



Grace Newsletter

July 2024

Farewell from the Benscoter's—

Dear members of Grace,

I just want to say once again how much both Carlene and I have enjoyed being a part of the congregation this last six months. Your friendships and support have been greatly appreciated.

As your vacancy pastor, I want to compliment the leadership in all the assistance and helpfulness you have been. It truly has been a joy serving you in this time of your transitioning. While I will not be able to be in attendance at Pastor Gullidge's installation, my prayers and thoughts are with him and you all in yet one more transition.

Thank you all for your send off with the kind words, cards, and remembrances. You will not be forgotten and we hope to visit you parodically.

Blessing to all in Christ as "Brothers and Sisters in Christ".

Pastor Randy and Carlene Benscoter

Preschool Registration—

Our preschool registration is open!

See page 4 for details!

3-year-old class has 6 spots remaining in the AM class

Tours are Available

Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM

Contact Office 208 459-4191



To All of the VBS Volunteers who helped out last month!

Installation Service of



Reverend Jason E. Gullidge

as Pastor of
Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool
Caldwell, Idaho

will be on
Saturday, July 13, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner will follow.

Main meal (meat) will be provided.

Please bring a side based on your last name first initial:

A-H: Salad, I-Q: Side Dish, R-Z: Dessert

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From our Future Pastor *“We Are Family”*

Who is in your family? As I was growing up, I thought my family entailed my parents, Jim and Kathy, my sister, Kaelene, and, of course, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. When I married Christa on July 9, 2011, her parents and siblings were included in that family count. My family grew again when we were blessed with each of our four daughters (Shaylene, Kelly, Violet, and Frances). My sister also added to that family by first marrying a brother in the ministry, Pastor Jakob Berger, and then with each of their four children (Daniel, Ida, Lydia, and Hans). I have been blessed with a wonderful family over the years.

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege to preach on these words of Jesus found in Mark 3:31-35, “And [Jesus’] mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.’ And he answered them, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.’” Throughout this book, the author reveals the profound truth that this Jesus is the promised Messiah. One of those ways was by making a family. This family would not be based on one’s origin,

bloodline, or traditions. It would be solely based on one “doing the will of God.”

This leads us to another interesting question: what is God’s will? Based on the context, God’s will is that all humanity should not reject the Holy Spirit and His message of Jesus. Jesus may appear by some to have lost His mind, but in all reality, He is the One He proclaims. Jesus is the Son of God who has taken upon Himself our flesh to do the will of His Father. Jesus has come to rescue all of us from the house of slavery to sin and death. Jesus accomplishes such a feat by binding up the strongman, the devil, and robbing His possessions, you and me, with His sacrificial death on the cross, in His Baptism, and in His Supper. We receive the promised Holy Spirit and new and eternal life in Him. We are now part of His family forever.

Therefore, it brings us to our initial question: Who is in your family? Well, the people in your family are those brothers and sisters at Grace and fellow believers in Christ. We, Christa, the girls, and I look forward to joining this family at Grace Lutheran Church in Caldwell shortly. As you go about your month, have a blessed time, remembering that Jesus has set you free and has made you part of His forever family!

Your Brother In Christ,
Pastor Jason Gullidge
Romans 8:14-17



Youth Summer Mission Trip—



For our 2024 Youth Mission Trip we will be returning to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch in Billings, Montana, July 25th and returning July 29th. The ranch is a nonprofit organization and is trusted locally and nationally as a leader in the field of mental health care for children and their families. Each day, YBGR's employees work with close to 1200 youth throughout Montana who struggle with controlling emotions and behaviors. YBGR has impacted more than 10,000 youth and their families since 1957 through Residential Services in Billings, Community Based Services throughout Montana, and the Yellowstone Academy in Billings.

Please contact our Director of Family Ministry, Lynnette Boeder at lboederdfm@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Returning God's Blessings

Becky received a frantic text message from her friend Kim. "I need to schedule an appointment with my attorney to update things after Bill died and I am scared to death." Becky replied, "Why are you scared?" Kim shared, "It has been twenty years since I set foot in an attorney's office and at that time, they made me feel so dumb for not understanding basic legal process." Becky responded, "Sounds like you had the wrong attorney."

This is a frequent scenario played over and over in the minds of many that keep them from creating or updating their estate plans. Most attorneys are probably dismayed to hear such things, as they really only want to help their clients achieve their goals. However, this situation illustrates that some preparation can alleviate some of this anxiety. You don't set out to replace your deck in your backyard without educating yourself first. You visit stores and look at the variety of materials. You read articles about the best choices. You might even watch videos to elevate your familiarity. The same is true for your estate plan. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor has a great resource that outlines the basic elements of an estate plan and highlights decisions you will need to make along the path toward completion. Instead of being put on the spot in a timed appointment in an attorney's office, you can begin thinking and praying about what you believe is your goal. Conversations with your Gift Planning Counselor can help you clarify your thoughts. With anticipation and even excitement, you can look forward to that attorney visit, because you know it is helping you to move forward in being a faithful steward of the gifts God has placed in your life to manage for Him, blessing the family you love and the ministries you care about. To get started on your preparation, contact, Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

2024 Banquet Sponsorship Form, is available in the church office. Forms are due by July 15th. Contact the church office if interested in sponsoring a table. The banquet is on September 5th.



**Lutheran Women
in Mission**

Their next meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship room.



**CAMP PERKINS
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries**

FRIENDS & FAMILY CAMP – Create Your Own Adventure. July 21-26: In the midst of busy and scheduled lives, let this week be a time to bring you back together! Though some basic activities will be available, the schedule for this week will be simple and open. We'll provide the meals, and you can build your own adventures throughout the Sawtooths. Need ideas? We've got plenty of them! Or simply enjoy paddling on the lake, lounging on the deck, and relaxing together as a family.

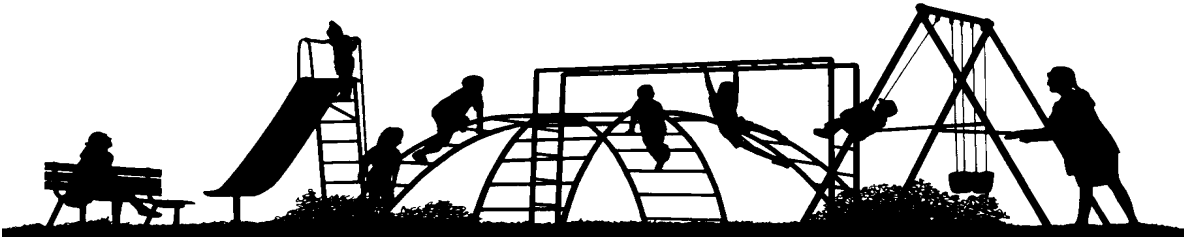


Our next gathering of Grace Book Club is on Sunday July 28 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn. Meeting place is at Karen Southard's residence.

A summary: Bold and fearless, Nina Markova always dreamed of flying. When the Nazis attack the Soviet Union, she risks everything to join the legendary Night Witches, an all-female night bomber regiment wreaking havoc on the invading Germans. When she is stranded behind enemy lines, Nina becomes the prey of a lethal Nazi murderess known as the Huntress, and only Nina's bravery and cunning will keep her alive.

Transformed by the horrors he witnessed from Omaha Beach to the Nuremberg Trials, British war correspondent Ian Graham has become a Nazi hunter. Yet one target eludes him: a vicious predator known as the Huntress. To find her, the fierce, disciplined investigator joins forces with the only witness to escape the Huntress alive: the brazen, cocksure Nina. But a shared secret could derail their mission unless Ian and Nina force themselves to confront it.

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
News!**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN **School Starts Tuesday, September 3rd**

Four/Five-Year-Old Class

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Registration Fee: \$190

(Secures spot & is not refundable after July 15, 2024)

***Monthly Tuition: \$190**

September - May

Three/Four-Year-Old Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Fee: \$105

(Secures spot & is not refundable after July 15, 2024)

***Monthly Tuition: \$105**

September - May

Class Sessions:

Morning Session: 9:00 - 11:30 A.M. (Pre-K is Full, 3's has 6 spots available)

Afternoon Session: 12:00 - 2:30 P.M.

10 student min. to open a 4-year-old PM session ++++ 8 student minimum to open a 3-year-old PM session.

All students must be toilet-trained to enter the program.

Parent/Teacher Information Night

Tuesday, August 27th 6:00 p.m.

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

For more information call 459-4191 or visit: gracelutherancaldwell.org

*Tuition is due by the 15th of every month.

Monthly \$5 discount available for autopay via **checking/saving** payments.

(Registration is also available at: <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/>)

Parents,

Need to do some back-to-school shopping?

Would you like a quiet evening in?

How about a night out with adults?

Let us help you out with that.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 16, 2024
5:30 - 8 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
2700 S. KIMBALL AVE
CALDWELL, ID

Drop your kids off for a fun night of games and crafts.
Dinner will be served
Ages 1 year old thru 6th grade
enjoy an evening out or
a quiet evening in.
No charge

RSVP BY AUGUST 10TH
CHURCH OFFICE: (208) 459-4191
COLLEEN FULLER: (701) 570-1517

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 the form to an Elder, the Pastor 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 Devotional booklet*

**For Our Nation:** Heavenly Father, Your Son is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32). Let the light of Christ shine brightly in our nation and among our fellow citizens, that “many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD: (Psalm 40:3). Make Your Christians bold to speak the light of Your Word into our national darkness; for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**For the Church:** O God, You called Your church into being with Your Son’s promise to build her and protect her from the enemy’s attacks. Grant to Your church, O Lord, the daily ministrations of Your Spirit, that through Your powerful Word, she may continue to be strong and growing. Come and be powerful also in the congregation we serve, that in this place the Word of the Gospel may never be hindered. 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 – Fred Florence, Patrick Knee, Don Southard, Teresa Owens, Dave Vorderstrasse, Wayne Snavelly, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz, Patti Wood

Broken knee ~ Liz Osmus

Liver – Bryant Neal

Heart– Katherine Clark, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven, Bob Downen, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga (on heart transplant list)

Pain in both hips – Diane Roberson

Neck Fusion Surgery – Dick Ledington

Mental health – David Ledington

Recovery from accident – Rayaline Hartsock



Deaths of – Lucy Anderson, Kim Olson

We also remember and pray for our homebound members – Janice Beaudry, Jerry Bengtson, Jack Carter, Mel Clausen, Margaret Edmiston, Flo Hopkins, Dorothy Jaime, Erma Ledington, Gail Meyer, Irene Pedro, and Charles & Paula Row.

***Let us then with confidence
draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16.***



JULY 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 Bulletin Deadline	4 Independence Day 	5	6
7 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Chuck & Connie Stadick	8	9 6:00 p.m. Board of Elder's	10 Bulletin Deadline	11 Ladies Fishing Trip	12	13 Installation Service of Pastor Gullidge 4:00 PM Potluck Dinner to Follow
14 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Don & Karen Southard	15	16	17 Bulletin Deadline	18	19	20
21 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Greeters: Karen Waits	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 Bulletin Deadline	<div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;">Youth Mission Trip 25-29th – Billings MT</div>		
28 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustee's Greeters: Ron & Faith Teach	29	30	31 Bulletin Deadline	<i>Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."</i> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Psalm 16:1-2</div>		