



Grace Newsletter

April 2025



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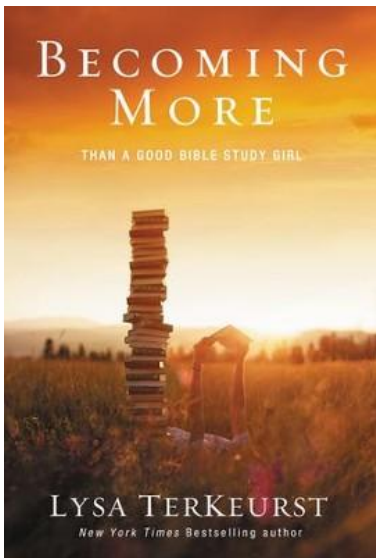
Saturday, April 5th
Silent auction 4:30pm
Dinner 6pm
Live Auction 6:30pm

Childcare Provided, Donation Appreciated
Event located at Friendship Celebration Church
765 E Chinden Blvd. Meridian, ID 83713
Dinner \$40 per seat or \$500 per table
To purchase tickets: Scan the QR code;
go to <https://glcc2025.eventbrite.com> or
contact Cindy at (530) 919-0568
54 tickets left – can purchase at the door if still
available



Must purchase dinner ticket to attend.

Women's Bible Study—



For their next study, this group will be reading Lysa TerKeurst “*Becoming More Than A Good Bible Study Girl.*” This is a six-session small group Bible study that helps you figure out how to trade in going through the motions for the spiritual healthy and vibrant life for which you long. “I really want to know God, personally and intimately.” Do those words resonate with you? You’re tired of

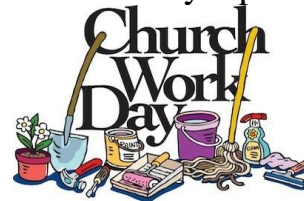
just going through the motions of being a Christian: Go to church. Pray. Be nice. That spiritual to-do list just doesn’t cut it. But what does? How do you step out of the drudger of religious duty to experience a living, moment-by-moment, deeply intimate relationship with God?

You are welcome to join them on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm starting April 29th. Contact Carla Shields if you are interested. The cost of the book is \$15.00.

Spring clean-up for Easter—

We have lots to do and the church needs your participation. Lunch is provided. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway. Contact Myron 208 573-5665 if you have any questions.

Join us Saturday April 12th



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“Jesus, Son of David”

Our family loves attending parades. The girls enjoy getting the various treats offered and participating in the festivities. Meanwhile, Christa appreciates the atmosphere surrounding such events. As for me, I want to see if I recognize anyone there and observe how people interact with one another. Over the years, our family has attended several of them.

When we read through the Gospel accounts, the closest we come to experiencing a parade is what many individuals call Jesus' Triumphant Entry. It tells about how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on the Sunday before His crucifixion. Huge crowds that had come up to Jerusalem for Passover welcomed Jesus like one of their ancient kings, waving palm branches and laying down their cloaks. There are numerous cross-references to events, people, and fulfillments occurring at that moment. However, with limited space, I will dedicate the remainder of this article to what the crowd first cried out to Jesus on Palm Sunday. Hear these words in Matthew 21:9, “Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Hosanna” is a Hebrew phrase that was originally a prayer. It comes from two Hebrew words: “yasha” (save, help, deliver) and “na” (please, now). Therefore, when the crowd is crying out to Jesus on that Sunday, they are saying: “Save us now! Deliver us, please!” Some scholars believe this cry traces back to Psalm 118:25-26, “Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.” These words would be already on their lips. According to one source I read, “In its ancient Jewish context, Psalm 118 was more likely an entrance liturgy to the Temple, used at the festival of Passover. It proclaimed God’s deliverance from Egypt and, later on, from the exile.” Many of the Jews during this time of Jesus were seeking the Lord’s deliverance once again. This time, they were seeking deliverance from those pagan Romans.

Next, the crowd bestows upon Jesus the title of “Son of David.” When they use this title, they are saying something more than He is an offspring of David. They are saying that Jesus is the long-awaited One that the Lord had promised to David

through the prophet Nathan, which is recorded in 2 Samuel 7:12-16, “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” Therefore, they were excited to see what Jesus would do.

When Jesus does not lead an uprising against the Romans, they take Him through the gate once again five days later, this time with cries of “Crucify him! Crucify him!” They bring Him up the hill of Golgotha and crucify Him. Although these events may not seem significant, this Son of David, who is also the Son of God, answers the cries of those in Jerusalem and the cries of all humanity. Jesus saves and delivers us from something greater than just a foreign oppressor. He goes to the cross to die and then rises again, in order to save us from all our sins, the eternal death we deserve, and the clutches of the devil. Therefore, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation under Jesus, who reigns forever. The Lord answers our plea, “Hosanna, save us,” through this Son of David and Son of God, named Jesus, which means “Ya saves” or “the Lord saves.” You are now saved! Amen.

Come and join us this Holy Week to hear, once again, all that Jesus has done for us.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge
Matthew 21:10





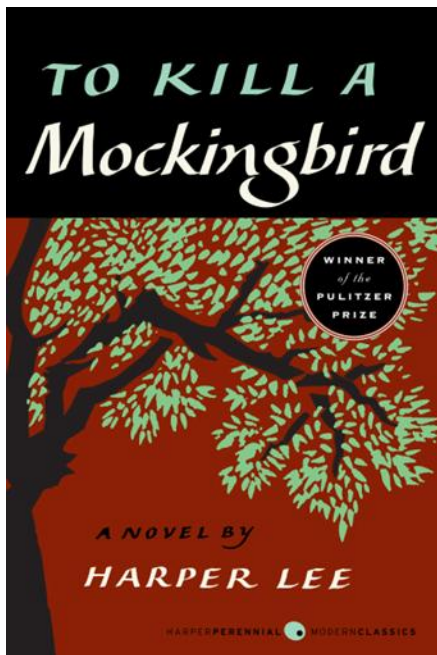
Our next gathering of Grace Book Club is on Sunday, April 27 at 6:30 m. We will be discussing "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Meeting place will be at the church.

A summary: One of the best-loved stories of all time, *To Kill a*

Mockingbird has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable coming-of-age tale in a

South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage iniquities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father — a crusading local lawyer — risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime

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.



Annual Banquet April 8th—



Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center will be holding its 40th Annual Banquet on Tuesday, April 8th this year instead of in the Fall. It will be at St. Paul's in Nampa (510 W. Roosevelt Ave.). The guest speaker is Steventhen Holland. His incredible life story is one of resilience and faith. Grace Lutheran will have a table available for 8 people to support Lifeline. Call or text Peggy Schroeder at 208-731-3839 or Jacquie Rowen at 208-871-7862 if your interested in attending.



You are invited to Celebrate Easter with Us!
2700 S. Kimball Ave.

Sunday, April 20
7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:15 AM Children's Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM Family Worship Service

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT—



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

APRIL 11, 2024
5:30 - 8:30 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 APRIL 7TH

CHURCH OFFICE: (208) 459-4191

CATHY REINKE: (208) 961-1284

Preschool Registration—

2025-2026 preschool registration is open!

The 3-year-old class meets:

Tuesday and Thursday

Registration Fee is \$105

Monthly Tuition cost is \$105

The 4-year-old class meets:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

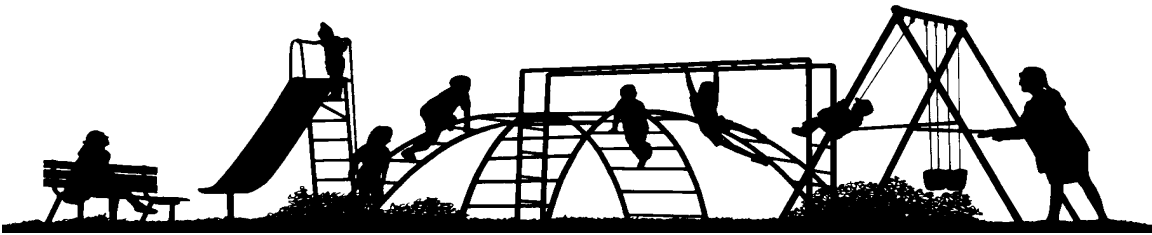
Registration Fee is \$190

Monthly Tuition cost is \$190

Your child must be the respective age by September 1st to enroll into either class and fully potty-trained.

Register via our website:

<https://gracelutheran Caldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/>



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 traps 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. We ended the month with fairy tales reading about Jack and the Bean Stalk, The Three Little Pigs & Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We planted "magic" beans and have been watching them grow just like Jacks did. We had our pirate/fairy tale dress up day on March 25th and the kids made their own treasure maps and then searched for a treasure outside. We also celebrated our 100th day of learning on March 27th. 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: "Seek the Lord and his strength" 1 Chronicles 16:11 & "For all things are possible with God." -Mark 10:27b. We focused on the stories about the Lost Sheep, the Ten Men Healed and Jesus feed 5000. We had a fun game of "Find the Lost Sheep" in the sanctuary where the kids had to search for 100 sheep (cotton balls) and this helped reinforce our Lost Sheep bible story, we played a game where the kids couldn't touch each other to teach about the ten men healed, and then played a memory game with a picnic basket of food to talk about the food Jesus gave to the people.

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

Ms. Amanda Gigray & Ms. Cheri Nichols

**Parent/Teacher Connect Meetings are this Month
Watch for sign-ups!**

3-Year-Old Class

We started the month with Dr. Seuss. We read Cat in the Hat and 10 Apples up on Top. The students did a cutting activity with their names creating Cat in the Hat. We worked on letters U, R, and X. The next week we worked on St. Patrick's Day activities. We did a paper chipping clover. We also we did a cutting activity with the letters of their names. Added creative activity using big marshmallows and mini marshmallows to make shamrocks with paint. The last week we will have completed painting our kites. We will look forward to flying our kites next month. Our bible stories were the Good Samaritan, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus is the light and Zaccheus Trees. The bible verse John 14:6 "I am, the way, the truth, and the life."

Ms. Andrea & Ms. Martha



Next meeting is Monday evening at 6:00 pm, April 7. All women are welcome to join. Jacquie Rowen is hosting and Peggy Schroeder is providing our devotion. Contact Carla Shields if you have any questions.

Easter and Confirmation Cards—

Concordia Circle has cards for sale. Although our youth will be confirmed next year, other churches in the area may be celebrating confirmation. Easter is April 20th. Purchase a card or a box of cards for these special occasions. Cards are located downstairs in the glass display case. Contact Barbara James for help.



As we continue to think about the tensions involved in Christian estate planning, this month we focus on how differences in opinion among family can create enough roadblocks to keep a plan from moving forward.

Imagine a husband and wife who have children, who have wandered into difficulties in their lives. Dad is the softy, just wanting to make their children’s lives easier. Mom is stricter, demanding the children take responsibility for their behaviors. At times, this difference has created strain on their marital relationship.

Returning God’s Blessings

Now imagine this same couple trying to jointly decide on a solid Christian estate plan. Dad wants to evenly divide the estate as lump sum inheritance between their three children. Mom wants to spread inheritance over time. She also believes that her children will waste resources given to them, so she is motivated to support gifts for ministry. You can imagine that the typical response to this tension is avoidance. As a result, their last estate documents are forty years old, created before their children were born.

For this couple, the key will be to have open, prayerful discussion about their goals, looking to create a consensus about what is the Lord’s will for use of His things.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can assist in a situation like this. While they aren’t a marriage counselor, they can safely ask some questions that the couple has been avoiding. They can remind about the safe place we have in the grace of God. To get started in this faith journey, contact Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com

PRAYERS

Prayer requests—

Please submit your prayer requests by phone (208) 459-4191 or by email to graceonkimball@gmail.com.

[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. 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:

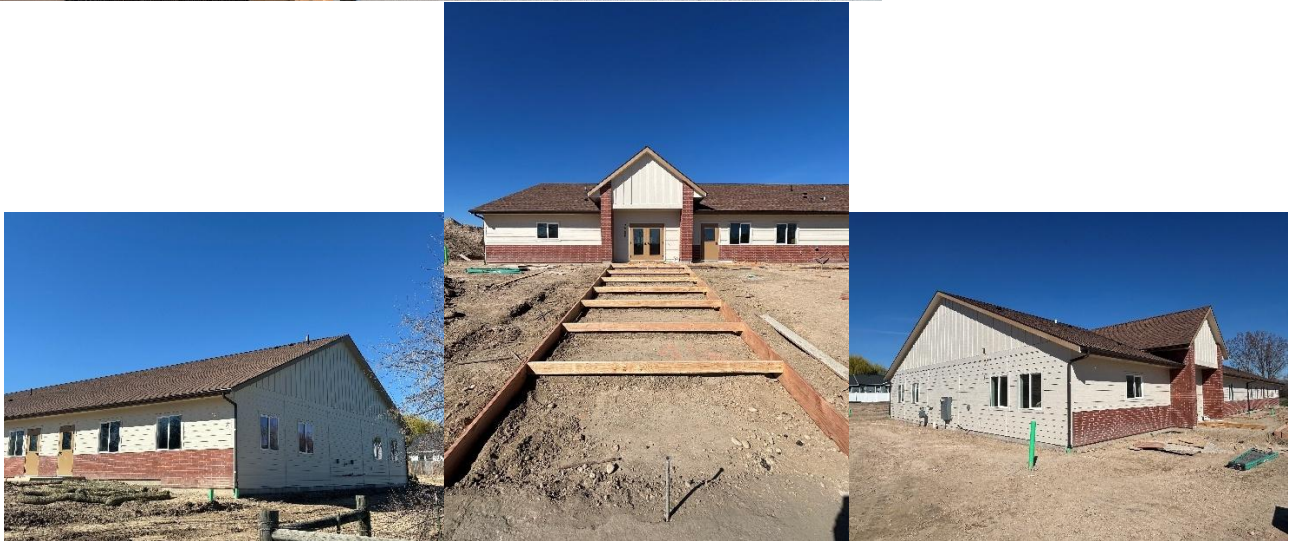
- Cancer – Sharon Andrews, Patrick Knee, Don Southard, Teresa Owens, Dave Vorderstrasse, Wayne Snavely, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz, Patti Wood, Kathy Tesmer, Mike Hardin*
- Heart Surgery Recovery – Alaine Larsen*

- Liver – Bryant Neal*
- Heart–Brook Van Leuven, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga (on heart transplant list)*
- Mental health – David Ledington*
- Hip replacement surgery – Colleen Fuller*
- Knee surgery recovery – Bunnie Welshons*
- Deaths – Shirley Hanson, Florence Hopkins*

# Grace Lutheran Childcare Center—

October 2, 2024 – Construction Started

March – flooring completed, carpeting laid, counters installed, and the outside is painted, trim is next.



What a blue sky!

*April 2025*

| <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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| <i>"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.<br/>Come, see the place where he lay."<br/>Matthew 28:6</i>                                                                                                                          |                                                               | <b>1</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>Preschool 4s<br>5:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:15 pm Hymn Sing<br>6:30 pm Lenten Service                                 | <b>3</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br>9:15 am Preschool Partners<br>9:30 am Preschool Chapel<br>9:50 am Pre-K Buddies<br>1:00 pm Crafters                                                                | <b>4</b>                                            | <b>5</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.<br><br><b>CHILDCARE CENTER AUCTION</b> |
| <b>6</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 Youth Groups                                                                                          | <b>7</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><br>6:00 pm Concordia Circle/LWML | <b>8</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>11:30 am Preschool Staff Meeting<br>6:00 pm Board of Elders | <b>9</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br><br>5:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:15 pm Hymn Sing<br>6:30 pm Lenten Service | <b>10</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>1:00 pm Crafters                                                                                                                                              | <b>11</b><br><br><b>5:30 Parent's Night Out</b>     | <b>12</b><br><br><b>9:00 AM Church Spring Clean Up</b>                                                |
| <b>13 Palm Sunday</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br><br>12:15 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:00 pm Youth Groups                                                                                             | <b>14</b><br>Preschool 4s                                     | <b>15</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s                                                                   | <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><br><b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>                                                                                            | <b>18</b><br><br><b>7:00 pm Good Friday Service</b> | <b>19</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.                                       |
| <b>20 Easter Sunday</b><br>7:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion<br>8:00 am Easter Breakfast<br>9:15 am Christian Education with Easter Egg Hunt<br>No Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 am Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion | <b>21</b><br>Preschool 4s                                     | <b>22</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b>                                     | <b>23</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b>                                                                          | <b>24</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>1:00 pm Crafters                                                                                                                                              | <b>25</b>                                           | <b>26</b><br>9:00 am Group Bible Fellowship at a member's home.                                       |
| <b>27</b><br>9:15 am Christian Education<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br><br>6:00 pm Youth Groups<br>6:30 pm Grace Book Club                                                                                                             | <b>28</b><br>Preschool 4s                                     | <b>29</b><br>Preschool 3s & 4s<br><br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study                                | <b>30</b><br>Preschool 4s<br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b>                                                                          |  <p style="text-align: center;">Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!<br/><i>Happy</i><br/><b>EASTER</b></p> |                                                     |                                                                                                       |