

**November
2016**

Grace
GATHERINGS

Thanksgiving Baskets

Grace has a practice of providing Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday. We'll be planning them a little differently this year. On November 13 we will have a shorter worship service with a sermon, then plan for the baskets at the close of worship. We will form groups to put together dinner baskets for others in the community. This will make it possible for those, who might not have the financial resources, to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. So, be sure to be in worship that day to get in a group. If you have to miss, however, you may also contact the church office to be added to a group. Phone: 541-757-1600, email: office@grace97330.org

Give Thanks

7 pm, November 23

With grateful hearts we will gather on the evening before Thanksgiving for worship. Our service will be the Eucharist, the Great Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving Eve worship is an important dimension of our Thanksgiving Holiday here at Grace. The pie we serve afterward is a reminder of our delight in the goodness of God's blessings. (see below)

Pass the Pie Fellowship

Also November 23

**After the 7 pm Thanksgiving Worship
Fireside Room**

Bring your favorite pie—home baked or store-bought—to share with family, friends & guests.

Deliver the pies to the Fireside Room kitchen Wednesday afternoon; or just before the Thanksgiving service. No need to sign up. Pies will be cut, served and ready to eat with delicious hot coffee (decaf) in celebration of our delight in our generous God.

*Grace Lutheran Church is a
"Reconciling in Christ"
congregation. "Reconciling in
Christ" congregations welcome
persons of all sexual orientation
and gender identities.*

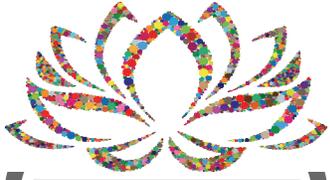
*We affirm that we welcome all
persons regardless of race, gender,
sexual orientation, age or
national origin.*

*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 man-
ifesting with caring hearts and help-
ing 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 Sept 21 to Oct 20. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to prayers@grace 97330.org, and ask to be part of the prayer list.

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Robin Comforto — for continued health and healing
- Mary Lou Rodriguez, her daughter Christina, and their families — for strength and healing
- Juan Guzman — for miracles and good health
- Jaymie Fummerton — for health and healing
- Please pray for the safety of all who travel this month

Birth:

- For the healthy birth of Robin Comforto's new granddaughter, *little Filomena Lovetree*

Phone & Address Updates:

- Bryan Williamson is now living in Eugene, while he finishes grad school. His directory address is not correct, but the email and cell number are the same. Please pray for his academic success!

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- **Thanks to** Mary Ann Brenan and the Communications Committee for making the Halloween popcorn project happen this year!
- **Thank you to** Jaya Conser Lapham for cleaning up the Grace garden
- **Thank you from** the PLU Men's Ultimate Frisbee team:
"We wanted to send a follow up email to thank your church for providing us with a place to stay while we were in Corvallis for our tournament this last weekend. It was very kind of you to allow us to use your church once again, and I speak for the whole team when I say that we all greatly appreciate your willingness to house us. We hope that we were model guests, as you were model hosts."



- **Thanks, Cub Scouts!**

The Cub Scout den that meets in our Grace basement Tuesday nights was kind to tend to the southwest corner of our building. They weeded, put down new mulch and added a couple plants. This same den planted the original plants as well.

Thank you!

Learning with Grace



Tuesday Bible Study Continues the Study of Revelation

On Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm, we are engaged in the challenge of “Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation.” Even if you missed the introductory session of this new unit on October 25th, please join the group for the November sessions as outlined below.

Each session features a video presentation by Dr. Craig Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Koester has taught numerous seminary courses and parish workshops on the book of Revelation and authored the book, *Revelation and the End of All Things*.

Here’s the Schedule for the November Sessions:

November 1 - Part Two: Revelation 1-4

November 8 - Part Three: Revelation 5-7

November 15 - Part Four: Revelation 8-11

November 22 – NO Session this Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving

November 29 – Part Five: Revelation 12-13

Join us in the Fireside Room for lively discussions and ongoing new insights regarding God’s word to us and our ministry to carry the Word incarnate to others.

Pastors’ Class

There will be no Pastor’s Class in November, as both pastors will be on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Be sure to plan for the next class which will be Sunday, December 4. We will continue to build on the work we did together at the October 16 session of *Renewing our Welcome as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation*.

This class will not be a repeat of the earlier session but, rather, will share further insights learned by the group from Grace who attended the Portland, October 8th, Reconciling Works event on Welcome. Those who attended on October 16th might consider it a Part 2 of that session. Those who did not attend the earlier session are strongly encouraged to attend this session, as we would like for as many people in the congregation as possible to be actively engaged in this specific work of welcome. For those for whom it is impossible to attend a Sunday session, we are currently working on planning a Saturday, December 3rd session. Please stay tuned for further details about that, as they are made available.

Chi Rho Lecture Series

This year’s Chi Rho lectures will be held on November 11-13 at Central Lutheran Church and NW Christian University (NCU). This year’s lecturer is Carl Holladay of Emory University. Dr. Holladay has just published a commentary on the Acts of the Apostles and will be sharing his thoughts on Acts during the presentations.

Additional information can be located on their website — www.welcometocentral.org/2016-chi-rho or by contacting Central Lutheran direct at 541.345.0395.

The Story of a Palestinian Lutheran and His Family

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Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's
Days Off
Tuesday & Friday

The article below was initially printed in the June 2012 issue of Grace Gatherings. It is being re-printed since during our Holy Land Accompaniment Pilgrimage and time in Bethlehem this month Pr. Wendell and I are anticipating visiting Daoud Nassar's farm from which Tent of Nations operates.

This is the story of a Palestinian Lutheran to whom Wendell and I were first introduced on May 3, 2012. His name is Daoud Nassar.

Daoud was born in Bethlehem. In 1989 he went to study in Austria but returned to Palestine and attended Bethlehem University where he studied tourism. Aware of the many tourists who travel to the Holy Land, Daoud was concerned that, due to most tours being guided by Israeli tour guides, a Palestinian perspective of life in the Holy Land is often not heard. He is motivated to change that.



In 1916 Daoud's grandfather purchased approximately 100 acres of land six miles southwest of Bethlehem. This land is registered in Daoud's father's name and has been operated as a farm since that time. Today it is an island in the midst of illegal Israeli settlements. In 1991 Israel declared this land state land and from that time until today Daoud's family has been in court attempting to maintain ownership of their land. As of 2012, they had surveyed the land nine times, and their court costs had reached \$150,000.

In an attempt to pressure the family to give up the court battle and cede their land to the state many tactics have been exerted. At one point all the family's olive trees were cut down in an effort to destroy their livelihood. A group in England upon hearing what had happened traveled to Bethlehem and planted 250 new olive trees to replace the ones cut. It takes ten years of growth for olive trees to become productive, however, so the wait has been long for the first olive harvest. Financial pressure has also been applied, as the state has attempted to buy the land. Finally, the state has blocked the main road into the farm forcing the family to travel a long, circuitous route to reach their land.

Though Daoud's father died in 1976 when Daoud was only five years old, he has clung to his father's dream for peace and coexistence and to convert frustration in a positive direction. This dream has led to the establishment of the Tent of Nations, www.tentofnations.org. Daoud's Christian faith convinces him that people were not created to hate. Thus, one important principle upon which the Tent of Nations is founded is the refusal to be an enemy. Says Daoud, "We refuse to be enemies," a saying also inscribed on a rock on the land. He and his family have chosen a path of non-violence in an attempt to overcome hatred with love.

Because the Israeli government has not allowed any buildings or connection to utilities to be built on the land, staying on the land and farming it has meant devising creative ways to collect and distribute rain water, the installation of solar panels for solar power, and the renovation of underground caves (once lived in by Daoud's grandparents). One cave serves as a chapel.

Through the activities hosted by Tent of Nations, the Nassars claim they are growing peace from the bottom up. They host a children's summer camp for children who have been traumatized by the ongoing violence in their land. Work camps are held as people are invited to participate in apple, almond, grape, fig and olive harvests. They have international exchange programs and, Daoud's wife began a women's empowerment program.

The vision of Tent of Nations is to establish a vocational and education center focusing on 1) alternative energy, 2) the use of grey water, and 3) organic farming. They invite groups traveling to the Holy Land to visit the farm and see what they are doing and how they are doing it. Since 2001, the number of groups visiting the farm has been steadily increasing. The invitation is simple and compelling, "Come and See. Go and Tell."

I went away from my initial encounter with Daoud Nassar in awe of the resiliency, faith and hope he embodies. I look forward to the opportunity to be one of many who have visited Tent of Nations and return to share what I saw. What a Christian witness from a fellow Lutheran an ocean and world away!

-- Pastor Netsie



Grace Extended



Fall Back

Don't forget!

Daylight
Saving Time
ends at 2 a.m.
on
Sunday,
November 6th

*Set your clocks back
before you go to
bed on Saturday*

Calling women of Grace to retreat in the Cascade wilderness at Holden Village, high above Chelan, WA, Feb. 2-12 – “Bless This Mess.” The title refers not only to our personal, occasional messes but also to major events such as the massive forest fire that surrounded Holden Village in the summer of 2015.



The retreat will be led by Casey Hahn, a noteworthy pastor from the Seattle area, plus two other dynamic women. We will need to drive up on the 8th and back on the 13th. In addition to more traditional retreat activities, the weekend will feature optional art activities, yoga, cross-country skiing, and certain FUN.

For more information, please call Sharon Rosenkoetter a.s.a.p., preferably by Nov. 7. Registration is limited as spaces are already filling up. Call Sharon Rosenkoetter at 541-752-1846, or email sharon.rosenkoetter@oregonstate.edu.

The ELCA church in Woodburn, House of Zion, again asks for our help for their annual **Christmas outreach**. Our contributions are an essential and enormous help in their ministry of serving the Hispanic community. Gift baskets filled with tags for suggested gifts will be placed in strategic places and the big box will be in its usual place in the Fireside room for your donations. Gently used clothing and toys are always appreciated, too. Please bring the gifts, (unwrapped is preferred) to church by Monday, December 19th.

Muchas Gracias amigos!

Our Stewardship Emphasis Is in Full Swing

We hope you will participate in the Sundays of our 2015 Stewardship Emphasis to learn more about the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran Church. Again our Theme is:

Growing, Reaching And Caring for Everyone

This comprehensive look at how we use our Time, Talents and Treasures and how we care for the Trees and all creation. Again this year we are lifting up several areas of ministry for your consideration. This emphasis on our Stewardship will continue through the first part of November. Our Commitment Sunday will be November 6. If you have questions about this year's budget you are welcome to call or email Hal Brauner: 541-753-0023, halb283@comcast.net While there is no Stewardship Potluck this year, you will be apprised of the results of our stewardship in Sunday worship. The complete stewardship timeline for this fall is posted on the operations bulletin board.



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

Grace Personnel & November Birthdays

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King
Director of Music Ministries - Br. Christopher Buckley
Organist - Sunghee 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

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 Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Happy Birthday!



Aaron McKim	11/26
Anna Upenieks	11/09
Anne Schroeder	11/12
Ardelle Merritt	11/30
Ariel Daeschel	11/25
Becky Strandberg	11/19
Beverly Raze	11/09
Bob Saathoff	11/04
Bryan Williamson	11/15
Cara Raze	11/13
Caroline Custer	11/03
Cody King	11/15
Courtney Shaff	11/04
Ellie Carson	11/04
Erin Radniecki	11/19
Evelyn Vega	11/12
Isaac Hadlock	11/11
Jesse Byers	11/09
Jim Coakley	11/14
Jo Anne Hellberg	11/30
Joyce Gourley	11/25
Katelyn Beilby	11/05
Kyle Levien	11/18
Marilyn Bervin	11/08
Mark Boster	11/10
Mark Klopsch	11/27
Maud Corl	11/26
Maya Stock	11/03
Michael Hellberg	11/18
Michael Trujillo	11/19
Molly Hallgrimson	11/14
Rachel Burnett	11/15
Roberto Delfino	11/13
Roger Lindquist	11/18
Sandy Beachley	11/28
Sue Kingsley	11/09
Trevor Gourley	11/20
Ulo Kiigemagi	11/10
Van Volk	11/18
Wayne Wahrmond	11/28

Who's Who @ Grace — Lew Nelson & CMUG

Here at Grace Lutheran Church, as you may have noticed on our Website's calendar, several organizations such as OFSN, NAMI, CMUG meet here in our spaces. These organizations are sometimes from Grace or are from the community. I thought it might be interesting for the Congregation to find out just what it is these groups meet about here at Grace. The first organization I selected is the Corvallis Macintosh Users Group (CMUG) and so I interviewed Lew Nelson, a 31 year member of CMUG.



CMUG was founded in the fall of 1984 and at its peak in the 90s had 1300 members. CMUG members lived in 47 states and 13 foreign countries. At that time there were over 1200 Mac Users Groups. Lew said they published a 20-30 page newsletter delivering it via US Mail. Membership is now approximately 145. CMUG has been meeting at Grace in the Ronnenkamp Hall since 2008. About 20-35 members attend the monthly program meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and the board of directors, of which Lew is business manager, meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Grace Library. CMUG is a 501(c) corporation. Membership dues are \$36 per year. Anyone is welcome to join CMUG.

The advent of the Internet began to change everything. Newsletters are now emailed for one thing, the program meetings are now mainly self-help. There are several MUGs in Oregon but all are much smaller than in the past. Lew believes that the popularity of Macs is largely due to their ease of use. They were first to feature a graphic user interface that made them very popular with graphic artists and publishers.

CMUG gives 5 to 6 used computers a year to children in the area whose families can't afford a home computer. The organization has also given Grace Church the projection screen in the Ronnenkamp Hall and the 3 wi-fi portals at Grace.

From 1998 thru 2010 Lew worked supporting Macs for OSU, various small businesses and individuals as a private contractor.

CMUG meetings normally begin with a Q&A session followed by a presentation. The presentations provide instructions on the use of Macs, iPads and iPhones. He says in the past, representatives from companies like Microsoft, Adobe, Macromedia, and Quicken traveled to Corvallis to make presentations at the monthly meetings. They provided retail packages of their products to that were raffled at the end of the meeting. At the time, this was a significant source of funds for the Users Group. It was not unusual for the raffle to add several hundred dollars to the group's coffers. In the 90s, Apple founder Steve Wozniak was a guest speaker at a meeting.

Highlights of Lew's time with CMUG include being selected along with 14 other Mac Users Group leaders to spend a week at Apple headquarters in Cupertino in 1994 and '95. The term of service was to be three years but Steve Jobs returned to Apple and put a stop to it. Another was CMUG's winning a national contest Apple conducted among the 1200 plus Mac Users Groups. The prize was based on a Users Group's performance introducing the new operating system. The prize was a new Macintosh that in the early 90s cost much more than today.

CMUG decided to give the computer to a child with a disability. When Apple learned of this they gave CMUG a new laser printer to add to the gift. This experience led directly to the program of providing used Macs to children.

So if you want to know anything about Macs or CMUG, just ask Lew. He's a wealth of information!

— Jody Parker

Welcome 2016 Confirmands!

Women's Luncheon



10 Nov
**2nd Thursday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 Izzy's
 at 11:45am**

22 Nov
**4th Tuesday's
 Women's
 Luncheon at
 New Morning
 Bakery
 at 11:45am**

Sarah Elizabeth Davis

Sarah was welcomed into the world on October 30, 2001, making today her 15th birthday! Her parents are Joel and Laura Davis, her brother is Aaron. She was baptized here at Grace on April 7, 2002. Sarah is in the 9th grade at Corvallis High School. She loves reading, saying that she'll "read anything, even cereal boxes!" Currently, her favorite books are those by Anne McCaffery and she would love to be an author when she grows up. Beyond reading she enjoys riding horses and playing with her rabbit, Molly. She's been riding since she was seven, and got her own horse, Comet, this summer. To the world and to the church, Sarah brings intelligence and compassion, skills in writing and drawing, a beautiful singing voice, and a passion to care for the environment and the animals that inhabit it. Her Confirmation Verse is 2 Thessalonians 2:16, "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word."

Silas Anthony Hadlock

Silas loves soccer, music, and the outdoors. He is the son of Michael and Rebekah Hadlock, and the older brother of Avi and Isaac Hadlock. He was baptized in the Metolius River on July 31, 2010 at Camp Sherman, Oregon and is now a 9th grader at Corvallis High School. Silas is gifted at socializing and at making others feel welcome. He is comfortable in front of people, and excels in public speaking and sharing God's word. He has a great sense of humor and enjoys people of all personalities and backgrounds. When he was little, he would point to the stars and say "Doot! Doot!" and so came to be fondly identified with the nickname of "Little Doot." Someday Silas hopes to be "a soccer superstar" and to find a girl that his mom and dad approve of J.

His Confirmation Verse is Psalm 20:4-5, "May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans. May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions."

Reed Spencer Vega

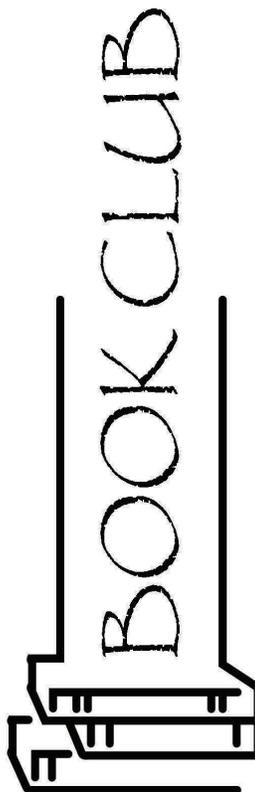
Reed was baptized at Grace in 2002. He is the son of Jose and Robyn Vega, the brother of Martina and Evelyn Vega, and a 9th grader at Crescent Valley High School. Reed loves reading and outdoor activities, including ultimate Frisbee, skiing, swimming, welding, 4-H, sailing, hunting, and camping. To serve the church and world, he brings compassion and an ability to listen, skills in speaking and problem-solving, insight, an ability to cook and to repair things, humor, and caring. Reed is supportive of others and fun to be with. He hopes to continue trying new things and that he will always be open to new ideas and to change. His immediate dream is to have a car when he is 15! Reed's Confirmation Verse is Joshua 1:9, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



**Sarah, Silas, and Reed
 Workers with us in the kingdom of God**

Confirmation Day
 October 30, 2016
 Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis

Grace News



International Book Group

Welcome, any and all, to our happy band, as we seek to explore new worlds beyond our country and culture. Books for discussion are voted on by the group each May. New meeting days are the **first Thursday of each month** except December. Time is 7 p.m. until approximately 8:30. Given the list early, we can tackle books ahead of date.

Questions? Please give me a call: Sharon Rosenkoetter 541-752-1846; sharon.rosenkoetter@oregonstate.edu.

November 3 *Orphan Train* by Kristina Kine
Led by Mary Ann Matzke

January 5 *Deep Down Dark* by Hector Tobar
Led by Ginna Sloan

February 2 *Homegoing: A Novel* by Yaa Gyasi
Led by Carole Kampke

March 2 *Adventures in Anthropocene* by Gaia Vince
Led by Sharon Rosenkoetter

April 6 *They Would Never Hurt a Fly* by S. Drakulic
Led by Carol Erickson

May 4 TBD

June 1 *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester
Led by Pastor Wendell



The November 11th **Partners in Faith** potluck will feature the **BLINDFOLDED BEVERAGE & TASTING** challenge. Each family unit is asked to bring a bottled beverage (wine, apple juice, or cola) with the label covered and the price taped onto the bottom. After our meal we'll have fun tasting & testing to see if we can tell the difference between expensive & economical (cheap). There will be prizes!

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Bring your table service and a dish to share.

Advent is Coming!

Grace's Own Advent Devotional Booklets

Available in Late November — Free!

Look for the basket of little books with blue covers and pick up your copy of the Advent Devotion booklet anytime after our Thanksgiving Eve service. Written by members and friends of Grace, and illustrated by the kids of our congregation, these devotion books have become one of our multigenerational (ages 5 to 85+) traditions! "Anticipating New Life" is our theme, with art and devotions for each of the days of the four weeks of Advent. This year our devotions will be guided by the hymn *People Look East* (ELW 248) and by scripture verses selected to illumine the themes of the hymn. Feel free to take as many as you like to share with friends and family members!

Advent Celebration — Come Make an Advent Wreath, Swag, or Mug Bouquet!

9:45 am, Nov 27th (in Ronnenkamp Hall)

Come join our annual intergenerational Advent Celebration! Make an advent wreath to take home, a swag for your door, or a mug bouquet to keep or give. Kids can make a great paper chain to decorate with, too. Greens are free. There is a small charge (to cover costs) if you need candles, wreath frames, mugs, or decorations (or bring supplies from home if you like). It's always lots of fun. Thanks to Anne Orwick for coordinating this fun event, and to the Warloes for the greens. ALL ages are invited and welcome. So fun!

Want to get involved? **Our Children's Nativity Service will be Dec. 11th**

Don't miss this wonderful tradition – and invite those you know to get involved, too! Kids of our congregation, grandchildren, and community kids are all invited to participate. Please talk with Anne Orwick, Nativity Coordinator, if you have questions.

Rehearsal Times for Nativity Service Participants

Song Practices	— Sunday, Nov 20, 9:45 am (sharp!)
	— Sunday, Nov 27, 9:45 am (sharp!)
	— Sunday, Dec 4, 9:45 am (sharp!)
Speaking Parts	— Sunday, Nov 27, 12:15 pm
	— Sunday, Dec 4, 12:15 pm
	— Saturday, Dec 10, 8:30 – 11:30 am
All Participants	— Saturday, Dec 12, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Advent Services

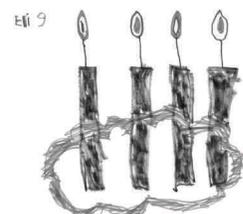
Advent comes quite early this year. The first Sunday in Advent is November 27 and our first Advent service is November 30. Advent is the season when we look forward to the coming of Christ. There are always four Sundays in Advent, and this year there will also be four Wednesdays with midweek Advent services. (Some years there are only three four.) As in recent years, a soup supper will precede each worship service at 6pm. There will soon be a sign up in the entryway if you would like to make soup for us one Wednesday.

We will again feature Holden Evening Prayer as the main part of our Advent Wednesdays as well. This is a prayer service that is sung. It was composed for Holden Village, a Lutheran Retreat Center, in the Washington Cascades, in the winter of 1985-86. It is a delightful matching of the ancient texts of the Vespers service (evening prayers) with gentle music conceived in a winter setting deep in the Cascade Wilderness.

In addition we will have music rehearsals on Wednesday nights. The chime choir will rehearse at 5:15. The Chancel choir will rehearse at about 7:30 or as soon as Evening Prayer ends.

Advent Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:15 Chime Choir
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:30 Choir (*We will begin right after Evening Prayer*)



Luther House / Camp Lutherwood

Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU

Expanding Minds Deepening Faith Inspiring Service

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LutherFest 2017 Coming Soon

The 5th annual Luther House beer and cheese pairing to benefit our OSU campus ministry is set for Sunday, February 26, 2-4:30 pm, at the Boulder Falls Event Center (same location as last year) in Lebanon. For \$50 (\$350 for a table of 8), you get a six-course, seated-and-served menu of local microbrews and Oregon craft cheeses while hearing from representatives of the OSU Brewing Lab and Creamery teach us timely tidbits about craft brewing and local cheesemaking. Additionally, Luther House students will share what Lutheran Campus Ministry means to them. Prizes and gift baskets will be awarded. And – brand new this year – the congregation bringing the most guests wins the LutherFest traveling trophy! Tickets must be purchased in advance. They go on sale December 1 online at lutherfest.luther-house.org. Only 250 seats are available.

Not to be missed is the emphasis we'll place on the culmination of the Luther House 90th anniversary year AND the beginning of the year-long 500th anniversary commemorating the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. Sponsors include the Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis) Foundation, St. Mark Lutheran Church (Salem) Endowment, Faith Lutheran Church (Albany) Endowment, Atonement Lutheran Church (Newport) Endowment, and Ron and Virginia Mohr (Thrivent Financial).

All ticket sales support Luther House programming through 2017. Join us please. Tell your friends. Let's make this the biggest and best LutherFest yet.



View the full list of upcoming Lutherwood projects and job opportunities on their website!

www.lutherwoodoregon.org

Grace News



Artisans of Grace

Would you like to create a beautiful floral centerpiece for your Thanksgiving dinner table or, if you are traveling, take one with you as a wonderful hostess gift? Shelley Chamberlin and Becky Kiersky are hosting a Floral Centerpiece Workshop at Grace - no experience necessary! Shelley can assist you in a silk arrangement, or Becky can assist you with a fresh flower arrangement. You will bring all the supplies for your own arrangement (flowers, container, candles, ribbons, etc), and leave with a masterpiece!

The workshop will be held on Sunday, November 20th from 1 - 3pm. Check for more details in the Fireside room. Please call or email Shelley (503) 400-8503 or Becky (541) 730-6399 if you are interested. Hope to see you there!

Lend a Helping Hand



Ida Irgens-Moller, former member of Grace, was concerned about people in our community who were on limited incomes. In honor of her efforts in this area, Grace has established the **Ida Fund**. Through this fund we are able to help people with a wide range of financial needs.

Each month we provide up to ten \$10 gas vouchers to help with critical transportation needs. We hit our limit early the past two months, and ran out of gas funds within the first two weeks in September and October. People usually ask for gas to get to work, school, and medical appointments.

This year we have also assisted people with bus tickets, an I.D. card, utility bills, auto insurance, work boots, tools, and auto repairs.

We also provide people with snack sacks. These bags contain a protein source (like peanut butter, cheese, or tuna salad), crackers, fruit cup, granola bar or trail mix, and something to drink.

The people who visit our office each week for these items are grateful and varied. Each individual has their own story and set of circumstances which led them to Grace. From the chronically homeless to those riding that rail between have and have not, every one of them is a child of God.

If you would like to help ensure this kind of support continues to be available for those who need it, make a check to Grace Lutheran Church and write "Ida Fund" in the memo line. You may also make a cash donation secured in an envelope with "Ida Fund" written on it.

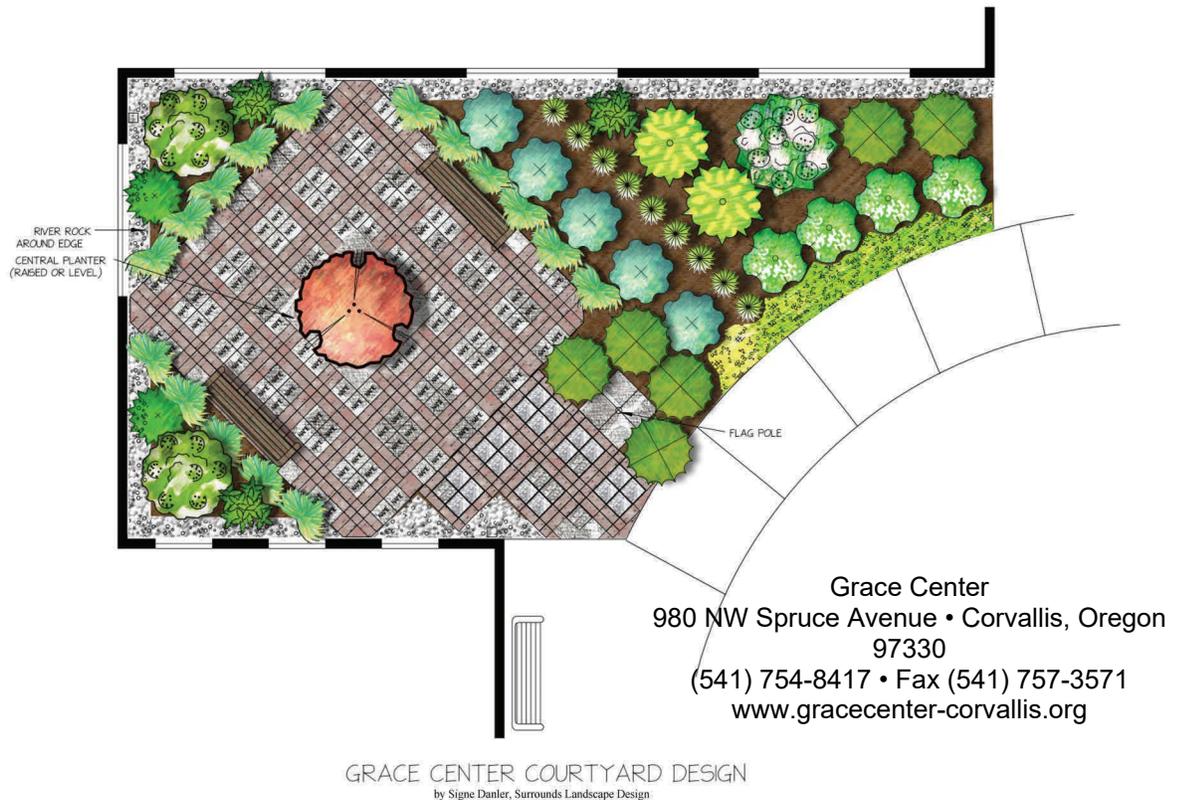
The Grandparents unexpectedly raising their grandchildren thank you. The folks who have lost income and possibilities due to health issues thank you. The single parents trying to make ends meet thank you. Those who have been incarcerated and are now trying to reintegrate themselves into our community thank you. The list is long -- your contributions make a difference. Thank you.

Grace Center



Things are happening at Grace Center! As you read this the abandoned half of the former nursing home will have been removed. It leaves the half that was developed for Grace Center standing as its home, now in its own right. It is still being updated inside, but is ready for the *Here to Stay* Capital Campaign. It is on the way toward nearing its goal – buying the building from the hospital.

To the right of the front entry, a memorial courtyard has been designed. It will enhance the Center's appearance and serves as a peaceful garden with benches to sit on a sunny day. The courtyard will be covered with 12X12 custom etched paver stones, available for memorials or honorary stones. They can be personalized with your name or that of a loved one. Benches and a flag pole will also be available as memorials. All payments for the memorials will go toward funds for the capital campaign. (Some of the purchase may be tax deductible; check with your tax advisor.) Pavers will be installed during the construction of the memorial courtyard in early 2017.



The 75th Anniversary Committee requests that you **please share addresses of former Grace members who have moved from the area.** We would like to make sure that everyone is invited to the 75th Anniversary celebration in 2017. It's next year, but will be here before we know it. Please forward addresses/phone numbers/email information to the church office at office@grace97330.org or call 541.757.1600. Thank you for your help!

Council Meeting Minutes

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

**October 10, 2016
6:47-8:47 pm**

Attendance:

**Michael Beachley
Hal Brauner
Pr. Netsie Griffith
Pr. Wendell Hender-
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Dick Junge
Bob Keith
Donna King
Ardis Koester
Shelly Lundahl
Sue Musil
Lew Nelson
Kathy Vohland**

Absent:

**Jaya Lapham
Anne Orwick
Jim Wernz**

Devotions were presented by Shelly Lundahl on 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 emphasizing the importance of leaders being familiar with the scriptures, being persistent in evangelism and being patient.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda consisting of the Executive Committee Minutes of October 3, 2016, Grace Foundation Report of September 22, Stewardship Committee 2016-2017 Emphasis, and Property Committee Report was accepted. MSP.

Items removed from Consent Agenda:

Grace Foundation Report of August 18, 2016 included a request to authorize a refugee resettlement grant of up to \$4,800 to "Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon" for a family of six from Eastern Congo. MSP.

The Congregational Council Minutes of September 12, 2016 were corrected to read that the Yoga group received funding from the Oregon Synod Health and Wellness grant. The correction was MSP.

The Worship and Music Committee Minutes included an outline of the process for redesigning and restructuring the Chancel area. The Council moved to support the concept and process of change for the Chancel area. MSP.

Continuing Business:

Reconciling in Christ discussion. Pr. Netsie reported on the workshop in Portland attended by Jaya Lapham, Erin Radniecki, Marna Renshaw, Betty McCauley, and Sharon and Larry Rosenkoetter. The workshop was led by Aubrey Thonvold and Leo Bancroft. This Sunday will be a forum between services to include a report on the workshop, a report on the comments received regarding the Welcome Statement, and continuing discussion. Council members will continue to receive comments from congregational members and answer the question of what it means to be a Reconciling In Christ congregation. A second forum is being planned for an evening to be available to persons not able to attend during a Sunday morning forum time. A third forum is being considered to be held during the day.

Officers/Staff Reports:

Pr. Netsie highlighted the Interfaith Attention to Homelessness meeting with the Housing Opportunities Action Council. She also thanked the Salmon Bake Committee and congregation for raising just under \$1300 for the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center. The Tuesday Bible Study will begin October 25th with seven session DVD curriculum on the book of Revelation. Consecutive attendance is encouraged.

Pr. Wendell reported on arrangements for Pastoral Care while both he and Pr. Netsie are gone. Care will be provided by Pr. Walter Balk from Salem 269-598-0143. Pr. Wendell then called attention to a letter from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on the Lutheran-Catholic commemoration October 31, 2016 in Lund, Sweden.

Donna King, Discipling Minister spoke about the confirmands Sarah Davis, Silas Hadlock and Reed Vega. Pr. Wendell moved their names be changed from Baptismal Membership to Confirmed Membership on Sunday, October 30 after the Affirmation of Baptism. MSP. Morgan Whisenhunt was provisionally approved by the Executive Committee as child care provider. The Council approved her hire. MSP. Marisca Ramos was provisionally approved pending completion and approval of background checks. MSP. Morgan and Marisca will job share the responsibilities. Donna also highlighted the Grace Parents' Group beginning and monthly gatherings of the Sunday School as a whole. Day Camp next year will be the first week after the 4th of July holiday.

Church Council Con't



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 this is a month to worry about the budget. Comparing 2015 and 2016, for the 9-month period, in 2015 income was 67% of budget while in 2016 it is 62% of budget. In 2015 expenditures were 73% of budget while in 2016 they are 72% of budget. Revenue needed in 2016 during the last three months to meet budget is \$150,000. Compared to last year, \$123,000 was needed for the last three months. Also, it should be noted the 2016 budget year started with a positive balance of \$15,000.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Some committees have not sent names to Bob Keith for the Nominating Committee. Stewardship Committee sent the name of Lew Nelson.

Closing Prayer was led by Pr. Netsie Griffith

Respectfully submitted,

Ardis W. Koester, Secretary

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

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

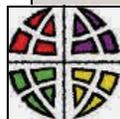
Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated Grace on the Move Drivers, who provide and/or coordinate rides to worship and Bible Study for those in need of transportation: Ron & Kay Larson, Marna Renshaw, Wayne & Carolyn Kradjan, Darlene & Jim Leklem, Anne & Tom Orwick, Debbie Kuehn, Judy Winkler, Norma Moody, Kathy Vohland (if you provide this service and your name is not here, please let the church office know, 541-757-1600)

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

All are grateful to the many members dedicated to bringing the gift of music to our Sunday worship services. Our Director of Music Ministries, Christopher Buckley, lends expertise and dedication to provide us with joyful music. Sunghee Kim, 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, Milt Larson, Lynn Wenzell, Jim Wernz
- **Grace Alive!** Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Tom Kiersky, Dave Lundahl, Angie Kingsley

Baptismal Birthdays for November



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Harold Benson	11/20
Mary Ann Brenan	11/24
Gloria Chaves	11/19
Dan Hallgrimson	11/26
Evelyne Hendrix	11/27
Lyla Houglum	11/ ?
Michael Kinch	11/23
Kenneth Kingsley	11/22
Howard Meyer	11/04
Robert Saathoff	11/30
Cy Stadvold	11/27
Cyndi Wahrmund	11/29
Krista Washington	11/29



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