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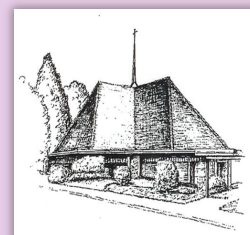
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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.



In this time of
separation and social
distancing, we are still
able to come together
in spirit for
Sunday Worship
via email or online.

Find our Sunday Worship
services on facebook at:
[www.facebook.com/Grace
Lutheran Church-ELCA-Corvallis](https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurch-ELCA-Corvallis)
Or on our Website at:
www.grace97330.org



Prayers

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

- ⇒ Sue Kingsley
- ⇒ Dan Kaplan, Cathy Mueller's niece's husband
- ⇒ Jim Zimmerman, Sandie Williams' brother-in-law
- ⇒ Logan Greeley, Brandy & Todd Greeley's son
- ⇒ Ellen Swanson Davis, Sue Speulda's Sister
- ⇒ Martha Anderson, former Grace member
- ⇒ Kara Doescher, Cathy Mueller's friend's daughter
- ⇒ Darlene Leklem
- ⇒ Phyllis Norlie, Jim Norlie's mother
- ⇒ Morrill Griffith and Donner Tevis, Pr. Netsie's brother and his female companion
- ⇒ Clack Griffith, Pr. Netsie's nephew
- ⇒ Diane Deamult, Carol Warloe's friends mother

Death

- ⇒ Ann Curtis, Molly Hallgrimson's friend
- ⇒ James Douglass, Stan and Dorothy Mile' friend and neighbor
- ⇒ Bill Olson, Carol Freeman's brother

To find updated information on the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation and to see past and current newsletters including the January 2020 newsletter, go to the foundations webpage at

<http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html>

Grace Personnel

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

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If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

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Being Prayerful, Faithful, Neighborly and Discerning During an International Pandemic

Martin Luther's Response to the Black Death Plague in His Day

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God." --*The Annotated Luther, Volume 4: Pastoral Writings*, 404

Dear beloved people of Grace,

When the church mothers, fathers and faithful ones who have preceded us in the life and history of the church on earth have something significant and relevant to say, we should listen. Such is the case with these words of Martin Luther. Early last month, they were brought to my attention from a couple of different sources.

Just as the "Kyrie eleison" (trans. - Lord, have mercy) in our worship does, Luther reminds us to entrust ourselves to God's mercy first and foremost. This is being prayerful. All else follows from that, but that which follows is important.

First, we are to do everything within our ability to do to help "clear the air," and I would add surfaces to eliminate that which has the potential to infect and harm. So, that is what we are doing in relation to the Covid-19 Virus by keeping a safe distance from one another, disinfecting surfaces, washing our hands and avoiding places where our presence is not needed. Sometimes, this last action takes some humility, discipline and sacrifice. Thus, it was decided this month that while our church grounds might seem to beg a bit for attention, it will be okay to postpone providing that attention for a time. So, our ordinary "Spring Clean-Up" may turn into a "Summer or Fall Clean-Up." There are simply some things that we don't have to do at this time. This is being discerning.

On the other hand, there are some things that are truly needed. We are on the verge of a crisis in our nation's blood supply. Those of us who are healthy, eligible and capable of making a contribution in this way are called to take some risks for the sake of others. This is being neighborly. And, this is why we are committed to hosting an April 16th Blood Drive here at Grace Lutheran. The Red Cross is taking extra precautions and so are we by changing the collection location from the Fireside Room to Ronnenkamp Hall.

The above examples of things scheduled and postponed here at Grace Lutheran this month are just two examples of many, many personal and community decisions that have had to be made and are continuing to be made. In making these decisions, we must think of our vocational, Christian calling to be a neighbor to those in need and also be discerning about that which is desired but not needed.

Such decisions are not easy. So, in faith, we trust God to help us and lead us. We will confess when we are wrong, rejoice when we are right and give praise for God's presence in the midst of it all. This is being faithful.

Praying to be fearless and faithful with you,
Pr. Netsie

Pastor Netsie Griffith

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Pastor Netsie's

Days Off

Thursday & Friday

Pastor Wendell Hendershott

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Pastor Wendell's

Days Off

Mon., Tues. & Friday



Women's Luncheons are canceled until future notice

Tuesday Bible Study

Your Take on a Biblical Faith for Our Time

Dear past, present and future Tuesday Bible study participants,

During this time when we have had to suspend our Bible Study time together, we still look to God's living Word, especially now, to sustain us. Some of you have been faithful members of this group for over a decade. Others of you may have come in and out at different times because of balancing this time with other times and things in your life. Some of you may be interested in participating in this or another Bible study group but are not able because of conflicts with the time or other conflicts. Regardless of your relationship to or within this group, I invite your wisdom and insight on behalf of our faith community here at Grace. What scripture passages sustain you during this very difficult time in the life of our church, our community, our nation and our world and why? Please take a Tuesday afternoon in April or another time devoted to study and prayer and respond to this question. If willing, please share your response with me by sending it to me at netsie@grace97330.org or mailing it to my attention at our church address. I will then put these responses together in a way that can be shared with others.



"My words will not pass away."

LUKE 21:33, NRSV



Annual Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Canceled until future notice

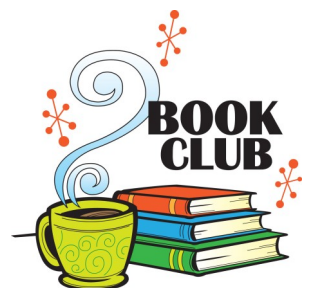
Globaliers — Grace Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 2, 12 noon

The Grace Globaliers book group has cancelled its April 2 meeting due to the Covid-19 outbreak. We will try to schedule a makeup at a later date.

Thursday, May 7, 12 noon - The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck reviewed by Linda Noland

This is a thought-provoking novel about 3 women thrown together in an isolated German castle shortly after WW II. It seems that they have much in common, but is that true? The story is much more complicated....



March Council Minutes

March 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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Sandie Williams
Kendra Wollert

In March, Church Council had it's very first Zoom meeting, so individual council members could stay sequestered in their homes but still be in conversation either via computer or phone. Many of us are just learning how to use this technology, and it went better than we thought it might. Most likely, we will need to meet again by Zoom for our April meeting which is scheduled for April 20th (the 3rd instead of the 2nd Monday of the month like usual).



American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 10 am to 3pm. Ronnankamp Hall

With the coronavirus Covid-19 spreading throughout the United States and the world, many things are shutting down including scheduled blood drives. Although the world and many businesses are shutting down, the need for blood is increasing. Grace has been working hard in being able to bring this blood drive to our community, while keeping our staff, volunteers, and everybody working at the blood drive as safe as possible. The blood drive has been moved to Ronnenkamp Hall instead of it's **its** normal location, the Fireside Room, to help maintain safe work spaces and **a** safe environment for the blood drive. Please contact Marna Renshaw at 541-760-7174 to sign up.

SAFETY POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS

Long about the fall of 2008, a group of GELC members began to meet weekly (and sometimes more often) to hammer out one of the most important policies this church has. The Personnel Committee created an intricate, detailed 17-page description of how all people, from toddlers to the elderly, could come to church and be treated with respect. *Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.010.A* was heavily relied on. Another source was the ELCA church policy on healing and renewal.

The 2008 policy was revised and the revision was adopted by the Council on May 13, 2013.

The policy begins with a brief statement of purpose and then moves on to the meaty stuff:

- How paid staff and volunteers who are entrusted with the care and supervision of children/elders, on-site and off sight are screened;
- How a person might be disqualified from service?
- What constitutes a safe environment at Grace Lutheran Church?
- What are the guidelines for staff and volunteers pertaining to their interactions with children/elders?
- How does one respond to an allegation of abuse?
- How does one respond to the victim of abuse?
- How does one respond to the accused?
- How does the congregation respond to the situation?
- How does the congregation respond to a Sex Offender who, in the future, might wish to attend services and activities at Grace?

Also included on page 9 are the telephone numbers of agencies to whom one would report abuse as well as the DHS website.

A difficult part of the policy to read starts on page 10 with the types of abuse and definitions of Elder Abuse and Neglect, including financial exploitation.

Working on this policy was not an easy task. It was a little depressing to be faced with the negative ways humans can and do choose to relate to others, but we can't stop something if we don't know what to stop. That being said it brings this essay to a conclusion and to telling you readers where you can find our church's Safety Policy so if you recognize behavior that makes you uncomfortable or concerned you will know what to do about it.

You may request a copy of the Safety Policy either in electronic or hard copy form from the church office. Also, each church council member has a copy of the Safety Policy in their church council notebooks.

Kathy Vohland
kathyvohland@gmail.com

Grace Gatherings

While the church is closed, printed copies of Grace Gatherings are available by request. Please contact the church office to request a printed copy of Grace Gatherings to be mailed to your home.

What is New at Grace

With the closing of the church and canceling of worship services and events, we would like to share something that you can look forward to when the church reopens..

Over the last nine months, the Communications Committee has been working hard on being able to print, label, and order the pictures that were taken for the photo directory. Through trial and error, we are proud to announce that the picture wall has been updated with many of the pictures that were taken in June.

We want to send a big thank you to Frank and Ellie Carson who were able to print the photos in the size we needed and were able to print the names on them as well. Also, a big thank you to Rachel Harrington for putting up the new pictures.

Where did the old pictures go? We have had a couple people ask about the old photos that were taken down off the wall. These photos along with copies of the photos that are up there right now (without the names) are available for families to pick up. Many of the photos will have 2 copies of the new pictures and possibly a copy of the older photo from the photo wall.

When the church reopens, make sure you check out the new photos, grab your old photos and make sure you thank everybody who took part in creating this wonderful display.



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.

When we are able to return and gather for Sunday Worship and Christian Education, we will start where we left off with

The Tragic stories of Lot's Daughters, Dinah, and Judah's—Genesis 38

Sunday Adult Bible Study – March, April and May 2020

Look for these bible studies online at www.grace97330.org

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.

Our Writer

Walter (Chip) Bouzard has fancy-sounding degrees in biblical studies. He is married to Romana Bouzard, whom most – including his mother – agree could have done better.

An Important Word about Hospitalizations

It used to be that our pastors and the members of our Hospital Visitation Team could go to the hospital and see if any of our members had been hospitalized. In these days of Covid-19, however, we are unable to go into the hospital lobby. Neither can we receive information over the phone. Thus, if you become aware that any of our members or family of our members have been hospitalized, the pastors would greatly appreciate you sharing this with them. Also, please know that we will respect any and all requests for confidentiality.



Birthday Blessings!

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

Kyson Castellano	04/02	Calla Shaff	04/15
Herbert Hansen	04/02	Caitlyn Zwang	04/15
Martina Vega	04/02	Larry Boersma	04/16
Zach Weber	04/03	Aaron Davis	04/17
Eric Kamke	04/04	Grayson Foster	04/17
Theresa Labhart	04/04	Wendell Hendershott	04/17
Brian Briskey	04/05	Marilyn Walsh	04/18
Dick Junge	04/06	Terry Renshaw	04/19
Teri Briskey	04/07	Chelsea Smith	04/19
Jorjie Coakley	04/07	Jeanine Denoma	04/21
Dale Weber	04/08	Emery Hildebrandt	04/21
Stephen Aulerich	04/09	Connie Dougherty	04/22
Hal Dick	04/09	Susan Speulda	04/22
Carol Erickson	04/09	Kyah Weeber	04/23
Christina Lundahl	04/10	Kendra Wollert	04/23
Hal Brauner	04/11	Sharon Rosenkoetter	04/24
Betty McCauley	04/11	Eleanor Harrington	04/25
Jeff Palmgren	04/11	Angie Kingsley	04/27
Ellen Gelser	04/12	Kimberly Parrott	04/27
Millie Babb	04/14	Linda Samuels	04/27
Michael Beachley	04/14	Doris Volk	04/29
Ryan Erickson	04/15	Todd Washington	04/29



Grace Center News for April

As the coronavirus moved across the state, Grace Center was notified by the Department of Human Services, that, for the safety and wellness of our participants, families, and the community at large, Grace Center (and all adult day centers in Oregon) would be temporarily closed from March 16th until further notice.

After talking with our Directors, I was comforted to know that our Nurse is doing weekly check-in phone calls with all of our clients and their families. For updated information about COVID-19, we can visit the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 webpage. For information from Grace Center, visit our Covid-19 webpage at gracecenter-corvallis.org/covid-19/.

We all need to continue supporting our beloved Grace Center. Its participants and staff are doing their best to keep safe until the pandemic has run its course. Why not watch for local restaurants who will donate to Grace Center? Here are two that you can put on your calendar for the coming months (see flyers). If these restaurants are still not open by the date of the fundraisers, you can still support Grace Center by buying take out from either restaurant or gift cards from Papa's Pizza.



PAPA'S PIZZA PARLOR
A Slice of Family Fun!
www.papaspizza.net

1030 SW 3rd
Corvallis, OR 97333
541-757-2727



We are hosting a PIZZA DAY at CORVALLIS PAPA'S PIZZA for:

**GRACE CENTER
FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES**

Bring this flyer into Papa's Pizza on **May 20th** and the organization will receive **50%** of the value of the food you purchase! You also have the choice of purchasing **Fundraiser Bucks** that are good for all future purchases. These Bucks will earn 25% of their value for the organization.

Please come into Papa's and help us out!
With your support on **May 20, 2020** we can have a really successful fundraiser!
Beverages and delivery orders are excluded.
These flyers cannot be distributed at Papa's Pizza.
This fundraiser flyer is valid **ALL DAY** only on specified date.


Join us on Facebook!



www.facebook.com/PapasCorvallis

Total Food Order \$ _____

All Gift Certificates Purchased 25%\$ _____




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BREWING COMPANY

DINE OUT

BLOCK 15

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH
BLOCK 15 TAP ROOM // SOUTH CORVALLIS

10% OF THE DAY'S FOOD SALES TO BENEFIT:
GRACE CENTER



Luther House Campus Ministry

At this time, Luther House Campus Ministries is closed and all activities are suspended.

Follow Luther House on facebook for devotions and Luther House updates.

Luther House can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/lutherhouseosu/>



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:

April 5, 2020—Canceled

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. Our Director of Music Ministries, Hayden Talley, lends expertise and dedication to provide us with joyful music. 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.

Greetings from the quarantined Hadlock house to yours!

I'm writing to share with you some news, and to ask for your help. Many of you know that I am an educator at Wilson Elementary school. What you may not know is that Wilson has the highest homeless rate in the district. So, when I heard the news that school had been canceled, the FIRST thing I thought of was our at-risk kids. Of course, it goes without saying, that students and families who live in trying circumstances span throughout our elementary, middle, and high schools. Corvallis School District (CSD) serves about 200 families on a regular basis. So many of them rely on school breakfasts and lunches to stay healthy and get through the day with full bellies.

On March 13th, I had the opportunity to represent Grace Lutheran Church at a CSD Community Crisis Team meeting. All the clergy leaders of every faith community in Corvallis were contacted and asked to attend or send a representative to this meeting. Having 15+ faiths represented in one room was very moving. The purpose was to discuss the needs and means to support these youth and families. Here is the result:

During the mandated school cancellation period, grab-n-go lunches will be available, at no cost, to any student 18 and younger (though no one will be turned away) at four meal sites in Corvallis. Meal sites will be open 12 - 1 pm, Monday through Friday, now through April 28th. Locations are as follows:

- Lincoln Elementary School, 110 SE Alexander Avenue-Corvallis
- Garfield Elementary School, 1205 NW Garfield-Corvallis
- Wilson Elementary School, 2701 NW Satinwood Street-Corvallis
- Clemens Primary School, 535 S. 19th St-Philomath

Additional food and/or hygiene bags will be at each site for families in need. For families who are unable to come to the schools, we will be delivering food bags to them through volunteers and Dial-a-Bus.

So here's where Grace Lutheran members can get involved. We are requesting help collecting/donating items to get out to these families. Items can be delivered to the Western View Center: 1435 SW 35th Street. (The old Western View Library).

When you can deliver: Monday-Friday is 9:00-Noon

The following is requested:

- Non-perishable food,
- Hygiene items, toiletries
- Reusable grocery bags - Need these ASAP!
- Gift cards: Fred Meyers, Safeway, Winco, Bi-Mart, etc.
- Money to help families with rent, utilities, etc. Checks can be made to Corvallis Public Schools Foundation noted for Families in need
- Care.com gift certificates (to help pay for babysitting)
- Please continue to check our needs list: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gXNOq4KqeCOZ_Ng0m-VLLQXCvFuC0kbqIXBeusRs2sE/edit?ts=5e6bc9cc

Another way to help is to sign up for a time slot to unpack the food items, pack the grab-n-go lunch bags, and/or deliver food bags.

To sign up, or if you need any additional information or support, please call the district office Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. 541-757-5811.

Please assess your risk, and thank you for anything you can do to help our community's children and families!

Elbow bumps and toe taps to you all,

Rebekah

Camp Lutherwood



We hope all is well with you and the congregations you serve. A brief update on Camp Lutherwood Oregon in the midst of the COVID-10 (coronavirus) situation. No guests will be at camp until March 30th. At that time, we will reevaluate for April groups. Since the news and requirements change almost hourly, we will monitor and respond as required. At this time, summer programs are moving forward as scheduled. We will keep you posted as soon as we know more. Prayers for you and your community in the days ahead.

New Dining Hall & Kitchen Opening April 2020!

Camp Lutherwood is proud to announce that the first of three buildings in phase one of our building site plan will be completed soon. The dining hall and kitchen will allow guest groups to return to camp including Outdoor School, guest groups and summer campers. Watch for more details on future buildings soon and follow us on Facebook for photos of the building's progress.

Camp Lutherwood is Hiring!

All positions on our 2020 Summer Staff are still open! This includes counselors, nurses, lifeguards, food service staff and more! Summer staff applicants must be 18 before June 13, 2020. Apply today at lutherwoodoregon.org/employment and follow the prompts to complete an application!

Complete job descriptions can be found on our website for 2020/2021 Internships as well as a full-time Registrar/Guest Services Coordinator. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and current resume to jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org

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 & New Building Dedication

June 6, 2020 - Spring Work Day

July 4, 2020 - July 4th Family Event

September 27, 2020- Harvest Festival Fundraiser

Thank You

Thank you so much for All you did. To make Bob's memorial service such a nice event for family and friends. Please extend my sincerest thanks also to all of your church members who contributed their time to make the event and reception such a warm celebration and gathering in honor of Uncle Bob.

All of you did an amazing job and it was very much appreciated by all of you.

I am so sorry we left before we could greet you.

With my heart felt thanks,
Cathy (Schoning) Miller (Bob Schoning's niece)

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Sunday, April 5, 2020 - Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Introduction

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem
Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 26:14--27:66

The passion of the Lord

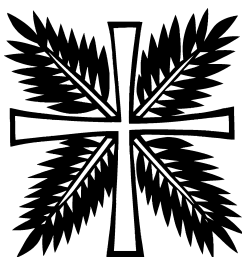
Matthew 27:11-54 (alternate)

The passion of the Lord

Prayer of the Day (2nd Alternate)

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday

Introduction

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

The passover of the LORD

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The service of Christ: footwashing and meal

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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Friday, April 10 Good Friday

Introduction

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

The suffering servant

Psalms 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)

Hebrews 10:16-25

The way to God is opened by Jesus' death

John 18:1--19:42

The passion and death of Christ

Prayer of the Day (Alternate)

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Sunday, April 12 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter

Introduction

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (alternate)

Joy at the restoration of God's people

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Colossians 3:1-4

Raised with Christ to seek the higher things

Matthew 28:1-10

Proclaim the resurrection

John 20:1-18 (alternate)

Seeing the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day (Alternate)

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Upcoming Worship Readings and Prayers

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Sunday, April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

Introduction

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David

Psalms 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

New birth to a living hope through the resurrection

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Sunday, April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

Introduction

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Born anew through the living word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Eating with the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

