

**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.

*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."*



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

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# Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Backpacks for Garfield

For at least 18 years Grace Lutheran has supported needy students at Garfield Elementary School by providing backpacks and school supplies. Garfield is a school that has a high number of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Our goal is 50 backpacks for Garfield. The Corvallis School district is now providing all school supplies for all students. So we no longer need school supplies.

Backpacks need to be at least large enough to hold a pocket folder and library book.

There are 3 options for participating in this service project.

- Write a check noting Garfield Backpacks in the memo line
- Purchase a backpack and drop it off in the Fireside room.
- Select and purchase some homework school supplies.

Return school supplies to the large box in the fireside room by August 22nd.

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or [denise.cardinali@yahoo.com](mailto:denise.cardinali@yahoo.com)

## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen  
[prdorthy@grace97330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace97330.org)

**Bookkeeper** - Robin Comforto  
[bookkeeper@grace97330.org](mailto:bookkeeper@grace97330.org)

**Custodian** - Outside Contractor  
**Director of Music Ministries** - Bryson Skaar  
[Bryson@grace97330.org](mailto:Bryson@grace97330.org)

**Office Administrator** - Andrea Barnhurst  
[office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org)

**Office Assistant** - Jody Parker  
[jody@grace97330.org](mailto:jody@grace97330.org)

**Organist/Pianist** - Sunghee Kim

**Percussion** - Kelsey Bleck

**Youth and Family Minister** – Kristin Young  
[Kristin@grace97330.org](mailto:Kristin@grace97330.org)

**Facebook Administrator** - Rebekah Hadlock

**Financial Secretary**: Mary Stephens

**Nursery** - No Nursery at this time

**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.

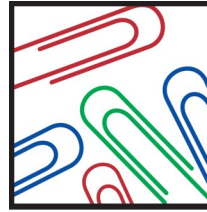
Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)



## Blue Bottle Drop Bags still Available

Proceeds from the Bottle Drop bags go towards the Ida fund helping community members with emergency assistance. Grace has raised at least \$500 so far in 2021 towards the Ida Fund.

Contact the church office to get your bottle drop bags.



## Office Hours

### Church Staff Schedule

Monday (on site):  
11am—4pm: Jody Parker

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (off site):  
9am—4pm: Andrea Barnhurst

Thursday (on site):  
9am—4pm: Andrea Barnhurst

## YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

### Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

#### Contributions as of July 23, 2021

Contributions for the Month of July:  
\$17,773;  
July's Budget: \$28,200;  
Fourth Week of July Giving: \$3,612;  
Weekly Budget: \$7,050;  
YTD contributions: \$181,962;  
YTD budget: \$200,300

## Prayers

*This prayer list is a compilation of the requests we have received at Grace throughout the month of July. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to [prayers@grace97330.org](mailto:prayers@grace97330.org), and ask to be part of the prayer list.*



## Birthday Blessings!

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

### Prayers

- ⇒ Jim
- ⇒ Jean
- ⇒ Bob and Donnette
- ⇒ Heather, Tristan, Liam, and Kellan
- ⇒ Bret, Andrea's brother
- ⇒ Pr. Wendell and Pr. Netsie
- ⇒ Grant
- ⇒ Dayle and Neil
- ⇒ Lydia and Mary
- ⇒ Nikos and his family
- ⇒ Glen
- ⇒ Betty
- ⇒ Andrea and Sara, Neil and Dayle's son
- ⇒ Mike and Tory and their family, Shane and Cathy's friends

#### Prayer of Thanks:

- ⇒ Tracy, Friend of Grace

#### Deaths:

- ⇒ Carl Grosz
- ⇒ Darlene Leklem

James Leklem	08/01
Charles Vars	08/05
Judy Grindahl	08/06
Wayne Kradjan	08/08
Kimberly Daeschel	08/11
Shirley Loe	08/11
Archer Schroeder	08/12
Anne Pettingill	08/13
Orano Grindahl	08/14
Bruce Stephens	08/14
Laura Davis	08/17
Judith Quam	08/17
Nathaniel Olsen	08/18
Larry Burt	08/19
Wendy Geist	08/20
Oliver White	08/20
Silas Hadlock	08/21
Linda Noland	08/22
Ken Kingsley	08/22
Joel Howe	08/23
Noah Geist	08/24
Charles Meslow	08/25
Liam Pettingill	08/25
Gerald Erickson	08/26
Whitney Lindquist	08/26
Neil Christensen	08/31

## Grace is Weird in a Good Way

A Conversation with our Interim Pastor Dorthy about the Grace Lutheran Church community interview by Mary Ann Brenan on July 13, 2021 (transcript)

Mary Ann: Pr. Dorthy, Hello. How are you?

Pr. Dorthy: Mary Ann, I'm good. It's fun to be here in the courtyard with you. It's lovely out here!

... [Click Here to Read More](#)

**Pastor Dorthy Nielsen****Contact Information**

Cell: 541-377-1354

Email:

prdorthy@grace97330.org



*Pastor Dorthy's  
On Site Working Days  
Thursday & Sunday*

*Off Site Working Days  
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
Romans 12:1-2

Dear People of Grace,

May your summer be a time of hope and joy, in faith and peace through Jesus Christ. He alone is our light and life.

This passage from Romans is good guidance for our lives, especially during this time of transition at Grace. This is about the whole of our lives—body, mind, and soul—being shaped by worship of God and transformed by the renewing of our minds, in order to discern God's will for Grace faith community.

What does it mean to be a living sacrifice? What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of our minds? How do we discern God's will?

These are hard things. Necessary things. Good things. This has to do with growing in faith and knowledge, seeking God's will, which isn't always easily spotted. Knowing God's will takes deep discernment.

Discernment has to do with deep study, perception, analyzing, and searching for understanding and decision-making. You, dear Grace, are in discernment. What is God's will for you for the coming years, for calling a new pastor, for figuring out God's mission and orientation for this wonderful faith community.

Discernment takes time, trust, and also transformation. In the letter to the Christians in Rome, St Paul is letting them know that learning, maturing in faith, the renewing of your minds, is what brings on the transformation needed to discern God's will.

The Council and the Transition Team are doing some of the discernment needed. But you also are needed in the discernment of God's will for Grace. Are you ready? You certainly have been helpful so far. More opportunities to

come.

Grace has discerned for many years that the adjoining properties could be a dynamic ministry opportunity to dream and develop. Now, Grace and Luther House leaders are discerning how to strengthen both ministries. What will be discerned in these possibilities? God knows! And I can tell you, the leaders involved are going deep to figure things out. God is leading.

However, Grace cannot move forward into a new horizon of opportunities for ministry without the entire congregation being "transformed by the renewing of your minds" in order to discern God's will for Grace's ministry at Kings and Harrison, and into the community.

So how will you be transformed by the renewing of your minds? Are you involved in a Bible study group? Or a book discussion group? Would you like to have coffee with me or someone on Council or the Transition Team to talk deeply about your hopes and dreams?

Here are two opportunities for you...

**1. Wednesdays, beginning August 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Coffee Collective from 1-2:30 pm** I will host a coffee time at Grace in the Courtyard. Bring your own coffee, or there will be fresh coffee and tea at the ready. There will be a conversation prompt, if needed. All are welcome.

**2. Bible study interest meeting on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** after worship. This will be a 30 minute meeting in the Fireside Room/Courtyard to explore Bible study topics, themes, sources, times and dates, to begin in September.

Let us be transformed for these days, by renewing our minds together. So that we can be open to God's will. Let's step into God's way.

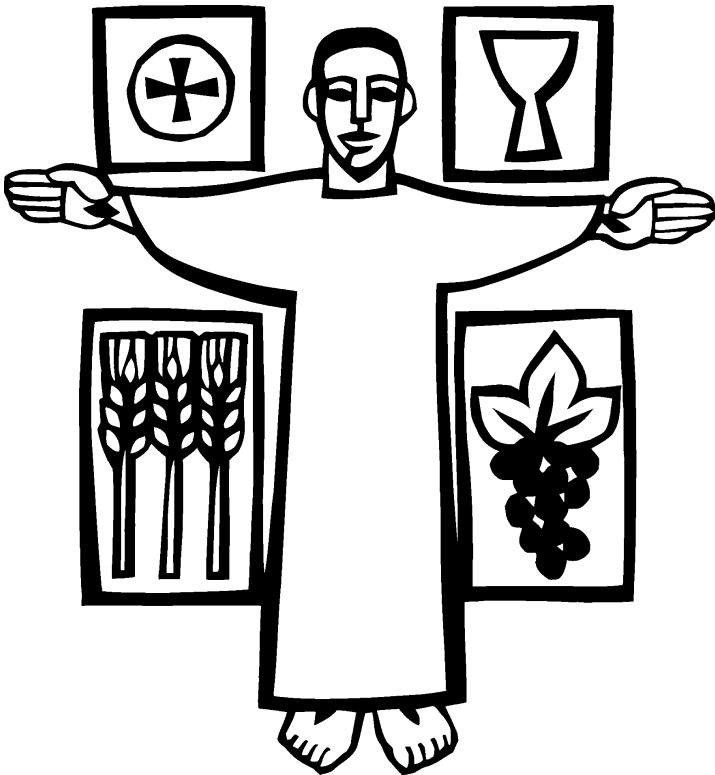
In Christ,

Pr Dorthy+



## Kids Corner

For Those Young, Old or Young at Heart



### Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be continuing to hold office hours at the Coffee Culture on Kings. If you'd like to learn more about Growing Young, youth ministry and programming, or just want to visit, swing by anytime between 11:30am and 1pm.

### Summer Activities for all

**Hike at Bald Hill:** Kristin will be hosting a hike around the Bald Hill area on Thursday, August 5, at 1:30pm. We will meet at the Oak Creek parking area. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. We will be back to the parking area no later than 3:00.

**Going Floating!:** All are welcome to come float the Willamette on Sunday, August 22. We will head over to Willamette park after worship for a picnic lunch (bring your own food), and plan to be on the river by 12:30pm. If you want to join, but do not have a floating vessel (tube, kayak, paddleboard, etc.), please let Kristin know by August 10 so we can arrange an option for you. Stay tuned for additional information, including shuttling details.



## A Word from Grace's Committees

### **Teams & Committees**

**Property Committee** - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

**Communications Committee**

Bob Keith, 541.990.2883

**Sunday Hospitality**

Dayle Christensen, 541.602.2818

**Events Hospitality**

Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

**Christian Education Team**

Deaconess Donna King, 541.757.6636

**Altar Guild** - Linda Samuels, 541.929.4222

**Worship & Music Committee**

Michael Beachley, 541.754.5501

**Finance Committee** - Hal Brauner, 541.753.0023

**Personnel Committee** - Nancy Strohle, 541.926.5747

**Hospital Visitation Team** - Dale Weber, 541.757.3043

**Healing Prayer Team** - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

**Mission Groups** - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

**Stewardship Committee**

Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

**Disaster Preparedness Committee**

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

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**Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Mike Ostrom, Pastor, 541.753.5213

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

## Preludes, Postludes and Pandemics

The Worship and Music Committee just finished our 77th meeting in the Time of Covid. We are terrifically blessed to have such talent in Sunghee Kim and Bryson Skaar each and every Sunday, and the behind-the-scenes expertise of Bruce and Mary Stephens, and of course the faithful expression of our worship leaders and singers. Hold all of them close while we have them. The W&M Committee has had great discussions and debates on how and what to include in our services. We have brought back Preludes to set the tone and prepare ourselves for worship. We present Postludes to celebrate the ending of worship. We will be mixing up our service format for the 5th Sundays of the month in this coming year. We are committed to including our younger members into central parts of service. We have added projection abilities, sound boards and lighting to enhance our experiences in worship. We will be exploring what the various parts of the Liturgy mean and where they come from. And have no doubt that we discuss each and every week the means and ability to "Get Back to Normal" in our worship time. But for the time being, and in view of current knowledge and concerns, we will continue to ask that we all wear masks inside, and to sing softly. When we depart outside we may take them off. But for the well-being of our elders and certainly ourselves, we will continue for the next few weeks. The Delta-Variant must get under control. We are back. We are safe. We are a community. We are very pleased to be together. This is the time to appreciate all that we have had in the past, and to anticipate the newness of what is coming. Rejoice. God is with us. We know this to be true. We need only to celebrate with each other and to worship together. Asalaamu Aleikum! Shalom Aleihem! Peace be unto each of us. And Smile.

## Current Protocols for In-Person Worship Services

Protocols will be updated as more information and restrictions are released by Oregon Health Authority and Benton County

<https://bit.ly/3xKaFDt>

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



### Grace Disaster Preparedness Committee

We are seeking donations of used but still working cell phone charger cords and USB blocks to use in our Disaster Resource Center.

Please contact Andrea in the church office

### Grace Lutheran Church Disaster Resource Center Plan *Updated: July 13, 2021*

In the event of a natural or unexpected disaster in our community, Grace Lutheran Church will work under the direction of Benton County Emergency Management and set up a Disaster Resource Center at the property located at 435 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Corvallis, Oregon. This Plan will be determined by need, condition and safety of the church building, access to water and electricity on site, and availability of consistent volunteers.

#### Disaster Resource Center Plan:

To be open 3 days a week for 4-6 hours for the duration of the emergency.

- Overflow Parking for fully contained vehicles. This will be after Benton County Fairgrounds and Reser Stadium (OSU) are full.
- Walk-in resource pick up
  - Walk-ins will be in Ronnenkamp Hall
  - Resource materials will be provided by Benton County Emergency Management
- Access to Restrooms
- Access to area for Diaper Changing
- Short Term Cell Phone Charging Area
- Beverages available
- Donations of food and financial assistance will be forwarded to Stone Soup or other meal site to assist with their ministry.



Join us for worship  
August 15, 2021

Worship will be led by  
The Montana Trombone Chorale



## Sunday Readings for July 2021

### Sunday, August 1, 2021 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 8, 2021 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25--5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 15, 2021 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 22, 2021 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### August 29, 2021 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## July Council Minutes

July 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](mailto: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.

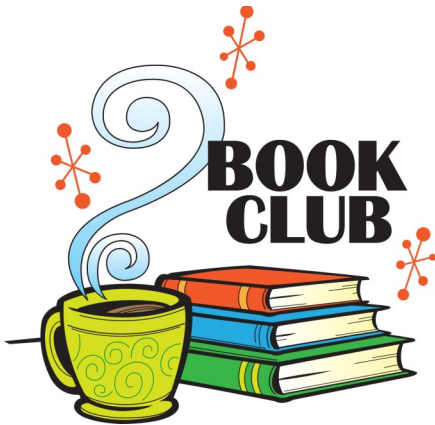
July Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Council-meeting-minutes-07-12-21-00000002.pdf>

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



**President:**  
Bob Keith  
**Vice President:**  
Kendra Wollert  
**Secretary:**  
Nancy Hemming  
**Treasurer:**  
Hal Brauner  
**Financial Secretary:**  
Mary Stephens  
**Council Members:**  
Jeff Beck  
Mike Franklin  
Isaac Hadlock  
Rebekah Hadlock  
Meredith Junge  
Dave Lundahl  
Mary Ann Matzke  
Pr. Dorothy Nielsen  
Robyn Vega  
Sandie Williams



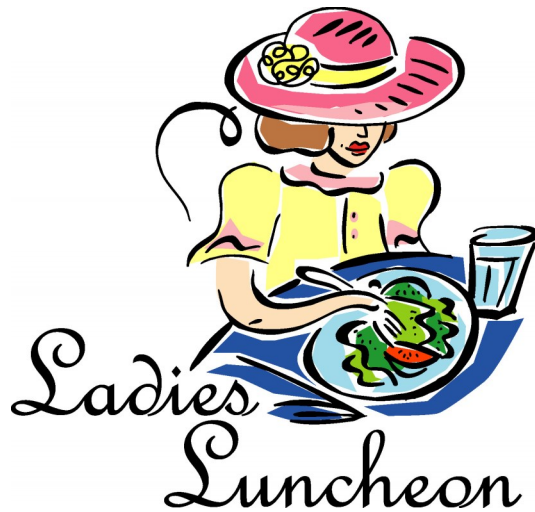


## Global Book Club

First Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Fireside room.

Starts in September

Contact Sharon Rosenkoetter for more information



## Ladies Luncheon

August 10 at 11:45  
At New Morning Bakery

Watch for more dates coming soon

## Woodburn Caregivers of the Year Award goes to... Jerry and Ardis Koester!

“Ardis and Jerry truly represent the qualities of faithful service exemplified by Judy Woodburn, for whom the award is named.” (*Excerpt from VIC Good News Letter, Spring 2021*)

For over 30+ years, Jerry has volunteered through Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers, as a driver who takes people, no longer able to drive, from their door to their appointments and back home. Sometimes he has been a driver one to three times a week, when the needs have arisen. Ardis has been a volunteer for over 17 years, helping people do their shopping, laundry, and on one occasion a deeper involvement with one who was at the end of life without family nearby.

Jerry and Ardis actively live out their faith in Christ Jesus. Thank you for faithfully modeling the disciple's life! The award was presented on May 13, and hangs in the Fireside Room at Grace.





### **New First Aid Kits**

New First Aid Kits can be found in the  
Ronnenkamp hall kitchen

Sacristy

Above the defibrillator in the Fireside  
Hallway



### **CHURCH LIBRARY** *News*

If you need a book from the Grace Lutheran Church Library, we will get it to you!! Have you checked out the new

online catalog yet? Try [https://](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library)

[www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library)

Or go to the Grace website, under Resources, click on Grace Library. Click on any book, then the button that says Ask About Becoming a Library Patron. Enter your name and email and/or phone and we will contact you.



Connect with a College Student: Want to develop a supportive relationship with a college student? Don't worry, we're starting simple! Starting on Sunday, August 1, there will be a journal for each of Grace's college students available after worship. Congregation members are invited to write words of encouragement, favorite Bible verses, song lyrics, and drop off stickers, postcards, or other notes in these journals. When the student starts school, we will send the journal with them, as a reminder of Grace's support and care.



Oregon Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's Work. Our Hands

**Synod Day of Learning**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2021**  
**It will be virtual again this year**

**More Details to Come**

## Connecting via Phone

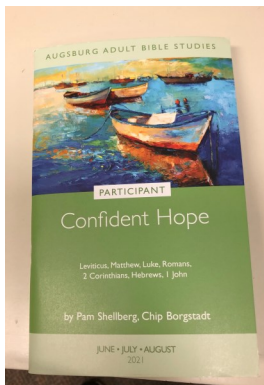


Thanks to those members of Grace who have taken on a ministry of checking in on some of the more isolated members of our community during this time of “sheltering at home.” Given this, there may still be a need for conversation that we have not anticipated. If you’re someone who would like to be assigned a “phone friend,” please call the church office, 541-757-1600, and leave a message to let us know. We will make sure someone gets in touch with you.



## If you go to the hospital . . .

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. If you know that someone from Grace has entered the hospital and you have their permission to share this information, please call the Church Office so that our pastor and Visitation Team can call on them. The hospital has recently allowed visiting by lay Hospital Visitors. Any messages left on the church number (541-757-1600) will be picked up and forwarded. Thanks for the help!

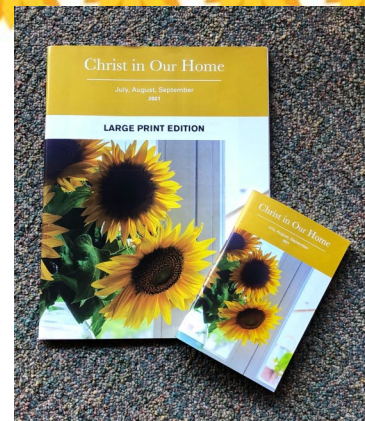


### Adult bible Study

June, July,  
and August

**Confident  
Hope**

For more information contact  
Frank and Sue Davis or see the  
June issue of Grace Gatherings.



**New Christ in Our  
Homes Devotional  
Available for July,  
August and Sep-  
tember**





Camp Lutherwood Website:  
<https://www.camplutherwood.org/>

**Camp Noah offers hope for young wildfire survivors:**

Middle school students who have experienced trauma from the wildfires in Oregon are invited to spend August 8-12 at Camp Lutherwood Oregon for FREE. This nationally acclaimed program, called Camp Noah, allows children in communities impacted by disaster to experience the power of hope and healing through a proven resiliency and preparedness curriculum. Register here: <https://bit.ly/CampNoahOR>



**Grace Center**  
For Adult Day Services

Grace Center Website:  
<https://gracecenter-corvallis.org/>

**4th Annual Aging Summit**  
Saturday, September 25, 2021

More information to come



## Luther House Campus Ministry

Luther House Website:  
<http://www.luther-house.org/>



### OSU Football Parking

Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 23,  
Nov. 13, and Nov. 20

Times and More information to come.

## Potluck

Luther House Potluck, Again!: On July 30, from 6-8pm, we will be hosting another potluck and fellowship event at Luther House. You are welcome to invite family and friends, both from Grace and the greater Corvallis community. There will be time for dinner, a brief worship or devotion, and catching up with one another. See you there! Luther House is located at 211 NW 23rd St in Corvallis.