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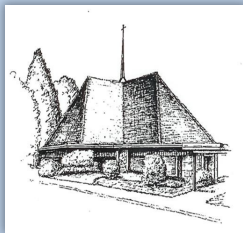
Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97333

*Our VISION is
"to be a Christ-centered
Community who welcomes all, grows
in faith, and reaches out in love."*



*Our MISSION is
"to follow Christ into our community
and world manifesting with caring hearts
and helping hands the good news of the
Kingdom of God."*

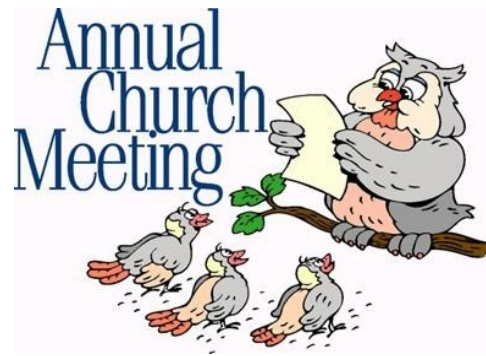
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

The work of welcome is hard; the way of love is always a work in process. But we're committed to the biblical call of reconciliation and to change what we need to, both personally and as a community, so that we – all of us together – become a living sign of God's extravagant grace.

In Christ's name, all are welcome here. We are honored by your presence and by your participation in helping us make this vision of welcome a reality for all people.



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



**Sunday, January 23, 2022
In person following Worship Services**



**Annual reports will be available no later than
Sunday, January 7. The Annual report can be
found at the link below**

**[https://grace97330.org/wp-content/
uploads/2021/12/2021-Annual-Report.pdf](https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-Annual-Report.pdf)**

Grace Personnel

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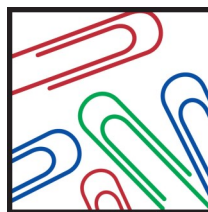
If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

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



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.



Office Hours

Church Staff Schedule

Monday (on site:)

11am—4pm: Jody Parker

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (off site):

9am—4pm: Andrea Barnhurst

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Giving at a Glance
Support the many ministries of
Grace Lutheran

**Contributions as of
December 17, 2021**

Contributions for the Month of
December: 30,965;
December Budget: \$35,000;
3rd Weeks Giving: \$11,641;
Weekly Budget: \$8,750;
YTD contributions: \$300,207;
YTD budget: \$327,00

Prayers

This prayer list is a compilation of the requests we have received at Grace throughout the month of December 2021. 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

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| ⇒ Bev | ⇒ depression |
| ⇒ Pr Shelley | ⇒ Ted |
| ⇒ Linda & Tim | ⇒ Sally & Mother, friend |
| ⇒ Tom | ⇒ Muellers |
| ⇒ Bonnie, Molly's friend | ⇒ Denise |
| ⇒ Darold & Lorna, Lyla brother | ⇒ Molly, Niece of Gordon and Mary Ann |
| ⇒ Olivia | ⇒ John, Pr Dorthy's Husband |
| ⇒ Mick (Hemming friend) | |
| ⇒ Butch & Sara, Andrea's friends | For those grieving: |
| ⇒ Lydia's family, Jaya's sis | ⇒ Cy Stadsvold |
| ⇒ A family in crisis | ⇒ Kay Risen |
| ⇒ People struggling w/ | ⇒ Ross Hossum |
| | ⇒ Tom Donahue |



Many Thanks to Grace Church members for their generous donations to House of Zion. These gifts are needed and greatly appreciated!



George Custer	01/01
Don Freeman	01/01
Sylvia Aulerich	01/02
Linda Burt	01/02
Margaret Samuels	01/02
David Lundahl	01/03
Jenny Olsen	01/05
Inge Daeschel	01/11
William Strohlein	01/11
Scott Berdahl	01/12
Dorothy Miles	01/15

Birthday Blessings!

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

Daniel Strand	01/20
Kathleen Kuehlwein	01/21
Midoriko Stock	01/21
Sarah Wayt	01/21
Thomas Cardinali	01/22
Lew Nelson	01/26
Cameron Osborn	01/26
Shane Mueller	01/28
Michael Hadlock	01/31
Mark Speulda	01/31

Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

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prdorthy@grace97330.org



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

*Off Site Working Days
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

Dear People of God at Grace,

Blessed Christmas and Hope-filled New Year to you all! May the light of Christ Jesus, born long ago, shine in your lives, in your relationships, in your homes, wherever you go and in whatever you do, that you would see and recognize him and experience the hope and promise of God, our heavenly Parent.

Advent and Christmas seasons begin the Church Calendar year. On January 6th we move into the next season—Epiphany. The Sundays after the Epiphany are filled with stories of the Christ being revealed to people. These stories are about the Incarnation, about the embodiment of God in Jesus, and about who he is for us.

The Magi, Wisemen, searched for the one who was born King of the Jews in order to recognize and honor him. They saw something in the skies that told of his birth, of his stature, of his identity. So driven were they to find him that they left their homes to search for him. The star told them that this One was cosmically significant. Afterall, even the skies were broadcasting his birth.

Have you seen things that compelled you to search deeper? I am not talking about going to the fridge and looking for something to fill the hole. Those foreigners were compelled to search for someone whose birth was announced in the night skies. What have you searched for? What are you looking for in these days?

Some people search for wealth, others for knowledge. We search for myriads of things; what difference do they make? What is the payoff for you? What is the outcome we are wanting?

Epiphany, and Christmas too, is all about God showing up, in the flesh, in the world. Yes, into the messiness of this world God comes to us. Never mind the things for which we search. Where there is division, hardships, challenges of every sort, God comes to be present, to teach, to love, to lead, and

to serve.

In the season of Epiphany our Bible readings tell of Jesus showing up: in a stable, in a manger, poor and humble; at the Jordan River where people are searching for forgiveness and hope; at some friends' wedding where he adds to their celebration; in his hometown synagogue to preach; in reactions to his teachings; at the sea fishing with his disciples; among crowds of people outside the towns, healing their illnesses. When Jesus showed up people gathered. Some even followed him around the countryside of Galilee, wanting more of him.

Epiphany is a good time to be searching for the One born King of the Jews. He shows up in ordinary places, among ordinary people who are searching for something more. He is more! Jesus is more because he is God-with-us, Immanuel.

As the star guided the Magi to the Christ Child, we look to the Scriptures, to what is going on around us, in order to discover the ways God comes to us. This One comes to lead us in God's ways, loving our neighbors, celebrating with them, grieving with them, speaking a word of hope to our hurting world. Why? Because God loves this messy, hurting, conflicted, broken world and wants to bring healing and well-being through us.

The treasures we bring to the Christ Child are ourselves and our trust in his leading. For God that is enough. Come and worship the One born King, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Searching with you...

Pastor Dorthy+





Thank you to Everybody who Volunteered, Supported and Came to the Drive Through Nativity!

Faith Conversations:

“The Star of Bethlehem” is a video we will watch, along with studying related Bible passages and the ensuing discussion during the month of January. Beginning Wed, Jan 5th at 10 am, come join the Faith Conversation! All are welcome. Led by Pr Dorthy+

Grace is prepared....

Thank you to everybody who signed up and attended the CPR and Defibrillator Training Class held in Ronnenkamp Hall on Saturday, December 4. The 16 attendees included staff members, Sunday School Instructors, Members from the Altar Guild and Ushers, and other committee members. The class was held by Todd Washington, Grace Member and owner of CPR Works. This 2 hour class was full of learning, presentations, practice, and even more practice so we would all be ready if an emergency was to occur at Grace. All 16 attendees are now CPR and Defibrillator certified and a list will be located near the Defibrillator in the Fire-side Room Hallway in case there is a need to use the defibrillator. Todd also took the time to look at our defibrillator and to inform us on when and how to order the important pads and batteries. There was an interest in attendees to host a First Aid Training Course as well which will be talked about and potentially hosted in early 2022.

Thank you again to Todd Washington and all the attendees. It is because of you that Grace is now up to date and we have members/staff who are trained in case there is an emergency.




Kids Corner

For Those

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)



High Schooler Walk-and-Talks

Kristin is looking to meet with our high school students for coffee/tea/etc. and conversation! She will be in touch to find a time that works for you!



Intergenerational Teambuilding and Potluck

At this time we are not hosting a January Pot Luck.

Please watch for updates on future pot lucks.

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

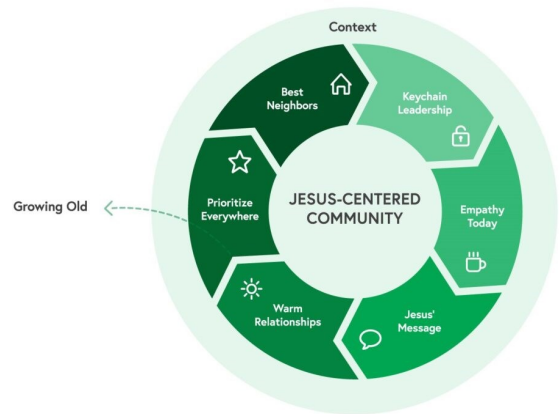
Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

Disaster Preparedness Committee

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

Campus Ministry at Luther House
TBA

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers
Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



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Growing Young

On Sunday, January 16, during worship, Kristin and the GYM team will be presenting a brief intro to Growing Young, what it looks like, and what it means for Grace to engage with these ideas! Our goal is to weave this initiative into the Grace community as we are looking ahead to calling lead staff and taking the next steps in our discernment.



Sunday Readings for January 2022

Sunday, January 2, 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 9, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23, 2022 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



December Council Minutes

December 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.

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

December Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Council-meeting-minutes-12-13-21.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

Lift Every Voice Oregon has filed two statewide initiative petitions for Oregon's Nov 2022 ballot to Reduce Gun Violence in Oregon

Promoting Policies Prohibiting the Sale of Assault Weapons and Large-Capacity Magazines, and Promoting Other Common Sense Gun Laws



Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) is a coalition of faith-based communities: Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and other people of goodwill. Our grassroots organization, run primarily by volunteers, is advocating for safer schools, houses of worship, and communities. We now number in the thousands from all over the state in our shared commitment to challenging the status quo as we work towards this important goal. Our voice has been heard by people throughout the state as we push to reduce gun violence in Oregon and the nation.

HELP GATHER SIGNATURES— BECOME A LEVO CIRCULATOR!

Signature Gathering Has Begun!

We have completed the process of gathering the initial 1000 signatures (collecting close to 2000 for each just to be safe). We had so many wonderful circulators for the preliminary gathering and, now, we need to join together with many more to collect the next 140,000 signatures to place these initiatives on the 2022 ballot. The Supreme Court has approved the ballot title language that will appear on the back of the signature sheets, identifying the critical changes that will be made upon passage of the two initiatives. So now, we are preparing and handing out circulator packets. Join us! Anyone can gather signatures. There are no age requirements.

AN ONLINE SIGNATURE GATHERING TRAINING IS SCHEDULED
FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 6:00 - 7:00PM
PLEASE EMAIL US AT OFFICE@LIFTEVERYVOICEOREGON.COM AND
WE WILL SEND YOU THE LINK.

Note from Pr Dorthy+: I got a call from Noreen Goplen, Government Affairs for the Oregon Synod, about these two initiatives. There are already many ELCA congregations in the Portland Metro Area involved with LEVO. Go to the website for more information: www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com (Information on this page comes from the Lift Every Voice Oregon website)



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Grace will be hosting the next Blood drive in the Van in the parking lot on January 20, 2022.



Global Book Club

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

Next Meeting:

Jan. 4 – How To Avoid a Climate Disaster
by Bill Gates

Feb 1 – A Discussion on the Navajo
Culture

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://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

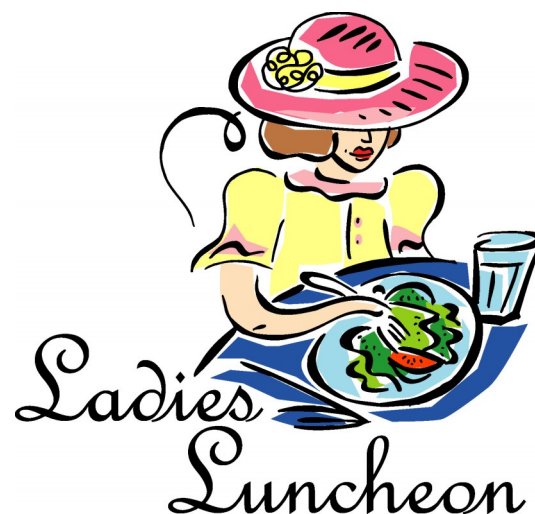


Luther House

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Tuesday Lunches

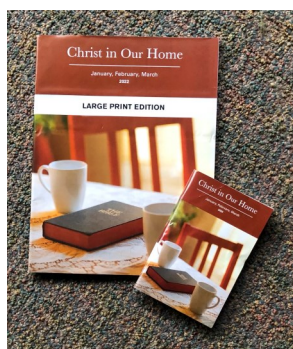
Tuesday Lunches from Luther House: Luther House will be offering free lunches to students on Tuesdays from 11:30-1:30, and we need help serving! If you are available to help with this, contact Kristin about specific details and the needs for each week.



Ladies Luncheon

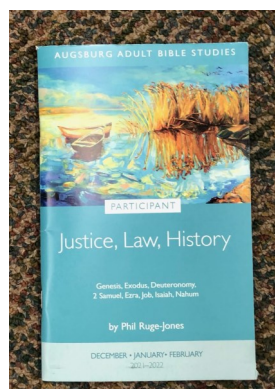
On the Second Tuesday of each month

January 11 at 11:45
At New Morning Bakery



Christ in Our Home **Jan, Feb, and March 2022**

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



Adult Bible Study

Dec.– Feb.

Justice, Law, History

In Person Following Worship.

To see full book information, see page 10 of the December 2021 Grace Gatherings.

For more information contact Frank and Sue Davis