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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.

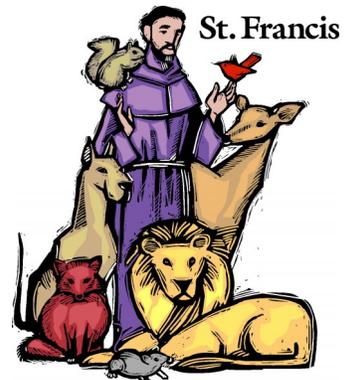
*Our MISSION is
"to follow Christ into our
community and world
manifesting with caring
hearts and helping hands
the good news of the
Kingdom of God."*

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



Blessing of the Animals: October 7

October 4 is the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, a renewer of the church. The actual day doesn't fall on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate a few days later. One of the things Francis was reputed to have done was preach to the animals and bless them. In honor of Francis' care and concern for the birds of the air and beasts of the field we are again planning to have a blessing of the animals here at Grace, at both services, October 7, 2018. This is a splendid celebration when you are invited to bring your animals, especially pets, to church that Sunday and we will bless them all. You may also choose to bring a picture or other representation of animals that are important to you. In the past, people have even brought photos of animals on their cell phones. There will be a pet-free zone for those that prefer not to share their pews with animal companions.



As a special treat, Pastor Mike Ostrom, our OSU campus minister, will be our preacher that Sunday. A student will lead the children's time, and Pr. Mike will join our two pastors in the Blessing of the Animals.





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

Updated directories can be obtained in the office or emailed by request.

A new photo directory will be coming in Spring, 2019.

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:

- ⇒ **Elizabeth Mary**, the 97 year old mother of Don, a friend of Grace, in her last days
- ⇒ **Marshall Hill-Tanquist**, for continued healing & full recovery
- ⇒ **Sue Musil**, for health & healing
- ⇒ **Jim Norlie**, for health & healing

Death:

- ⇒ **Don Powell**
- ⇒ **Len**

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.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Day of Service — held at Lincoln Elementary, September 9th

It was a great day for Grace Lutheran and a great day for Lincoln Elementary. Pictured below are 57 members and friends of Grace who turned out for this year's day of service. As you can see it is quite the intergenerational group with all age groups represented. Participants engaged in painting projects, classroom organizing, creating bulletin boards, cutting, pasting and a variety of activities to help teachers and staff begin this new school year. One group also assembled over 150 Sack Lunch Bags of non-perishable items that we provide here at the church office when people come in seeking emergency assistance. This little bit of nourishment helps them out during times of need.

This is the 5th year that we, as a congregation, have participated in this initiative begun by the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) to encourage congregations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to go out into their local communities and serve in a variety of ways in a variety of places.



Pastor's Page — Augusta Victoria Hospital



Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) is a program of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Department for World Service in Jerusalem. It started in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) as a major medical facility in Jerusalem after the 1948 war to care for Palestinian refugees.

Yet the vision for a hospital began earlier in 1898 when *Auguste Viktoria* and her husband German Kaiser Wilhelm II, visited Jerusalem and saw the need for medical care among the Christian pilgrims who frequently contracted malaria. The foundation stone for the hospital was laid in 1907, it was dedicated in 1910, and construction was finished in 1914.

During its early history and through both world wars, control of the buildings alternated between German, British and Jordanian administration depending upon who held political advantage at the time. With the founding of the Lutheran World Federation after WWII, the fiduciary responsibility for the building transferred to the LWF, an international communion of Lutheran Churches founded in 1947. In 1950, the LWF officially established the large hospital for refugees on the campus.

The hospital mission statement provides for health care without regard to race, creed, gender, or national origin. Today, most of the patients served by AVH continue to be in social need and seeking life-saving specialized care.

After serving for many years as a secondary care hospital, AVH is now moving towards becoming a specialized center of medical excellence. In addition, AVH is building complementary community programs that support these specialties by promoting screening, early detection, and health education.

Specialty departments that account for the majority of work at the hospital are: The Cancer Care Center, the Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Care Center, the Artificial Kidney Unit (dialysis), the Surgical Care and Ear, Nose, Throat Center, the Diabetes Care Center, the Specialized Center for Child Care, and the Skilled Nursing and Long-Term (Sub-Acute) Care Facility. These care centers provide specialized treatments that are not available in the majority of hospitals in the Palestinian Territories.

It is the second-largest hospital in East Jerusalem, as well as being the sole remaining specialized-care hospital located in the West Bank. In addition, it serves patients who commute from the Gaza Strip. The hospital currently (2016) has 118 inpatient beds, 52 ambulatory beds and stations, and 403 staff. In 2016 it admitted 12,605 patients, and did 22,716 dialysis sessions, 20,088 chemotherapy sessions and 25,585 radiation sessions. It is the only facility serving the 4.5 million Palestinians with radiation therapy.

The hospital is now focusing much of its strategic efforts on establishing a palliative care facility as well as a care center for the elderly. This approach is in line with the hospital's overall mission to establish health services otherwise unavailable to the Palestinian community and complements the existing services at the hospital.

AVH is the first and only hospital to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients in the Palestinian Territories and is the only medical facility in the West Bank offering kidney dialysis. In addition to the in-patient beds, AVH treats a number of outpatients who come in for dialysis and radiation treatment. On a daily basis, these and other specialty services touch countless lives, both young and old, from communities across the Palestinian Territories.

In spite of the important work Augusta Victoria does, it is unfortunately about to lose a good deal of its funding. The Hospital is one of six specialized medical centers in the East Jerusalem Hospital Network. It is these hospitals that the current administration is withholding promised financial aid in the amount of twenty-five million dollars. It is not too late to reverse that decision. In past years when funds have been withheld, calls to government representatives have released the money, in time to pay overdue bills. So pick up your phone, call the white house, 202-456-1111, and encourage them to restore funding to Augusta Victoria and the other hospitals in East Jerusalem. Then call your congressional representatives as well.

— Pastor Wendell

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's Days Off

Thursday & Friday

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Hendershott**

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Tuesday & Friday





Oct 11
**2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon at
Historic Old School
Cafe
@ 11:45am**

Oct 23
**4th Tuesday's
Women's
Luncheon at
New Morning
Bakery
@ 11:45am**

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

During the month of October we will begin a new study of the book of Hebrews.

On Sunday mornings, during worship, our second reading will be drawn from Hebrews beginning October 7th, and this pattern will continue through November 18th.

Hebrews is often referred to as a 'letter.' Unlike other New Testament letters, however, structurally it is more akin to an extended sermon. Contrary to what the title would imply, it is believed to be written for a community of second-generation Greek speaking Christians. While most of them would have come from a Gentile background, some may have come from a Jewish background.

If you've been considering the possibility of joining us for this time of week day Bible study, October would be a good time to begin. We meet in the Fireside Room every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m.



Tuesday
BIBLE STUDY



Pastor's Sunday Class: "Time After Time"

Once a month, usually the second Sunday, Pastor Wendell Hendershott has a class in Ronnenkamp Hall during the Education Hour. This year we will be studying the church seasons as they happen i.e. in October and November we will look at the Sundays after Pentecost in autumn and November, respectively. In December, we will be in Advent. In January, we will review Christmas and in February, we will be in the midst of the Epiphany season. Lent and Easter are late this year. Ash Wednesday is March 6 and we will be celebrating Easter on April 21. The latest date it may fall is April 25, which will not happen until 2038. Then if we have time, we will look at Pentecost in June.

As a special celebration for the whole congregation, we will mark November 25, Christ the King Sunday, the Last Sunday after Pentecost, with a special service when we sing a different song from each major season of the church year. I hope this excursion through the meaning of the church year will help to broaden our understanding of how Christians keep time throughout the year and how we use the different seasons and celebrations to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith and the loving grace of Christ our savior.

Grace Gallery

Now featured in the Ronnenkamp Hall Art Gallery is photography by Mary Stephens. Coming mid-month October through mid-November is a series of artworks by Erno Koch – "Everything is possible (only how to do it?)" Koch is a well-known European artist, whose work shows amazing flexibility in media and whose life demonstrates a history of adaptation to serious political pressures during and after the two world wars. Born in Hungary and professionally active in Estonia, Koch fled from the Communists in 1941 and then from Hungary when the Soviet Union invaded his homeland in 1944. After time in a displaced persons camp in Augsburg, Germany, Koch migrated to the U.S. in 1949, eventually settling near St. Louis, MO.

There Pr. Joel Nickel worked in his studio and was influenced by the older artist. Koch bequeathed the work in this show to Pr. Nickel, who is generously sharing them with the Grace Gallery for a month. On Nov. 4, Pr. Nickel will lead a discussion of this art during the period between services.

Koch began working as a commercial graphic artist but soon created many projects on commission, using etching, woodcuts, lithography, painting, drawing, and stained glass. Increasingly his work featured religious themes in contemporary designs. He was most proud of a stained glass display in La Purisima Basilica in Monterey, Mexico, and a mosaic at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. In retirement he took a welding course and began a new chapter in sculpture. Though completed more than 50 years ago, these religious sculptures are quite contemporary. Many of the works on display here at Grace are woodcut.

Take a turn through the Gallery in Ronnenkamp Hall, and come visit with Joel Nickel on Nov. 4 between services.

Partners in Faith
Friday, October 12, 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 either game night or a film. Come and be pleasantly surprised.

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

No “partner” needed, all are welcome!

Women’s Retreat—Fall 2018

Women Celebrating the Good News

Inviting Grace Lutheran Church women (high school and up) and their friends and family members, as well as members of other congregations, to explore “Being the Good News in a Challenging World,” on Sat., Nov. 10, 9-4:30.

Our facilitator will be Bonnie Beadles-Bohling from Portland, a wife, mother, social worker, member of the ELCA Synod Council 2012-2018, delegate to the ELCA Churchwide meeting, and candidate for consecration as a deacon in the ELCA. Bonnie has been involved in faith-based community organizing since 2010. She currently works for the Oregon synod of the ELCA as an organizer in SE Portland and as statewide coordinator of the Transformational Leadership Initiative.

Our day together will be grounded on Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15 and our own stories as we define the Good News, explore people who have shared it with us, and celebrate living it out with others. As for Jesus, also in us, the Good News circles through incarnation, relationship, and resurrection. We participate in this story. It is the Gift of gifts and renews every day. Celebration!

Register by sharing your name, phone, and a small donation (if possible, to pay for lunch) with Jaya Conser-Lapham at jayawlap@gmail.com or by phoning at 541-264-9311



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 be 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 South-west United States.

Youth @ Grace

BE IN THE KNOW and chat with our youth! *Here's what up...*

***Avi Hadlock** finished Confirmation classes last May and will be confirmed on October, 28th. Please be there to support her in this Rite of Confirmation and Affirmation of her Baptism! (There will be cake!)

*This last Sunday kicked off the second year of Confirmation classes for **Mackenzie Burnett, Rachel Burnett, and Evelyn Vega**. Encourage them as they as they dive deeper into learning about Lutheranism, their faith, and how to share it.

***Eli Geist** and **Isaac Hadlock** just started their first year of Confirmation classes. Please welcome them to this new stage of Christian Education as they navigate their way through this year of learning Luther's Small Catechism.



Getting to Know Grace's Library: Book Review

Walking Gently on the Earth by Lisa Graham McMinn and Megan Anna Neff



The subtitle of this book is *Making Faithful Choices About Food, Energy, Shelter and More* which pretty much tells you what it is all about. McMinn is a sociology professor at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, and she and her husband farm close by so when she writes about the farming side of things it is with the voice of experience. There is also information on making thoughtful purchases in our lives and each chapter ends with lots of extra resources to check out. The book was written in 2010 but all the resources I checked out were still active.

One thing I really enjoyed about this book was how McMinn's daughter begins each chapter with a prelude that highlights her experience living in Africa, helping us learn the wisdom of another culture and reminding us of the interconnectedness of everything on the earth. She includes African proverbs and symbols. My favorite was the Siamese crocodiles – symbol of democracy and unity – they share one stomach yet they fight over food, a reminder that infighting and tribalism is harmful to all who engage in it.

Favorite paragraphs and sentences:

"This is not our grandmother's conversation about cleaning our plates because of hungry children in India. We aren't going to send our extra lentil curry to Chad, or give it to the thousands of hungry children who go to sleep in the United States every night. But it is about being intentional about what we, and our children, and our children's children will consume, and working to consume no more (perhaps less) than our share of the abundance of goods, like food, timber, water, oil and coal, that we harvest and mine from God's fertile and giving earth."

"What we eat, how we transport ourselves, what clothes we purchase – all these are activities determined by economic factors. God has empowered us as image-bearers to transform religion, to infuse it into the totality of our lives, and to influence our boardrooms, city halls and marketplaces with the values of love, mercy, justice and compassion."

"But walking gently is not always about work. Sometimes it is simply about gathering with friends and pointing each other toward God's goodness."

---Linda Samuels



Meg Aulerich	10/02
Howard Meyer	10/02
Penny Reher	10/02
Tom Orwick	10/04
Ron Reher	10/04
Judy Winkler	10/06
Todd Donner	10/07
Sylvie Schroeder	10/07
Carol Freeman	10/08
Krista Washington	10/08
Kay Larson	10/09
Maxine King	10/10
Freda Vars	10/10
Robyn Vega	10/11
Lee Strandberg	10/12
Cammie Bella	10/13
Carolyn Kradjan	10/14
Lida Brauner	10/18
Carol Triebes	10/18
Heidi Junge	10/19
Cy Stadvold	10/20
Kathy Scroggins	10/21
Lyla Hougum	10/23
Ted Williams	10/23
Tom Kiersky	10/25
Bridget Palmgren	10/27
Mark Gourley	10/29
Sarah Davis	10/30
Carol Warloe	10/30
Kris Wilburn	10/31

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 - Paris DeMers

Office Administrator - Carol Terrill

Office Assistant - Jody Parker

Organist/Pianist - Sunghie Kim

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

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

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

Teams & Committees

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Healing Prayer Team - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

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Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Save the Date: Lutherfest — February 24, 2019

Plans are being laid for our 7th annual Lutherfest Beer and Cheese Pairing. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Boulder Falls Center, Lebanon on Sunday, February 24th, 1:30-4:30 pm (Note the earlier start time). Detailed information, including how to purchase tickets, will be available mid-fall. Stay tuned!

Perhaps this is the year Grace Lutheran wins the trophy! Wouldn't it look lovely in our entryway?

Backpack & School Supply Drive

Once again the members of Grace Lutheran Church have blessed the students and teachers in Corvallis with generous contributions of back packs and school supplies.

This year after we started our project the Corvallis School District updated their plan for school supplies to indicate that students were not required to bring any supplies to school. So we made a mid-course shift to our project. We reached out to Garfield to ask what do you need most and shifted buying of supplies to focus more on these anticipated needs. As we were finishing up supplying Garfield, Linus Pauling and Corvallis HS with supplies we still had funds available. So we expanded our outreach to Mt. View School.

As school started we provided:

Garfield – 55 backpack

Linus Pauling – 15 backpacks

Corvallis High School -15 backpacks

Mt. View -23 backpacks

Garfield – assorted supplies with extra watercolors, markers and colored pencils

Corvallis High School- 25 student planners- there is one teacher who each year uses these to help a group of students that she works with. Small inventory of durable folders and spirals for staff to access when they identify a student who would benefit from some extra help.

Mt. View – spiral notes books, markers and colored pencils.

It has been an honor to once again show our love and support for the community through this project.

— Denise Cardinali

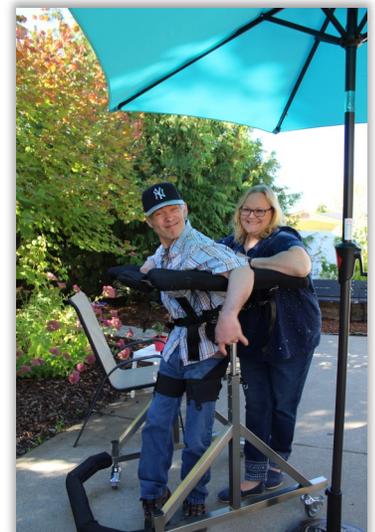


Grace Center News

The nurse, Lee Cook, at Grace Center does more than taking temperatures and dispensing medications. Lee tells me she really “plays detective”. It starts when participants come for an initiative assessment. They may be unable to answer her questions so she uses observation, for example. People with memory problems are good at covering for it, but she can tell their cognitive abilities by their need of reminders for one thing. Some feel lost, and she gives them comfort and tries to keep them engaged and involved so she can decide how the Center can help them, whether they have age related memory problems or have had brain injuries. A good number of our participants have some cognitive problems.

Twice a year they are scheduled with assessments and their caregivers are present. What are their goals for their loved ones? Lee enjoys these meetings and always learns something more about the participants and their lives.

In addition, every month they are checked for weight gain or loss; often they haven't been to a doctor. Changes can mean something in their health. Staff, of course, are part of the team to let Lee know if there is a fall or a participant is sick.



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Grace Center News Continued

80% of the responsibility is teaching. It may be on diet, in the care of a wound, or instructions after surgery. Lee has been doing this kind of nursing for 30 years – some with indigent persons in different situations. She's been in military hospitals, in rehab nursing, or in senior living facilities. Lee has always been warm and kind in interactions with participants. One of them came to her and told her "she was a true friend". She listened to his concerns and all the time he held her hand. She speaks of her warm relationships with our Grace Center family, and I am so happy that she is there for them all, thirty hours a week. Thank you, Lee, from all of us.

- Betty McCauley

Betty McCauley Honored by Grace Center



Betty pictured with Grace members, Kay and Ron Larson

September 9th was not only God's Work Our Hands Sunday, it was also Grace Center's Open House in honor of Grandparents' Day. It was also a day when Grace member, Betty McCauley was given the special honor and recognition of having the library at Grace Center named for her. This honor was followed by a front page article in the Gazette Times about Betty's 35 years of service to Grace Center. If you missed reading it, copies are available in the church office and on the Grace bulletin board. Thank you, Betty, for your past, present and future support of Grace Center!



Guatemala Medical Mission Trip

Some of you may remember hearing about the Faith In Practice medical mission trips that several members of Grace have taken over the years. November 3-10, 2018 will see Becky and Tom Kiersky, Heather Holcomb, Linda Samuels and Ron Anderson traveling to Antigua, Guatemala to serve on the FIP Pharmacy Team. We will be working to prepare the medications that will be used by the Faith In Practice Village Teams in 2019. Other members of Grace will most likely be serving on some of these teams.



All volunteers pay their own travel and accommodation expenses. Faith In Practice relies on donations from individuals to pay for medical supplies, equipment for patient care and transportation of patients. I hope you will consider supporting our medical mission team with a gift to Faith In Practice. If you are unable to donate at this time, your prayers are ALWAYS appreciated. Consider this an opportunity to become a miracle in the lives of those who suffer in poverty and in silence.

It's very easy to help FIP on-line at www.faithinpractice.org just click the WAYS TO GIVE button, then the SHARE THE MISSION line, then go down to the 596-Kincaid Pharmacy Team picture. There are buttons to Donate and also to watch a short video from previous Pharmacy Teams – see some of the wonderful Guatemalan young people we are privileged to work with. If you prefer to donate by check, please enclose your gift in an envelope to Faith In Practice, 7500 Beechnut St, Ste 208, Houston, TX 77074.

Please write Pharmacy Trip #596 and/or one of our names on the memo line.

While you are at the FIP website, check out the BLOGS, search for "pharmacy" to see pictures from all the past trips – how many Grace people can you find? Maybe you would like to join us some year!?

Thanks in advance for your prayers of support for this very important medical mission work in Guatemala!

--- Linda Samuels

September Council Minutes

No meeting for the month of August

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Vohland presiding as Council President during Bob Keith's absence.

Those in attendance: Rebekah Hadlock, Hal Brauner, Kathy Vohland, Kendra Wollert, Lew Nelson, Nancy Strohle, Shelley Chamberlin, Shelly Lundahl, Sue Musil, Pr. Netsie Griffith and Pr. Wendell Hendershott. Absent: Jaya Lapham, Dick Junge and Donna King.

Corrections from Council Minutes dated June 6, 2018: Motion made, seconded and passed that the corrections below are accepted for the June 6, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

Corrected spelling of Rebekah Hadlock and Pr. Wendell Hendershott.

Comments from Pr. Netsie: Paragraph showing with indentation #3 beginning with Donna King, last sentence should have read "They will be gone from June 26, 2018 through July 1, 2018. In the same sentence, the word "bulletin" was changed to "report".

Second page of Council Minutes: Added as a third bullet: Donna King's Report, "Discipling Ministries".

Agenda Items (Cont'd):

No Executive Council Minutes.

No Worship & Music Committee Report.

Parish Operations Ministry:

No Stewardship Committee Report.

No Communications Committee Report.

Personnel Committee Report: Nancy Strohle – Report was presented dated July 12, 2018.

No Property Committee Report.

No Foundation Report.

No items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion or agenda.

Officers/Staff Reports:

Pastor Wendell:

Rental properties are rented for the next year.

Weeders for Summer have been reminded of the areas they committed to weeding. Fire extinguishers will be inspected sometime in August.

Vinyl Floor cleaning will begin August 14, 2018. Carpet cleaning begins August 28, 2018.

Fellowship/Mission Celebrations: Grace Center is to honor Betty McCauley with an Open House event on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Betty will be present for this tribute. In

the meantime, donations are being received and hoping to raise \$10,000 to name the library in Betty's name. The donation fund is called Grace Center's Betty McCauley Library naming fund. Donations are to be made directly through Grace Center.

The Luther House Parking Lot Fundraisers will take place again this fall; the dates are in the Upcoming Dates.

Pastor Netsie:

Pr. Netsie has been invited to be the guest preacher on August 19, 2018 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Bremerton, WA as part of the celebration of their 125th anniversary year. Pr. Netsie's first church position as a Church Staff Associate was serving this congregation as Coordinator of Special Ministries. Pr. Wendell will be joining Pr. Netsie for the trip and Pr. Mike Ostrom has committed to preaching and leading worship at Grace in their absence.

Plans for the Ecumenical Labor Day Sunday Worship Service has begun for the annual, outdoor worship in Central Park. This will include five of our sister congregations in Corvallis.

Discipling Ministry: Donna King was not in attendance to present a report.

Treasurer's Report: Hal Brauner reported the budget is on track and is continuing as planned.

Continuing Business:

God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service. To be held September 9, 2018. Project site will be at Lincoln elementary School, 110 SE Alexander Ave., Corvallis, OR. We will gather at Lincoln Elementary School at 11:30 am. Sack Lunches will be provided. 12:00-1:30 pm will be work time. Pre-ordered t-shirts may be picked up at the church beginning August 20, 2018.

Discussed if the t-shirts might have some funding from Thrivent Choice Funds to purchase additional T-Shirts and lunches. It was **MSC** to approve up to \$300 from the Thrivent Choice fund for new t-shirts ordered and to cover lunch for volunteers. Sue Musil will look into possibly recruiting someone to acquire a \$250 Thrivent card for covering the cost of lunch and report back to the council members.

Pr. Netsie has acquired a \$250 Thrivent Card for purchasing the items for the Office Snack Sacks to be assembled on September 9, 2018.

New Business:

Discussed how we as a council lead the congregation in an exploration of possibly moving from two services to one service during the academic year. Worship and Music and Christian Education Committees need to give input to create a document stating advantages/disadvantages of a One Service Sunday format as opposed to our current schedule. It needs to be approached from the perspective of what will help us be most faithful to our mission and ministry as a congregation. Once a document is created and broadly distributed, discussion groups (similar to the pastoral staffing discussion groups) should be formed for opportunity for congregational response and input.

Labor Day Service: The date is Sunday, September 2, 2018.

Reminder/Assignment of Devotions and Treats:

August – No council Meeting

September – Dick Junge – James 1:17-27

Closing Prayer: Pastor Wendell

Adjourned: 7:59 pm

Minutes taken by Shelley Chamberlin, Council Secretary

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

Globaliers — Book Discussion Group

First Thursdays in the Fireside Room @ 7pm

- October 4** Renate Schuller *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us*, Bruce Feiler
- November 1** Ed Wollert *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Stories of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, Timothy Eagan
- December 6** Carol Erickson Noon Discussion: *The Cave*, Jose Saramago
Evening Discussion: *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*,
The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams
- January 3** Jaya Conser *It's Better than It Looks: Reasons for Optimism in an Age of Fear*, Gregg Easterbrook
- February 7** Marilyn Work *The Man Who Loved China: The Story of an Eccentric Scientist*, Simon Winchester
- March 7** Linda Noland *The Best We Could Do* (graphic novel): An Illustrated Memoir
- April 4** Mary Ann Matzke *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, David Grann
- May 2** Carol Kamke *Exit West*, Mohsin Hamid
- June 6** Darlene Leklem *Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul*, Charles King
- September 5** Sharon Rosenkoetter *From the Land of Green Ghosts*, Pascal Khoo Thwe

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Interfaith Potluck Dinner

Sunday, October 21, 2018

5:30 – 7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church 114 SW 8th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333

Please invite your congregations, friends, and neighbors!
Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences
Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible

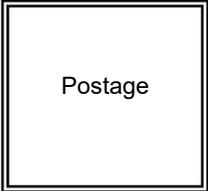
We will provide tableware and drinks
If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware.

**Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities.
Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.**

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All Saints Sunday — November 4, 2018

Each year on All Saints Sunday, we remember in our prayers those who have died since the previous All Saints Day. This year that would include all those who have died since November 1, 2017. If you would like to remember a friend or family member who has passed in the past year, please add their name to the list posted in the entry, or email the church office at office@grace97330.org



Daylight Savings Time ends November 4, 2018, at 2:00 a.m.

Reformation at 500: October, 1518, Augsburg, Germany

The Reformation did not stop in 1517. In fact, it wasn't until January of 1518 that Luther's infamous *95 Theses*, were translated and published in German. Once that was accomplished, the reforming movement began to spread like a wildfire. In two weeks they had been distributed all throughout Germany; in two months they were all over Europe.

In October of 1518, the Roman Catholic authorities had become well aware of Brother Martin Luther's writings and critiques of the Roman Church. The Pope first sent Cardinal Thomas Cajetan to Germany who summoned Luther to a meeting in Augsburg in order to convince him to stop his critique of indulgences and other practices of the Church.

For three days in October of that year, Luther appeared before the learned Cardinal. Cajetan's instruction from Rome was to get Luther to recant, but if he would not, he was to be arrested. The encounter turned into a shouting match, but before Cajetan could have Luther arrested for heresy, a friendly Carmelite monk, Christoph Langenmantel, smuggled Luther out of town, under cover of night.

