

# 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."

## An important and specially called Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

The purpose of the meeting will be to issue new calls to our pastors which will replace their current call. In January of this year the budget passed at our annual meeting was based on the reduction of our pastors' time and salaries being adjusted from 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to 1 FTE. The re-negotiation of the call of our pastors requires a vote of the whole congregation. The new call to be issued to our pastors is scheduled to be effective as of July 1, 2019.

*(See Pr. Netsie's article in this month's newsletter for more background information.)*

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.**



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



**Ellen Topness**

New address/name:  
Ellen Davis  
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## 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:

⇒ I can't begin to say a BIG enough THANK YOU for ALL of the support we have received these past 4 plus years as we were on the ALS journey with Jeff. The prayers, wonderful food, help with moving, visits, cards, and financial support helped us make it through this. The support was especially helpful as we grieved the loss of my parents a few months before Jeff's passing. Please continue to keep Shane and me in your prayers as we work at finding a new "normal". God's Blessings to all of you, Cathy and Shane Mueller

### Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- ⇒ Mary Ann & Gordon Matzke
- ⇒ Coy Scroggins
- ⇒ Tom Smith
- ⇒ Steve Rau
- ⇒ Weston Griffith
- ⇒ Clark Griffith
- ⇒ Donner Tevis
- ⇒ Ruth Hendershott
- ⇒ Marilyn Walsh
- ⇒ Camp Lutherwood
- ⇒ Chris Whitehead and Michael Shope
- ⇒ Rev. Michael Rogers
- ⇒ Margery Baklund
- ⇒ Dave Center
- ⇒ Pr. Jim Norlie

### Birth:

- ⇒ Barrett Griffith, Pr. Netsie's nephew

### Death:

- ⇒ Kristin Landon, Pr. John Paulson's daughter
- ⇒ Marian Smith, Billie Larson's sister
- ⇒ Martha McCullough, Pr. Wendell's aunt
- ⇒ Arnold Jensen, Erin Radniecki's grandfather
- ⇒ David Holcomb
- ⇒ Jim De Vries
- ⇒ Karen Lyons
- ⇒ Tim Bush

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



"Remember how he told you, . . . Then they remembered his words, . . ." - Luke 24:6a, 8a

We might be wise to daily adopt and practice this imperative, "Remember . . .," provided by the dazzling messengers in Luke's account of the resurrection and the response of the women, "Then they remembered . . . ." There is power in remembering

when that remembering is anchored in the living Word and words of God. Bringing this anchor into the boat, we are then caught and driven by the wind of God's Holy Spirit. Remembrance then becomes a sail which leads us into new waters just as it did for the women at the empty tomb and all of us who have followed in their footsteps.

As a congregation we lift this anchor, and we carry it with us as we prepare to sail into new waters beginning in July and continuing into the fall. At this month's church council meeting, a path forward regarding our approach to worship in the fall of 2019 will be chosen, as council faithfully responds to the request made at the annual meeting for listening, deliberation, and leadership in regard to this important aspect of our life together.

Also, you are asked to remember that at our annual meeting in January we passed a budget which has your pastors, me and Pr. Wendell, moving from a combined 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position to a 1 FTE position. Even more important than remembering that specific action is to remember the belief upon which it is based. Since 2014 we have been engaged in various listening processes, church council deliberations, study, and prayer which have led us to the belief that two significant areas of strength upon which this congregation moves and is moved are the areas of Worship and Music and Discipling Ministries.

Because our excellent music staff (Director of Music Ministries, Br. Christopher Buckley and Organist/Pianist, Sunghee Kim) contribute so greatly to the ways in which music proclaims gospel, nurtures, empowers and sends us as servants into the world, we wish not to cut back in this area but sustain this ministry fully. This will continue to be true regardless of what decision is made concerning number of worship services and our approach to worship. Also, we have discovered that we are somewhat unique among mainline congregations in our community in regard to the strength of our various Christian Education ministries. Having a staff person as Director of Discipling Ministries with the skills that Deaconess Donna King brings to us enables us to not jettison this important area of ministry that other congregations have felt necessary to do during these changing and challenging times of being the church. Keeping these two areas strong takes continued support, commitment and investment of our resources.

Our Administrative/Office Staff (Carol Terrill, Robin Comforto, Jody Parker and the new person we pray to bring on board soon) is both essential and exceptional. While some re-configuring has taken place due to Carol's move to an additional part-time position, these folks provide necessary support for the rest of staff and for our congregation. Not to be forgotten are our custodial (Sam McKay) and childcare (Paris DeMers) positions which though a very small part of our budget are essential.

Our support of the above areas of ministry does not mean that pastoral staff is insignificant in the scheme of this community of grace which gathers at the corner of Kings and Harrison. Yet, as we are called to adapt to new realities, we believe change in this area has the potential to bring focus and renewed energy as we lift up those things which are most important and life giving.

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, as we gather for a congregational meeting\* to issue new pastoral calls replacing our current calls, remember that the Spirit has been and continues to be at work among us, and the risen Jesus continues to be revealed to us in the breaking of the bread, as he was at Emmaus that first Easter. By the grace of God and the movement of the Spirit, we will be sailing into new waters as disciples in every age have been called upon to do. Yet, the power of remembering the clarifying, life-giving, transforming words of Jesus will both sustain and guide us.

With gratitude and resurrection hope,  
Pr. 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*



May 9  
**2nd Thursday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
Old Spaghetti  
Factory  
@ 11:45am**

May 28  
**4th Tuesday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
New Morning  
Bakery  
@ 11:45am**

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

During the early part of the month of May we will be taking a look at the minor Prophet, Joel. Stay tuned for an announcement pertaining to a new study venture following that. We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome to join us.



## Pastor's Sunday Class

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 as they happen, so we are going with the Title, "Time after Time." May rounds out our year with Easter. Each class is designed so that you can just learn about one season or by attending them all you will get an overview of the whole year.

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 — May 2019

### Discipleship and Mission

This study grounds our practice of discipleship and mission in the story of Jesus Christ. We will study the gospel stories and the pastoral letter that Paul wrote to the first Christians in Rome in order to hear God's call to us today. Through this engagement with the word of God, we will learn from one another to be faithful witnesses in our own time and place.

### Our Writer

Philip Ruge-Jones is a child of God who is also a husband, father, pastor, speaker, theologian, teacher of the church, writer, and biblical storyteller. He currently serves at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He invites your questions, comments, and corrections at [rugejones@gmail.com](mailto:rugejones@gmail.com).

Lesson 10	May 5	Called to Righteousness	Romans 3:21-31
Lesson 11	May 12	Called to Life in the Spirit	Romans 8:1-14
Lesson 12	May 19	The Call of the Gentiles	Romans 11:11-24
Lesson 13	May 26	Called to New Life in Christ	Romans 12:1-8

## Newly Baptized!

On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Rowan Anthony Willey was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, and we rejoiced to welcome him into the body of Christ and into the mission we share to join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Rowan is the six month old son and second child of Ariel Daeschel Willey and David Willey. Rowan's sister, Annaliese, was also baptized at Grace. Rowan and Annaliese are the grandchildren of Inge and Mark Daeschel. Lea Daeshel Fisher and Kimberly Daeshel were Rowan's baptismal sponsors. Rowan and his family live in Beaverton.

## Grace Gallery

Now featured in Ronnenkamp is the series Paragons of Nature from Larry and Sharon Rosenkoetter. It is wildlife photographs from national and state parks and wildlife preserves. This display will be up through May 20th.

Come to discuss God's gift we all have in wildlife with Sharon and Larry on Sunday, May 19, during the Education Hour (9:45—10:45am).

At the end of the month, look for painted silk by Jeanine Lawrence.

What do you create? Would you consider sharing your creations in Grace Gallery? Photography, watercolors, woodworking, sculpture, floral design, whatever you have to share. Even just a few pieces can be combined with others or highlighted for a spell. Contact Sharon Rosenkoetter or the office to discuss options.



## Partners in Faith

Partners in Faith will next meet on Friday, May 10, in the Fireside Room. Potluck dinner is at 6pm, with fellowship to follow at 7pm. The program this month will be about our favorite scripture(s). Share a passage or two or three and why they speak to you. Bring a food item to share and your place setting(s).

*All are welcome — no partner needed.*

## Quilting at Grace



Most of the quilts made at Grace are taken to the Vina Moses Center here in Corvallis to be given to families in need.

In May the Grace Quilting group is planning to again send quilts off to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering in Beaverton. They, along with quilts and kits from other groups, will be sent to Minnesota to be ready to be part of the LWR's response to disasters worldwide. We are able to put a barcode on our box that will TRACK our quilts online as they travel overseas to people in need in other countries. **The blankets we made last year were used in Ethiopia!**

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter made by a loved one. That's the feeling we can share through an LWR Quilt. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, we can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — they are not alone.

The Quilting group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the Grace Library. Don't be intimidated by the word "quilting". Anyone who can tie square knots is welcome and capable of helping with this rewarding task!

## Synod Assembly: Bishop Election

This year the Oregon Synod will meet in assembly in Eugene, May 10-12. Our voting members at this assembly are Hal Dick and Martha Stillwell Anderson along with our two pastors Netsie Griffith and Wendell Hendershott. In addition to the regular business of the assembly, we will also be having an election for bishop. Dave Brauer-Rieke has indicated he will allow his name to be submitted again, but the first ballot is a nominating ballot and all clergy throughout the ELCA are eligible. Will an incumbent prevail or will another take his place?

## Globaliers — Grace Book Discussion Group

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

- 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

Have you voted on books for the 2019-2020 season? Any suggestions for books to read? Would you like to lead a discussion? Please contact Mary Ann Matzke with any questions at 541-753-3729 or [maryann.matzke@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.matzke@gmail.com).

## Sunday Worship Times

A few years ago, the Congregational Council voted that our summer schedule should begin on Fathers' day. This year Fathers' Day is on June 16, which also inaugurates our Single summer service Sundays. While we have not decided what will happen with worship after the summer ends, we do know that we will have one worship service throughout the summer. Here are some of highlights between now and the end of summer:

- May 12      **Mother's Day**
- May 30      **Ascension Day** — Thursday, *No special service*
- June 9      **Pentecost Sunday**, 2 services  
*The congregation is invited to wear red.*  
*Congregational Picnic at Thompson Shelter in Avery Park*
- June 16      **Trinity Sunday**, 1 service  
Also **Father's Day**  
A Single Service at 10:00 a.m.  
*The rest of the summer services will be at 10:00 a.m.*
- Sept 1      **Labor Day Weekend Worship in Central Park**
- Sept 8      **God's Work Our Hands Sunday**,  
*Service Projects after worship*





<b>Bill Byers</b>	<b>05/01</b>
<b>Megan Vega</b>	<b>05/01</b>
<b>Derek Gourley</b>	<b>05/02</b>
<b>Karen Smith</b>	<b>05/02</b>
<b>Reed Vega</b>	<b>05/02</b>
<b>Christopher Kamke</b>	<b>05/04</b>
<b>Jana Seeliger</b>	<b>05/04</b>
<b>Jean Grosz</b>	<b>05/05</b>
<b>Bill Briskey</b>	<b>05/06</b>
<b>Aggie Hill</b>	<b>05/06</b>
<b>Christopher Buckley</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Todd Greeley</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Susan Hale</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Johanna Lundahl</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Chad Washington</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Ashley White</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>MaryAnn Hall</b>	<b>05/09</b>
<b>Ronly Grindahl</b>	<b>05/10</b>
<b>Lucas Junge</b>	<b>05/10</b>
<b>Tracy Collier</b>	<b>05/11</b>
<b>Jeff Beck</b>	<b>05/14</b>
<b>Melissa Smith</b>	<b>05/16</b>
<b>Ted Zhang</b>	<b>05/18</b>
<b>Marika Stock</b>	<b>05/20</b>
<b>Marie Vega</b>	<b>05/21</b>
<b>Karen Strand</b>	<b>05/23</b>
<b>Jacob Donner</b>	<b>05/24</b>
<b>Ida Stemple</b>	<b>05/25</b>
<b>Lincoln White</b>	<b>05/26</b>
<b>Kiah Gourley</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>Eila Howe</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>Wendy Nichols</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>Sarah Stephens</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>Brooke Donner</b>	<b>05/30</b>
<b>Julia Donner</b>	<b>05/30</b>
<b>Debbie Kuehn</b>	<b>05/31</b>

## 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, AF

**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

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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)

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### 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

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**Campus Ministry at Luther House**  
Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**  
Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

# Camp Lutherwood



Dear Friends,

We cannot thank you enough for the support you have been giving Camp Lutherwood Oregon following the burning of our Lodge on April 12th. Your prayers, donations and kind words have given us hope during this time.

We are excited to announce that we are going to continue activities as planned!

Outdoor School will return in the next couple weeks.

Rental groups and guest services will continue to use our site.

Summer Programs will continue as planned!

With your continued help and support, we know our 60<sup>th</sup> summer will be stronger than ever.

## Work Days!

Many of you have asked how you can help camp, and we need you now more than ever! We will be offering two work days this May to prepare our site for the summer months. Join us on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** and **May 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9AM-3PM. Both days will include a delicious lunch provided by our camp cook and projects like gardening, painting, clearing trails and more! All ages and skills levels are welcome to come help make camp look its best for our 60<sup>th</sup> summer. Please RSVP to the camp office at 541-998-6444 or [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org)

## Summer 2019: Life Together

We are more excited than ever for our 2019 summer program. We have camps for all ages, such as sports camp, art camp and family camp. Join us as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> summer of discovering caring and affirming relationships with God, others, self and the natural world.

## 2019 Summer Camp Nurse:

One of the ways we ensure people enjoy camp is by keeping them safe and healthy, but we cannot do that without our camp nurse! If you or someone you know is a nurse looking for a summer position, please contact Charlotte at [charlottet@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:charlottet@lutherwoodoregon.org) and check out our website for applications and more information.

## Weekly Volunteers:

Every Tuesday, volunteers come to camp to assist our Site and Facilities Manager with projects around camp. Camp Lutherwood is so grateful to those who already come out, but we are always looking for more willing hands! If you are interested in volunteering with Lutherwood, contact Tom at [tom@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:tom@lutherwoodoregon.org).

## Harvest Festival 2019

Save the date for Camp Lutherwood Oregon's biggest fundraiser of the year on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Camp Lutherwood. You won't want to miss our 6th annual event and celebration of 60 years of ministry at camp. Tickets on sale beginning July 1.

## How you can help:

### Matching Gift:

We have a generous donor who is willing to match any gift made until May 16<sup>th</sup> up to \$100,000 to help us restore operations as quickly as possible. You can make a donation on our website [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org).

### Wish List:

Many of you have offered to donate items to us, and we are so grateful. Please stay tuned for our wish list which will be found on our website in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, contact the office (541) 998-6444 or [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org). Please be sure to update us with any new contact information and check out our website and social media so you can stay up to date on all that is happening at camp. Thank you for supporting us during this difficult time. We are determined to move forward with hope and continue serving all our guests.

## Grace Center News

Newsletters seem to come oftener every year, but there is always something to write about each month. April was Easter, of course, and our participants were happy to color Easter eggs and make little bunnies. Our staff, however, has to be ready to provide for the needs of our more challenging participants -- holiday handwork doesn't interest them. Some of the loss of memory participants make our directors, Rene' and Tera, search for unique resources to help them. Some participants have a tendency to be wanderers. An open door is very inviting. The clear glass front door of Grace Center presented a view of interesting activity outside, and our wanderers occasionally left as visitors came in! That wouldn't do. The answer has been to have a large picture of our cheerful sun symbol applied to the glass. Our visitors are welcomed into the Center, but our wanderers are happily and safely kept inside Grace Center.

—Betty McCauley



## Luther House Campus Ministry

### Join us for:

Monday Night Dinner and Bible Study at Canterbury House 6:00-8:00 pm

Come and Go Tuesday Lunch 11:30-1:30 every Tuesday of the term

Evening Worship on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Candlelight, quiet and contemplative prayer

Building Bridges: Dialogue with campus friends about relevant social issues exploring shared values through small group conversation. Begins Thursday, April 11 at McMenamin's on Monroe 7:00-8:00 pm.

Favorite Movie Friday: Friday nights 7:00-9:30

See our Facebook page for more details!



### 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

## Youth @ Grace

### 2019 Easter Breakfast to Help Foster Kids – All Donations Amplify our Spring Sunday School Mission Project with CASA!



This spring our whole Sunday School has been voting on the mission project they most wanted to do in conjunction with the 2019 Bible Challenge. For everything they do in the Challenge, each person in Sunday School receives a sticker. The plan is to add up all the stickers the whole Sunday School earns by the end of the year, then donate 25c per sticker to a group project chosen by the kids and youth. Choosing was hard!

When it came time to decide what to do with the donations sure to be given at the Easter Breakfast, the youth wanted to amplify whatever mission project would eventually be chosen. So, right before Easter we added up all the votes to discover that we've chosen to bring a bit of Easter new life to other kids who are just being placed into foster care. Later in the spring, we'll take a Sunday School shopping trip to fill "Go Bags" or "Safe Bags" (like backpacks or duffels) with things the new foster kids can call their very own as a new and better life is worked out for them. Thanks to everyone who came to the Easter Breakfast, we now have over \$586 to add to what we "earn" in the Bible Challenge!

Thanks from the youth to everyone who helped pull off another great Easter Breakfast: our parent coaches & helpers, our Sunday School teachers, congregation members who filled Easter Eggs, all the little kids who had a great time finding SO MANY eggs, all the college age alums to dropped in to see how we were doing, and to everyone who came to enjoy the Breakfast!



**Grace youth, pictured right before serving the Easter Breakfast:** *Avi Hadlock, Aaron Davis, Sarah Davis, Kaili Saathoff, Melissa Smith, Christina Lundahl, Rachel Burnett, Gabri Bilotta, Mackenzie Burnett, Reed Vega, Eli Geist, Isaiah, Silas Hadlock, Michael Gallagher, Casey Smith, and Evelyn Vega. Not in the picture is Katie Olsen, who worked in the Nursery.*

## Peace Pole being gifted to Grace in honor of Pastors' 10th Anniversary

It was a great surprise! The little children at the early service carried a giant bag and a card up to the Pastors at children's time. "What is this?" said a surprised Pastor Wendell. He peeked into the bag to see a giant balloon with the number "10" - Then he smiled and said, "Oh...we've been here ten years." The card said, "Dear Pastor Netsie and Pastor Wendell, please open this and read it out loud to the whole congregation." Inside was an invitation to the surprise party happening in Ronnenkamp Hall that very morning!

Ronnenkamp was packed. The potluck table was long and generous. Laura Davis & Debbie Kuehn kept the coffee and drinks flowing. Sprints were high and the Pastors really were so surprised! Donna & Jim Wernz played and sang 'Dona Nobis Pacem' to begin the festivities.



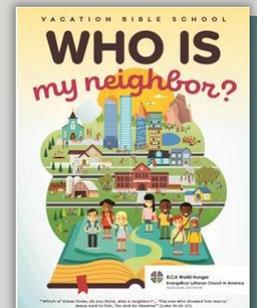
Then the youth invited everyone to get involved. They're sponsoring the gift of a Peace Pole from the whole congregation in honor of the Pastors' 10th Anniversary - and asked everyone present to help decide the peace prayer languages to be featured on Grace's pole. Peace Poles are part of an international movement urging all to pray "May Peace Prevail on Earth." Pastor Wendell chose Spanish for one side recognizing our growing ministry connections both here and in Guatemala. Pastor Netsie chose Vietnamese for another side in remembrance of Grace's history resettling refugees. We'd originally thought of four languages for our Peace Pole - but there were so many good ideas at the party that now we're hoping to bump it up to eight languages on our pole! "Animal Paw Prints" had the largest number of votes, then a cluster of choices tied...and there was even several write-in votes for a Native American language that was once spoken in our area. We're checking to see if the Native language is a custom possibility and will let you know the final set as soon as we know.



**Happy 10th Anniversary, Pastors Netsie and Wendell. We're glad you're here!**

## Summer Day Camp is Coming!

**Save the date - Summer Day Camp, August 5-8! 9am-12pm.** Help us jumpstart a new summer experience. We will explore "Who Is My Neighbor" through Bible stories, games, and local trips. Grace and partner Good Samaritan Episcopal invite all kids, friends, and grandkids entering grades 1-6 as campers and older youth as volunteers. We can share God's love in our neighborhood. Look for registration forms and volunteer opportunity information soon.

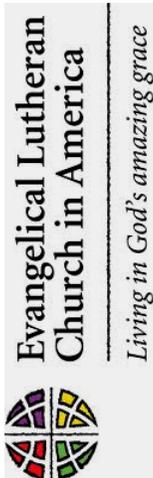
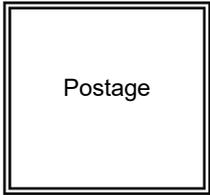


## April Council Minutes

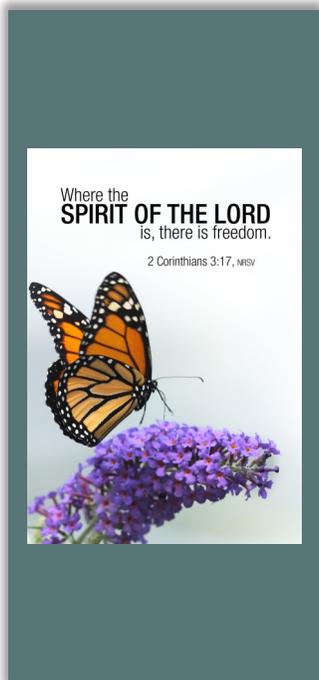
April Council Minutes, along with minutes and notes from all previous Council and Executive Committee meetings can be found in a binder (and in various filing cabinets) in the church office. Feel free to stop in and read the notes, or join us at a council meeting.

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## New Photo Directory



**Have you had your photo taken yet? New directory photos were taken April 25-27**, and more appointments are coming up on May 3 (and by appointment with the photographer). Bring your family, bring your pet, and most important of all... bring you. The photos are being taken by a local mother/son team who provide professional portraits, church directories, and also an opportunity to purchase pictures to take home for family, friends, Christmas cards, etc.

There are not any heavy-handed sales techniques used at any point along the way. You are free to purchase pictures, or not. We do request that you participate, as your friends here at Grace would love to see your smiling face in the directory.

To sign up for an appointment, please visit the following site:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AAFA92DABF94-grace>  
(those are zeros, if you're typing)

Or please contact the photographer direct to make an appointment in her studio. Cherie can be reached at [theimage@cherierenae.com](mailto:theimage@cherierenae.com) or 503-967-9119.

*Thank you for your participation!*