

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."*

Congregational Picnic! Sunday, June 9 @ 12:30 pm Avery Park—Thompson Shelter

Bring a main dish and/or a side dish/dessert to share.
Bring your own napkins, plates & utensils. Drinks will be provided.
Come whether you bring food & supplies or not!

All are invited!



Weather permitting, we would like to stay and play in the park. You are welcome to bring outdoor games — croquet, horseshoes, Frisbee, badminton, etc. to help facilitate. Group walking/hiking on the park trails will also be an option.

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 April to May 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.



New directory coming soon!

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:

- ⇒ Caleb, Cammie Bella's grandson-to-be
- ⇒ Ruth Hendershott
- ⇒ Clark Griffith
- ⇒ Leonor Rodriguez
- ⇒ Coy & Kathy Scroggins
- ⇒ Pat Olson
- ⇒ Gary Baklund
- ⇒ Donna Mae Wernz, sister-in-law to Jim & Donna June Wernz
- ⇒ Bev Raze
- ⇒ Marilyn Walsh
- ⇒ Jim Norlie
- ⇒ Becki and Sophie
- ⇒ Janalee Nessier
- ⇒ Randy Ruotsala
- ⇒ Kay
- ⇒ Grace
- ⇒ Mary Jane Weber
- ⇒ Jean Grosz
- ⇒ Carol Warloe
- ⇒ All of the 2019 graduates

Death:

- ⇒ Brian William
- ⇒ Midge Baklund
- ⇒ Lowell Norlie

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.

After direction from last January's Annual Meeting, many hours of conversation and deliberations and in a spirit of prayer and seeking, the Grace Congregational Council has voted to move to one Sunday Morning Service this fall. In this vote, the Council left open the possibility of an evening service either on Sunday evenings or another night of the week. The council also needs to study the matter of Christian Education times, with those who most often attend. Parents and class members will be consulted before that decision is finalized.

While this decision was difficult, it also opens new opportunities for mission and ministry. Doubtless there will be adjustments along the way, but our conversations have been cordial and passionate. There is a genuine sense of forward momentum, now that a decision has been made. We continue in prayer as we strive to live into this new paradigm of worship and discipleship.

Pastor's Page

Here is a re-write of an article I wrote a couple years ago on the interplay of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity. See if it rings a bell with you.

Two celebrations are approaching on the June calendar, Pentecost, June 2, and Trinity Sunday, June 9. Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit. The account in the book of Acts takes place in broad daylight and is a story with a mighty wind, tongues of fire and a babble of conversations. The Spirit is a strong storm in Acts, yet there is another Biblical account of the giving of the Spirit. In John, chapter 20, the Spirit comes on Easter in the evening, behind closed doors, as a gentle breath from Jesus upon the disciples. It is an intimate story that contrasts quietly with the bombastic experience in Acts.

Such is the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. To some it is a powerful gale, to others, an almost imperceptible puff of air. The Spirit blows where it wills and its currents move in ways that refuse to be confined

The second celebration is about the Holy Trinity. Recent scholarship on the Trinity has looked into the relational activities of the three persons of the Trinity, each of whom is always moving toward us, to bring God's love to us. Rather than try to explain the arithmetic of it all, scholars have striven to note the relationship each person of the Trinity has to the others. As God relates to God's own self within the Trinity, it is always a procession of love toward the creation, which God made. This further demonstrates to us how we too relate to these persons of the Godhead. Knowing of this relationship gives us a more comprehensive understanding of how we relate to the one true God. Our relationship with God produces lives of praise, active in love and service to others, that they may not only know love, but also justice and solidarity as we interact with others.

The Epistle of John tells us that God is love. It is not surprising then that it is within God's loving relationship, that we grow and evolve, that we learn how to love others, how to care for others and how to relate beyond ourselves in concrete ways that will provide for their needs.

So, we begin this June with these two festivals, which remind us that God shapes us through the Spirit to move us further into relationship, further into relationship with God, further into relationship with our neighbors. It is in relationship with God that we learn about relationship with our neighbors. We learn how to care for them, how to meet their needs, how to use what we have, how to utilize our expertise for others. In the final analysis, we learn that because we are in a loving relationship with God, we have learned even more how to love our neighbor.

Pastor Wendell

Special Congregational Meeting—May 19th

A specially called congregational meeting was held Sunday May 19 at 12:30 p.m. There was only one item of business. The Congregational Council proposed a resolution to reduce the pastors time, Starting July 1, 2019. Pastor Netsie will change from 0.75 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) to 0.67 FTE; Pastor Wendell will change from 0.75 FTE to 0.33 FTE, with commensurate salary adjustments to the two pastors. The resolution passed unanimously. Bob Keith led the meeting, Michael Beachley was our parliamentarian and Pastor Wally Gustav was in attendance on behalf of the Oregon Synod to observe that all was done correctly and in order.

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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*Pastor Netsie's
Days Off
Thursday & Friday*

Pastor Wendell Hendershott

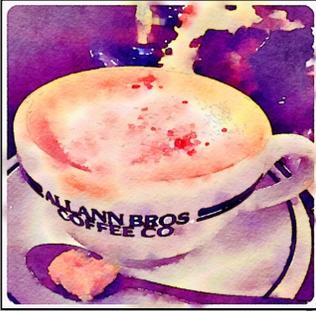
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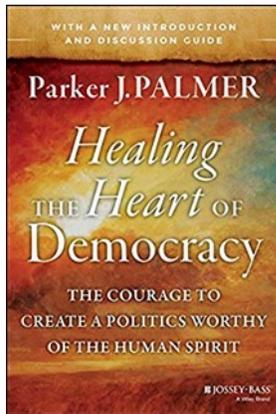
*Pastor Wendell's
Days Off
Tuesday & Friday*



June 13
**2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon** at
El Patron
@ 11:45am

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study



Beginning June 4th, the Tuesday Bible Study group will be setting out on a path to merge our biblical faith with an area that some people would like to divorce from biblical faith and our vocation as baptized children of God sent into the world for lives of service. That area is our role in shaping a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." For the sake of our, our children's and grandchildren's futures might we be healers in restoring the breaks in our democracy? Might we be bridge builders in a time of political divides and partisan polarization?

Christian writer, Parker J. Palmer believes that "democracy is always at risk. . . . [It] is a nonstop experiment in the strength and weakness of our political institutions, our local communities and associations, and the human heart. Its outcome can

never be taken for granted." Yet, "We can help keep the experiment alive by repairing and maintaining democracy's neglected infrastructure . . . the invisible dynamics of the human heart and the visible venues of our lives in which those dynamics are formed." (p.9) So says Palmer in his book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*.

If you would like to join us in reading and studying this important faith stretching and heart strengthening testament of hope regarding the healing of our democracy, we have a couple of books available or Pr. Netsie can tell you how to order one. We meet in the Fireside Room from 1:00-2:30 pm every Tuesday.

If you are not able to meet with us on Tuesday afternoons but would like to read and discuss this book at another time, be in touch with Pr. Netsie. If there is enough interest, we will explore some options for an evening book discussion time.

Adult Bible Study — June 2019

The purpose of June's study is to engage the word of the scripture so that each participant is brought to the foot of Christ's cross. It is here that we have the clearest revealing of God's own heart; a hear of powerful, self-sacrificing, saving love for humankind and creation. Grounded in this good news we turn to explore what it means to live in such gracious love as forgiven children of God.

Lesson 1	June 2	Jesus Institutes the New Covenant	Mark 14:17-24; Hebrews 8:6-7, 10-12
Lesson 2	June 9	Jesus Seals the New Covenant	Mark 15:6-15; 25-26, 33-39

**Sunday Adult Bible Study will be taking a summer break and returning in September. Thank you, Frank & Sue for leading this important ministry!*

New Photo Directory

Thank you to all who participated in the portrait sessions here at Grace! It is a gift to have so many beautiful updated images for this community.

We have received the rough draft of our new directory and are busy making sure the right names are with the right people. The new directory will be out sometime this summer — you'll know when we know when this will happen. Thank you for your patience as the directory is assembled.

Thank you to Cherie and Nicholas for helping to make this directory happen.



Partners in Faith

Come one, come all, join the fun as Partners in Faith meets on Friday, June 13th. Potluck supper starts at 6pm — bring something to share and your place settings. Program starts at 7pm and this month is focused on *Something Old, Something New*. Bring something old, new, borrowed, blue to share with the group. Please don't bring anything old to the potluck portion of the event. Partners not needed, as we are all partners in our faith journey.

Looking for a Grace member (or two) to host a summer BBQ (or two) in July and/or August.

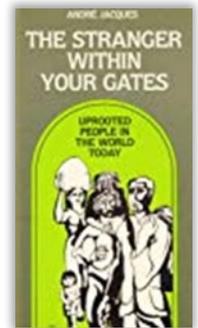
Please contact Sue Musil with questions and comments about Partners in Faith at 541-908-6636.

Grace Library Book Review

The Stranger Within Your Gates

by André Jacques

The subtitle of this book is *Uprooted People in the World Today* and it was written in 1985. The sad (and I would add disgusting) thing is that with a few updates of numbers and locations, it could have been written in 2019. It is the story of people who after many years of hardships, repression, and violence have made the difficult decision to leave their homes to search for safety and a better life for themselves and their families.



I was privileged to be part of the Corvallis medical team with Faith in Practice that went to the village of Lupita in western Guatemala about ten years ago. When we first arrived, we were told the tale of how these Mayan people had to flee for their lives to Mexico as the soldiers of Guatemala were slaughtering the native people and destroying their land and livelihood. After many years of exile (thanks to Mexico for giving them refuge), they were able to come home. They refused to come back as individuals but only as a whole village. Their life is still hard but they were happy to be back home in Guatemala. It was for sure one of the most moving experiences of my many years of traveling to Guatemala with Faith in Practice.

Favorite paragraphs:

“Any migrant, any refugee, anyone seeking asylum, whether in a legal or an illegal situation, has rights which cannot be denied. Christian communities everywhere face an enormous challenge.

At a time when the presence of foreigners is leading to rising xenophobia and racism, we must take clear stands for justice even if they cause problems within the national community – or even within Christian communities. That is part of the price we pay for our faithfulness to the gospel.”

---Linda Samuels

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers (VIC) is pleased to announce they've been selected to receive an ITNAmerica “Trusted Transportation Partner” grant, with support from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. ITNAmerica awards TTP grants to well-respected transportation non-profits to support free or discounted rides to medical eye care appointments. This grant will allow VIC to provide visually impaired individuals with free transportation to eye care services. This award also recognizes VIC as offering the highest quality transportation services for seniors. VIC is one of 54 non-profit organizations nationwide to receive this recognition. For information about VIC services, please contact the VIC office at 541-757-0980.

Memorial Day Remembrance

Each year over the Memorial Day Weekend, Grace Foundation remembers Alice and Carl Ronnenkamp by placing a flowers on their gravesite. Alice and Carl generously remembered both Grace Lutheran Church and Good Samaritan Hospital in their will. That bequest to Grace, plus a couple smaller bequests, was used to establish the Foundation. Through earnings from their initial bequest, other bequests and contributions, this legacy has grown to more than double the original amount. Each year the Foundation has been able to extend the generosity of these two generous saints to a variety of special projects stemming from the members of Grace Lutheran Church. Blessed be the memory of Alice and Carl Ronnenkamp.



Globaliers — Grace Book Discussion Group

First Thursdays in the Fireside Room @ 7pm

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

**Books are in for the 2019-20 season! Pick up a list from the office counter and start reading. :)
Please contact Mary Ann Matzke with any questions at 541-753-3729 or 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. The Council has also decided that there will be one Sunday morning worship service as we move back into the school year as well. We are also looking at an evening worship service, possibly Sundays, to provide an alternative to families and others who are out of town or have other activities Sunday mornings. Still to be decided are the hours for Christian Education.

Here are some of highlights between now and the end of summer:

- 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
- Sept 15 Regular Sunday Worship at a time yet to be decided





Glenn Chaffin	06/01
Vicki Meyer	06/04
Sally Winkler	06/04
Mary Benson-Willett	06/05
Mikaila Saathoff	06/05
Hannah Shaff	06/07
Kyle Smith	06/07
Cynara Stadsvold	06/07
Mary Ann Matzke	06/08
Tony Smith	06/12
Frank Davis	06/14
Cecile Palmgren	06/14
Iona Trapp	06/14
Wilson Schroeder	06/16
Jeff Lesmeister	06/19
Donna King	06/22
Denise Cardinali	06/25
Jan Byers	06/26
Bekki Levien	06/29
Larry Rosenkoetter	06/29
Peter Gelser	06/30

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 - Nate Olsen

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst (eff. 6/4)

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

Teams & Committees

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Healing Prayer Team - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

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Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

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Into the Light: Our Stories from Oregon Synod Assembly

Attending the Oregon Synod Assembly from May 10-12 in Eugene was truly a joy. “Into the Light: Our Stories” was the theme, and the dominant business was to elect a Bishop and to adopt the 2020 budgets for the Synod and its foundation.

The Rev. Laurie Larson Caesar, lead pastor of Spirit of Grace, Beaverton, was called to be our Synod’s third Bishop on the fifth and final Spirit-led ballot. Her call during Mother’s Day weekend comes at a time when Lutherans are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in 2020. Following a procession of all rostered females present, preacher for the closing worship was retiring Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Susan Kintner. It was a great celebration in an upbeat Synod gathering!

For this attendee, one of the special blessings was seeing old friends – especially after missing the last seven Assemblies. I have also been blessed to have been present for the first election of all three of the Oregon Synod’s Bishops. Thanks sincerely to Grace Church for the opportunity to represent our congregation along with Martha Anderson.
– *Hal Dick*



Attending my first Synod Assembly with Hal Dick as my guide was truly a blessing. For me, being there was a joyful nudge to stop fretting over what we may no longer have, to focus instead on who we are and what we value, and to find hope in change and vibrancy in prayer and scripture. Thank you for this experience!

The Synod Council asks Oregon congregations to expand support for four outreach ministries through special offerings coordinated by the Synod and encourages each of us to make individual gifts. These ministries are The Flame in Portland (theflamepdx.org); Mid Willamette Valley Latino Ministry ([visit this Facebook page](#)); Storydwelling in Bend (bendstorydwelling.org); and the Burns Paiute Reservation Church of the Living Waters (PO Box 367, Burns, OR 97720).
– *Martha Anderson*

Camp Lutherwood



Thank you to all who attended the **May work days**. Many things were accomplished in preparation for **Camp Lutherwood’s 60th summer**. Spots are still available for all ages at camp — www.lutherwoodoregon.org. We still need to fill a few summer staff positions as well. Please contact Charlotte at charlottet@lutherwoodoregon.org or check out the website for applications and additional information.

Thank you to the many generous donors that helped us meet the \$100,000 match challenge! We are so grateful for all who have supported us these past weeks and ask for your continued support and prayers as we continue to rebuild over the coming months. If you are still looking for ways to help, check out the **Camp Lutherwood Oregon Amazon Wish List** and save the date for our...

Harvest Festival 2019. Camp Lutherwood Oregon’s biggest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Camp Lutherwood. You won’t want to miss this year’s event! Tickets will go on sale beginning July 1.

If you happen to read this before June begins, you are invited to join the board of directors for Camp Lutherwood Oregon at a **special meeting of the association** on Sunday, June 1, 2019 at 10am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Albany, Oregon.

Purpose of meeting: In January 2019, the Association approved a \$2.5 million dollar expansion plan for Camp Lutherwood Oregon and gave approval to enter into a capital campaign to build phase one of the retreat center, a bathhouse, and a covered pavilion. The first approval was for \$2.5 million and now the costs and scope have changed.

On April 12, 2019 the main Lodge at Camp Lutherwood Oregon burned to the ground along with all contents in the building. The Board of Directors will bring an updated recommendation to the Association for consideration for rebuilding the Lodge with a retreat center wing as well as the other buildings originally requested. The Board of Directors will share the updated plans, costs, and recommendation for moving forward to the Association for approval.

Grace Center News — from Betty McCauley

When a new participant joins Grace Center the staff is already alerted to the need to know that person's caregiver. They recognize the need to reach out to the family as well to assure them that Grace Center provides caregiver support along the way. For example, the staff has been meeting with caregivers of the participants on the first Tuesday of every month for a some time now, and starting in July they are adding a second group on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This group will focus on education by bringing in presenters from the community to answer questions on care giving, aging, or dementia. They will brainstorm the group to know what care givers are most concerned about.

In May there was a workshop that covered subjects like knowing what is "normal aging" or "not normal aging". In encouraging helping behaviors they want to promote a sense of control and self direction. In these meetings caregivers will develop observation skills to recognize unmet needs and ways to respond to reduce anxiety. The staff at Grace Center wants always to help caregivers of the participants improve their quality of life. And I'd say that improves the lives of all members of the family, doesn't it? If you have questions or wish to join sessions on care giving you can email the Center at Office@GraceCenter-Corvallis.org or phone them at 541-754-8417.

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 (Through June 14th)

See our Facebook page for more details! Or visit www.luther-house.org for all the information you could possibly hope for. These activities will extend through mid-June, as the term is ending and the students will be vacating Corvallis for the summer.



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

If any of these names are incorrect, please let the office know at office@grace97330.org. My sincere apologies if we've left someone off or are still listing someone who stopped showing up for rehearsal months ago. Feel free to blame me (Carol) as I have officially moved on down the road. **Best wishes, Grace members & friends.** Thank you for allowing me to serve you these past 3+ years. It has been a blessing. <3

Youth @ Grace

Peace Pole Update!

Because so many good language ideas were suggested at the party for the Pastors' 10th Anniversary, Grace youth have chosen to upgrade our Peace Pole to eight languages. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" will be in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Animal Paw Prints, Kalapuya (if we can have this as a special language - if not we'll pick the closest Native American language that's available), Leaf Prints, Swahili, and Arabic. More news to come!

June 2 — Graduate Recognition Day

Come celebrate the graduates in our lives. Worship will include a blessing for the grads. A cake reception at noon concludes the day!

Nursery News

Paris DeMers, Grace's Child Care Provider, has good news of a summer internship doing community organizing in Eastern Oregon. While this is a great fit for her Anthropology major (congratulate her – we're celebrating!) it also means that June 2nd will be her last day in the Nursery. Nate Olsen, last year's Child Care Provider, has agreed to serve until he goes back to school at the University of Portland mid-August. We give thanks for both Paris and Nate!

June 2 — Sunday School Service Project Shopping Day

Grace's 2019 Sunday School Bible Challenge chose to benefit CASA's foster kids with signs of their learning. And **Grace Youth** chose to amplify the Bible Challenge Project by adding donations from the 2019 Easter Breakfast to the cause. So...Sunday School's going shopping on June 2! Soon lots of foster kids will have something new & all theirs to add a smile to their lives... **Why do we do this?** Grace's 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.



June 9 — Sunday School Celebration

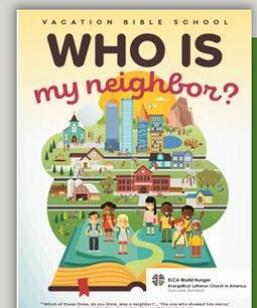
This has been a great year in Sunday School. All groups participated in the 2019 Bible Challenge – so we're getting together one last time before summer to show off what we learned. A special treat is included in the morning & promises to be lots of fun!

Camp & Camperships

There are still spaces available at Camp Lutherwood this summer AND there are still camperships (FOR ALL AGES) available as well. Grace Foundation is helping us all go to camp this summer — pick up applications in the entryway or office. *Let's do this!*

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.



Changes in the Office

Farewell, Godspeed and THANK YOU, Carol Terrill!

Yes, it is true. Carol, our awesome Office Administrator of the past 3 ½ years, is moving on to full time work in Halsey. We wish it were fake news, but the truth is her last day with us in the office will be May 31st.

She will return, however, on **Saturday, June 8th at 10:30 am**, because our Grace Hospitality Team is hosting a **“Thank You” Brunch** for her in **Ronnenkamp Hall**. And, you are invited! Join us for this special time to bid Carol farewell and Godspeed as well as express your thanks for her time with us. Please do, most certainly, RSVP to Molly Hallgrimson at mjhestates@hotmail.com, so the cooks know how much food to prepare.

Carol has brought amazing skills, gracious hospitality, deep compassion, and needed humor to her role as our Office Administrator. She will be greatly missed, but we are happy for her employers in Halsey who will benefit from her presence and skills which have so blessed us. Godspeed, Carol, into the future to which God is calling you.

Welcome to our new Office Administrator, Andrea Barnhurst!

As we bid farewell to Carol, we are grateful to be able to welcome Andrea Barnhurst who is already sharing new and impressive gifts with us, as she steps into this important role in our midst. Andrea comes to us with a companion, her guide dog, Bali, a beautiful, Black Labrador. Bali is with Andrea because she is visually impaired. Though Andrea does have partial sight, she is legally blind. In order to help us help her transition into our community here at Grace, Andrea has graciously offered to make a public presentation:

Working with the Visually Impaired and their Guide Dogs, Sunday, June 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room

We hope those of you who are able will take this opportunity to come, meet and welcome Andrea and Bali to Grace Lutheran.

Andrea also has others who share her home in addition to her guide dog, Bali. She is married to John and they have a daughter, Chrissy, who is graduating from South Albany High School this June. Professionally, Andrea's background is in Architectural Computer Aided Drafting. While working in this field, she was also employed to assist in office administration, so that is where her skills in this area were honed. Andrea loves to volunteer and has served in various capacities in community organizations and charity walk events. She is also active in the guide dog community serving as an officer of the alumni chapter of Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) and volunteering with the local puppy raising club for GDB. Finally, last but not least, she is Lutheran and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Albany.

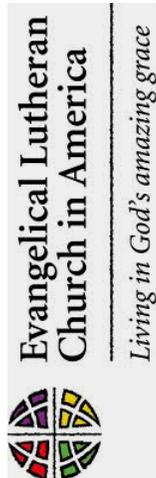
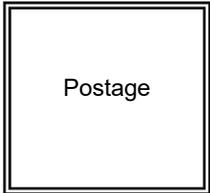


May Council Minutes

May Council Minutes, along with minutes and notes from all previous Council and Executive Committee meetings can be found in the church office. Feel free to stop in and read the notes, or join us at a council meeting. If you'd like to see the minutes in Grace Gatherings again, show up at the next Council meeting and let them know. (Note that the last person who showed up to complain ended up enrolled in three Grace committees. *Yay for volunteers!*)

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Grace Gallery



Announcing a Ronnenkamp Hall **Silent Auction** for Rosenkoetter's beautifully **framed wildlife photos, the Paragons of Nature**. We are accepting Giving It Forward donations as bids through June 30th. This is a chance for you to obtain one of their images from national and state parks and wildlife preserves, and help finish our Giving it Forward campaign.

Next up in the gallery is a display of silk painting by Jeanine Lawrence, a member of the Corvallis Art Guild and a retired ESOL teacher who has worked all over the world.



Do you have a hobby or skill that you would like to share with our community? From sculpture to prose, we are looking for future features for Grace Gallery. Please contact Sharon Rosenkoetter if you have questions or comments at 541-752-1846 or sharon.rosenkoetter@oregonstate.edu