

Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



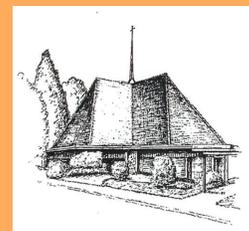
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

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."*



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 Single summer service Sundays. Here are some of highlights between now and the end of summer:

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| May 10 | Ascension Day — <i>No special service</i> |
| May 13 | Mother's Day |
| May 20 | Pentecost Sunday , 2 services
<i>The congregation is invited to wear red.</i> |
| May 27 | Trinity Sunday , 2 services |
| June 17 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day
<u>Single Service at 10:00 a.m.</u>
<i>The rest of the summer services will be at 10:00 a.m.</i> |
| Sept 2 | Labor Day Weekend Worship in Central Park |
| Sept 9 | God's Work Our Hands Sunday ,
<i>Service Projects after worship</i> |
| Sept 16 | Back to two services , 8:30 & 11:00
<i>with Sunday School in-between</i> |

Other Dates to Save

- **May 19th** — Synod Assembly, Portland
- **June 10** — Church Picnic at Thompson Shelter, Avery Park
- **June 27-July 1** — ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston
- **August 5-10** — Summer Day Camp



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

Thanks:

- * Thanks from Lutheran World Relief, for Grace Lutheran's financial donation last month. Funds like these make a real difference in many parts of the world. For additional information about agencies Grace helps to provide for, please contact Robin at bookkeeper@grace97330.org

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- * Kelly Raze, for healing after surgery
- * Lenora Bond, Nancy Hemming's mother, for peace during her final days
- * Virginia Milleman, Brandy Greeley's grandmother, who lives with lung disease
- * Anna Upenieks, for improved health after a recent hospital stay
- * Robert Grow and family, friends of Jaya Lapham, as he deals with cancer treatment and progression
- * Ernie Rosenkoetter, Larry's father, during his final days with hospice
- * Jan Leverenz, former Grace member, for successful eye surgery
- * Carol Freeman, for health, healing, and answers from her doctors
- * Dillon Wood, Brandy Greeley's cousin, who is in a coma after a motorcycle accident
- * ELCA Outdoor Ministry leaders, for wisdom and insight
- * Pr. John King, for health and healing

Death:

- * Emily Albeck, Anne Schroeder's grandmother. Please pray for Anne, her mother Bernice Hibbard, and all of her family as they deal with this unexpected loss.

⇒ A memorial service for Harold Benson will be held on Saturday, May 19th, from 3-5 pm at the Corvallis Country Club. Please contact the church office if you would like additional information.

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 — *From Grating to Gracing*

From time to time all of us are either recipients or practitioners of grating behavior. What, one might ask, is grating behavior? Grating behavior is a way of speaking, responding, or doing something that irritates, annoys or destroys the wellbeing of another. Instead of lifting another up, it defeats people. Instead of encouraging it discourages. Sometimes it may be intentional but many times it is unintentional and the person exhibiting it is unaware of the impact such behavior has on those around them. At other times our own thoughts turn inward on us in grating ways and become self-defeating. We become our own worst enemy.

How might we stop grating behavior in ourselves or deflect it when it is directed at us by another? Perhaps some verses from 1 Thessalonians 5 might help us out. The apostle writes:

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. . . . encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:11, 14b-18)

The behavior encouraged in these verses might be referred to as gracing behavior and an antidote to grating behavior.

This past year the Grace Lutheran Church Council read the book, *Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us* by Christine Pohl. One section of the book was devoted to "Embracing Gratitude as a Way of Life." Encouraged by this book and the words of v. 18 of 1 Thessalonians 5, I challenge myself and challenge you to embrace and practice gratitude or, in the words of 1 Thess., giving thanks.

One way to do this might be to develop a modified version of a Roman Catholic spiritual discipline called the Examen. Such a discipline might entail finding 5 things for which to be grateful about your day prior to going to sleep each night. Not long ago after having an especially bad day, I decided to do this. Initially it was difficult because I was wallowing in self pity. Yet making myself think of 5 things for which I was grateful out of a day of many bad things stopped the negative flow of despair coursing through my mind. It neutralized that which was bad and helped me precede my sleep with positive instead of negative thoughts.

Besides just doing this individually, we might also practice it corporately. This might mean trying it as a family, or in a small group of people here at church or, if you're one of the pastors, through your Grace Gatherings newsletter article. So, here goes. Since I'm writing this shortly after Sunday, April 22nd, I'm going to share five things for which I was grateful that happened that Sunday.

1. I give thanks for all the work Deaconess Donna put into the Food and Faith intergenerational activity which resulted in many smiles and much creativity.
2. I give thanks for the extra time and energy it took Mary Stephens to create slides for our special Earth Day worship, since it was different than the other Sundays of Easter.
3. I give thanks that we had new, first-time visitors to Grace at both our worship services who themselves expressed gratitude for being here.
4. I give thanks for the good humor and persistence of our four confirmation students, two mothers and our other pastor who refused to give up in what seemed like a hopeless game of knots until we achieved our goal of becoming unknotted.
5. I give thanks for the restorative sleep I experienced Sunday night.

In addition to practicing gratitude it might also do us well to keep in mind the other gracing behaviors noted in the scripture passage above. So, encourage one another; build up each other, as indeed you are doing!

Praying to transform grating into gracing,
Pr. Netsie

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





April 12th
2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon at
Mix Asian Bistro
@ 11:45am

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

We continue our study of the book, *The Parables of Judgment*, by Robert Farrar Capon. Some of the stories we will be studying during the month of May include the raising of Lazarus, blind Bartimaeus, Zacchaeus, the parable of the coins, the cleansing of the temple, the two sons, and the wicked tenants.

New members are always welcome to join us. Also, we still have one extra book, so if you've been thinking about digging deeper into scripture this may just be your chance.

We gather weekly on Tuesdays this month (with the exception of May 29th) from 1-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room. We then resume on June 5th.



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Frank & Sue

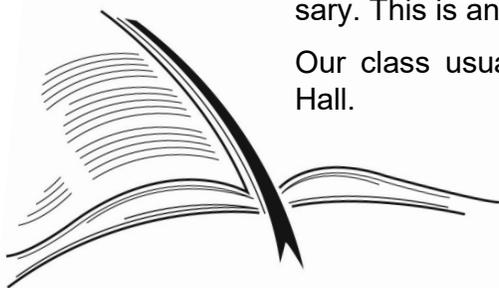
Lesson 10	May 6	<i>Giving from a Generous Heart</i>	Exodus 35:20-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Lesson 11	May 13	<i>Bringing First Fruits</i>	Leviticus 23:9-14, 22
Lesson 12	May 20	<i>Remembering with Joy</i>	Leviticus 25:1-12
Lesson 13	May 27	<i>Rejoicing in God's Faithfulness</i>	Psalms 34:1-10; Hebrews 2:17-18

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

Pastor Wendell's Sunday Class

Pastor Wendell's class on Luther's Small Catechism concludes this month, with a look at the often-neglected supplementary material: Daily Prayers and Biblical Advice for the Household. The class book, *By Heart*, written for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, reviews the five chief parts of the catechism, plus this sixth addendum. Our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has encouraged 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.



Oregon Synod Regional Gathering

Thanks to all who participated and assisted with our hosting of the regional gathering held here on Saturday, April 28th. We extend a special thanks to our Grace Hospitality Team who provided lunch and to all who provided assistance and help for the closing worship service. Look for a more detailed report of the gathering in the June issue of Grace Gatherings.

Oregon Synod Assembly Scheduled in May

The Oregon Synod will be meeting in Assembly for just one day this year. Voting members from the congregations of the synod will gather at Gethsemane Lutheran in Portland on Saturday, May 19th, to conduct the business of the synod and join together in worship. Attending to represent Grace Lutheran will be Erin Radniecki, Bill Strohle and Pr. Netsie Griffith. Erin and Bill were elected to be our representatives during our congregational meeting held in January, and we thank them for accepting this responsibility on behalf of us all.

New Decor

Don't you just love the bar-height pub tables now located in the Fireside Room and Ronnenkamp Hall? A charming venue for coffee and conversation that's great for gatherings and special events. These tables were purchased with Hospitality Committee monies the committee receives for hosting memorial receptions and other events. It's our hope you will enjoy the added dimension and interest these tables provide.



Heart of the Library in the Heart of the Valley

The Annual PNAAC Library Conference this year is hosted by the Mid Willamette Chapter and the Salem Chapter. It will be on June 22 and 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. Keynote Speaker will be author Melody Carlson. Also six more authors from Oregon will be selling their books, including well-known novelist, Jane Kirkpatrick. There will be nine seminars, facilitated groups, a raffle, and Make and Take activities to choose from. Grace Lutheran Library Committee is busy helping with the planning. Molly Hallgrimson will be directing the meals portion of the Conference. So you know it will be good! If you are interested in attending the Conference or volunteering you can contact me. There will be a volunteer organizational meeting on June 15 to coordinate the Conference.

— Jody Parker

Grace Center News

It is with great excitement that we announce Grace Center's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Memorial Courtyard unveiling to occur on Tuesday, May 22nd at 9:30am. Please join us to celebrate Grace Center taking ownership of the building through a bridge financing agreement with Samaritan Health Services. At this celebration, we will also be unveiling our newly completed, beautiful Memorial Courtyard!

A brief ceremony will occur promptly at 9:30am outside, at the front entrance of Grace Center. Light refreshments will be offered afterward, inside the building. Please join us for this time of celebration! You can RSVP to the event at office@gracecenter-covallis.org. **If street parking fills up, Walmart has kindly offered us the use of their north-west parking lot off of Spruce Ave, closest to Grace Center.**

We hope to see you there!





Bill Byers	05/01
Megan Vega	05/01
Karen Smith	05/02
Derek Gourley	05/02
Reed Vega	05/02
Jana Seeliger	05/04
Christopher Kamke	05/04
Jean Grosz	05/05
Aggie Hill	05/06
William Briskey	05/06
Christopher Buckley	05/07
Susan Hale	05/07
Todd Greeley	05/07
Chad Washington	05/07
Ashley White	05/07
Johanna Lundahl	05/07
MaryAnn Hall	05/09
Leah Byers	05/09
Ronly Grindahl	05/10
Lucas Junge	05/10
Tracy Collier	05/11
Sarah Brauner	05/11
Joni Beilby	05/12
Jeff Beck	05/14
Cooper Castellano	05/15
Casey Smith	05/16
Melissa Smith	05/16
Ted Zhang	05/18
Marika Stock	05/20
Marie Belle Vega	05/21
Karen Strand	05/23
Jacob Donner	05/24
Ida Stemple	05/25
Lincoln White	05/26
Wendy Nichols	05/27
Kiah Gourley	05/27
Sarah Stephens	05/27
Eila Howe	05/27
Brooke Donner	05/30
Julia Donner	05/30
Debbie Kuehn	05/31

Birthday Blessings!

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 - Sunghie 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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Events Hospitality

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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

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Hope & Wholeness Counseling

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Campus Ministry at Luther House

Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



Partners in Faith

Friday, May 11, 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 presentation on Russia by Jim & Nancy Hemming.

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

No “partner” needed, all are welcome!

Globaliers — Book Discussion Group

First Thursday of Each Month
Fireside Room @ 7pm

May 3, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room, Juan Guzman will lead the discussion of *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*, by Katherine Boo.

June 7, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the fireside Room, Darlene Leklem will guide the discussion of *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, by Kelli Estes, a tale of the San Juan Islands and Seattle 150 years ago.

The Globaliers will take a break during July and August and resume September 6. Next year's book titles will appear in next month's Grace Gatherings. Mary Ann Matzke will coordinate the group during 2018-2019.

Visiting Artist

Pr. Joel Nickel of Salem will be our guest lecturer and between-service discussant on May 6. Pr. Joel's art is currently displayed in Ronnenkamp Hall, the Fireside Room, foyer, narthex, and chancel. A chasuble of his design will be worn by Pastor Wendell on that day. The present exhibit includes pectoral crosses and a large number of abstract geometrics with mostly religious themes. The spirit that animated the paintings will be shared during the Education Hour on May 6.

Pastor Nickel is a retired Lutheran pastor who served inner city parishes in Detroit, MI, and Chicago, IL; campus ministry in Champaign/Urbana, IL, and Calvary Lutheran Church in Stayton, OR. He attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Art, the Oregon College of Arts and Craft, and cloisonné enamel workshops with Jean Tudor at the Grunewald Guild in Plains, WA. Today Pastor Joel is a full-time artist, working from his studio in Salem. He will also assist us with a display in the fall by European artist Erno Koch.

Together with two friends, Pastor Nickel has conducted extensive research into the liturgical art of Ernst Schwidder, whose work graces the worship space of our church. He shared his insights into Schwidder and the liturgical designs at a presentation last spring at Grace Lutheran. The study (including Grace's portion) is permanently located at the Brauer Gallery at Valparaiso (IN) University.

Grace Gallery

Pr. Nickel's art will be displayed through the month of May, followed by work by Kathryn Honey and Jim Wernz. Anyone who creates in any medium is urged to contact Sharon Rosenkoetter to arrange an exhibit.

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| ◆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

COME VISIT US!

Springtime is the season for campus visits for prospective college students and their families. At Luther House we want to connect and build relationships with students *before* they arrive on campus so they see us as a rich resource for faith and friendship. If you're planning a visit to Oregon State University, please let us know when you are coming. We'd love to have a chance to show you 'round the place and give you a warm Luther House welcome!

SUPPORT FOR OREGON HILLEL

Students at Luther House recently composed a letter of support for Jewish students from the Oregon Hillel faith community after they had been subjected to insulting and frightening messages on campus from white supremacists. After Easter, we built upon this support by accepting an invitation to join Oregon Hillel for a Seder meal. It was a joy to pray and sing and experience the story of the Passover together. We look forward to future opportunities to make the OSU campus a more peaceable community.

SPRING CLEANING AT CAMP LUTHERWOOD

Luther House students are headed to CAMP LUTHERWOOD on May 12th to participate in one of two scheduled Work Days. We will spend the day sprucing up the camp for the upcoming camping season. We look forward to a chance to exchange our books and laptops for rakes and paintbrushes.

LUTHER HOUSE HITS THE ROAD

Pastor Mike continues his congregational visitation tour of Oregon Synod churches hoping to meet and establish relationships with prospective students. So far, he has visited 16 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.

Camp Lutherwood



Summer Registration is OPEN!

Register today for one or many of our summer programs offered from June 24th- August 12th. Our summer theme this year is, "This changes everything" based on Ephesians 2:8, "for by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

We've expanded our programming to include Explorer: On the Farm where campers learn about gardening and animal care. Or check out our new High School Leadership Camp that explores what service looks like both at camp and in our communities.

We're Hiring!

Do you know any young adults who want to grow in their faith and grow their leadership skills? We are still hiring for our 2018 Summer Staff team, and we would love your help in recruiting awesome staff! You can find more information, including the application, on our website: lutherwoodoregon.org/involvedwithus/summer-employment

Upcoming Events

Work Days: May 12 & June 9th, 9AM-3PM

Help us get our site in shape for summer! Lunch is provided so please RSVP to make sure there is enough food for everyone.

Call: (541) 998-6444 or email: office@lutherwoodoregon.org

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
Agenda
6:45pm, April 9, 2018

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

No guests to introduce.

Attendance: Bob Keith, Shelley Chamberlin, Rebekah Hadlock, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Donna King, Jaya Lapham, Sue Musil, Kendra Wollert, Kathy Vohland, Nancy Strohleim and Hal Brauner.

Excused Absences: Lew Nelson and Dick Junge. Hal Brauner will be attending the latter part of this meeting.

Devotions were led by Sue Musil from Acts 10: 34-43

Motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2018. Pr. Netsie made the motion and seconded by Pr. Wendell. (MSP).

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

Officers/Staff Reports

Pr. Wendell:

- As a reminder, Christopher Buckley will be away for Anamchara Fellowship activities on Memorial Day through June 12th.
- Pr. Wendell and Pr. Netsie are working with the neighboring Lutheran congregations on the Regional Gathering for the Synod, April 28th. The Synod Assembly is planned for May 19th in Portland.
- Spring Clean Up was April 7th. Had a good turn out. Cleaning and yard work was completed inside and outside the church.

The Foundation Meeting will be held Thursday, April 12th at 7:30 pm.

Pr. Netsie: Pastoral Care & Looking Ahead.

- Carol and Don Freeman – Home communions
- Georgine Thompson's Service was 3/26
- Harold Benson's Service will be held on 5/19.
- Bev Raze is currently at the Mennonite Village recovering from surgery.

Reminder of the "Listening for God at Grace Lutheran" sessions to begin Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm. To be held at the home of Bob Keith, Council President.

The next "Listening for God at Grace Lutheran" meetings will be held *Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm* at the home of Kendra Wollert, Council Member. *Saturday, April 14th, 10:00 am* at Grace Lutheran church, Fireside Room and *Sunday, April 15th, 9:45 am* at Grace Lutheran Church, Ronnenkamp Hall and Lew Nelson's home Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 PM.

The final meeting will be Thursday, *April 19th, 7:30 pm* at the home of Shelly Lundahl, Council Member.

Donna King: Discipling Ministry.

Youth Group has almost reached the goal of \$15,000 for their Texas trip. So far \$12,978 has been raised with \$1,766 donations from the Easter Breakfast.

Council Continued

Continuing Business: Kathy Vohland

Kathy Vohland will communicate with Allison Taylor, for the 2019 Camp Magruder Retreat. We are planning on March 1st through March 3, 2019. Kathy will report at our next Council meeting regarding prices for lodging and meals. Discussion from the council was to look at other lodging areas that might be less expensive. Possibly look at Air B&B's and vacation rentals.

Pastoral Priority Survey: Kathy Vohland offered to print a sign up sheet to place on the front door of the church reminding of the meeting ministry areas for Listening for God at Grace Lutheran discussions. Results of the poll show items in bold reflected 50-100% of respondents that marked as a high priority. Items bolded and italicized reflected 25-49% of respondents marked as a high priority.

Pr. Netsie reminded that the Regional Synod Gathering at Grace Lutheran Church will be Saturday, April 28th.

Pr. Netsie has confirmed with Rev. Susan Kintner, Assistant to the Bishop, that she will be available Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm to visit our congregation. The congregation will be notified of this date soon.

• **Officers/Staff Reports:** Treasurer's Report by Hal Brauner. The April deposits from Holy Week were deposited on 4/2/18 rather than showing deposited in March. The church is not gaining much but Hal felt we are on track. Cash Flow is in good shape. Restrictive Funds are moving along fairly well.

Rentals: The second rental house has new renters. Fund is small as repairs are being made, but to the Kings Street rental. The Kings Street rental has the annual contract coming up in June. Two months prior to the contract end date, a conversation will be held with the renters.

Reminder/Assignment of Devotions and Treats:

- May - Lew Nelson 1 John 5:1-6
- June - Shelley Chamberlin - 2 Cor 4:5-12

Closing Prayer: Pastor Netsie

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Kendra Wollert

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

Helping Neighbors in Need

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.

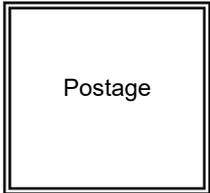
Thank you, Grace friends and members, for your continued support of this important ministry!



Ida Fund

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**Evangelical Lutheran
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Living in God's amazing grace

everyone is
welcome



June 3rd is Graduate Recognition Day

Please tell us about your grads! Send all info to Donna King donnak@grace97330.org before the end of May so that we can include it in our recognition folder and blessing. Thanks so much!

Summer BBQ(s)

The Kradjans and Warloes will be hosting a summer BBQ for Partners in Faith in July (more information to come). As with any PiF event, all are welcome. We are looking for someone to host a BBQ in June or August. Please contact Sue Musil for additional information — 541-745-5511.