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Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330

*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.

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Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Wednesday, April 6 - Mid Week Lenten Service
Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 15 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

See Page 6 for more information



Grace Personnel

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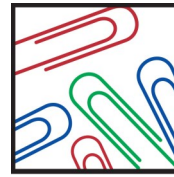
If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

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



Out and About Coffee Hours Returns March 3

Kristin will be available for "office hours" at Allan's Coffee and Tea (2541 NW Monroe Ave), Thursdays from 11:30am-1pm. Drop in and say hi! If possible, please contact Kristin to set up a time.



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 March 17, 2022

Contributions for the Month of

March: \$20,620;

March Budget: \$30,900;

First 2 Weeks Giving: \$20,620;

Weekly Budget: \$7,725 (4 weeks in Feb.);

YTD contributions: \$91,499;

YTD budget: \$76,750



Prayers

This prayer list is a compilation of the individuals on our current prayer list.

*If you have a prayer request,
please send it to prayers@grace97330.org*

*If you would like to be added to the prayer chain
mailing list, please contact Andrea in the church office.*

Prayers

- ⇒ Lew
- ⇒ Marilyn
- ⇒ Milt
- ⇒ Ted
- ⇒ Butch and Sara
- ⇒ Linda & Tim
- ⇒ Tom
- ⇒ Bern
- ⇒ Kaileen
- ⇒ Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia
and Shawn
- ⇒ Bev
- ⇒ Bonnie
- ⇒ Darold & Lorna
- ⇒ Meghan
- ⇒ Olivia
- ⇒ Mick
- ⇒ Anne

- ⇒ A family in crisis
- ⇒ Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents

For those grieving:

- ⇒ Pr Shelley
- ⇒ John, Family Friend of Pr. Dorthy

Other:

For the People of Ukraine;
For places affected by storm, flood, fire, earthquake, and
eruptions; for Grace Council, and Luther House Council,
Growing Young Ministry; for Grace & LH Call Committees



Birthday Blessings!

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

Martina Vega	04/02
Herbert Hansen	04/02
Dick Junge	04/06
Teri Briskey	04/07
Dale Weber	04/08
Hal Dick	04/09
Carol Erickson	04/09
Christina Lundahl	04/10
Hal Brauner	04/11
Betty McCauley	04/11
Jeff Palmgren	04/11
Ellen Gelser	04/12
Millie Babb	04/14
Michael Beachley	04/14
Calla Shaff	04/15

Aaron Davis	04/17
Grayson Foster	04/17
Wendell Hendershott	04/17
Marilyn Walsh	04/18
Terry Renshaw	04/19
Susan Speulda	04/22
Kendra Wollert	04/23
Sharon Rosenkoetter	04/24
Eleanor Harrington	04/25
Angie Kingsley	04/27
Linda Samuels	04/27
Kris Warloe	04/28
Doris Volk	04/29
Todd Washington	04/29

Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

Contact Information

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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,

Like you, the news from the Russian war-invasion of Ukraine has disturbed me. Destruction and death have shattered lives and dreams in a peaceful country, and there seems to be limits on the response from the US and other western nations. My heart breaks, as I believe does yours also. Life in Ukraine will never be the same. Ever.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the US and world, life is not the same. Things have changed. The same can be said of many different places and times due to wars, terrors, natural disasters and other destructive forces that have been visited on God's people in various places.

Death and life live side-by-side. I am reminded of this when looking out the windows of the Pastor's Study at Grace. After the cold and quiet of winter, the crocus and daffodils emerged with a reminder that in spite of the barrenness of winter lies the seeds (bulbs) of spring and hope.

The new life after destruction, war, and death is not the same life as before. It cannot be. So much has happened, has changed. Remember the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Remember that Jesus was different than before the crucifixion. He was both physical and supernatural. Remember that Jesus appeared to his disciples behind closed, locked doors. Remember 40 days later Jesus ascended into heaven. And remember how this affected those who followed Jesus. Their lives were never the same after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Ever.

In the death and resurrection of Jesus lies the seeds of God's promises. Everything has changed for those who follow the Resurrected One. Even amid the griefs of this world, of our lives, the seeds of life and hope spring forth.

In 1986 my pastor died at 46 from mesothelioma. He'd had a significant impact on my faith formation for 20 years. I knew that his death changed a lot of people's lives. I had no inkling of the seeds that lie deep in the soil of my life after that loss. Hope did spring up. And life is not the same.

Eight years later I entered Seminary thinking I would get a Masters degree and do lay ministry in the Church. But a seed of hope tucked in me led to parish ministry.

We are emerging from the pandemic more each day. In those early days of illness and death, of fear and caution, grew the seeds of hope. Silently rooting until the green blades poked through the surface. Vaccines, boosters, research, better treatments for the virus that

has claimed more than 6 million lives worldwide and affected many millions more, are some of the seeds of hope. There will be no return to "normal" as the pandemic has changed everything. Nothing will be the same. Ever.

So what will life be like now, post-pandemic? Be assured, the seeds of life and hope and promise have been sprouting around us. Resurrection is God's response to death, sin, evil. And that changes everything.

Soon it will be Holy Week, the parade from Palm Sunday's telling of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to his last supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, his arrest, and the suffering and death visited on him. It must have seemed like all was lost for those who loved and followed him. Their whole lives changed forever.

Little did they know that three days later God would raise the Son from death to new life. This is the life we are baptized into. New life. Life that emerges from destruction and death. Never to be the same as things were. New life for new living, new mission, to give hope to a broken-hearted world.

One of my favorite Easter hymns is this:

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

We are the seeds of God's hope for this world. Not to return to some idea of what "normal" was. We are the seeds of new life for a new time for the sake of the world.

Who knows what will happen? Let's grow those seeds of hope and promise. Some of the leaders of Grace have had glimpses of what those seeds might be. Let us emerge with new life and hope for a changed world.

Emerging with hope in the Resurrection,

Pr Dorthy+



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—We Need You!

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 - TBA

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

Mary Ann Brenan

Disaster Preparedness Committee

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

Campus Ministry at Luther House

Kristin Young, Interim Outreach Minister

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



Save the Date

May 21, 2022

Disaster Preparedness Seminar

Open to all.

Presenters will be coordinated by
Benton County Emergency Management

A Word from the Call Committee

The Call Committee continues to meet regularly and is excited to announce that the Synod has provided us with our first name(s). As we process the new information, we ask for the church's continued prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide us in our coming decisions.

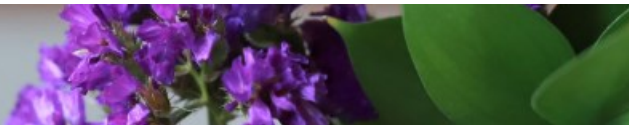
If we feel called to move forward, our next step is to invite them (applying the most current definition of "them" to be as vague as we can) to a virtual interview. After that, the next step would be to invite them to visit. We are excited to make continued progress and thank the congregation for their continued prayers.

Church Clean Up

Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 8:30 am - 12:30pm

Please Join us in cleaning up the church and getting ready for Easter.





Mid Week Lenten Service

In person at Grace Wednesdays at 7pm

April 6

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Holy Week Services

April 10 - Palm Sunday

10 am In person and Live Stream

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

7pm in person

April 15 - Good Friday

7pm In Person



Easter SUNDAY Worship

In Person and Live Stream

8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast

Grace's youth and the GYM Committee will be hosting Easter breakfast between worship services, starting at 9:30am. There will also be an Easter egg scavenger hunt for younger kids (and those young at heart). We will be accepting donations for the Youth Programming Fund, to support both local programming and larger events like the ELCA Youth Gathering in a few years.



Growing Young Ministry



First Sunday of the Month Programming and Potluck

April 3 from 4:30-6:30pm. Bring a dish and join for games, food, and fellowship. If weather permits, we will try to host this outside; if not, we will be in Ronnenkamp Hall.

Summer Day Camp

Grace will be hosting a day camp (VBS), from Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23. Programming will be from 9am-1pm, for youth up to 6th grade (entering this grade in the fall), and is open to the community. If you are interested in helping volunteer with day camp in some way, from helping with registration to providing snacks to anything in between, please let the GYM Committee know! More information about registration and our theme for the week will be available soon!



Easter Sunday Breakfast

Families of middle- and high-schoolers: Kristin will be reaching out to you about helping set up, prep, serve, and clean up from the Easter Breakfast.

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Stay tuned for an update about
a gathering time in April!



March 2022 Council Minutes

March 2022 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 Dave Lundahl stating that you would like the link to attend.

March 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Council-Meeting-Minutes-03-14-22.pdf>

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



President:
Dave Lundahl
Vice President:
Meredith Junge
Secretary:
Nancy Hemming
Treasurer:
Hal Brauner
Financial Secretary:
Mary Stephens
Council Members:
Jeff Beck
Mike Franklin
Marshall Hill-Tanquist
Mary Ann Matzke
Pr. Dorothy Nielsen
Robyn Vega
Carol Warloe
Kendra Wollert
Ted Zhang

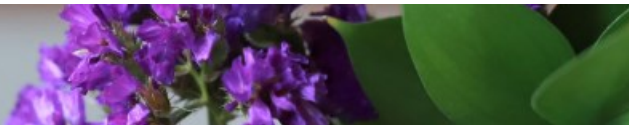
Lutheran World Relief – Personal Care Kits

Grace is teaming up with Lutheran World Relief to collect personal care kits. At this time, we are seeking monetary donations to buy the items and to cover the shipping costs. Donations need to be at Grace no later than Sunday, April 17 and need to be noted they go to LWR – Care Kits. If you need more information, or would like to purchase specific products, please contact Marna Renshaw. A work party to assemble the kits will be held in late April.



Do you have a church key?

We are working on updating our records of those who have keys to the church. If you have a key to the building, please contact the church office letting us know what type of key you have A, B, or C. We do not need the number, just your name and the type of key.



Sunday Readings for April 2022

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14--23:56

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



First Sunday Zoom Communion

Grace Lutheran Church will be offering Zoom communion on the First Sunday of Each month following worship services. Please have your elements ready and join us.

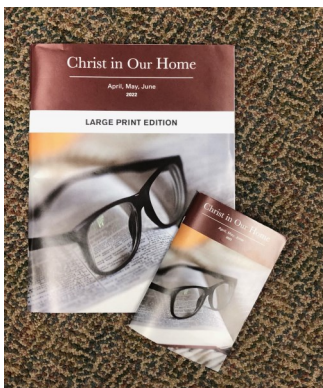
Zoom Link can be found in the worship email and on our website



Thank You Sunghee!!

Grace would like to send a big Thank You to Sunghee Kim for all her time and talents she has given to Grace over the years.

Please mark your calendars, on May 15 (time to be announced) we will be hosting a thank you get together in Ronnenkamp Hall. Please watch for details



Christ in Our Home April, May and June 2022

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

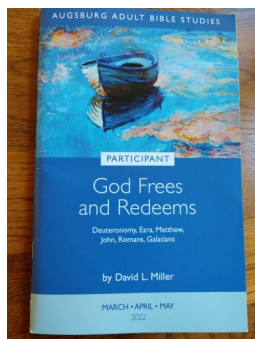


Ladies Luncheon

On the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

April 12 at 11:45
At New Morning Bakery

April 26 at 11:45
Location to be Announced



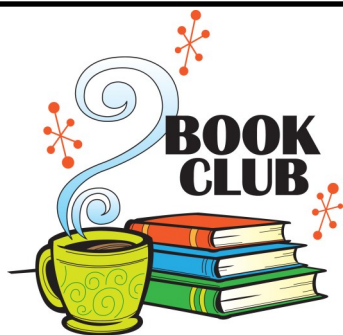
Adult Bible Study

Sundays in the Fireside Room following worship

See Page 12 of the March issue of Grace Gatherings for book information

Please contact Frank and Sue Davis for more information

The adult bible study will not be meeting April 3 and 17



Global Book Club

First Tuesday of each month at 1pm
At Grace in the Fireside Room

Next Meeting:

April 5 – Being Mortal by Atul Gawande.
Discussion led by Sharon Rosenkoetter

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



**Grace
Lutheran
Church
Foundation**

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

March 2022 Newsletter

http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202203_GLCF_newsletter.pdf



Camp Lutherwood is Hiring

Camp Lutherwood is hiring for the following positions.
Please see their website for more information.

Kitchen Manager, Assistant Cook, Kitchen Assistants,
and Summer Staff

Upcoming Dates for Camp

April 29, 2022 - Adult Retreat with Celtic Spirit NW (More info to come)

May 7, 2022 - Spring Work Day

June 4, 2022 - Spring Work Day

October 14-16, 2022- LCMS Youth Fall Retreat

2022 Annual Lutherwood Meeting Minutes By Kendra K. Wollert and Cathy Mueller

- 18 months of reduced staff due to pandemic; '21 COVID free (reported).
- Camp accreditation happening this year.
- '21 summer camp operated at 50% capacity.
- Finished dining hall and A-frame bathroom remodel.
- '21 only a few schools completed outdoor school (day use only); '22 back on schedule and at capacity; Portland Public Schools scheduled 2022.
- Debt free! 730K in capital improvement campaign with 500K toward future retreat center.
- Director Scofield retiring in 2-3 years.
- Working on (partial) inclusivity (physical & emotional), but fully transparent.
- Renewing adult focused retreats.
- Holding a week long summer program for those affected by wildfires.
- Work days on 5/7/22 and 6/4/22.
- Looking for summer staff; must be >18 years old after May.



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Tuesday Grab-n-Go Lunches

We are continuing to offer lunches on Tuesdays from 11:30-1:30; however, for the next few weeks, these will be served in a "grab-and-go" style. Students can take their lunches with them, and if they have time to stay for conversation, we will meet outside.

Created Good at Luther House

Created Good Workshopping at Luther House: Luther House will be offering a time for multimedia creating and discussion on Thursdays, from 5-6:30pm. Come work on your projects, try a new practice, or share about what you love about music, art, the outdoors, writing--whatever feels like art or creation to YOU!

