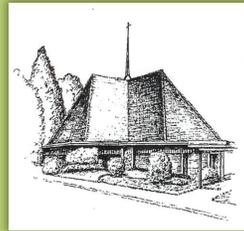


Grace GATHERINGS

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."*

Blessing of the Backpacks—Garfield Backpacks



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.

Prayers

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

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:

- ⇒ Ruth Krueger, Canterbury House Chaplain
- ⇒ AJ Buckley, Christopher Buckley's Spouse
- ⇒ Jen Grube, Sandcastle Preschool Teacher
- ⇒ Jean Rounds, Mary Ann Hal's niece
- ⇒ Marilyn Walsh
- ⇒ Stacy and Zachary

Deaths:

- ⇒ Marcie Anderson
- ⇒ Coy Scroggins

July Council Minutes

July 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. You may also contact our council secretary, Shelley Chamberlin, to request a copy of the minutes.

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

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

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

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Pastor's Page

*"Take, oh, take [us] as [we are]; summon out what [we] shall be;
set your seal upon [our hearts] and live in [us]."*

-John L. Bell, ELW 814

We are now living into two, significant changes resulting from steps taken in past years and months culminating in the decision to move to a single worship service on Sunday morning and adapting what we expect from pastoral leadership. From a human perspective such change is daunting, frightening, unsettling and vexing. From a divine perspective such change, though risky, is filled with opportunity, hope and the possibility of transformation. Only with the help of God will we be able to transcend our human frailties and limitations to become blessings to one another and to the world around us.

For over ten years, as many of you have noted, this congregation has perceived itself as two congregations, the 8:30 and 11:00, the early service and the late service congregations. While we have temporarily come together during the summer and for Nativity and Christmas worship, we have done so with the assurance that we will eventually be able to return to that which is most comfortable for us. Even now, some are hoping that we might still experience such a split and have 8:30 style worship two Sundays a month and 11:30 style worship two Sundays a month. Thus, we might continue to be two congregations and not really have to change anything. Even those who are eager to embrace one service will experience some new things taking us all out of our comfort zones at times.

In my March Grace Gatherings article I shared the following quote from our blue, supplemental hymnal, *With One Voice*. I believe it is worth repeating for the value it holds for us now.

"... the letter to the Romans contains the exhortation to 'live in harmony with one another ... that together you may with one voice glorify ... God.' (Romans 15:5-6) ... to sing 'with one voice' does not imply uniformity of expression. The 'one voice' of the Church represents an amazingly diverse fabric, many songs of many cultures in many styles, woven together by the one Spirit. ... The breadth [of music in our musical repertoire] is a witness to the Church's unity in diversity and an encouragement to communities to cultivate a variety of expressions when they gather, rather than dividing themselves by style of worship or music." --From the Introduction of the song book, *With One Voice*, p. 4

As I said in March I say again. I hope what will begin to emerge as we live into the change before us is a new way not only of thinking about worship but of thinking about God and thinking about ourselves and our church in relation to God. For the first time in over ten years we have an opportunity to be together and to be the church in a new way. We have an opportunity to come to terms with the fact that we aren't just 8:30 people or 11:00 people, but we are both, and we can be both together. We are a diverse group of people who God has called together in all our diversity in order to do something for God that is different than all the other Christian communities that God has also called together and is working through. Will we lose some things in the process? Yes, we will. Will we gain some things in the process? Yes, we will. Most importantly, we have the opportunity to embrace a level of diversity that, up until this point, we have failed to achieve, because it's been easy for us to drive ourselves by preferences and differences.

If there is something our country needs less of these days, it is division and forces actively working to divide us. Thus if, as a worshipping, active, faith community, we can learn not only to live with but to embrace our differences, perhaps we can begin to help others do this in the other realms to which we are called to be the church. And, let us remember we are called to be the church not only within the walls of a building on the corner of Kings and Harrison but also everywhere work, travel, vocation and leisure take us.

Change is not easy, but God does not call us to that which is easy. In my November Grace Gatherings article I hope to reflect upon the changes in expectations around pastoral leadership. In the mean time we all have some challenging but rewarding work to do with the help of God, always with the help of God.

Eagerly looking for who God is creating us to be,

Pr. Netsie

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What's New for our Tuesday Bible Study

On September 3rd, we conclude our study of Parker Palmer's book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. For those of you who were not able to join us in our joint reading and study of this book, I encourage you to add it to your reading list. If your confidence in the democratic principles on which our country was founded has been shaken in recent months and years, you might find some chords of hope in Palmer's writing that will help you in the months and years to come.



Beginning on September 10th, we turn to a book of the first testament, the 5th book of the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy, for our study and reflection. If you need some inspiration, here's an excerpt from the Lutheran Study Bible (LSB) regarding the message of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy seeks to remake Israel into a just and humane society. It promotes concern for the poor and underprivileged, including slaves, women, and foreigners. Fair justice is everyone's right. Judges, priests, and the king should work together to make sure there is social fairness and faithfulness to God.

Deuteronomy is about mutual love. God has expressed love by choosing Israel as a special people and freeing them from Egypt. The people are to love God in return and show their love by obeying God's law . . . However, fear is not the right reason to obey God's law. Israel is to obey out of love for God and neighbor and because God freed the people from slavery in Egypt. -LSB, p. 303

Please join us every Tuesday from 1-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room for study and engaging conversation.

September 12
**2nd Thursday's
Women's
Luncheon** at
*The Old Spaghetti
Factory*
@ 11:45am

September 24
**4th Tuesday's
Women's
Luncheon** at
*New Morning
Bakery*
@ 11:45am

Globaliers — Grace Book Discussion Group

2019-2020 Global Book Group Schedule

September 12, 12:00 pm (Note Change in Date)

Sharron Rosenkoetter—"From the Land of Green Ghosts" by Pascal Khoo Thwe

This book unforgettably evokes the realities of life in modern-day Burma and one man's long journey to freedom despite almost unimaginable odds.

October 3, 12:00 pm - "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson

November 7, 12:00 noon - "Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire" by Peter Stark

December 5, 12:00 noon - "Gateway to the Moon" by Mary Morris



**Partners in Faith— Friday, September 13, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Location to be Announced**

Please watch for updates on location and additional information

Gods Work... Our Hands

God's Work....Our Hands

"God' Work....Our Hands." is Sunday, September 8, 2019.

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.

*You work every day to make your **community** a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2019!*

This year's site Avery Park in Corvallis. Lunch will be held on site from 1:45 am to 12:30 pm. Activities will include Trash Pick Up, Landscaping Maintenance, and Trail Maintenance. Bring your own gloves and yard tools if available.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 10 am to 3pm in the Fireside Room. Appointments recommended. Contact Marna Renshaw at 541-760-7174 or email at marna.renshaw@hotmail.com



ONE Worship Service THIS AUTUMN

Your pastors, our Director of Discipling Ministries and our Director of Music Ministry were pleased when we brought together the input of those involved in Christian Education and Music and Worship. We became very enthused about the schedule that emerged, because it does not exclude musicians from participating in Christian education nor Sunday School teachers from participating in music ministry. Also, it allows for much potential in community building and strengthening our ties as a congregation. Here's what has been decided for our schedule:

Beginning September 15, 2019.

Music Rehearsals before worship

9:30 a.m. – Worship 0:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:45 a.m. – Christian Education for all ages

11:40 a.m. – Sending ritual for all present for Christian Education (in the Fireside Room)

11:45 a.m. – Stepping out into the world for service

For more information on how we got to this point see July's article on page 8.

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday Worship—September 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Central Park Bandstand

Each year we celebrate Labor Day Weekend with an ecumenical service in Central Park. Come join us this year if you'd like to meet your friends and neighbor from the mainline churches in Corvallis.

Each year we have repeating responsibilities: we set up chairs, we provide (5 dozen) cookies, we provide ushers, who also greet worshipers, we distribute communion, and everyone pitches in to help take down the chairs we set up earlier. Grace also has a unique responsibility we provide the wine, although it looks like Good Sam is going to help with this too (the other churches generally use grape juice). Each year we have some specific responsibilities. This year we provide punch, cups, and napkins. We are also responsible for the "Call to Worship," the First Testament Reading and the Benediction. In 2021, Grace will be the coordinating congregation for this worship service and we will have a great deal more to do. So let's just enjoy this coming Labor Day Weekend with others.



We put up a poster in August, in the Grace entryway, so you may sign up, but if have any questions, contact Pastor Wendell. This end of summer worship service has become a highlight for many. Hope to see you all there.

Blessing of the Animals, October 6, 2019

October 4 each year is the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, a enewer of the church. As is often the case, the actual day does not fall on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate a few days late. One of the things Francis was reputed to have done was preach to the animals and bless them. In honor of Francis' care and concern for the birds of the air and beasts of the field, we are again planning to have a blessing of the animals here at Grace, October 6, 2019.

This is a splendid celebration when you are invited to bring *your* own animals, especially your pets, to church that Sunday and we will bless those that come during our worship service. Or you may bring a picture or representation of animals that are important to you. Last year, several people brought photos on their cell phones. These photos may include pets or it may be a picture of animals of the wild. As in the past, we will have cleaning materials at hand in case of accidents. There will also be a critter-free zone, for those who have allergies.



Sunday Worship Times

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

- Sept 1 **Labor Day Weekend Worship in Central Park**
- Sept 8 **God's Work Our Hands Sunday,**
Service Projects after worship
- Sept 15 **New Worship/Christian Education schedule begins** (see article on page 5)





Birthday Blessings!

Please let the office know if there is a birthdate listed incorrectly, or if we have omitted someone in error.

Sue Davis	09/01	Erika Donner	09/13	Angela Erickson	09/23
Maureen Hallgrimson	09/01	Kris Saathoff	09/14	Seamus Harrington	09/23
Gordon Matzke	09/01	Juan Guzman	09/15	Bob Keith	09/23
Jim Zeller	09/01	Karen Stephenson	09/15	Hal Koenig	09/23
Marilyn Loftsgard	09/02	Marjorie Kinch	09/16	Andrea Barnhurst	09/24
Ashley Smith	09/02	Eli Geist	09/18	Rachel Harrington	09/24
Doug Boysen	09/03	Mary Ann Brenan	09/19	Avi Hadlock	09/25
Bud Helpenstell	09/04	Rick Osborn	09/19	Annikka Howe	09/25
Mark Stephens	09/05	Martha Anderson	09/20	Cyndi Wahrmund	09/28
Shelly Bilotta	09/06	Scott Beachley	09/20	Gail Barte	09/29
Darlene Leklem	09/06	Anita Upenieks	09/20	Evelyne Hendrix	09/29
Franklin Raze	09/07	Nathan Beilby	09/22	Bob Schoning	09/29
Patrick Schroeder	09/09	Dan Hallgrimson	09/22	Gloria Chaves	09/30

Pastor Wendell's Second Sunday Class *Genesis Migrants*

Each year Pastor Wendell leads a discussion group. Often the group works on a worship and Music topic. This year, we are going to look at the major characters of the book of Genesis. If you recall your Sunday school lessons, you may remember that many of these folks were migrants. With this knowledge, we hope to not only look at the biblical migrations of our faith for-bearers, but also make connections with more recent history and current events.

October:	Adam and Eve and the Families of the Earth
November:	Noah and his Family of Eight
December:	Abraham and Sarah
January:	Ishmael and his mother, Hagar
February:	Isaac and Rebekah
March:	The Tragic stories of Lot's Daughters, Dinah, and Tamar
April:	Jacob with Rachel and Leah
May:	Joseph Goes to Egypt

Grace Center News — from Betty McCauley

I am sure you have all been seeing the posters announcing Grace Center's Open House Celebration on National Grandparents Day. It is coming soon on September 8th, 1pm to 4pm. But just in case you think you have already seen it, we want to tell you about some new events this year. Remember that it is planned as a family time, so bring the kids! They'll all like Hawaiian Elvis singing and the hula dancers or the Bounce House. There will be food trucks and popcorn. Grown-ups will be interested in the McCauley library for a presentation of "Tea Around the World".

For more insights into the Center's services for their participants check out the sensory activity in the Multi-Sensory Room as well as new crafts in the art rooms, woodshop, and the textile room.

Remember, too, the AGING SUMMIT on Saturday morning, Sept. 7th, 8:am to 12:30pm, which they say this year to be "Old is **Bold**, Embracing Aging". It is sponsored by Church of the Good Samaritan and Samaritan Health Services. It will be held in the Church of Good Samaritan.

Annual Salmon Bake

When: October 6, 2019 12:30pm - 2:30 pm

Where: Willamette Park Shelter, Corvallis

Cost: FREE Donations Accepted for cause

to be announced

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**sored by Grace Lutheran Church Men's
Ministry and High School Youth**



2019 Churchwide Assembly Held in Milwaukee



Once every three years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America meets in assembly. This year they met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-10. Voting members come from synods in every state and Puerto Rico to make decisions guiding the mission of our denomination and electing leaders to carry us in the future into which God is calling us. Go to www.elca.org for exciting news from this summer's assembly or look for articles in future issues of *The Living Lutheran* magazine. All members of Grace receive a subscription to this periodical. If you are a member and are not receiving it, please call the church office to be added to the list of subscribers from our congregation.

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.

Camp Lutherwood

6th Annual Harvest Fest:
September 6, 2019



Thank you for a great summer!

Many thanks to all our campers, staff, guests, parents, congregations, volunteers and supporters who made our 60th summer so special. We had wonderful weeks of camp playing outside and learning what it means to do "Life Together." Can't wait for summer 2020!

Luther House Campus Ministry

SAVE THE DATE!

Lutherfest 2020 is set for **Sunday, February 23, 2020**, 1:30-4:30 pm @ the Boulder Falls Conference Center in Lebanon. Lutherfest is a craft beer and artisan cheese pairing event. Proceeds from ticket sales support Luther House Campus Ministry, your ELCA college ministry at Oregon State University. Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun on February 23rd!



OSU Football Parking at Grace

Again this Fall, Luther House is offering home game football parking starting two hours before kickoff in the Grace Lutheran Parking lot, corner of Kings and Harrison. Proceeds will support both Luther House programming this year. Check the OSU schedule for game dates and start times: <http://www.osubeavers.com/schedule.aspx?path=football>.



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, Debbie Kuehn, Norma Moody, Juan Guzman, Jerry Koester. *(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, Erin Radniecki, Sue Speulda, Donna Wernz, Sandie Williams, Glenn Chaffin, Wendell Hendershott, Marshall Hill-Tanquist, Jim Wernz
- **Grace Alive!** Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Tom Kiersky, Dave Lundahl, Angie Kingsley, Noel Vineyard

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.

Libraries Transforming Lives

This summer's Pacific NW Association of Church Libraries (PNACL) Summer Conference was definitely worth the trip to Boise, Idaho. It took place at the Nazareth Retreat Center with speakers, workshops, nine authors, the book sales, excellent meals and the lodging certainly did not disappoint. The fellowship among the 46 participants was grand. Amid grounds of trees, duck pond and cattails, were the overnight accommodations, lovely little cabins, where you changed your own sheets to get ready for the next lodger.

Keynote Speaker was Robin Lee Hatcher. An accomplished author who has written over 80 books. Her life experience story and her writing stories were impressive. As far as the main activity of the Conference goes, I was very happy with the three workshops I selected. How to write a Library Manual, Bible Journaling and Award-Winning Books. All three are helping me in my work as the Grace Lutheran Church Librarian. For a Library Manual, this past week, I have spent 12 hours on putting all our records in order from over the past 10 years, since 2009. Because our former focus was just getting books in order, cataloging them and getting them onto the shelves, the record keeping needed a system of organization and filing. Jan Barton, our Library Advisor from First Presbyterian in Corvallis taught the workshop. It was superb.



The second workshop I attended was a Bible Journaling Class. I choose not to buy a Bible I could do artwork and drawing on and in. I am doing the suggested "30 Day Challenge" of Writing daily a bible verse, meditating on it, then journaling about it. As a final step, illustrating what it means to me. I use a sketch book pad, with colored micron pens, colored pencils, pencil, black ball point pen and washi tape. It's a fantastic way to learn scripture and study the Bible.

The third workshop I took was Award-Winning Books: what are they and should you have them in your Library? Authors must get recognition to sell books. There are many organizations giving out awards to Christian books, like the Carol Award for one. Some have a panel of judges from different professions. Some have just other authors and some don't disclose who does the selection process. During this workshop we had a lively group discussion. We learned things like a publisher can own an author's characters and that publisher can cancel a series an author is writing and the author continue writing that series with another publisher using those familiar characters.

A Library Conference is a place to get much food for thought, information, inspiration and good ideas to implement in our Library here at Grace. I am learning all the time and applying what I learn. Thank You so Much! to Grace Lutheran Church for sending me to these well-run conferences they are truly beneficial.

By Jody Parker

Adult Bible Study—September, October, and November 2019

Responding to God's Grace

The broad purposes for this quarter's study are to appreciate and rejoice in God's grace and faithfulness shown to the people of God in incidents in the Old and New Testaments, to grasp the responses to God of believers long ago, and to reflect on God's gracious and faithful dealings with us today. Such grace calls for our personal and communal response of faith, gratitude, and reliance on the Holy Spirit to live in ways that praise and honor God.

Our Writer

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**Sunday School
starts again on
September 15
New Time:
10:45 am!
We're looking for-
ward to it!**

“Who’s My Neighbor?” Day Camp was a Blast!

Thanks so much to Shelly Lundahl for coordinating, to everyone who helped, and to all the kids who participated!

We learned the Good Samaritan story in so many ways – and lived the story by making over 125 food bags for hungry kids who otherwise wouldn't have anything to eat on weekends. It was a great week full of God's love!



Please except the enclosed check as a donation for allowing my family to park in the church parking lot for my son's graduation from OSU. It was a perfect day and parking at the church made life so much easier.

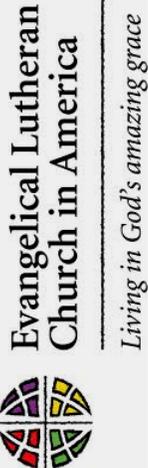
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Grace Gallery

Viewers at Grace Gallery in Ronnenkamp Hall are in for a real treat with the current display of Injean-ious Silks (correct spelling) by Jean Lawrence. To begin, Jean stretches white silk (habitat, crepe de chine, chrmeuse, silk sating, or Jacquard) on a frame to raise it above her work surface. Then proceeds a multi-step, multi-day series of activities, which result in each creation becoming a unique work of art.

Our visiting artist, a native of London, UK, attended Durham and Oxford universities, studying the teaching of geography and English as a Foreign Language. She spend most of her working life in Hong Kong but moved to the US when Hong Kong was returned to China.

Jean had studied Chinese ink painting in Hong Kong, but while she was teaching in Dubai, UAE, one of her students introduced her to painting on silk. Later, living in Los Angeles, she borrowed books, experimented, and developed her own style. The process is quite lengthy and elaborate. It will be described in detail in next month's Grace Gatherings. The adorned silks May become scarves or wall hangings.

To purchase artwork, please note the name and item number on check and leave with the office. Checks need to be payable to Jean Lawrence.

Jean Lawrence will be speaking about her artwork on August 11, 2019 in Ronnenkamp Hall after Worship Service.