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Grace GATHERINGS

Welcome

Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

The work of welcome is hard; the way of love is always a work in process. But we're committed to the biblical call of reconciliation and to change what we need to, both personally and as a community, so that we – all of us together – become a living sign of God's extravagant grace.

In Christ's name, all are welcome here. We are honored by your presence and by your participation in helping us make this vision of welcome a reality for all people.



Reformation@500

October 31st of this year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. A whole series of special events is planned to celebrate and mark this anniversary from concerts to lectures to movies all beginning October 1st and ending December 1st. Events which will be happening in October include:

Corvallis Repertory Singers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church (1165 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis);

Program includes Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott, BSV 80, & alestrina, Missa Papae Marcelli; Dr. Stephen Zielke, director. Ticket required.

Reformation Hymn Sing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church (1165 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis);

Called, Gathered, Enlightened, Inspired featuring: Dr. Paul Klemme, music director, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Salem; Jim Davidson, music director, First United Methodist Church, Corvallis; Christopher Buckley, music director, Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis; brass choir with tympani; and chorus. Refreshments follow program. Free.

Dr. David Luft — The Reformation of Jan Hus and the Moravians

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7:00-8:30 PM

Dr. Luft is the Horning Professor of History at OSU. OSU C&E Auditorium in the LaSells Stewart Center. Free.

Joanna Lindell — Art of the Reformation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7:00-8:30 PM

Curator, The Thrivent Financial Religious Art Collection, OSU C&E Auditorium in the LaSells Stewart Center. Refreshments follow presentation.

Dr. Kurt Hendel — Martin Luther: Man, Monk, Scholar, Transformer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 4:00-5:30 PM

Dr. Hendel is the Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Emeritus Professor of Reformation History at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Grace Lutheran Church. Free.

Community Conversation with Dr. Kurt Hendel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 9:30-11:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Church Fireside Room. Refreshments will be served. Free.

You may also find a listing of Corvallis events and related events in other communities at the Reformation@500 website, www.luther-house.org/programs/reformation500/





This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from Aug 21 to Sept 20. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to prayers@grace97330.org, and ask to be part of the prayer list.



We have a new address for **Casey Jones** — please contact the office if you would like it. Otherwise, you can still reach Casey via email. The phone numbers are no longer valid.

Pr. Jim Norlie can now be reached at:
jameslowell@q.com

Prayers

Thanks:

- Thank you to all the Grace volunteers — you are appreciated!

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Patricia Friez — Pr. Wendell’s aunt, for health & healing
- All those who have been negatively impacted by fire or storm this past month
- Jo Lundahl — for healing from surgery
- Kevin Collins — Margaret Samuels’ husband, for healing from surgery
- Paul Lambeth — Pr. Netsie’s stepfather, for healing from surgery
- Don Dean — friend of the Muellers, for health and healing
- Penny Reher — for strength and peace as she faces treatment for cancer
- Lenora Bond — Nancy Hemming’s mother, on hospice care
- Nancy Lambeth — Pr. Netsie’s mother, for healing from surgery
- Kathy Guide — Ellie Carson’s sister-in-law, for healing
- Janet Johnson — for peace and comfort as she stays at Hospice House
- Cathryn Johnson — as she cares for her dying mother
- Prayers of comfort for Bruce, Mary, Mark, and Sarah Stephens on the death of Bruce’s brother

Birth:

- Reagan Lee Reher (9/17/17) — granddaughter to Penny & Ron Reher

Death:

- Iona Emilia Trapp — Iona Trapp’s mother
- Joyce Signer — longtime Grace member and friend
- Terry Stephens — Bruce Stephen’s brother

Please pray for those not included on this list, by request or accidental omission. Pray for those who are infirm and/or secluded.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love’s sake. Amen.

Dear friends and members of Grace,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful Godspeed liturgy and reception August 27. Special thanks to the hospitality team and to Prs. Netsie and Wendell for the extra effort they made that day to honor me and my years of service at Luther House. I already mentioned that I’ll be away Fall Term to give space for Pr. Mike Ostrom to settle in as campus pastor. Never fear, I may be gone for now but not forever. I look forward to seeing you again in time.

God bless you all,
Pr. Jim

Pastor's Page

“Prepared us for an Autumn Reformation”

I am writing this on the first day of fall. While autumn isn't of itself a liturgical season, the change in seasons seem to coincide with the lectionary texts in a surprising way. Rather than present one integrated theme, our texts for the fall take us on a journey through the final chapters of the Life of Jesus as he journeys toward Jerusalem.

Consequently, we are able to look at a significant number of his teachings. In September we saw Jesus teaching about forgiveness, judgment, and reconciliation, perhaps it is in this interchange of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and these texts that encourage us toward forgiveness that we come to see the Reformation in a new light.

We no longer hold to the mutual denominational condemnations of the sixteenth century. Those have been lifted years ago and new avenues of dialogue have brought us closer together. New agreements for inter-communion and recognition of the emphases of various theological understandings have shown us that we have much more in common than we have things that differ from one another.

Rather, the ecumenical and inter-faith dialogues of the late Twentieth Century and the early Twenty-first Century have brought us to new understandings of how important we are to one another. As we move together through the world, we find that we are able to cooperate on many levels, particularly when it comes to doing the things Jesus encouraged us to do, feeding the hungry, caring for those who are ill, ministering to those in prison and caring for refugees.

It is through our work with those of limited means and who are recovering from famine and disaster, that we have learned that all Christians and other people of faith have a heart for the poor and downtrodden in this world of ours. When Lutheran Disaster Response has a truckload of water or a container of quilts it may have come from Lutheran World Relief, Catholic Relief Services or Jewish World Service or all three plus more. We have learned through cooperation that we have similar values and principles. We have also learned that by working together we may actually be able to get more done together, than we ever could on our own. When we pool our resources we are better stewards of the things God has placed in our hands, so that we might also give to our neighbor with caring hearts.

While there are a great many organizations that provide aid in times of disaster, it is the individual members of faith organizations that are first on the job through neighborliness and then churches and other houses of worship. Those connect through their denominational and faith groups to larger pools of resources often working with both governmental and non-governmental organizations to help those in need. When the governments and NGO's have left, it is the faith groups that are often still on the job helping those who have fallen through the cracks or are still in need of longer-term assistance.

The good news on this 500th anniversary of the Reformation is that we are making progress in overcoming the barriers that once kept us from ecumenical and inter-faith understanding and cooperation. Our dialogues with one another have opened up new avenues of communication. Our working together in one area often spills over into other areas as well. While we might still have our particularities, we have learned to use those to help others, we have also learned to appreciate the deep yearnings that bring our faith communities together as well. As we work together we are re-forming ourselves for even greater opportunities for cooperation and renewal of our faith and practice. We are applying God's gifts to God's work with our own hands. This is most certainly true.

-Wendell Hendershott

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Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's
Days Off
Tuesday & Friday



Oct 12th
**2nd Thursday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 Corvallis
 Country Club
 @ 11:45am**

Oct 26th
**4th Tuesday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 New Morning
 Bakery
 @ 11:45am**

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

During the Tuesdays of October we will be looking at a section of Matthew's gospel characterized by one commentator as "Jesus as the Son of God Who Feeds the World." It covers chapters 14-17 which contain two, miraculous feeding stories, 1) the feeding of the 5000, and 2) the feeding of the 4000. When we get to chapter 18 it contains what is referred to as "The Community Discourse" and is the fourth of five discourses of Jesus included in this gospel.

We meet every week from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If it's not possible for you to be with us for the whole time, you are welcome to join us later or to leave earlier. New members are always welcome.



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Wendell's Class

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Pastor Wendell with Donna King's Help has found some new material on Luther's Small Catechism. *By Heart* is material that reviews the five chief parts of his catechism, just in time for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Congregational Council read that our Presiding Bishop is encouraging each congregation to take a new look at the Small Catechism on this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. So this is one of the opportunities you will have to delve into this enchiridion of our faith. The five chief parts are The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism with Confession, and Holy Communion. Each month we will look at a different part as we cover the whole catechism.

Because there are a number of offerings for adults this autumn, the Sunday of the class may vary from month to month, but we hope to have plenty of notice to let you know when these will be. Look for the first Class October 8 in Ronnenkamp Hall.

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Frank & Sue

This quarter considers the major covenants that God makes with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. Beginning with Noah, God promises benevolence toward creation. Similar commitments are made with Abram, Phinehas, and Ezekiel. Ultimately, the covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world.

The five sessions in October are drawn from Genesis, Exodus, 2 Samuel, and Nehemiah and illustrate God's partnership with people who respond and agree to obey God's voice. God enters into covenant with Abraham, Moses, and David to work through history, establishing a kingdom that will ultimately bring forth the Messiah. Based on the covenant with God, Israel is chosen as God's special people.

Lesson 5	Oct. 1	God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15:1-6, 17-21
Lesson 6	Oct. 8	God's Covenant with Israel	Exodus 19:16-25
Lesson 7	Oct. 15	Obedying God's Law	Exodus 20:18-26
Lesson 8	Oct. 22	God's Covenant with David	2 Sam 7:1-6-8-10,12-16
Lesson 9	Oct. 29	God's Covenant with Returned Exiles	Neh 9:32-38, 10:28-29

Upcoming Celebration of Life for Joyce Signer

Joyce's family invites you to a celebration of life for Joyce on Sunday, October 15th at the Corvallis Country Club from 3-5 pm.

On September 6th, Joyce died peacefully in her most recent home at Timberhill Place at the age of 92. Joyce has been a member of Grace for the past 50 years. In March she and her daughter were able to attend our congregation's 75th Anniversary Banquet. A private graveside service was held for Joyce on September 15th at Oak Lawn Memorial Park. A bulletin from this service is posted in the Fireside Room.

All Saints Sunday — November 5, 2017

Each year on all Saints Sunday we remember in our prayers those who have died since the last All Saints Day. This year that would include all those who have died since November 1, **2016**. If you would like to remember a friend or family member who has died in the past year, please add their name to the All Saints list which will be posted in the entry, or email Carol in the church office at office@grace97330.org.

Oregon Synod Bishop's Convocation

Pastors Wendell and Netsie will be attending the annual Bishop's Convocation Tuesday through Wednesday, October 10-11 in Welches, Oregon. The theme of the convocation is **"Faith Under Fire"** and we'll be talking about 'public voice,' and our witness in this amazing and sometimes confusing age. Rev. Mark Brocker will spend an hour with us around select pastoral letters of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. What was the voice of the Confessing Church in his day?

Thanks to Synod Visitation Participants!

On Sunday, September 17th, 11 members of Grace in addition to our pastors participated in the Oregon Synod Visitation process. A Listening Team of three people from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Salem came to Corvallis to meet in one-on-one sessions conducted from 2:30-6:30 pm with our members and pastors.

Representing Grace in this process were: Bob Keith, Martha Anderson, Jim Leklem, Nancy Strohle, Wayne Kradjan, Shelly Lundahl, Rachel Harrington, Nate Olsen, Linda Samuels, Patrick Schroeder, Ardis Koester, and our two pastors.

We also have a Listening Team from Grace comprised of Tom Orwick, Jana Seeliger, Pr. Wendell Hendershott and Pr. Netsie Griffith. During October and November, they will be traveling to Holy Cross Lutheran and Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran, both in Salem, to have one-on-one sessions with their members and pastors.

We will eventually receive feedback gleaned from the Listening Team which might give us some new information regarding our ministry here in Corvallis. The Synod will also be receiving feedback from all the congregations who participate in the process which will provide them with a bigger picture of the ministry gifts and challenges throughout Oregon.

Blessing of the Animals: October 1, 2017

October 4 is the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, a renewer of the church. The actual day doesn't fall on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate a few days early. One of the things Francis was reputed to have done was preach to the animals and bless them. In honor of Francis' care and concern for the birds of the air and beasts of the field we are again planning to have a blessing of the animals here at Grace, at both services, October 1, 2017. This is a splendid celebration when you are invited to bring your animals, especially your pets, to church that Sunday and we will bless those that come during both of our worship services. Or you may bring a picture or representation of animals that are important to you. Last year, several people brought photos on their cell phones. These photos may include pets or it may be a picture of animals of the wild.



Music Changes for Worship this Autumn

8:30

In our early service we will again feature organ and choir each Sunday. We will be using Setting 10 in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Setting 10 is a hymns-tune version of the liturgy along the Lines of Luther's German Mass which he introduced in Wittenburg, October 29, 1525. Luther's Mass used Lutheran Hymn tunes (Chorales, in Luther's situation) with the words of the Liturgy. Because the hymns used were familiar, and in a language the people could understand, the mass became popular quite quickly.

We are expecting you will take a liking to the tunes in Setting 10 as well. We think you will find them familiar and quite singable. Once we have learned the melodies, we may even want to sing them in parts.

All the ordinary parts of the liturgy will be there. Since the words have to fit the hymn meters, you will see a few creative wordings in order for the words to meld with the tunes. All in all we hope you will enjoy this Twenty-first Century version of a long-standing Lutheran Practice.

11:00

Our Second Service will feature our praise band, Grace Alive! There may be some new faces and as always there will be some new songs, but we'll start with some of the more familiar songs we already know. The ordinary parts of the liturgy will be there as well. Most of the Songs that fit the texts will be from our Grace Alive! music we already know, even the songs of the liturgy. Gradually, week by week we'll add a new song as well. Listen to the preludes offertories and postludes, because those are often the places we'll first introduce a new piece of music. It will be fun to sing songs which are familiar and also to learn some new and exciting music.

All in all, we hope the music and the words of worship this autumn will speak to our intellect as well as our hearts and that the music chosen will be meaningful in both its message and as a medium for the good news of the gospel.



A Note from the Library: *Opportunities* by Ron Larson

Our industrious property manager Ron Larson has written his memoirs titled *Opportunities*, published by Franklin Press. Ron took a look back while taking a write your autobiography class at the Senior Center and has come up with a winner. Ron shares the goodness in life, his adventures in solving mechanical problems, and his successes in youth, his working life, marriage and his joy of contributing in his retirement.

Read how Ron got inspiration for his building skills from his Grandpa, and his Christmas present of a Constructioner set during his childhood in Minnesota. As a teen he hunted and fished with friends, enjoyed freedom and responsibility. He practiced diligently for the high school band. While in the Navy Ron was in what was known as the Pacific Airborne Early Warning Barrier. He also went through the Navy's grueling survival course. College days were a continuation of his studies in high school, as a bright and serious student. He met and married Kay, a nursing student, joined Hewlett-Packard, moved with the company to finally come to Corvallis, join Grace Church and that's how we know Ron. You will gain an appreciation and understanding of life's good gifts and joys reading this book written with logic and clarity. Ron shares about the role models in his life that helped shape him and his goals. Many pictures grace the pages of this book and illustrate Ron's life.

If you have ever felt the inclination to write your memoirs, your autobiography, reading Ron's book is a good way to get an idea of how to undertake this endeavor. Larson has generously donated a copy for the Grace Church Library. You may check *Opportunities* out. Then write your own story and leave a legacy for Grace Church to enjoy for years, as Ron Larson has.

- Jody Parker

Hope

by Victoria Safford

Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of hope — not the prudent gates of Optimism, which are somewhat narrower; nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense; nor the strident gates of self-righteousness, which creak on shrill and angry hinges; nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of “Everything is gonna be all right,” but a very different, sometimes very lonely place, the place of truth-telling, about your own soul first of all and its condition, the place of resistance and defiance, the piece of ground from which you see the world both as it is and as it could be, as it might be, as it will be; the place from which you glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle — and we stand there, beckoning and calling, telling people what we are seeing, asking people what they see.



John King	10/02
Penny Reher	10/02
Tom Orwick	10/04
Ron Reher	10/04
Judy Winkler	10/06
Todd Donner	10/07
Sylvie Schroeder	10/07
Krista Washington	10/08
Kay Larson	10/09
Maxine King	10/10
Freda Vars	10/10
Robyn Vega	10/11
Lee Strandberg	10/12
Carolyn Kradjan	10/14
Carol Triebes	10/18
Lida Brauner	10/18
Heidi Junge	10/19
Cy Stadvold	10/20
Kathy Scroggins	10/21
Ted Williams	10/23
Lyla Houglum	10/23
Harold Benson	10/25
Tom Kiersky	10/25
Mark Gourley	10/29
Carol Warloe	10/30
Sarah Davis	10/30
Kris Wilburn	10/31



Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King

Director of Music Ministries - Br. Christopher Buckley

Organist/Pianist - Sunghee Kim

Custodian - Sam McKay

Nursery - Nate Olsen

Office Administrator - Carol Terrill

Office Assistant - Jody Parker

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

Facebook Administrator - Rebekah Hadlock

If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org

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Guatemala

Some of you may remember hearing about the Faith In Practice medical mission trips that several members of Grace have taken. October 13-21, 2017 will see Frank and Sue Davis, Linda Samuels and Ron Anderson traveling to Antigua, Guatemala to serve on the FIP Pharmacy Team. We will be working to prepare the medications that will be used by the Faith In Practice Village Teams in 2018. Other members of Grace will most likely be serving on some of these teams.



All volunteers pay their own travel and accommodation expenses. Faith In Practice relies on donations from individuals to pay for medical supplies, equipment for patient care and transportation of patients. I hope you will consider supporting our medical mission team with a gift to Faith In Practice. If you are unable to donate at this time, your prayers are ALWAYS appreciated. Consider this an opportunity to become a miracle in the lives of those who suffer in poverty and in silence.

It's very easy to help FIP on-line at www.faithinpractice.org just click the WAYS TO GIVE button, then the Share The Mission box, then go down to the 553-Kincaid Pharmacy Antigua link. If you prefer to donate by check, please enclose your gift in an envelope to Faith In Practice, 7500 Beechnut St, Ste 208, Houston, TX 77074. Please write Trip #553 and/or one of our names on the memo line.

While you are at the FIP website, check out the BLOGS, search for "pharmacy" to see all the trips – how many Grace people can you find? Maybe you would like to join us some year?!?

Thanks in advance for your prayers of support for this very important medical mission work in Guatemala!

--- Linda Samuels

Interfaith Potluck Sunday, October 15, 2017 5:30-7:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis
2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97330

Please invite your congregations and friends.

Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences

Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible

If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware. We also have some, and will have paper plates if needed.

**Let us create and strengthen friendships between our congregations.
Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.**

FMI: UUFC Church office 541.752.5218

Globaliers

2017-2018
First Thursday of Each Month
Fireside Room @ 7pm

This looks to be a promising year for **Grace's Global Book Club**. **All are welcome** for one, several, or all of the discussion sessions. Participants are encouraged to read the book before the discussion, but those who are interested in the title may come and listen in as well.

10-5 ***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane***, Lisa See
Led by Renate Schuller

A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea.

11-2 ***The Book of Unknown Americans***, Cristina Henríquez
Led by Mary Ann Matzke

12-7 ***Ebola: The Natural and Human History of a Deadly Virus***, David Quammen
Led by Sharon Rosenkoetter

1-4-18 ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis***, J.D. Vance
Led by Ardis Koester

2-1 ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings***, Maya Angelou
Led by Pastor Wendell

3-1 ***The Sympathizer: A Novel***, Viet Thanh Nguyen
Led by Carol Erickson

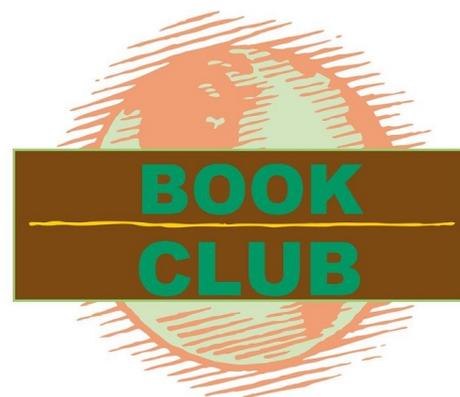
4-5 ***Turn Right at Machu Pichu***, Mark Adams
Led by Carol Warloe

5-3 ***Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity***, Katherine Boo
Led by Juan Guzman

6-7 ***The Girl Who Wrote in Silk***, Kelli Estes
Led by Darlene Leklem

9-6 ***From the Land of Green Ghosts: A Burmese Odyssey***, Pascal Khoo Thwe

10-4 ***When Heaven and Earth Changed Places***, Le Ly Hayslip with Jay Wurts



God's Work. Our Hands.

Approximately 50 members of Grace showed up at Garfield Elementary School which was the site of this year's Day of Service. They did a variety of tasks which included creating bulletin boards, weeding in the garden, assembling a garden greenhouse, assisting teachers with classroom related work, and painting grids on the playground lot surface. We also had a group which devoted themselves to assembling 175 non-perishable meal sacks which we give out from the office here at Grace. It was all done with many hands and spirited hearts.



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Luther House News

Call for College Students Names

Your Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University is Luther House www.luther-house.org. With the new Fall Term underway, we're collecting student names and contact info from Lutheran congregations in Oregon so we can reach out to them, invite them to get involved at Luther House, and nurture them spiritually during their college years. To do that, we need your help. Please identify all those students from your congregation who will be attending OSU, Linn-Benton Community College, or Western Oregon University this fall. Send us their name, address, and email (we have no other means of knowing how to reach them). By email send it to info@luther-house.org or by snail mail to 211 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330. We'll make sure to contact each and every one of them. As in year's past, a special welcome goodie bag will be created just for them – a free gift from Luther House to say "welcome" and "please join us." Thanks for your help in keeping them connected.

Student Leadership Team

The Luther House 2017-18 Student Leadership Team is comprised of Ben Post (Springfield), Kevin Bishop (Beaverton), Chris Sims (Mission Viejo, CA), Melinda Guzman (Aurora), and Christine Wong (Portland). These five students will plan and coordinate Luther House activities this year, assisted by Pr. Mike. We have a great team!

Fall Football Parking

Once again Luther House is hosting game-day parking for every home football game – September 30, October 14 and 26, and November 18. For \$10 you get a really fine place to park within walking distance of Reser Stadium. If you park with us four times, the fifth time is free. And you get the joy of helping support Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU. Spread the word. Parking is limited. First come, first served. Go Beavs!

Lutherfest 2018, February 25

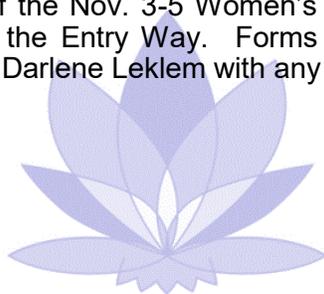
The Luther House Beer and Cheese Pairing benefit celebrates 90+ years of continuous ministry on the OSU campus. Save the date and plan to join us at the Boulder Falls Center, Lebanon. Detailed information, including how to purchase tickets, will be available mid-fall. Stay tuned!

Camp Lutherwood News

Harvest Festival is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and a great opportunity to give to **Camp Lutherwood Oregon!** Come out to camp on **Sunday, October 1**, from 2:00-5:00pm for a fun afternoon of games, live and silent auctions, delicious food, and a dessert dash all in support of Camp Lutherwood Oregon! We hope to see you there!

Walking with Grace — Women's Retreat

Walking with Grace will be the focus of the Nov. 3-5 Women's Retreat. For detailed information and registration forms look on the table in the Entry Way. Forms should be turned in by October 1st. Please contact Sharon Rosenkoetter or Darlene Leklem with any questions.



Grace Center News

There is never a dull day in Grace Center! When I called the staff for news ideas I got a list of exciting things. I hardly knew where to start. This week they tell me that the cabbage they harvested is for them to eat at their October fest... Sauerkraut and Sausages, their own creation. It takes three weeks to ferment, so this is a unique project! They are also planning to make their own root beer. Sounds good, doesn't it? In the meantime volunteers from Master Builders have started to build a potting bench in the garden. When it is completed in the spring it will have a sink, a roof, and shelves for the participants to use in planting their spring crops. What will they be cooking up by next fall?

Of course they won't sit around until then. A group of ten participants had a field trip this week to see the new carousel in Albany. It is magnificent, and they enjoyed watching all the animals go round and round. Some of them were ready to go around, too. Next week there is a field trip to the Oregon Gardens. Must get these adventures in before it rains too much.

-Betty McCauley



Dear Friends of Grace Center,

We are continuing to progress in shaping the Grace Center into a welcoming community. One of the ways in which we create a welcoming atmosphere is to have volunteers greet participants and visitors. This is such a tremendous help for us: the staff, participants, visitors, and drivers. We have purchased a new reception desk for our front entry to give us this capability. We will set up one hour time slots for volunteers to sign up for on a weekly basis, you may sign up for one or more. We hope to have the entry covered for the whole day, 7:30am-5:30pm with the peak times being 7:30am-10:30am and 2:30pm-5:30pm. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting weekly.

Thank you,
Corinne Butzin, Activities Coordinator
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Church Council

Devotions were led by Bob Keith on Romans 12: 9-21 on characteristics of the true Christian.

Attendance: Hal Brauner, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Rebekah Hadlock, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Dick Junge, Bob Keith, Donna King, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Sue Musil, Lew Nelson.

Absent: Shelly Lundahl, Sharon Rosenkoetter, James Wernz

Discussion

Pr. Netsie Griffith facilitated a discussion of the book Living In Community by Christine Pohl focusing on chapters 7 and 8 on promises and living truthfully. Each member shared a passage and suggested how the passage idea could apply at Grace. After the completion of the reading and highlighting of selected passages in the entire book, time will be allowed for an in-depth discussion. Council members should email to Pr. Netsie their passages and applications or questions for the in-depth discussion both from past and future chapters. The October Council meeting will focus on chapters 9 and 10.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda including the Communications Committee and Property Committee reports were accepted by vote as moved, seconded and passed. (MSP) The Council Minutes of August 14, 2017, were accepted with the following corrections: under Pr. Wendell's report, the 3rd line should read "for unity with Charlottesville" and the 5th line should read "funds for resettling of families".

Removed from Consent Agenda

The Stewardship Committee Report was removed to highlight the need to send budget requests to Hal Brauner, Treasurer, by September 15. Also highlighted was the request to send to Dave Lundahl images/photos of meetings and activities related to Caring, Outreach, Discipling, Worship and Operations. These images will be used to prepare videos for the fall Stewardship emphasis.

Officers/Staff Reports

Pr. Netsie Griffith highlighted individual confirmation instruction for Gabri Bilotta and Michael Gallagher so they can be confirmed with this fall's class. She also spoke about the plans for the Synod Visitation, both here at Grace Lutheran and the visitation of our team to Holy Cross and Christ the Good Shepherd in Salem.

Pr. Wendell Hendershott highlighted the fire inspection due soon and clarified zip cords, also known as extension cords, should not be used except for the power strips which contain on/off switches. He also discussed the changes in responsibilities coming for the Chancel Choir at the 8:30 service as a result of a shortage of Altar Guild participants and acolytes.

Donna King, Discipling Minister, reported Nursery staffing by Grace youth worked well for both the small children and youth staff over the summer. She announced Nate Olsen applied for the position of Child Care Provider now that he is 18 years old. His hiring was approved. MSP

Hal Brauner, Treasurer, reported income was down over the summer months both from contributions and from other income as a result of the rentals not being occupied over the summer. He considered the budget to be tracking normally for this time of year, but we need to prepare for next year's budget.

Continuing Business

- God's Work... Our Hands. About 50 participants took part in helping Garfield School prepare for the new school year. Thrivent cards were used to pay for additional t-shirts. Thrivent Choice Funds were approved to pay for the lunches for the participants.
- Br. Christopher Buckley was thanked for providing hospitality to 3 persons during the eclipse morning and Ron Larson was thanked for building the barricades which were not needed, but will be stored if there is a time when they are needed.
- The Synod Visitation process of being visited on September 17 was reviewed. Our team will visit two churches in the Salem area.
- Council vacancy was discussed. The term is for October to January when the Annual Meeting will include elections. Persons interested in exploring this opportunity should contact Bob Keith, President.

New Business

- Health care coverage was discussed for the 4 staff who work over half-time including Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Donna King and Carol Terrill. It was MSP to continue health insurance coverage at the gold level through Portico Benefit Services, a Ministry of the ELCA.
- Two new people were approved for membership. They are Julie Hart and Helen Hummer.
- Future staffing was discussed. Pr. Wendell, Pr. Netsie, Hal Brauner, Treasurer; and Lew Nelson, Personnel Committee, met to discuss possible scenarios for sustaining staff into the future. The Mutual Ministry Teams for the pastors also met with the respective pastors. The discussions began with the assumption that Grace Lutheran is a thriving congregation which values worship, music and Christian education. If, at some point in the future, it is necessary to make adjustments to staffing because staffing costs far exceed projected giving and income, it currently appears the greatest flex point would be to adjust the hours and salaries of the pastors. This would also anticipate a time when there may be only one full-time pastor (or two half-time pastors). Because Pr. Wendell is retirement age, it would be possible for him to take out retirement income in order to compensate for the cutback in salary as a result of reduced hours. In order to maintain the co-pastorate, Pr. Netsie's hours would be reduced at the same level. This would then help lay the ground work for the transition to a possible future reality of one full-time pastor.

Reminder/Assignment of Devotions and treats

October - Bob Keith, 2 Cor. 9:6-15

November - Rebekah Hadlock 1 Thess 4: 13-18

Closing Prayer was offered by Pr. Wendell Hendershott

Respectfully submitted, Ardis W. Koester for Shelly Lundahl, Secretary



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are always available
in the church office
for you to read.*

Another Miracle at the Corner of Kings and Harrison

The results of the Giving It Forward Initiative have put us within reach of retiring our mortgage.

Earlier we learned two new matching offers had been received. One is from the Grace Foundation for \$30,000 to match new pledges/donations starting in May 2017. Soon after we received another match offer of \$30,000 from a member. The result is new pledges/donations will be matched 2 for 1.

The principal amount owed on our mortgage is approximately \$131,000. Currently there are outstanding pledges totaling \$53,510. There is \$2,300 eligible for the new matches. The \$4,600 in matches added to the outstanding pledges results in a \$58,000 reduction in our mortgage and reduces the principal owed to \$73,000.

And that means approximately \$24,000 in new pledges/donations (and \$48,000 from matching) would RETIRE OUR MORTGAGE! There are several ways we can accomplish this. One is 48 pledges of \$500 over the next two years. That amounts to \$20 per month over the next 25 months. Another example would be 100 pledges of \$10 per month for 2 years. The third way is to simply make a contribution toward the retirement of the mortgage (GIFI in the memo line of a check). WE CAN DO THIS!

Stewardship Committee

As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here's the list of those providing transportation:

Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated Grace on the Move Drivers, who provide and/or coordinate rides to worship and Bible Study for those in need of transportation: Ron & Kay Larson, Marna Renshaw, Wayne & Carolyn Kradjan, Darlene & Jim Leklem, Anne & Tom Orwick, Debbie Kuehn, Judy Winkler, Norma Moody. *(if you provide this service and your name is not here, please let the church office know, 541.757.1600)*

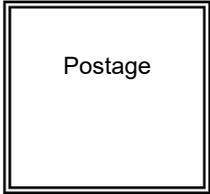
As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here's the list of our Sunday Musicians:

All are grateful to the many members dedicated to bringing the gift of music to our Sunday worship services. Our Director of Music Ministries, Christopher Buckley, lends expertise and dedication to provide us with joyful music. Sunghee Kim, accompanies the choir and plays organ for our early worship service. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who provide special music from time to time. In addition we want to recognize those who provide music Sunday in and Sunday out:

- **Chancel Choir:** Sue Davis, Carol Erickson, Netsie Griffith, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Norma Moody, Anne Orwick, Sue Speulda, Ellen Swanson Topness, Donna Wernz, Sandie Williams, Glenn Chaffin, Mason Cooper, Steven Evans-Renteria, Wendell Hendershott, Jerry Koester, Marshall Hill-Tanquist, Noel Vineyard, Jim Wernz
- **Grace Alive!:** Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Tom Kiersky, Dave Lundahl, Angie Kingsley

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 1, Salmon BBQ at Willamette Park Shelter
- October 5, Global Book Group
- October 8, Reformation@500 Hymnfest @ FUMC
- October 31, Downtown Trick-or-Treat
- October 31, Anniversary of the Reformation
- November 2, Global Book Group
- November 3-5, Women of Grace Fall Retreat
- November 5, Daylight Savings Time Ends (2 am)
- November 5, All Saints Sunday
- November 22, Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social

Grace Gatherings

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Our Stewardship Emphasis will begin October 1st

We hope you will participate in the Sundays of our 2016 Stewardship Emphasis to learn more about the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran Church. We will build on last year's theme:

**Growing,
Reaching
And
Caring for
Everyone**

This comprehensive look at how we use our Time, Talents and Treasures and how we care for the Trees and all creation, will continue through Commitment Sunday, November 5, followed by Thanksgiving Baskets, November 12. The complete stewardship timeline for this fall will be posted on the operations bulletin board.

