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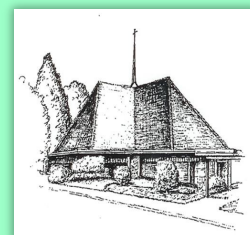
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



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."



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.

Lent and Easter 2020

Wednesday Soup and Devotions 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday Lenten Activities will begin on March 4th
We will begin and end our soup suppers with music from *Holden Evening Prayer*, but not sing the whole piece of music. We will coordinate our lent with activities (including prayer candles) for children and families, celebrating the practices of Lent.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, Apr 5, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday, Apr 9, 7:00 pm
Good Friday, Apr 10, 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil, Apr 11, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Schedule, April 12th

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 *NOTE: Time change*
Easter Breakfast 9:30 or after first service
Easter Egg Hunt when eggs are hidden and kids are ready

Prayers

This prayer list is a compilation of the requests we have received at Grace throughout the month of February. 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.

Prayers

- ⇒ Mary Briskey, Paul Briskey's grand mother
- ⇒ Joe Stevens, Ashlyn Barnard's Father
- ⇒ Barbra, Molly Hallgrimson's Aunt
- ⇒ Molly Hallgrimson's very good friend's family
- ⇒ Molly Hallgrimson
- ⇒ Judy Adams and her husband, Alan, Rachel Harrington's mother in law
- ⇒ Deb Thompson
- ⇒ Shelley Chamberlin
- ⇒ Carole and Larry Boersma
- ⇒ Jim Hemming
- ⇒ James Douglass, Stan and Dorothy Miles' Neighbor
- ⇒ Jim Zimmerman, Sandie Williams brother in law
- ⇒ Annalise Rouse, Hayden Talley's weife

Births:

- ⇒ Henry Jasper Briskey, Son of Paul and Ali born January 31, 2020

Deaths:

- ⇒ Robert Richmond , Recent visitor to Grace
- ⇒ Jim Hemming's daughter in law Laura's brother
- ⇒ Bob Schoning
- ⇒ Arlene Tragni, Andrea Barnhurst's grandma
- ⇒ Dr. John Davis, Former member of Grace

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

Custodian - Sam McKay

Director of Discipling Ministries - Donna King

Director of Music Ministries - Hayden Talley

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Nursery - Mackenzie & Rachel Burnett,
Christina Lundahl, Katie Olsen & Melissa Smith

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst

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

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Being Liberated by Lent

Deaconess Donna King shared this prayer that she recently discovered through her diaconal network. I so appreciated it that I thought I would share it with you.

Posted by Deacon [Ted Dodd](#) on Facebook, 24 February 2020, to [DOTAC](#) (*Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean*)

Prayer for the Beginning of Lent

For forty days and forty nights,
it rained on Noah.
For forty days and forty nights,
Moses fasted on Mount Sinai.
For forty days and forty nights,
Jesus wandered the desert.
Now God of the Rainbow, Fiery Pillar, Holy Spirit,
we are asked into forty days of Lent.
Our personal and societal struggles are real:
selfishness and insincerity,
pettiness and prejudice,
judgment and justification,
apathy and indifference,
violence and greed.
Sin is amongst, and in, us.
Nevertheless, let this Lent be a journey,
not of guilt or shame or humiliation,
but let this Lent be a walk toward freedom.
Like Jesus in the desert,
may we resist the temptations to
miracle, spectacle and power.
May we withstand
materialism, patriarchy and hatred.
May we say "no" to all realms of
oppression and persecution.
And may we live into the values of our faith.
May we live loyalty to a God of justice
and compassion.
May we embrace
holiness, abundant life, and new beginnings.
May we know that we have, and that we are,
enough.

As I read through this prayer, the petition which struck me was "let this Lent be a journey, not of guilt or shame or humiliation, but let this Lent be a walk toward freedom."

We do need to be honest about what in our lives and world prevents us from being the people and the world God created us to be. Yet, if our response to this truth is to be immobilized by guilt, shame and humiliation, God is denied entry into a prison of our own making. As much as we would long to free ourselves from such a paralyzing, defeating state of being, we are helpless to do so.

Only by realizing that it is not God's intent to imprison us but to free us, can we begin to imagine what might be on the other side of our prison wall. We invite God in not to keep us in the place we are, but to lead and

liberate us, so that we can walk in freedom to new possibilities.

"May we embrace holiness, abundant life, and new beginnings. May we know that we have, and that we are, enough."

In order to embrace something, we must let go of something else. To embrace holiness means to embrace that, in our baptism, God made us holy. God "set us apart" (the literal meaning of holiness) to continue to walk away from sin when we find that we have either intentionally or unintentionally walked into it.

What might you be holding that needs to be let go? Perhaps it means letting go of exhaustion to embrace rest. Or, might it mean letting go of too many, multiple commitments in order to embrace the most important commitment? Might it mean letting go of self to embrace others, or might it mean letting go of others to embrace self? Embracing holiness might be different for different people. What one needs to let go might be the very thing another is needing to embrace.

This is exactly why we need the Rainbow, the Fiery Pillar and the Holy Spirit. We need hope, promise, vision, guidance, empowerment and wisdom. We need to invite God to lead and liberate us, so that we can walk in freedom to new possibilities.

May this Lent be a time of letting go in order to embrace and discover the love and liberation of a fearless and faithful God.

Your companion on the journey,

Pr. Netsie



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's

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Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Mon., Tues. & Friday



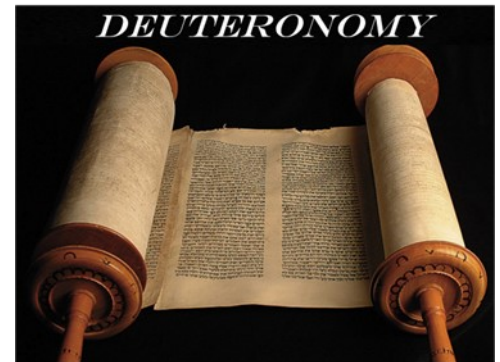
March 12
2nd Thursday's Women's
Luncheon at
El Patron
@ 11:45am

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

Tuesday Bible Study

Did you know that the Law Code found in chapters 12 through 26 of Deuteronomy is understood by some as a more, detailed elaboration of the Ten Commandments?

While we are spending much time pondering God's law in the study of this book of the Bible, as Lutherans we believe there is an important relationship between law and gospel. So, it is that we are challenged to look for the gospel to which God's law and commandments point us. By so doing we continue to be awed by God's faithfulness to God's people from ancient times to the present.



If you would like to get in on the insights we gain weekly from our study of God's word, so that the Word takes flesh in our lives and our church, join us! We meet every Tuesday in the Fireside Room from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Members and Friends of Grace Lutheran Church,

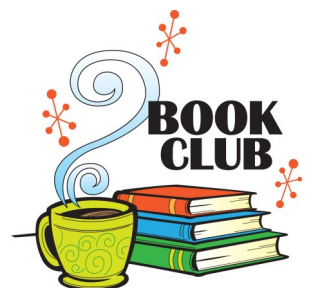
I would like to send a reminder, that although I have many different tools and equipment that help me with my office position at Grace, I am still unable to read handwritten notes or documents. In addition, handwritten notes and documents can get overlooked or misplaced on a desk that is used by more than one person. If possible, please email or type notes to me and place them in front of my magnifier on the right side of the desk. Please do not put them in other areas of the desk or in the Inbox.

Thanks so much for your continuing understanding and friendly attitudes,
Andrea Barnhurst
Office Administrator

Globaliers — Grace Book Discussion Group

Please join the Grace Globaliers in the church library for interesting discussions about books with international and cross-cultural themes. The upcoming books are:

Thursday, March 5, 12 noon - The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship, and Hope in an American Classroom by Helen Thorpe *reviewed by Marilyn Works*. This book follows high school-age refugees through their first year. It is particularly insightful regarding how these kids are dealing with their old country's ideas of adulthood versus this country's ideas, and trying to figure out life in general.



February Council Minutes

February Council Minutes, Executive Committee meeting, and other interesting items can be found in a binder on the church office counter. Should you want them emailed to you, please just notify us at office@grace97330.org. You are also welcome to attend council meetings, should you want to know what is going on or have something you would like to talk about.

*Church Council Reports are
always available in the
church office for you to read.*



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Pr. Wendell Hendershott
Meredith Junge
Jaya Lapham
Jim Leklem
Dave Lundahl
Anne Schroeder
Sandie Williams
Kendra Wollert

Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis Next Session: March 15 10:45 am in Ronnenkamp Hall

Real Dialogue: The Story We Live in
Practicing Relational Skills: Making Eye Contact
Expanding Imagination: The Biblical Call to Care for Refugees
Pondering Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22

You're invited!

I want there to be a place in the world
where people can engage in one another's
differences in a way that is redemptive,
full of hope and possibility.

bell hooks





Make a “Pray, Fast, Give” Lenten Jar!

Sample some Lenten spiritual practices – 40 slips of things to do for the 40 days of Lent. A great way to observe Lent solo, with friends, or with family. Look for the display at Grace and come get everything you need to dive deeper into Lent this spring. What a great way to get ready to



“see” the new life that’s coming with Easter!



Partners in Faith

Friday, march 13, 2020 starting at 6pm.

Bring a topping for the baked potato bar (baked potatoes will be provided) or something green to eat.

Following the potluck will be a presentation by Jim Wernz of slides from Ireland.



You're invited to Grace's 14th Annual

Chili Cookoff & Church Potluck!

Coming March 15th

at noon in Grace's Ronnenkamp Hall



Grace Lutheran Church

Sponsored by
Men's Ministry & the Kids & Youth of Grace

Bring a side dish to share (salad, fruit, cornbread, whatever you like)
and/or enter your favorite chili

(To enter the competition, simply bring a crockpot full of chili to the long table in Ronnenkamp, name it something fun, and stand with it to serve out samples to our party-goers. Everyone gets to sample and vote. Smiles and prizes will be awarded!)

Plates & bowls provided, but we suggest bringing a muffin tin for ease of sampling.

This is a fun event and we hope you come join us! Friends are welcome, too!

Pastor Wendell's Second Sunday Class: *Genesis Migrants*

Each month Pastor Wendell leads a discussion group. This year, we are looking 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 forbearers, but also make connections with more recent history and current events.

- March 22: **Note Date Change**, The Tragic stories of Lot's Daughters, Dinah, and Judah's Daughter-in-law, Tamar Gn 34 & 38.
- April 19: Jacob with Rachel and Leah Gn 28-33, 35-36
- May 17: Joseph Goes to Egypt, Gn 37, Mt 2. 7-23.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 5): Again, this year, we will gather under the entry porticos before each service for the blessing of the palms and process into worship together. Wear warm clothes and be prepared for rain! We begin the day reading the gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, but quickly switch to the account of his suffering and passion in Matthew's gospel.

Triduum: The Three Days the three days before Easter are called The Triduum [pronounced TRIH-dee-oom] which is the Latin term for three days. The three days are a call to three days of prayer in preparation for Easter and the resurrection celebration of Christ.

The first Day is Maundy Thursday (April 9), from Jesus' command (Latin: *mandatum*) that we love one another. The **evening service (7:00)** emphasizes service to one another and features foot washing (we have a hand washing option for the timid) and a special service of Holy Communion. The service ends with the stripping of the Altar.

The second Day is Good Friday (7:00, April 10). It is called Good, because Jesus shows God's love for us through the cross. It features quiet reflection on the crucifixion through the passion narrative in the gospel of St. John.

The Third and final day is Holy Saturday, the day of the Easter Vigil. This **evening service (8:00)** begins an hour later than the rest to take advantage of the dusk. It **begins in the courtyard** with the lighting of a new fire, reading of first testament deliverance stories, a baptismal re-affirmation, re-decorating of the altar and the first resurrection communion of Easter. Members of the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan have traditionally joined us here for this service in recent years.

Easter Sunday is the crown of the Church Year. This is the day we celebrate Christ risen from the tomb. Our **services will be at special times 8:30 and 11:00** with celebrations of Alleluias, and the singing of your favorite Easter Hymns and Songs. **Between worship (9:30 - 10:30) will be a breakfast in Ronnenkamp Hall with an Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters, following breakfast.**

Grace Lutheran Wins "Full to the Brim" Award

Congratulations, members of Grace! For the first time, since the counting has been done, Grace Lutheran won the award for having the most members in attendance at Lutherfest, the annual fundraiser for Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU. Our Savior Lutheran in Lebanon has won this award every previous year of its history. So, we have now made history by winning this honorable recognition.

This year the award underwent a bit of a metamorphosis. It was previously known as the "Traveling Trophy Award." Evidently, the trophy that traveled has suffered over the years from its traveling, and has decided to be retired. Thus, enters the new designation, the "Full to the Brim" award.

This distinction is marked by a framed certificate which will find a prominent place to be hung and also came with a beer stein full of daffodils.





Birthday Blessings!

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

John Denoma Jr	03/03	Zane Wilson	03/12	Allie Palmgren	03/25
Stanley Miles	03/03	Kathy Vohland	03/16	Scott Shaff	03/25
Shelley Chamberlin	03/04	Matthew Aulerich	03/18	Nathan Speulda	03/25
Ron Larson	03/05	Todd Weber	03/19	Nathan Williams	03/25
Adele Neukomm	03/05	Carol Guard	03/20	Peggy Custer	03/26
Kristana Burt	03/06	Doris Peters	03/20	Wanda Parrott	03/27
Michael Gallagher	03/07	Maia Gelser	03/21	Kathy Farnsworth	03/28
Jaya Lapham	03/07	Leighton Nichols	03/21	MaryJane Weber	03/28
Michael Kinch	03/09	Diane Stadsvold	03/21	Alexander Zeller	03/28
Shelly Lundahl	03/09	Sarah Aulerich	03/24	Dave Domholt	03/29
Lillian White	03/09	Carol Kamke	03/24	Marilyn Lesmeister	03/29
Becky Kiersky	03/10	Kathryn Kamke	03/24	Keith Foster	03/31
		Phillip King	03/24		

Room at the Linn—Women's Shelter

In the past your faith group has provided some really great volunteers at the Room at the Inn, the Corvallis Cold Weather Shelter for Women. We are really short handed in March, and would love your help. As usual, spring break is an especially challenging time to find volunteers.

[Room at the Inn March sign up](#)

Nohe, our shelter manager, or Sara, our director, is there every night until 8. Also, there is an experienced volunteer there every night until 11 (and overnight we have an experienced paid staff person). So you will always have someone with you who "knows the ropes" and more importantly, knows the guests. In addition to the evening (6:30 - 11) and overnight volunteer spots, we also have some spots for people who will stay from 6:30 - 9 on those nights when we don't have showers to coordinate for 15-18 women!

The shelter remains a very calm, laid back place to volunteer, and as usual, we have guests who have led interesting lives. We also recognize that no matter how resilient many of our guests are, they are also extremely vulnerable when they have no place to stay overnight. I hope you will sign up and help us keep some of our most vulnerable neighbors safe, dry and warm -- at least until March 31. Thanks.

Address Change:

Gloria Werth

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Carole Boersma

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Notice: Grace Lutheran Art Auction *Changed* to a Silent Auction Fund Raiser for GIF

For the last year, the Stewardship Team has been working on an event to complete the Giving It Forward Initiative. Since March of 2016, we have received \$346,296 into the GIF fund to pay down the principal of the mortgage including \$186,295 from 57 individual donors, \$130,000 in matching funds from the Foundation and \$30,000 in matching from one donation.

We are now only \$7,000 from our goal to retire the church mortgage we have been carrying since 1967.



This past month we have watched three videos about how the founders of our congregation and others since have given it forward to build and sustain the outstanding ministry we have at Grace. These videos have been accompanied with an announcement about the upcoming Fine Art Auction for March 14th at 5:30pm in Ronnencamp Hall.

However, very few people purchased the \$30 tickets to this event. So, we have had to change the LIVE AUCTION event to a SILENT AUCTION from Sunday, March 8 through the Chili Cookoff Event on Sunday March 15.

All 30 pieces of fine artwork will be on display in Ronnencamp Hall during this time. You can preview this artwork at the following link:

https://grace97330.org/art_auction_2020/

We will be holding the following events in Ronnencamp Hall where you and friends that you invite to Grace can view and place silent auction bids on all donated artwork:

- *After Worship on March 8 and 15*
- *Saturday March 14th Free Concert in Ronnencamp Hall (5:30pm)*
- *Sunday, March 15th Chili Cookoff (12:15pm)*

Note: All pre-purchased tickets to the Saturday, March 14 Event will be refunded. Stewardship will be contacting you.

Please join the Stewardship Team to help us achieve this monumental goal so that more of our regular offerings go into supporting ministry vs paying off a mortgage.

Sincerely,

Dave Lundahl and the Stewardship Team

Welcome Hayden Halley! New Director of Music Ministries



Hayden writes:

Music is communication; an intimate style of language that can convey more emotion than words can. I am blessed to be able to participate in such a language of worship, praise, and love. My studies of music began in Lafayette, Louisiana, where I was born. When I was twelve years old, I picked up the electric bass and took private lessons from a local musical mastermind. He took me under his wing and recommended me to play bass in a youth band at a local non-denominational church. There, is when I truly commenced my journey as a musician and became a musical vessel for worship. I also played bass for local artists and studied at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Studies, concentration in Upright Bass. I've also toured the country extensively with one group, and after my tenure with them, got an offer to play with a Grammy-winning Cajun music artist, Wayne Toups. I toured with Wayne for a year and a half, along the Gulf Coast. During my time with Wayne, I also became an assistant director at a local Catholic Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary. My wife and I were led to pursue our careers in Oregon and leave Louisiana, so we did just that! We packed up and headed for the beautiful Pacific Northwest, in which my path was led to serve here in lovely Corvallis, OR. I am very blessed that my calling led me to Grace Evangelical, and am looking forward to the future as the Music Director!

Grace Center news

Meet our newest member of the Grace Center staff as you enter the lobby of the Center. She'll be at the front desk. It is a new position from 9am to 5:30pm daily, which is exactly what she wanted. She told me that she had been looking for a place where she could help people. Of course that is what we are all about, and Rebecca Komlofske fits right in. Not only does she welcome you, a visitor, when you come to the Center, but when our participants wander by she can make them happy; she helps them feel at home. She calls them by name, which is especially helpful to ones who need to know they belong. They respond and sometimes will give her a hug. Tera tells me that the staff is pleased with Rebecca's energy and work ethic. The Directors and the Center board had collectively seen the need for a new position as the work load has increased. Having Rebecca at the front desk frees the rest of the staff to handle responsibilities with a growing organization.

There were some good times this last month... first of all the successful "Move-a-Thon" dance fund raiser. The Center never misses an opportunity for a party like Valentines Day. Thanks to all who made these events successful.



Luther House Campus Ministry

Tuesday:

Luther House Cafe- Grab and Go fresh beignets and coffee and a puppy to make you smile. 9:30-11:30 a.m. or until we run out of beignets.

Evening prayer- 7:00p.m.

Building Bridges

Schedule varies. Please see our Facebook page or call Luther House at 541-753-5213 for more info.



Taize Prayer Service

7pm on the First Sunday of the Month at the **Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan;**
Corner of 35th and Harrison in Corvallis
541-602-6895

Upcoming Dates:

	March 1, 2020	
April 5, 2020	May 3, 2020	June 7, 2020

As promised in the Sunday bulletin, here is 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 is 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. Sunghee Kim accompanies the choir and plays piano and organ for worship. 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:

- **Singers!:** Glenn Chaffin, Sue Davis, Carol Erickson, Netsie Griffith, Marshall Hill-Tanquist, Tom Kiersky, Ardis Koester, Jaya Lapham, Darlene Leklem, Norma Moody, Erin Radniecki, Sue Speulda, Donna Wernz, Jim Wernz, Sandie Williams,
- **Instrumentalists!:** Michael Beachley, Wendell Hendershott, Angie Kingsley, Dave Lundahl, *These folks may sing too.*

If any of these names are incorrect, please let the office know at office@grace97330.org.



This year Faith In Practice is celebrating their 25th anniversary year of medical mission trips in Guatemala that many members of Grace have taken part in. March 6 – 14, 2020 will see Jenny Olsen and Linda Samuels traveling to Guatemala to serve with the Corvallis FIP Village Medical Team that will be providing medical and dental care to over 2000 people in four days. The work will be to treat the people in remote villages for acute problems and to screen for more extensive treatment and surgery. Follow up care is scheduled and arranged for by FIP staff.

All volunteers pay their own travel and accommodation expenses. Faith In Practice relies on donations from individuals to pay for medical supplies, equipment for patient care and transportation of patients. I hope you will consider supporting this medical mission team with a gift to Faith In Practice. If you are unable to donate at this time, your prayers are ALWAYS appreciated. Consider this an opportunity to help serve patients who would otherwise not receive urgently needed medical care throughout Guatemala.

It's very easy to help FIP on-line at donate.faithinpractice.org/658 – you can search for a specific team member's Share the Mission page or enter their name in the comment section. If you prefer to donate by check, please enclose your gift in an envelope to Faith In Practice, 7500 Beechnut St, Ste 208, Houston, TX 77074. Please write Trip #658 and/or one of our names on the memo line.

The FIP website at faithinpractice.org has more information on the organization - check out the BLOGS for pictures and details of each team.

Thanks in advance for your prayers of support for this very important medical mission work in Guatemala!
--- Linda Samuels



We recently received the following message in a Thank You Note from Pr. Wendell's cousin, Mary Scarpholt, who has been in our prayers this past year, as she has undergone treatment for breast cancer:

Rev. Netsie Griffith, Rev. Wendell Hendershott and Members of Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis,

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." --Joshua 1:9'

By God's grace I am cancer free. I still have to finish my infusion treatments, but if all goes as it has, my last treatment will be May 26th. I do not have enough words to thank you for all your prayers, strength, love and support this past year. Church families are a blessing!

My prayer is that God will pour out rich blessings upon each person that has prayed for me.

Mary Scarpholt

Camp Lutherwood



Camp Lutherwood is Hiring!

Camp Lutherwood is now accepting applications for Food Service Staff for beginning early March 1, 2020 to cook for Outdoor School programs. Positions include Head Cook, Assistant Cook, Kitchen Assistant and Dishwashers AND all positions on our 2020 Summer Staff. This includes nurses, lifeguards, food service staff and more! Summer staff applicants must be 18 before June 13, 2020. There are also opportunities for 2020/2021 Internships available.

Check out our website at www.lutherwoodoregon.org/employment for more information, complete job descriptions and to apply. For questions, contact Charlotte at 541-998-6444 or jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org

Summer Registration Now Open

It's time to register for Summer 2020! Program descriptions and schedules are available on our website.

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events at Camp!

May 2, 2020 - Spring Work Day

June 6, 2020 - Spring Work Day & New Building Dedication

July 4, 2020 - July 4th Event

September 27, 2020- Harvest Festival Fundraiser

2019 Annual Meeting of the Camp Lutherwood Association By Wendy Geist

The annual meeting of the Camp Lutherwood Association proved that the spirit and energy are strong at Camp Lutherwood. After an electrical fire destroyed the main lodge in April, the 60-year-old camp is moving out of the ashes toward a new year, and new plans, that will allow for even more visitors to experience Lutherwood and become closer to God.

The loss of the main lodge, which housed the kitchen, dining hall and camp supplies, disrupted the 2019 season of Outdoor School group reservations. In order to continue, the camp needed to act quickly. They erected a 40' x 85' tent and brought in mobile trailers for all food prep and dish washing needs. Some reservations were lost, but financial donations along with gifts of supplies and volunteer time helped Lutherwood carry on with Outdoor School sessions and a complete summer program.

With the Capital Campaign just beginning to rev up, the camp is also still moving forward with its plan for three new buildings. Just recently the concrete was poured on the first, a gathering hall/kitchen. After that will come a bath house and a lodge retreat center. The campaign, being mostly in an initial silent phase in 2019, has brought in \$1.3 million in pledges so far toward a \$4.2 million goal. Lutherwood will soon begin introducing it to member congregations.

The camp's 2020 summer program is titled "Rooted in Promise" and will explore how the stories of our biblical ancestors are with us all of the time, showing us God's love and faith. Some new offerings include a science camp for grades 5-6 and a staff-in-training camp for grades 11-high school graduate. Another thing to look forward to is the Lutherwood's Family Camp offerings, of which one falls over the 4th of July.

Lutherwood will soon be hiring summer staff and kitchen staff, and is always in need of volunteer chaplains, or volunteers willing to share any special skills, so please share that information with friends, neighbors or college students. There will be two upcoming work days on May 2 and June 6, from 9-3, with all ages welcome. The new building dedication is also scheduled for June 6.

You can check out the summer schedule on the website or read the annual report at lutherwoodoregon.org/about/. Representing Grace at the meeting were Shelly Lundahl, Donna King and Wendy Geist.



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Justice and the Prophets

By and large, North Americans are dedicated to the proposition that church and state are best kept separate. Many of us agree that the freedom to worship as one pleases is a positive feature of democracy. Unfortunately, the separation of church and state has often led to a split between the values of Christian (and non-Christian) faiths and public policy. For example, political arguments about issues such as food assistance for the poor, justice in the legal system, and immigration rarely reflect the biblical insistence that God's people care for widows, orphans, and aliens. Laws that give economic advantages to the wealthy are forwarded without a hint that the Bible roundly condemns usury, shady business practices, and unjust economic gain.

Ancient Israel's prophets would have had a difficult time comprehending the separation of state and faith. The prophets had much to say about people and political leaders who, on the one hand, declared their fidelity to Yahweh but, on the other hand, violated God's clear will. This fourteen-week study is about the intersection between God's firm intentions and the behavior of God's people.

Most of the following sessions focus on the oracles of Biblical prophets. The prophets are not presented in order of their historical appearance. Instead, the sessions, which follow the Uniform Series lectionary, are organized around variations on the theme of God's justice. Consequently, the study materials include a thumbnail introduction to each prophet's historical context in order to better comprehend the particular warnings or promises forwarded to the prophet's audiences. Nevertheless, and because the prophets conveyed the word of the Lord, their oracles continue to address and challenge contemporary believers.

This series considers the many ways God insisted that ancient people exercise God's justice through their own behavior and policies. That divine insistence persists. God yet calls for justice and compassion. This study encourages us to discern how we might obey that summons.

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