



# Grace Newsletter

March 2026

**Attention ALL Parents – See page 3 for information about a Parent’s Night OUT!**

## Childcare Center—



- Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm.
- Office Phone: (208) 402-5340
- Email: [gracechildcarecaldwell@gmail.com](mailto:gracechildcarecaldwell@gmail.com)
- Website: [gracelutherancaldwell.org/childcare](http://gracelutherancaldwell.org/childcare)
- Also provides a preschool curriculum to 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds enrolled in the center

## Preschool Only Program—

Last month was all about teeth/dental health. Here are some pictures from our two classrooms.



This month will be about Dr. Suess, St. Patrick’s Day and Palm Sunday



Our next reading day is Tuesday, March 31 at 9:30 AM. The children really enjoy reading in the little groups and do so enjoy taking the books home to read to their parents.



Spring is Coming!!  
Spring Break is March 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. (No Preschool)

## *“Sweat of the Brow”*

In our society, we have several phrases that emphasize the value of hard work. One common phrase is "By the sweat of your brow." We often use this expression when discussing someone's hard work, efforts, and dedication. For example, we might say about a hardworking entrepreneur, "He built his business by the sweat of his brow." Another example might be used to describe that individual who labored all day in the kitchen to prepare a meal: "By the sweat of her brow, she made you dinner." When did you last do something "by the sweat of your brow"?

This phrase will be the oldest idiom we will look at this year. It goes directly back to humanity's fall into sin. After God came to Adam and Eve and asked what had taken place to cause this couple to eat the forbidden fruit, the Lord handed out consequences. God started with the serpent, who, from then on, would crawl on its belly and eat dust. If that were not enough, the devil that used the creature would now face humiliating defeat by an offspring of the woman. Next, God moved to the woman. Eve and all women following now face pain in childbirth and "desire for her husband, and he will rule over you", which is another way of saying that even though a woman might desire to be over their husband, this man will still be the head. And lastly, God came to Adam. He warned the world would no longer easily bear fruit. This is where we get the first use of the phrase: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19, ESV) And after all this toiling, humanity would face death and return to the ground from where the first man was taken.

From the time of the Fall, humanity has been working. We have done all sorts of things and invented all kinds of things to work over this land to make it produce a harvest. Even though there have been many droughts, famines, and pestilences over the years, this hard work of our brows has created the fruit of the earth. We tend to think all these things have come about through our efforts and good deeds. We are tempted to strut around like peacocks in the rain. However, if we look back to where all these things began, we should not be quick to take credit for these things. To have produced at all is by God's grace. For the Lord is the One who gave seed, the soil, the nutrients, the water, the favorable wealth, the wisdom, the ability to harvest, and the list goes on and on. We all, at one point or another, have acted like that scientist in that lab, who told God that we no longer need Him, saying, "God, we can now clone humans, make life, and take care of ourselves, and we don't need you anymore." After hearing these words, God said, "Before I leave, show me how you can make humans." The scientist agreed, reached down, and grabbed a handful of soil to start making his human, but God promptly stopped him and said, "Whoa, get your own dirt." We think we can do everything through hard work, but it does not work that way.

We take this phrase, "by the sweat of your brow," into our spiritual life. Since the Fall, humanity has tried to reconcile itself to God. In ancient times, individuals sought to draw near to God through sacrifices, chants, rituals, and obedience to the Law. However, nothing worked. Humanity was still dying. None of these things they did, nor the medicine they used, could prevent death from happening. The sweat of their brow did not work. And yet, we, men, women, and children, are still trying to save ourselves. We believe our good works, obedience to the Law of God, and giving up things to God will make us right and live. However, we all will fail. Therefore, where should we turn?

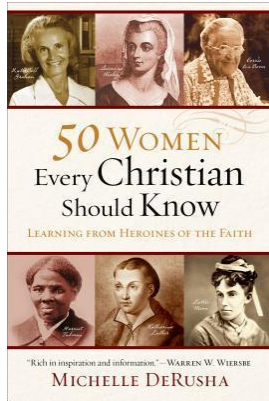
Just as we need to be reminded where our physical things come from, we need to remind ourselves about our spiritual ones. They come once again by the One who "being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44, ESV) and later that day laid down His life down on a cross for us sinful humanity, who inherited the curses of Adam and Eve and continuously fail at keeping God's Law. Therefore, by God's grace, God's Riches At Christ's Expense, we are forgiven of all our sins and have eternal life. An eternal life where we will dwell in perfect harmony with God in a paradise, a walled garden, forever. Come and join us this Lenten season as we learn more about Jesus and the gifts He brings through the sweat of His brow found in His Supper.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Jason Gullidge  
Psalm 51:10



Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing: "50 Women Every Christian Should Know" by Michelle DeRusha. Meeting place: Marilyn Seay's residence.

**A summary:** Throughout history, countless women have boldly stepped out in faith and courage, leaving their indelible mark on those around them and on the kingdom of God. In lively prose Michelle DeRusha tells their stories, bringing into focus fifty incredible heroines of the faith. From Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Anne Hutchison to Susanna Wesley, Harriet Tubman, and Corrie ten Boom, women both famous and admirable live again under DeRusha's expert pen. These engaging narratives are a potent reminder to readers that we are not alone, the battles we face today are not new, and God is always with us in the midst of the struggle.



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.

## Confirmation/Palm Sunday—

The following adults and youth are being confirmed on Sunday, March 29:

### Youth Confirmands

Gabe Boeder  
Sleigh Golden  
Riley Guenther  
Shay Gullidge  
Bonnie Kilzer  
Aedan Yager

### Adult Confirmands

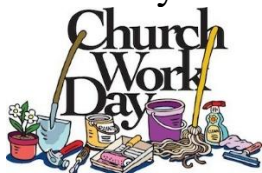
Murriah Guenther  
Izzy Mancini  
Nikki Romaine

Join us on the 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of their special day.

## Spring clean-up for Easter—

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

Join us Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>



## Worship Anew—

The Worship Anew program airs on Channel 6 at 9:00 Sunday morning. It provides a half hour worship service led by LC-MS pastors. Worship Anew is an excellent option for those who are unable to attend worship at their congregation and a supplement to those receiving Word and Sacrament regularly. Each Sunday broadcast costs \$600 to air. Consistent support has allowed the program to be aired for over five years. If you would like to financially support this program in 2026, please send those gifts to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605, noting "Worship Anew" in the notes line. You may also visit the website://gracelutherancaldwell.org and click on the online giving button and then the Worship Anew tile.



## Parent's Night Out—

To ALL parents - mark your calendars for Friday March 27 and drop off your kiddo's here at the church at 5:30 PM for a night out or a relaxing night in. Just remember to pick them up at 8:00 PM. :) A meal will be served, games will be played and an Easter craft will be created. Please let the church office know how many kiddos you will be dropping off by calling (208) 459-4191 or by sending an email to graceonkimball@gmail.com no later than by Tuesday, March 24



All women are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Sunday, March 1 after church in the Sunday School area. Next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention

May 1-3, 2026

Pocatello, ID



The Opening Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held Friday, May 1 2026 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church Chapel, 1350 Baldy Ave, Pocatello, ID. Come and join your LWML sisters and brothers in worship.

Visit [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org) for more information or scan code.





“I took my car to one place for an oil change, another for the brakes, and still another for a tune-up. Yet my car just doesn’t seem to be running right, and no one is offering to step in to help me.”

That same scenario might be true about your Christian estate plan. You might be tempted to focus on one thing at a time: a will here, an insurance policy there, a conversation with the financial planner periodically, and then the annual tax preparation. But do we think about how all those things are linked together? We need to, in order to have a comprehensive plan.

**Returning God’s Blessings** In a busy world, focused on quick productivity, we often miss the opportunity to weave the conversations of all our advisors together. In addition, inviting your pastor into these conversations, and your family, can bring a fullness otherwise missed. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate conversations in your circle of important people. Co contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Cell: 208-954-3534

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**"We have used Raise Right** for almost 1 year and raised \$1077.30 in that time, wow! Thank you for all who have utilized this awesome fundraiser for our childcare center. We are excited to see how it can continue to grow and earn free money! If you would like help getting set up or have any questions please reach out to Elizabeth Lane (405)326-9985 or Kim Hill (405)474-3405.

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### Join us during Lent—

*Wednesdays, February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM  
Hymn Sing at 6:15 PM  
Lenten Service 6:30 PM*



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### Prayer requests—

Please submit your requests for prayer by phone (208) 459-4191 or by email to [graceonkimball@gmail.com](mailto:graceonkimball@gmail.com). 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***

#### ***We continue to pray for those dealing with:***

- Cancer – Bunnie Welshons, Sharon Andrews, Don Southard, Teresa Owens, Dave Vorderstrasse, Jerry Bengtson, Jim Nelson, Penny Storms Jeffries, Gary Olufson, Jerry Shaffer, Denise Shaffer, Doris Powell, Dave Koontz, Patti Wood, Kathy Tessmer, Mike Hardin*
- Heart – Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga (on heart transplant list), Katherine Clark*
- Liver – Bryant Neal*
- Mental health – David Ledington*



*March 2026*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion Concordia Circle/LWML meets after service in Sunday School area. 12:15 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Youth Group	<b>2</b>  6:00 pm New Member Class	<b>3</b> 9:15 am WMBS  6:00 pm Men's Theology on Tap in Nampa	<b>4</b>  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Preschool Chapel  1:00 pm Crafters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home
<b>8 Daylight Saving Time Starts</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:15 pm Confirmation Class  6:00 pm Youth Group	<b>9</b>  6:00 pm New Member Class	<b>10</b> 9:15 am WMBS  6:00 pm Elders	<b>11</b>  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance 1:00 pm Crafters	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home
<b>15</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 12:15 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth Group	<b>16</b> <b>No Preschool</b>  6:00 pm New Member Class	<b>17</b> <b>No Preschool</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>19</b> <b>No Preschool</b>  1:00 pm Crafters	<b>20</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>9:00AM CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 12:15 pm Confirmation Class  6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00 pm New Member Class	<b>24</b> 9:15 am WMBS	<b>25</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>  5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>26</b>  1:00 pm Crafters	<b>27</b>  <b>5:30 pm Parent's Night Out</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home <b>1:00 pm DIY Event – Spring T-shirt</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday/Confirmation</b> 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion	<b>30</b>  6:00 pm New Member Class	<b>31</b> 9:15 am WMBS 9:30 am Preschool Reading Buddies	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b>  <b>7PM Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>April 3</b>  <b>7PM Good Friday Service</b>	<b>April 4</b>

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.