



Grace Newsletter

November 2024

Youth Fundraiser—



.....is on November 3rd following the service. Our fishermen are supplying the fish, Mark Elli is supplying the chicken, for those who don't like fish

and we need volunteers to supply the sides (salad, baked beans, or dessert). We also need assistance with setting up and then cleaning up. An email went out Oct. 22nd. If you would like to participate, please see Lynnette, sign up on the sign-up sheet in the entryway or click on the google doc's link that was included in the email.

Daylight Savings Ends!—

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 2nd



Preschool Openings—

We still have a few spots available!

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.
Registration will remain open through December 2024.

Voter's Meeting and Lunch—

Our next voter's meeting will be on Sunday, November 10th. We will have a light lunch of tacos, taco salad & burritos. The meeting will include the annual election of church officers (chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer). Over the last month or so, board chairs have been meeting with their boards and working towards filling vacancies and/or recruiting members to join a board. We have 6 boards:

- Board of Elders
- Board of Education
- Board of Trustees
- Board of Stewardship and Finance
- Board of Outreach
- Pre-School Board

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 to convey their interest to one of the nominations committee members: Chuck Stadick, Charlie Rowen, Myron Volk, Cindy Runyan, Colleen Fuller, Lori Hardin & 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 the church office. Descriptions are available electronically or hard copy.

Also, this is the time for members who are not voters to become voting members. If you are interested in becoming a voting member, please contact Pastor Gullidge, Charlie Rowen or Chuck Stadick.



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“Eucharist = Thanksgiving?”

What do you think about “Thanksgiving?” Do you think about pilgrims along with the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock, which I learned recently were some of my relatives? Do you think about those Natives, where one of them spoke English, who rescued these foreigners? Do you think about a vast feast of savory turkey, fluffy potatoes overflowing with gravy, tangy cranberries, and delicious desserts? Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. It was and still is a day filled with many fond memories, and I spent countless hours with my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

When I thought about “Thanksgiving” this year, I thought about a conversation I had years ago with one of my great uncles named Jack. A few days before Thanksgiving, I came home from college. During my sophomore year of college, I started studying Koine Greek. Koine Greek was the language in which the original New Testament was written. He pulled out his copy of the “Portal of Prayers” and asked me: “What does the word “Eucharist” mean?” After doing some research, I came up with the word “Thanksgiving.” Years later, I came to this word again and realized the word that is sometimes translated as “Thanksgiving” is weak. I realized that it is a compound Greek word. It is made up of two Greek words. The first word “eu,” which means simply the Greek word for “good.” The second word is “charis” is the “grace or favor.” Therefore, the better translation is “good grace” or “good favor.”

Why do I bring your attention to this Greek word this month? I bring this word before you because I want to remind you of something that we have the tendency to forget, especially here in America. And that is every gift, every blessing, everything that we have, whether that is “everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like,” and those individuals that God uses to get us these products come to us ultimately by the Lord’s good grace and good favor. All of it flows from Christ.

I remember when I was younger that I was taught an acronym for G.R.A.C.E. It was this simple, yet profound statement: God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. Therefore, all our blessings come from our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus earned forgiveness of all your sins, life, and salvation. Yet, it is Jesus that you receive your blessings.

Therefore, we give praise and thanksgiving to God the Father, our Creator, and the Son, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, the One that makes us holy and set apart for God. We do it with our thoughts, words, and deeds. One of more popular ways is with what we call the “Doxology” that says: “Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Come and join us for our first annual “Everybody’s Thanksgiving” on November 23rd at 3PM where we will enjoy the blessings God has given us and return to Him thanks and praise. All these He does out of His good grace and good favor for you. For God loves you, His precious child. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason Gullidge

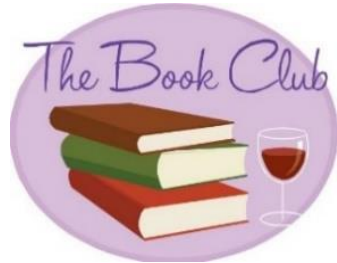


Everybody's Thanksgiving—

Join us Saturday, November 23rd at 3:00 pm for Thanksgiving dinner, worship service, and dessert.



Watch for a sign up for food & side dishes to bring. This event is in lieu of a Thanksgiving Eve service.



Our next gathering of Grace Book Club is on Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 m. We will be discussing "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. Our meeting place will be at Janet Brooks' home.

A summary: *Women can be heroes.* When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

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.

Family Focus Night—

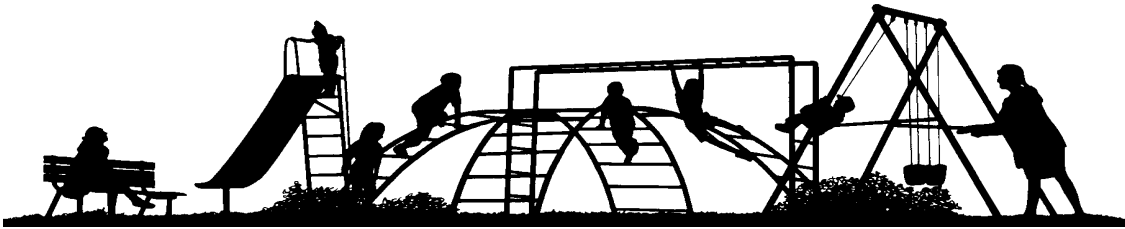
Our next Family Focus Night is Saturday, December 7th from 11am - 2pm. Carla Shields will be teaching us how to make our very own Busted Canvas for Christmas! If you would like all materials supplied for you the cost is \$20. For just the canvas and glue it is \$5 and you bring your own supplies. See Carla for a list of what you would need to bring if you want to get your own supplies. Dinner will be a Baked Potato Bar! See Lynnette or Carla for more information!

Busted Canvas - Example.



An LWML Fall/Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 2nd from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
1406 W. Cherry Lane, Meridian

Vendors: lotions, chocolates, jewelry, décor, quilts, Tupperware, homemade breads & more...
Shepherd's Café Offerings: fresh cinnamon rolls, pies, soup or chili, nachos, hotdogs or bratwurst and drinks.



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 use 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 “Jack” go through the cycle of decomposition in our classroom from a sealed container. We met with our reading buddies at the beginning of the month and read... 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, the Red Sea and the 10 Commandments. 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 & Ms. Cheri

3-Year-Old Class

We are finally finding a rhythm with our little Preschoolers. Their fun personalities and enthusiastic faces make each day one of endless possibilities. We are working on expressing needs and feelings with use of our words. As well as, “Please may I have?” and “Thank you” are important magic words used for our manners. This past month we loved learning about Noah’s family being saved from the flood, Adam and Eve in the garden (they asked more than once, “Where is the snake?” after they discovered he took part in tricking Eve), Joseph’s Coat of Many Colors (how it feels when someone has something special, we wish we could have), and the Ten Commandments and how God’s rules are made for our good. We also had firefighter Will come by with his big red fire truck and fellow firefighters. We took turns practicing stop, drop, and roll and “Get out, stay out, don’t go back inside!”

We had very engaged faces as we learned the life cycle of pumpkins last month. The kids also got to experience opening a pumpkin, feeling the pulp and exploring how seed sizes varied in the size of the pumpkin, and talking about big, bigger, biggest, and small, smaller, smallest. Ms. Martha gifted pumpkins from her garden and we ended the experience with taking home a pumpkin of their own.

With the weather getting chilly and the leaves falling, we will still go outside to play every day so please remember to wear hats and jackets.

Our Bible verse last month was Matthew 7:11 “God Gives Good Gifts”. Our learning focus were the letters Bb, Dd, and Jj, along with the colors, orange and black, the shapes triangle and circle, and the numbers 4, 5, 6.

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Martha

**Upcoming Event: Thanksgiving Mini-Feast - November 21st
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: Fall Break

No preschool the week of November 25th. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families! We will resume school on Monday, Dec 2 for the 4’s and Tuesday, Dec. 3 for the 3’s.



Their next meeting is Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship room. All women are welcome to join. Jacquie is hosting and Connie is providing the devotion. Contact Carla Shields if you have any questions.

Greeting and Thanksgiving cards are available by the box (\$5 for 12) or individually (\$0.50). Starting in November boxed Christmas cards are also available. Box of 12 \$5 and box of 24 \$10. Barbara James is available to help you with your card purchases or you can contact the church office.



This year there will be a potluck Christmas dinner party on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please limit your purchase to \$20.



“My furnace just died and they are coming to replace it Tuesday. I have already signed a contract to have our hardwood floors refinished the week after that. When that is all done, I will have to hurry to get the house in order for Thanksgiving because we are having thirty people over for dinner. Before I know it, Christmas will be here, and I don’t know when I will get to shopping for presents. I am thinking about just writing checks to my children and having them buy things for the grandchildren this year.”

Returning God’s Blessings

This was the conversation that began between two friends on the way out of worship. The friend replied, “Your children probably don’t have more time than you to do that Christmas shopping. Are you sure that’s a good idea?”

Struggling with the many responsibilities of life is one of the key reasons that we don’t create or review our estate plans, and specifically, the gift plans within them. We are tempted to kick the can down the alley, hoping someone else will get to it. Yet history demonstrates that with charitable gifting, if we don’t create our specific plans and have them written out in wills, trusts, or beneficiary designations, those areas of charitable intent will never happen.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in getting specific, enabling you to fulfill the responsibilities the Lord has given you to manage His gifts. To get started, contact, Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com

PRAYERS

Prayer requests—

Please submit your requests for prayer by phone (208) 459-4191 or by email to graceonkimball@gmail.com. You may also fill out a prayer request form 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**

If you do not keep your Portals of Prayer books, please consider returning the books to the church. 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 – 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
Liver – Bryant Neal

Heart–Brook Van Leuven, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nan-ninga (on heart transplant list)
Mental health – David Ledington
Recovery from hip surgery – Nancy Hoffmann
Bone infection – Mark Schroeder


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

Grace Lutheran Childcare Center—

October 2 – Construction Started



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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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 5:19-20</i></p>					1 5:00 pm Youth Lock-In	2 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.
3 Fish Fry Fundraiser 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 12:15 pm Confirmation Class No Youth Group	4 Preschool 4s 6:00 pm Lutheran Women in Mission	5 Election Day Preschool 3s & 4s 9:00 am Women's Bible 6:30 pm Women's Bible	6 Preschool 4s Bulletin Deadline 5:30 pm Board of Outreach	7 Preschool 3s & 4s 9:15 am Preschool Partners 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 9:50 am Pre-K Buddies 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance 1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters 6:00 pm Council Meeting	8 Southeran Idaho High School Retreat Idaho Falls 8 th – 10 th	9 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home. 4:30 pm Private Event
10 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship No Confirmation Class Voter's Meeting No Youth Group	11 Veterans Day Preschool 4s	12 Preschool 3s & 4s 11:30 am Preschool Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Board of Elders 6:30 pm Women's Bible	13 Preschool 4s Bulletin Deadline	14 Preschool 3s & 4s 1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters 6:00 pm Chi Chapter/Private Event	15	16 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.
17 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 12:15 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG	18 Preschool 4s	19 Preschool 3s & 4s 9:00 am Women's Bible 6:30 pm Women's Bible Last study. New study begins in January.	20 Preschool 4s Bulletin Deadline	21 Preschool 3s & 4s 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 11:00 a.m. Preschool Mini-Feast 1:00 pm Crafters/Quilters 7:45 pm The Chosen at the Boeder's	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home. 3:00 pm Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, Worship Service & Dessert
24 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship & Baptism 12:15 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Ignite & Transformed YG 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	25	26	27 Bulletin Deadline	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home. 10:30 am LWML to decorate tree

Fall Break – No Preschool