

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Grace GATHERINGS

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



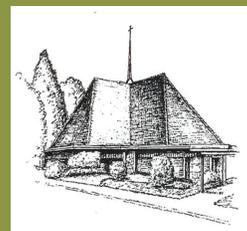
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

The work of welcome is hard; the way of love is always a work in process. But we're committed to the biblical call of reconciliation and to change what we need to, both personally and as a community, so that we – all of us together – become a living sign of God's extravagant grace.

In Christ's name, all are welcome here. We are honored by your presence and by your participation in helping us make this vision of welcome a reality for all people.

*Our MISSION is
"to follow Christ into our
community and world
manifesting with caring
hearts and helping hands
the good news of the
Kingdom of God."*

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



Welcome, Bridget Lee Palmgren!

On Sunday, July 22nd, we welcomed nine month old Bridget into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her baptismal sponsor and cousin, Piper Palmgren, presented her for baptism surrounded by the support and promises of her parents Allie and Jeff Palmgren. Also in positions of support were older sisters, Lilly and Cecile. Three year old sister, Cecile, was also baptized at Grace three years ago this summer. And, middle school aged sister, Lilly received her first communion at Grace. Bridget's baptismal sponsor, Piper, was baptized 25 years ago with Bridget's father, Jeff, serving as her baptismal sponsor. What a great circle of relationship! How blessed we are at Grace to welcome this new child of God. We look forward to watching and supporting her growth as a fellow disciple with us and all the saints who have gone before us including St. Birgitta whose commemoration day was the day following Bridget's baptism.





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



Please submit any changes to your contact information to the office.

Prayers

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

Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- ⇒ Ray Sanders, for health and peace of mind
- ⇒ Branson, an 11 year-old who is having a kidney transplant on Aug. 1st
- ⇒ Gayle Sanfilippo, Talia Neely's grandma
- ⇒ Kent Brase, friend of Norma Moody, who is undergoing cancer treatment
- ⇒ Casey, Carol Terrill's nephew, who is having heart problems
- ⇒ Buzz Berra, neighbor to Mary Stephens, for a knee infection and upcoming knee replacement
- ⇒ Robin Moore's grandson (and Marianne Moore's great-grandson) who was born prematurely
- ⇒ The family on Neabeck Hill in Philomath who lost their house to fire recently
- ⇒ All those affected by the current wildfires, from firefighters to farmers
- ⇒ Jim Norlie, as he navigates his way through cancer treatment (Jim requests no visitors at this time — though cards are welcome. Cards can be sent to his home, or to the Grace office for delivery.)
- ⇒ Gabri Bilotta, as she recovers after having her appendix removed
- ⇒ Juanita Whiteis, John Whiteis' mother
- ⇒ Evelyn Koenig

Birth:

- ⇒ Freya Alice Matzke, born to Nick and Phoebe in Auckland, New Zealand on July 26. Granddaughter to Mary Ann and Gordon Matzke.

Death:

- ⇒ Grieg Anderson, longtime Oregon Synod treasurer and supporter
- ⇒ Norman Jensen, Nancy Hemming's uncle
- ⇒ Jim Lovell, family friend of Pr. Netsie

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Pastor's Page

Water and New Birth

On our July vacation, Pastor Netsie and I were fortunate to come across dozens of waterfalls. Some were little trickles we encountered while hiking; others were quite stupendous like the dozens pouring into the cirque lakes in the North Cascades; while others still, like Celilo Falls and Kettle Falls, were totally immersed under the waters impounded behind the Columbia River dams.

Water is a precious resource here in the Pacific Northwest. We often take it for granted until a drought year brings it to our attention or when wildfires show us how precarious this priceless resource is to our economy and our very existence. In these times of global warming, we may, justifiably, be frightened at the prospects of a changing climate, right here in our corner of the nation. Yet much of the world is already dealing with limited water resources. Most people on our planet already live with the realities of dwindling water sources.

This has always been true of the Holy Land. All throughout the scriptures, we read of the encroachment of the desert upon the land and people of Israel. The story of the Exodus from Egypt is a tale of the people traveling from one water source to another.



Aster Falls, Glacier National Park

Water, one of the necessities of life, pays a huge part in our story of salvation. Noah and his family are saved upon the waters of the flood. The people of Israel are led through the desert, from oasis to oasis, by a pillar of cloud. The Psalm writers tell us of the importance of the watercourses of the deserts. Wells dot the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures. Jesus even stops and chats with a woman at a well. Cisterns are sprinkled throughout the Apostolic writings. St. Paul reminds us that we come to God by the water of rebirth and St. Peter reminds us that several of the water references of scripture are previews of Holy Baptism which now saves us.

Water is what God uses to wash and renew the earth and water together with God's trustworthy word is what God uses to join our lives to a renewed relationship with Christ. This relationship is made new each day as we turn to God who is the source of life and the renewer of all relationships. When Jesus met that woman at the well, he told her he was the source of living water. Living water is a Hebrew colloquialism for running water, but it also testifies to the liveliness of the Spirit of Christ who in baptism puts to death the old Adam and Eve within us and raises us up to new life in Christ Jesus.

--Pr. Wendell

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



Aug
**2nd Thursday's
 Women's
 Luncheon** at
 Carol Erickson's
 @ 11:45am

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is Back!



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY

“Do not fear,” is a message often conveyed by angels and divine spokespersons throughout the Bible. In spite of this there tends to be much fear and trepidation when the word judgment is mentioned or when Jesus’ parables mention people being “thrown into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (a phrase repeated more than once in the gospel of Matthew). Yet, what we have been learning through our study of Jesus’ parables of judgment, is that there is a different perspective through which to see judgment than that to which we might be accustomed. As God’s beloved children, we have nothing to fear in judgment. It is not something which God inflicts on anyone as punishment but rather something from which God’s grace inoculates us. So, if the concept of judgment is one with which you have struggled, you are invited to join those of us who gather on Tuesday afternoons to study, discuss and seek greater understanding.

On Tuesday, August 7th, at 1 pm in the Fireside Room, we resume our weekly study of the parables of judgement after our 5 week break during July. We are utilizing Robert Capon’s book titled, *The Parables of Judgment*, to help us think more deeply and give us some new insights into what has often proved difficult to understand. Though we are half way through, we still have a book available. Each chapter is pretty much self-contained and focuses on different scripture passages, so you don’t have to worry about what you have missed. If you would like to join us this month, contact Pr. Netsie or simply show up for enlightening, thought provoking, and spiritual strengthening discussions

Gathering at the Gazebo

Outdoor Ecumenical Worship — Sunday, Sept. 2, 10 am

The Sunday before Labor Day it has become our practice to gather together for worship with other Corvallis churches. There will be over 300 of us from six different congregations in Corvallis’ Central Park for a joint ecumenical worship service. It is an opportunity to share the Eucharist together as well as hear the Word of God and join in songs of praise.

Other churches participating are First United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Each congregation is responsible for a different part of the 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 for set up, donating cookies, and assisting with different elements of worship. If you have questions or would like to discuss a contribution you would like to make, please contact Pastors Wendell or Netsie.

Each year an offering is received for a local agency. This year’s offering will go to the Men’s Cold Weather Shelter. You may also bring your Grace offering if you desire and if it is well marked it will be counted and passed on to our congregation. Loose offerings will go to the Shelter.



A Leftover?

You may have noticed that Pastor Joel Nickel left one of his paintings in our narthex. It is not just a leftover, but Pastor Nickel liked the placement of the painting so much that he has allowed us to keep it here, on permanent loan, so to speak. When we hung the bright yellow cross in our dark narthex, it shown like a beacon to welcome people into our assembly space. Below is what Pastor Nickel wrote in a recent email about the cross.

The Kandinsky Cross

. . . I call it "The Kandinsky Cross" because the artist, Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944) included this shape of a cross within his 1924 painting, "*Gelbe Begleitung*" ("Yellow Accompaniment"), which is owned by the Guggenheim Museum in NYC. Kandinsky (born in Russia, worked in Germany at the Bauhaus, died in Paris) was perhaps the first abstract (non-objective) painter, insisting on the emotional and spiritual content of color.

I'm always on the lookout for different cross shapes so that the cross form doesn't become a cliché. The colors in my acrylic painting don't copy Kandinsky's painting, but of the free movement of color & form he would approve. In this movement, I try to depict the tension and trauma of a crucifixion, and yet the saving benefit which Christ's death affords us by faith.

I was struck by how well my painting fit into the interior design of Grace Lutheran Church, and so it has found a natural location in which to be a sign for faithful Christian people attending worship.

Joel

To see the original 1924 Kandinsky painting, follow this link: <https://www.guggenheim.org/artwork/1941>

Wisdom Seekers

Meets Around Noon: Every Thursday, *except Thanksgiving and Other Thursday Holidays*

You may have noticed that Wise Women is no longer meeting at Luther House. Instead, the group now meets in room seven, in the east hallway, under the watchful eye of the confirmation photos. In addition, they have changed their name to Wisdom Seekers to indicate that men are also welcome.

At present, the group is making its way through the Gospel of Thomas.

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

Grace Gallery

Soon to be featured in the Ronnenkamp Hall Art Gallery are the works of Jim Wernz. Be sure to read the artist's biography, hanging both in the Fireside Room and Ronnenkamp Hall.

- ◆ August 1—September 15 Jim Wernz
- ◆ September 16—October 31 Mary Stephens
- ◆ November 1—December 15 Norma Moody & Woodworkers



Miracles at Kings & Harrison

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

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

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

Project Garfield School Supply

For at least 14 years Grace Lutheran has supported needy students at Garfield Elementary School by providing backpacks and school supplies and the past 6 years we have extra supplies to share with Linus Pauling MS and Corvallis HS. Garfield is a school that has a high number of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Our goal is 50 stocked back packs. This year the supply list for students and families is minimal. To support the teachers and the students we are also going to include a box of wish list items that teachers have identified they need. All of these supplies ultimately support students and their successful school experience.

We have about half of the backpacks we need. So if you find a backpack that you want to contribute we could use some. Gender neutral ones vs children's themed are the most helpful, but all are welcome.

There are 3 options for participating in this service project.

- Write a check noting Garfield Backpacks in the memo line
- Pick up a list and shop for all the items on the list
- Or purchase selected items that are on the list student list or wish list, this is a great option when items on the list are on sale.

Return school supplies to the large box in the fireside room by August 19th.

We will work with Linus Pauling Middle School and Corvallis High School to identify the school supplies they most need to help their needy students.

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or denise.cardinali@yahoo.com

Heart of the Library

Hearts were the theme and seen all over when, on June 22 and 23, around 80 church librarians from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Idaho (some of who knew Pastors Wendell and Netsie!) were in Corvallis's First Presbyterian Church for the annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries!!

Thanks to the members of the Mid-Willamette and Salem chapters who organized this event, at least a dozen local authors and book sellers, nine amazingly useful workshops, a wonderful keynote speaker (Melody Carlson), other fun activities, and beautiful Corvallis weather it was a conference praised by all attendees.

Special thanks to Molly Hallgrimson and the Grace cooking team – along with the Presbyterian Women servers – for the delicious meals that were appreciated by all. And stay tuned for news about some of the books that were purchased for addition to the Grace Library shelves.





James Leklem	08/01
Charles Vars	08/05
Judy Grindahl	08/06
Wayne Kradjan	08/08
Arthur Bervin	08/09
Evelyn Koenig	08/09
Kimberly Daeschel	08/11
Archer Schroeder	08/12
Anne Pettingill	08/13
Bruce Stephens	08/14
Orano Grindahl	08/14
Matthew Weeber	08/15
Judith Quam	08/17
Laura Davis	08/17
Nathaniel Olsen	08/18
Larry Burt	08/19
Coy Scroggins	08/20
Oliver White	08/20
Wendy Geist	08/20
Silas Hadlock	08/21
Ken Kingsley	08/22
Linda Noland	08/22
Frank Carson	08/23
Joel Howe	08/23
Noah Geist	08/24
Liam Pettingill	08/25
Gerald Erickson	08/26
Jim Norlie	08/26
Whitney Lindquist	08/26
Neil Christensen	08/31

Birthday Blessings!

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

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

Custodian - Sam McKay

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King

Director of Music Ministries - Br. Christopher Buckley

Facebook Administrator - Rebekah Hadlock

Financial Secretary: Mary Stephens

Nursery - Nate Olsen

Office Administrator - Carol Terrill

Office Assistant - Jody Parker

Organist/Pianist - Sunghie Kim

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

Communications Committee

Mary Ann Brenan, 541.230.1696

Sunday Hospitality

Dayle Christensen, 541.602.2818

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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 - Nancy Strohle, 541.926.5747

Hospital Visitation Team - Jim Wernz, 541.929.6794

Healing Prayer Team - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

Mission Groups - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

Stewardship Committee

Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

Hope & Wholeness Counseling

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

Campus Ministry at Luther House

Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Globaliers — Book Discussion Group

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

Luther House — Fall Football Parking

Again this Fall, Luther House is offering home game football parking starting three hours before kickoff in the Grace Lutheran Parking lot, corner of Kings and Harrison. \$10 is all it costs. Park four times and the fifth time is free. Proceeds will support both Luther House programming this year. Game dates are on the Grace Calendar. Check the OSU schedule for start times: <http://www.osubeavers.com/schedule.aspx?path=football>.



Camp Lutherwood Harvest Festival Fundraiser

**5TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2018 – 2:30-5:30 PM**

Tickets are only \$50 per person, or sponsor a table for \$360 (seats 8 people). A delicious meal catered by Carte Blanche is included with your ticket price. (GF/Vegetarian option available) Dessert Dash to follow! Your table will bid on which dessert you would like to share. Each person chips in their bid and the table with the most money gathered gets the first pick of the desserts available.

The event will include a Farmers' Market, beer and wine from local vendors, duck races, live music by Red Diesel Bluegrass Band, a cider press, and live/silent auctions.

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year and help support your favorite summer camp! Meet other supporters of Camp Lutherwood and be a part of our future.

[Tickets are available now](#) — contact our office at 541-998-6444 for additional information.

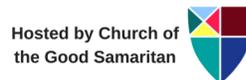


Grace Center News

Summer just began, but we must pull out our September calendar and red markers to note an important weekend. On September 8th and 9th Grace Center will hold events we invite you to attend. Saturday the 8th, together with Church of the Good Samaritan, **Grace Center will host an aging summit** focusing on important conversation points regarding older adults and their families. Under the title “Aging Summit: Conversations about Aging and Families” it will feature geriatric and gerontology practitioners and academics. They will share practical information about compassionate care, adult child/older parent relationships, Alzheimer’s and other dementias, and respite programs for caregivers.

Note: It will be held in the Church of the Good Samaritan from 8:00 am until 12:30pm. Speakers include Margaret Manoogian, Tera Stegner, Heidi Igarashi, David Grube, Suniga Vasdev, and Tom Fields. There is no charge to come but donations to benefit Grace Center for Adult Day Services will be welcome. You do need to register to hold a seat as the room has limited seating. Register at Grace Center’s web site www.gracecenter-Corvallis.org (go to the “Upcoming Events” page in “News & Events section”). Or you may call Grace Center at 541-754-8417.

The Grace Center Aging Summit: Conversations About Aging & Families



Hosted by Church of
 the Good Samaritan



Benefiting



On Sunday of the big weekend there will be the **Grace Center’s Open House Celebration**. This new annual tradition will occur on National Grandparents Day, September 9th, 2018. Everyone is welcome and it is FREE. No RSVP needed. We encourage all ages to come and enjoy a variety of activities such as woodworking crafts, art and gardening activities, gym games, live music, a petting zoo and more! Do the things Grace Center participants do every day. Raffle tickets for a variety of prizes will be available for purchase. Please join us any time between 1pm and 4pm. See you there.

- Betty McCauley

Save the Date

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

Grace Center Library



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July 9, 2018

Dear friend(s) of Betty McCauley,

As a Grace Center Board member, I am writing with a special request for help in establishing an honor for Betty McCauley. I have had the privilege of getting to know Betty over the past few years during our service on the Grace Center Board of Directors. As you are well aware, she is an inspirational woman, as she continues to be active in so many important causes.

The Grace Center would like to honor Betty in a lasting way. Since she has a passion for libraries, as well as the Grace Center, we would like to raise money to name the library in our building, **The Betty McCauley Library**. It seems fitting.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000, which seems reasonable given Betty's impact on this community. We would like to highlight the Betty McCauley Library during our Open House event on Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 1:00-4:00. Having her present for this tribute will be a great way to recognize and appreciate all she has done for the community.

Please consider donating to Grace Center's Betty McCauley Library naming fund. Any amount you can give will be acknowledged and appreciated. Once we have secured funding, we will let contributors know, and send a special invitation to the Open House event.

- Online donations can be made here: <https://donate.firstgiving.com/secure/donate/dc205482-2025-11e0-a279-4061860da51d?parentPath=http://gracecenter-corvallis.org/>

Please make sure to note that your gift is in honor of "Betty Library."

- Or you can mail a check to:
Grace Center for Adult Day Services
980 NW Spruce Ave.
Corvallis, OR 97330
Please write "Betty Library" in the check memo.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

Ann Zweber
Capital Campaign Chair
Grace Center for Adult Day Services

July Council Minutes – June 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm with President Bob Keith presiding. Devotions: Shelley Chamberlin, 2 Cor 4:5-12 – Treasurers in Jars of Clay – “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us”.

Those in attendance: Bob Keith, Shelley Chamberlin, Donna King, Pr. Netsie Griffith, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Nancy Strohle, Lew Nelson, Kendra Wollert, Rebecca Hadlock, Kathy Vohland, Dick Junge. Excused Absences: Shelly Lundahl, Hal Brauner.

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

Pr. Netsie: Unfortunately, Camp Lutherwood is experiencing cash flow issues. They are not able to hire as many summer staff as in past summers. They did not get the outdoor school contract they were hoping for. Other Western State camps have had the same difficulty in hiring adequate summer staff. Staff for Lutherwood has decreased from 20 to 8 employees. They are in need of a lifeguard. These are trying times for outdoor ministry.

- Annual Congregational Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th at Thompson Shelter in Corvallis. Potluck picnic with side salads and dessert.
- New members: June 24th has been set aside for welcoming our new members, Ron and Pat Olson. Mary Jane and Dale Webber will sponsor them.
- Donna King was presented a yellow Calla Lilly plant prior to her summer leave time in recognition of all her accomplishments of this past year on “Discipling Ministries”. They will be gone from June 27th through July 1, 2018. Donna presented the June 2018 “Discipling Ministries” bulletin.

Pr. Wendell:

- Christopher Buckley will be in Detroit for Anamcara activities from June 4th through the 12th.
- Pastors Wendell and Netsie will be attending PLU for Continuing Education June 11-13th.
- Reminder of vacation time that Pr. Wendell and Pr. Netsie will be taking from July 3rd-17th.
- Reminder that we are switching to one service June 17th, (Father’s Day).
- The next Foundation meeting will be held Thursday, at 7:30 pm on June 19th.
- Reminded where the keys are located for the Council Members to use when entering and leaving the church.
- There will be no Partners in Faith in June

Bob Keith:

- Gave an update of the Treasurer’s Report in Hal’s absence. Contributions for the month of May were ahead of schedule.
- God’s Work Our Hands will be at Lincoln School. Bob will visit with Courtney for updates.
- Input and Discussion – “Listening for God” Sessions. Pr. Netsie: Approximately 50 people participated. Hope was that the congregation benefitted from the discussion and opened it up for further discussion if one service is the direction to go with. The Sessions were a good technique to provide for conversation in the congregation. It was moved, by Kendra Wollert, seconded, by Lew Nelson, and the vote carried to place the discussion about One Service on the table, at this time. There was no debate, as a motion to place upon the table is non-debatable.

Visit with Pastor Susan Kintner. Comments from Council:

- **Lew Nelson:** Expected to have analyzed more what direction our church is going. Pastor Susan Kintner was very positive and encouraging. Head and shoulders above the average. The congregation is aging and so we need to look at the future of our youth.
- **Donna King:** We are adapting and doing things. Good people and spirit.
- **Pr. Netsie:** A recent shift on worship is that there have been more children at the 8:30 am service than the 11:00. Pastor Kintner was impressed with how we as a congregation are handling the upcoming changes.

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

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

August – No Council Meeting

September – Dick Junge – James 1: 17-27

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes by Council Secretary, Shelley Chamberlin



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

ELCA Youth Gathering Houston 2018

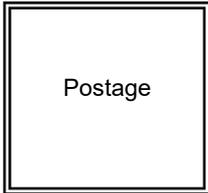


Home safe and exhausted after five full days in Houston, Texas!
Be sure to ask one of our fabulous teens about their experience.



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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

Living in God's amazing grace

everyone is
welcome



Partners in Faith



Friday, August 10 , 2018

6 PM

Fireside Room

Potluck starts at 6 pm —
bring a dish to share and your own place setting(s).

Theme at 7 pm is "Really getting to know you!"
Talk about or bring something to represent your family, schooling,
favorite job or hobby, etc.

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

***No "partner" needed,
all are welcome!***

