katherine Clark, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven, Bob Downen, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga (on heart transplant list)
Mental health – David Ledington
Rehabilitation – Judy Odette, Carol Moore
Deaths – Cristian Gordillo

We also remember and pray for our Shut-In’s – Janice Beaudry, Jerry Bengtson, Jack & Helen Carter, Mel Clausen, Margaret Edmiston, Flo Hopkins, Dorothy Jaime, Erma Ledington, Gail Meyer, 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>	
	<p>1 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm Circle/LWML Meeting</p>	<p>2 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>9:15 am Preschool Partners Read (3s) 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>3 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>4 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship and Finance</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for detail</p>	
<p>7 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>8 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>11:45 am Preschool Staff</p> <p>6:00 pm Board of Elders 6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>10 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>11 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:15 pm 20s/30s Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details</p>	
<p>14 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 pm Board of Education</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>15 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>9:30 am Preschool Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>17 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>18 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 pm Board of Outreach</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 pm Family Focus Game Night</p>	
<p>21 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Concordia Circle – Bake Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm H.S. Bible Study</p>	<p>22 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>24 <i>Preschool 4's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Pre-K Reading Buddies (4s)</p>	<p>25 <i>Preschool 3's & 4's</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Quilters/Crafters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:15 pm 20/30s Group</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship - Call Terry Hensen for details</p>	
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