



Grace Newsletter

July 2026

Noah's Ark Float—

**Want to see what the final float looks like?
Come to the City of Caldwell's 4th of July Parade
and cheer us on!
The parade kicks off at 9AM.
Hope to see you there!**



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: Janet Brooks' home.

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.



LWML GIFT PLANNING—

An LWML Gift Planning Counselor just completed sharing a presentation about the importance of having a Christian estate plan, planning especially God's gifts to family and ministry. Frank was present for the presentation. His mind had wandered at times during it, as he was contemplating what exactly he might want to

accomplish. Frank came up to the counselor and said, "So what do you really do to help me in this process? I missed that part."

The counselor responded, "I am your Christian friend. I will pray with you, discuss with you, and work very hard to become clear about what the Lord has laid on your heart to do. Having this clarity before you begin working with attorneys and financial planners is crucial, so that your plans are not vague, but laser focused. There is no cost for my service to you, but I bring value. We will organize your family and financial information. We will investigate how your beneficiary designations line up with your overall estate intentions. I will offer you some visual designs to get the wheels spinning in your mind, about the possibilities the Lord has given you, of which you might not be fully aware. Then we will gather all that information, sharing it with your advisors so that you step into those appointments, fully prepared to accomplish your goals. I can assist you in preparing a statement of your faith that will speak to family, friends, and even fellow Church members, to encourage them in their faith. Finally, if you tend to get stuck on tackling a big project, I can encourage you to get started, and to keep going until you get it done. All of this we will work on, to assist you in being a faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has given you to manage."

Frank said, "Now I get it. I think I could be helped by many of those things you just described. When can we meet?"

To begin your faithful gift planning journey with your LWML Gift Planning Counselor, contact Lois Anderson, loisandersonlwml@gmail.com, Cell: 208-954-3534

“Biting (Licking) Dust”

During two unforgettable summers in college, I spent my days at a local camp, working alongside good friends in a variety of roles, from caring for campers as both a day and overnight counselor to leading fun recreational activities like archery and BB gun ranges, and even serving as a pool spotter. No matter my position, I was required to have my CPR and First Aid certifications always up to date. Our instructors taught us several clever songs to help memorize essential skills; one of the most memorable was a catchy tune set to the beat of Queen’s “Another One Bites the Dust”, which is an unexpected choice. Every time I hear that song, it brings me back to those summer days and the valuable CPR skills I learned.

Curious about the story behind the song, I did some research and discovered some fascinating details. Queen's bassist, John Deacon, drew inspiration from American disco and funk, particularly Chic’s hit "Good Times." Initially, he penned playful lyrics about cowboys, but later shifted to a darker, gangster-inspired theme for the final version. The song depicts violent clashes, including shootouts and revenge plots. The phrase "another one bites the dust" is used here to symbolize someone being killed or defeated—it's a common way to refer to dying.

This common way of referring to death finds its origin in the Bible. In Psalm 72, David prays for his son, Solomon, and foreshadows Christ's coming. In verse 9, he wrote: “May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!” These powerful words of prophecy declare that even the most isolated will submit, and all of the king's enemies will be vanquished, humiliated, and driven to the lowest depths—literally "licking the dust" in defeat. This climaxes not with David’s son, Solomon, but with his son and God’s Son, Jesus. Jesus came to fulfill this word when He did what was foretold of Him in Genesis 3:14-15, “The LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.’” Jesus did it all on the cross. Jesus defeated all our enemies. And rose victorious on Easter. Therefore, on the Last Day, “God has highly exalted [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)” We will bow down.

However, it does not stop there. Listen to what the apostle Peter wrote in his first letter's fifth chapter: “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:6-11)” Jesus raises our lips from licking the dust of death to the lips of singing praise for eternal life in paradise.

Come and join this praise of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this Summer at church!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge
Psalm 100



Teacher to Parent

The outsized power of early roots

How childhood lessons shape our future.



Writer Liz Flaherty says she and her husband still use a familiar expression.

“That’s how I grew up.”

For example, when he ques-

tions why she says, “Don’t

wipe the counters with dish towels,” her answer is, “That’s how I grew up.”

They’ve been married 55 years. You’d think they’d be over falling back on habits learned three-quarters of a century ago. But no.

A colleague recently had to wait for someone to move their double-parked car. I stayed with her until he got there. Gallant? Not really. That’s just how I grew up.

I hold the doors for others. I say hello to people. When I take people home, I wait for them to get inside. That’s how I grew up.

If that sounds like bragging, it shouldn’t, unless it’s bragging on my parents. I often do these things against my own will. Truth is, when I drop you off, I’m ready to leave. But I don’t because that’s how I grew up.

What’s remarkable is that at my age, I still rely on habits that I was taught as a child. You would probably say the same thing, which shows the outsized effect of lessons we learn in childhood. They stay with us. That’s why there are no “days off” in parenting and why it’s so important to know what kind of adult you want your child to become.

Every demand you make is an algorithm for adulthood. Every expectation is a seed that will someday sprout. Thus the proverb, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

But it also works the other way. I’m liable to laugh at a coarse joke. I forget to write thank-you notes. I’m impatient.

That, too, is how I grew up.

I bet a lot of your flaws can be traced back to childhood, too. Childhood is the kingdom where every shortcut

you’re allowed to take becomes your regular route in adulthood. It’s where fertilized selfish inclinations eventually become rooted.

It’s important for parents to clip the darkest roots before they grow too deep. We train children how to act by what we allow, stop, and reinforce. If you permit your children to treat you disrespectfully, throw tantrums, and waste money, they will grow up to become that kind of adult.

So in twenty years, what actions will make today’s kids say, “That’s how I grew up”? I wonder about this because the world looks different now.

Far fewer demands are made. Schools trend toward catering to children rather than training them. Helicopter parenting prevents kids from exercising real choices. Machinery does all their work.

The child’s comfort is paramount, so selfish behavior isn’t corrected. Children aren’t taught to hold the door for others; others hold the door for them. They’re not trained; they’re heralded, so they never learn that their behaviors matter to others. It’s like a gallery where the viewer gets the spotlight and the canvas remains in darkness.

Perhaps a bigger problem is that we don’t actually know who’s raising them. Yes, in one world, it’s parents and teachers. But in the other—the virtual realm that materializes the moment a child is handed a tablet and where parental guidance has been replaced by website blockers—who knows?

Who’s producing all those YouTube and TikTok videos? Who’s designing those video games and playing them with your child online? Who are those streamers? What are their values?

I don’t know, and neither does the average parent, yet they have more influence over this generation than any strangers in history. They’re not just influencers; they’re proxies. In the child’s virtual world—which is just as real to them as home—strangers instill the values and shape the behaviors.

We live in fearful times, but there are rays of light. Tablets can be taken away like any dangerous toy. Parents can still train up a child by being firm, loving, and smart. And the kids of those parents are rising to the top like never before. Where there’s a will, there’s a way.

That’s how I grew up.



Grace Lutheran

CHILDCARE CENTER

July 2026

NEWSLETTER



Summer FUN at Grace Lutheran!

📍 2802 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605 | ☎ (208) 402-5340



CALDWELL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

Look for
★ **Miss Josie** and
★ **Miss Trish**
as they dress up
as fun animals and
hand out candy
and flyers during
the parade!

BE SURE TO WAVE IF YOU SEE US!



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JULY 25
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- ★ Tour Our Classrooms
- ★ Meet Our Staff
- ★ Learn About Enrollment
- ★ ICCP Accepted

*Come see what makes
Grace Lutheran Childcare Center
so special!*




CHILDCARE CENTER MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 5
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH
📍 **BLUE ROOM**

*We invite anyone interested in the future
and growth of our childcare center
to attend. **Everyone is welcome!***



BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

MONDAY, JULY 27
2:00 PM

-  **MEET & MINGLE**
with other families
-  **ASK QUESTIONS**
about the upcoming school year
-  **ENJOY ICE CREAM**
and sweet treats!
-  **PREPARE TOGETHER**
for a great new year!

*Let's connect, share, and build a
strong school year together!*



WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE GRACE LUTHERAN!

- ✓ Christ-Centered Learning
- ✓ Loving & Dedicated Teachers
- ✓ Safe & Secure Environment
- ✓ Play-Based Learning
- ✓ Kindergarten Readiness
- ✓ Family-Oriented Community
- ✓ ICCP Accepted

QUICK FACTS

-  **Ages 3 Months – 5 Years**
-  **Full-Time & Part-Time Care Available**
-  **Loving Christian Environment**
-  **Safe, Nurturing & Secure**



*"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it."*
PROVERBS 22:6



*Wishing all our families
a safe and happy
July!*

★ **THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHILDCARE CENTER FAMILY!** ★
We are so grateful for each child and family we serve!



Preschool News!

Preschool Only Part-time Program—

Parent information night will be on Wednesday, September 2, at 6PM and the first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is open. Visit our website: <https://gracelutheran-caldwell.org/tuition-and-registration/> for all the information you need to register your child. NOTE: Our Pre-K AM class is full and we have 5 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 AM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 1-4PM
WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Address Change—

One last notification. Our street number is now 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 and most businesses have been contacted.



**Change of
Address**

Zion Lutheran School—

They are looking for someone to share their gifts from God as they hire both a part-time PE Teacher and an After School Care (ASC) Assistant for the 2026-27 school year.

The PE position is primarily on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:00 pm and only requires about 6 hours a week. The ASC Assistant could be daily or several school days a week. After-School Care starts at 3:00 pm, and students must be picked up by 6:00 pm. Most days are 1 to 1.5 hours at most. If you are interested in either one or both, please contact our School Board Chair (Mrs. Tonya Barber) with a resume at Schoolboard@zionlutherannampa.com.

You can also reach out to the School Front Office (208) 466-9141 to assist you in connecting with the School Board Chair.

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***



The following people are currently on our prayer list:

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, Janice Beaudry, Gregg Nanninga, Bryant Neal, David Ledington, Margaret Edmiston, Jim & Mary Freeland,

Ken Kroll, Rayaline Hartsock, Charles & Paul Row, Merrill Sargent, Carl Thomas, Wade & Martha, Sean (Cassie's dad), Mark (Margaret's dad), and the Henderson Family



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 100:1 <i>Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.</i>			1	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	3	4 9:00 AM Fourth of July Parade Come support our Noah's Ark float!
5 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 11:45 am Preschool/Childcare Board meeting	6	7	8 Bulletin Deadline	9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	10	11
12 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship	13	14 6:00 pm Elder's Meeting	15 Bulletin Deadline	16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	17 LWML Camp Perkins Retreat 17-19th	18 LWML Camp Perkins Retreat 17-19th
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26 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees	27 2:00 pm Childcare Ice Cream Social	28	29 Bulletin Deadline	30 9:30 am Women's Bible Study – Your Strong Suit	31	LCMS National Convention 17th -23rd
Youth Mission Trip – Yellowstone B & G Ranch					Youth Mission Trip – Yellowstone B& G Ranch	