



Grace Newsletter

June 2026

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



Set up a table (no fees) to sell items or swing by to purchase!



Vacation Bible School

June 15th – 19th

9am – 12pm

Free Event Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Contact Lynnette Boeder at

lboederdfm@gmail.com

with any questions.

“United House”

Over the years, I have lived in places I never thought I would call home. One of those places was Illinois. Every place I've lived as an adult, I enjoy learning its history, and Illinois was no different. We lived near what was known as “Lincoln Land.” Forty-five minutes east of us was Springfield. Over that year, Christa, Shay, and I had the chance to visit many historical sites. One site that really captivated me was where this man gave his famous “House Divided” speech on June 16, 1858.

In this speech, Abraham Lincoln passionately warned that the United States could not endure permanently with a moral and political split over the issue of slavery. Lincoln laid out his case against his rival Stephen A. Douglas, portraying Douglas's policies as part of a conspiracy to expand slavery across the entire nation. In his speech, he said: “A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free.” So, where did Abraham Lincoln get this “house divided” analogy from?

He actually took this from the Bible. It comes from Jesus' words that are echoed by the Synoptic Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In all three accounts (Matthew 12:25; Mark 3:25; Luke 11:17), Jesus was responding to the Pharisees' accusation that He was casting out demons by Satan's power. By saying that a house divided cannot stand, Jesus was showing that success depends on harmony and unity. We see this in everyday life: when a team works well together, a concert follows its conductor, or a warehouse worker completes a task like a well-oiled machine. But when a player chooses to do their own thing, when someone doesn't follow the conductor, or a warehouse worker slacks off and becomes lazy, everything falls apart. It turns ugly. People want to avoid this at all costs.

The Bible is filled with God's constant reminders for His people to stay united. The concept of unity is rooted in the Old Testament, where the people of Israel are called to be one nation under God. In Deuteronomy 6:4, the Shema declares, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One." This particular statement emphasizes the unity of God and sets the stage for the unity expected among His people. The psalmist says in 133:1, “How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!” Paul, in his first letter to the church in Corinth, 1:10, says, “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” Later in this same letter, this apostle highlights the importance of the body of Christ. Each member is different, but they find unity in Christ. In other letters, he writes things like "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3) and “then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind” (Philippians 2:2). This is so important to Jesus that even in His last moments before His betrayal, He prayed, "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.” God calls believers to unity because it helps spread the Gospel in a world that is often divided.

As Grace Lutheran Church, may God always keep us united as a family. God keeps us strong through His work and the gifts He gives us via His Word and Sacraments. Therefore, I join with Paul in prayer: “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:14-19). Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge
Romans 8:37-39



We are not meeting in June or July. Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing: "How to Age Disgracefully" by Clare Pooley. Meeting place: TBD.

A summary: A senior citizens' center and a daycare collide with hilarious results in the new ensemble comedy from New York Times- bestselling author Clare Pooley. When Lydia takes a job running the Senior Citizens' Social Club three afternoons a week, she assumes she'll be spending her time drinking tea and playing gentle games of cards. The members of the Social Club, however, are not at all what Lydia was expecting. From Art, a failed actor turned kleptomaniac to Daphne, who has been hiding from her dark past for decades to Ruby, a Banksy-style knitter who gets revenge in yarn, these seniors look deceptively benign—but when age makes you invisible, secrets are so much easier to hide. When the city council threatens to sell the doomed community center building, the members of the Social Club join forces with their tiny friends in the daycare next door—as well as the teenaged father of one of the toddlers and a geriatric dog—to save the building. Together, this group's unorthodox methods may actually work, as long as the police don't catch up with them first.

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.

Next Congregational Meeting—

Join us on Sunday, June 14 for a potluck lunch consisting of fried chicken, rice, and desserts! The church will provide the fried chicken; you will provide your favorite rice dish as a side (or if you have strong feelings against rice, feel free to bring in a side of your choice). A sign-up sheet for desserts will be placed in the entryway to cover our sweet tooths, everyone else can bring in a side dish. Oh, yes, we will still conduct a meeting covering our usual topics.

Hands of Hope Northwest— Local Loan Program

Awhile back, our church collected a list of members who have assistive devices they are no longer using but are willing to lend out to our family when in need. The list is compiled and is maintained in the office; however, we also wanted to inform you of this place called Hands of Hope Northwest, Inc. located in Nampa, ID that is also available as an option. Hands of Hope Northwest started the Local Loan Program to help area residents who could not afford to rent or buy medical equipment for home care. Former NNU professor Eula Tombaugh had a heart for the disabled in her community and

operated the Community Loan Program out of her garage until the equipment could be stored in the Nampa warehouse in 2006. Eula passed away in 2017, and they continue to celebrate her vision and achievement today by continuing the Local Loan Program. They have over 900 items in inventory, and thousands of local community members have been able to borrow durable medical equipment thanks to Eula's initiative.

LOCATION: 1201 S. Powerline Rd., Nampa, ID

HOURS: M-F 9AM-2PM

PHONE: (208) 461-1473

EMAIL: info@handsofhopenw.org



All women are welcome to join us for our next pre-summer potluck on June 1 at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad or a dessert and a non-perishable food item that will be given to either the "Blessing Box" at the Caldwell Police Station or the "Feed the 2C" charity at the Flying M.

LWML GIFT PLANNING—

Ralph and Greg were discussing Ralph's recent Christian estate plan that he completed. Ralph said, "The Lord has blessed me and my family throughout our lives with great love and enough financial resources that our needs have always been met. In my estate plan, Jan and I are going to be able to pass along gifts that will enable our children to help their children. But in addition, we are going to give a \$100,000 gift to the scholarship fund at Church so that kids can get scholarships to go to our Lutheran School." Greg responded, "I am so happy for you guys, Ralph. I love that you have that gift to Church included in your plan as well. It makes me want to speak with Sally about doing something like that in our plan. Have you told pastor about this?" "No way. I don't want anyone to know about this plan." "Well, you told me," Greg said. "I am thankful you told me. It's moving me to rejoice with you. It's moving me to do something just like it. Would you reconsider talking with Pastor?"

Having discussions with ministry leaders is never about recognition or bragging. Hiding our financials from everyone else only matters if we think these things belong to us, and not to the Lord. There may be legitimate reasons not to share information with the ministry ahead of time. But many times, the advantages will outweigh the negatives. To help facilitate conversation with ministry leaders, your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Cell: 208-954-3534



CHILDCARE CENTER

Newsletter



Growing Together, Learning Together, Building Bright Futures



COME SEE US AT THE FARMERS MARKET!

We'll have our own booth!

Indian Creek Plaza • June 23 • 6:00–8:00 PM

We can't wait to see you there!

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

- ✓ 21 Full-Time Children
- ✓ 23 Part-Time Children
- ✓ 2 New Friends joining us in June!
- ✓ Tours are continuing to happen – we'd love to show you around!



Our commercial for the Childcare Center in Caldwell will start showing in theaters starting May 20 and will run for the next six months!

We can't wait for our community to see it!



MUFFINS WITH MOM WAS a Sweet Success!



Thank you to all of the amazing moms who joined us! We loved seeing so many of you spend special time with your children while enjoying a coffee and muffin together.

Your love and support mean the world to us!

Splash Days & Sunny Days!



We have started our Splash Days and will continue them all summer long! The children are having a BLAST!



Sunshine, smiles, and splashes make the best memories!

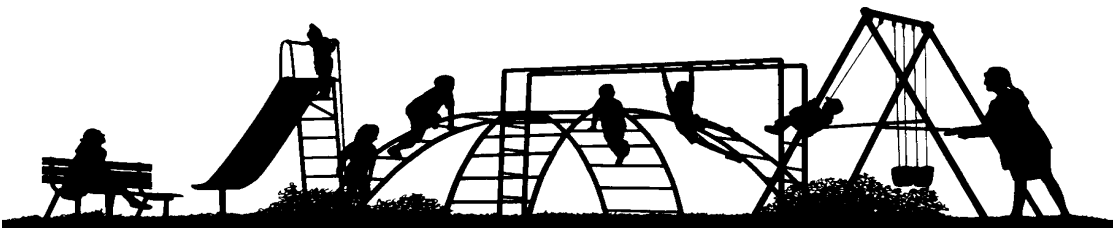
FROM OUR WONDERFUL FAMILIES

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“We have had the most amazing experience here with our three kids. The admin team is nothing short of incredible and kind. Accommodating and communicate so well. My kids are welcomed into their classrooms with hugs and smiles. I always feel welcome to ask any questions or to call and get updates. The school has opportunity for parents to get to know one another and attend school events. We truly are so happy with our decision to enroll our kids here. Our family so thankful for the staff that love and care for our kids. It truly is invaluable. Thank you all.”

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THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY! *We are so grateful for you!*



Preschool News!

Preschool Only Part-time Program—

We are off for the summer; the next school year will start on Tuesday, September 8th. Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is open. Visit our website: <https://gracelutherancaldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> for all the information you need to register your child for this part-time preschool only program. NOTE: Our Pre-K AM class is full and we have 4 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 5 spots available in the Preschool only 3's class which runs on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-11:10 AM.

Address Change—

Just in case you haven't heard, awhile back the City of Caldwell informed us that our street number 2700 no longer conformed to the city grid and needed to be changed; therefore, the church has a new street number. It is 2718. This became official the beginning of May. The post office will continue to deliver mail addressed to 2700 for one year; but please make a note to change any correspondence to 2718 going forward. Our mailbox has been updated to 2718 and most businesses have been contacted. We are also waiting to hear from the post office as to where the mailbox can be placed for the childcare center which has a street number of 2802.



Change of Address

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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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Ephesians 3:14-19</i>	1 6:00 pm LWML/Concordia Circle pre-summer potluck!	2	3	4 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship & Finance	5	6 9:00 am Community Yard Sale 5:00 pm Private Event
7 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 am VBS Volunteer's Meeting	8	9 6:00 pm Elder's Meeting	10 Bulletin Deadline 5:00 pm Council	11 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	12	13 9:00 a.m. Set Up for VBS 1:00 p.m. Circuit Forum
14 Flag Day 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship VOTER'S MEETING & POTLUCK	15	16	17 Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Noon BBQ	20 1:00 pm Wedding
21 Father's Day 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 Bulletin Deadline	25 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	26	27
28 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees	29	30	<i>14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.</i>			