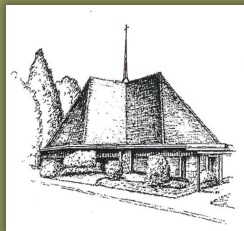


# Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



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

## Phase II — Synod Cluster Gathering

In Spring of 2018, congregations from all around the Oregon Synod gathered to discuss congregational vitality, opportunity, and ministry. These gatherings were based on the ELCA Vitality Survey we completed prior. The synod has processed the information and is now starting Phase II — where they present the information and help us interpret our congregations unique data.

The meeting at Grace, for the Willamette clusters, will be held on Saturday, February 16, from 1-4pm.

Lend your ear and join your voice as we explore what it means to be the church in the world today, and dream up the possibilities of "what next?"



**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.



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

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*This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from Dec 21 to Jan 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.*



Robyn Vega has an updated email address:

[robyn.m.vega@soapcrekent.com](mailto:robyn.m.vega@soapcrekent.com)

## Prayers

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

### Thanks:

- Thank you from Camp Lutherwood for sending Donna King to their annual meeting (and thank you to Donna for attending!)

### Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- MaryAnn Hall
- Saraya, Cathy Mueller's niece
- Hudson, friend of Angie Gallagher
- Thom Jensen, friend of Kris Warloe
- Pr. Jim Norlie
- Donna & Larry Blus
- Jenette Neese, Bev Raze's friend
- Larry Williams, Sandra William's brother-in-law
- Ken Neundorf
- Sue Musil
- David Center, friend of Carol Warloe
- Charlene Gardner

### Death:

- Deloris Buss, Cathy Mueller's mother
- Grant Converse
- Bob Hendershott, Pr. Wendell's brother
- David, Gloria Werth's son
- Douglas Lane, Pr. Netsie's uncle

### Marriage:

- Partban Bagyaraj & Nichole Pathi — Partban is a former Grace Alive! bass player

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

### *The Summer Day*

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean--  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down --  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
With your one wild and precious life?

— Mary Oliver

#### **Pastor Netsie Griffith**

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*Pastor Netsie's Days Off*

Thursday & Friday

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*Pastor Wendell's*

*Days Off*

Tuesday & Friday



*Bob A. Hendershott — 1962-2019*



February 14  
**2nd Thursday's  
Women's  
Luncheon** at  
*Vinwood Taphouse*  
**@ 11:45am**

February 26  
**4th Tuesday's  
Women's  
Luncheon** at  
*New Morning  
Bakery*  
**@ 11:45am**

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Looking for growth, inspiration and spiritual companionship? If so, a great place to find it is on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room at Grace Lutheran. At this time and place a committed group of folks gathers for these very things. During the month of February we will be continuing our study of the New Testament book of Hebrews. Join us!



Tuesday  
**BIBLE STUDY**

## Pastor's Sunday Class: "Time After Time"

Pastor Wendell has a class in Ronnenkamp Hall during the Education Hour, beginning about 9:45. It usually falls on the second Sunday. We are studying the church seasons, generally as they happen, so we are going with the Title, "Time after Time."

February 17, the third Sunday of the month, we will be in Epiphany. Each month, therefore, we will look at a different season, when we are in or near that season.

We 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.



## Adult Bible Study—February 2019

### Our Love for God

The word love appears 538 times in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Less frequently used are believe (160 times) and sin (418 times). One of the most widely known verses about God's love for us is Jon 3:16. There are many other verses that declare how much God has loved us, even when we have not been worthy of that love. What is our response to such grace? It is to love God in return.

Love is a defining characteristic of Jesus' followers and is something we are expected to show not only God but also to others. That love is most directly expressed in our care for those around us and for all creation.

So, this quarter we study God's demands for our complete and undivided love as we work our way through Deuteronomy and Psalms. We will reflect on our response to God's love in the advent of Christ and explore the epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. Our study concludes with passages from three psalms that glorify God.

### Our Writer

Chip Borgstadt is an ELCA pastor, serving as a transitional pastor and consultant to churches in Nebraska. His most enjoyable vocation, however, is the delightful role of husband, father, and grandfather. That's where he experiences God's love the most and is inspired to love God for the blessings of wife, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter.

## Two Services or One

Last spring when we went through our listening process, one of the questions that came up in each of the meetings was whether or not it might be beneficial for Grace to move from our two services on Sunday mornings to one service. This past summer and fall the Worship and Music Committee and the Christian Education Committee each had discussions on the implications of switching or staying with the same schedule. Those committees have finished their work and now it is time for the congregation to engage in the process. To that end a proposal is being forwarded to the council to distribute the information from the two committees and involve the congregation in deliberative conversations. We continue to invoke God's guidance and ask where and how the Spirit is leading us in regard to this decision.

### ***Here is the proposed timetable:***

#### **January:**

Distribute Committee documents to Congregation (*documents available in the office, if you have not received them*)

#### **February:**

Opportunities for small group discussions on the following dates:

Saturday, February 9 (11am)

Sunday, February 10 (9:45 a.m.)

Wednesday, February 20 (7 pm)

Saturday, February 23 (2pm)

**Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend one of these discussions.**

#### **March:**

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> to make a decision.

#### **April through August:**

Inform Congregation of the decision made and what was learned.

#### **September:**

Continue with present two worship services or fully implement the decision to go to one service.

## Update from Corvallis Men's Homeless Shelter

My apologies for being tardy on the homeless shelter this year due to back surgery.

The homeless shelter is trying to reach out to the community to sign up to serve at the shelter at other times during the season, not just when our organization (or any of the other organizations) sign up for a week. This has been very helpful to them when they don't have a sponsoring organization for a given time. I encourage you to consider volunteering for this critical need in our community for an evening, a few days, once a week or whenever you feel called to help.

Note that this year, no food needs to be provided at all. Stone Soup, the Co-op and Papa's Pizza have been providing food for the men in the evening. All you need to do is show up and help. The positions are:

**Check In:** 5:30pm to 8:00

**Bag Check:** 5:30pm to 8:00pm

**Late Shift:** 8:00pm-11:00pm

**Food Service:** 6:00pm to 8:30pm

**Note:** *There are no breakfast requirements this year.*

The links to sign up are as follows:

**January:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054badaa2ba4f58-january>

**February:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054badaa2ba4f58-February>

**March:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054badaa2ba4f58-March>

**Note:** *Signup Genius will ask you to create a login if you don't already have one.*

Thank you all so much for thoughtfully considering helping with this important outreach!

— Sue Speulda

*"Truly, I say unto you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"*

*Matthew 25:40*



## Getting to Know Grace's Library: Book Review

### If We Make It Home

by Christina Suzann Nelson

Christina Suzann Nelson is an award-winning author who lives in the Corvallis area with her husband and four children. She is over the top about her passions, including the writing of stories created somewhere in the twists and turns of her less-than-focused brain. When she's not writing, she's working with the Every Child initiative, chasing escaped steers, reading, breathing in the sweet smell of her horse, hiking with her dog, or enjoying her just-as-crazy family.

It was fun to chat with Christina at the church library conference held in Corvallis in June. The subtitle of this book is *A Novel of Faith and Survival in the Oregon Wilderness* and it follows three estranged college friends, reunited after decades, on an unusual adventure. I liked the way the story is told by alternating between the voice of each character. A warning though, don't start this book if you have important tasks to finish – it is very hard to put down!

---Linda Samuels

## Community Event

### Interfaith Potluck

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1205 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97330

**Please invite your congregation members and friends.**

Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences

Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible

*If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware.* We also have some, and will have paper plates if needed.

***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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| David Triebes    | 02/04 |
| Bob Zwang        | 02/04 |
| Ron Olson        | 02/07 |
| Bobbie Kelly     | 02/09 |
| Ardis Koester    | 02/09 |
| Hans Neukomm Jr. | 02/09 |
| Donna Wernz      | 02/09 |
| Emily Vega       | 02/11 |
| Sue Musil        | 02/13 |
| Linda Roberts    | 02/14 |
| Bonnie Zwang     | 02/19 |
| Brenda Beck      | 02/21 |
| Debbie Zeller    | 02/21 |
| Toney Logan      | 02/23 |
| Jerrold Koester  | 02/24 |
| Katie Olsen      | 02/24 |
| Gloria Werth     | 02/25 |
| Joy Martin       | 02/27 |
| Brandy Greeley   | 02/28 |
| Noel Vineyard    | 02/28 |

## 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** - 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

## Luther House

*Have you bought your ticket yet?*

The countdown has started for Lutherfest! The last day to buy tickets is Valentine's Day Feb. 14. Forget the chocolate, try beer and cheese as the way to your true love's heart! Purchase Lutherfest tickets at <http://www.luther-house.org/programs/lutherfest/> or call Luther House at 541-753-5213 for assistance.



## Grace Gallery

Ten exhibits have adorned Grace Gallery in Ronnenkamp Hall during its first year (2018).

Continuing from January is "Quilted Possibilities" by Cyndi Wahrmund. A longtime textile artist, Cyndi has previously shared her beautiful creations with the Grace Lutheran congregation via the Easter chasuble, altar table cloths, Pastor Netsie's Advent stole, and other smaller pieces. She has also created liturgical art for other congregations, as well a variety of imaginative quilts. Common themes are joy and appreciation in everyday objects. Thanks, Cyndi!

Coming February 20 are oil paintings and watercolors by the late Rosemary Stephens, mother of Bruce Stephens. On deck for April and early May is "Paragons of Nature," photographs of animals from God's creation.

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## Red Cross at Grace

A big thank you to all the Grace Members that donated blood at the drive on Jan. 24th. Up to three people may be able to receive help from each unit received. The American Red Cross thanks you. There is a great shortage and if any of you were not able to give that day, look around for other donation sites in Corvallis. The following blood drives will be held at Grace this year: April 18th, June 25th and Sept 12th.

Thank you for your support — it is truly appreciated.

- Marna Renshaw

## Grace Center News

In Corvallis we often hear that the community encourages volunteering with non-profit agencies. Grace Center is a typical example of interns who began originally as volunteers through programs with colleges.

Tera Stegner, one of Grace Center's present co-directors, was originally a volunteer who had graduated from Oregon State College with a major in Human Development and Family Sciences. OSU was our first resource for volunteers. However we now have former students also from Western Oregon University in Monmouth and Linn-Benton Community College. They have majored in fields such as

public health, kinesiology, pre-nursing, and gerontology. We ordinarily recruit three interns a term from the volunteers. In working with the staff they have realized that they enjoyed helping with elderly or ones with disabilities in other ages. Interns can later go on to careers as nurses, physical therapists or social workers. Other interns have become paid members of our staff. The cheerful voice you first hear calling the Center is Brianna, our office coordinator. Former volunteers have learned leadership and become passionate specialists in caring work.

Tera regularly gives talks in local colleges as well as high schools in West Albany and Philomath schools to let them know about the opportunities in fields with the elderly and the disabled. You who have given to Grace Center have strengthened concerns for the fields of the whole caring field. We thank you.

- Betty McCauley



## Camp Lutherwood

2019 is Lutherwood's 60th anniversary year!

Camp Lutherwood is hiring summer 2019 staff — please go to their website for the application and additional information. Please pass along this information to anyone you might know who would be interested in summer camp positions.

You are invited to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Camp Lutherwood Association. It will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 2019, from 1-3pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Albany, Oregon. Come find out what CL's goals and vision are for the coming year.

If you have any questions, please contact the CL office at 541-998-6444.



## Start Your Crock-Pots

It is almost time for our Chili Cook-Off. This is a congregational contest to see who will have the most talent with this favored concoction. There are many prizes awarded each year and we are ruminating over some possible new categories for 2019. While a contribution is not required, any funds raised from this event will be used to support our youth ministries.

**If you would like to compete:** Just whip up a crock-pot full of your best chili and have it in Ronnenkamp Hall by 12:30 on the Day of the Cook-Off.

**If you would like to eat:** Bring your appetite and something that would accompany a hearty bowl of chili. Perhaps it will be something savory like corn bread or chips or something sweet like brownies or Rice Krispy treats. We also recommend you bring a cup cake/muffin tin so you may try more than one type of chili in each of the different compartments.



## Globaliers — Book Discussion Group

### First Thursdays in the Fireside Room @ 7pm

- 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\*  
                              *\*This meeting will be held at Noon, instead of the regular time*
- 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)

## January Council Minutes



Church Council minutes from the January meeting can be viewed in the office, along with minutes from all previous meetings. (Or let Carol know if you would like them emailed — [office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org))

Thinking about how you might serve at Grace in 2019? Willing to give your time and talent for the mission of our church? Are you free one night a month to attend a fairly brief and enlightening meeting with fellow Grace members? If so, talk to Pr. Netsie or Pr. Wendell about the possibility of joining our Church Council. Help us guide the parish and make plans for the future.

## Lent 2019

Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Lent will begin March 6<sup>th</sup>  
with our Ash Wednesday worship service



**Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**  
*Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist*

Wednesday Lenten Services will begin the following week  
on March 13<sup>th</sup>



### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Schedule**

6:00 Soup Supper  
7:00 Evening Prayer  
7:30 Choir rehearsal

*We will celebrate the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday,  
but not on the other Wednesdays in Lent,  
and of course we will celebrate it each Sunday in Lent as well.*

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

Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated Grace on the Move Drivers, who provide and/or coordinate rides to worship and Bible Study for those in need of transportation: Ron & Kay Larson, Marna Renshaw, Wayne & Carolyn Kradjan, Darlene & Jim Leklem, Anne & Tom Orwick, Debbie Kuehn, Judy Winkler, Norma Moody. *(if you provide this service and your name is not here, please let the church office know, 541.757.1600)*

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

All are grateful to the many members dedicated to bringing the gift of music to our Sunday worship services. Our Director of Music Ministries, Christopher Buckley, lends expertise and dedication to provide us with joyful music. Sunghee Kim, accompanies the choir and plays organ for our early worship service. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who provide special music from time to time. In addition we want to recognize those who provide music Sunday in and Sunday out:

- **Chancel Choir:** Sue Davis, Carol Erickson, Netsie Griffith, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Darlene Leklem, Anne Orwick, Erin Radniecki, Sue Speulda, Donna Wernz, Sandie Williams, Glenn Chaffin, Mason Cooper, Michael Eclevia, Wendell Hendershott, Jerry Koester, Marshall Hill-Tanquist, Noel Vineyard, Jim Wernz
- **Grace Alive!:** Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Tom Kiersky, Dave Lundahl, Angie Kingsley

## **Partners in Faith**

**Friday, February 8, 2019 @ 6 PM in the Fireside Room**

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

Program at 7 pm is a discussion of Valentine's Days highs and lows. What memories do you hold dear? Please contact the office with any questions.

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

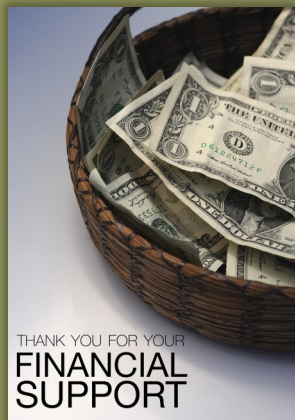
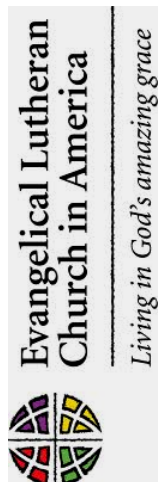


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