

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.



This is My Church

This is my church....

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.
It will be friendly --- if I am.

Its pews will be filled --- if I help fill them.

It will do great work --- if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes
--- if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship
--- if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness
and faith, and a church with a noble spirit

--- if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be.

Used by Keith Mundy in his Sermon at Grace Lutheran Church May 7, 2017

God's Work Our Hands - Day of Service

is scheduled for Sunday, 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 beginning June 4th. Look for an order sheet in the Entry Way during the Sundays of June near the t-shirt display.

A task force is busy making plans for our 2017 project site and 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.



Wendy and Jude Geist at last year's Day of Service



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



**A compilation of address changes/updates will be available in the office and emailed soon*

Maud Corl has moved
Regency Park Place
2595 NE Jack London
Room #B-17
Corvallis, OR 97330

Prayers

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Bobbie Kelly — for healing & improved health
- Godwin — for academic success
- Mary Conser — Jaya Lapham's mother, for health & healing
- Pat Corkill
- April, daughter-in-law of Ron & Kay Larson — for her hip
- Hal Bauner — for health & healing
- Mary Ann Hall — for health & healing
- Betty Evans — sister of Helen Hildebrandt, in hospice care
- Ron Walsh — for ongoing health concerns
- Kelsie McPherson — for health issues
- Maud Corl — for relief from pain
- Ashley White — prayers for her on her final days of pregnancy, for a smooth delivery, and a happy welcome for baby Lincoln
- Pr. Dan Hallgrimson — for continued healing
- Jenny Olsen & Wayne Kradjan — for safe travels to Guatemala
- Dakota Miller

Death:

- Johnny Corkill (4/28/17)
- Betty Evans — Helen Hildebrandt's sister
- Ross — Brandy Greeley's uncle

Thanks & Celebration:

- We continue to give thanks for Pr. Jim Norlie, and pray for the Call Committee at Luther House

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.

Ida Fund

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Ida Fund. This fund helps people in our community with short term needs when they run low on cash. We assist our neighbors in need each month with gas vouchers, sack lunches, and funds for small but urgent needs — propane for a cook stove, boots for a new job, etc.

There are familiar faces who stop in for assistance, and some who we help once and never see again. Most live locally, but others are passing through and just need a little extra help to get home. Many are apologetic about their requests, and all are grateful for the hand up.

Thank you, Grace friends and members, for making it happen!

Immigration Issues

Sharon Rosenkoetter has developed an opportunity for us to learn more about our church's theology and long practice of resettling immigrants. More details will come as this short course takes shape. We invite you to save the dates and come join the discussion! All classes will be held from Sunday mornings, from 9:45 -10:45 am in Ronnenkamp Hall. The tentative schedule is:

May 28	Theology of Welcoming Refugees <i>led by Sharon Rosenkoetter</i>
June 4	Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
June 11	Grace's Experience (Past and Present) Resettling Refugees <i>led by Gordon & Mary Ann Matzke</i>

Adult Bible Study — June

God's Urgent Call

God's call to the mothers and fathers of our faith is a stirring theme that runs through the stories of the Old and New Testaments. Ordinary people in the most ordinary places heard the call. We listen in on their conversations with God when we read our Bibles, much as my grandma listened to her neighbor's telephone calls on her phone's party line.

God wants us to listen in. When we do, we hear God calling Abram, and we watch him set out with Sarai for a promised new life. With Moses, we hear a bush crackling with fire and the very voice of God coming from the flames. When we listen in on Gabriel's message from God to Mary we understand why she is startled. We can't turn a deaf ear to John the Baptizer's voice roaring from the wilderness with God's message about the one who would come. We are knocked off our feet when God's voice splits open the skies as Jesus rises from his baptismal waters. And then there is Paul, slammed to the dirt on his way to Damascus by Jesus' voice, and all of the women mentioned by Paul in Romans 16, called by God to a wide variety of ministries in the first-century church.

Yes, the stories of God's voice calling these saints, and Jesus himself, are thrilling. But we can't quit there. We can't conclude our listening in on God's biblical party line by saying, "What a wonderful call from God for those extraordinary people!"

It is the prophet Isaiah who disturbs our complacency. "I have called you by name, you are mine," God proclaims through him in 43:1. This is a word, a call, for all of us. It is as if my grandma's neighbors suddenly said, "Cora, I know you are listening in to this call. And now I have something for you to hear." God's call can be something we want to hang up on. You see, that call is more than a call for us to *do something*; God calls us *to be something*.

What? Let's look at it this way. When we are called by God, we are called to a life of love that changes our spiritual DNA. Loving God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and loving our neighbor as ourselves fundamentally changes us. We realize that we are ordinary people on an extraordinary mission, that of following Jesus' voice.

Our Writer

Sue Gamelin, an ELCA pastor, continues to listen for God's call to her. When she retired, she understood that she was called to wash feet, not figuratively but literally. Just so, she has spent time with homeless folks, recovering addicts, hungry people, and lonely ones in North Carolina and now in Chelan, Washington, where she is a member of Lake Chelan Lutheran Church.

Lesson 1	June 4	Deborah and Barak	Judges 4:1-10
Lesson 2	June 11	Gideon's Call	Judges 6:11-18

SUMMER BREAK — *See you in September!*

Pastor's Page

Just this evening on my way to choir, I came across a Grace member at the prayer shawl cabinet, in the Fireside Room. All the lights were off—it was still daylight—and since she had her back to me, I didn't see who it was at first. I was quite startled. I think I may have startled her just a bit too.

She quietly explained to me that she was getting a replacement prayer shawl for a friend to whom she had already given a shawl, but her friend couldn't find the shawl as she had misplaced it in a recent move. The shawl had been such a comfort to her during recent medical treatments and she truly missed the comfort it had brought her when other crises came as well. Our member knew how much that shawl had meant to her, so she was getting another to be used in its stead. Her friend had offered to "pay for it," but our member would have none of that. A new shawl would be found to replace the one lost.

The ministry of the prayer shawls is one of several ways members here at Grace use their abilities in mission for Christ and for the sake of the good news of the Gospel. We might say the same of those in our congregation who use their woodworking skills to make confirmation crosses, craft flower stands, or install handrails by the steps up to Ronnenkamp Hall, or those who tend the gardens, or those who deliver welcome gifts to our visitors, or those who move boxes at the food bank or any of the many things we do for others.

I think what makes these sorts of ministries so important to our life together, is that they are an extension of loving relationships that our members have with God. Sure, some say they do these things because they like to keep their hands busy, but there are many other sorts of things one can do to keep one's hands busy. What makes a prayer shawl special is the fact that someone has done this knowing that it will probably help someone who has a need. The same holds true for the worker who puts in a handrail. These things will be a help, maybe even an inspiration to others. Moreover, they are part of our relationship with one another and they are extensions of the relationship we have with God.

Two festivals are coming up on the June calendar, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, June 4 and 11, respectively. Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit. The account in the book of Acts takes place in broad daylight and is a story with a mighty wind, tongues of fire and a babble of conversations. The Spirit is a strong storm in Acts, yet there is another Biblical account of the giving of the Spirit. In John, chapter 20, the Spirit comes on Easter in the evening, behind closed doors, as a gentle breath from Jesus upon the disciples. It is an intimate story that contrasts quietly with the bombastic experience in Acts.

Such is the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. To some it is a powerful gale, to others, an almost imperceptible puff of air. The Spirit blows where it wills and its currents move in ways that refuse to be confined. The spirit moved one member to knit and another member to replace that lost prayer shawl.

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's

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Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday

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Women's Luncheon

June 8th
**2nd Thursday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 Gathering
 Together Farm
 @ 11:45am**

June 27
**4th Tuesday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 New Morning
 Bakery
 @ 11:45am**

Pastor's Page Cont.

The second festival is that of the Holy Trinity. Recent scholarship on the Trinity has looked into the relational activities of the persons of the Trinity, each of which is always moving toward us, to bring God's love to us, whom God created. Rather than try to explain the arithmetic of it all, scholars have striven to note the relationship each person of the Trinity has to the others. As God relates to Godself within the Trinity, it is always a procession of love toward the creation. This further demonstrates to us that we too relate to these persons of the Godhead. Knowing of this relationship gives us a more comprehensive understanding of how we relate to the one true God. It produces lives of praise active in love and service to others, that they may not only know love, but also justice and solidarity with others.

God is love after all. So it is in this loving relationship, which like all relationships, that we grow and evolve, that we learn how to love others, how to care for others and how to relate beyond ourselves in concrete ways that will provide for the needs of others.

So we begin this June with these two festivals, which remind us that God shapes us through the Spirit to move us further into relationship, further into relationship with God, further into relationship with our neighbors. It is in relationship with God that we learn about relationship with our neighbors, how to care for them, how to meet their needs, how to use what we have, how to utilize our know-how and where resources may be found, so that when our neighbor is in need we may use what God has given to communicate love and care for the other. In other words, because we are in a loving relationship with God, we have learned how better to love our neighbor.

Pastor Wendell



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 Grace Lutheran
 Church facebook
 pages. The above
 title will get you to
 our page.**

A Synod Assembly Surprise

Every year at Synod Assembly there is a banquet. It is customary to bring honors, as we did to mark Jim Norlie's ministry this year. Also, at this year's banquet, the bishop made note of significant ordination anniversaries. We were a bit surprised when we opened our program and saw a familiar name, **Pastor Larry Rosenkoetter** (You see, we knew he was in Europe that evening). Larry was ordained into the ministry of word and sacrament July 2, 1967. Thank you, Larry, for your tenure of service and your reassuring presence in our midst.

Oregon Synod Assembly — 2017

This year's assembly was held May 5-7 at the Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach in Portland. Our delegation representing Grace Lutheran included Rebekah and Michael Hadlock and our two pastors. Below are a few of their observations and experiences of this year's gathering of Lutherans from Oregon.

AMMPARO

"God is our *refuge* and strength," "Dios es nuestro *amparo* y fortaleza,"— Psalm 46:1

At this year's Synod Assembly at the Portland (Jantzen Beach) Red Lion. I was most captivated by an aspect of the public face of our church called AMMPARO. AMMPARO is a take-off on the Spanish word for "Refuge," but it is actually spelled *amparo*, with only one "m." The acronym stands for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Lutheran Churches in America have long welcomed refugees to our shores. While Lutherans have been emigrating from Europe since before the Revolutionary War, our refugee work began in earnest after World War II when families of many religious backgrounds were displaced by that European conflict and came to our shores to seek refuge and safety.

Over time, the refugee situation morphed to include other areas of the world, including Central America, arguably the poorest region of the Western Hemisphere. A large percentage of the migrants from Central America, particularly Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador are unaccompanied children making their way north to America.

As you may imagine, there are many adults along the way who are seeking out this vulnerable population, in order that they might take advantage of them. AMMPARO works with these children to help them along the way. In their region of origin they provide lodging, food and shelter, especially along the borders where adult predators are on the lookout for such children. They provide Americans with education and immersion experiences in localities where the children and their families are located. There are welcoming congregations in border states who take these children under their wings once they get to the United States. Spiritual support is provided, for as you can imagine, many of these children end up in immigration hearings with no understanding of not only the law, but also the language. They encourage lawyers to provide pro-bono representation through the legal system. And, they encourage us to pray for these vulnerable children and their families.

Working hand and glove with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, AMMPARO provides safety and refuge for a vulnerable set of children who otherwise might be harmed. It is a ministry of our church to the little and the least and often the lost along the way. It is a public ministry that seeks to show the love of Jesus who asked that the little children might be allowed to come to him that he might bless them.

—Pr. **Wendell Hendershott**

Here are some brief comments regarding Synod Assembly worship, a workshop, and our quilt contribution.

A processional cross and crucifer from various clusters throughout our synod were recruited to participate in this year's worship services. The use of the crosses was especially meaningful to me during our opening worship. Not only were they used as part of a processional and recessional, but they were used during worship to focus the assembly's attention on all the different aspects of worship, remembering our baptism, the proclamation of Word, and the Great Thanksgiving. It was kind of a combination of cross processional and liturgical dance, as the crosses moved between different parts of the service to the musical background of Dave Brubeck's jazz piece, *Take Five*. Liturgically and symbolically, it reminded us that we follow the cross in all that we do, and the cross is on the move, as it leads us to ever new places.

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Partners in Faith

The next
Partners in Faith
event is on Friday,
June 2nd

The evening will
begin with a **potluck**
dinner at 6:00 pm in
the Fireside Room.
Bring a dish to share
and your own place
setting(s).

This month features
the Pastors' slides
from Petra in south-
ern Jordan. Travel
with us through the
narrow red cliffs of
the Siq to see this
wonder of the an-
cient world, once
lost to Western Civi-
lization but now
again rediscovered.

Call Sue Musil for
info at
541.745.5511

Oregon Synod Assembly Cont.

One of the workshops I attended was titled, "Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward an ELCA Social Statement." During this workshop, Sr. Clare Josef-Maier, an ELCA deaconess, reported on the work of the task force which is leading the preliminary work to create a Social Statement on Gender Equality and Justice. Sister Clare led us through the first module of a workbook designed for all members of the ELCA to have input into this work. This workbook can be looked at online and downloaded at www.elca.org. Just type "Faith, Sexism, Justice" into the search engine and a link will come up for it.

Finally, as many of you know, we donate a quilt (or sometimes quilts) each year for the Quilt Auction held at Synod Assembly to raise funds to alleviate world hunger through the ELCA World Hunger fund. The quilt we took to the Assembly to be included in the auction was a beautiful quilt made by Maul Corl's niece. Though I didn't see what the final bid was, it quickly received many bids and garnered one of the highest bids of the group of donated quilts.

--Respectfully submitted, **Pr. Netsie Griffith**

I was honored that Michael and I were asked to be representatives of Grace Lutheran and attend the Oregon Synod Assembly this year. I was not sure what to expect, but ready to jump in, participate, and take in all aspects of this new learning experience. The number of topics discussed, concepts and ideas shared, and people and organizations recognized were vast, and I'm not sure how we got through it all in just 2.5 days! One main thing though, that stood out to me, was a common thread woven through each day. It was that each of these topics, ideas, and organizations were built on the concept of being a "Sanctuary." Last year the Assembly voted to make the Oregon Synod a "Sanctuary Synod." Bishop Brauer-Rieke explained that Church is you and I, that it "happens" really any place you have 3 things: People, the Gospel, and the Sacraments of water, wine, and bread. This is what is called "Sanctuary" or a sacred space, a holy place, a safe place. You could hear this concept of Sanctuary in the talk of youth collectives, the youth speaker's needs and desires, in AMMPARO, an advocacy organization which helps migrant minors, and in member's questions when voting concerning LGBTQAI. It was actually the topic of one of the workshops I attended, Sanctuary: Answering the Call. In it, we explored ways that we, in our own home churches, can answer the call to *love your neighbor and welcome the stranger*. Given the political time we are in, I was drawn to this workshop to hear and learn how we can, as a church and as individuals, be a Sanctuary to refugees. It was a very interactive session and people's feelings seemed to be all over the spectrum from concerned, passionate, nervous, excited, eager, frustrated, and some confused, but each seemed to be ready and willing to learn more and do more for God's people. Many times my thoughts came back to home, to Grace Lutheran, and our new Welcoming Statement. It took 18 months to create but the time and effort it took to create it was well worth it, because after hearing what a vast number of God's people out there are asking for, what the Church is asking for, it's just perfect!

— **Rebekah Hadlock**

The Summer Schedule for Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study



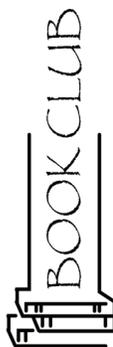
For the past few weeks I've been putting the #s **6/6** and **8/8** in front of those attending our Tuesday Bible Study. The reason for this is that 6/6, **June 6th**, is our last session before we take an eight week summer break. We will then resume Bible Study on Tuesday, 8/8, **August 8th**. During this year of Matthew in our lectionary cycle, we continue to make our way through our study of this important gospel.

It has been a tradition that the members of the Tuesday Bible Study pool their resources, making a small contribution, to a collection of funds which is used to buy a meal card at a local restaurant for our summer Day Camp Counselors. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please give or send it to Mary Ann Brenan by June 6th.

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.

Finally, you are encouraged to join us in August when **we will resume meeting in the Fireside Room every Tuesday from 1-2:30pm**. 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. — *Pr. Netsie*

Global Book Group



Welcome, any and all, to our happy "roundtable", as we seek to explore new worlds beyond our country and culture. Books for discussion are voted on by the group each May. We meet the **first Thursday of each month** except December. Time is 7 p.m. until approximately 8:30. As you can see, the list is getting a bit short. That means **we are beginning to choose books for next fall** already. You may submit your book suggestion by email to Sharon Rosenkoetter or bring them to an upcoming meeting of the group.

Questions? Please give me a call: Sharon Rosenkoetter 541.752.1846;
sharon.rosenkoetter@oregonstate.edu.

June 1

Krakatoa by Simon Winchester

Led by Pastor Wendell

Camp Lutherwood

Camp starts in about 6 weeks! Come "Dive In" with us as we study the stories that highlight the importance of water in the Bible. We have so many awesome programs for all ages; from creative arts camp, to float your boat, to family camp. there is something for everyone at Camp Lutherwood Oregon this summer!

See the full summer schedule on Camp Lutherwood's website.



One More Work Day! June 3

Come help camp look great for summer 2017! Work Days begin around 9:00am and end around 3:00pm. Camp will provide a hot lunch and snacks!

Call 541.998.6444 or email office@lutherwoodoregon.org to RSVP!

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!





Glenn Chaffin	06/01
Quincy Levien	06/03
Sally Winkler	06/04
Mary Benson-Willett	06/05
Mikaila Saathoff	06/05
Alice Anderson	06/06
Cynara Stadsvold	06/07
Kyle Smith	06/07
Hannah Shaff	06/07
Mary Ann Matzke	06/08
Robin Comforto	06/09
Casey Jones	06/09
Tony Smith	06/12
David Zeller	06/12
Iona Trapp	06/14
Frank Davis	06/14
Heather Koenig	06/15
Cecile Palmgren	06/15
Wilson Schroeder	06/16
Donna King	06/22
Kevin Brauner	06/22
Denise Cardinali	06/25
Larry Rosenkoetter	06/29
Bekki Levien	06/29
Peter Gelser	06/30



Grace Personnel

*Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott*

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King
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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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Lutheran World Relief Project

Thanks to everyone in our Grace family that donated and helped put the Personal Care Kits together for the LWR project. It certainly was a success with **132 kits** being boxed up and sent on to Portland and then on to warehouse for storage for emergencies around the world. My candle shines bright with thanksgiving for all that responded and made it into a wonderful flame of love from our congregation to the world at large!

— Marna Renshaw

*Thank you to all those who donated supplies for this project! And extra thanks to those who assisted Marna in boxing everything up: Linda Noland, Kay Larson, and Carol Erickson. Not pictured: Dorothy Miles and Darlene Leklem.



Pastor Dan Hallgrimson — Ordination Anniversary

Members of Grace are invited to the 40th anniversary celebration of the ordination of Dan Hallgrimson on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 315 S Main Street in Willamina, Oregon at 10:30am with a reception following worship. Pastor Jerry Furgurson will be preaching. Dan was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham, Oregon on June 5, 1977. Dan served as Senior Pastor at Grace from 1994 through 2007.

A special anniversary offering will be received that will be divided between the Grand Sheramina Food Bank, serving the Willamina Sheridan area and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, serving Berkeley, California

For those who may not be able to attend but would like to send greetings or participate in the special offering, notes and checks may be sent to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 242, Willamina, OR 97396

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 picnic food dish to share.



Luther House News

Reformation 500 Tree Planted at Luther House.

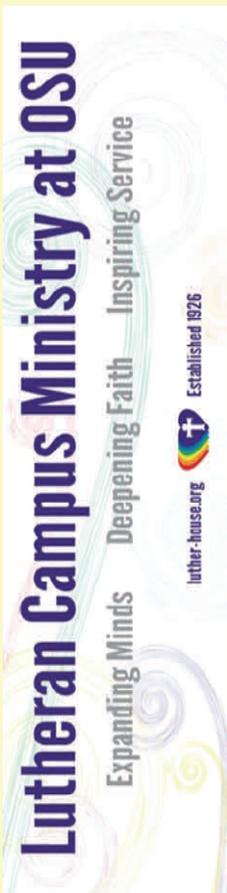
Sunday, May 14, Luther House students and Grace Lutheran youth fulfilled their commitment to the Luthergarten project <http://luthergarten.de/english-vision.html> by planting a companion tree in the backyard garden at Luther House. A brief liturgy included the opportunity for each participant to scoop dirt and water our Pacific Cascara. We'll tend it carefully and watch it grow so future generations of earth's creatures will find good habitat, food, and shelter in its branches. The verse selected for the tree planting was recited by everyone, "You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12). May our efforts produce good fruit befitting of our calling in Christ.

Call Committee Update.

After several months of hard work, the Luther House Call Committee has narrowed a field of 11 prospective pastoral candidates to just two. Both will visit soon for face-to-face interviews and an orientation to campus, community, and Luther House. Please continue to pray for God's direction as a new campus pastor is chosen. Once a candidate is recommended to Council and endorsed by the synod, more information will be shared about who our next campus pastor is. Thanks to all members of the Call Committee for their diligence in discerning this next phase of vital ministry to the campus community.

Student Names Please.

It's that time of year when high school seniors are making final decisions about which college, university, community college, or technical school to attend. If they happen to be coming to Oregon State, Linn-Benton Community College, or Wester Oregon University, please introduce them to us at info@luther-house.org by sending us their name, address, email, and phone contacts so we can invite them to be part of Lutheran Campus Ministry where they'll find friends, receive plenty of support, and nurture their spirits.



Please join the Luther House council as we give thanks for the ministry of Pr. Jim Norlie as he embarks on retirement! Enjoy cake, share memories, and wish Pr. Jim well!

June 4th, 2017, from 2:00-4:00pm in Ronnenkamp Hall.

For more information contact Luther House at 541.753.5213 or info@luther-house.org



Grace Center News



It's never too late to honor a loved one with a memorial. Former co-workers have gone together to buy a pavilion bench in memory of Keith Parrot who was on the first Grace Center board and was the Treasurer for the Center. He was a part of the first dreamers, and the first implementers, of this new idea in day care for the disabled or elderly, only the second in Oregon. Keith was a member of Grace Church, so many of you will remember him, a gentle and genial friend of all of us. The bench will live in Grace Center's courtyard (to the right as you enter the front door). Ground breaking is going on now in preparation for installing pavers in the area with space for a quiet garden. Benches will provide moments of peace to appreciate the ones memorialized or honored for contributions.

As I write 27 pavers have been purchased at \$150 each. They will have names and messages inscribed on them. Three other pavilion benches have been purchased, and one backless bench also. One of these is still available at \$1,000. A flag pole is still to be ordered at \$2,500. It will be lit at night and will fly a flag that had been flown at the capital in Washington DC. It was donated by Veteran and long standing Grace Center volunteer, Paul Wilson. The cost of the flag pole can be shared by one donor or a group who wish to honor someone they have appreciated.

The courtyard, after it pays for itself, will raise money for our capital campaign. For more information you can see the website: <http://gracecenter-corvallis.org/news/here-to-stay/>.

- Betty McCauley



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

Council Meeting Minutes

Congregational Council

May 8, 2017
6:55—9:20 pm

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Hal Brauner
Bob Keith
Sharon Rosenkoetter

Meeting was called to order with Vice President, Anne Orwick presiding.

Devotions were led by Shelly Lundahl on 1 Peter 2:2-10. In Christ, we have a living cornerstone providing a strong, precious foundation for our lives in the light of God who chose us as His people.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was accepted which included: Council Minutes of April 10, 2017, Executive Team Minutes of May 1, 2017, Property Committee Report of March 30, 2017, and the GLC Foundation Minutes of March 3, 2017. Moved, seconded, and passed. (MSP). No items were removed for expanded discussion.

Officers/Staff Reports:

Pr. Wendell: Former Pastor John Paulson's memorial service will be May 27, 1pm at United Lutheran Church, Eugene. Christopher Buckley will attend the Anamchara Gathering for his faith community in Milwaukee, WI, June 3-13. He also hopes to attend the 2017 Assoc. of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) conference to be held July 10-13 in Minneapolis, MN. Financial assistance with travel to ALCM may be requested from the Foundation. Response to using the new worship melody for the Lord's Prayer has been mixed, but we will use it at least through the Easter Season. Printed music is provided in the bulletin. Dave Lundahl wants to make more 3 minute videos to highlight ministry areas and tell individuals' stories of faith in ministry. Do we need to still record entire worship services as there's been no request for CD's of the service since the last user passed away? The service is still recorded and CD's can be burned upon request. Most people listen to sermons through the website.

Pr. Netsie: Communications Team will present a 3 min introduction to the Grace website as a ministry moment in early June. Grace attendees to the Oregon Synod Assembly were Mike and Rebekah Hadlock, Prs' Wendell & Netsie, and Pr. Jim Norlie. A good discussion on the topic of "Sanctuary" was a highlight. No Resolutions were acted on. The Assembly recognized Pr. Jim Norlie for his 22 years of work at Luther House and Larry Rosenkoetter's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination (in absentia).

The committee for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 10 is meeting to work out a project at Garfield School. Planning for a fall women's retreat is underway for Nov. 3-5 at Camp Magruder.

Donna King, Discipling Minister: Pr. Jim Norlie finished his last educational series on Lutheran Campus Ministry before retirement. The Rosenkoettters will lead a 3 week series on immigration issues 5/28, 6/4, and 6/11.

The youth-sponsored tree was planted in the Luthergarten in Wittenburg, Germany April 18, 2017. We received a certificate from the Lutheran World Federation and Grace youth with Luther House students will plant a local companion tree in the LH garden on May 13. Sharon Rosenkoetter will photograph the tree when she is in Wittenberg in April.

Hal Brauner, Treasurer was absent, but council was reminded that 2 major gifts of expected annual contributions were received in February in one lump sum, instead of paid as monthly contributions throughout the year. Expenses are slightly reduced since the mortgage payments are reduced by payments from the GIFI contributions held in designated funds.

Discussion of Susan Kintner Visit, March 13:

The council is reading the book recommended by Susan Kintner, Living Into Community by Christine Pohl. The first section will be discussed at the June meeting.



President:

Bob Keith

Vice President:

Anne Howard-Orwick

Secretary:

Shelly Lundahl

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Hal Brauner

Financial Secretary:

Mary Stephens

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Council Minutes Cont.

Continuing Business:

Church Picnic will be July 9 as a kick-off for the day camp program. Lions Shelter at Avery Park is reserved. Council responsibility sign-up sheet for next meeting.

New Business:

- The church received a letter requesting that Grace support the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center desire to remain in their current building which is owned by Oregon State University. OSU plans to develop the parcel for student housing, including razing the current structures. After extensive discussion, council supports the mission and work of the CMLC, but found the petition wording problematic. Shelly and Jaya will craft a letter supporting their work and their efforts to find a new location.
- The Stewardship workshop presented by Keith Mundy, May 7, was attended by some members of the Council, Stewardship Committee, and Finance Committee and two members of First Methodist Church. We should look at the wealth of resources on elca.org/stewardship site, especially the "Ask, Thank, Tell" theme material.
- The Library Committee requests funds to attend the PNW Association of Church Librarians this summer, previously funded for 2 years through the Foundation. The request was not submitted to the Foundation this year as Grace library team members participate annually, and it should be a regular budgeted operating expense. Request was approved for funding from Thrivent Choice Restricted fund. MSC

Reminder/Assignment of Devotion & treats.

June – Jaya Lapham, Romans 5:1-8, and July – Sue Musil, Romans 8: 1-11

Closing Prayer was led by Pr. Wendell Hendershott.

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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Summer Worship Schedule

A couple years ago the Congregational Council voted that our summer schedule should begin on Fathers' Day. This year, Fathers' Day is on June 18, which also inaugurates our summer single service Sundays. Here are some of highlights between now and the end of summer:

June 4 Pentecost Sunday, 2 services, 8:30 & 11:00
The congregation is invited to wear red.

June 11 Trinity Sunday, 2 Services, 8:30 & 11:00.

June 18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, 1 Service at 10:00am
Fathers' Day.

The rest of the Summer services will be at 10:00am

July 2 Independence Day Weekend

August 11 Family Camp Weekend, 1 service at 10:00 in Corvallis
Family Camp service at Lutherwood

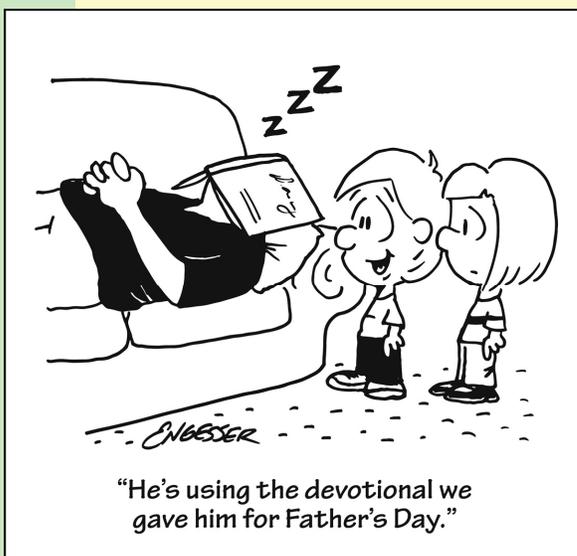
September 3 Labor Day ecumenical worship
in Central Park

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

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Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 18th

Adopt a Camp Staffer

This summer we are adopting camp staff at both Camp Lutherwood and Camp Lutherhaven. We will have one staff member through Lutherhaven and the entire summer staff of Lutherwood to lift up in prayer, write notes of encouragement to, and provide a care package (or two).

The preliminary display is ready — we are just waiting for names from Camp Lutherwood as they finalize their staff roster.



Summer Plans? Hold the Dates for Day Camp!