

Grace GATHERINGS

**July
2016**



Old Fashion Gospel Music Partners in Faith

Saturday July 30th, 5:30 p.m.

at

Kris and Carol Warloe's
1260 NW Lewisburg Avenue, Corvallis

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 \$5.00 per person suggested.

Musical entertainment provided by Nervous Breakdown.

Please RSVP by July 26th 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.

UPCOMING DATES

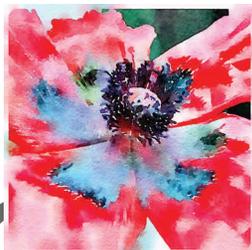
- July 4 - Independence Day -- Office Closed
- July 24-29 - Confirmation Camp
- August 8-12 - Lutherwood Day Camp
- September 4 - Ecumenical Worship Service in Central Park
- September 5 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- September 11 - "God's Work. Our Hands" ELCA Day of Service
- September 18 - Return to two Sunday worship services at 8:30 & 11 a.m.
- September 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace



Grace Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation. "Reconciling in Christ" congregations welcome persons of all sexual orientation and gender identities. We affirm that we welcome all persons regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age or national origin.

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

Prayers



This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from May 20 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.

Thanks:

Prayers of thanksgiving and support for the Mueller family as they transition to a new home.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I would like to thank all the generous Grace members that took time out of their busy schedules to donate on Thursday, June 16th. It was a very successful drive with a goal of 14 units and 17 units collected. The need for blood is constant and you all help ensure a safe and stable blood supply for people in need.

A sincere thank you to you all. -- Marna Renshaw

Illness and Other Concerns:

Maya Rye -- 6 year-old going through chemotherapy

Becky -- Maya's grandmother, who is seriously ill

Ellen -- Stage 4 ovarian cancer

Christina (Rodriquez) -- daughter of Mary Lou and John, Grace alumni

Jared -- Christina's husband, as he cares for her

Dee Nath -- Pat Corkill's daughter (Johnny's sister) who is going through treatment for stage 4 cancer in her liver and lungs

Jerry Tanquist -- recovery after heart bypass surgery

Birth:

Congratulations to new grandparents, Marshall and Sheryl Hill-Tanquist! Their daughter, Tamara Hill-Tanquist and her husband Andrew McKelvey, had a baby girl on Monday 6/13 Naia Lyn McKelvey, 8 lb, 2 oz.

We rejoice with two sets of great grandparents from Grace who recently were blessed with the birth of the first of great grandchildren.

On Sunday, June 26th, John and Maxine King became the great grandparents of Hannah Jean King who came into the world weighing 8 lb, 8 oz and reaching a length of 20 inches.

On Tuesday, June 28th, which was also their 64th wedding anniversary, Emery and Helen Hildebrandt rejoiced over the birth of their first great grandchild, Hudson James Hansord.

Please join them and the parents of these children in giving thanks for the blessings these new lives will bring to their world and ours.

Death:

Evelyn Hazen -- Great-grandmother of Geri Mills

Will Keim -- CHS softball coach (cancer)

Seniu Maitland -- Junior at CVHS who recently committed suicide

Victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting

Bernie Conklin -- Anita McEldowney's son-in-law

William "Bill" Stephen -- Husband of Dorris "Jo" Stephen, Grace alumni



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Check the calendar
tab for updates

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.

Learning with Grace

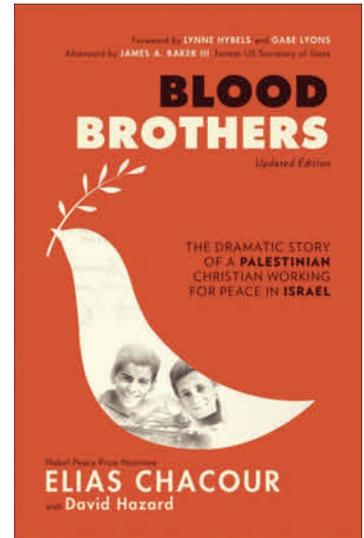
GRACE READS **Challenge for the Summer**

You are invited to join the pastors and members of the Tuesday Bible Study in reading ***Blood Brothers*** by Elias Chacour during the month of July.

It is the powerful, autobiography of Archbishop Emeritus Elias Chacour, a priest of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. Fr. Chacour describes himself as a "Palestinian-Arab-Christian-Israeli."

From the time he first became a priest, Fr. Chacour has worked tirelessly for peace in his homeland of Israel/Palestine and reconciliation of the peoples of this land.

Join with others in discussing what the story told in this book continues to mean today for all Christians as well as those who make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



Discussion Times & Locations

- **Tuesday, Aug. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.**
(First of two sessions covering 1st half of book)
Fireside Room
- **Wednesday, Aug. 3, 7-8:30 p.m.**
(Single session on the whole book)
Fireside Room
- **Tuesday, Aug. 9, 1-2:30 p.m.**
(Second of two sessions covering 2nd half of book)
Home of Norma Moody

Summer Plans for Tuesday Bible Study

During the month of July, we will not meet for Tuesday Bible Study. Members of the group have decided to participate in the ***Grace Reads*** challenge (*see article above*). This means everyone will be reading the same book sometime during July. We will resume meeting in August, and our first two sessions in August will be devoted to the discussion of the book, ***Blood Brothers***. Here's the dates, time and meeting locations for those sessions.

- Tuesday, August 2, 1:00-2:30 pm, Fireside Room at Grace
- Tuesday, August 9, 1:00-2:30 pm, Home of Norma Moody, 2571 NW Acey Way



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

1982 from Two Different Perspectives

First published in 1984, the narrative of this summer's Grace Reads book, *Blood Brothers*, concludes in the fall of 1982. The edition we are reading adds a 2012 epilogue. The 1982 end of the narrative takes place during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Having worked and toured in Israel in May and June of 1982, I remembered this event from my perspective at that time.

After two years of intense seminary study culminating in a Master of Arts in Religion, I was thrilled to have an opportunity to participate in the ongoing archaeological excavation at Caesarea Maritima, just north of Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coast of Israel. After the mental workout of higher education, the physical workout of digging in the dirt and pushing wheelbarrows while learning the basics of archaeology was a welcome change of pace and scenery. Up at four a.m. five days a week, we could get a day's work in on ancient ruins before it got too hot. In the cool of the evening we heard lectures about the current situation in Israel. On the weekends we toured biblical sites and stayed in a hostel within the old city walls of Jerusalem.

A couple of weeks into my time there, we were scheduled to tour Caesarea Philippi on the Lebanese Syrian border northeast of Jerusalem. There was some discussion of whether or not we would be able to go because of speculation that Israel would soon be closing off this border area. After consultation between our Israeli and American tour leaders we went. We made it there and drove back to Jerusalem via the Golan Heights. As we were driving south, there was a continual stream of military tanks and vehicles driving north. The mood on our bus was very quiet and somber, and it was obvious that our Arab bus driver was uncomfortable and very relieved when we returned to Jerusalem.

The next day, the road next to our dig site was declared a mobilization point. Very soon it was filled with everyday citizens' pick-ups. We found out later that any citizen owning a pick-up was required to bring it to such a designated mobilization area and wait there until it was determined whether or not their pick-up might be conscripted by the Israeli army for use in the planned military action. The next day IAF Cobra helicopters began daily flights above us along the coast, and the invasion which became known as the 1982 Lebanon War had begun and continued the remainder of the time I was at Caesarea Maritima and in Jerusalem.

It was a perplexing irony that neither I nor the people around me felt in danger when a war was being fought less than a 100 miles north of me "as the crow (or helicopters) flew." (I remind you that this was before the use of long range missiles.)

Elias Chacour ends his narrative with the attack on the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon during the fall of 1982. While this attack was not perpetrated by the Israeli Defense Force, neither was it prevented when the security of these camps had been entrusted to them by outgoing peacekeeping forces. This event compelled Chacour to return from Europe to his Palestinian home and continue his peacemaking mission through his work in the church in Ibillin.

Probably not many people remember that there were U.S. casualties in this specific, minor military conflagration (compared with what has happened since that time). Because I had so recently been in Israel, the news which came in October of 1983 impressed me deeply. The bombing of a military barracks in Beirut killed 241 U.S. and 58 French servicemen in Lebanon as part of a Multinational Peacekeeping Force.

Reading Rev. Elias Chacour's autobiography of his early years living and working in Palestine and hearing people like Palestinian Christian Farmer, Daoud Nassar, when he came to Portland several years ago remind me why I'm drawn to return to this place filled with such pain, complexity, history and promise.

The Christian witness of these people and their collaboration with Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers in their pursuit of and insistence upon peace amazes and humbles me. They epitomize a radical form of hope that astounds me. They refuse both to be and to make enemies. They believe beyond belief that God sustains them and will continue to provide for them. We have much to learn from them.

A humble, hopeful pilgrim,
Pastor 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



Community of Grace

Women's Luncheon



14 July
2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon at
House of Brews
at 11:45am

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

Public Church

On the evening of June 19, well over one hundred community members gathered on the lawn of the Benton County Courthouse to stand with our GLBTQ sisters and brothers in the aftermath of the recent shootings in Orlando Florida. Organized by the faith community of Corvallis, this vigil gathered people from several different faiths across our community to express their concern and grief over this all too common occurrence of violence.

Faith leaders from around the city, including our own pastors, Wendell Hendershott and Netsie Griffith, led the gathering in welcome, in song, in the remembering of those killed and injured, in prayer, in mutual conversation and commitment to action and hope. As Lutherans we are encouraged through the scriptures to proclaim Christ in word and deed, to care for others and the world God made, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Save the Date **"God's Work. Our Hands."** **Sunday, September 11, 2016**

"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. This year's date for the 2016 dedicated day of service is **Sunday, Sept. 11**. Mark your calendars! We will worship at 10 a.m. that day. Following worship we will travel to our work site, have lunch and then engage in service.

This year's dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Thus, we are asked to consider thanking and holding in prayer the emergency responders in our area as part of our service.

"The world can be a dangerous place. But there are some who, when disaster strikes, run toward the danger. These are the first responders, firefighters, police and EMTs, who live out their baptismal vocation in service to their communities in times of intense need. They do God's work with their hands."
– **ELCA Presiding Bishop**
Elizabeth A. Eaton

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. You work every day to make our community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together on the 2016 ELCA Day of Service, "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday!



Grace Personnel & July Birthdays

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King

Director of Music Ministries - Br. Christopher Buckley

Organist - Sunghée Kim

Custodian - Sam McKay

Nursery - Tiana Posler

Office Administrator - Carol Terrill

Office Assistant - Jody Parker

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

Facebook Administrator -- Sue Speulda

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

Property Committee - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

Communications Committee

Randy Joss, 541.929.9360

Sunday Hospitality

Dayle Christensen, 541.752.6233

Reception Hospitality - Position Open

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 - Iona Trapp, 541.207.3886

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

Pastoral Counseling Center

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

Campus Ministry at Luther House

Jim Norlie, Pastor, 541.753.5213

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Happy July Birthday!

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| Tina Risen | 7/2 |
| Neal Davis | 7/2 |
| Jena Collins | 7/2 |
| Milt Larson | 7/3 |
| Sandie Williams | 7/4 |
| Ron Anderson | 7/5 |
| Anne Howard-Orwick | 7/5 |
| Jody Parker | 7/5 |
| Cody Levien | 7/6 |
| Kendal Zwang | 7/6 |
| Anne Willett | 7/7 |
| Annabritt Coakley | 7/7 |
| Natalie Cardinali | 7/7 |
| Dayle Christensen | 7/8 |
| Matthew Tribes | 7/8 |
| Lorrie Vasche | 7/9 |
| Peter Regan | 7/9 |
| Rebekah Hadlock | 7/10 |
| Jackson Junge | 7/11 |
| Pat Corkill | 7/13 |
| Anthony Cardinali | 7/14 |
| Marna Renshaw | 7/15 |
| Sara Gourley | 7/15 |
| Andrew Morgan | 7/15 |
| Keith Levien | 7/17 |
| Marshall Hill-Tanquist | 7/17 |
| Avery Anderson | 7/18 |
| Tim Stock | 7/20 |
| Erika Lundahl | 7/20 |
| Seth Byers | 7/21 |
| Nicole Gelser | 7/21 |
| Carole Boersma | 7/22 |
| Mary Stephens | 7/24 |
| Ryan Nichols | 7/26 |
| Ken Minoura | 7/29 |
| Dana Howe | 7/29 |
| Netsie Griffith | 7/30 |
| Alyssa Weeber | 7/30 |
| Edward Hall | 7/31 |
| Dean Aulerich | 7/31 |
| Jose Vega | 7/31 |
| Alexander Reher | 7/31 |

The Songs We Sing

“America the Beautiful”

One of the songs we will sing in worship on July 3 is “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.” Katherine Lee Bates, the poet for what is more commonly known as “America the Beautiful,” was born in Wellesley, MA, Aug. 12, 1859. Eventually, she became the head of the English Department at Wellesley College. It is reported she “pencilled” [SIC] the poem into her notebook in July of 1893, after a summer session at Colorado College, when she took a trip to Pike’s Peak. The “beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain . . .” she saw there are said to have inspired the first stanza. Another experience, earlier on that same summer trip, seems to have made its way into the poem; the “alabaster cities,” were said to have been inspired by the “white city” buildings of the Columbian World Exposition in Chicago. The poem, *sans* music, spent its first decades in various periodicals before it was united with its, now familiar, tune.

The original second verse about pilgrim’s feet, which the children in my grade school giggled over, has been omitted from our hymnal. The reason stated is some have read into that stanza white manifest destiny against Native Americans. While not technically a hymn, because it addresses America, rather than God, this important national song with religious overtones has a checkered history of inclusion in Lutheran hymnals. It was first included in *Service Book and Hymnal*, in 1958, then it was omitted from *Lutheran Book of Worship*, in 1978, only to return in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, in 2006. While it was included in the hymns in 1958, by 2006 it was thought better included in the National Songs section. It hasn’t been included in any of the official hymnals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The tune, MATERNA, began its life with another poem, “O Mother Dear, Jerusalem,” written in the mid 1880’s, and was published with its original text in 1888. In 1912, it was joined to Katherine Bates’ poem, a pairing that became quite popular during the First World War and has only become increasingly popular since. Its composer, Samuel Augustus Ward, born Dec. 28, 1847, was the son of a shoemaker. He studied piano in New York City and eventually opened a music store in Newark, NJ. In 1880 he became the organist for Grace Episcopal Church in New York. In 1889 he started the Orpheus Club of Newark, a glee club, which since that time, has given two public performances each and every year.

Sources:

Paul Westermeyer, *Hymnal companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Augsburg Fortress, 2010, pp 775-776.

Orpheus Club of Newark Website: http://www.nj.com/independentpress/index.ssf/2014/04/orpheus_club_of_newark_returns.html



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Extending Grace



Fifteen Plus Years of Welcome

At the annual meeting, on January 21, 2001, Grace Lutheran became a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. Part of that process was to develop a welcoming statement. Here is what we came up with fifteen years ago:

Grace Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ Congregation," welcoming gay and lesbian believers to become members and to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation. We affirm that we welcome all persons regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age or national origin.

Now as we move beyond our fifteenth year as an RIC congregation and into our 75th Anniversary, we recognize that our original statement is revealing some of its limited scope. That was particularly evident last January when, in an adult forum celebrating the anniversary, we looked at how the gender identity and expression landscape has changed in recent years.

Your Congregational Council also looked at our statement at their retreat last March and again at their next few meetings. **Below is the draft statement they have crafted for your consideration, not only for the words it speaks, and the welcome it expresses but also with a heart for how we might live this out as we seek to truly welcome others as Christ has welcomed us.**

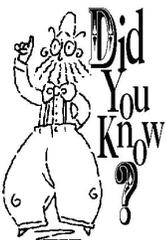
We have formatted it double spaced for you to do some editing and invite your reactions and comments on this new statement. You will also find copies in the fireside room along with some of the materials presented at our January forum. Don't be afraid to tinker. It is important that this statement reflect input from the whole congregation.

DRAFT Welcome Statement as approved by Church Council, 5/9/16

Together we seek God's love and grace. We participate in welcome because God welcomes all without regard to race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstances, socio-economic status or anything that separates us from the welcoming love of God. May our unity in Christ extend such welcome.

Did You Know?

Each year we join with five other Corvallis congregations on **Labor Day Weekend** in a joint outdoor **worship service** at the band shell in **Central Park**. This year's Service is scheduled for **10:00 a.m., September 4, 2016**. This will be the only service for Grace folks on that day.



Grace Giving

Giving It Forward Initiative Launched

By now you have most likely received your invitation to participate in the Giving It Forward Initiative. Each household was mailed a letter on June 14. If for some reason you did not get one, there are extras in the church office. On March 21, 2017 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will mark its 75th anniversary as an official congregation. To celebrate this occasion we invite you to join us to pay down the mortgage and sustain our future in ministry.

At this writing, the church is paying approximately \$27,468 annually mortgage payments. The mortgage balance, after our May transactions, is currently \$352,640.56. The term of the mortgage is 20 years. Over those years, the church could save up to \$165,120 if we were to pay it off early.

To support this goal, Grace Lutheran Church Foundation has generously agreed to a 1:1 match up to \$100,000 of donations. Our goal is to raise enough funds to completely, or significantly, reduce the mortgage between now and December 31, 2019. At this point we have enough pledges to meet the Foundation match, but there is a proviso: The Foundation is not matching the *pledges*, but the *contributions*. So if you contribute now, *your contribution* will be one of the first to be matched.

To that end, we ask that you continue to pray for Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church as we approach our 75th anniversary. As you do so, prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute to help us achieve this goal. ***We ask that all contributions to the mortgage reduction be made over and above your regular offerings.***

Suggested ways to contribute to the Giving It Forward Initiative:

- Make a one-time donation (e.g. financial instrument, stock or real estate)
- Pledge annual donations
- Pledge monthly or weekly donations beyond your regular offerings

Pledge Forms for the Giving It Forward Initiative are now available in the church office in addition to those which have been sent to each household in the congregation. Please fill out the top part of the form, return it to Mary Stephens (to keep your pledge confidential) using the return envelope, and keep the lower part for your records. You are encouraged to return the pledge in a timely manner.

Please note that we will accept donations for the Giving It Forward Initiative through the end of calendar year 2019. If you are not able to contribute at this time, you can consider 'giving it forward' by including Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church or Grace Lutheran Church Foundation in your estate planning.



Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers (VIC) is a local organization that assists the elderly and people with disabilities so that they may remain independent for as long as possible. Volunteers at VIC generously support these areas include friendly visits, transportation, grocery shopping, light housework, relief for caregivers, and light yard work. VIC also has a group that builds ramps and chair lifts under the supervision of Leroy, the "ramp guru". Ramps are built for people in wheelchairs who cannot leave their homes unassisted.

Please contact the VIC office at 541-757-0908 or Norma Moody, the Grace coordinator, at 541-754-2555 to find out how you can sign up to help. ***You can be that volunteer that helps neighbors and friends in our community!***

Congratulations, Grace Grads!



You are God's good gifts to the world! Go in Grace, to love and serve the Lord!

- Barrett Adix** (family of Marilyn Adix Bervin) – Legacy High School, Mansfield, TX
- Danielle Adix** (family of Marilyn Adix Bervin) – B.S., University of Texas, Austin
- Mackenzie Adix** (family of Marilyn Adix Bervin)– B.A., George Fox University, Newberg, OR
- Rachel Biedermann** (family of Marilyn Adix Bervin) – M.A. in Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN
- Sarah Maria Brauner** (daughter of Hal and Lida Brauner) – B.A. in English, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- Jesse Byers** (son of Bill and Jan Byers) – Doctor of Physical Therapy, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- Andrew Carlson** (grandson of Ted and Swannie Carlson) – Doctor of Physical Therapy, George Fox University, Newberg, OR
- Luke Davis** (grandson of Hal Brauner) – Corbett High School, Corbett, OR
- Curran Gahan** (grandson of Bill and Nancy Strohleim) – B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Oregon State University
- Ellie Gelser** (daughter of Peter and Sara Gelser) – Corvallis High School
- Derek Gourley** (son of Mark and Joyce Gourley) – M.S. in Forest Engineering/Resource Management, Oregon State University
- Melinda Guzman** (Luther House) – B.S. in Microbiology, Oregon State University
- Neil Hulbert** (grandson of Ted and Swannie Carlson) – Master of Music, Indiana University
- Deven Hunter** (granddaughter of Bob Keith) – B.A. in Fashion Design, Oregon State University
- Sydney Joss** (daughter of Randy and Jacqueline Joss) – Corvallis High School
- John Barry King, Jr.** (husband of Deaconess Donna King) – Doctor of Theology in Systematic and Philosophical Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
- Kyle Kinyon** (great nephew of Kathy Vohland) – John F. Kennedy High School, Mt. Angel, OR
- Hugh Ian Routh Koester** (grandson of Jerry and Ardis Koester) – Chapel Hill/Chauncy Hall High School, Waltham, MA
- Naomi Loftsgard** (granddaughter of Marilyn Loftsgard) – Nicaragua Christian Academy, Managua
- Stephen Lucas** (Luther House) – B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University
- Molly MacMorris-Adix** (family of Marilyn Adix Bervin) – Doctor of Nursing Practice, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland
- Laurel Megale** (niece of Jody Parker) – Philomath High School
- Kevin Richard Nix** (son-in-law of Stan and Dorothy Miles) – Master of Business Administration, Washington State University
- Anna Vigeland Pickering** (Luther House, Grace) – Ph.D., University of Hawaii.
- Aaron Reher** (son of Penny and Ron Reher) – Master of Health Administration (summer), University of Washington
- Kyle Anthony Smith** (son of Karen and Tony Smith) – West Albany High School
- Mark Stephens** (son of Bruce and Mary Stephens) – B.S. in Statistics, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- Ariah Suek** (Luther House) – B.A. in Public Health, Oregon State University
- Martina Vega** (daughter of Jose and Robyn Vega) – Crescent Valley High School
- Chad Washington** (son of Diane Stadsvold and Todd Washington, grandson of Cy and Cy-nara Stadsvold, nephew of Cyndi and Wayne Wahrmund) – B.S. in Forest Operations Management, Oregon State University
- Bryan Williamson** (Luther House, Grace) – B.A., Oregon State University
- Edwin Wollert** (spouse of Kendra Wollert) – Ph.D. in History of Science (summer), Oregon State University

Luther House Happenings

Refer a Student to Luther House

It's that time of year when high school graduates turn their attention to college. So that we're ready to greet, welcome, and integrate students from your congregation to Lutheran Campus Ministry when OSU, LBCC, and WOU begin this fall, we're asking for your help. Please send their names and contact info (address, phone and email) to info@luther-house.org. We promise to contact every student referred to us and invite them to be part of all that Luther House has to offer. We also plan to distribute "Welcome to Campus" gift bags again this year to every new student we meet. In case you or they are curious about why we exist or what we do, check out our web site at www.luther-house.org or find us on Facebook as "Luther House Campus Ministry." We look forward to connecting with college students from your congregation this fall.

Fall Football Parking

Are you or your friends coming to cheer on the Beavers this coming football season? If so, Luther House will once again provide game-day parking at Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Kings and Harrison) for only \$10 per car per game. The lot opens three hours before kickoff. Park four times and the fifth time is free. All proceeds help offset program expenses throughout the year. Thanks for your support. Sorry, no tailgating or overnight parking is allowed. Go Beavs!

90th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion, Open House, and Tailgate Party

Saturday October 29 is OSU homecoming. It's also the day we're planning a Luther House alumni reunion and BBQ starting three hours before kickoff. Besides reuniting with old Luther House friends and making new acquaintances, there will be games, lots of food, Luther House trivia, a tour of the house, and even door prizes – all free to you. Parking will be available at the Grace Lutheran parking lot, corner of Kings and Harrison. If you're headed to the game we ask a \$10 donation like all other football fans. If you're coming just for the party, you park free. We can't wait to see you.

Save the Date for Lutherfest 2017

The fifth annual Luther House beer and cheese pairing fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, at the Samaritan Event Center in Lebanon, Oregon. Detailed information will be released this fall. For now, please mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to join us for the best Lutherfest yet!

Sunday, June 12th, Pr. Jim Norlie presented Georgine Thompson the **2016 Luther House "Friend of Luther House" award** to acknowledge her outstanding service over many years as board member and chair, supporter, and Mutual Ministry Team member. Additionally, she's credited for her role in delivering pastoral care to students, faculty and staff, as well as helping Luther House become a Reconciling in Christ campus ministry that expressly welcomes gender minority students as full participants. Congratulations Georgine!



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Grace Center / Grace News



I'm surprised each month when I talk to our co-directors at Grace Center to get ideas for the church Gatherings. Every month they have something interesting that I can tell you. This time Tera thought you would like to hear about the three interns that are contributing and also learning right now. Grace Center hosts up to three interns at a time, all students in the OSU Public Health and Human Services department. The program is so successful that many of the students have later opted to work with the aged. Being interns is a win-win situation, really. The students give us 10-week services, either at 9 hours a week or 30 hours a week. This is a considerable help to our staff, and the students get good insight into the functions of a day services program. More than that, each of them will also do a project in their time with us. One research project that Tera described was intriguing to me. A student is studying computer games that are beneficial for memory. Now we could all learn from that! The Center has a computer that our participants can use to try out the games, and they love it. One man said he has a computer at home and could play the games there, too. I think I'll ask Tera to let us all know about those games so we could have as much fun as Grace Center people.

Watch for the coming update on the Grace Center building!

As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here's the list of those providing transportation:

Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated Grace on the Move Drivers, who provide and/or coordinate rides to worship and Bible Study for those in need of transportation: *Ron & Kay Larson, Marna Renshaw, Wayne & Carolyn Kradjan, Darlene & Jim Leklem, Anne & Tom Orwick, Debbie Kuehn, Judy Winkler, Norma Moody, Kathy Vohland, and Marshall Hill-Tanquist.*

(If you provide this service and your name is not here, please let the church office know @ 541-757-1600)

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

All are grateful to the many members dedicated to bringing the gift of music to our Sunday worship services. Our Director of Music Ministries, Christopher Buckley, lends expertise and dedication to provide us with joyful music. Sunghee Kim, organist, accompanies the choir and plays for our early worship service. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who provide special music from time to time. In addition we want to recognize those who provide music Sunday in and Sunday out:

Chancel Choir: *Sue Davis, Carol Erickson, Netsie Griffith, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Norma Moody, Anne Orwick, Denice Rickard, Sue Speulda, Donna Wernz, Sandie Williams, Glenn Chaffin, Wendell Hendershott, Marshall Hill-Tanquist, Jerry Koester, Lynn Wenzell, Jim Wernz.*

Grace Alive! *Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Tom Kiersky, Dave Lundahl, Angie Kingsley, Mac McGowen*

Thanks to all who provide special music over the summer! We appreciate the diversity and your willingness to step in when others are off on vacation.

Council Meeting Minutes

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016
6:53-9:10 pm

Attendance:
Michael Beachley
Hal Brauner
Pr. Netsie Griffith
Pr. Wendell Hendershott
Bob Keith
Donna King
Ardis Koester
Jaya Lapham
Shelly Lundahl
Sue Musil
Lew Nelson
Anne Orwick
Kathy Vohland

Absent:
Dick Junge
Jim Wernz

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

Meeting was called to order by Bob Keith, Vice President

Devotions were presented by Sue Musil on Galatians 3:23-29 on the law before faith.

Attendance: Michael Beachley, Hal Brauner, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Donna King, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Shelly Lundahl, Sue Musil, Lew Nelson, Anne Orwick, Kathy Vohland. Absent: Dick Junge, James Wernz.

Consent Agenda: The Grace Foundation Report was removed from the Consent Agenda for later discussion. The final Consent Agenda consisting of the Council Minutes of May 9, 2016, the Executive Committee Report of June 6, 2016, Worship and Music Committee Report, Personnel Committee Report and Property Committee Report was moved, seconded and passed (MSP).

Removed from the Consent Agenda: Grace Foundation Report requested ratification of \$6,309 for scholarships for two full-time students to attend Sandcastle Pre-school for the 2016-2017 school year. MSP.

Officers/Staff Reports

Pr. Netsie Griffith highlighted the newly launched website and thanked Shelly Lundahl for her work on the website. Pr. Netsie also noted the informal audit/review of finances to be conducted on June 15, 2016. The committee includes Gordon Matzke (Chair), Lew Nelson, Lyla Houghlum, and Wayne Kradjan. Pr. Netsie then passed around a sign up sheet for Council members wanting books to participate in the August discussion of Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour. There was also a sign up of Council Members to lock the church on July 3, 10, and 17 when the pastors are on vacation. She added the prayer request for Bernie Conklin, son-in-law of Anita McEldowney. Donna King was given a bouquet of roses in appreciation of her work this year.

Pr. Wendell Hendershott noted that 9 month reviews are beginning for the several staff hired last fall. He reported the fraternity members who use our building helped with the preparation for painting of the parking lot and playground fences. The replacement of the north-facing projector is progressing. A letter from the Stewardship Committee on the Giving It Forward Initiative is being sent to all households. Confirmation Camp will be attended by the most students in several years. Pr. Wendell also reported Jeff Beck has joined the Grace Foundation Board as the ex-officio council member.

Donna King, Discipling Minister, called attention to the two listings of graduates. She said their accomplishments and plans for the future give inspiration and hope for the future.

Council Meeting Minutes



President: Jim Wernz

Vice President: Bob Keith

Secretary: Ardis Koester

Treasurer: Hal Brauner

Financial Secretary:

Mary Stephens

Council Members:

Anne Orwick

Dick Junge

Jaya Lapham

Kathy Vohland

Lew Nelson

Michael Beachley

Pr. Netsie Griffith

Shelly Lundahl

Sue Musil

Pr. Wendell Hendershott

Hal Brauner, Treasurer, reported contributions met budget for May. Expenditures were on target. The reporting for the income from the rental properties is being reviewed. The Stewardship Committee will report to the Treasurer monthly on the contributions toward the Giving It Forward Initiative.

Continuing Business:

Discussion of the wording of the Welcome Statement continued. The question of how to involve and obtain reaction from congregational members was discussed as the next step. The Welcome Statement will be included in the bulletin, Grace Gatherings and sent in a letter to all congregational members. There was consensus to go forward with involving the congregation.

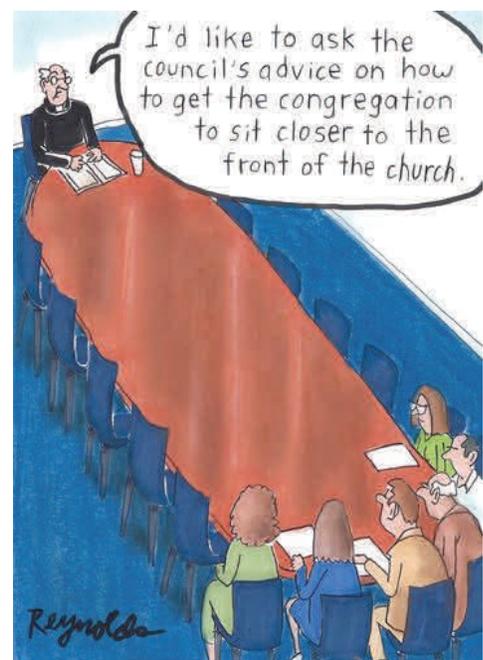
New Business:

A letter was received recommending a longer season of one service on Sundays. After discussion there was agreement that the question of one or two services is complex and is on-going. Some considerations include the emphasis on time for Christian Education, the flexibility of people being gone at various times of the year, the number of volunteers needed for services, and especially meeting the spiritual needs of the members. Response will be made to the member sending the letter.

The Congregational Picnic was discussed and the decision was made to recommend next year's picnic be held on the last Sunday of two services, June 11, 2017, MSP. Jude Geist will be contacted to make the reservation.

Closing Prayer was led by Pr. Netsie Griffith

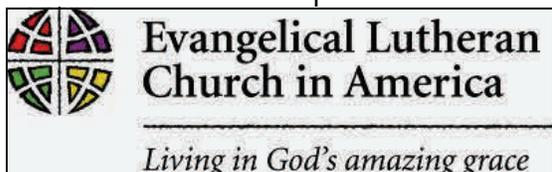
Respectfully submitted,
Ardis W. Koester, Secretary



Baptismal Birthdays for July



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| Rocky Baker | 7/? | Johanna Lundahl | 7/4 |
| Bill Briskey | 7/27 | Vicki Meyer | 7/13 |
| Larry Burt | 7/22 | Ken Minoura | 7/23 |
| Leah Byers | 7/22 | Sue Musil | 7/1 |
| Frank Davis | 7/29 | Larry Rosekoetter | 7/1 |
| Neal Davis | 7/7 | Wil Schroeder | 7/29 |
| John Denoma Jr. | 7/25 | Chelsea Smith | 7/1 |
| Eileen Fuller | 7/3 | Sarah Stephens | 7/7 |
| Avi Hadlock | 7/? | Martina Vega | 7/12 |
| Silas Hadlock | 7/? | Kyah Weeber | 7/29 |
| Debbie Kuehn | 7/8 | Kris Wilburn | 7/24 |



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 Wednesday, July 20th.
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