

Grace GATHERINGS

September
2016

Fall Schedule Highlights

- Sunday (9/4) 10am — **Labor Day Ecumenical Service in Central Park**
(see page 3 for details)
- Monday (9/5) -- **Labor Day - Office Closed**
- Sunday (9/11) 10am — **God's Work Our Hands**
Day of Worship and Service for all ages
(see page 5 for details)
- Sunday (9/18) **return to two worship services**
at 8:30 and 11am, with **Sunday School** for all ages
- *There will be no Ministry Fair this year*
- Wednesday (9/28) -- **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Grace
- Sunday (10/2) 12:30-2:30pm — **62nd Annual Salmon Bake** **TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON!!**
(see page 10 for details)

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 July 20 to Aug 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:

- **Thank you** to the volunteers who filled office shifts in August!
Jody, Adele N., Kathy V., Bob K., Meredith J., Kathy F., and Dorothy M. -- blessings to you, faithful servants!

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Ruth Hendershott, Pr. Wendell's mother, for health and wellness
- David Werth, Gloria's son, who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Ruth Craig, who is now under hospice care
- Aggie Hill, fighting an infection after a recent surgery
- Juan Guzman, for improved health and well being
- Mark Floyd, for recovery from a recent head injury
- Gordon Matzke, for health, healing, and success of his new pacemaker
- Sandy Whiteis, for health concerns
- Jan Ames, Denise Cardinali's mother
- By now most of you may have heard about the flooding along the Gulf Coast. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is already mobilizing to help with the needs arising from this and earlier disasters. If you would like to contribute to the relief efforts of this or previous disaster click on the following link: <http://elca.org/disaster> Choose the area you would like to help with and make a contribution of your choice. **100% of your contribution will go to help the people in need**, because your regular offerings underwrite the expenses of the reponse. If you would like to help in non-monetary ways, there are links to other resources, on that same page that will take you to other opportunity webpages.

Death:

- Don Grabe, longtime Grace member before moving to central Oregon, died on July 26th
- Don Brauner, brother to Hal, who passed on July 28th
- Margaret Scholtz, Nancy Strohlein's mother
- Jim Adix, Marilyn Bervin's cousin

Phone & Address Updates:

- Look for the new directory in September!



www.grace97330.org
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.

News / Learning with Grace

Churches Gathering at the Gazebo Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 4, 2016, 10 am

Once again, we will gather with other Corvallis churches the Sunday of Labor Day weekend in Corvallis' Central Park for a joint ecumenical worship service.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Entry Way of Grace to see how you might help. Extra hands will be needed to:

- Set Up Chairs before we begin (9:00)
- Provide a Dozen Cookies
- Greet and Usher those Attending (beginning at 9:30)
- Distribute Communion (9:30 instructions)
- Take Down Chairs at the Conclusion



If you have questions or would like to discuss a contribution you would like to make, please contact Pastors Wendell or Netsie.

Other churches participating are First United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church.

On Tuesdays in September

We return to the Old Testament also known as the First Testament for a new study in which we will read and ponder **the book of Ruth**. Writes Old Testament scholar, Renita Weems, in her book, *Just a Sister Away*:

Ruth and Naomi's story is especially refreshing because it is a story of friendship between a woman and her grieving mother-in-law. Their friendship is a welcome contrast to the numerous other stories in the Bible which portray women competing against one another for status, power, and men: Hagar and Sarah, Rachel and Leah, Miriam and her sister-in-law, to name a few. . . . Their relationship typifies the special friendship that can often develop between women, despite differences in age, nationality, and religion. –pp. 24-25

A reminder that this Bible Study is open to all genders and ages for those who are available to join us from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room. If it's not possible to fit into that time frame, you are welcome to arrive late or leave early. Also, if it's difficult to join us every week, you are invited to attend whenever you are able during a given month.

Pastor Wendell's 2nd Sunday Class Begins in October

This year, as we approach the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we will look into the ecumenical and interfaith arenas. Our hope is to have speakers from a variety of Faith Expressions to give us a first-hand account of what they consider the important tenants of their faith. We usually meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month and our first class is tentatively scheduled for October 9. We may even have two classes in October due to the fact that Pastor Wendell will be in Israel the second Sunday in November.



**Tuesday
Bible
Study**

The Spiritual and Public Dimension of Confession and Forgiveness

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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

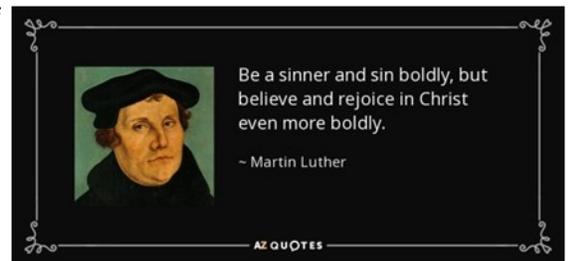
—From the "Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness" in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, p. 56, based on 1 John 1:8-9

This past summer while listening to an address on television it made me reflect upon the importance and value of everyone from our highest ranking public leaders to the most humble and youngest person in our society learning how to admit mistakes. The cliché is, "We all make mistakes." While true, it's how we respond to that truth that ends up making the difference in our lives and the lives of others.

As I write this article the story of the members of the U.S. Olympic Swim Team who lied to the Brazilian police is being reported widely throughout media outlets. These swimmers are not the first humans to make a mistake and then try and cover up their mistake with another mistake only to have their wrongdoing and lies exposed for the world to see. Unfortunately, this was an embarrassment for them and a disappointment to those of us who were hoping not only for our citizens' athletic abilities to shine during the Olympics but also commendable values and respectful behavior towards others. Fortunately, through this incident, these young men have an opportunity to embrace humility and grow in wisdom. Such growth might lead them to deal with future mistakes in a different manner.

To make mistakes is a given from which no one of us is excluded. To deny one's mistakes is to deny one's humanity. To deny one's humanity is to deny reality. To deny this reality prevents one from achieving one's best potential. On the other hand to dwell on one's mistakes or the mistakes of others is to become entrapped in hopelessness, cynicism or despair. Learning from one's mistakes or the mistakes of others is a step towards hope and transformation.

So, how does one get from denial to acceptance to knowledge to transformation? It has to do with a practice in the Christian church which we call the Order for Confession and Forgiveness. In the Roman Catholic Church, it is one of seven sacraments. While it does not have sacramental status in the Lutheran Church, it is still very important. Luther and the reformers actually struggled with the place of this practice within the church. Its importance was acknowledged while also acknowledging how it had been abused. Too often it was turned into an affirmation of works righteousness which depended upon what a penitent person was required to do by the priest hearing their confession. Thus forgiveness was misperceived to be earned rather than received as an unconditional gift.



Coming to terms with one's mistakes in a transformational way doesn't "make one a Christian" nor does it mean that this is not something encouraged and practiced by other religions. Admitting or confessing one's mistakes is truth telling. As Christians we hear and interpret Jesus' words, ". . . you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . ." (Jn. 8:32) as a life giving word. Admitting our mistakes is one form of truth telling. Yet, freedom comes not just from understanding or articulating the error of our ways. Freedom comes from the forgiveness given by God which allows one to forgive one's self. Forgiving one's self enables one to live into a future where forgiveness is not an excuse for wrong doing but rather an opportunity to learn compassion and generosity. As God has forgiven us, so we forgive [self] and others. It's an opportunity to practice grace, that gift of God which frees and empowers us. To forgive ourselves is a step towards forgiving others. To forgive others truly makes us free from condemnation and open to the light and life of the gospel (good news).

As Christians we don't impose our beliefs on those of other faiths who happen to be public leaders, Olympic athletes, or equal members of the society in which we live. Yet, as fellow citizens, we may hold them accountable to that which we know to be true and gently share with them the hope that is within us. (See 1 Peter 3:15-16) May we always be ready to say and show that learning from one's mistakes or the mistakes of others is a step towards hope and transformation for all people.

Pastor Netsie

Community of Grace



God's work. Our hands.

Grace Lutheran Church
God's Work Our Hands

Day of Service
Sunday, September 11, 2016

Mark it on your calendar. You will not want to miss it. *Here's the plan:*

- We will begin with **lunch at Avery Park Lion' Shelter** and then proceed to work.
 - **11:30 am – Gather at the Avery Park Lion's Shelter**, following our 10 am worship, and eat lunch together. Sack lunches will be provided.
 - **12:00-1:30 pm – Work Time at the Avery House Nature Center** (in Avery Park)
- **This year's service project will be helping the Avery House Nature Center** (Cleaning rooms and toys, preparing supplies for crafts, cleaning up the grounds and minor repairs to the building.)
- **The Avery House Nature Center is operated by the Corvallis Environmental Center, a local non-profit organization.** The nature center provides a broad-based environmental education program for all age groups. Programs include birthday parties, home school programs, after school programs, summer camps, and special events serving our community.
- **The Avery House Nature Center will have projects for those unable to engage in the physical labor.** In addition we will again have supplies on hand for a "sit down project" to prepare a large inventory of Snack Sacks that we give out here at Grace to those needing assistance (and a little food).
- **Don't forget to wear your God's work Our hands t-shirts from last year.**

T-shirts will also be given out to those who did not receive one yet on Sunday, August 28th, so those planning to participate can wear them to church on Sunday, September 11th.



Remember it will be a work day as well as a worship day so wearing your work clothes to church is expected. Here are some things you might consider bringing with you:

- Work gloves
- Your own tools (Tools will be provided, so this is an option and not a necessity. If you do bring your own tools, be sure they are marked, so they don't get lost.)



Through our participation in this Day of Service, we will be joining with thousands of Lutherans across the U.S. putting our faith into action in the communities in which we live and/or worship. It will also be a great way to begin a new Sunday School year, as we expect all ages to participate.

Grace Personnel & August 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

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

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Randy Joss, 541.929.9360

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Finance Committee - Hal Brauner, 541.753.0023

Personnel Committee - Iona Trapp, 541.207.3886

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Jim Norlie, Pastor, 541.753.5213

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

This Month's Birthdays



Sue Davis	01-Sep
Gordon Matzke	01-Sep
Jim Zeller	01-Sep
Ashley Smith	02-Sep
Doug Boysen	03-Sep
Bud Helpenstell	04-Sep
Mark Stephens	05-Sep
Darlene Leklem	06-Sep
Frank Raze	07-Sep
Patrick Schroeder	09-Sep
Erika Donner	13-Sep
Oliver Joss	14-Sep
Kris Saathoff	14-Sep
Juan Guzman	15-Sep
Karen Stephenson	15-Sep
Marjorie Kinch	16-Sep
Marcie Anderson	18-Sep
Eli Geist	18-Sep
Mary Ann Brenan	19-Sep
Rick Osborn	19-Sep
Martha Anderson	20-Sep
Scott Beachley	20-Sep
Anita Upenieks	20-Sep
Leslie Weeber	21-Sep
Nathan Beilby	22-Sep
Dan Hallgrimson	22-Sep
Angela Erickson	23-Sep
Seamus Harrington	23-Sep
Bob Keith	23-Sep
Hal Koenig	23-Sep
Rachel Harrington	24-Sep
Avi Hadlock	25-Sep
Annikka Howe	25-Sep
Cyndi Wahrmund	28-Sep
Gail Bartee	29-Sep
Evelyne Hendrix	29-Sep
Bob Schoning	29-Sep
Gloria Chaves	30-Sep

More Learning with Grace

Adult Bible Study – September, October and November 2016

Sovereignty of God

The sovereign nature of God is seen through the visionary images of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation. The quarter begins with a study of Isaiah's rich images of God as the one who rules the whole universe. The first four sessions explore Isaiah's description of the reign of God as a peaceful kingdom, as a mountain, as the foundations of the earth, and as present in a new and everlasting covenant. Although these oracles are included in the single book of Isaiah, careful reading reveals that the context in which the word of the Lord was spoken varies by many years. In all four texts we find people of faith waiting in hopeful expectation, longing for the time when the sovereign God would act to save.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, we see how God comes to lead humankind in the person of Jesus. In these five sessions, Jesus is described as the imprint of God, the owner of a household, the great high priest, a priest forever, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews encourages ancient readers (and us!) to persevere in faith. Jesus Christ, as the inimitable Son of God, holds sway over the whole creation. As our eternal priest, he stands ever before God even as he brings us to a perfect faith. Meanwhile, the church persists in faith, waiting for the completing of all that will be.

The final sessions explore the reign of God through the glorious visions presented in the last two chapters of the book of Revelation. John envisions a new heaven, a new earth, and a new, gigantic city of Jerusalem wherein God reigns forever. Images of salvation pour from the text: the river of life, access to the Tree of Life, and – most precious of all – our intimate, unending relationship with God. As in Eden, people once more will approach God directly. This revelation is celebrated in the context of worship, because the persecuted faithful know that God's reign will come. If that reign cannot yet be fully seen, we can nevertheless live in the confident expectation that the Lord will come again as he has promised.

All three books have in common a strong affirmation that God remains the sovereign Lord. Nevertheless, those faithful people addressed by Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation also know that the reign of God is not yet fully manifest. What is, they know, is not what will be. Modern believers understand this hope and share this vision. Our forebears in faith have much to teach us about how to live in the first dim light of God's dawning day.

Our Writer

Walter C. Brouzard, formerly a parish pastor, now professes before students at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. His wife, Ramona Bouzard, also an ELCA pastor, naively married beneath her station. He demonstrated his utter shamelessness by using this platform to encourage readers to send students to Wartburg College. Seriously, people, send us students!



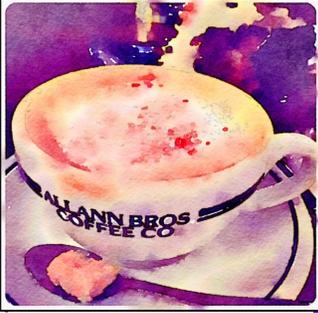
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Grace News

Women's Luncheon



8 Sept
2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon at
Children's
Farm Home
at 11:45am

27 Sept
4th Tuesday's
Women's
Luncheon at
New Morning
Bakery
at 11:45am

Continuing the Welcome

Back in 2001, at the January annual meeting, Grace Lutheran became a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. Part of that process was to develop a welcoming statement. Here is the welcoming statement from 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 15th 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.**

You will also find copies in the entryway and fireside room along with some of the materials presented at our January forum. Don't be afraid to offer your thoughts and suggestions. It is important that this statement reflect input from the whole congregation. As people have looked at this statement over the past Summer, they have made several suggestions which will be offered for your consideration later on this Fall. We invite you to become a part of the process.

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 that Jody Parker covers the Grace office on Monday each week, and Carol Terrill is in the office Tuesday through Friday? You can reach Jody at jody@grace97330.org and Carol at office@grace97330.org, or at 541.757.1600, should you need assistance during the week.

Grace News



*Partners
in
Faith*

**FRIDAY
Sept 9th
6 PM**

Fireside Room

**WHITE ELEPHANT
EXCHANGE**

**Bring 2 or more
items to trade.**

OR

**POTLUCK
DINNER**

Bring your own
table setting
and a
something
to share
with the group

Info: Sue Musil
541-745-5511

International Book Group -- *Globaliers*

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.

September 1 *Black Dragon River* by Dominic Ziegler
Led by Ardis Koester

October 6 *The Battle for God* by Karen Armstrong
Led by Tom Sloan

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

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

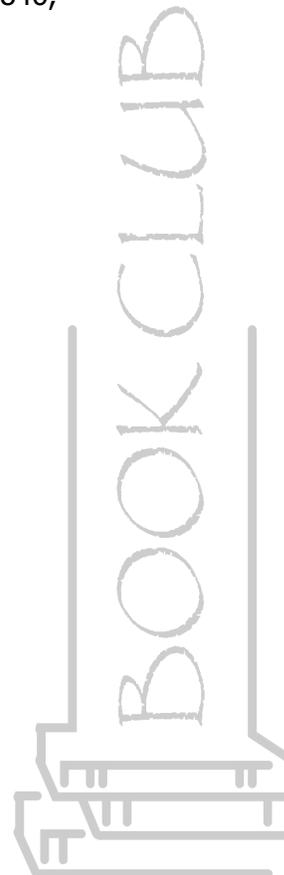
February 2 *Homegoing: A Novel* by Yaa Gyasi
Leader to be announced

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 *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester
Led by Pastor Wendell

June 1 TBD



SCHWIDDER TOUR

Salem pastor and artist Joel Nickel will lead a visit to Lutheran churches in Lebanon, Corvallis and Albany on Sept. 10th to view the liturgical art of 20th century Northwest artist Ernst Schwidder.

Pastor Nickel and colleagues are helping others to appreciate Schwidder art in churches across the region and country highlighting the visual context of Christian worship and the theology of the cross. Nickel will share a power-point / discussion "Ernst Schwidder and Sacred Space" Friday evening, 7:00 P.M., September 9 at Peace Congregation, West Salem.

The three Saturday, September 10 visits will be 45 minutes each: 10:00 A.M.—Our Saviour’s Lutheran, 3111 S. Main Rd., Lebanon, OR 97355; 11:00 A.M.—Grace Lutheran, 435 N.W. 21st St., Corvallis, OR 97330 and 12 Noon—Good Shepherd Lutheran, 1910 34th Ave. S.E., Albany, OR 97322 concluding with optional 1:00 P.M. lunch at an Albany restaurant (location to be announced).

Congregation and community members of these locales are invited to join the caravan or simply to attend the presentation in their respective parish and location. All are invited to these free events. Donations are welcome to promote The Ernst Schwidder Project. For further information, please call Joel Nickel, Tel. 503-763-1922 or contact Ed Brandt at 503-917-1326 / edgarbrandt@q.com

Grace Gastronomy

2017 Salmon Bake to Help Support The Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center

By Dave Lundahl



It is that time of year for our Annual Salmon Bake!! This event is a Grace Lutheran Church tradition with its roots going way back to the 1950's.

The 2017 Salmon Bake will be held at Avery Park Thompson Shelter from 12:30-2:30pm on Sunday, October 2nd.

The past several years we've used the funds to support a worthy ministry. This year there is an urgent need in our community to support The Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC).

In June we received a letter from CDDC President, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, letting us know that two recent events had negatively impacted their funding. The first was the loss of what had been an annual grant of \$10,000. The second event was a \$500 increase in their monthly rent at McLean Hall. Therefore, they are seeking additional funding to help cover these costs, as they look and plan for new sources of ongoing funding.

For those that do not know, the mission of the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC) is to respond to the significant needs of individuals, especially those who are experiencing homelessness, low income, mental health or dual diagnosis issues by providing dignified personal assistance and advocacy. The center is located across from Central Park in McLean Hall at First Christian Church and is open September through May (9 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday) and June through August (same week days 9 am to noon).

The Men's Ministry in partnership with Thrivent will purchase all the food and beverages (including vegetarian and non-salmon meats for non-salmon lovers!). The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation will be matching dollar for dollar up to \$500, every dollar collected from donations.

With a suggested donation of just \$10 per adult, we should be able to easily achieve our goal to raise \$1000 for the CDDC – maybe much more!! Spread the word. Invite your friends. We will be handing out free tickets in September to get an accurate headcount. These “free tickets” can be given away to your friends – especially anyone interested in supporting the CDDC!!

See you all there on October 2!

Annual Salmon Bake

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 2 (12:30pm-2:30pm)

**Thompson
Shelter**

**Avery Park,
Corvallis**



FREE
Donations
Accepted for
Corvallis
Daytime Drop-
in Center

Luther House

Anticipating Fall Term. Summer is fleeting, fall is fast approaching. Here at Luther House all systems are 'go' as we prepare to welcome new and returning students, launch an exciting year of programming, continue our 90th anniversary commemorations, and anticipate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

New Promo Film. Did you know we have a new film featuring several Luther House students who share their perspectives on why Luther House is important to them? Please take time to view it on the Luther House home page www.luther-house.org. Feel free to share it with others you think might be interested.

College Student Names, Please. We really want to connect with students from Grace who will be attending OSU, WOU, or LBCC this fall. First we want to welcome them to campus. Second we want to invite them to Luther House. Third we want to give them a free "Welcome to Campus Gift Bag." Would you give us their name, phone number and/or email address so we can reach out to them? It's easy to email us at info@luther-house.org. We promise we'll contact them. If students you know are headed to school elsewhere, you can use the Lutheran Campus Ministry referral finder <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/sites/> to connect them. *Thanks for your help!*

Fall Football Parking Fundraiser. Will you or your friends be attending home football games in Corvallis this fall? If so, we're again parking cars (\$10 donation suggested) here at Grace Lutheran Church. You get a nice place to park – easy in, easy out – and you support campus ministry programming at the same time! Park four times, the fifth time is free!

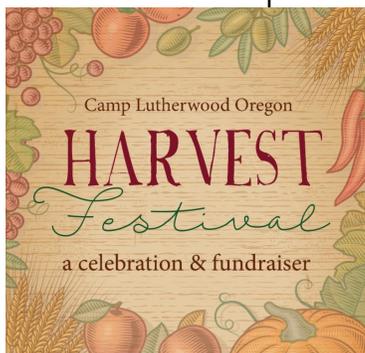
Homecoming Party and Anniversary Reunion, Saturday, October 29. That day OSU plays WSU. Three hours before kickoff, the Luther House Council is hosting a free 90th Anniversary Homecoming Party and Reunion at Luther House. Please join us for tailgate food, games, prizes, Luther House trivia, and more. Parking is available at Grace Lutheran for just \$10.

Luther House is A Reconciling in Christ Campus Ministry. If Luther House is known for anything, we're known for our generous and genuine hospitality. Whoever you are, whatever your background, wherever you come from, whoever you love – you are welcome here. We're a community born of the heart of Christ's love. We're a community committed to sharing God's abundant, amazing, unlimited grace. We're a community called by the Spirit to serve those in need. All are welcome here.



Grace Youth

THANKS to Shelly Lundahl for coordinating Day Camp and Wendy Geist for coordinating Mini Camp...and to all the counselors, campers, and volunteers!

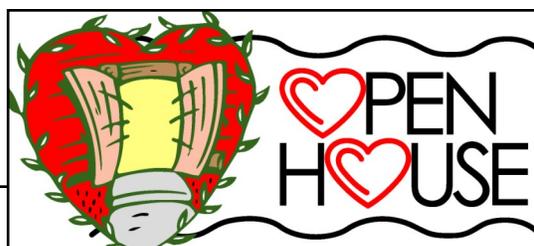


Harvest Festival
2016 Fall Celebration & Fundraiser
Saturday, October 1st
Join us for an autumn evening at camp, including live and silent auctions, farm-to-table meal, and live music with friends.
[Details on their website!](#)

Grace Center



Write this in red on your **Sunday, October 2nd** calendar: **3 to 5 o'clock:** **Be sure to attend Grace Center's Open House!** It celebrates 33 years of offering Adult Services and is the kickoff event for the campaign to buy the building. Our theme is "**Here to stay**" and we invite you to tour its many rooms with all its activities. If you have never seen the facility from dining room to gym to garden, haven't met our wonderful staff, or learned about all the things our participants do, you may be surprised that it is much more than a care facility. It provides personal guidance and fellowship while families have respite so that loved ones can live at home longer. **Here is your chance to ask questions and find out what grew out of the Ronnenkamp Hall years ago.** The Open House will feature refreshments, live entertainment, and if you are lucky you may win a Fitbit fitness watch! It is a popular digital watch that lets you keep track of your physical activity (a gift if you know someone cares more than you about steps taken or heart beats!) ***Come to the Open House to find out how buying its current home will be Grace Center's forever home.***



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, Mac McGowen

Council Meeting Minutes

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016
6:47-9:45 pm

Attendance:

Michael Beachley
Hal Brauner
Pr. Netsie Griffith
Pr. Wendell Hendershott
Dick Junge
Bob Keith
Jaya Lapham
Sue Musil
Lew Nelson
Anne Orwick
Kathy Vohland
Jim Wernz

Absent:

Donna King
Ardis Koester
Shelly Lundahl

Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

Devotions: Jim Wernz opened the meeting with prayer. Jaya Lapham lead devotions when she arrived. She read from Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2.

Introduction of Guest: Brother Christopher Buckley discussed his music ministry. The community songs he has been leading the congregation in lead him to comment that the congregation sounds incredible. Council members appreciate his organ playing, the blending of services, and the choice of hymns that complement scripture. Choir practice starts Wednesday, September 7.

Consent Agenda: The Grace Foundation and Stewardship reports were removed, leaving the Consent Agenda to be Council Minutes of 7/11/16 and the Executive Committee Minutes. There were no reports from Worship and Music, Communications, Personnel, or Property committees. The Consent Agenda was **MSP** as changed.

Stewardship: The schedule for the Fall Stewardship Emphasis was discussed: Ministry Narrative Budgets are due to Hal Brauner, Church Treasurer, on **9/15/16**. The Fall Stewardship Emphasis begins on **10/23/16**. The **11/6/16** date is a problem because of other activities that Sunday. It was recommended to move Stewardship Sunday up one week and keep the Thanksgiving Day baskets planning on **11/13/16**. **MSP**
Council moved to recommend the Stewardship Committee reconsider the schedule so that Commitment Sunday is **11/6/16**. **MSP**

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation requested that the Council ratify the Lutherfest grant of \$2,500. **MSP**

Continuing Business

God's Work Our Hands will be on **9/11/16** at the Avery House in Avery Park (near the Lions Shelter). The task force will generate ideas for tasks to be accomplished. Parks and Recreation maintains the outside of the building and grounds, including the vegetable garden. Lunch will be at the Lions Shelter.

Shared Summer Services statements were discussed with Brother Christopher.

Reconciling in Christ written comments were discussed.

Council, in the persons of Jim Wernz and Jaya Lapham, will invite Kelsie McPherson to the next Council meeting to share her thoughts on this issue.

Council focus will be on educating the membership about not only the LGBTQ community but also those members who have LGBTQ family. Jim Wernz challenged Council members to talk about this issue with other members of the Congregation.



President: Jim Wernz

Vice President: Bob Keith

Secretary: Ardis Koester

Treasurer: Hal Brauner

Financial Secretary:
Mary Stephens

Council Members:

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Jaya suggested that we might want to have our next “Grace Reads” book be on this topic.

Meaningful videos, “Reconciling Works” and “For the Bible Tells Me So” (produced prior to the ELCA 2009 Statement) could also be resources.

There was concluding agreement that we need many ways to bring this issue into dialogue with the congregation.

A request by the Library Committee for Foundation funds was referred back to the Library Committee to deal directly with the Foundation.

Staff Reports

Pr. Netsie highlighted items of interest in her written report, including her trip to Confirmation Camp. She also brought the sad news that the Daytime Drop In Shelter has lost \$10,000 and Aleita Haas-Holcomb has sent us a letter asking for help with this. We may ask for donations at the Salmon Bake to respond to this need.

Pr. Wendell pointed out that the Schwitter Art Tour on **9/10/16** will include Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church because we have several of his works in the Sanctuary. He is involved in staff reviews, nearly completed.

Hal Brauner presented the treasurer’s report. The bookkeeping error has been corrected. The software we use, Church Windows, has a funky little peculiarity – it doesn’t allow for 5 Sundays in a month. Since July had 5 Sundays, some manipulation was required to get the report correctly finished. GIF contributions are coming in.

The 5-year Audit report was briefly discussed. There are no major issues, happily. One little minor issue regarding funds going directly to the Administrative Assistant has easily been corrected.

In Conclusion

Closing prayer led by Pr. Netsie who also taught us a goodbye song from Day Camp that is in the recording secretary’s brain and will probably keep her singing for several more hours.

Next month devotions will be led by Anne Orwick on 1 Timothy 2:1-7

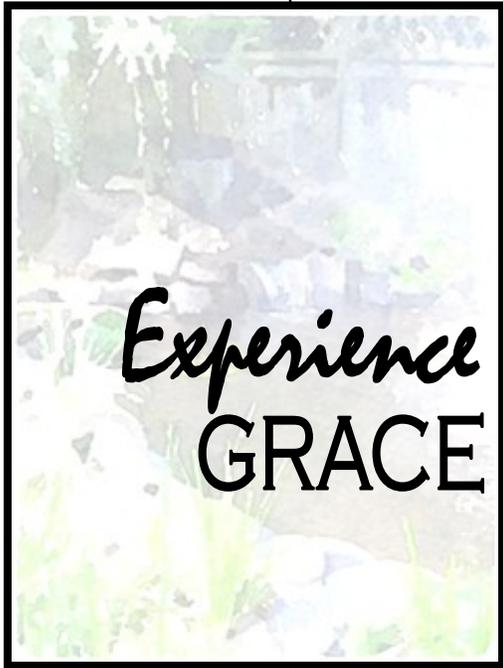
Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Vohland
Acting Secretary

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

Baptismal Birthdays for Sept

Ron Anderson	9/?	Seamus Harrington	9/23
Millie Babb	9/24	Eric Kamke	9/24
Carole Boersma	9/24	Heather Koenig	9/15
Natalie Cardinali	9/7	Darlene Leklem	9/26
Sue Davis	9/15	Whitney Lindquist	9/12
Kiah Gourley	9/5	Archer Schroeder	9/13
Justin Graham	9/24	Karen Smith	9/6
Judy Grindahl	9/12	Alyssa Weeber	9/19
Eleanor Harrington	9/23		




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Grace Gatherings deadline for the October issue is Tuesday, September 20th.
Send articles/photos to office@grace97330.org

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Did You Know?
Did you know that Yoga is coming to Grace? Right now it looks like an evening and morning session each week in Ronnenkamp Hall. More information to come, soon!

