



Grace Newsletter

August 2024

August 18th is —



We are kicking off the start of Sunday School on the 18th. There will be a backpack blessing during church service, teachers (church and preschool) will be introduced, and a tailgate party will follow the service. We are also hosting a school supply drive between now and August 18th, please bring items from a list that is posted on the family board. There is a box in the church entry way to drop off the items you purchase. Anytime between August 4th and the Tailgate BBQ on the 18th, we want families of our church to be able to pick up what they need from their lists, and anything extra will be donated to a local school, program, or even Grace Lutheran Child-care Center. We have around 35+ students from ages 3-18 at our church. If you are not able to donate to this drive, no worries at all, but please lift our children and youth up in prayer as they start preparing for their new school year. Thank you in advance for your donations! More details to follow regarding the tailgate party.

Women's Bible Study—

Starts Tuesday, September 10th. They will be studying "Unshakeable" by Donna Snow.

Preschool Registration—

It is open!

See page 4 for details!

Tours are Available Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM
call the Office 208 459-4191
if another time works better

New Youth Groups—



Starts August 18th!

High School Youth Group:
Ignite

"Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame."
-Romans 12:11



5th through 8th grade Youth Group:
Transformed

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- Romans 12:2

Starts August 18th!

Both groups will meet at 6:00 PM here at the church.

Contact Lynnette or Greg with any questions.

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From our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How do you greet someone? The apostle Paul began each letter in the Bible in one of two different ways. He often began with “grace to you and peace,” or in the case of 1 and 2 Timothy, he started “grace, mercy, and peace”. Each salutation includes the writer, the recipient, and the greeting proper, which follows the style of other letters of his time. However, his salutations add a new flavor due to the meaning of the words “grace,” “mercy,” and “peace” for believers in Christ.

When you think of “grace,” what comes to mind? Do you think about the hymn written by the slave trader turned Anglican clergy, “Amazing Grace?” Or do you think about the term of the Reformation, “Sola Gratia?” When Paul used the word “grace” here, he referred to God’s unmerited and unearned favor and gifts. One of my favorite passages that illustrate “grace” to this world is this apostle’s words in Ephesians 2:8-10, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

How about “mercy?” Do you think about that childhood game where you twist someone’s arm until they yell: “MERCY!!!”? Or do you think about a Southern Belle being shocked and saying, “Lord, have mercy?” When you do a word study on “mercy,” it carries the idea of God withholding punishment. A good Bible verse to remember is Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is

eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Another one is Lamentations 3:22–23: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lastly, what about the word “peace?” Do you think about quiet time? Or a time when there is a ceasefire in a war or conflict? The word “peace” comes from the Hebrew word *shalom*. This word carries with it these ideas mentioned, but it carries the idea of completeness or wholeness. That is why Jesus, following His resurrection, greeted His disciples behind locked doors with those words: “Peace be with you!” He does not say it once, but thrice in those words we hear every year on the first Sunday after Easter, John 20:19-31. Therefore, these disciples and you are now at peace and restored to God because of Jesus. Jesus earned it for us out of His life, death, and resurrection. You now have forgiveness of all your sins and eternal life with your Triune God.

Therefore, as I begin my service with you, my brothers and sisters at Grace Lutheran Church, I greet you with these words from Paul’s first letter to Timothy: “Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

Pax Domini,
Pastor Jason Gullidge
John 8:12

PS—Thank you to all who helped us unpack our truck, attended my Installation Service, provided meals, and prayed for us.





Camp Perkins is seeking a Maintenance Director to fill an immediate need starting in August of 2024. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits (medical, disability & retirement) and on-site room and board. A successful candidate must be flexible/adaptable, a team player, a self-starter, and someone who enjoys light-hearted moments and a good challenge. The Camp Perkins Maintenance Director, working in coordination with the others on the full-time staff provides for the maintenance, equipment care, grounds care and vehicle upkeep of the camp facilities and staff. The Maintenance Director is instrumental in the implementation of quality and safety of the facilities and vehicles for the Camp Perkins community.



Returning God's Blessings

Some make the mistake of thinking that they can control every detail of their estate, and even levy some level of control after the Lord has called them home. You might call this, "Trying to take the joystick with you into the grave." It just can't be done. When we try to control too much, we rob ourselves of peace, and steal the joy that the Lord meant to have attached to His gifts when He placed them into our lives to manage. Management of God's gifts is less about protecting them, and more about using them, that through His things, God might bless us with His grace in Jesus. That is true for inheritance with family, and it is true for estate support of ministry. Anchored in grace, this work is full of peace and joy. To maintain that sense of peace and joy, we need to understand that the plans we lay out may not last for decades without change. Life changes. Families change. Health changes. Ministries change. Our plans for faithful distribution of God's things also need to change as we move through life.

Gift planning is a problem solver, as it looks at intended distributions, compares current assets, looks to be smart about such things as taxation, and then commits to doing God's work. As you live out your life, be open to the need to make some changes along the way. When do you need to do that? Anytime you sense that you are about to enter, or have just gone through, a major change in your life situation, is the right time to act. At those times, reach out for help from your LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Contact, Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com

August 21 & 22—



Sunday School Room Paint Party!

Please come with your paint clothes, rollers and brushes; we will provide the paint and pizza!

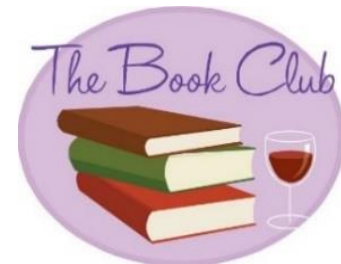
Wednesday August 21st and Thursday August 22nd
Starting at 9am each day

This is a huge room so we need your help!



Lutheran Women in Mission

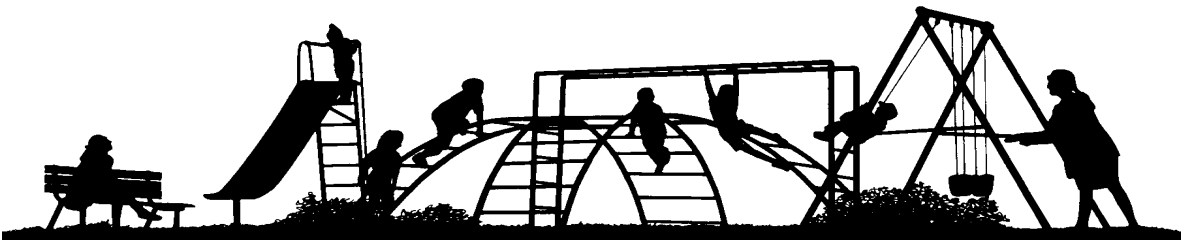
Their next meeting is Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship room.



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club is on Sunday August 25 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. Meeting place will be at Sandi Lockhart's residence.

A summary: At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves. The story is told by Cyril's son Danny, as he and his older sister, the brilliantly acerbic and self-assured Maeve, are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother. The two wealthy siblings are thrown back into the poverty their parents had escaped from and find that all they have to count on is one another. It is this unshakable bond between them that both saves their lives and thwarts their futures. Set over the course of five decades, *The Dutch House* is a dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past.

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 has 1 spot open, 3's have 5)

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

View classrooms upstairs 15 minutes before or after the 6:00 presentation.

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 your plans.

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.



From Portals of Prayer Devotional booklet

For Sunday School Teachers: Precious Savior, to whom children eagerly came for Your blessing, grant that our Sunday School teachers will be that blessing to our children, telling them how much You love and forgive them. Endow our teachers with a great sense of their responsibility. Abide with both parents and teachers so we will continue to bring Your cross and resurrection to our children and their friends. In Your name. Amen.

For Blessing on the Word: O Lord Jesus, the Word become flesh, we ask that Your Word be proclaimed Faithfully. Keep us mindful that Your Word is true and infallible. Send Your Spirit to grow the seeds of Your Word. Guard against false preaching. Lift up those proclaiming You, Christ. Bless those hearing Your Word to treasure it and to grow closer to You. 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

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
Heart– Terry Hensen, Katherine Clark, Laura Pennington, Brook Van Leuven, Bob Downen, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga (on heart

transplant list)
Liver – Bryant Neal
Mental health – David Ledington
Pain in both hips – Diane Roberson
Recovering from
Back Surgery – Randy Benscoter
Neck Fusion Surgery – Dick Ledington
Being hit by a vehicle – Rayaline Hartsock
A broken knee ~ Liz Osmus

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.

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.***



August 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | <i>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7"</i> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 11:45 am Board of Education Greeters: Myron & Dee V. | 5 | 6 | 7 Bulletin Deadline | 8 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance 5:30 pm Board of Outreach | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The Crew Retreat Cascade Lake 9th – 11th</p> </div> | |
| 11 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship Greeters: Bunnie W. | 12 | 13 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders | 14 Bulletin Deadline | 15 | 16 5:30 pm Parents Night Out | 17 |
| 18 Rally Day (Backpack Blessing & Tailgater) 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed Youth Groups Greeters: Karen W. | 19 | 20 10:00 am Preschool Staff Meeting | 21 Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Sunday School Room Paint Party | 22 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am Sunday School Room Paint Party | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees 6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed Youth Groups 6:30 pm Grace Book Club Greeters: Barbara J. | 26 | 27 -6:00 pm Preschool Parent Information Night | 28 Bulletin Deadline | 29 | 30 | 31 |