

# Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



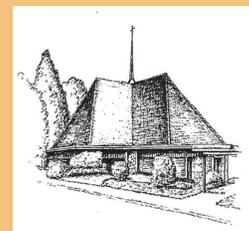
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

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.

*Our MISSION is  
"to follow Christ into our  
community and world  
manifesting with caring  
hearts and helping hands  
the good news of the  
Kingdom of God."*

*Our VISION is  
"to be a Christ-centered  
Community who  
welcomes all, grows in  
faith, and reaches out  
In love."*



## Easter 2018

March 29, 7 PM, **Maundy Thursday**, Worship

March 30, 1-3 PM, Stations of the Cross  
7 PM, **Good Friday**, Worship

March 31, 8 PM, **Easter Vigil**, Worship

April 1, **Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord**

Festival Worship 8:30 and 11 AM

Easter Breakfast 9-10:30 AM (see pg. 9)

Easter Egg Hunt will happen close to 10 am



## Save the Date

- **April 1st** — Easter Sunday
- **April 7th** — Churchwide Spring Clean-Up
- **April 19th** — Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace
- **April 28th** — Regional Synod Gathering at Grace Lutheran
- **May 19th** — Synod Assembly
- **August 5-10** — Summer Day Camp



This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from Feb 21 to March 20. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to [prayers@grace97330.org](mailto:prayers@grace97330.org), and ask to be part of the prayer list.



\*There will be an updated directory in 2018. Thank you for your patience as we figure out what it will look like.

Meanwhile, if you would like an updated copy, please contact the office.

## Prayers

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

### Thanks:

- Thank you from **Lutheran Peace Fellowship** for Grace's ongoing support
- Thank you from **St. Vincent de Paul Corvallis** for Grace's donations of money, pantry items, and volunteer hours
- Thank you from **Vina Moses** for financial donations and beautiful quilts from the Grace quilting group
- Thank you from one **Cub Scout** den, leaving us for Boy Scouts, and also from a new Webelos group, coming in to take their place — the space they use here is a valuable support for them and many others
- *I cannot find the words to adequately express my thanks for all the kind words of comfort and hope that have come to me at the time of my father's death. Your words of encouragement and condolence have lifted up my spirit. Your concern for my own well-being as well as that of Pastor Netsie and my family have touched me deeply. Thank you for each card and every verbal expression of support. You have brought spring to my winter of sorrow. May God bless you, even as you have blessed me. — Pastor Wendell Hendershott*

### Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- **Carol Donoho**, friend of Bev Raze, recently diagnosed with Leukemia
- **Robin Moore**, premature great-grandson to Marianne Moore and grandson to Robin Moore, past members of Grace
- **Bev Raze**, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **John King**, his wife Maxine, and his medical care team as they continue to care for his health and well being

### Death:

- **Leigh Gelser**, Peter Gelser's father
- **Robert Lundahl**, Dave Lundahl's uncle
- **Georgine Thompson Sanders**

Georgine died early Friday morning, March 16, at her residence at Conifer House. In reflecting on Georgine's life and death, verse 8 of Psalm 121 comes to mind, "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever more." As Georgine was faithful to our God in life we celebrate God's faithfulness to her in her death and the embrace of her with all the saints as God's own beloved child. Please keep Georgine's husband, Ray, and all her family in your prayers during this time.

- **Harold Benson**

Harold died on March 19<sup>th</sup> in his home surrounded by his family. A member of Grace since 1951, he has been a significant part of the history, faith and shaping of this congregation in the mission we carry on today. Blessed be his memory and the ongoing fruits of his labor, as we continue our faith journey and honor his contributions. Please keep his family in your prayers. A service to commend his life to our loving God will be scheduled in May. Once specifics have been settled, we will share that information with you.

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.

## Pastor's Page — Creative Collaboration

*"A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to all."* Martin Luther

This fall in the Pastor's Sunday Class, we looked at the Apostles' Creed as part of our review of Luther's Small Catechism. The first article of the Creed is on creation,

"I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has created me together with all that exists . . . For all this I owe it to God to thank, praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true."

As we approach the month of April and the coming of Earth Day, April 22, this year on a Sunday, it is good for us to look at the implications of God's creative activity of our world, but even more, our response to God's good creation and God's on-going work of creativity. As we read the First Testament, we discover that God took great joy not only in the creative act but also in the ongoing enjoyment of its pleasures as well.

In the scriptures, which are echoed in Luther's meaning to this first article of the Creed, we discover that God is the primogenitor of all that exists. Moreover, God not only creates, but also still continues to be active in creation sustaining and loving it, providing every good that comes because of God's creative and sustaining activity. God's speech was God's work to create, but because God is caring, God also sets and keeps in motion those evolutions and systems that continue to maintain and renew the earth and all that supports it.

Those same scriptures also spell out our response as Christians to the creation. In chapter one of Genesis, God gives the gifts of creation to the humans and gives them "dominion" over its resources, but dominion comes from the same Latin root as domicile, referring to house, *domus*. The inference is that we are to care for the earth much as a householder cares for the home, as well as its land and inhabitants. Moreover, in the next chapter, God places Adam in the Garden to till and keep it, in other words, to tend to it and care for it, to bring forth the bounty of the land. As we look into the original language of the Hebrew Scriptures, we see further connections to stewardship, the caring for something belonging to another and the responsibility that goes along with the care of something that is treasured and precious.

Nowhere in scriptures are we told that we may do whatever we want to the earth, dominion has nothing to do with pillaging and plundering the resources of God's good gifts to us, but rather we are to enter into a partnership with the creator to nurture nature and cooperatively coax out the good gifts God places there. Moreover, we are called to be stewards to sustain the gifts of God through responsible and wise use.

This year on the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, it is our Christian opportunity as children of God to continue that partnership with our creator. We may fully join with environmental groups to care for the earth and steward its resources. We may even go a step farther and get connected with Christian environmental organizations, such as Young Evangelicals for Climate Action: <https://www.yecaction.org>. YECA encourages young Christians to get involved in climate issues at the local level. Or we may look into Interfaith Power and Light: <http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org>. This organization highlights the work of local houses of worship. Or, you join with other congregations in the Oregon Synod through Ecofaith Recovery: <http://www.ecofaithrecovery.org>.

As a congregation we have taken steps to curtail our energy use in order to save money, by switching to money-saving LEDs to brighten our building and worship environment, as a side benefit, we have also reduced our carbon footprint in the process. We can do the same thing in our homes and not only will we save on our electric bills, but we will not have to climb up on ladders so often to change our lightbulbs.

Each action we take to collaborate with God in caring for the planet is a step we take in response to God's work of creation. As we move forward in these efforts, we more fully respond in faith to God's goodness and Luther's injunction to thank, praise, serve, and obey our creator.

— Pr. Wendell

**Pastor Netsie Griffith**

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Pastor Netsie's Days Off

Thursday & Friday

**Pastor Wendell**

**Hendershott**

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday

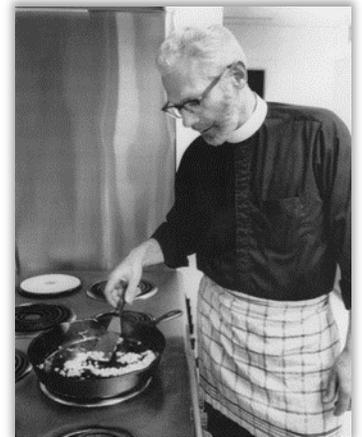
## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study



Tuesday  
BIBLE STUDY

After a 2 week Holy Week/Easter break, the Tuesday afternoon Bible study resumes on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We continue our study of ***The Parables of Judgment*** by Robert Farrar Capon. Now that we have completed a study of each of the four gospels this focus on some of the specific parables of Jesus is a way of digging a bit deeper into that of which we earlier just scratched the surface.

Here's a note about the author. **Robert Farrar Capon** (October 26, 1925 – September 5, 2013) was an American Episcopal priest, author and chef. In his lifetime he authored 27 books including a trilogy of books on Jesus' parables, *The Parables of the Kingdom*, *The Parables of Grace*, and *The Parables of Judgment*. Speaking of parables, Capon says, "Parables are told only because they are true, not because the actions of the characters in them can be recommended for imitation. . . . The parables are, one and all, about the foolishness by which Grace raises the dead. They apply to no sensible process at all - only to the divine insanity that brings everything out of nothing."



New members are always welcome to join us.

***We gather weekly on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room.***

April 12th  
**2nd Thursday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
Farm Home  
@ 11:45am**

April 24th  
**4th Tuesday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
New Morning  
Bakery  
@ 11:45am**

## Pastor Wendell's Sunday Class



### ***By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism***

Pastor Wendell's class on Luther's Small Catechism continues on **April 8**, with a look at the often-neglected supplementary material: **Daily Prayers and Biblical Advice for the Household**. The class book, *By Heart*, reviews the five chief parts of the catechism, plus this sixth addendum, written for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, is encouraging each congregation to take a new look at the Small Catechism on this anniversary. This is an excellent opportunity to delve into this handbook of our faith. Our class usually meets the second Sunday of each month in Ronnenkamp Hall.

## Sunday Adult Bible Study with Frank & Sue

The broad purposes for this quarter's study are to affirm the mercy and faithfulness of God to the Hebrew people, the church, and to Christians today; to recognize God's demand for faithful obedience; to rejoice in the resurrection and in the coming of the Holy Spirit; and to increase our praise, adoration, and thanks for God's mercy, forgiveness, and faithfulness to us.

### Our Writer

Margaret A. Krych is Charles F. Norton professor emerita of Christian Education and Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, where she served as a faculty member for thirty-one years. She retired in 2008 from her position as the seminary's associate dean of graduate education. She continues to teach occasional seminary courses and to write. She is an ordained ELCA pastor and lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Arden, also a retired ELCA pastor.

Lesson 5	April 1	No Class—Easter Sunday	
Lesson 6	April 8	The Risen Lord Appears	John 21:1-14
Lesson 7	April 15	Follow Me	John 21:15-25
Lesson 8	April 22	The Lord God the Almighty	Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11
Lesson 9	April 29	Blessing, Glory, Honor, Forever	Revelation 5:6-14

*Join Frank and Sue between Sunday morning services at 9:45 AM.*

## Grace to host Regional Synod Gathering AND you are invited!

In place of a three-day Oregon Synod Assembly this year, multiple regional gatherings are happening throughout the state following Easter and prior to a one day Assembly which will be held in Portland on May 19. The gathering for our area will be held on:

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### Here at Grace Lutheran Church

It will feature:

- ◆ A Bible study led by our Bishop; Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke will also be our guest preacher
- ◆ Reports on the Fall 2017 Synod Visitation Process
- ◆ Lunch hosted by Grace's amazing Hospitality Team
- ◆ Focus sessions on the topics of 1) the Mid-Willamette Valley Latino Ministry, 2) Networking with others attending the Churchwide Youth Gathering in Houston, 3) Welcoming People of all Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities, 4) Partnering and collaborating with other congregations
- ◆ A closing worship service utilizing the gifts of our current Music Director, Br. Christopher Buckley and our former Music Director, Ali Briskey

No registration fee is required but please register your intent to participate with one of the pastors or with Jody or Carol in the church office. A suggested \$5 donation for lunch will gladly be received the day of the Gathering.

## Listening for God at Grace Lutheran

Gifted staff members and committed volunteers lead us in all aspects of ministry to which God has called us here at Grace Lutheran. In March, members of Grace heard from both our Church Council and our Stewardship Committee concerning inquiries about our pastoral staffing and capacity for financial commitments. Growth in stewardship is a component of spiritual evolution, and a lifelong process. Therefore, it is here that we challenge ourselves to grow while listening for God with and through one another.

As the letter from our Church Council conveyed, we are currently in an exploratory stage to determine the limits and potential of all of our resources regarding pastoral staffing and financial capacity. Many of you filled out the Pastoral Staff Ministry Activities worksheet; thank you for doing that. Councilors will be tabulating these in order to report to you what they reflect. In order to share this information with you and receive further feedback, the Church Council has planned six meeting opportunities in the month of April. We hope that every member of Grace will attend one of these meetings to participate in this process.



- Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm** at the home of Bob Keith, Council President – 541-990-2883  
**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm** at the home of Kendra Wollert, Council Member – 541-243-3025  
**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am** at Grace Lutheran Church, Fireside Room  
**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am** at Grace Lutheran Church, Ronnenkamp Hall  
**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm** at the home of Lew Nelson, Council Member – 541-757-1277  
**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm** at the home of Shelly Lundahl, Council Member – 541-760-2460

If it works best for you to attend a meeting in a home, please call the host to register your intent to be there. If it is most convenient for you to attend one of the meetings at church, simply show up. Your voice, insights and presence are invited. We look forward to your participation.

## The Chili Cook-Off was a Great Success!

March 4 was a great day. Thanks to Grace's Men's Ministry, Thrivent, our youth & parents, Grace Foundation, and everyone who came out to participate – over \$3000 was raised to help send "Team Grace" to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer!

It was so much fun – we had 11 pots of chili, each one delicious, each one a hot competitor for the five prizes. The youth sold hand-made baked goods for dessert and took orders for more. Parent Bob Saathoff brought home-brew. Everyone tasted *lots* of chili, deliberated just where to put their voting beads, visited with friends, and urged on the competition.

The judges had a tough job, which proves just how good our chili cooks really are! After lots of deliberation, Reed Vega won Second Runner Up with his chili "Houston or Bust," Michael Beachley was awarded First Runner Up, and first time winner Rebecca Hadlock won Best Chili for her special recipe, aptly named "God's Own Chili."

In the hotly contested People's Choice category for Most Popular chili, Frank Davis came in as Runner Up with his meaty "Chili Colorado," and another first time entrant, Linda Schuerman, won Most Popular Chili of the day. And, of course, all the rest of us won, too, because we got to taste all these pots of chili and participate in a great cause!





Martina Vega	04/02
Zach Weber	04/03
Eric Kamke	04/04
Dick Junge	04/06
Teri Briskey	04/07
Dale Weber	04/08
Hal Dick	04/09
Carol Erickson	04/09
Christina Lundahl	04/10
Hal Brauner	04/11
Betty McCauley	04/11
Jeff Palmgren	04/11
Ellen Gelser	04/12
Millie Babb	04/14
Michael Beachley	04/14
Ryan Erickson	04/15
Calla Shaff	04/15
Caitlyn Zwang	04/15
Larry Boersma	04/16
Aaron Davis	04/17
Wendell Hendershott	04/17
Marilyn Walsh	04/18
Terry Renshaw	04/19
Emery Hildebrandt	04/21
Susan Speulda	04/22
Kyah Weeber	04/23
Kendra Wollert	04/23
Sharon Rosenkoetter	04/24
Eleanor Harrington	04/25
Angie Kingsley	04/27
Kimberly Parrott	04/27
Linda Samuels	04/27
Kris Warloe	04/28
Doris Volk	04/29
Todd Washington	04/29

## Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &  
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

**Bookkeeper** - Robin Comforto

**Custodian** - Sam McKay

**Director of Discipling Ministries** - Donna King

**Director of Music Ministries** - Br. Christopher Buckley

**Facebook Administrator** - Rebekah Hadlock

**Financial Secretary:** Mary Stephens

**Nursery** - Nate Olsen

**Office Administrator** - Carol Terrill

**Office Assistant** - Jody Parker

**Organist/Pianist** - Sunghee Kim

**Prayer Chain** - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

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](http://www.grace97330.org)

### Teams & Committees

**Property Committee** - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

**Communications Committee**

Mary Ann Brenan, 541.230.1696

**Sunday Hospitality**

Dayle Christensen, 541.602.2818

**Events Hospitality**

Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

**Christian Education Team**

Deaconess Donna King, 541.757.6636

**Altar Guild** - Linda Samuels, 541.929.4222

**Worship & Music Committee**

Michael Beachley, 541.754.5501

**Finance Committee** - Hal Brauner, 541.753.0023

**Personnel Committee** - Nancy Strohle, 541.926.5747

**Hospital Visitation Team** - Jim Wernz, 541.929.6794

**Healing Prayer Team** - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

**Mission Groups** - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

**Stewardship Committee**

Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

### Hope & Wholeness Counseling

Dr. Julie Evans, Ph.D., Clinical Director 541.753.9217

**Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



## Partners in Faith

**Friday, April 13, 2018**  
**6 PM**  
**Fireside Room**

Potluck starts at 6 pm — bring a dish to share and your own place setting(s).

At 7 pm, join us for a rousing game of **BINGO** complete with prizes.

Please contact Sue Musil with any questions at 541-745-5511.

**No “partner” needed, all are welcome!**

# Globaliers — Monthly Book Club

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.

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

What happens when an adventure travel expert—who's never actually done anything adventurous—tries to re-create the original expedition to Machu Picchu?

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

From Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo, a landmark work of narrative nonfiction that tells the dramatic and sometimes heartbreaking story of families striving toward a better life in one of the twenty-first century's great, unequal cities.

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

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories.

**During the April meeting we will take a half hour to scan the recommendations for next year. The vote will follow.**

## Grace Gallery

In the Grace Gallery through April 14, Linda Burt's lovely Asian-inspired water colors with ink highlights. Coming mid April, ceramic and other art by Rev. Joel Nickel from Salem. Please come and appreciate the gifts in our midst.

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| ◆ March 2-April 15        | Linda Burt                |
| ◆ April 16-June 1         | Rev. Joel Nickel          |
| ◆ June 2-August 1         | Kathryn Honey             |
| ◆ August 2—September 15   | Jim Wernz                 |
| ◆ September 16—October 31 | Mary Stephens             |
| ◆ November 1—December 15  | Norma Moody & Woodworkers |



We are planning a woodworkers' display. Calling all woodworkers to produce small items for sharing. Anyone else who wishes to have a showing in the Grace Gallery, please share your interest with one of the pastors.

## Luther House News

### LUTHERFEST A SUCCESS!

Thanks to 232 enthusiastic guests, generous sponsors, supportive beer and cheese vendors, OSU speakers representing fermentation science and the campus creamery, student leaders, a terrific planning team and lots of volunteers, Lutherfest 2017 was a great success! We raised over \$10,000 (a record!) for Luther House programming in 2018. The Traveling Trophy was once again awarded to Our Saviour's Lutheran (Lebanon) as the congregation with the largest number of attendees. We are grateful for all who contributed to this event!

### SUPPORT FOR OREGON HILLEL

Jewish students at OSU and UO have recently been subjected to insulting and frightening messages from white supremacists. Students at Luther House composed a letter of support to Oregon Hillel Student community, expressing their desire to constructively respond to these hateful actions. The letter was gratefully received and we look forward to future opportunities to partner together to make the OSU campus a more peaceable community.

### STUDENTS PLANT TREES

Luther House students joined with the Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters to plant 1,800 saplings at their Christmas Tree farm. Proceeds from the farm help fund the organization's educational activities. For our labors, Luther House was invited to choose our Christmas tree for next year. It was a very muddy and fun outing!

### LUTHER HOUSE HITS THE ROAD

Pastor Mike has launched a congregational visitation tour of Oregon Synod churches hoping to meet and establish relationships with prospective students. So far, he has visited 11 congregations. His visits will continue through the month of June. If you would like Pastor Mike to visit your congregation or youth group, please contact Luther House at 541-753-5213 or [lhouse@peak.org](mailto:lhouse@peak.org).

## Grace Youth

*You are invited!*

**Easter Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 16th**

**9:30 – 10:45 am in Ronnenkamp Hall**

*With an Easter Egg Hunt for children around 10 am!*



**All donations will be matched 2:1 by Grace Foundation, and everything given will help Grace Youth travel to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas!**

Grace Youth and their parents will be cooking you a delicious hot breakfast on Easter morning. Ham, scrambled eggs, French toast, and other treats will be on the menu. We hope you'll come join us for this wonderful community tradition. Everyone is welcome!

There is no set fee for the breakfast, but your donations will go for a great cause. This summer Grace's team of 7 youth and 2 adult leaders will participate in three days of community service, interactive learning, and inspirational worship as our representatives at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Houston was chosen because there is great need. Just imagine how much good a gathering of 30,000 youth can do! We're half-way to our goal of raising \$15,000 for this trip. Come enjoy Easter Breakfast and help us get to Houston!

### Save the date

We're working on plans for a "Food & Faith" event for kids and families on April 22. Stay tuned for details and come celebrate Earth Day at Grace!

## Grace Center News

Grace Center has a new partner in meeting the needs of an important segment of its population. It has been selected by New York University to participate in a study of Evidence-Based Caregiving by families living with patients who have memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, or related dementia. If you don't know what that means I'm not surprised; we'll all be learning more about it as the Center participates. NYU has had an ongoing study of the effectiveness of their counseling with clients in person. Now they are intending to evaluate the same counseling via a video conferencing program (like Skype). NYU selected Grace Center with its nurse, Lee Cook, to participate. They have trained Lee to be a licensed provider for video counseling to Oregon families.

The counseling will be free to people who qualify. Grace Center is accepting clients now. They must be the spouse or domestic partner of one who has dementia. Help and support may be given if needed over the telephone. There will be multiple sessions over several months. If you or someone you know is struggling to take care of their loved one you can call Grace Center's nurse, Lee Cook, at 541-754-8417. Families locally or in the mid-Willamette Valley may apply. This is one more service that the Grace Center considers important in providing support for families as well as members who attend daily.

— Betty McCauley



Nurse Lee & Bodhi the therapy dog

### Interfaith Potluck Dinner

Sunday, April 15, 2018

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Westminster House

101 NW 23rd St (corner of 23rd & Monroe)  
Corvallis OR

**Sponsored by Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship  
and Westminster House**

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.**

**For more information: Hannah Field, [7vallets@cmug.com](mailto:7vallets@cmug.com), 541-929-4301**

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018, 6:50-9:10 pm. Meeting was called to order with President Bob Keith presiding at 6:50 pm.

No guests to introduce.

**Attendance:** Bob Keith, Shelley Chamberlin, Rebekah Hadlock, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Dick Junge, Donna King, Jaya Lapham, Sue Musil, Kendra Wollert, Kathy Vohland and Nancy Strohle. **Excused Absences:** Lew Nelson and Hal Brauner

**Devotions** led by Bob Keith based on 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 1: 18-25 on the power of Christ and the wisdom of God.

**Agenda Discussion:** Minutes were approved from the February 12, 2018 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council.

**Executive Council Meeting** minutes from March 5, 2018 were taken by Bob Keith for Shelley Chamberlin in her absence.

## Consent Agenda:

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion or action.

Shelly Lundahl moved to accept the Consent Agenda as it stands, second by Nancy Strohle. (MSP)

## Officers/Staff Reports

### Pr. Netsie:

The Synod Regional Gathering will be held here at Grace Lutheran on April 28<sup>th</sup>; a Saturday Synod Assembly will be held in PDX on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Congregational Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Netsie will meet with her Mutual Ministry Team on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pastoral Care: Reminder of prayers for Bev Raze as she anticipates surgery.

### Pr. Wendell:

Very grateful for the kind expressions of condolences, prayers and cards received after his Father's passing. It meant so much to him and Pr. Netsie for all the kind words and concern from the congregation.

The beautiful new trays and candle holders will be displayed soon and dedicated on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder of the Foundation Meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of "Safety in the Church". Better lighting by the parking lot was suggested by Shelly Lundahl. Congregation being aware of the layout of the church. Knowing where escape doors are. Being alert of the possibility of an active shooter.

April 7<sup>th</sup> is Spring Clean Up Day – No charge for runs to the dump landfill. Will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday. Lunch is free – Boy Scouts will be attending and assisting.

### Donna King, Discipling Minister:

Discussed the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas trip. Fund raisers are being held. The recent Chili Cook Off held on March 4<sup>th</sup> was a success with eleven pots of chili. Total collected: \$915.20. Donna reminder that the "Foundation" matches the funds 2:1. Donna displayed the goal setting chart showing the goal attained to reach the \$15,000 needed for the trip. Displayed on the bottom of beautifully designed goal chart reads: Ephesians 2:8-9.

### Treasurer's Report:

Bob Keith reminded council members of the Treasurer's Report, dated March 2, 2018, were in the packets for this meeting. Prepared by Hal Brauner, absent from this meeting. Comments from Hal reported at the Executive Council Meeting held March 5, 2018 that February contributions are slightly down from the budget.

Pr. Wendell commented that we are making the budget but not where we want to be.

### Continuing Business:

The Council Retreat held February 23-25<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on how Grace Lutheran can better serve the Community. Bob Keith referenced the book "Living Into Community", pages 204-208. One of many things discussed which he felt important was how to integrate youth into the congregation.

A big "Thank You" to Rebekah Hadlock for transcribing all the notes from our work sessions at the Council Retreat. She will present the combined notes and discussions at our next council meeting in March.

Pr. Wendell reminded it was recognized and approved at the congregational budget to reduce the combined time of the pastors from 1.5 to 1.0 FTE by July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will have an impact on how the ministries may change with less of their time involved in their ministry.

Pastoral Priority Survey is being tabulated for the on line electronic version by Shelly Lundahl. She will be working on the link and complete the data and submit to Kendra Wollert, and Lew Nelson.

Pr. Netsie suggested when speaking with the congregation regarding the survey is to be creative and strive for positive construction on how to frame the discussion what it means to the congregation to have Pr. Netsie and Pr. Wendell limited on the involvement in the activities they now are part of. Kendra Wollert suggested to have a series of small group discussion for "clarification" of what it means to the congregation and staff of Grace Lutheran Church. Shelly Lundahl suggested to print out and post schedules on dates for the small group discussions.

It was decided to have six meetings with two meetings during the week in homes over a two week period and a Saturday and Sunday meeting at church. A sign up sheet will be good to have and to pass around at next Council meeting so council members can indicate which meeting they will attend.

Dates to have the six meetings were suggested for April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>. Kendra Wollert, Bob Keith and Shelly Lundahl offered to host meetings in their homes. Bob will ask Lew Nelson if he, also, will host a meeting in his home.

Church Picnic – June 10<sup>th</sup> - To be held at Thompson Shelter. \$110 for both morning and afternoon reservation was taken from Thrivent Choice funds.

### New Business:

The date of March 1-3, 2019 was proposed for the next Council Retreat. The date was chosen so it would not conflict with the Lutherfest fundraising event.

Pr. Wendell moved to vote on the date of March 1-3, 2019. After discussion it was moved, seconded by Dick Junge and passed (MSP).

Discussion was on whether to keep the Council Meeting Retreats local (Corvallis) or off-site. It was suggested more would attend all events if off-site.

Yellow Cards for Council Meeting Packets. If members want to print out the attachments themselves before the meetings rather than the church office printing them, please indicate on the yellow card.

Reminder/Assignment of Devotions and Treats: April – Sue Musil – Acts 10:34-43; May – Lew Nelson – I John 5:1-6

Closing Prayer: Pastor Wendell Meeting Adjourned at 9:05.

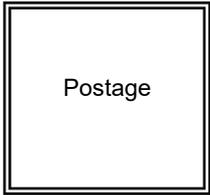


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