



Grace Newsletter

September 2026

Downstairs Update—

The downstairs is 95% done. We just have some vinyl baseboard in the Sunday School common room to lay, move the items from the trailer outside into the High School room and some rearranging to do. Thanks again to everyone who has helped get our building put back together. Reminder, now with the fellowship hall restored, please consider signing up to host coffee and fellowship hour after church on Sundays.



Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing: "A Girl Called Samson" by Amy Harmon. Meeting place: Connie Stadick's home.

A brief summary: In 1760, Deborah Samson is born to Puritan parents in Plympton, Massachusetts. When her father abandons the family and her mother is unable to support them, Deborah is bound out as an indentured servant. From that moment on, she yearns for a life of liberation and adventure. Twenty years later, as the American colonies begin to buckle in their battle for independence, Deborah, impassioned by the cause, disguises herself as a soldier and enlists in the

Continental Army. Her impressive height and lanky build make her transformation a convincing one, and it isn't long before she finds herself confronting the horrors of war head-on. But as Deborah fights for her country's freedom, she must contend with the secret of who she is—and, ultimately, a surprising love she can't deny.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES—

MARY A. KASSIAN



A Personal Encounter

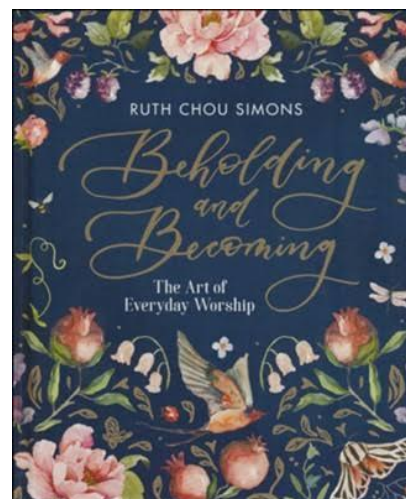


Thursday Mornings-9:30a.m.
Starts Sept. 10th
Contact Marilyn or Cathy

or Contact the church office 208 459-4191 for more information or to sign-up.



Tuesday Evenings – 6pm
Starts Sept. 15
Contact Cindy or Carla



Tuesday Mornings – 9am
Starts Sept. 15
Contact Lynnette

“Fig Leafing”

Fall colors have arrived. Leaves are changing, and rakes are prepared for their seasonal task. I am excited for my annual pastors’ conference at Camp Perkins. The drive there is breathtaking, with reds, yellows, oranges, browns, and greens blending with the early snow covering the majestic Sawtooth Mountains. I truly cherish the beauty.

This year, we’ve heard several idioms. I encountered many while researching these articles. Some are obvious in how they’re used today and, in the Bible, but a few made me dig deeper. Recently, I found one I knew the Bible reference to, but had never heard used in our society. It relates to falling leaves. It is the term “fig leaf.”

“Fig leaf” definitely refers to a leaf that grows on a fig tree. However, when used as an idiom, according to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, it means “something that conceals or camouflages usually inadequately or dishonestly.” Journalists have used this idiom in various articles in recent years. For instance, Alex Shepherd of the New Republic once wrote: “In the end, the actions taken by Facebook and Twitter are a fig leaf.” Meanwhile, Brian Seibert of the New York Times wrote: “And while the Armory intends to broadcast the results, someday, in a yet-to-be-determined way, the filming was a bit of a fig leaf.” It’s a term used in the political sphere, like when Nick Walsh said, “With this, Trump is offering Putin a frail fig leaf of respectability.” Where does this term originate?

This term goes back to Genesis 3. Directly after Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we hear in verse 7, “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.” The first couple tried to cover their sin and its shame. They chose fig leaves.

We are just like our first parents. Like them, we often hide from God, others, and even ourselves. Sometimes, we try to cover our sins and shame. Our fig leaves take different shapes, sizes, and colors. When confronted, we lie to hide the truth, blame others for our problems, make excuses, or deny it. If they cannot deflect our sin and shame, we try to minimize them, overcompensate, self-punish, or even compare ourselves to others. Despite our efforts, God’s Word reveals the truth: we are sinners. This sin leads to death. We cannot fully atone for our sins or prevent death.

When God saw these fig leaves, He knew they wouldn’t work. That’s why, in verse 21 of Genesis 3, it says, “And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.” This pointed to what God would do later when He sent the Lamb of God, His Son, Jesus, who would take away the sins of the world. Jesus accomplished this on the cross. And in doing so, we are now clothed in His righteousness. As Paul says in Galatians 3:27-29, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” You have become heirs of eternal life. When God sees you, He sees His Son. Have a fabulous fall!



Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason E. Gullidge
Isaiah 61:10



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“Let the little children come to me...”
Mark 10:14 ♥

♥ Welcome, New Friends!

Miss Taya, Miss Melanie, and Miss Danielle's classrooms are welcoming new friends into their rooms! We are so excited to have your children with us and can't wait for a wonderful year of learning, growing, and making special memories together!



≡ What We're Working On ≡

♥ All Classrooms



Learning our rules and routines



Getting familiar with our daily schedules



Building relationships through cooperative play



Developing social and emotional skills

♥ Miss Melanie's Class

In addition to the classroom goals, Miss Melanie's class is also focused on:



Fine motor development



Important Dates

September 7th, 2026

CENTER CLOSED
for Labor Day



Enjoy the holiday with your families!

♥ Stay Connected

Teachers will be reaching out to parents soon to share more information about your child's classroom, goals, and how we can partner together for a successful year!



Thank you for being part of our Grace Lutheran Child Care Center family!

♥ FAITH ♥ FRIENDSHIP ♥ FUN ♥



Parent information night is Wednesday, September 2, at 6PM and the first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. Our Pre-K AM class is full and we have opened an afternoon class that will run from 12:00 to 2:30 PM (MTWTH). There are 5 spots available in the PM class. The preschool 3s class is full.

JOIN US!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 1-4PM
WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 50TH YEAR
OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Join us for an afternoon filled with carnival games, popcorn, cotton candy, cake walks, raffles and a hot dog/bratwurst lunch!

Raffles include kid bikes and themed baskets!

All are invited!

(Previous & current teachers, previous and current preschool & childcare families, members, non-members and anyone curious about our Christian educational programs)

This event is free except for the raffles.

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Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Mount Vernon, WA, is celebrating 100 years of "Generations of Faith."

Kicking off Trinity's centennial milestone is the first of 4 events spanning a year beginning on September 13, 2026. Surely, it will be a triumphant time including a special reception in our Fellowship Hall. We'd love to hear your story. Do you have a personal connection to Trinity's history? Perhaps a relative that was a founding member,

founded a ministry, or helped in construction of our buildings. If so, we'd be honored to learn more. Please share your story and any photos to office@tlcmv.com.



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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.](#)



***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

Prayer list:

Donna Allen, Elizabeth Osmus, Bunie 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, Ken Kroll, Rayaline Hartsock, Charles & Paul Row, Merrill Sargent, and Carl Thomas.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31</i>		1 12:00 pm Preschool Staff 6:00 pm Elders 6:00 pm Childcare Center Booth at Indian Creek	2 6:00 pm Preschool Open House/Parent Night	3	4	5
6 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion	7 Labor Day	8 First Day of Preschool	9 Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Board of Outreach	10 9:30 am WTBS Knowing God by Name 1:00 pm Crafters	11	12 Preschool's 50th Year Celebration 1-4 PM
13 SS RALLY DAY 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 4:00 pm Youth Group	14	15 9:00 am WMBS – Beholding & Becoming 6:00 pm WEBS - Titus	16 Bulletin Deadline	17 9:30 am WTBS Knowing God by Name 11:15 am – Chapel GLP 12:15 pm – Chapel GLP 1:00 pm Crafters	18 7:30 pm Moving in the Park Night Grace's Backyard	19
20 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship with Holy Communion 3:00 pm Youth Group @ Zion	21	22 9:00 am WMBS – Beholding & Becoming 6:00 pm WEBS - Titus	23 Newsletter Deadline Bulletin Deadline	24 9:30 am Chapel-GLCC 9:30 am WTBS Knowing God by Name 1:00 pm Crafters	25	26
27 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Family Worship 11:45 am Board of Trustees 11:45 am Preschool/Childcare Board meeting 4:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Grace Book Club	28	29 9:00 am WMBS – Beholding & Becoming 6:00 pm WEBS - Titus	30 Bulletin Deadline	 Preschool 3s AM is TTH 9:00 – 11:30 am Pre-K 4s AM is MTWTH 9:00 – 11:30 am Pre-K 4s PM is MTWTH 12:00 – 2:30 pm		