



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Grace GATHERINGS

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



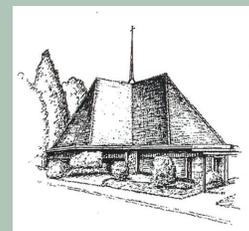
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

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."*



Grace Library Receives Children's Grant

The Oregon Synod, ELCA, bestowed a Grant to the Grace Church's William E. King Memorial Library. The DELK Fund Grant is \$1,000 for a new project with Children's Ministry. With this generously given grant money, the Library Committee will be putting together a Children's Library Space. As well as serving children, their parents will also be served by it. We are looking forward to this exciting addition to our Library.



Save the Date

- **June 27-July 1** — ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston
- **Sept 2** — Labor Day Weekend, *Worship in Central Park*
- **Sept 9** — God's Work, Our Hands.
Service project(s) after worship.
- **Sept 16** — Back to two services, 8:30 & 11 am,
with Christian Ed between services
- **Nov 10** — Women's Retreat
- **Feb 24, 2019** — Lutherfest



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.



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

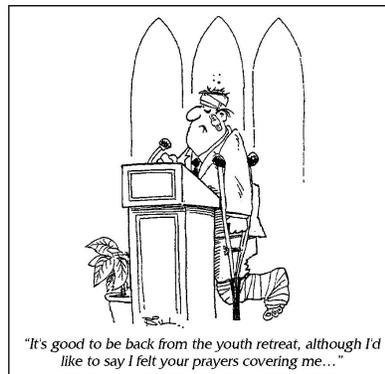
Meanwhile, if you would like an updated copy, please contact the office.

Prayers

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

- ⇒ Bill Adix, nephew of Marilyn & Art Bervin, for health and healing
- ⇒ Faith in Practice medical mission team, prayers of thanksgiving for their willingness to serve and prayers for safe travel. Prayers also for the people of Guatemala as they recover from the recent volcano activity
- ⇒ Ruth Hendershott, Pr. Wendell's mother, for good health and peace of mind & body
- ⇒ Mary Cay Armer, friend of Pr. Netsie, prayers for healing and patience
- ⇒ Jessie Saathoff, as she recovers from elbow surgery
- ⇒ Prayers for the people affected by Hawaii's volcano activity
- ⇒ Allen Train, Cameron Osborn's great grandfather, who passed away on June 10. Please pray for the family
- ⇒ Pat Curran and his wife, June, for health concerns. Pat is experiencing serious issues with his eyes and June is struggling with breathing complications

Please join us in praying for our youth and their chaperones as they venture off to Houston June 27-July 1 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Safe travels to them all! We look forward to sharing information about the trip in next month's newsletter!



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.

Jessica (Jessie) Saathoff (mentioned above in the prayer requests) is looking for summer jobs as she continues to mend. If you have a need for house or pet sitting, light house or yard work, please give her a call — (541)740-3662.

Pastor's Page



Though you will be reading it many days later, I am writing this article on June 20, 2018. This day is a day that has been designated as World Refugee Day to bring attention to the 68 million people around the globe who are refugees or who are internally displaced because of conflict and persecution. Though recognized in Africa before the year 2000, since that year the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Refugee Agency, has been joined by countless groups throughout the world to observe this commemoration as a focus on the plight of refugees.

The predecessor Lutheran church bodies which resulted in the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America today were established in this country by European immigrants and refugees. We would not be the church we are today had those people not left their homes, led by faith and trust in God's mercy, to establish a new home in a distant land.

In 1939 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) was founded by Lutheran churches in the United States to serve uprooted people during World War II. LIRS has since grown into an internationally recognized leader known for innovative services for refugees, asylum-seekers, unaccompanied migrant children and families, migrants in detention, and other vulnerable populations. The stated mission of LIRS is, "As a witness to God's love for all people, we stand with and advocate for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice." At the root of its core values is a welcome which is based on the message of Matthew 25:35, "When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." Rooted in this faith, LIRS believes that we are called to welcome those fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in the United States. Another of its core values is integrity. LIRS states, "Driven by a desire to serve vulnerable refugees and migrants, we refuse to compromise our moral, economic, and political integrity as we carry out our mission to that end."

In its 75-year history Grace Lutheran Church has had and continues to have significant ties to refugees and their support. It began in 1949 when a Latvian refugee family was temporarily housed at Luther House with Pr. Carl Samuelson. During the mid and late 1970s Grace aided in the settling of two refugee families from Southeast Asia. In the 1990s Grace provided support to a Rwandan family who unexpectedly became refugees while in Corvallis completing advanced degrees. Because of the violence which erupted in Rwanda while they were in the U.S., they were unable to return home. Currently, several members of Grace are involved in supporting refugees through the ecumenical organization, Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon (WITO).

In these times when our own country joins other developed nations in being viewed globally for our response to refugees, what might our heritage and history, as a church, and as families from diverse backgrounds teach us? Will we continue to welcome the stranger, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned on which the spotlight shines in Matthew 25 and see them as Christ himself? Or, will we forsake them at the peril of forsaking the very One in whom our own lives are rooted and nourished?

We continue to have opportunities to be involved locally, nationally and internationally to be a face of compassion and caring to the most vulnerable in our state, on our borders, and throughout the world. To find out more about WITO, contact Grace member, Gordon Matzke; to find out what LIRS is doing now to assist children separated from their families at our borders, visit their website at www.lirs.org. Learn about the ELCA's strategy of Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) which was inspired by the Spanish word, *amparo*, referring to the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, www.imirj.org is another group that is working locally, statewide and nationally to assist immigrants.

As the church in the world, as a congregation, as the people of God there is much we have done, yet there is so much more to be done. We have a rich heritage from which to draw and in which to be strengthened.

--Pr. Netsie

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's Days Off

Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday



July 12
**2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon** at
Murphy's on 1st
@ 11:45am

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study



It's Summer Break Time! During the month of July the group that usually meets in the Fireside Room every Tuesday afternoon for Bible Study will enjoy a 5 week break to explore other spiritual disciplines. Such disciplines might include simple rest and meditation on the goodness and beauty of God's creation.

Mark your calendars, however, for the first Tuesday in August, August 7th, when we will resume our study of the parables of judgement utilizing Robert Capon's book by that title. Though we are half way through, we still have a book available. If you would like to join us in August, you might consider getting the book; do catch-up reading this month and then join us when we resume for enlightening, thought provoking, and spiritually strengthening discussions



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

Miracles at Kings & Harrison

Through the generosity of Grace Folks, there have been quite a few miracles at Kings and Harrison. This spring, at the direction of the Congregational Meeting in January, Stewardship Committee was asked to provide an opportunity for the congregation to increase its annual giving in order to continue to support our co-pastors at their present levels to provide continued ministry to our congregation. We are delighted to announce, **we have reached our goal!**

We ask only that you continue to honor your commitment. It is as easy as placing your contributions in the offering plate Sunday mornings. Or if you prefer, you may send a check to the church office. If you didn't make a commitment, but want to help, that contribution is also welcome. No amount of support is too small. In fact those who cannot make a financial contribution are invited to keep Grace Lutheran Church's mission in your prayers.

Your participation in this effort is welcome. It will help Mary Stephens our Financial Secretary if you let her know your intentions. You may email her at mary@stephens.org.

Welcome, Pat & Ron Olson!

On Sunday, June 24th, we were pleased to receive into membership Ron and Pat Olson. The Olsons are longtime residents of the Pacific Northwest having lived in Portland, Alaska and finally landing in Mountlake Terrace, Washington, Pat's childhood home. In March of this year the Olsons moved to Corvallis from Mountlake Terrace to be closer to their son and his family who reside in our fair city. They are transferring their membership from Edmonds Lutheran Church in Edmonds, WA. Part of what drew them to Grace Lutheran is our welcoming status as a Reconciling in Christ congregation

They both enjoy travel and music. Ron also enjoys fishing. Pat enjoys reading and watching sports, so she may quickly become part of the OSU fan base. When asked how they would like to be involved in the ministry of Grace, they responded, "However we can." So, we look forward to them joining our pool of valuable, retired Grace volunteers. We thank Dale and Mary Jane Weber for serving as new member sponsors for the Olsons.

Attitude of Gratitude

You Reading This, Be Ready
by William Stafford

Starting here, what do you want to remember?
How sunlight creeps along a shining floor?
What scent of old wood hovers, what softened
sound from outside fills the air?

Will you ever bring a better gift for the world
than the breathing respect that you carry
wherever you go right now? Are you waiting
for time to show you some better thoughts?

When you turn around, starting here, lift this
new glimpse that you found; carry into evening
all that you want from this day. The interval you spent
reading or hearing this, keep it for life—

What can anyone give you greater than now,
starting here, right in this room, when you turn around?



Hats for the Homeless

You may have noticed the box in the entryway with the yellow paper taped to its side — hopefully there is something in the box, not just on the box, to indicate what it is for. A local group of people is dedicating their time to collecting hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses for the homeless in our community. Folks from Good Sam Episcopal, Benton County Health Center, Daytime Drop-In Center, Community Outreach and others are hoping to help protect those displaced and on the streets from the elements.

If you would like to donate, smaller containers of sunscreen are preferable, and should be unused. Hats and sunglasses can be new or gently used/clean.



Image by Lee Jeffries

God's Work. Our Hands.

Grace Lutheran's **Service Sunday** is scheduled for **September 9th**, following our 10 a.m. worship service. **Save the date!** Our 2018 project site will be **Lincoln Elementary School**. We will be volunteering to help teachers prepare classrooms, set-up bulletin boards and clean-up classrooms, along with helping with some outside projects. Much of the same that we did last year helping 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.

If you did not get a t-shirt last year or the year before, orders for **FREE t-shirts** for 2018 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.



"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

Grace Gallery

Now featured in the Ronnenkamp Hall Art Gallery are the beautiful watercolors of Kathryn Honey. Be sure to read her artist's biography, hanging both in the Fire-side Room and Ronnenkamp Hall.

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| ◆ 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 or Sharon Rosenkoetter.

Wisdom Seekers Meets Around Noon: Every Thursday, except Thanksgiving

You may have noticed that Wise Women is no longer meeting at Luther House. This long tenured book discussion has been undergoing a few changes. Most notably, they have changed their name to "Wisdom Seekers," in order to let everyone know that their group is also open to , in fact, half the attendees the past couple of weeks have been dudes.

The other big change has been in location. Many of you are familiar with the paucity of parking at Luther House. For a long time people had been parking at Grace and walking over to Luther House. One cold day someone asked if there was a place at Grace. Indeed there was and the group now meets in room seven, in the east hallway, under the watchful eye of the confirmation photos. An added benefit is that there is no longer a need to make their way up the Luther House staircase.

The group meets weekly to discuss a thought-provoking book. They alternate between a book with a theological emphasis and another of a general knowledge genre, always looking for the theological or spiritual perspectives of the author.

At present, the group is making its way through the Gospel of Thomas. The Gospel of Thomas is a New Testament Apocryphal Sayings Gospel. Some contend it came about contemporaneously with the books of the New Testament. There are certainly some close parallels to not only the gospels but also the other books of the Apostolic Writings. It's heterodox point of view has given it a reputation as a Gnostic gospel. Since Thomas is "organized" in such an eclectic manner, it is a good book for summer, when people's schedules often take them away for a week or two. It is the sort of manuscript that lets people jump into and out of at will. Copies of the gospel are available on line <http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/gthlamb.html> or at the Wisdom Seeker gatherings.

After Thomas, the group will taking up the 1927 Willa Cather novel, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. This book has been included in several lists of the 100 best books and was chosen by the Western Writers of America to be the seventh best "Western Novel" of the 20th century. The novel is based on the life of the first archbishop of Santa Fe and takes us into the history of the Southwest United States.



Tina Risen	07/02
Milt Larson	07/03
Sandie Williams	07/04
Ron Anderson	07/05
Anne Orwick	07/05
Jody Parker	07/05
Kendal Zwang	07/06
Natalie Cardinali	07/07
Dayle Christensen	07/08
Matthew Tribes	07/08
Rebekah Hadlock	07/10
Jackson Junge	07/11
Pat Corkill	07/13
Anthony Cardinali	07/14
Sara Gourley	07/15
Marna Renshaw	07/15
Marshall Hill-Tanquist	07/17
Keith Levien	07/17
Tim Stock	07/20
Nicole Gelser	07/21
Carole Boersma	07/22
Mary Stephens	07/24
Dana Howe	07/29
Netsie Griffith	07/30
Alyssa Weeber	07/30
Dean Aulerich	07/31
Ed Hall	07/31
Jose Vega	07/31

Birthday Blessings!

Please let the office know if there is a birthdate listed incorrectly, or if we have omitted someone in error.

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

Teams & Committees

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Healing Prayer Team - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

Mission Groups - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

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Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Globaliers — Book Discussion Group

The Globaliers will take a break during July and August and resume September 6. If you want to get a jump on things, September's book is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer. The discussion will be led by Ardis Koester. Goodreads begins their description of the book as "To save precious centuries-old Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, a band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven".

Grace Center News

Grace Center's caring staff is able and interested in being partners in pilot projects that can have a real benefit to the participants in the Center. As daily workers in the Center they recognize real needs; for example, the "Resi-Dental Care" project in which they are participating in the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties. It is ongoing now. Its goal is to bring screenings, education, referral resources, and services in the traditional family manner to the physical and cognitively impaired individuals who have need of dental services. The project also educates caregivers in other facilities like Grace Center to identify patients with oral issues. It can help provide care to patients who have needs beyond the activities at the Center. To learn more about the program contact: Molly Perino, Oral Health Supervisor at 541-766-6645 or molly.perino@benton.or.us.



Another trial program that Grace Center is partnering with is open to the community beyond the Center doors. New York University is conducting a study funded by NYU Caregiving Intervention (NYUCI) to help spouses, partners, and now also the children of aging parents who live together at home, to provide ongoing counseling through telephone counseling for individuals as needed. Grace Center's registered nurse is certified for the study with NYUCI. If you are living with a spouse or partner or an aging parent with dementia concerns, and you are trying to find the best ways of meeting the needs of your loved one, call Lee Cook at the Center to learn more: Lee Cook, RN at 541-754-8417 or nurse@gracecenter-covallis.org.



The best part is that it is FREE! It is not necessary to be participants in Grace Center to make use of this help. Call or e-mail Lee. It could lead to peace of mind for you and your family!

Luther House News

Luther House programming is on hiatus for the summer. See you in September!

Congratulations to graduating seniors: Kevin Bishop, Lorena Colcer, Benjamin Post, Bobby Ramsayer, Cordy Yan, and Chris Sims! Best wishes to you all!



Camp Lutherwood

Register now for 2018 Summer!

There is still time to register for camp this summer, but don't delay! The summer schedule has been updated — please visit www.lutherwoodoregon.org for specifics. Summer camp experiences available for youth from grades 1 thru 12, and summer staffing opportunities are available as well. (See next page for additional Camp updates.)

Thank you so much!

We at Lutherwood are incredibly thankful for all of our volunteers and staff (who have helped during the pre-season workdays). We had a lot of fun working, laughing, and eating together. (They) were able to complete several projects around the site including repainting our laundry room, organizing the program closet and office just in time for summer, trail clearing, weed-wacking, and finishing the Lutherwood Garden!

We also want to say a huge thank you to all of our donors, especially those who supported projects at the work day through Thrivent Action Teams. We have received a great amount of support to help get camp ready for summer!



Ten of us from Grace (some pictured here), Jim & Nancy Hemming, Dana, Annikka, and Eila Howe, Bill & Nancy Strohlein, Kathy Vohland, Marilyn Walsh, and Pr. Netsie participated in the June 9th Work Day at Camp Lutherwood.



Grace's "Not this year" Day Camp News

This changes everything... but it's not what we had in mind!

Imagine our surprise (and theirs, too) when Camp Lutherwood had to let us know they can't send Counselors to lead Day Camp this year. They've searched the country, but they just can't find enough people to hire. Camp did everything they could to honor their commitment – but our Day Camp is the very last week, so it's extra hard since many college students have to head back to school. It became impossible.

This means we're not going to be able to have Day Camp this year.

We're sad, too. We love Day Camp! We do believe, though, that God is right here in the midst of this with us, working to bring new life...

So... we're actively looking and listening for the options that will come for the future.

Here's 7 ways you can help:

- 1) Instead of Day Camp, go to Camp! Let's declare this a "summer of support" for Camp Lutherwood. Have you seen Grace's Partial Camperships offer? Check it out!
- 2) Invite a friend to Camp! With our returned deposit and any donations that might come, we're opening up some Partial Camperships to the community, too. (All Camperships can only be given while our funds last, so apply soon!)
- 3) Pray & listen...
- 4) Say some kind words – encourage one other, and especially Shelly Lundahl, our Day Camp Coordinator for so many years.
- 5) Be an advocate for our youth. They're getting together in August to help dream a way forward – you might be delighted!
- 6) Use this as an opportunity. Build community. Have a special "instead" event. Get together!
- 7) Stay open to God's surprises. What's the Spirit stirring up here? How can we participate?

Thanks to a generous grant from the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation and donations from members, we can now offer partial camperships for on-site camps at Camp Lutherwood.

Look for the yellow "Campership Application 2018" in the Church Entry Way, or call the church office to make an inquiry — 541-757-1600.

Camperships are available for Grace Members and also the extended community. Bring a friend!



ELCA Youth Gathering News

First seen in the June issue of Grace Gatherings, but here they are again, “**Team Grace.**” By the time you are reading this they might have already returned from the Youth Gathering, the final day of which is July 1st. Look for pictures on the Grace Facebook page which is Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA-Corvallis. Also, check out the Youth Gathering website for news and reports. www.elca.org/youthgathering



“Team Grace” (L to R): Mackenzie Burnett, Christina Lundahl, Reed Vega, Abby Schuerman, Shelly Lundahl, Kaili Saathoff, Silas Hadlock, Rebekah Hadlock, and Avi Hadlock.

If you are interested in what’s going on in Houston during the Youth Gathering, they will be livestreaming many of the events:

MYLE* Worship: June 26 at 6:45 p.m.

The tAble Worship:** June 27 at 10 a.m.

Daily Bible studies: June 27-June 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Nightly Mass Gatherings: June 27-June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: July 1 at 10 a.m.



Find the livestream on their website: www.elca.org/youthgathering and remember that times listed are for the Central Time Zone (2 hours ahead of us).

*MYLE = Multicultural Youth Leadership Event

**tAble = ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities



Bee Creek Photo

June Council Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
6:45 pm, June 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Bob Keith presiding.

Devotions: Shelley Chamberlin, 2 Cor 4:5-12 – Treasurers in Jars of Clay – “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us”.

Those in attendance: Bob Keith, Shelley Chamberlin, Donna King, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Pr. Wendell Hendershoff, Nancy Strohlein, Lew Nelson, Kendra Wollert, Rebecca Hadlock, Kathy Vohland and Dick Junge.

Excused Absences: Shelly Lundahl and Hal Brauner.

Pr. Netsie: Referred to the report handed out to members, prepared by Social Research Lab, “Oregon Synod Report”. Thanks to Bill Strohlein and Erin Radniecki for representing Grace Lutheran along with Pr. Netsie. To recap, an election was held to select people to various positions including those lay members and pastors who will represent the Oregon Synod at the 2019 Church Synod Assembly*

Pr. Netsie: Unfortunately, Camp Lutherwood is experiencing cash flow issues. They are not able to hire summer staff. They didn’t get the outdoor school contract they were hoping for. People want to provide funds but the staff needs to get permission to be able to keep the donations. Other Western State camps have had the same issues. Staff for Lutherwood has decreased from 20 to 8 employees. They are in need of a life-guard. These are trying times for outdoor ministry.

- Annual Congregational Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th at Thompson Shelter in Corvallis. Potluck picnic with side salads and desert.

- New members: June 24th has been set aside for welcoming our new members, Ron and Pat Olson. Mary Jane and Del Webber will sponsor them.

Donna King was presented a yellow Callie Lilly plant for all her efforts and accomplishments with the Youth Group, “Team Grace,” for the trip to Houston, Texas. They will be gone from June 27th through July 1, 2018. Donna presented the June 2018 Discipling Ministries bulletin.

Pr. Wendell:

- Christopher Buckley will be in Detroit for Anamcara activities from June 4th through the 12th.

- Pastors Wendell and Netsie will be attending PLU for Continuing Education June 11-13th.

- Reminder of vacation time that Pr. Wendell and Pr. Netsie will be taking from July 3rd-17th.

- Reminder that we are switching to one service June 17th, (Father’s Day).

- The next Foundation meeting will be held Thursday, at 7:30 pm on June 19th.

- Reminded where the keys are located for the Council Members to use when entering and leaving the church.
There will be no Partners in Faith in June

Bob Keith:

- Gave an update of the Treasurer’s Report in Hal’s absence. Contributions for the month of May were ahead of schedule.

- God’s Work Our Hands will be at Lincoln School which will be under construction after our time that Sunday Under construction. Bob will visit for updates.

Input and Discussion – “Listening for God” Sessions. Pr. Netsie: Approximately 50 people participated. Hope was that the congregation benefited from the discussion and opened it up for further discussion if one service is the direction to go with. The Sessions were a good technique to provide for conversation in the congregation. It was moved, by Kendra Wollert, seconded, by Lew Nelson, and the vote carried to place the discussion about One Service on the table, at this time. There was no debate, as a motion to place upon the table is non-debatable.

Visit with Pastor Susan Kintner. Comments from Council:

- **Lew Nelson:** Expected to have analyzed more what direction our church is going. Pastor Susan Kintner was very positive and encouraging. Head and shoulders above the average. The congregation is aging and so we need to look at the future of our youth.

- **Donna King:** We are adapting and doing things. Good people and spirit.

Pr. Netsie: There are more children at the 8:30 am service than the 11:00. Pastor Kintner was impressed with how we as a congregation are handling the upcoming changes.

A July-August Council Meeting will be held July 23rd at 6:45 pm

July Devotion: Nancy Strohlein – 2 Cor 12:2-10

August – No Council Meeting

September – Dick Junge – James 1: 17-27

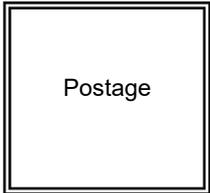
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes taken by Council Secretary, Shelley Chamberlin

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

Grace Lutheran Church

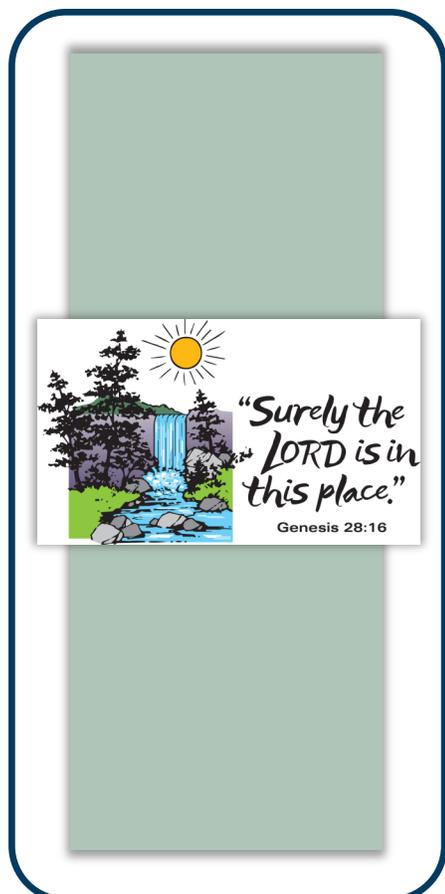
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Living in God's amazing grace

everyone is
welcome



Remembering 1968

Partners in Faith BBQ

Saturday, July 14

5:30 pm

Kris & 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.

Wear your jeans and tie dye!

Please RSVP by July 9th 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.

