



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.



I Hear America Singing

Walt Whitman, 1819-1892

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong,
The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam,
The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work,
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck,
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing as he stands,
The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown,
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young wife at work, or of the girl sewing or washing,
Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else,
The day what belongs to the day — at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

"If more politicians knew poetry, and more poets knew politics, I am convinced the world would be a little better place in which to live."
- John F. Kennedy

Summer Worship Schedule

Summer services will be at 10:00am

July 2, Independence Day Weekend

July 14-16, Family Camp Weekend

One service at 10:00 in Corvallis, Family Camp service at Lutherwood

September 3, Labor Day worship, *in Central Park*

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



This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from May 21 to June 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.



Prayers

Thanks:

- Many thanks to Pr. Wally Gustav for his pastoral care while Netsie & Wendell were away

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Mary Ann Hall, for continued healing of her broken hip
- Carol Freeman, for relief from back pain
- Roberta Kelly, for continued healing
- Tammy Vedvei, relation of Mary Ann Hall, with stage four brain cancer
- Vicki Lambeth Rossi, Pr. Netsie's stepsister, following kidney surgery
- Alan Adams, Rachel Harrington's father-in-law, who recently fractured his back
- Joy Martin, for continued healing after oral surgery
- Jim & Donna Wernz's granddaughter and family, for health and peace of mind
- Liz Miles, Pr. Netsie's cousin, who recently fell off a deck and sustained serious injuries
- Jan & Bud, Denise Cardinali's parents, for Jan's health and healing

Birth:

- Welcome, Lincoln Thomas White, born May 26th to Ashley and Robert White

Death:

- Robert Lee, father of Cindy Lee, who passed on June 8th

Wedding:

- Congratulations to Briita Orwick (daughter of Tom & Anne) and Alex Pajunas, married on June 3rd

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.

The Summer Schedule for Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is taking an eight week summer break. We resume Bible Study on **Tuesday, August 8th**. At that time, we will continue making our way through the gospel of Matthew, as we also continue to focus on passages from Matthew on Sunday mornings during worship.

During the eight weeks that we will not be meeting for Bible Study some of the members of the group will be engaging in a ministry of visitation to some of our members who might benefit from some friendly conversation and company. Even if you are not a part of our Bible Study group and would like to participate in this ministry, Mary Ann Brenan is coordinating it for us. Please contact her to let her know of your interest.



You are encouraged to join us in August when **we will resume meeting in the Fireside Room every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m.** New participants are always welcome. If your schedule doesn't allow you to be with us for the whole time you are welcome to come for part of the time.

God's work. Our hands.



Grace Lutheran's **Service Sunday** is scheduled for **September 10th**, following our 10 a.m. worship service. **Save the date!**

If you did not get a t-shirt last year or the year before, orders for FREE t-shirts for 2017 participants are being taken now. You may also order a t-shirt if the one you have doesn't fit. Look for the t-shirt display and order sheet in the entryway. Orders will be taken through mid-July.

Our 2017 project site will be Garfield Elementary School. A task force is busy making plans for the work in which we will have an opportunity to engage on the same day as Lutherans across the nation will be working on projects in their respective communities. Anticipate more details and updates in the August issue of Grace Gatherings.

"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.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.



Pastor's Page — A Litany for Children

As we anticipate hosting Day Camp here at Grace Lutheran this month in partnership with Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, I offer excerpts from "A Litany for Children" included in the book by Marian Wright Edelman titled *Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children*. The full litany was written by the Children's Defense Fund for a celebration of National Children's Day held at the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in June of 1982.

O Lord of light and source of all creation, we praise and glorify You for the children You have given us.

Accept our thanksgiving, O Lord.

For their lives, their inquiring minds and receptive spirits, for their health and growth,

We humbly praise You, O God.

For their beauty and innocence, their laughter and tears, their joyous ways that fill us with wonder and delight,

We humbly praise You, O God.

For their youthful vision by which You lead them trustingly into the future,

We humbly praise You, O God.

For our families and for Your loving forgiveness which allows parents and children to make mistakes and, confessing them, to continue to live in harmony,

We humbly praise You, O God.

For our children's growth in faith and their simple trust in You in these complex and troubled times,

We thank You, O Lord.

That Your Spirit will remain with them as they grow, guiding them in the ways of justice, righteousness, and peace,

We pray to You, O Lord.

For all those who in the faith minister to and teach our children and are models of truth and goodness,

We thank You, O Lord.

Defender of the oppressed and the orphan, we pray for all children in our nation and our world who suffer from poverty, injustice and fear.

Hear the cries of Your children, O Lord.

For children who this day will not have enough to eat, *In Your tender mercy, provide them food, O God.*

For children who are victims of race or class discrimination, poor education, drug or alcohol abuse, and hopelessness,

In Your tender mercy, grant them lives of hope and a future, O God.

For children and parents enduring the pain and grief of death or divorce,

Send Your comfort, Spirit of God.

For children and parents who live in conflict and misunderstanding,

Give them Your peace and truth, Spirit of God.

O Ruler of all, our sure defense, we pray for the world our children live in and will inherit.

Have pity on us, O Lord.

For the sake of all children, bring an end to conflict and war between nations. Give us hearts and minds of peace and help us to teach peace to our children.

We cry to You, Creator of all.

For the sake of all children, bring an end to our misuse and pollution of the land, air, and water of the Earth. Teach us to be stewards and guardians of your creation.

We cry to You, Creator of all.

O Holy God, through whom all things are transformed and made whole, grant us and our children newness of life. Refresh and sustain us with the glorious vision of your world to come in which all children will live in peace and harmony, all children will be filled with good things to eat, and all children will rest secure in your love.

O God Most High, whom we name Yahweh, Lord, and Our Father, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world, we ask these things on behalf of our children and generations yet unborn who will live to praise your Holy Name, world without end. Amen.

Praying with you for the children who will attend this year's Day Camp and all children of the world,
Pastor Netsie

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's

Days Off

Thursday & Friday

Pastor Wendell

Hendershott

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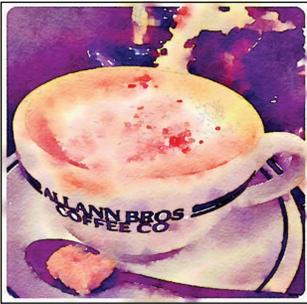
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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday



Women's Luncheon

July 13th
2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon at
McGrath's
@ 11:45am

July 25th
4th Tuesday's
Women's
Luncheon at
New Morning
Bakery
@ 11:45am

Did You Know?

Just a quick note to tell you that the June 2017 issue of *Thrivent* magazine, which recently arrived in mailboxes, includes an insert in the middle of the magazine. In that insert is an article (Filling the Foodbank) that mentions Pr. Jim Norlie, and also features an image of Grace members at work! (Good to see you, Linda Roberts, Dorothy Miles, Kay Larson, and Mary Ann Brennan!)

**Kindness on Campus**

CORVALLIS, OREGON—Pastor James Norlie knows what a big transition it can be for students when they first come to college. The pastor of Luther House, a Lutheran Campus Ministry on the Oregon State University campus, Norlie led a Thrivent Action Team to assemble gift bags to welcome new students and make them feel more at home.



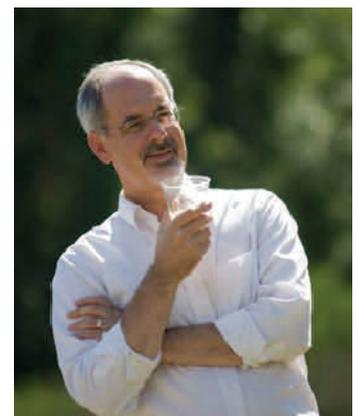
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title will get you to
our page.**

The Bishop is Coming!

Our Oregon Synod Bishop, the Rev. Dave Brauer-Rieke, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, August 20th, just prior to the highly anticipated Solar Eclipse. So, now we will have two special events to anticipate in August. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to be with us.



New Giving It Forward Opportunity Ties Back to Church Founders

In the 1940s, Grace Lutheran Church was a young, growing congregation. The members invited friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Worship increased to the point where they needed their own building. They raised the money through a special offering (separate from regular giving), placing their gifts through a slit in the roof of the church building replica shown in this picture. These offerings were used to purchase one of seven chapels from a vacated military base, now Adair Village. They dismantled the building, moved it to Corvallis, and rebuilt it into what today is Ronnenkamp Hall.



Today Grace Lutheran maintains much of this same spirit. We are still a generous congregation, giving through our time, treasures, and talents to serve in many forms of ministry. In fact, the Giving It Forward (GIF) Initiative is proof! As you may know, the GIF initiative was announced in worship a year ago. The purpose is to pay off our building debt such that we can put more of our future regular offering dollars toward ministry.

The Stewardship Team is happy to announce that we have now received \$250,000 in pledges or contributions, \$100,000 of this coming from the Grace Foundation. The current mortgage has been reduced to approximately \$144,000 with another \$23,000 pledged from individuals over the next 2 ½ years to lower it further. Thus, mortgage payments have been reduced from \$32,000 to about \$25,000 a year with about \$2,000 in monthly general fund payments to the principal. Thank you to all who have pledged and given so far. We are very close to our goal.

Pledge forms for GIF can be picked up at the church office or found in the back of church pews. Direct contributions can be made by writing GIF on checks or on respective envelopes. If you have any further questions, please contact one of the members of the Stewardship Team.

To get over the goal line and retire our mortgage, there is now a wonderful, new opportunity for those not yet participating in GIF. The Grace Foundation is offering another match of \$30,000 to all new pledged giving to the GIF initiative. As giving comes in from these pledges, the Foundation will match up to \$10,000 annually starting in 2018. Further, a very generous individual has stepped forward to offer a second \$30,000 match. So, every dollar now contributed by individuals to GIF will be matched 2:1! This means that we only need about \$50,000 in individual pledged giving to completely retire our church mortgage. Please note that the GIF is based on pledges over the next 2 ½ years. However, once individual giving from new pledges exceeds \$2,000 a month for the next two years, the matching will ensure that mortgage payments will never again be paid from the general fund (i.e. regular giving). Just like the church founders, we will once again see a higher percentage our regular offering used to support ministry. Please consider *Giving It Forward!* Imagine the possibilities.

Blessings,

Your Stewardship Team (*Dave Lundahl, Mary Stephens, Lew Nelson, Mary Ann Brennan, Carol Warloe, and Pastor Wendell*)

Partners in Faith — Summer Edition

July

Music and Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, July 22

6:00 pm

at Marna and Terry Renshaw's
4020 NW Douglas

Bring your favorite appetizer to share.
Music by Jeff Lesmeister throughout the evening

Please RSVP to Marna at 541.286.4537

August

Fun and Games Barbeque

Saturday, August 12

5:30 pm

at Kris and Carol Warloe's
1260 NW Lewisburg Ave.

Enjoy what we hope will be a warm summer evening.
We will be serving bratwurst and chicken! Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Bring your own place setting. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks provided.

A donation of \$4.00 per person suggested.

Play Giant Jenga, Bocce Ball, cards, or bring your favorite table game.

Please RSVP by Aug. 5th to Kris or Carol Warloe 541.745.5976

Directions: Go North on Highland, past Crescent Valley HS, turn left on Lewisburg. We are the house on the left just before Burgundy St. Overflow parking is available on Burgundy.

Interfaith Potluck Picnic

Sunday, July 23, 2017

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Townsend Shelter in Avery Park

This is the new shelter located near the dinosaur bones

Sponsored by the Bahá'í Community

Please invite your congregations, friends, and neighbors! Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences. Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible. We will provide tableware and drinks.

If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware.

Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities.

Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.

FMI: Deborah Hobbs — 541.760.5892 or hobbsd95@gmail.com

Puzzle!

Read the Old Testament book of Ruth, which is a great love story. Then search for the words below, which are all from that book.

BAWONNIWSLSZDRV
 DEBOTBAOMHXQAIR
 XWTQYRLMCXGGVOP
 NAAHARVESTEBIZB
 POVMLSLADNASDNB
 OGVNZERFIRILSBF
 NANOMUHVLMMKSEJ
 LGOIMDLEOCFGHIJ
 CLLLHLYAMBHLOYA
 EEHIFSNAETFRBOD
 SAAKFBEUGGPWEP
 NNMWXEVRRARMJ
 EIGDJUDAHJEEWSG
 ANXPENZISTWKVHO
 WGLHVI ZNUCITVHK

Barley, Bethlehem, Boaz, David, Elimelech, Gleaning, Grain,
 Harvest, Jesse, Judah, Killion, Kinsman, Mahlon, Mara, Moab,
 Naomi, Obed, Orpah, Ruth, Sandals, Threshing, Vinegar, Winnow

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If you would like to add something to Grace's monthly
 newsletter, please contact the office at 541.757.1600 or
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Camp Lutherwood

Family Camp!

July 14-16 and August 11-13

A weekend at camp for the whole family! Enjoy some time together in nature doing classic camp activities and growing closer as a family. Learn more about God through breakout sessions for kids and adults. Camp staff will take care of everything for you!



Camp Lutherwood Oregon is hiring!

Thanks to the grant received from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Camp Lutherwood is accepting applications for the full-time, year-round position of Director of Facilities and Operations!

The primary roles of the Director of Facilities and Operations are to provide daily leadership, project management, and coordination of the camp's staff, volunteers, facilities, and equipment as it supports the overall mission and programs.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please check out our website at www.lutherwoodoregon.org.



Tina Risen	7/2
Neal Davis	7/2
Jena Collins	7/2
Milt Larson	7/3
Sandie Williams	7/4
Ron Anderson	7/5
Anne Howard-Orwick	7/5
Jody Parker	7/5
Cody Levien	7/6
Kendal Zwang	7/6
Natalie Cardinali	7/7
Dayle Christensen	7/8
Matthew Tribes	7/8
Rebekah Hadlock	7/10
Jackson Junge	7/11
Pat Corkill	7/13
Anthony Cardinali	7/14
Marna Renshaw	7/15
Sara Gourley	7/15
Keith Levien	7/17
Marshall Hill-Tanquist	7/17
Avery Anderson	7/18
Tim Stock	7/20
Erika Lundahl	7/20
Seth Byers	7/21
Nicole Gelser	7/21
Carole Boersma	7/22
Mary Stephens	7/24
Ryan Nichols	7/26
Ken Minoura	7/29
Dana Howe	7/29
Netsie Griffith	7/30
Alyssa Weeber	7/30
Edward Hall	7/31
Dean Aulerich	7/31
Jose Vega	7/31
Alexander Reher	7/31

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 - Maricsa Ramos & Morgan Whisenhunt

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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Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Contratulations, 2017 Graduates!

- **Cassidy Jeanne Adix**, great-niece of Art and Marilyn (Adix) Bervin, high school, Newberg, Oregon.
- **Ryan Benjamin Adix**, great-nephew of Art and Marilyn (Adix) Bervin, high school, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- **Anthony Cardinali**, son of Thomas and Denise Cardinali, Corvallis High School.
- **Erika Cook**, involved at Luther House, B.S. in Exercise and Sport Science, Oregon State University.
- **Derek Gourley**, son of Mark and Joyce Gourley, M.S. in Data Science Management, University of Arizona.
- **Kiah Gourley**, daughter of Joyce and Mark Gourley, M.S. in Animal Sciences, Kansas State University.
- **Tessa Gourley**, daughter of Mark and Joyce Gourley, B.S. in Animal Science, Oregon State University.
- **Jessica Griffith**, granddaughter of Lyla Houglum, graduated from Belgrade High School, Belgrade, Montana.
- **Justin Honda**, involved at Luther House, B.S. in Athletic Training, Oregon State University.
- **Sydney Hunter**, granddaughter of Bob Keith, McNary High School, Keizer, Oregon.
- **Eric Kamke**, son of Carol and Fred Kamke, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University.
- **Kaleb Alexander Kinyon**, great-nephew of Kathy Vohland, John F. Kennedy High School, Mount Angel, Oregon.
- **Andrea Moody Kozak-Oxnard**, granddaughter of Norma Moody, Columbia Law School.
- **Annika Locke**, granddaughter of Whitney Lindquist, King's Academy High School, Campbell, California.
- **Kayla Looney**, granddaughter of Kay and Ron Larson, B.S. in Economics, Computer Science and Business Administration, University of Oregon.
- **James Lulay**, grandson of Carol Erickson, Columbia River High School, Vancouver, Washington.
- **Jonathan Marcotte**, involved at Luther House, B.S. in Mathematics, Oregon State University.
- **Jeffrey Metzger**, grandson of Carol Erickson, B.A. in Government, Harvard University.
- **Silas Christian Mueller**, son of Kathryn Bervin-Mueller and grandson of Art and Marilyn Bervin, high school, Reno, Nevada.
- **Gregory R. Musil**, son of Sue Musil, B.S. in Fire Service Administration, Eastern Oregon University.
- **Isabella Clara Nielsen**, daughter of Linda Dinnocenzo, Philomath High School.
- **Jessica Saathoff**, daughter of Kris and Bob Saathoff, Philomath High School.
- **Nathan Scott Speulda**, son of Sue and Mark Speulda, MBA in Information Technology Management, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.
- **Justin Jon Stadvold**, son of Kimberly Hanken and Thor Stadvold, grandson of Cy and Cynara Stadvold, and nephew of Cyndi and Wayne Wahrmund and of Diane Stadvold, West Albany High School.
- **Noel Vineyard**, involved in Chancel Choir and Grace Alive, B.S. in Geography and Geospatial Science, Oregon State University.
- **Andrew Michael Vohland**, great-nephew of Kathy Vohland, B.S. in Mathematics, Western Oregon University.
- **Robert White**, husband of Ashley White, dad of Lillian, Oliver, and Lincoln White, M.S. in Environmental Engineering, Oregon State University.
- **Jacob Williams**, grandson of Sandra and Ted Williams, Brunswick High School, Brunswick, Ohio.
- **Zachary Zerull**, son of Marion Zerull, South Rowan High School, Landis, North Carolina.

*Go out into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold to what is good;
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*



Luther House News

THANK YOU!

My deepest gratitude to all who planned and participated in the farewell retirement reception in my honor on Sunday, June 4. I'm humbled by the many thoughtful words and generous expressions of appreciation for my ministry at Luther House the last 22 years. I complete my work officially August 31. Thank you for the privilege of serving the OSU campus community in your behalf. God be praised for the many things we've accomplished together. - *Pr. Jim*



COLLEGE STUDENT NAMES, PLEASE

It's that time of year when students are making plans to head off to college. Once they arrive on campus, will they find a spiritual home? At OSU the answer is, "Yes!" Luther House is that home. And we'd like to welcome them well and invite them to join us. But we can't do it without your help. Please send contact information for students studying at OSU, Linn-Benton Community College, and Western Oregon University to Luther House info@luther-house.org or to 211 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330. We'll need their name, email, phone, and snail mail address plus any other information you think will be helpful (like their major field of study) so we can contact them. We promise you that every student name we're given will get a personal phone call or email – or both – welcoming them to campus and inviting to come and check out what Lutheran Campus Ministry has to offer them. You can also share information about us with them yourselves, especially our web site luther-house.org or our Facebook page "Luther House Campus Ministry". If students you know are studying elsewhere, you can use the online referral system <http://lumin-networkreferral.org> to help them get connected once they arrive on campus.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

The Luther House Call Committee has completed its work and, on June 12, recommended to Council the candidate they feel best meets the needs of Luther House for the future. Council received that report and appointed a small team to work out compensation details before sending their recommendation on to the Oregon Synod. When the details are done, the synod will issue a call and the candidate has time to respond. The aim is to have a new campus pastor in place for Fall Term. Once the new pastor has accepted the call, a public announcement will be made. Please continue to keep watch and pray during this important time of transition.

LUTHERFEST 2018

SAVE THE DATE: The 6th annual Lutherfest, Lutheran Campus Ministry Beer and Cheese tasting event, will be held Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 2:00-4:30 pm at the Boulder Falls Event Center, Lebanon, Oregon.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU

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Grace Center News



It is great to have a gardener who can solve the horse tail disease problem and also renovate the chicken coop. The chickens must appreciate it, and our participants are enjoying a trellis for the raspberries and also more walking paths with new pavers around the fruit trees. Plants have been pruned and new bark dust has been spread. It is lovely out there. Thank you, Kevin Sutter, of Handyman Home Care Services.



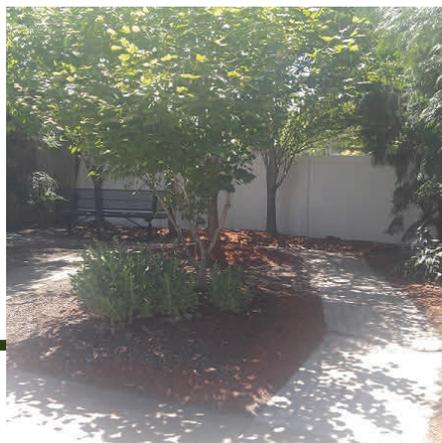
With sunny days our participants have been picking flowers and making arrangements for the dining tables or to take home. They can sit outside under big umbrellas and sip Italian sodas.



Another addition to the garden is a potting station where they can replot their flowers and veggies and herbs. It will soon have water and tools that they need at hand. Grace Center is not a place to sit around for former gardeners; it is to be vigorous along with the flowers and vegetables.

We want to welcome two new members of the Center's board, Tom Fields and Kenyon Butler. We appreciate fresh insights and the skills of people who always strengthen our deliberations. Thank you, Tom and Kenyon.

— *Betty McCauley*



Council Meeting Minutes

Congregational Council

June 12, 2017

6:50—9:20 pm

Attendance:

Hal Brauner
Pr. Netsie Griffith
Rebekah Hadlock
Pr. Wendell Hendershott
Dick Junge
Bob Keith
Donna King
Ardis Koester
Jaya Lapham
Shelly Lundahl
Sue Musil
Lew Nelson
Anne Orwick
Sharon Rosenkoetter
Jim Wernz

Guest:

Michael Beachley

Devotions were led by Jaya Lapham on Romans 5:1-8. We are justified or our relationship with God is brought into perfect alignment through Jesus Christ.

Guest Michael Beachley, representing Worship & Music committee

The role of finding and coordinating communion servers has evolved from a duty of current and past council members to a volunteer position coordinating members wishing to serve. This has worked well, but council will need to find a new coordinator to replace Ellie Carson at the end of August. There is also a desire to incorporate more youth into serving communion. Altar Guild also invites additional people to join the 4 regular members. Council will take up this topic as continuing business at the July meeting.

Pr. Netsie facilitated a discussion of the book “Living into Community” by Christine Pohl focusing on chapters 1-4 on Gratitude: introduction to practices of gratitude, embracing gratitude in everyday life, complications in gratitude, and things that weaken and strengthen gratitude. Next meeting the discussion of this section will continue, and members are challenged to note practices in expressing gratitude over the month. Finding a partner or keeping a diary of efforts was suggested.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was accepted which included: Council Minutes of May 8, 2017, Executive Council Minutes of June 5, 2017, and reports from Stewardship Committee, Property Committee, and Communications Committee. There was no report for the Personnel Committee or the Foundation. Moved, seconded, and passed. (MSP). No items were removed for expanded discussion.

Officers/Staff Reports:

Pr. Wendell: From his written report, Pr. Wendell highlighted that pulpit supply is arranged for the Sundays of the pastors' vacation time: June 18, 24, and July 2. Council members volunteering to lock up the church on those dates are Ardis Koester (6/18), Shelly Lundahl (6/24), and Sharon Rosenkoetter (7/2). June 18 is the first summer Sunday with one service.

Pr. Netsie: Expressions of sympathy from the pastors and council was sent to former Grace admin Cindy Lee for the loss of her father. Communications team intends to advertise Day Camp at the Darkside Theater the week of June 12-19. Luther House has extended a call for a new campus ministry pastor and awaits a decision. We continue prayers for this ministry. Reformation@500 is developing a website to share information on the many events.

Action item: Council voted to receive these people new members: Sheryl Hill-Tanquist and Ashley White and children Lillian, and Oliver.

Donna King, Discipling Minister, is feeling very grateful and thanks all the Sunday School teachers who taught over the school year. After much early turnover in teachers more total adults were involved than expected. Day Camp planning is proceeding with Shelly Lundahl as coordinator, and Shelly and Rebekah Hadlock will be chaperones for the 2018 Lutheran Youth Gathering. Two non-Grace people approached Donna about teaching short sessions. A request to hire two new summer Nursery staff was approved for Martina Vega and Kyelie Eastland.

Treasurer Report by Hal Brauner: Contributions are holding steady and income to expenses are currently in a good balance, but a summer income drop is typical. “Don’t get too comfortable.” Staying “on budget” means us-



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Jaya Lapham
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Jim Wernz

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ing all the positive balance carried into 2017. Financial report shows cash flow is OK now. Some savings resulted from a shift in Pr. Wendell's health plan.

Continuing Business:

- Church Picnic will be July 9 as a kick-off for the day camp program. Lions Shelter at Avery Park is reserved. A Council responsibility sign-up sheet was completed.
- Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center had requested a statement of support to oppose OSU demolition of their current building. Council supports the programs and organizations they house, but will not oppose OSU's land use plan. Shelly & Jaya will craft a letter to CMLC stating the council's stance and offering to discuss space needs for their partner organizations.
- Church teams should contact Dave Lundahl producing short videos highlighting program successes & joys.
- God's Work Our Hands- Garfield School confirmed as work site with projects to be defined with staff.

New Business:

- Oregon Synod Visitation – As part of the Reformation 500 teams of synod assembly delegates will attempt to visit every congregation in Oregon, and in lieu of 2018 Synod Assembly, regional gatherings will be organized.
- Grace will recognize Jim Norlie's retirement with a congregation blessing and reception August 27
- Facility use on dates before the eclipse was discussed. Bishop Dave Brauer-Riecke will preach at Grace August 20, and ideas of hospitality events were considered with some expressing concerns for security and parking lot availability for Sunday. We will have signage welcoming people to worship Sunday and host foot-traffic to watch the eclipse from the parking lot. We will not host lodging in the parking lot over the weekend.

Reminder/Assignment of Devotion & treats.

July – Sue Musil, Romans 8: 1-11

Closing Prayer was led by Pr. Netsie Griffith.

Submitted by Shelly Lundahl, Secretary

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

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, Kathy Vohland *(if you provide this service and your name is not here, please let the church office know, 541.757.1600)*

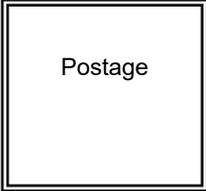
As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here's the list of our Sunday Musicians:

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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Church Picnic: July 9th

Our church picnic is later than usual this year. It coincides with the beginning of Day Camp. It will be hosted by the Congregational Council. Plan on joining us at the Lion's Shelter in the southeast corner of Avery Park, right after worship. Bring your own place settings and a main dish, side dish, or dessert. Drinks will be provided.



Grace Gatherings deadline for the Aug issue
is July 20
Send articles/photos to office@grace97330.org