

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.



Sunday, September 3 @ 10 am

Central Park Outdoor Worship

The Sunday before Labor Day it has become our practice to gather together for worship with other Corvallis churches. There will be some 300 of us from six different congregations in Corvallis' Central Park for a joint ecumenical worship service. It is an opportunity to share the Eucharist together as well as hear the Word of God and join in songs of praise.

Other churches participating are First United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Each congregation is responsible for a different part of the worship service. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Entry Way of Grace to see how you might help. Extra hands will be needed for set up, donating cookies, and assisting with different elements of worship. If you have

questions or would like to discuss a contribution you would like to make, please contact Pastors Wendell or Netsie.

Each year an offering is received for a local agency. This year's offering will go to the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. You may also bring your Grace offering if you desire and if it is well marked it will be counted and passed on to our congregation. Loose offerings will go to the Shelter.



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. Look for posters and cards at Grace with details.

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 July 21 to Aug 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.



Dan & Karen Strand no longer have a landline. Please replace with:

Dan cell: 541.990.3771
Karen cell: 541.224.3016

Br. Christopher has moved:
3314 NE Lancaster St. #2
Corvallis, OR 97330

Anna Upenieks has a new phone number. Please contact Anita or the office for the number.

Prayers

Thanks:

- Thank you from Jim Hemming for all of the prayers. He is much improved!
- Thank you from Donna & Jim Wernz for the prayers and support for their granddaughter, Evvie
- Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry from Aaron, Lindsay, and Nora Kiersky for the beautiful handmade baptismal blanket. (Card and photo of the 3 are located on the Fireside Room bulletin boards. Nora is a cutie!)

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Jim Hemming — for health issues
- Sue & Kara Doescher — prayers of comfort over the passing of their husband/father from liver cancer
- Helen Hildebrandt — for a quick and full recovery from surgery after a broken elbow
- Lowell & Phyllis — Pr. Jim Norlie's parents, for peace in this ever changing time of transition for them
- Pr. Jim Norlie — during his time of transition
- Jan Whitman — for health and healing from cancer
- Perry Skoglund — Lew Nelson's brother in law, who is recovering from a recent surgery
- Judy Davidson — friend of Pr. Netsie's mother, who fell ill recently while visiting Oregon
- Laura — Kathy Farnsworth's sister, as she faces a difficult surgery and recovery time

Death:

- Paul Doescher — friend of Cathy Mueller
- Marlene Johnson — previous Grace member and wife to Vern
- Lisa Pridemore — Corvallis resident and Grace visitor who perished in a motorcycle accident last month, along with Brian Narzisi

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.

Just a reminder that 100% of your contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response will go to Hurricane Harvey relief. Here is a link to their website. From here you can find out more about the work, make a contribution or find out about other disaster response efforts.

<http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Hurricane-Relief>



Pastor's Page

Things to Take as we Move from August to September

Things of great impact occurred during August of 2017. Two stand out. Those of us who witnessed the totality of the solar eclipse which occurred on August 21st were astounded at a wonder of nature many of us were experiencing for the first time (and perhaps the last time). This was the result of forces within the cosmos that only recently in human civilization have we had the ability to comprehend from a scientific perspective.



The inverse of August 21st is August 12th. On that day in Charlottesville, Virginia a terrorist act perpetrated by a White Supremacist resulted in the death of a 32-year-old paralegal, Heather Heyer, who was in the streets with hundreds of others to counter a message of hate and ill will with a message of love and good will. Nineteen other people were injured by this one act of intentional violence. This was the result of forces within humanity that no amount of education, technological advancement or time on earth seem to be able to purify.

In a recent Tuesday Bible Study a devotion was shared which focused on an Akan* cultural symbol, Siamese Crocodiles. In this culture the Siamese Crocodiles have two heads but share one stomach. If the crocodiles were to fight over their prey they would risk injuring or destroying one another over the food that sustains them both. Yet, through a relationship of love and compassion, they would grow strong, be healthy and happy. "The crocodiles do not need to strive for unity; it is a fact. [Likewise] We do not need to strive for unity. God has established it . . . "**

Everything from humanity's hatred for the other, fear of the other, apathy, inaction in the face of injustice, resentment, jealousy, entitlement, blame, slander and carelessness destroy the unity that is a given. Unity is the result of divine forces interacting with cosmic forces and human forces. Say McMann and Neff in their book, *Walking Gently on the Earth*, "God's will for unity is the secure foundation for it. God doesn't simply suggest unity and love but *wills* them. This foundation goes deeper than human similarities, common interest, cultural knowledge, and proximity. It is accepting and acting upon the fact that we are all brothers and sisters; because of Christ we are already united. We don't need to make it happen; it is already a fact. The question is not will we be unified, but what will the quality of this unity look like? Will we have relationships modeled after Cain and Able or perhaps Ruth and Naomi?"***

My experience of being gathered with others to witness the solar eclipse was that it brought people together in unlikely ways and places. Stopping what we were doing to share this brief moment in time brought together other things we shared. I have been struck by others' stories of how unexpected people came into their lives on the day of the eclipse (or the day before) which brought joy and blessing.

Likewise, here in Corvallis, on the Monday following the tragedy in Charlottesville, people came together to share their sorrow, their anger, their hurt and found comfort in being together. They held up a vision for the unity, a hope for the unity which God wills among us.

As we move from August into September here at Grace Lutheran, might we look for the unity that is already here; might we confess the things we do which destroy our God given unity; might we celebrate that God continues to bind us together through water, word and sacrament? Might we join the force that is the creator and source of cosmic forces? Might we join the force that is greater than hate and has the power to transform hate to humility and compassion?

We are one body, and one heavenly food feeds our stomachs, our hearts, our spirits and our minds.
Thanks be to the One who wills our unity.
United with you in Christ,
Pastor Netsie

*Akan culture stems from the plurality of the populace of the Ivory Coast of Africa.

**From the book, *Walking Gently on the Earth*, p. 11

***Ibid., pp. 11-12

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's Days Off

Thursday & Friday

Pastor Wendell Hendershott

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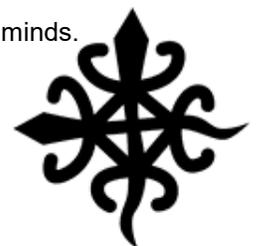
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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday





Sept 14th
**2nd Thursday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 Nearly Normal's
 @ 11:45am**

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

After a considerable summer break, we resumed our study of Matthew last month. We move into September with renewed energy and gratitude for the opportunity and privilege to gather freely with others to study and be molded as people of God by the power of the Word.

Does your fall schedule afford you the space and time to join us? If so, we would love to benefit from your presence and insights.

Meet us in the Fireside Room every Tuesday from 1-2:30 pm.



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Wendell's Class

Pastor Wendell is looking into our neighbor's faiths for the themes of his class this fall. 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 in October.

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 first four sessions are drawn from Genesis, Exodus, and Ezekiel and celebrate four signs of God's covenant. Promising to renew the cycle of seasons, God creates the rainbow as a permanent reminder of the covenant with every living thing. Circumcision is the sign of the covenant with Abraham, and the Sabbath is the sign of the covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai. The last is the spirit-filled heart.

Lesson 1	No Class	Labor Day Weekend Ecumenical Service in Central Park
Lesson 2	No Class	God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
Lesson 3	Sept. 17	Sabbath Observance Exodus 31:12-18
Lesson 4	Sept. 24	Spirit-Filled Heart Ezekiel 36:22-32

Sunday, September 10th

God's Work. Our Hands.

Our 2017 project site is Garfield Elementary School. We will engage in a variety of outdoor and indoor tasks at different skill levels and age levels. There will be something for everyone to do! All are invited to gather at the school, 1205 NW Garfield Avenue, immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided at the site courtesy of Thrivent Financial grant money. Meet in the cafeteria at the school. We will plan to work until approximately 1:30 p.m.

Since it is a work day as well as a day of worship wearing your work clothes to church is expected. Consider bringing gloves and a water bottle with you. Water will be available to refill water bottles as needed.

If you ordered a t-shirt in July, they are available to be picked up in the Fireside Room from now until Sunday, September 10th. If you were unable to order one in July, do not have a shirt from previous years, or if as a growing child you have outgrown last year's shirt, a few extra shirts have been ordered. Sign up for one of these free shirts, so we can get it to you. Thanks to those who designated Thrivent Choice funds used to provide t-shirts for this special project.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

HELP — Homeless Employment Launching Project

Grant Carlin, the Director of HELP (a project of the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center), recently reached out to our community for help. HELP, as a local non-profit organization, assists the homeless and nearly homeless with skills and training to re-enter the work force.

HELP currently has several workers available, but not enough local jobs to keep them employed. If you are in need of someone to do small day-labor jobs at your home such as yard work, painting, gutter cleaning, window washing, etc., or if you have a local business that needs short term help filing, cleaning, etc., HELP can assist you. The rate is \$14/hr. and the take home pay for the worker is \$12/hr. A&S Accounting, located downtown, handles all of the paperwork involving taxes, social security, and workman's comp. insurance. HELP workers are fully insured and undergo thorough background checks.

The full letter from Grant Carlin can be found in the Fireside Room on a bulletin board. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with this beneficial organization and what they are doing for our community.

If you would like to hire someone, or have additional questions, please call 541.740.8131 or visit the CDDC website at corvallisddc.org for more information.





Gordon Matzke	09/01
Jim Zeller	09/01
Sue Davis	09/01
Bud Helpenstell	09/04
Darlene Leklem	09/06
Shelly Bilotta	09/06
Franklin Raze	09/07
Patrick Schroeder	09/09
Erika Donner	09/13
Kris Saathoff	09/14
Juan Guzman	09/15
Karen Stephenson	09/15
Marjorie Kinch	09/16
Eli Geist	09/18
Marcie Anderson	09/18
Mary Ann Brenan	09/19
Rick Osborn	09/19
Anita Upenieks	09/20
Martha Anderson	09/20
Leslie Weeber	09/21
Dan Hallgrimson	09/22
Bob Keith	09/23
Seamus Harrington	09/23
Rachel Harrington	09/24
Annikka Howe	09/25
Avi Hadlock	09/25
Cyndi Wahrmund	09/28
Bob Schoning	09/29
Evelyne Hendrix	09/29
Gail Barte	09/29
Gloria Chaves	09/30

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 - Grace Youth

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

Teams & Committees

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Healing Prayer Team - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

Mission Groups - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

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Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

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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.

9-7-17 ***Half a Yellow Sun***, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
 Led by Carol Kamke

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

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

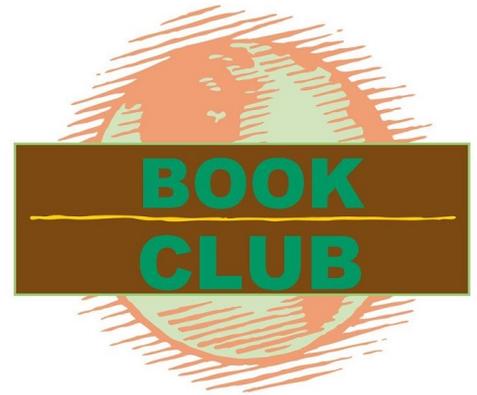
4-5 ***Turn Right at Machu Pichu***, Mark Adams
 Led by Carol Warloe

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



Luther House News

Welcome Pastor Mike and Kristin

It is with great excitement that the Luther House Council of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University announces that Pastor Michael Ostrom is the next campus pastor of Luther House! Pastor Mike currently hails from Omaha, Nebraska, where he most recently served at Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry. He also worked in campus ministry at Dana College, and in parish ministry in Nebraska and Illinois. Please pray for Pastor Mike and his family, as they relocate and he begins his tenure September 1. When the opportunity arises, please introduce yourself to him and his wife, Kristin, to help us extend them a warm OSU welcome. Watch for information about his installation to occur later this fall, and join us to welcome this new ministry among us.



Student Names Please

September 20 Fall Term begins. We're excited to meet many new and returning students, invite them to be part of the Luther House luther-house.org community, and get them involved in Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU. We don't want to overlook any students coming from your congregation when we reach out to the campus community. You can help us know who they are by sending us their name and contact information (email, phone, and address). Email us at info@luther-house.org or call 541-753-5213. We'll treat that information with care as we welcome them to continue their spiritual journey in the coming year with us.

Fall Football Parking

Again this Fall, Luther House is offering home game football parking starting three hours before kickoff in the Grace Lutheran Parking lot, corner of Kings and Harrison. \$10 is all it costs. Park four times and the fifth time is free. Proceeds will support both Luther House programming this year and Grace youth who will attend the national youth gathering next summer. Game dates are: September 2, 9, 30, October 14, 26, and November 18. Check the OSU schedule for start times <http://www.osubeavers.com/schedule.aspx?path=football>.

Lutherfest 2018

Save the date! Lutherfest is coming February 25, 2018, from 2:00-4:30 pm at the Boulder Falls Center in Lebanon, Oregon. The theme of this 6th annual beer and cheese pairing continues our year-long celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, reminds us of the trees planted in Germany and Corvallis as part of the Luthergarten project, and depicts new growth in times of change and transition. Of special interest this year is your chance to meet our new campus pastor, Michael Ostrom, face-to-face. Plan to join us. More information will come your way early fall.

Grace Center News

Grace Center was closed the day of our Big Event – the eclipse, but the Center staff prepared participants to enjoy the wonder with their families. In the weeks before it happened they had discussions and videos and books from the public library exploring the phenomenon. Then in their art time the participants used their imagination anticipating the once in a lifetime experience.

In the meantime, outside the Center, you may have noticed that the memorial garden is beginning to take shape. Pavers are being laid and many of them have already been inscribed with the names of family or friends that are being remembered or honored. It will be a quiet place of remembrance and appreciation. Only one of the benches is yet available to be a memorial, and the flag pole can still be chosen. If you are interested please call the Center office for information. Proceedings from the memorials will go toward the purchase of the building.

— Betty McCauley

Camp Lutherwood News

Meet Gordon, our new Director of Facilities & Operations!

Gordon joined the team in September of 2017 after Lutherwood received a second grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Gordon is originally from Nairobi, Kenya and was serving as a Jesuit Missionary before coming to the United States. He is excited for all of the opportunities in the position and looks forward to linking the mission and vision of Lutherwood through communication, work and fun!



Harvest Festival!

Sunday, October 1 2017, 2:00-5:00pm

Save the Date for our 4th Annual Fall Celebration and Fundraiser! Come out to camp for an afternoon of delicious food, games, live and silent auctions and fellowship, all in support of Camp Lutherwood Oregon!

Buy your tickets anytime in the month of August and get entered into our raffle to win a mystery prize!

Buy your tickets today!



Donate an Auction Item!

We are still in need of baskets for the silent auction!

Can't make it on Sunday, October 1, to Harvest Fest? Donate a silent auction basket! Basket themes can be anything from "Night at the Movies," to "Spa Basket" to "All Thing Sports Basket!" Use your imagination to donate to camp! (Retail value \$50-\$250)

Contact Caitlin Elwood at: caitlin@lutherwoodoregon.org or call (541) 998-6444 for more information on donating items!

Walking with Grace — Women's Retreat

Have you signed up for the women's retreat yet? Join the women of Grace Lutheran, Corvallis, and Our Savior Lutheran, Lebanon, plus family and friends, on the weekend of November 3-5, 2017. We will be staying at Edwards Lodge, Camp Magruder, in Rockaway Beach, Oregon.

The event promises to be a time of rest and relaxation in a peaceful forested setting on the Pacific Ocean. Women of all ages and levels of physical dexterity are welcome to attend. Each woman who attends will be cherished as a sister in the faith and a unique person with much to bring to our time together.

On the "Fall Back Weekend" (extra hour of sleep included!) our discussions will be facilitated by Cammie Bella. Cammie, a retired RN/Family Nurse Practitioner, is a Church of the Good Samaritan parishioner who is an ecumenical spiritual director, licensed lay eucharistic minister/preacher, and experienced retreat leader.

For more information, please check the entryway for registration forms, or contact Sharon Rosenkoetter at sharon.rosenkoetter@oregonstate.edu.

Forms are due by 10/1/17, but you can always get them in early...



Church Council

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council
August 14, 2017

Attendance: Bob Keith, Anne Orwick, Shelly Lundahl, Rebekah Hadlock, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Dick Junge, Ardis Koester, Sue Musil, James Wernz, Lew Nelson, Hal Brauner, Sharon Rosenkoetter
Absent: Jaya Lapham, Donna King (summer leave)

Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm with President, Bob Keith presiding.

Devotions were led by Bob Keith on Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32.

Pr. Netsie facilitated a discussion of the book "Living into Community" by Christine Pohl focusing on chapters 5-6 on Promises. Each member shared a passage that spoke to them and suggested how the passage idea could apply at Grace.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was accepted which included: Council Minutes of July 10, 2017, Executive Council Minutes of August 7, 2017, and reports from Property Committee, Communications Committee, and The Grace Foundation. There was no report from the Stewardship or Personnel Committees. Moved, seconded, and passed. (MSP). No items were removed for expanded discussion.

Officers/Staff Reports:

Pr. Wendell: From his written report, Pr. Wendell highlighted: 1) that the confirmation class will be quite small this year probably resulting in a change of format; 2) he attended the rally for unity with Greensville at the courthouse earlier that afternoon, 3) the Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon (WITO) needs a new arrangement with a non-profit to process funds for resettling the family from Uganda. WITO Treasurer Wayne Kradjen requested that Grace steward their monies. MSP that Grace will accept husbandry of WITO funds through a Restricted Fund with Grace's bookkeeper Robin already in agreement.

Pr. Netsie: Highlights from her written report: 1) New member Lois Erstad will move back to Texas. 2) Preparations are progressing for God's Work Our Hands Sunday- t-shirts arrived, and bulletin inserts will be placed the next three Sundays. 3) Bishop Dave will preach Eclipse Sunday (Aug. 20) and we expect to welcome many visitors. 4) Reformation@500 has a website linked from the Luther House site to share information on the many events, with Dr. Kurt Hendel will speak at Grace Thursday, Oct. 26. Grace is listed in publicity for the ChiRho speaker series in Eugene, Oct. 27-29.

Treasurer Report by Hal Brauner: Contributions are holding steady and income to expenses are currently in a good balance. Grace is in a good cash flow position for now. Income is slightly higher and expenses are running slightly lower than budgeted.

Continuing Business:

God's Work Our Hands- Garfield School confirmed as work site with outside projects in the garden and shed identified with Courtney Shaff is liaison. A list of inside projects will be assembled after teachers return to their classrooms. One additional Thrivent Action Team card is needed to help pay for lunch. Norma Moody contributed a card toward items for office lunch bags.

- Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center -Shelly & Jaya will still craft a letter to CMLC stating the council's stance and offering to discuss space needs for their partner organizations.
- Eclipse- Ron Larson built traffic barricades to block driveways to cars during the eclipse weekend; we encourage walk-in access.
- Oregon Synod Visitation – Listening teams composed of representatives of churches within their Cluster will have 1-1 conversations with 12 people representing a cross-section of a congregation. The closest Listener training session will be Saturday morning Aug. 26 at Good Shepherd in Albany. Grace members who participated previously at Grace as listeners will be invited first to attend the training. Teams will determine their schedule for contacting and visiting churches. Listening visits are expected to be completed before Thanksgiving. Council discussed that the Synod hopes to learn what sparks excitement, internal views of congregation strengths, weaknesses, vision, role in the community, among other learnings. The Synod hopes to use these insights to better assist Oregon Synod churches in ministry.

New Business:

- There is interest in using Ronnenkamp Hall to host photo or art exhibits. Ron Larson recommended placing a horizontal bracket/molding on walls to hold the art. The screen wall attachment needs extending to protect hanging art during an exhibit. Ron will be consulted on this change. The initial exhibit will be Sharon & Larry Rosenketter's photos of Germany during the Reformation@500 activities. A committee should manage future exhibits.
- Anne Orwick is resigning from Council and as Vice President due to new family commitments. Ardis Koester was elected to serve as V.P. until the next congregational meeting.
- For Sandcastle Preschool's first school mornings, Sept. 11-12, council members were asked to help welcome parents and students with cookies and coffee. Many staff are new this year also. Grace will recognize Jim Norlie's retirement with a congregation blessing and reception August 27

Reminder/Assignment of Devotion & treats. September - Shelly Lundahl, Romans 12: 9-21. October – Bob Keith, 2 Cor 9:6-15

Closing Prayer was led by Pr. Netsie Griffith.

Adjourned at 9:00pm

Submitted by Shelly Lundahl, Secretary



President:
Bob Keith
Vice President:
Anne Howard-Orwick
Secretary:
Shelly Lundahl
Treasurer:
Hal Brauner
Financial Secretary:
Mary Stephens
Council Members:
Pr. Netsie Griffith
Pr. Wendell Hendershott
Rebekah Hadlock
Dick Junge
Ardis Koester
Jaya Lapham
Sue Musil
Lew Nelson
Sharon Rosenkoetter
Jim Wernz

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

New Music 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, 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 parts of the liturgy will be there. Since the words have to fit the hymn tunes, 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. Most of the Songs that fit the texts will be from our Grace Alive! music we already know, while most of the liturgy songs will be new to us. 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.

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)*

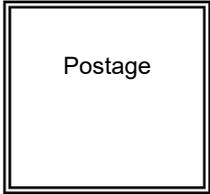
As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here's the list of our Sunday Musicians:

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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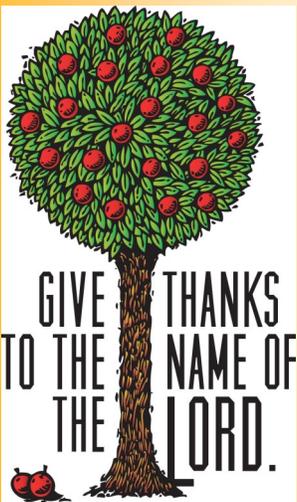
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 3, Labor Day worship, *in Central Park*
- September 4, Labor Day – Office Closed
- September 7, Grace Globaliers
- September 8, Partner's in Faith
- September 10, God's Work Our Hands Sunday
Service Projects after worship
- September 17, Back to two services, 8:30 & 11:00
with Sunday School in-between
- September 21, Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace
- October 1, Salmon BBQ at Willamette Park Shelter
- October 31, Downtown Trick-or-Treat
- November 3-5, Women of Grace Fall Retreat