

**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.***



## **We are open for in-person worship services!**

Starting June 27, 2021 Grace opened up the doors for in-person Worship Services.

We are becoming a hybrid church with in-person Worship Services along with Live Stream Worship on our YouTube Channel. Grace will continue to broadcast the prior weeks service on Cable Channel 29. All services start around 10am.

At this time, Covid-19 safety protocols are in place and will be revised as restrictions allow per the Oregon Health Authority and Benton county.

The most current Covid-19 protocols for in-person worship services can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3xKaFDt>

## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen  
[prdorthy@grace9330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace9330.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

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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.

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.

## 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  
June 29, 2021**

Contributions for the Month of June:  
\$26,776;  
June's Budget: \$21,600;  
Fourth Week of June Giving: \$158;  
Weekly Budget: \$5,400;  
YTD contributions: \$164,188;  
YTD budget: \$172,188



## Prayers

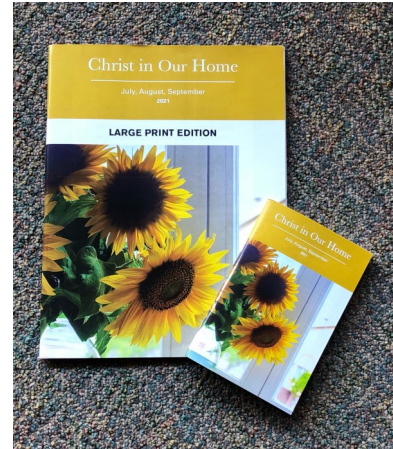
*This prayer list is a compilation of the requests we have received at Grace throughout the month of June. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to [prayers@grace97330.org](mailto:prayers@grace97330.org), and ask to be part of the prayer list.*

## Prayers

- ⇒ Darlene and Jim
- ⇒ Helen
- ⇒ Heather, Tristan, Liam, and Kellan
- ⇒ Daughter of Jaya's friend/coworker
- ⇒ William, friend of Grace
- ⇒ Doris
- ⇒ Bret, Andrea's brother
- ⇒ Pr. Wendell and Pr. Netsie
- ⇒ Carl and Jean
- ⇒ Local Family in Crisis

### Deaths:

- ⇒ Adam, co worker of Kris



**New Christ in Our  
Homes Devotional  
Available for July,  
August and September**



## Birthday Blessings!

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

Tina Risen	07/02
Milt Larson	07/03
Sandie Williams	07/04
Ron Anderson	07/05
Jody Parker	07/05
Anne Howard-Orwick	07/05
Natalie Cardinali	07/07
Dayle Christensen	07/08
Rebekah Hadlock	07/10
Pat Corkill	07/13
Anthony Cardinali	07/14
Marna Renshaw	07/15
Marshall Hill-Tanquist	07/17

Keith Levien	07/17
Erika Lundahl	07/20
Tim Stock	07/20
Nicole Gelser	07/21
Carole Boersma	07/22
Mary Stephens	07/24
Abigail Foster	07/25
Dana Howe	07/29
Netsie Griffith	07/30
Dean Aulerich	07/31
Edward Hall	07/31
Jose Vega	07/31

**Pastor Dorthy Nielsen**

Contact Information  
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Email:  
[prdorthy@grace97330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace97330.org)



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

*Off Site Working Days  
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

*"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*

Romans 6:3-4

To God's beloved at Grace Lutheran in Corvallis, who are called to be saints:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Parent and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:7)

July is a month that holds special meaning for me. Two dates in July mark life-changing events for me: baptism and marriage. One brings me into a deeper relationship with God and God's beloveds; the other into a deeper relationship with my life partner, John.

In baptism we have died to sin and risen to new life in Christ Jesus. This, as you well know, does not mean we have become sinless. Wishful thinking! That baptismal death means Sin no longer has power or control over us. Yes, we still sin. However, that is not who we are now, because of baptism. Baptism in the name of the Triune God reminds us that we belong to God. The imagery of baptism is death and life; death to what we have been, and rising from the waters to new life, changed life, to Easter life.

St Paul says that we are changed. Now we can live our true identity. We can be our authentic selves. Then, when we sin, God says, "This isn't like you. Be who you are! Be your real self, my beloved child." And we hear those precious words of forgiveness.

When I married John at age 43, I experienced death and new life, as well. Life as a single person

was self-determined and self-focused, doing what I chose to do, and when. That had to change when we got married. We made a commitment to each other to life together. All other relationships had to change to some degree—except for my relationship with Christ, which deepened with our shared faith in Christ, which made us one. However, decision-making changed, certain habits changed, as we figured out what it means to be a couple. Finding out who I am as a wife and partner has been challenging for me at times. Yet I continue to learn how to be my authentic self in this precious relationship with John.

God's beloved at Grace, through baptism into Christ Jesus, we have been called into community with God and each other, and has also changed our relationship to the world. When we remember our baptism, re remember to whom we belong. We belong to God and to each other. No longer are our interests focused on ourselves, but on the common good. This belonging strengthens us and our living out our true identity as God's beloved.

This baptismal life in Christ that we share leads us to new places and insights, new relationships and new missions. So this transition time in Grace's life is about new life, about living into our authentic self as a community in these changing times. We can continue to live into our true identity as God's beloved because God's grace in Christ Jesus is the response to human sin. God's unmeted love is greater than sin. And that is what our baptismal life carries into the world to share—God's love.

During this transition time we need to explore God's invitation into new ministry models for the coming years. The Spirit of God has been stirring things for a while now. Can we imagine what this next new life at Grace could be? Remember your baptism! Remember to whom you belong! Be who you are, beloved!

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**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 Strohlein,  
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

## A Word from Grace's Committees

### 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



# DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS?



## Kids Corner

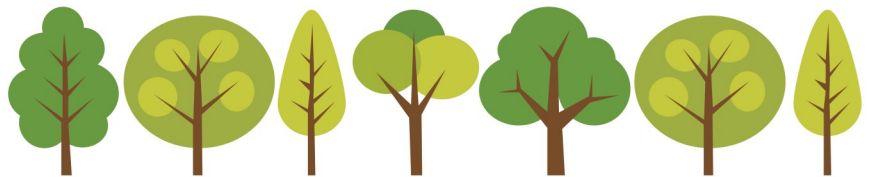
For Those Young, Old or Young at Heart



Kristin is  
(typically) in the  
office Mondays  
and Fridays  
from 12pm-  
4pm, and on  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from  
11am-3pm.

Stop by and say  
hi, or feel free  
to set up a time

Color Me



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT:** Friday, July 9 from 6-8pm in Ronnenkamp Hall  
See Page 9 for more information

**Let's go downtown!** High schoolers, middle schoolers, and college students: meet with Kristin at Grace to walk in fellowship--plus get some sort of treat! Stay tuned for upcoming dates, or contact Kristin at [kris-tin@grace97330.org](mailto:kristin@grace97330.org) to learn more.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events, including intergenerational team-building, family game nights, and more!



## From Grace Transition Team

Thank you for your participation in the survey questions on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Worship in the Park. We are reviewing your responses to help us understand who Grace has been and is now, as well as what God is calling Grace to do in the coming years. You also weighed in on the qualities you think we need in a pastor serving Grace. This has been helpful as well.

The Team has begun to put together the MSP, the Ministry Site Profile. This 12+ page document will be the first look candidate pastors will have of Grace, so it is incumbent upon us to be in conversation with you on things like Mission, Leadership, Connections, and what the Future could be. Without your input we cannot complete this necessary document.

When the MSP is completed and Council has approved it, the document will be submitted to Bishop Laurie Larsen Caesar. At that time the Council will begin to form the Call Committee. Their task is to know the MSP and the type of pastor Grace believes is needed for the coming years, and write interview questions. Bishop Laurie will bring RMPs (Rostered Leader Profile) for the Call Committee to consider for interview. Once they settle on a candidate pastor they will recommend that person to the Council, who will call a congregation meeting for vote. This is still a ways off. Please be patient.

In the meantime, the Transition Team, in order to address areas of Mission, Leadership and the Future, has decided to invite Grace Council and Luther House Board to meet and start a conversation on how we might be strengthening our ministries, and other possibilities for the future. The meeting will be taking place in early July, and is a beginning conversation between both ministries.

Thank you for your willingness to engage in this process. With Grace re-opening, we hope to do some more interactive and conversational in-person stuff. Be watching for those opportunities. Keep in mind that this is a new time, and also the time of Covid-19 challenges our concepts of what church is and will be. Though there may be some unknowns, we do know this: Christ is the head of the Church, and the Spirit of God is at work in this transition process.

Your Transition Team:

Meredith Junge, Jude Geist, Dave Lundahl, Neil Christensen, Mary Ann Brenan, and Pastor Dorthy Nielsen



**Summer  
Programs 2021**

**ELEMENTARY CAMP: GRACES 3-5**

July 18–22 and August 8–12

**UPPER ELEMENTARY CAMP: GRADES 5-6**

July 18–22 and August 8–12 ([register](#))

**JR. HIGH CAMP: GRADES 7-9**

July 25–29 and August 1-5

**CONFIRMATION CAMP: GRADES 6-9**

July 25-29

**HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: GRADES 9-12**

August 1-5

**WOMEN'S RETREAT: AGES 18 AND OLDER**

August 14–15

**FAMILY CAMP: ALL AGES**

July 1–5 and July 8–12

## Sunday Readings for July 2021

### Sunday, July 4, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
 Psalm 123  
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
 Mark 6:1-13

### Sunday, July 18, 2021 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 2:11-22  
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### Sunday, July 11, 2021 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Mark 6:14-29

### Sunday, July 25, 2021 9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44  
 Psalm 145:10-18  
 Ephesians 3:14-21  
 John 6:1-21



## June Council Minutes

June 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.

June Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

*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





## ***Consider the birds of the air..***

A Memorial to Harold Werth

Metal Sculpture by local artist Raymond Hunter

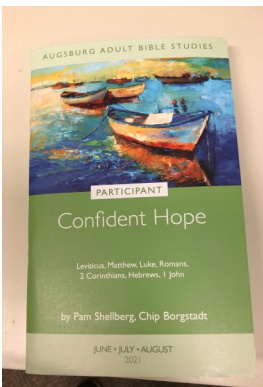
Installation Video can be found at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHZyU2Emrys>



## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Friday, July 9 from 6-8pm  
in Ronnenkamp Hall

Families of all ages, shapes, and sizes are welcome to join in for an evening of fun together. You can look forward to Bunco, BINGO, other large group games, or bring your own game to share! Pizza and snacks will be provided.



## **Adult bible Study**

June, July, and August

## **Confident Hope**



**Grace Lutheran Church Foundation**

### **Foundation News Website:**

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

### **July 2021 Newsletter**

[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202107\\_GLCF\\_newsletter.pdf](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202107_GLCF_newsletter.pdf)

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



### Summer Ladies Luncheon

Ladies summer luncheon returns! (Sort of). It's a bring your own sack lunch luncheon at Carol Erickson's house on Thursday, July 8th. Beverages and ice cream bars will be provided. This is an outdoor mask optional event. Hope to see you then. Carol



### 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://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.

## Growing Young/Growing Together

The Growing Young/Growing Together process is taking off at Grace with the hiring of our new Youth and Families Minister, Kristin Young, and the reformation of the Christian Education Committee as a "Growing Young" committee. But it takes the whole church to truly "grow young." Just how do we fuel a warm community and prioritize young people (and families) everywhere? These are just two of the six core commitments that are needed to initiate change.

The book, *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin Baker Books, 2016, is a research-based "masterpiece for churches of all backgrounds, sizes, and denominations looking for ways to attract, engage, and retain the youth of today in their congregations. It is not only brimming with real-life anecdotes, statistics, and practical advice, it's bursting at the seams with hope, both for the present and future of your church." <https://millennial-outreach>

Our Grace library has acquired two copies of this book to encourage more people to read it.

If you are at church, you may check it out yourself, or contact the church office.

This book is also available at the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

## Connecting via Phone

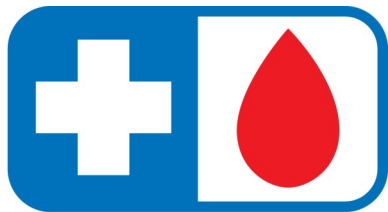


Thanks to those members of Grace who have taken on a ministry of checking in on some of the more isolated members of our community during this time of “sheltering at home.” Given this, there may still be a need for conversation that we have not anticipated. If you’re someone who would like to be assigned 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 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!



**GIVE**  
**Blood**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

Blood Drive will take place in the  
Red Cross Van in the parking Lot.

Please contact Marna Renshaw  
to sign up or for more information

**There is a hidden image in the**  
**July 2021 issue of**  
**Grace Gatherings**

Contact Andrea in the office via email  
or phone and tell her how many picnic  
baskets are in the  
image and you could win a special  
prize.

Andreas Contact Information:  
Email:

[office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org)

Phone:  
541-757-1600  
On Thursdays from 9-4





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

**2021 Summer Registration is OPEN!**

Registration is open for Family Camp, Women's Retreat and Youth Programs now! Space is limited for all programs and spots are filling up fast. The most up to date information about program dates and costs can be found at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/>



## Luther House Campus Ministry

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

## Grace Center News

What a happy surprise for our July newsletter. Grace Center's director, Rene' Knight, announced that as of July 7<sup>th</sup> Grace Center's reopening plan has been approved by the state for full in-house services. For more information about joining the exciting program call the Center office, 541 754-8417.

In the meantime Corvallis' Footwise community window display will present a colorful and inclusive display of Grace Centers Adult Day Service programs, operations and community support. The National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) awarded Grace Center the Adult Day Services Center of Distinction Award for Fall of 2020, recognizing its excellence. NADSA featured it on their website, awarded it a certificate, and the Center will be recognized at their National Conference and newsletter.



Betty McCauley