



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Grace GATHERINGS

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



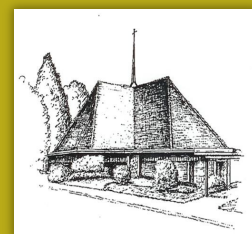
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

**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."*



## God's work. Our hands.

### Sunday of Service — Sunday, Sept. 9th

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We work every day to make our community a better place. Let us continue doing this work, together. This day of service is a great way to begin a new Sunday School year, as we anticipate the help and involvement of all ages.

Our service location this year is **Lincoln Elementary School**. There will be jobs and activities for all ages and levels of ability. Wear your work clothes to church, bring your work gloves along, and meet us after our 10am worship at Lincoln (110 SE Alexander Avenue, Corvallis) for a hosted lunch and then work! Bring your water bottle (as there will be water available for refills).

*(If you ordered a t-shirt, they are ready for pick-up in the Fireside Room.)*





*This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from July 21 to Aug 20. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to [prayers@grace97330.org](mailto: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:

- \* Continued prayers for **Jim Norlie** and those that love and care for him. Notes and cards can be sent to the church office and will be forwarded on to him, or you can just send them directly to his home
- \* Prayers for 12 year old **Branson** as he recovers from a kidney transplant
- \* **Herb Hansen**, former member of Grace, for health and healing
- \* **Nancy Williams**, Bobbie Kelly's daughter, as she heals from treatment for melanoma
- \* Tom & Becky Kiersky's neighbor, **Linda**, her father, Len, who is in Hospice care. Also, prayers for Linda's father-in-law, Don, as he is also in Hospice care. Please keep both of these parts of Linda's family in your prayers
- \* **Pat & June Curran**, for health concerns
- \* **Richard McCuskey**, nephew of Judy & Orano Grindahl, who is healing after a motorcycle accident
- \* **Mary Cay Armer**, friend of Pr. Netsie, who is recovering from surgery
- \* Cammie Bella requests prayers for **Susan & Marian**, two friends struggling with cancer
- \* Please pray for **those seeking asylum in this country**, and the **children** who still have not been returned to their **families**
- \* Pray for those impacted by the recent flooding in **India**
- \* **Reef Hallgrimson**, for continued healing after his hernia repair surgery
- \* **Molly Hallgrimson**, as she recovers from surgery
- \* **Carol Freeman**, as she recovers from surgery
- \* **Jon Tilles**, friend of Jody Parker, for health & healing
- \* **Gene & Linda Pardee**, cousin (and his wife) of Mary Stephens, for health & healing
- \* **Marshall Hill-Tanquist**, for treatment and recovery of melanoma, and for **Sheryl Hill-Tanquist**, his wife, for health & healing

### Birth:

- \* **Logan "Lo" Edward Greeley**, to parents Brandy & Todd Greeley, born on August 13th
- \* **Eli Mason Pajunas**, born on August 1st to Briita (Orwick) and Alex Pajunas

### Death:

- \* **Evelyn Koenig** (*there will be a service in October*)
- \* **Juanita Whiteis**, John Whiteis' mother
- \* **Levi Brake**, brother of Maxine King
- \* **Liz Dooley**, mother of Jessie Saathoff's friend

### Celebration:

- \* We celebrate **Bev & Frank Raze's** recent move. Please pray for an easy transition to their new home

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 — Faith Practices



Keeping faith alive is what faith practices do. They are outward signs and sometimes inward lifelines to a living, authentic faith. Sometimes they are shared, public actions as the result of people coming together. Other times they are private, soul searching meditations in which we engage as individuals. They are as ancient as the most ancient of human beings and so new that they continue to be discovered and draw us in the future.

As a community faith practices bring us together for worship, prayer, song, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, funerals, retreats, Bible study, theological study and discussion, service, and shared meals. Individually faith practices sustain us through private prayer, service, music, meditation, art, journaling, spiritual retreat and intentional silence. It's important that we encourage one another to practice and live out our faith in old and new ways. When we are feeling spiritually drained or empty inviting the Holy Spirit to enliven us with a tangible way to express and live our faith is an important step. Consider these examples of faith practices and see if they might be a springboard to something new for you.

This month we, at Grace, will once again participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) churchwide day of service, "God's Work Our Hands." In the past we have done projects at Chintimini Park, the Corvallis waterfront River Park, Avery Park and Garfield Elementary School. This year we will be working at Lincoln Elementary School. (See detailed information elsewhere in this issue of Grace Gatherings.) Though many of us practice our faith by engaging in various service projects throughout the year, this is a way to make a corporate, visible expression that Grace Lutheran and the whole denomination to which we belong, the ELCA, is a church outwardly focused on service to others.

Many years ago at Grace, some of the women of this congregation, made Chrismons (monograms and symbols for Christ) to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. One might consider the discipline and craftiness of having made those decorations a faith practice. Through the years as we have continued to use those decorations, those who decorate or un-decorate the tree share in that practice by reflecting upon the meaning of these ancient symbols.

In the past when I served a rural congregation in Idaho, I had an opportunity to preside over the baptism of three siblings on the same day. Following that the family established a delightful faith practice which involved me. On the anniversary of the children's baptism, they would invite me to join them for ice cream to celebrate their baptismal birthdays. It was a wonderful way of nurturing the faith of these children, as a family, by highlighting the significance of their baptismal day. This particular family was great at finding ways to pursue faith practices as a family group.

The above examples of annual practices are faith boosts, yet it's the weekly (Sunday after Sunday) and daily practices in which we engage and discover that truly sustain us. Just as we would be malnourished if we were not able to eat on a regular basis or out-of-shape if we were not able to exercise on a regular basis, we risk becoming spiritually empty without the daily and weekly practices which sustain us.

Personal prayer was referenced above as one individual faith practice among many. This is something in which we can engage daily. We do ourselves a disservice, however, if we think too narrowly about how to engage in prayer. Individual prayer takes many different forms some of which are: centering prayer, lectio divino, visio divino, rosary prayer, daily devotional booklets, silent meditation, written prayer, singing and labyrinth prayer. Did you know that our neighboring congregation, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, has an outdoor labyrinth accessible to members of the broader community? While it's helpful to establish a prayer routine, we need not punish ourselves if we miss days now and then, or if our routine might be very different and varied compared to another's routine. Be bold this month and ask another about their faith practices or share your faith practice with someone else. Encourage one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

— Pastor Netsie



### **Pastor Netsie Griffith**

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*Pastor Netsie's Days Off*

Thursday & Friday

### **Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

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*Pastor Wendell's*

*Days Off*

Tuesday & Friday





Aug 13  
**2nd Thursday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
McGrath's  
@ 11:45am**

Aug 25  
**4th Tuesday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
New Morning  
Bakery  
@ 11:45am**

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study



Tuesday  
**BIBLE STUDY**

During September we will be finishing Robert Capon's book, *The Parables of Judgment*. If you've been thinking about joining us but are apprehensive about joining in when we are at the end of this book, please think again. Each chapter is self-contained and focuses on a different parable or parables, so you are welcome to jump right in. We even have an extra book available. If you would like to join us this month, contact Pr. Netsie or simply show up for enlightening, thought provoking, and spiritual strengthening discussions. We meet in the Fireside Room every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m.

A topic for our next study has not yet been chosen. If you have thoughts or suggestions regarding future study, please pass them on to Pr. Netsie.

## Adult Bible Study\*—Fall 2018

### God's World and God's People

Appropriately enough, the Bible commences with these word: "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). What follows that pregnant sentence in Genesis is a wonderful series of stories about the world and its creature. This quarter's study will focus on the book of Genesis.

The goals of this study are to help participants reflect upon God's intentions in creating the world, human beings, and human community and to consider what it means to be created "in the image of God." Group members will discover the breadth of God's fierce determination to restore the world to God's self and marvel at God's willingness to work through ordinary people to bring about God's good ends. Such exploration will encourage all participants to fear and love God more and more,

### Our Writer

Walter C. Brouzard is an ELCA pastor with a bunch of fancy-sounding degrees, including a Ph.D from Princeton Seminary. He waxes on with interminable lectures at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he has taught since 1994. Generally humorless, his few friends describe him with words like "dusty," "tepid," and "milquetoast." He collects mustard. (This is from our study book. Take with a grain of salt, because he is one of our GREAT study writers.)

Lesson 3	Sept. 16	God Created People	Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-7
Lesson 4	Sept. 23	God Created Family	Genesis 2:18-24, 4:1-2
Lesson 5	Sept. 30	God Creates, Humans Sin	Genesis 3:8-14, 16-17, 22-23

**\*Dig into scripture between services each Sunday with Frank & Sue Davis.**

## Godspeed, Ted Carlson!

One of the longest of long-time members, Ted Carlson, recently moved to The Springs at Carman Oaks in Lake Oswego. Unfortunately, it did not work out to have a “Farewell and Godspeed” sending for him during one of our worship services before he moved. Ted asked that we let you know he misses friends from Grace but is glad to be nearer to family who live in the Portland area. Please consider sending Ted a note wishing him well in his new home. His new address is:

3800 Carman Drive, 296A  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035  
Phone: 971-206-8134  
Email: carlson3993@comcast.net



## Women's Retreat—Fall 2018

Please save November 10 for a one-day Women's Retreat here at Grace Lutheran Church.

Bonnie Beadles-Bowling, Wife/Mother/ Community Organizer/ Social Worker and Candidate for ordination in the ELCA is scheduled to present.

A great day is expected! More information to come.

## 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 take 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Now 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
- ◆ September 16—October 31
- ◆ November 1—December 15

Jim Wernz  
Mary Stephens  
Woodworkers

## Youth @ Grace

### Thanks to Grace Grandmas for making a great week for kids!

One of our “instead of Day Camp” activities last month turned into a day of service as Grace kids, grandkids, teens, and friends got together to participate in Jesus’ “feeding the 5,000” even today. As you might know, Grace gives out bags and bags of sack lunches every month to people who stop in and are hungry. But our cupboard was bare! So the kids learned Jesus’ story and worked together to make 50 sack lunches to fill the cupboard in the office once again. (50 lunches, by the way, is enough to last about a month.) Thanks to Grace Grandmas Mary Ann Matzke, Nancy Strohlein, and Dorothy Miles for instigating this project. Thanks, too, to Reed and Evelyn Vega, to Wendy Geist, and to John and Donna King who came to help. It was a great day!



## Come to the Party!

**Sunday School** starts again on Sept. 16th.

Let's meet in Ronnenkamp Hall at 9:45 am – we'll start together, then find our groups a little later. Parents, please plan to stay, too, as we have some fun and some forms just for you.

This fall we're launching a new thing with a 2+ year trip through the Bible. Creation is our theme for the morning, so come find out what's up and please bring something that comes from the earth to share as a snack. Yum!

We can't wait to see you all again!



Do you know anyone who might like a great job?

### Child Care Provider Needed for Grace Lutheran Church Nursery

Sunday Mornings, 8:15 am until approximately 12:30 pm



Hourly Wage • Friendly People • Great Kids!

For all the details, please contact Donna King

[donnak@grace97330.org](mailto:donnak@grace97330.org) or leave a message at 541-757-1600





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

## 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** - Sunghee 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](http://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

**Events Hospitality**

Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

**Christian Education Team**

Deaconess Donna King, 541.757.6636

**Altar Guild** - Linda Samuels, 541.929.4222

**Worship & Music Committee**

Michael Beachley, 541.754.5501

**Finance Committee** - Hal Brauner, 541.753.0023

**Personnel Committee** - Nancy Strohle, 541.926.5747

**Hospital Visitation Team** - Dale Weber, 541.757.3043

**Healing Prayer Team** - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

**Mission Groups** - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

**Stewardship Committee**

Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

**Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

**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?

## Luther House — Fall Football Parking & More

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>.



### Call for College Students Names

Your Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University is Luther House [www.luther-house.org](http://www.luther-house.org). With the new Fall Term just around the corner, we're collecting student names and contact info from Lutheran congregations in Oregon so we can welcome them to their new environs and invite them to share in our community. To do this, we need your help. Please identify all those students from your congregation who will be attending OSU, Linn-Benton Community College this fall. Send us their name, address, and email (we have no other means of knowing how to reach them). By email send it to [info@luther-house.org](mailto:info@luther-house.org) or by snail mail to 211 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330. We'll make sure to contact each and every one of them. Thanks for your help in keeping them connected.

### Fall Term Begins!

OSU Fall Term classes begin on Thursday, September 20. That same day, Luther House will host a display table in the MU Quad as part of the OSU Beaver Community Fair celebration. If you're on campus that day, stop by between 12:00 and 4:00 to say hello and see what we have planned for the new academic year.

### Student Leadership Team

The Luther House 2017-18 Student Leadership Team is comprised of Chris Sims (Mission Viejo, CA), Christine Wong (Portland), Paris DeMers (Albany) and Kevin Massie (Corvallis). These four students will plan and coordinate Luther House activities this year, assisted by Pr. Mike. We have a great team! Please hold us in prayer.

## Lutheran Disaster Response

Check out these reports to see what your dollars have done:

[Click here to read the report: 2017 Hurricanes – One Year Later](#). And visit the [Lutheran Disaster Response website](#) to learn more.

There is still a long road of repair ahead, and our continued generosity and support will go a long way to help our neighbors in need.





## Grace Center News

Not only new features of Grace Center's facility will be on display at its open house Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 pm, but the participant's creativity will be seen with the Grand Opening of the Gift Shop! For several years the Center held holiday bazaars in December. They were quite popular, but why not have an on-going shop to give participants an incentive to share their handiwork? The majority of items available have been made by participants, or with the assistance of volunteers who guide the handiwork. On display now are colorful potholders, table runners, pillows, and scarves. There is jewelry and gift cards, some donated by friends of Grace Center. I wonder if some of the woodworkers will build something in the shop room?



The Gift Shop is located immediately to your right on entering the Center. If you don't have a birthday gift to buy, start your idea list early for the holidays.

The festive Open House will run from 1 to 4 pm. For Grace Church members who will be working in the "God's Work, our Hands" project after church, come as soon as you can for refreshments, and join the fun. It is an all-age event. Children will enjoy a pony cart ride or the petting zoo; grown-ups like pets, too. Invite friends to come with you. No tickets necessary.

- Betty McCauley

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## 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 Lutheran Safety Policy

## SAFETY POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS

Long about the fall of 2008, a group of GELC members began to meet weekly (and sometimes more often) to hammer out one of the most important policies this church has. The Personnel Committee created an intricate, detailed 17-page description of how all people, from toddlers to the elderly, could come to church and be treated with respect. *Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.010.A* was heavily relied on. Another source was the ELCA church policy on healing and renewal.

The 2008 policy was revised and the revision was adopted by the Council on May 13, 2013.

The policy begins with a brief statement of purpose and then moves on to the meaty stuff:

- How paid staff and volunteers who are entrusted with the care and supervision of children/elders, on-site and off sight are screened;
- How a person might be disqualified from service?
- What constitutes a safe environment at Grace Lutheran Church?
- What are the guidelines for staff and volunteers pertaining to their interactions with children/elders?
- How does one respond to an allegation of abuse?
- How does one respond to the victim of abuse?
- How does one respond to the accused?
- How does the congregation respond to the situation?
- How does the congregation respond to a Sex Offender who, in the future, might wish to attend services and activities at Grace?

Also included on page 9 are the telephone numbers of agencies to whom one would report abuse as well as the DHS website.

A difficult part of the policy to read starts on page 10 with the types of abuse and definitions of Elder Abuse and Neglect, including financial exploitation.

Working on this policy was not an easy task. It was a little depressing to be faced with the negative ways humans can and do choose to relate to others, but we can't stop something if we don't know what to stop. That being said it brings this essay to a conclusion and to telling you readers where you can find our church's Safety Policy so if you recognize behavior that makes you uncomfortable or concerned you will know what to do about it.

You may request a copy of the Safety Policy either in electronic or hard copy form from the church office. Also, each church council member has a copy of the Safety Policy in their church council notebooks.

## Grace Center Library



980 NW Spruce Avenue • Corvallis, Oregon 97330  
(541) 754-8417 • Fax (541) 757-3571  
[www.gracecenter-corvallis.org](http://www.gracecenter-corvallis.org)

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 — July 23, 2018

## 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 Strohlein, 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 Strohlein – 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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

- September 6** Ardis Koester *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktoo*, Joshua Hammer (A mere 288 pp.)  
This book traces the story of thousands of medieval texts as they are rescued in 2012 from near destruction by jihadists linked to al-Qaeda in Mali. This is both a history, a thriller, and a cultural insight into Mali and surrounding countries.
- 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 *The Cave*, Jose Saramago
- 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
- Please contact Mary Ann Matzke with any questions at 541-753-3729 or [maryann.matzke@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.matzke@gmail.com)



Volunteers needed for the Salmon Bake! Contact Dave Lundahl at 541-602-3419 or [dave.lundahl@insightsnow.com](mailto:dave.lundahl@insightsnow.com)

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## 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*
- **September 30** — Salmon Bake
- **Nov 10** — Women's Retreat — *info coming soon!*
- **Feb 24, 2019** — Lutherfest

## Partners in Faith



**Friday, September 14, 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 "The Surprising Island of Madeira."  
PowerPoint presentation by Ardis & Jerry Koester.

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

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

