

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.**



In Memory

For all the saints who
from their labors rest

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

You are invited to add your family and friends.
The names will be read aloud on All Saints Day.

This is a list of those who have died since November 1, 2020.
The list can be found at the link below and a printed copy will be available during in person worship services.

Please contact Andrea in the church office at
office@grace97330.org or via phone during normal business hours to add your saints.

All Saints list as of September 26, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3F3Oz2T>

Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen
prdorthy@grace9330.org

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto
bookkeeper@grace97330.org

Custodian - Outside Contractor

Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar
Bryson@grace97330.org

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst
office@grace97330.org

Office Assistant - Jody Parker
jody@grace97330.org

Organist/Pianist - Sunghee Kim

Percussion - Kelsey Bleck

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young
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.

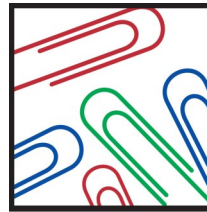
Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org



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
September 12, 2021**

Contributions for the Month of
September: \$11,350;

September's Budget: \$20,800;

First 2 Week of September Giving:
\$11,350;

Weekly Budget: \$5,200;

YTD contributions: \$211,907;

YTD budget: \$234,400

Prayers

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

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Peggy and Robin
- ⇒ Mike, Cathy and Shane's friend
- ⇒ Mick and his family, friends of Nancy and Jim
- ⇒ Olivia, Nancy's family member
- ⇒ Darold and Lorna, Lyla's brother
- ⇒ Linda and Tim
- ⇒ Mike, Tory and Family
- ⇒ Hal and Family
- ⇒ Tom, Margie's brother

Death:

- ⇒ Dr. Richard (Dick) Kuehn
- ⇒ Steven MacPherson, Sandie's brother
- ⇒ Dave Bremer
- ⇒ Ed Barnhurst
- ⇒ Ryan Muniz
- ⇒ Kari and Lois, Hal's nieces
- ⇒ Ramona, Hal's daughter in la
- ⇒ Ellie, Kathy's mother



Exciting news!

The Grace Council will begin forming the Call Committee in the coming weeks. Please pray for this time of discernment. And if you are asked to serve, please prayerfully consider what is being asked of you.



Birthday Blessings!

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

Tom Orwick	10/04
Judy Winkler	10/06
Todd Donner	10/07
Sylvie Schroeder	10/07
Carol Freeman	10/08
Krista Washington	10/08
Kay Larson	10/09
Maxine King	10/10
Freda Vars	10/10
Robyn Vega	10/11
Lee Strandberg	10/12
Carolyn Kradjan	10/14

Mackenzie Burnett	10/15
Lida Brauner	10/18
Carol Triebes	10/18
Cy Stadsvold	10/20
Kathy Scroggins	10/21
Lyla Hougum	10/23
Tom Kiersky	10/25
Bridget Palmgren	10/27
Mark Gourley	10/29
Sarah Davis	10/30
Carol Warloe	10/30
Kris Wilburn	10/31

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 Grace,

Transitions are a lot of work. There is much to do to prepare for the next chapter of life, whether that is in your own life, in the life of a business, organization, or a church. Joy, grief, anxiety, hope, all get mixed around, sometimes complicating how to move forward. There rarely are clear pathways through transitions. It's messy at times. And that is ok.

Transitions include good-byes and hellos: good-byes to staff, loved ones, ways of doing what we have done, and honoring the grief we feel; and saying hellos that welcome new people and whatever they have to share in this wild thing of being called into community and ministry, and dreaming dreams together for the sake of the ministry of Jesus in and through Grace.

Some have likened transitions to wilderness time. Others see it as a journey to new horizons. What is important is listening, communicating, taking risks, collaborating, and whatever else is needed to work through transition time.

The transition at Grace is moving into a time of discernment with Luther House-Campus Ministries. There have been three communal gatherings, two via Zoom, walking together during this time. It began with the leadership of both ministries and now welcomes all who wish to be part of the discernment process.

On Sunday, September 19th during our third communal discernment engagement we talked about what it means to "set a shared table." We are looking at a shared **horizon** for possible pathways, rather than one vision of how we think leadership and mission should be structured.

This is all new territory, so we cannot think in terms of "how we used to do it." Clearly that doesn't work anymore in this time and context. So we are figuring out what new ways of leading will benefit both ministries, and whether that includes sharing staff in some creative and unique ways.

Yes, there might be some things that stay the same. However, the horizon before Grace and Luther House is ripe with new possibilities, and the Holy Spirit of God is leading the way forward. Your leaders are doing what they can to listen and learn and see in new ways. It is not easy, but it is exciting and hopeful.

The communal discernment process for Grace and Luther House has looked at the questions: Who are we (*identity*)? Who is our neighbor (*context*)? And what is God calling us to do/be (*mission*)? We have considered the pressure points on families, neighbors,

students, communities, and listened to what each values to see where our relationships intersect. We have listened across generations, and heard concerns for the Corvallis community, for students away from home, and other insights.

Now we are learning what our capacities are for ministry. Like a potluck, we are bringing to the table the resources we all have, not just the two ministries but importantly, the people of Grace and Luther House, students and those who give support.

As we lay down "the way we have done things" to take up the new ways God is already calling us into ministry, what is the leadership we will need to walk into a new, shared horizon? What will be your commitment to this process at Grace, at Luther House, in this time and context?

Remember when I said you are "weird?" Well, weird people respond well to weird times, and that is a fantastic thing. It is freeing. We can't do some things the way we used to do them. So, what will we become for the sake of the gospel of Jesus? Who will be our partners in this mission? What will you commit to in these transitions? Into what do you hear the Spirit of God calling Grace?

Let me just say this: Transition is the new "norm," for Grace, for you and me, for Corvallis, and the world. Let's accept this reality.

Pr Melissa Reed, our Bishop's Associate who has been guiding the communal discernment process, grounded us with the Luke 24 Walk to Emmaus story. Amid the grief, fear, confusion, the two walking home are accompanied by Jesus, though they don't recognize him. It is in the shared table when he breaks the bread that they see him.

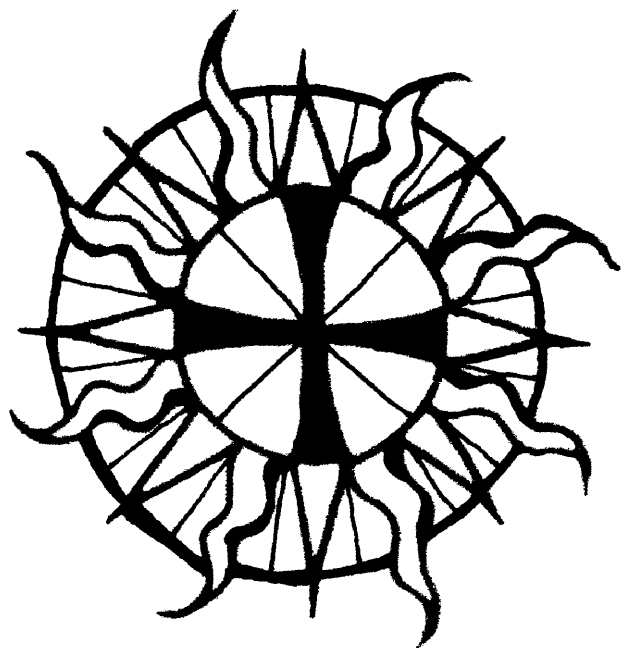
The risen Christ meets us when we share table and meal with others. He breaks open the wild possibilities for new life to be fed and nourished. What do you bring to the table? What does Grace bring to the table of shared ministry with Luther House? Both ministries are in Corvallis, blocks from each other, in the same neighborhood. One gave birth the other, and are complimentary ministries. What is God up to now?

In October there will be two opportunities for you to give input to this discernment process. You are needed. If you are comfortable, we will meet in the sanctuary after worship to listen, learn and give voice to what can be.

In Christ, hope and peace,
Pastor Dorthy

Kids Corner

For Those Young, Old or Young at Heart



2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

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!



Chintimini Service Project

Calling all high schoolers! On October 10, after worship from 12-2pm, we will be volunteering at the Chintimini Wildlife Center, helping to construct mason bee habitats! Feel free to invite friends, and if you have questions, let Kristin know! We are seeking donations of paper grocery bags and paper towel tubes. There will be a collection bin in the Fireside Room.

Adopt-a-Grad:

Growing Young Ministries wants to pair you with a college student, to help support them and be a resource to them! This can look like notes of encouragement, care packages, supporting them at extracurricular events, or even an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner! This is an exciting way to stay connected with college students from Grace, as well as those students we may not know yet! If you are interested in supporting a student, there is a sign-up in the Fireside Room, and there will be one online!

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

Campus Ministry at Luther House

TBA

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

Old Maps No Longer Work by Joyce Rupp

I keep pulling it out –
the old map of my inner path
I squint closely at it,
trying to see some hidden road
that maybe I've missed,
but there's nothing there now
except some well travelled paths.
they have seen my footsteps often,
held my laughter, caught my tears.

I keep going over the old map
but now the roads lead nowhere,
a meaningless wilderness
where life is dull and futile.

"toss away the old map," she says
"you must be kidding!" I reply.
she looks at me with Sarah eyes
and repeats "toss it away."
It's of no use where you're going."

"I have to have a map!" I cry,
"even if it takes me nowhere."
I can't be without direction,"
"but you are without direction,"
she says, "so why not let go, be free?"

so there I am – tossing away the old map,
sadly fearfully, putting it behind me.
"whatever will I do?" wails my security
"trust me" says my midlife soul.

no map, no specific directions,
no "this way ahead" or "take a left".
how will I know where to go?
how will I find my way? no map!
but then my midlife soul whispers
"there was a time before maps
when pilgrims travelled by the stars."

It is time for the pilgrim in me
to travel in the dark,
to learn to read the stars
that shine in my soul.
I will walk deeper
into the dark of my night.
I will wait for the stars.
trust their guidance.
and let their light be enough for me.

**Your input is
needed for Grace
- Luther House
discernment. See
pg 12 for more in-
formation.**



Sunday Readings for October 2021

Sunday, October 3, 2021
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



September Council Minutes

September 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.

September Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Council-meeting-minutes-09-13-21-00000002.pdf>

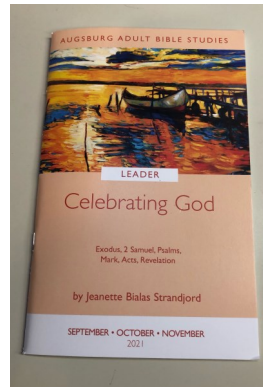
*Church Council Reports are
always available in the
church office for you to read.*



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



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!!



Adult bible Study

Sept.- Nov.
2021

Celebrating God

**Starts Sunday, September 12,
following Sunday Worship**

For more information contact
Frank and Sue Davis or go to
page 11 for more information.



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



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



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 between 11:30am and 1pm.



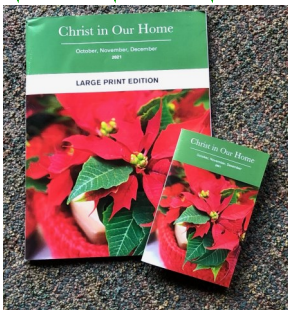
CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

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

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.



New 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.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Baskets - Love INC would like to partner with Grace in providing Thanksgiving food baskets to those in our community who are in need. Information on how you can participate will be forthcoming.

"We are Called to Serve One Another" – We are Called ELW 730

"And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the day." - Isaiah 58:10

Ever since I was a young teen, volunteering and doing charity walks was just part of life. Right before high school, I volunteered at the local nursing home painting the ladies nails in the dining room and before that I walked in my first walk for the Alzheimer's Association. As I became an adult, the Alzheimer's Association walk was just something we did as a family and we would look forward to doing it every year.

After moving to the Albany area over 9 years ago, the world of volunteering opened up, and I found joy in giving back to my community. My monthly calendar would fill up with volunteering events from dressing up as Mrs. Claus at Christmas Storybook Land to volunteering with the local Parent Club in my daughters school. From late spring to early fall I would find myself walking multiple 5K's to support different causes from the Alzheimer's Association to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and many in between. There is nothing like the energy that comes from the gathering of people all for a specific cause.

For much of my adult life, I lived paycheck to paycheck, barely being able to provide the essential items my daughter and family would need. The extra money we may have had would go towards treating my daughter to frozen yogurt for her birthday or getting pizza for a sleep over with her friends. I did not have the ability to donate my money to organizations, but I had the ability to volunteer my time and to spread awareness.

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, my joy in giving back was taken from me. The need did not stop, in fact, it may have increased, but the fear of getting sick or even activities and events being canceled prevented me from doing the volunteer work I enjoyed. Starting in March 2020, my calendar emptied and as I searched for things to do, I saw "Canceled" or needs I could not help with.

In early 2021, I realized that I let the pandemic take the joy out of my life, and I was ready to get it back. Since March of 2021, I have participated in 6 – 5K virtual walks for 5 different charities including Feeding

America and Laughing at My Nightmare for Muscular Dystrophy. In August I found myself walking 50 miles in 21 days and fundraising for the American Cancer Society and now I find myself taking on the Fall Frenzy Challenge and walking at least 100K (62 miles) between September 7 and November 15 which will help Feeding America provide meals for those in need.

Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis is a very giving church. Grace members give to their community in many ways. Although some of these gifts may be financial, Grace members are not afraid to give their time and efforts to our community. Grace members volunteer at the local food bank and Men's Cold Weather Shelter along with the yearly God's Work Our Hands project. Grace members are not afraid to get their hands dirty and assist community members in tasks they can't do.

Over the last almost 2.5 years I have worked at Grace, I have seen what Grace is. Grace is a congregation who gives back, because they can. Grace is a community of people who have been called to do these activities. Grace members and Grace's activities are what draws me to Grace because Grace knows our community needs more than just financial gifts. Grace's drive to be a presence in our community is why I am choosing to become a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon. I am excited to spread my gifts and to feel joy with others.



Check out *Growing Young* in the Grace Library

By Wendy Geist

"We are adopted into one body. That means smelly teenagers and jaded emerging adults are connected tendon-to-bone with great-grandparents of the faith as they work out community together." This is an interesting and colorful quote I found in the book *Growing Young*. These words from Chapter 5, titled "Fuel a Warm Community," are just a snippet of the multitude of examples and information contained in the book, which is based on four years of research by the Fuller Youth Institute, of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

The authors Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin, present this gathered pool of knowledge on how to better involve and retain young people, ages 15 to 29, in your congregation. They explain to the reader that youth are searching for identity, belonging and purpose; they want to figure out "Who Am I?", "Where do I fit?" and "What difference do I make?" One strategy is to entrust young people with church leadership roles, and in return "they will trust you with their hearts, their energy, their creativity, and even their friends." The book leads the reader through six essential strategies and includes reflection questions to help lead your congregation on the path to Growing Young. Grace Lutheran Church Library has two copies available for checkout.

Grace Church Library Bulletin Board by Wendy Geist



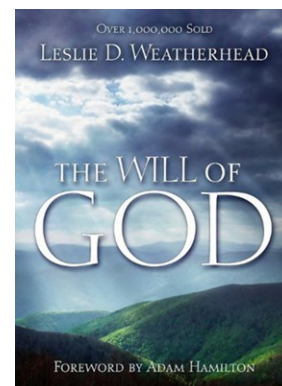
Bible Study-Faith Conversations on Wednesdays starting up!

Starting October 6th on Wednesdays at 10:00 am a Bible Study-Faith Conversations group will begin meeting in the Fireside Room for 1 hour.

To start we will use the book *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead for 6 weeks. Please read the Preface and chapter 1 for our first meeting. You can order the book through:
alibris.com , abebooks.com , 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 soon so that I can order one for you. Looking forward to gathering together with you. See you soon! Hope you can join in!

--Pr Dorthy+





Luther House

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

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

October Congregation Meetings on Luther House and Grace happenings

Your input is needed! In order for the leadership of Grace to move forward in exploring possible shared ministry opportunities, you are invited to meet with President Bob Keith, other leaders, and Pr Dorothy after worship on Sundays, October 17th and 24th to hear about the communal discernment that has been going on between Luther House and Grace.

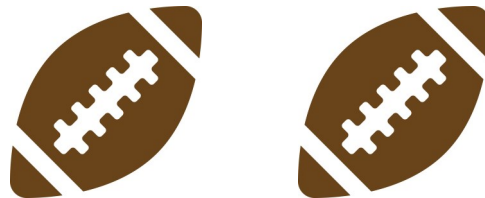
October 17th will be in-person right after worship. So stay in the sanctuary for the discussion that day. October 24th will be via Zoom. For that you will need to **rsvp** to Andrea (office@grace97330.org) so that we can send out the link to you.

The meetings are open, but there will be no official vote on anything. This is to get a sense from Grace's members that you hear what has been developing and will give support or guidance to the Council and Call Committee to work on shared ministry possibilities with Luther House.

As of September, Kristin will be working at Luther House 10 hours a week, to help supply programming and connections between Luther House and Grace, other campus ministries, and the Corvallis community.

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

Oct. 2, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20

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

Final Communal Discernment with Luther House and Grace

On Saturday, October 30th from 9am to noon, the final discernment gathering will take place in Ronnenkamp Hall. Based on the work we have done, we will discuss more concrete forms for a shared horizon, in terms of staffing and ministry opportunities. All who are interesting in being part of this meeting are welcome. Masks and social distancing protocols will be used.