



Grace Newsletter

April 2026

Childcare Center— We currently have 9 Full Time Children and 31 Part-Time Children. Additionally, we have 5 future enrolled children scheduled to start attending within the next few months. For Easter, we are having a BBQ celebration on Thursday, April 02, 2026 starting at 12pm. There will be an Open House on April 25th from 10am-12pm, spread the word!



- Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm.
- Office Phone: (208) 402-5340
- Email: gracechildcarecaldwell@gmail.com
- Website: gracelutherancaldwell.org/childcare
- Enrollment includes preschool learning for 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds

Preschool Only Program—

Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open to the public. Please visit our website: <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> for all the information you need to register your child for this program. We currently have 11 enrolled in the pre-K and 5 for the 3s class.



← Rainbows made by the 3-year-old class with dot markers.



→ Eggs made by the 4-year-old class with colored paper.

This month will be all about Easter, Spring and Earth Day.



Our next reading day is Tuesday, April 28 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.



**Parent/Teacher Connect Meetings (Preschool Only) are this Month
Watch for sign-ups!**

“You’re the Man”

When you hear “You’re the man”, is it a positive or negative phrase? Generally, it is used as a compliment expressing admiration, respect, or gratitude for someone's actions or qualities. For instance, "You fixed my car, you're the man!" or "You passed your driving test, you're the man!" What is the origin of this statement?

When I researched this phrase, I found something that surprised me. According to *Black Talk: Words and Phrases from the Hood to the Amen Corner* by Geneva Smitherman, this statement “you're the man" or "you da man" comes directly from the black expression "the man," meaning: "1) the police. Crossover term. 2) Male of distinction 'Michael Jordan is the man.' 3) The white man."

However, when you look this phrase up in the Bible, it reveals something radically different. David has slept with and impregnated one of his mighty men’s wives, named Bathsheba. He tried to initially cover his sin by sending home Uriah from the battle with the desire that he would have relations with his wife. When that did not happen, this king ordered his general to send Uriah to the front so their enemy would kill him. After such a murder, David took Bathsheba as his wife. Everything appeared to work out great.

That was true until the prophet of God named Nathan came to David. This spokesman of the Lord said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” (2 Samuel 12:1–4) David followed that with rightly declaring what all of us sinners deserve: Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.” (2 Samuel 12:5–6) Nathan turned the story on to David, “You are the man!” (2 Samuel 12:7) To which the king confessed, “I have sinned against the Lord.” (2 Samuel 12:13a) Yet, out of God’s mercy, Nathan declared to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” (2 Samuel 12:13b-14)

We are all like David. We may have never committed the act of adultery, but have lustful thoughts. We may never have murdered or killed someone, but we have hated another because of what they had done to us or to another. We have covered our sins with lies, excuses, or maybe outright blaming others for our problems. We may have even asked others to do the dirty work, so we do not have others accuse us. We might have ignored or swept a sin under the carpet to look good. We are sinners.

We may be able to hide these sins from us and others. We think the coast is clear. However, God knows every sin that you and I have ever committed. It does not have to be a deed. It can be a thought or word. Therefore, I am the man! You're the man! We are poor, miserable sinners, that our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended God and justly deserved His temporal and eternal punishment. In other words, we sinners deserve death followed by eternity in hell completely cut off from the Lord and all His blessings.

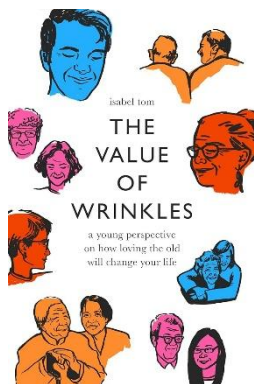
Therefore, you, me, and all humanity are called to repent, AKA turn away, of their sins. The Lord does it through the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word of God, the Bible. He turns us to the One, who Pontius Pilate declared: “Behold, the man.” Behold Jesus because this only begotten Son of God laid down His life on the cross, not for a crime He committed. Jesus did it to pay the full and complete price for every one of our sins of thought, word, and deed. Therefore, everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved and have eternal life with Him, David, and other repentant believers forever. “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.” (Ephesians 2:8–9) All because Jesus is the God-man! Come and join us this Holy Week and beyond to hear this message!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge



Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing: "The Value of Wrinkles" by Isabel Tom. Meeting place: Janet Brooks' residence.

A summary: We're so afraid of aging that we begin to devalue ourselves and others with each passing year. The phrase "30 years old" incites panic. Seniors live in separate communities and barely interact with young people, while middle-aged people spend millions each year on anti-aging products. But what if we have it all wrong? Isabel Tom grew up living with grandparents and has spent over a decade of her career serving older adults. In *The Value of Wrinkles* she: Teaches you what the elderly offer us that we cannot live without. Challenges our cultural beliefs and practices that affect those who are aging. Gives you practical insight on how to care for those older than you



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. **NOTE: May's book club meeting will be on Sunday, May 31 not the 24th.**

Worship Anew—

Together with all believers, we ponder the sacrificial love of Jesus and anticipate the celebration of His resurrection victory. The body of Christ includes shut-ins/homebound people who are unable to attend congregational worship. They appreciate the **Worship Anew** program which airs on Channel 6 at 9:00 Sunday morning and can be accessed online. This half hour worship service is led by LC-MS pastors and originates from the Fort Wayne seminary campus. Gifts from Treasure Valley LC-MS congregations and individuals fund the program. Each Sunday broadcast costs \$600 to air. At present, the fund will cover less than two more months. If you would like to financially support our commitment to this program, please send your gifts to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605, noting "Worship Anew" in the notes line. You may also donate online at gracelutheran-caldwell.org. Click on the online giving button and select the Worship Anew tile. Another option is to go directly to the giving page: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6AE/home>. Thank you for your sacrificial support.



All women are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Monday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention

May 1-3, 2026 -Pocatello, ID



Our Bible Study Leader for the weekend is Professor Amy Hubach, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska.



The name should sound familiar to most of us. Amy served in Idaho as DCE at Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello and Grace Lutheran Church, Caldwell. Amy also served on the LWML Utah-Idaho District Board. Come reconnect with Amy and study the word with her.

LWML GIFT PLANNING—

Bart asked his friend Dave this question: "Have you let your children know the details of your estate plan?"

That question unleashed a much more dramatic response from Dave than Bart was expecting. "No way. I want it to be a surprise. My kids have no business knowing what we have, or how we plan to disperse it after we are gone. I don't want them to feel entitled to my stuff, hoping I will die soon so they get it all."

While harsh, elements of this response may be present in many, even among Christians. Let's break it down a bit. First, we begin by reminding ourselves that the things in our lives are really not "our" things, but God's things, which He has asked us to manage faithfully on His behalf, to share Jesus with our families and the world around us. Second, not having discussions with children about inheritance robs them of hearing from you your understanding of blessing, and your intentions to respond from a life of faith in managing those blessings. Third, if you are asking family members to carry out estate roles (personal representative/trustee) someday, you need to be giving them clear guidance so they can make sure your God-directed desires are carried out.

Family dynamics can be challenging, especially where sin has left its mark. However, it is crucial, if possible, to communicate your faith and your intentions to family, in an effort to celebrate Jesus together, especially His grace shown on the cross. We don't want to leave these matters dangling. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you to know your plan well, to express your faith clearly and to prepare for family conversations. For help, contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Cell: 208-954-3534

Upcoming Worship Services—

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM April 2nd

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm April 3rd

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service 7:00AM

Breakfast 8:00 AM

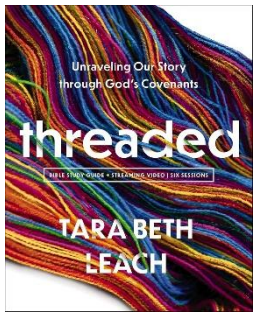
Egg Hunt 10:00 AM

Worship service 10:30 AM

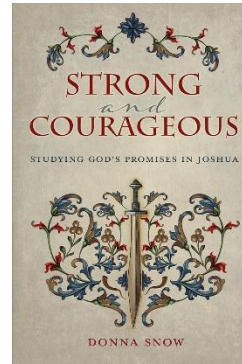


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Women's Bible Studies—



**Starts April 7
6:00 PM Tuesdays
6-week study
Meets in the up-
stairs conference
room**



**Starts April 9
9:30 AM Thursdays
8-week study
Meets in the Library
Downstairs next to
the Fellowship Hall**



"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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Prayer requests—

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

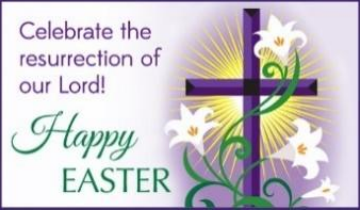


***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

We continue to pray for those dealing with:
Cancer – Bunnie Welshons, Sharon Andrews, 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)
Liver – Bryant Neal
Mental health – David Ledington
Deaths of– Katherine Clark, Donna Ehlers, David Krause



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! <i>Happy</i> EASTER</p>			1 Bulletin Deadline	2 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	4 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home
5 Easter 7:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Christian Education with Easter Egg Hunt No Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 6:00 pm New Member Class 6:00 pm LWML Concordia Circle	7 9:15 am WMBS 6:00 pm WEBS	8 Bulletin Deadline	9 9:30 am WTMBS 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance 1:00 pm Crafters	10 6:00 pm Private Event	11 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home
12 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:46 am Preschool/Childcare Board 12:15 pm Life after Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Youth Group	13 6:00 pm New Member Class	14 9:15 am WMBS 6:00 pm WEBS 6:00 pm Elders	15 Bulletin Deadline	16 9:30 am WTMBS 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 1:00 pm Crafters	17	18 9:00 am LWML Western Zone Spring Event - Boise 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship at a member's home 5:00 pm Boots & Beauties – Family Focus Night
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26 New Member Introduction 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	27 6:00 pm New Member Class	28 9:15 am WMBS 9:30 am Preschool Reading Buddies 6:00 pm WEBS Baby Goats Visit	29 Bulletin Deadline	30 9:30 am WTMBS 1:00 pm Crafters		