

**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

## In Memory

For all the saints who  
from their labors rest

**All Saints Day  
Sunday, November 7, 2021**

All Saints list as of October 26, 2021

<https://bit.ly/2XPmtYu>

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## **Exciting stuff keeps happening at Grace!**

In September and October Council discussed and approved the GYM (Growing Young Ministries) recommendation to hire Kristin Young as the quarter-time Children and Families Minister. Originally there were two job postings, one for Youth and Families at half-time, and the other for Children and Families at quarter-time. After Kristin came on staff in late May, it was more than obvious that she had the skills, talent and passion for both positions. The plan was to offer her that other position in August, but that is when Luther House started talking to her about temp work in Outreach in Campus Ministry. That turned into a quarter-time position with Luther House. As of October 1st, Kristin is now three-quarter-time Children, Youth and Families Minister at Grace, and Temp one-quarter-time at Luther House. YAY! We are so glad to have her on the ministry team at Grace.

## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen  
541-377-1354

[prdorthy@grace9330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace9330.org)

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406-417-1720

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

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**Organist/Pianist** - Sunghee Kim

**Percussion** - Kelsey Bleck

**Bookkeeper** - Robin Comforto

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

**Financial Secretary:** Mary Stephens

**Facebook Administrator** - Rebekah Hadlock

**Nursery** - No Nursery at this time

**Prayer Chain** - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

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

**Custodian** - Outside Contractor

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.

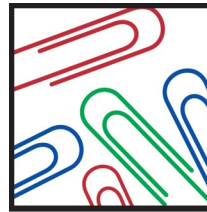
Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)



## New Church Directory Now Available

Printed copies of the updated address portion of the 2019 photo directory are now available.

Please contact the office or stop by the church to pick up a copy. Additional copies of the Photo Directory are still available.



## 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



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

**Contributions as of  
October 9, 2021**

Contributions for the Month of  
October \$10,287

October's Budget: \$22,800;

Last Weeks Giving: \$10,287;

Weekly Budget: \$5,700;

YTD contributions: \$233,961;

YTD budget: \$250,500

## Prayers

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

- ⇒ Jean
- ⇒ Heather, Tristan, Liam, and Kellan
- ⇒ Sarah and Andrew, Neil and Dayle's son
- ⇒ Olivia, Nancy's family member
- ⇒ Meghan, Cathy's Niece
- ⇒ Mick, friend of Nancy and Jim
- ⇒ Tom
- ⇒ Shirley
- ⇒ Louise
- ⇒ Ted and Caregivers
- ⇒ Brandon, Kandra and children, Andrea's friends

⇒ Ross Hinshaw and Family

### Death:

⇒ Bill Stein



## Welcome our Call Committee

The Grace Council has appointed the Grace Call Committee, who will be affirmed and commissioned on Sunday, October 31. Those who have said yes are: Makenzie Burnett, Juan Guzman, Rachel Harrington, Nancy Hemming, Dave Lundahl, Cathy Mueller, and Bob Saathoff. Please hold them in prayer as they begin the work of interviewing candidate pastors for call to Grace.

Thanks to the Transition Team for their hard work in putting together the MSP, which is a candidate pastor's first glimpse of Grace.



## Birthday Blessings!

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

Maya Stock	11/03
Bob Saathoff	11/04
Courtney Shaff	11/04
Sue Kingsley	11/09
Beverly Raze	11/09
Isaac Hadlock	11/11
Anne Schroeder	11/12
Evelyn Vega	11/12
Molly Hallgrimson	11/14
Rachel Burnett	11/15
Jaime Foster	11/16

Michael Hellberg	11/18
Van Volk	11/18
Erin Radniecki	11/19
Becky Strandberg	11/19
Joyce Gourley	11/25
Maud Corl	11/26
Mark Klopsch	11/27
Sandy Beachley	11/28
Wayne Wahrmond	11/28
Jo Anne Hellberg	11/30
Ardelle Merritt	11/30

**Pastor Dorthy Nielsen**

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

*Off Site Working Days  
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

Dear People of God at Grace,

After 13-plus months of transition at Grace, the Ministry Site Profile will soon be complete. Your Council and Transition Team have been doing a lot of work and preparation for calling a new pastor. Their faithfulness to the task of leadership during the pandemic and transition time has revealed their faith and trust in God's promise to lead through this time.

Let me tell you about the communal discernment with Luther House led by Pr Melissa Reed, our Oregon Synod Bishop's Associate.

Our first combined meeting was in early July in Ronnenkamp Hall. The focus of that gathering was to share stories about the two ministries—Luther House and Grace—in order to see how God has been at work, to understand how this point in time has yielded transition in both places and begin to listen and ask questions together.

The August meeting via Zoom focused on the close proximity and the surrounding neighborhood, including OSU. The discussion included shared values, concern for families, students, and neighbors, and to listen for themes and relationships within the Corvallis community.

In September by Zoom we explored the common horizon before us during this transition time, talking about what we are able to bring to the table of discernment. Is there capacity (resources) and vitality (energy) enough to journey together and be strengthened in ministry.

Our final meeting, which will take place on Saturday, October 30, will focus on what it could look like to walk together into the new horizon, not just a vision, but a horizon that God has led Grace and Luther House to face. The question of what leadership will be needed as these two vital ministries move toward this new horizon, new opportunities, new mission, new ways of being followers of Jesus.

The outcome will most likely not look like the pastoral leadership of previous times. Oh some things might be the same, but this transitional time for both Grace and Luther House is transformational. What will emerge is not easy to predict, and will be shaped by the next called pastor/s and the Holy Spirit, and you and the neighborhood and...this is

exciting and risky and hopeful.

In Matthew 9:10-17 Jesus is asked why he and his disciples don't hold to the traditions and practices of the Pharisees and also those of John the Baptist's disciples. Jesus responds with: *"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins and so both are preserved."*

If old and new are to be preserved, how do we know when to keep what is old and when to choose what is radically new and transformational? Can the old be transformational? There are no easy answers to these questions. It takes discerning together, looking at, listening, pondering, dreaming, and then stepping out in faith that where God leads, both old and new are necessary and needed in different ways for the sake of God's mission in this world.

The new horizon is more than a vision, as the possibilities are myriad. The new horizon before Grace and Luther House comes at a time of massive shifts and changes in our world. How will we move together? What will leadership look like in this changing reality? Who will we minister to? And who will minister to us? And who will join us in this journey toward this new horizon before us?

Always, always, God is with us. The Spirit is moving in us. Jesus is the head of the Church. And we keep moving forward with the love of God to share in whatever old and new ways we are able.

In Christ Jesus, with hope and peace,

Pr Dorthy+





## New Member Recognition

On Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021 Grace Lutheran Church welcomed 4 new members into the Grace family. As we continue to gather for worship or events, please make our new members welcome.

### New Members include:

Andrea Barnhurst  
Charlotte Chrisman.

Cathy Knock  
Tanner Rookard

## Consecration Sunday—November 7th

Please return your 2022 estimate of giving by November 7th. A letter was mailed out on October 11th with the estimate form or you can simply fill out a quick,

confidential form online at this link:  
<https://forms.gle/RwH8zoVskipDLtBk8>

For any questions, contact Mary Stephens at 541-754-9841 or [mary@stephens.org](mailto:mary@stephens.org)

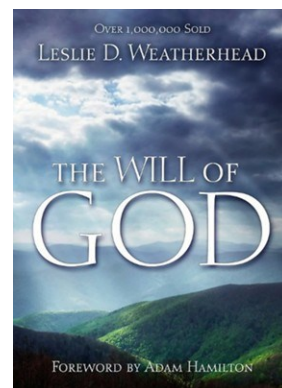
*Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.*  
-Martin Luther

## Bible Study-Faith Conversations on Wednesdays

The group continues in the Book *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead for the month of November. New Bible study to begin December 1st. Discussions on what that will be to take place at the upcoming Faith Conversations. See you Wednesdays at 10 am!

You can order the book through: [alibris.com](http://alibris.com) , [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com) , [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) , or whatever source you use. Some places have a download. If you need assistance with ordering a copy of the book, please let me know. Looking forward to gathering together with you. See you soon! Hope you can join in!

--Pr Dorthy+



## Kids Corner

For Those Young, Old or Young at Heart



### 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering: boundless - God Beyond Measure

The next youth gathering (for high school students) is July 24-28, 2022! If your high school student is interested in going, let Kristin know so she can get a group registered. Stay tuned for updates about fundraising, but please know that finances should not be a barrier to your student's ability to attend this incredible event!



### College Student Addresses

Hey parents! Kristin and the GYM Committee are looking to send out the journals that have been signed by members of the congregation. Please email Kristin your student(s)' addresses.

### Adopt a College Student

We are still looking for folks to sponsor college students! It doesn't have to be super complicated--a note and \$5 gift card can go a long way! Let Kristin know if you are interested!

# **WANTED**

Tent or canopy: If you or someone you know has a large tent or canopy that could be used for outdoor programming (like potlucks or drive-thru events), please let Kristin know! We want to continue to provide outdoor programming as a safe option as much as we can!



## **High Schoolers!**

Kristin will be offering meeting times right after worship on October 31 and November 7, to talk about the upcoming months, and hear from you! We will meet in the courtyard around 11:15, for about 30 minutes. Snacks provided!



## **Family Night Potluck**

**November 7 from 5:30-7:30**

ALL are welcome to gather for food and fellowship, November 7, from 5:30-7:30pm. Our youth and leaders will share about what they've learned in the past month, and what they are excited for next! Location to be determined: if the weather holds, we will be in the parking lot (dress warm!); if not, we will try to find a covered outdoor space. Stay tuned!



## **Out and About Coffee Hours New hours**

Kristin will be continuing to hold office hours at Allan's Coffee and Tea (2541 NW Monroe Ave). If you'd like to learn more about

Growing Young, youth ministry and programming, or just want to visit, swing by anytime on Thursdays between 11:30am and 1pm.

## A Word from Grace's Committees

### **Teams & Committees**

**Property Committee** - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

**Communications Committee**

Bob Keith, 541.990.2883

**Sunday Hospitality**

TBA

**Events Hospitality**

Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

**Christian Education Team**

Kristin Young, 541.757.1600

**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**  
TBA

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**  
Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



### **First Aid and Defibrillator Training Class Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 10-12**

Grace's Disaster Preparedness Committee has scheduled a First Aid and Defibrillator training class to be held at Grace.

Todd Washington will be presenting the class and it will be held in Ronnenkamp Hall.

Spots are available for individuals interested in attending. Class will cost \$35 per person.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office so we can get an accurate list of attendees. Please let us know as soon as you can as spots may be limited depending on the number of interested parties.

Some scholarships may be available.



## Holiday Gifts for Kids and Families

This year we can spread Christmas cheer & Blessings with our gifts to the ELCA's Casa de Sión-House of Zion ministry in Woodburn that offers help and support to the large Hispanic community in that area. A particular need is for children's toys, but gifts of warm clothing for any age and housewares are always needed and deeply appreciated. Gifts don't have to be wrapped, if wrapped, please leave a sticker indicating age & gender appropriate. Please leave them in the box in the fireside room by December 15th. Muchas Gracias. Contact Carol Erickson if you have any questions

## Sunday Readings for November 2021

### Sunday, November 7, 2021

#### All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Wisdom 3:1-9 (alternate)  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

### Sunday, November 28, 2021

#### 1st Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### Sunday, November 14, 2021

#### 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### Sunday, November 21, 2021

#### Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37



## October Council Minutes

October 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.

Council continues to meet via ZOOM. To attend send an email to President Bob Keith stating that you would like the link to attend.

October Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Council-meeting-minutes-10-11-21.pdf>

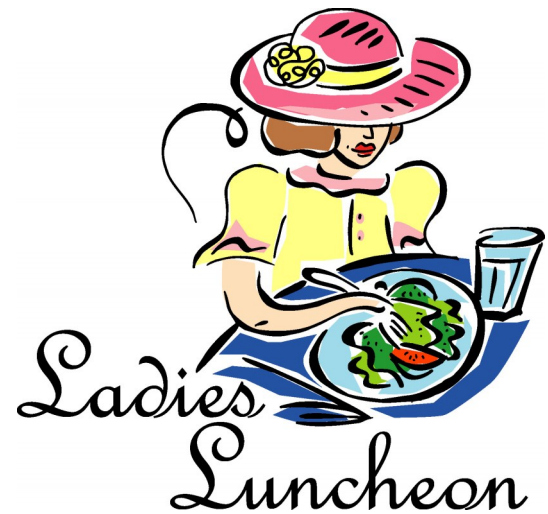
*Church Council Reports are  
always available in the  
church office for you to read.*



**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



Have you been enjoying the beautiful flower arrangements at Grace Sunday morning worship services? Have you recently taken a peek at our amazing Fireside Room Courtyard and marveled at all the foliage there? If you would like to see all this continue and expand into the fall and winter seasons and get ready for spring, please consider making a contribution to the Altar Guild Flower Fund by putting a check in the offering basket Sunday morning or mailing it to the Grace office (please write Altar Guild flowers in the memo line). Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



### Ladies Luncheon

On the Second Tuesday of each month

November 9 at 11:45  
At New Morning Bakery



Thanksgiving Baskets

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Grace is partnering with Love, Inc again this year to provide Thanksgiving baskets to families. The kickoff for this project will be November 14--stay tuned for more info! If you are interested in serving as a group leader, let Mary Ann Brenan know (541.219.6972).

## Thanksgiving Events

Please watch for more information on upcoming Thanksgiving Events

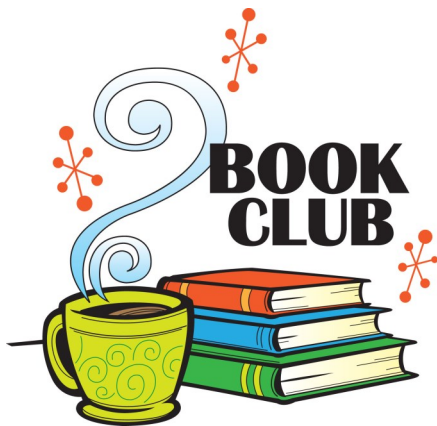




## Volunteers needed

Grace is seeking volunteers to go to local Hospitals and check the Hospital List of Patients.

Please contact Dale Weber for more information



## Global Book Club

First Tuesday of each month at 1pm  
Fireside Room at Grace

### Next Meeting:

**Nov. 2** – *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

**Dec. 7** – *Nobody Will Tell You This But Me*  
(As Told to Me) by Bess Kalb.

Complete book List: <https://bit.ly/3ESkoLY>



## 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.



Grace  
Lutheran  
Church  
Foundation

### Foundation News Website:

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

### November 2021 Newsletter

[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202111\\_GLCF\\_newsletter.pdf](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202111_GLCF_newsletter.pdf)



# Luther House

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

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

## Tuesday Lunches

Tuesday Lunches from Luther House: Luther House will be offering free lunches to students on Tuesdays from 11:30-1:30, and we need help serving! If you are available to help with this, contact Kristin about specific details and the needs for each week.



## OSU Football Parking Luther House Fundraiser In Grace's Parking Lot

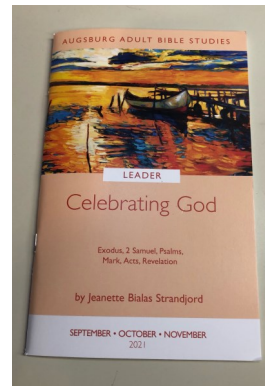
Nov. 13 and Nov. 20

Parking Lot opens 3 hours prior to kick off.  
 Parking is \$10



## **Christ in Our Home** Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2021

Copies can be found in the church entry and if you are needing a printed copy, please contact the church office.



## **Adult Bible Study**

Sept.- Nov.  
 2021

## **Celebrating God**

## **In Person Following Worship.**

To see full book information, see page 11 of the September 2021 Grace Gatherings.

For more information contact  
 Frank and Sue Davis