



Grace Newsletter

May 2026

Childcare Center— We're so excited to share that our childcare center now has **44 children enrolled!** What a blessing to see our program growing and serving so many families in our community. *Parent Review - "I absolutely love this childcare center!! My son's reaction on his first day was priceless, he loves to go every day!!"*



- 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 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. NOTE: Our Pre-K AM class is full and we have 3 on a waitlist. We need 10 enrollments to open up an afternoon session which would run from 12:00 to 2:30 PM. We have 6 spots available in the Preschool only 3's class which runs on Tuesday and Thursdays form 9-11:10 AM.

Growing plants in both rooms!



Reading Buddies—

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers for reading to our children this year. It was a lot of fun!

On site Field Trip—

Children were able to meet some baby goats the end of April. "Thank You" to Cindy and Mark for bringing them to our playground – the "kids" loved them!

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION is ON MAY 14th at 6:30pm

Summer Sunday School—

Starts Sunday May 31st. Our regular Sunday School teachers are given some well-deserved time off. If you would like to volunteer one or two Sundays to teach Sunday School, the signup sheet is on the Family Board or you may contact the office, 208 459-4191 or Lynnette at lboederdfm@gmail.com.

“Brother’s Keeper”

Our mothers teach us many lessons. Recently, I came across a Mother's Day card that spoke about things that our moms taught us that made me laugh. It said, “Everything I know I Learned From My Mother. My Mother taught me religion: You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet. My Mother taught me logic: Because I said so, that's why. My Mother taught me foresight: Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident. My Mother taught me irony: Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about. My Mother taught me about stamina: You sit there until all that spinach is gone. My Mother taught me about receiving: You are going to get it when you get home. My Mother taught me about medical science: If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way. My Mother taught me about justice...One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out like you.” One of the most profound lessons my mom and dad imparted to me revolves around a question that has echoed through the ages—the very first question humanity ever posed in the Bible: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

This powerful inquiry goes back to a pivotal moment shortly after Adam and Eve faced the consequences of sin. They had two sons: Cain and Abel. Cain chose the path of a farmer, while Abel embraced the role of a shepherd. One day, each brought their offerings to God. Cain presented some of his produce, but Abel offered the fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. God accepted Abel's offering, while Cain's was rejected. Why? The author of Hebrews 11:4 tells us, “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts.” This led Cain to envy and anger. Despite God's warning not to give in to sin, Cain allowed it to control him. In a tragic moment, he took Abel out to the field and committed the first murder. When confronted by the Lord, Cain responded, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” In that moment, God imparted a lesson of responsibility and the true essence of brotherhood.

The lessons taught that day are still being felt. Sure, we may never have killed anyone with our actions. However, we are guilty of it in our thoughts and words. We learn from Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* that: “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21–22, ESV) We kill others with our sinful anger. In addition, we disrespect, adulterate, steal, speak poorly, and covet the things of our neighbor. By doing such things, we all fail at being our brother's keeper. As a result, we too will face death and should experience God's fiery wrath.

Yet, amid all this sinfulness, the Lord sends His Son, Jesus. Jesus became our brother. Despite living a perfect and holy life among us, Jesus was tragically killed on a cross by sinners like you and me. Three days later, He rose and ascended back to His Father in heaven. Rather than seeking revenge for His Son's murder, God chose to bless humanity. Through the death of His Son, God used it to pay for all our sins, and through His resurrection, He opened the gates of eternal life in paradise for all who trust Jesus as their Savior, where all relationships will be forever restored. Jesus is His brother's keeper, watching, preserving, and attending to us.

Our interactions with others are transformed through these beautiful gifts of forgiveness and salvation. God uses us in our vocations to be keepers of one another by embodying love for our neighbors as we love ourselves. Jesus clarified who our neighbor truly is by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan, revealing that a neighbor extends beyond mere proximity. Our neighbor is all humanity. The Reverend Zagore expressed it beautifully: “It is the person that the Lord has placed next to us: in a nursing home bed, the house next door, the adjacent cubicle at work, the line to buy coffee. We are surrounded by neighbors that we do not see, whether because we are distracted, blind to others, or too busy liking friends on a website. We must pull open the curtains and lift our eyes. God has put neighbors around us to love.” Our neighbor is everyone, and we serve Christ in serving them as their brother's keeper.

Therefore, Jesus, thank You for becoming our brother. Live in us, so that we can be our neighbors' keepers by reflecting Your love, grace, and mercy and attending to their needs, starting with the person next door. Amen. Come and invite our mom, friends, family, neighbors, and even our enemies to church, so they can discover the incredible things Jesus, our Brother, has done for them, too! See you there!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge
Isaiah 66:13



Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing: "The Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown. Meeting place: Colleen Fuller's residence.

A summary: Robert Langdon is back in the long-awaited new race-against-time thriller from the global bestselling author of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels and Demons*. Accompanying celebrated academic, Katherine Solomon, to a lecture she's been invited to give in Prague, Robert Langdon's world spirals out of control when she disappears without trace from their hotel room. Far from home and well out of his comfort zone, Langdon must pit his wits against forces unknown to recover the woman he loves. But Prague is an old and dangerous city, steeped in folklore and mystery. For over two thousand years, the tides of history have washed back and forth over it, leaving behind echoes of everything that has gone before. Little can Langdon know that he is being stalked by a spectre from that dark past. He must use all of his arcane knowledge to decipher the world around him before he too is consumed by the rings of treachery and deception that have swallowed Katherine.

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: this is rescheduled from the 24th.**



Vacation Bible School
June 15th – 19th
9am – 12pm
Ages 4 through 5th Grade
Contact Lynnette Boeder at
lboederdfm@gmail.com
with any questions.



All women are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML GIFT PLANNING—

Rene said to her good friend Cheryl, "I really don't like the idea of sharing much about my personal life with other people. I am very private. That's why I haven't moved forward with my estate plan revisions after Peter died. I just don't want to tell everyone what I am thinking about, and what I am planning to do.

Cheryl responded, "Didn't you go to the doctor last month, to deal with your fear that you might have cancer?"

"Well yes, I did. What is your point?"

"My point is that you openly shared your fears with your doctor, talked about some very personal symptoms and allowed the doctor to run tests. I am so thankful you got a good report. Seeking the help of someone who will care about you, who understands how to get you organized, who can keep you on track, and who can share a wealth of information about how to achieve your goals, is the same thing. It's good to be assisted by someone who has compassion and experience. I worked with the LWML Gift Planning Counselor after a presentation they did at Church. They were very helpful. I had some work to do, but because of the counselor we dug in, I made some decisions, I completed work with my attorney, and now I have peace of mind knowing I have a good plan in place."

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you as well with their care, organizational skills, and charitable gift planning expertise. To get started, contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Cell: 208-954-3534

Worship Anew—

This program 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. 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 gracelutherancaldwell.org.



DON'T MISS OUR



June 6th

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

To Sign up - Scan the QR Code

<https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/community-service/>

Or talk to Cathy Reinke or Carla Shields



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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! Earn with your Spring gifting. A church wide order for gift cards is being placed Sunday, May 3rd. Cards are available at varying amounts between \$5 and \$500. Payment is due at the time of your order and you will receive your physical gift cards May 10th. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran with "Raise Right" in the memo. There is a list of popular retailers in your mail box and if you don't have a list, or you do not see a favorite retailer of yours, please contact 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 – Elizabeth Osmus, 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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:00 am Memorial Service	2 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship off-site.
3 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 pm End of Year Youth BBQ	4	5 9:15 am WMBS 6:00 pm WEBS	6 Bulletin Deadline	7 9:30 am WTMS 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 1:00 pm Crafters	8	9 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship off-site
10 Mother's Day 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship	11 6:00 pm LWML Concordia Circle	12 9:15 am WMBS 6:00 pm WEBS 6:00 pm Elders	13 Bulletin Deadline	14 Last Day of Preschool 9:30 am WTMS 1:00 pm Crafters 6:30 pm Preschool Celebration	15	16 9:00 am Weekly Fellowship off-site
17 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion	18	19	20 Bulletin Deadline	21 9:30 am WTMS 1:00 pm Crafters	22	23
24 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees 11:45 am Preschool/Childcare Board	25 	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Board of Outreach/Preschool Teachers	28 9:30 am WTMS 1:00 pm Crafters	29	30
31 Summer Sunday School Starts 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>– James 1:17</i></p>					