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Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

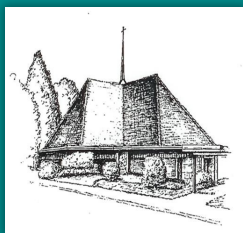
435 NW 21st Street

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 commu-
nity and world manifesting with
caring hearts*

*and helping hands the good news
of the Kingdom of God."*

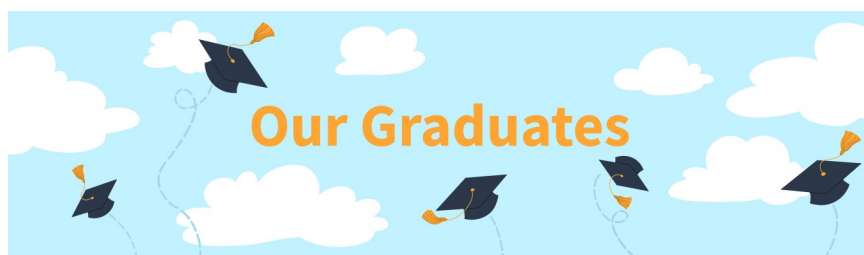
We believe that God loves us without regard for our race or culture, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, life circumstance or socio-economic situation. Therefore, we extend that same grace-filled love to you.

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.



Families of graduating seniors

Graduation is almost here, and we want to commemorate our youth who will be graduating high school! Please send Kristin a photo of your senior with their name and what they plan to do after high school.

Grace will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 5 during worship.





Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen
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prdorthy@grace97330.org

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young
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Kristin@grace97330.org

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Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto
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Custodian - Outside Contractor

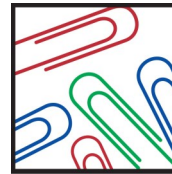
If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

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



Out and About Coffee Hours

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
May 20, 2022**

Contributions for the Month of

April: \$17,707;

April Budget: \$23,500;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$17,707;

Weekly Budget: \$5,875 (4 weeks in Feb.);

YTD contributions: \$114,745;

YTD budget: \$109,875



A Word from the Call Committee

The Grace Call Committee met earlier this week to discuss the interview of the first candidate brought to us by the Synod. We have made the difficult decision to not call this candidate and we are continuing on with the call process. The Grace and Luther House Committee Chairs are meeting with the Pastor Melissa from the Synod next week to discuss our next steps. Please continue to pray for us as we do this important work.



Birthday Blessings!

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

Bill Byers	05/01	Tracy Collier	05/11
Megan Vega	05/01	Joni Beilby	05/12
Derek Gourley	05/02	Jeff Beck	05/14
Karen Smith	05/02	Cooper Castellano	05/15
Reed Vega	05/02	Casey Smith	05/16
Christopher Kamke	05/04	Melissa Smith	05/16
Jana Seeliger	05/04	Ted Zhang	05/18
Jean Grosz	05/05	Marika Stock	05/20
Bill Briskey	05/06	Donna Hansen	05/21
Serena Orwick	05/06	Marie Belle Vega	05/21
Christopher Buckley	05/07	Karen Strand	05/23
Todd Greeley	05/07	Jacob Donner	05/24
Susan Hale	05/07	Marjorie Boster	05/25
Johanna Lundahl	05/07	Ida Stemple	05/25
Chad Washington	05/07	Lincoln White	05/26
Ashley White	05/07	Kiah Gourley	05/27
Benjamin Boysen	05/08	Eila Howe	05/27
Leah Byers	05/09	Wendy Nichols	05/27
MaryAnn Hall	05/09	Sarah Stephens	05/27
Ronly Grindahl	05/10	Brooke Donner	05/30
Lucas Junge	05/10	Julia Donner	05/30
Sarah Brauner	05/11	Debbie Kuehn	05/31

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 God at Grace,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Those are words that surprise us. The reality that they reveal is astounding. Death no longer has the final word when it comes to our lives. God does.

That reality wasn't easily grasped when they were first spoken by the messengers from God that first Easter morning. Jesus, who had been crucified, was raised from death to new life. What good news those words are, even today. Especially today.

As the world emerges from the valley of the shadow of death of the past two years, parts of that valley that are still dark. War, conflict, greed, sickness and death try to hold on to us, hold on to creation, destroying life. Those are not places where God isn't present. Remember the psalmist knows that God walks with us through those valleys to bring us to new life.

Life will not be the same. It cannot be the same. We must change or we miss the new life God is calling forth. New life that surprises us. And maybe even scares or confuses us.

Looking for a return to normalcy rejects the new life God has brought to us. Worship, relationships, meetings, gatherings, everything about being Church, being followers of Jesus is changing because of the new life we have in Christ's resurrection.

Looking for normalcy is like getting to First Grade and deciding you would rather go back to Kindergarten. That is not new life. If we are constantly looking backwards and longing for what was, we not only miss out on seeing the new horizon before us, we also stumble, because you cannot walk forward backwards.

Easter means there is only one way to go... forward, out from our tombs, into the surprising and life-giving Easter without fully knowing "what's next." Here's the reality: transition is the new normal! Transition, change, has been the new normal for longer than you care to admit—pre-pandemic. And this is a good thing.

So what does this mean? (Good Lutheran question! Lol!) What does Easter's message of new life, of new possibilities, of new horizons, mean for us? What's next?

The women at the empty tomb knew the next thing was to tell the other disciples. After a few encounters with the resurrected Christ, the followers of Jesus began to move out of the tombs of their grief, fear, and confusion to tell what God has done.

There was no going back to their normal lives. The resurrection changed everything for them, as it does for us. In the coming weeks of the Easter season we will hear again the stories of the disciples and apostles moving out from Jerusalem into the world with the message of God's love proven on a cross and celebrated in an empty tomb. Amazing stories then, and also now.

In March four people I knew and loved died; three of them unexpectedly. At times the grief has laid me low. Lent's call to repentance reminds me that I need to repent, change my direction and return to God, even with the grief that accompanies me. There in God's presence, with you dear siblings in Christ, the hope of new life comes, quietly, surprisingly, faithfully calling me from my tomb into the light of God's grace.

What's next? Your response to the resurrection. What will it be? What is the new horizon God is showing us as we emerge from our tombs? The possibilities are endless, like God's grace. Without looking back and longing for what we thought was life before, we look forward to new life that comes in engaging with our neighbors and the world.

New life happens when we let go of what was. New life happens when we build new relationships. New life springs forth when we work for justice for the down and out. New life comes when we begin to see the kingdom of God around us. How will we let new life surprise us? How will we welcome resurrection in our transitions? By trusting God's grace is already ours, because it is. And then be bold.

Easter greetings,

Pastor Dorthy+



A Word from Grace's Committees

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

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Bob Keith, 541.990.2883

Sunday Hospitality

TBA—We Need You!

Events Hospitality

Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

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Kristin Young, 541.757.1600

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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 Brennan

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



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*

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

Prayers:

Lew

Milt

Ted

Jeri

Butch and Sara

Linda & Tim

Tom

Skyler

Bern

Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia and Shawn

Bev

Bonnie

Darold & Lorna

Meghan

Olivia

Mick

Anne

Denise

A family in crisis

Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents

For those grieving:

Pr Shelley

John Dummmler, friend of Pr D+

John Smythe, friend of Pr D+

John, friend of Andrea's friend Sara

Jim Withrow

Other Concerns:

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



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 join us on Sunday, May 22 at 2pm in the Sanctuary for a concert featuring Sunghee. After the concert, we will move into Ronnenkamp Hall for a celebration.



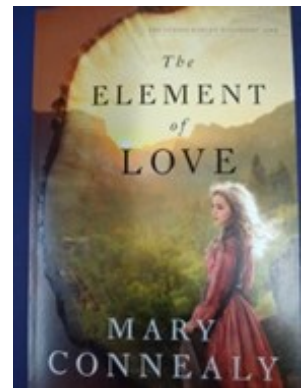
Blood Drive—Friday, May 27, 2022

Grace will be hosting its next blood drive on Friday, May 27, 2022. This blood drive will take place in the church parking lot in the van.

For more information or to find out how you can donate, please contact Marna Renshaw.

The Mid-Willamette Chapter of the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries (PNACL) held its last quarterly meeting in March. We have been holding our meetings via Zoom since 2020 and one unexpected advantage of having to do this has been having authors visit with us from all over the country.

Our most recent visitor was Mary Connealy who joined us from eastern Nebraska. Mary is the bestselling author of over 70 books and novellas and has nearly a million books in print. Her most recent book series are *The Lumber Baron's Daughters* (first book is *The Element of Love*), *Brothers in Arms*, *High Sierra Sweethearts*, *Cimarron Legacy*, *Wild at Heart*, *Trouble in Texas*, and *Kincaid Brides*. She is known for writing romantic comedies with cowboys and is celebrated for taking her readers on a fun, action-packed adventure.



She likes to link some of the characters from different series together which can get a little complicated at times to make sure the details work out correctly. She also enjoys researching historical places and events to include in her stories. It has been amazing to learn of the investigation most fiction writers do to make their stories believable and educational as well as entertaining.

As always, let us know if there is anything the Grace Library can do to help you keep reading.

---Linda Samuels, Jody Parker and the Grace Library group



Growing Young Ministry



First Sunday of the Month Programming and Potluck

Our first Sunday of the month potluck will be held May 1, from 4:30-6:30pm, outside if weather permits, or in Ronnenkamp Hall if not. Bring your friends, a dish to share, and feel free to bring board and card games!

Summer Day Camp

Grace will be hosting a summer day camp from June 20-23, 9am-1pm, for youth grades K-6. The theme this summer is "Secret Service," and the theme verse comes from 1 John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Registration forms will be available online and at the office at Grace; there is also a \$10 registration fee per child. If you have questions, or are able to help organize or volunteer, please let Kristin or Shelly know!



Created Good

Our next Created Good gathering will be May 22, time TBA! Stay tuned for more details.

Julia Rankin (a Luther House student) will be present to share about her passion for theology and social justice, and to gather interest for future conversations between students and Grace members. If you are interested in connecting with our local college students, you won't want to miss this!

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April 2022 Council Minutes

April 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.

April 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Council-Meeting-Minutes-04-11-22-00000002.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. Dorthy Nielsen
Robyn Vega
Carol Warloe
Kendra Wollert
Ted Zhang

Lutheran World Relief – Personal Care Kits

Thank you to everybody who assisted with grace in gathering items for the Lutheran World Relief Care Kits. We could not do this without everybody.

A Work Party will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30pm to put together the care kits.

Please contact Marna Renshaw for more information



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 May 2022

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

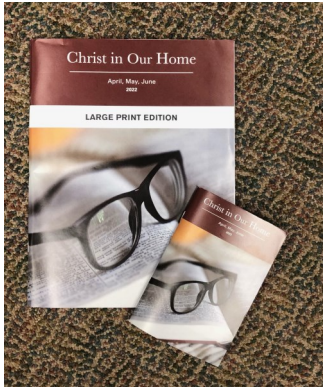


First Sunday Zoom Communion

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

Please Welcome OSU Student Caden Buck who is working in
our sound booth.



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.

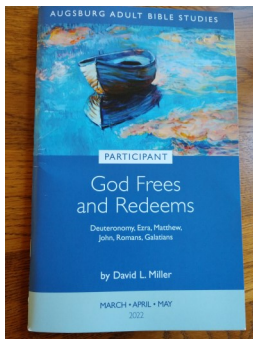


Ladies Luncheon

On the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

May 10 at 11:45
At New Morning Bakery

May 24 at 11:45
Location to be Announced

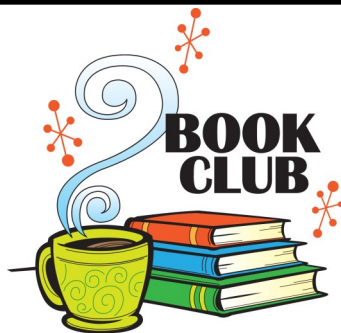


Adult Bible Study

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



Global Book Club

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

Next Meeting:

May 3 – Running Away to Home
by Jennifer Wilson.
Discussion led by Carol Erickson

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



Lifeguards wanted: Summer 2022

Shine your sunglasses and ready the sunscreen: Camp Lutherwood Oregon is hiring lifeguards to oversee safety at the pool this summer! Responsibilities also include cleaning and maintaining the pool, as well as assisting with dish crew, camp activities and cleaning. Summer staffers receive a stipend, plus room and board for the duration of summer programs (June 14-August 12). Must be 18 or older and hold a current lifeguard certificate.

Contact jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org with any questions.

Work Days: May 7 & June 4 from 10am to 3pm

Bring your youth group, book club, family or neighbors to Camp Lutherwood Oregon for a Saturday of hands-on service projects this spring to get the site summer-ready!

May 7 & June 4 from 10am to 3pm
Lunch is provided.

Contact the camp office at 541-998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org to RSVP!

Let us know today if you can make it!

Summer's just around the corner!

Flowers are blooming, the days are getting longer, and it's time to register for summer camp! Two nights, four nights or five? Take your pick! High adventure, deep faith, and lifelong memories await at Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Campers take a step inside God's story and discover they belong, exploring questions about creation, community, and calling through the story of Jesus. Find the right program for your campers with options for grades 3 to 12, plus adult and family retreats.

Find your camp and register today!

Apply now!



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!



Church Clean Up

April 2, 2022

