



Grace Newsletter

October 2024

Trunk or Treat



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: Thursday, 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.

Youth Groups—

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 meet at 6:00 PM here at the church.

High School Youth Group:
Ignite

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

Starts August 18th!

Contact Lynnette or Greg with any questions.



Saturday Oct. 5th

From 3:00pm - 6:30pm

2700 S Kimball Ave

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

Kids Carnival Games and Prizes

Cake Walk

Face Painting

Cotton Candy

Popcorn

A Meal

Photo Op

Oh, and we will have goats!

Join us for fellowship and fun for all ages!

No Admission – Everything is FREE!

Preschool Openings—

We still have a few spots to fill!

2 spots in Pre-K and 4 in the 3's class.

Tours are Available Tuesday thru Fridays 10AM to 4PM
Call the Office 208 459-4191 if another time is needed.

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“Changeless amidst the Change”

As I look at the world around me, things are constantly changing. The leaves on the trees at our house, the road to the church, and elsewhere are changing colors to various yellows, oranges, and reds. They are stunning. Days are getting shorter, meaning less time to do things outdoors. Nights are getting cooler. I will soon have to pack a warmer coat instead of just my windbreaker. The election is right around the corner, and candidates promise changes if they are elected. We live in a world that appears to be constantly changing around us. Sometimes, these changes are for the better, and other times, they seem to be for the worse.

How do you handle changes? Are you one of those individuals who like the old joke, “How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb?” Which comes with the response “Change?” Or are you a person who is the opposite, who has to change constantly, so you have to buy the newest iPhone, Android, computer, or the latest thing? Change is something that affects people in different ways. One thing I have learned by watching my parents, interacting with others, and even myself is that change gets harder and harder. And when change comes, it sometimes brings with it things like stress, anxiety, fear, and doubt. Therefore, how should we deal with all these changes around us?

I think it is essential to turn back once to the Bible. Over the last few months, we have done Bible study on Sunday mornings. We have studied the evidence of the Bible and how we got the Bible today. It has been a fascinating study and has sparked a lot of good discussion from the group. We were continuously reminded by this study's authors and video presenters that this Bible is God's Word. Therefore, what can God's Word tell us about change? When we look at the Bible, we hear things like:

- Exodus 3:14- “God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

- Psalm 102:27- “But you are the same, and your years have no end.”
- Isaiah 40:8- “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”
- Malachi 3:6- “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”
- Hebrews 13:8- “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

A simple summary of these passages and the rest of Scripture is the God of the universe that never changes, and His Word stays constant.

What does that mean for us? Even when we see all these changes around us and in our own lives and bodies, we can be sure that God is changeless and that His promises He has made to us are secure. Therefore, we can be confident knowing all our sins of thought, word, and deed have been paid in full and forgiven because of Jesus' death on the cross. We can be confident knowing we, believers in Christ, have a future in paradise with God, where “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And we know that whatever we face ahead, whether good, bad, or indifferent, we do not face alone, for we have a God who is always with us. He loves, cares for, watches over, and leads us back to Himself.

Therefore, as we enter these fall days, rest assured that your changeless God is with you. His promises and gifts, which He gives to you through His Word and each week at church, are secure. They will not change. See you at church!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason Gullidge
Romans 8:38-39



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club is on Sunday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing “West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge and meeting at Cindy Runyan’s residence.

A summary: Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It’s 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing

the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California’s first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world’s first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it’s too late.

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.

Friday, October 25th
5:00pm – 12:00am
Dinner, Dessert, Games & Activities, Community Service Project

Contact Lynnette if you will be attending or have any questions.

lboederdfm@gmail.com

Reformation Sunday Afternoon Service Information—

REFORMATION SERVICE
AT FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 27 AT 4 PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW AT 5PM

PREACHING: PASTOR DANA BROOKS
JOINT CIRCUIT CHOIR
OFFERING WILL BENEFIT
ROSS SHAVER MISSIONARY IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Friendship Celebration is extending an invitation to join them for a special Circuit Reformation Service.

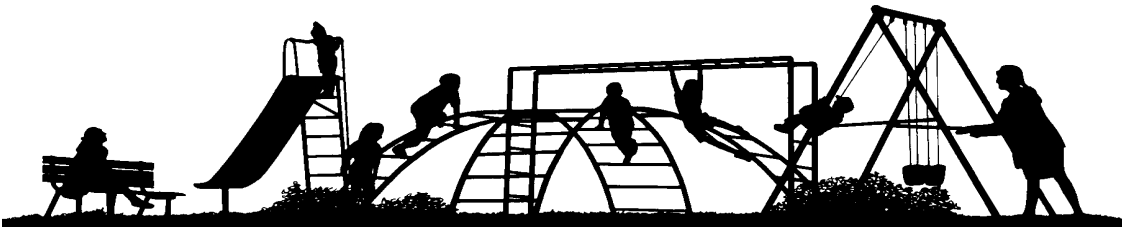
A dinner featuring soup, salad, and breadsticks will follow the service.

They are also excited to have a joint choir from all congregations singing during the service. If anyone from our congregation is interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Rebekah Fry at rfry@friendshipcelebration.org.

LWML Western Zone Fall Event
October 12, 2024
At Grace Lutheran Church, Caldwell
Registration 9:00 a.m. - Lunch provided
(\$5-suggested donation)
Guest Speaker: Kerrie Copelin



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 "Apples and Fall." We did our first directed drawing of an apple. 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 made apple crafts and even did an apple taste test.

Our bible focus: Week 1 & 2 we learned all about how God created our world in 7 days. Week 3 we learned about the first sin of Adam and Eve how they didn't follow God's rule and then made a tricky bead snake to remind us to always make good choices. Week 4 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. 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 & "Listen to my instruction and be wise." Proverbs 8:33a.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Cheri

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



3-Year-Old Class

September was a fun month for beginning school. The themes of last month included God's 7 days of creation. First day, was how God created light, Day 2 God created the sky and the sea. Day 3 He created land, trees, and plants. Day 4 God created, the sun, moon, and stars, Day 5 God created the fish and birds, Day 6 God created people and animals. Day 7 God rested. We will be sending home books that you can read to your child on creation and posters to color.

We have been focused on learning the class rules and using our tools in the classroom. The first week we colored our book about tools. We introduced pencils, scissors, glue stick, and crayons. We have worked on our five senses, sight, smell, taste, sound, and touch. The first week we introduced the sense of touch through play dough and the rice tray. Second week we explored taste with a cookie (sweet), unsweetened chocolate (bitter), a lemon (sour) and a pretzel (salty). What did your child find that they liked or did not like? The third week we on smelling (cinnamon, peppermint, lemon and orange). We work on sound the last week. Ask your child what did they listen too? Did they hear rice, rocks, or beans? Did they hear a piano, a dog, or a fire truck? Oh what fun we had using our senses. We worked on our letters Aa, Ll, and Yy, numbers 1,2,3 and colors, red & yellow.

We read Brown Bear Brown Bear What did you see? We used our painted Brown Bear characters to act out the story. We also worked with Mat Man. They watched their teacher build a body with wood pieces and then each child had fun creating their own bodies.

If you have time, stop by and look at our creation bulletin board. You will see the projects that your child created for the board. You will see patterns, crafts and paintings.

We are so grateful for your amazing children that give it their all in participating in our classroom.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Martha



Their next meeting is Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship room. All women are welcome to join. Marilyn is hosting and will also be providing the devotion. Contact Carla Shields if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events: The Western Zone Fall Rally October 12 (see page 3) & October 13 is LWML Sunday.

Greeting and Thanksgiving cards are available by the box (\$5 for 12) or individually (\$0.50). Starting in November boxed Christmas cards will be available. Box of 12 \$5 and box of 24 \$10. Barbara James is available to help you with your card purchases. If unable to find her, contact Hope.



Finishing up a round of golf, Sam complained about being so busy that he can't golf as much as he wanted to in retirement. "My game is still bad, and I can't play enough to get better. Between doctor appointments, meeting with my financial advisor, attending the two boards I serve on at Church, and all the projects my wife gives me, I just can't play." Frank replied, "I know what you mean. My wife wants us to redo our estate plan, but I keep telling her that I'm too busy already. I think we should just hand it over to the kids and let them worry about it."

Returning God's Blessings

This sentiment is common, as the task of creating or updating a Christian estate plan seems daunting with the thought of hard work and expense. There is both work and expense involved, but that price has a value. In the gift plan you create, you are directing God's gifts. He has entrusted them into your care. With that trust comes responsibility to put a plan together along with choosing responsible representatives to ensure accountability to make sure your wishes, God's plan, is carried out.

With a friend, you can get started on this project and find it won't really be that bad. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can be that friend. For help, contact, Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com

PRAYERS

Prayer requests—

Please submit your requests for prayer by phone (208) 459-4191 or 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.

***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***

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If you do not keep your Portals of Prayer books, 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 Snavely, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz, Patti Wood*

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

*Liver – Bryant Neal*

*Mental health – David Ledington*

*Recovering from*

*Knee Surgery – Patti Lawson*


*Hip Surgery – Diane Roberson, Nancy Hoffman*

*Being hit by a car – Sheila Engle, Rayaline Hartsock*

*Falling – Cal Himes*

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

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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>                                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   | <b>1</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>6:30 pm Women's Bible                                                         | <b>2</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  | <b>3</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br>9:15 am Preschool Partners<br>9:30 am Chapel<br>9:50 am Pre-K Buddies<br>1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance<br>1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>5</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.<br><br><b>FALL FESTIVAL</b><br><b>3:00 PM – 6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>6</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion<br><br>12:15 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG                                                                                                       | <b>7</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><br>6:00 pm Lutheran Women in Mission | <b>8</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br>9:00 am Women's Bible<br><br>6:00 pm Board of Elders<br>6:30 pm Women's Bible     | <b>9</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>11:30 am Preschool Staff Meeting<br>1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters                                                                           | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>12</b><br>9:00 am LWML/Western Zone Fall Rally                                                                      |
| <b>13 LWML SUNDAY</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br>12:15 pm Confirmation Class<br><br>6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG                                                                                                              | <b>14 Columbus Day</b><br>Preschool 4s                            | <b>15</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>6:30 pm Women's Bible                                                        | <b>16</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b> | <b>17</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br>9:30 am Preschool Chapel<br>1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters<br>7:45 pm The Chosen                                                                 | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>19</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.                                                        |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion<br>12:15 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG                                                                                                          | <b>21</b><br>Preschool 4s                                         | <b>22</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>9:00 am Women's Bible<br><br>6:30 pm Women's Bible | <b>23</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b> | <b>24</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters                                                                                                               | <b>25</b><br><b>5:00 pm Youth Lock-In</b>                                                                                    | <b>26</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.                                                        |
| <b>27 Reformation Day (Observed)</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br>12:15 pm Confirmation Class<br>4:00 pm Circuit Reformation Service at Friendship<br>6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG<br>6:30 pm Grace Book Club at Cindy Runyan's | <b>28</b><br>Preschool 4s                                         | <b>29</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>6:30 pm Women's Bible                                                        | <b>30</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b> | <b>31 Reformation Day</b><br>Halloween<br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br><b>11:15 am Preschool Parade</b><br><b>11:30 am Trunk or Treat</b><br><br>1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters        | <b>Yes, the Lord will give what is good,<br/>           and our land will yield its increase.<br/>           Psalm 85:12</b> |                                                                                                                        |