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Grace GATHERINGS

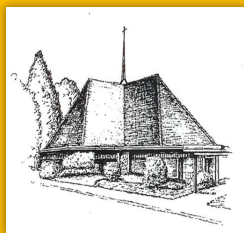


Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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.



Church Picnic and Volunteer Recognition

Sunday, June 12, 2022
Starting at 12:30pm

Avery Park Fire Side Shelter
(upper level of the park)

Bring your favorite dish to share. Drinks and some grilled items will be provided.

Program recognizing volunteers serving in mission and service through the Grace Lutheran Church community.

Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen
541-377-1354

prdorothy@grace97330.org

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young
406-417-1720

Kristin@grace97330.org

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst
office@grace97330.org

Office Assistant - Jody Parker
jody@grace97330.org

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

Percussion - Kelsey Bleck

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto
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

Custodian - Outside Contractor

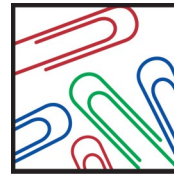
If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

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

May: \$18,867;

May Budget: \$28,000;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$18,867;

Weekly Budget: \$5,600 (5 weeks in May);

YTD contributions: \$135,316;

YTD budget: \$132,500

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:

Hal B
Milt
Ted
Jeri
Butch and Sara
Linda & Tim
Bern
Tom
Skyler
Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia
and Shawn
Meghan
Olivia
Families in crisis
Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents
Denise, Andrea's friend
Berni and Doreon

Halley, family of Dan and Molly
Lew
Chrissy, friend of Linda S.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

On the birth of Aria, born to Todd and Brnady

For those grieving:

John, friend of Andrea's friend
Sara
Jim Withrow (former member)
Mick, friend of Nancy and Jim

Other Concerns:

For families of those who died in mass shootings in Buffalo, Laguna Hills, Milwaukee and other places; for the People of Ukraine; the fears and anxiety of the continuing pandemic; for the houseless and hungry;



Birthday Blessings!

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

Glenn Chaffin
Sally Winkler
Mary Benson-Willett
Mikaila Saathoff
Hannah Shaff
Kyle Smith
Cynara Stadsvold
Mary Ann Matzke
Robin Comforto
Tony Smith
Frank Davis
Cecile Palmgren

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Iona Trapp
Wilson Schroeder
Jeff Lesmeister
Donna King
Pr. Dorthy Nielsen
Bali
Denise Cardinali
Jan Byers
Bekki Levien
Larry Rosenkoetter
Peter Gelser

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06/24
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06/30

Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

Contact Information

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Email:

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,

Synod Assembly was good. To be able to see familiar and new faces was a blessing after a three-year postponement. The theme was "Ruah: Trusting in the Spirit Jesus Promises." There were three guests: Keynote speaker, Dr Susan Abraham, Professor of Theology and Postcolonial Cultures, VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley CA; ELCA Rep Judith Roberts, who is Senior Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Parliamentarian, David Swartling, JD, former Secretary of the ELCA.

Here's a brief overview of the Resolutions voted on: Anti-Racism Resources for congregation engagement; Inclusive Call Processes; Lift Every Voice Oregon's (interfaith coalition) support of IP 17 to ban large capacity weapons magazines over 10, require permit/training, background checks, and support of IP 18 which would ban manufacturing and sale of semi-automatic assault style weapons and allowing current owners to register for restricted use only (IP 17 & IP 18 will be on the November ballot); and, the Resolution to hold in-person Assemblies in Oregon every three years for cost-effectiveness, meeting by Zoom in between. The Memorials, which go to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2022, cover: reparations and land return to tribes where feasible; and on calling the US to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

To be considering a resolution on gun control and semi-automatic weapons at the same time three violent mass shootings occurred reinforced the need for this conversation. If you want to know more about these actions at Synod Assembly you can connect with Dave and Shelly Lundahl, Jaya Lapham, Mike and Elaine Franklin, or me.

The Bishop's report included a document called "*7 Marks of Christian Congregational Vitality*."

Energy and skills for discerning collective vocation or mission

A culture of authenticity, trust and capacity for hard conversations

Strategic collective risk-taking and a culture of experiments and mistakes for the sake of learning

Room for new voices and active engagement of

guests, friends and young adults
Blurred lines between members of neighbors and many mutual connections with the larger world
Many leaders, many decision tables and many natural avenues for new leadership development
Spirit-filled worship in which ritual shapes life and life in return shapes ritual

There is an accompanying assessment tool for use. What I can tell you, and you can discern as you read these, is that Grace bears many of these marks of vitality. Each of the seven marks is evident at Grace, but needs continued, deliberate work. We can pat ourselves on the back, but the reality is that, as I have called you "weird," Grace needs to keep pushing forward in listening, engaging, understanding, and loving for the sake of the whole creation God loves.

At Synod Assembly the discussion around the gun control initiatives got pretty heated. Some even mentioned "separation of Church and State" being at issue. I beg to differ. The Establishment Clause is meant to keep the State out of the Church's business. However, it is incumbent on the Christian to engage in the affairs of the State and the community for the common good. That is called politics. We are called to engage in conversations and works of love as the Body of Christ in the world. The prophetic work of God's will in this world is political because it challenges the Empire's agenda. Jesus calls for our authentic selves to take risks, to explore new ways of being Church, to wrestle with issues relevant to our days and needs, to listen to each other for understanding, and being open to Ruah, the Spirit of God blowing among and in us.

You are weird enough, Grace, to continue to spread your wings so that Ruah can push you to new places and spaces. That is the hard work of following Jesus, being the Body of Christ.

The Spirit of Christ is with you all!

Pastor 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 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

THE FIFTH DAY

"And God said 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth'... (and) 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds...' And God saw that it was good."

The exhibit in Ronnenkamp is a celebration of the animals of God's creation. The twenty-five images present a broad view of the birds and mammals of North America. As you examine the photographs, you will be awed by the majesty of the fifth day of our Creator's work. The colors, the patterns, and the textures provide insight into the Master's majestic work.

Thanks be to God!

Larry & Sharon Rosenkoetter



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Thank you everybody who assisted us in providing Person Care Kits. We were able to create over 140 Personal Care Kits.

Thank you Marna Renshaw for organizing this and thank you to all who helped with the work party.



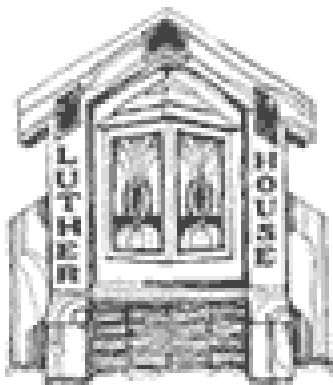
First Sunday of the Month Potluck

June's potluck will be on June 5, from 4:30-6pm. Our goal is to have an outdoor BBQ in the parking lot (weather permitting), so bring your favorite barbeque sides, outdoor games, and as always, friends!

Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, June 5, we will be recognizing our high school and college graduates during worship. Growing Young Ministries will also be hosting a small reception outside in the breezeway after the service. Let's celebrate this accomplishment by our young people, and reaffirm our commitment to walk with them as they take their next steps.

To see more about our Graduates click the link below
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Graduates-Insert.pdf>



Luther House Campus Ministry

Please watch for Summer Connections and Activities



Growing Young Ministry

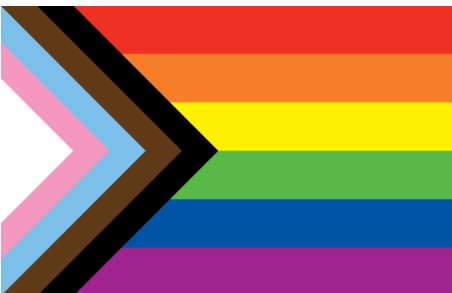


Summer Hikes

Kristin and the GYM team will be leading weekly hikes on Sundays at 1:30pm (day and time may be subject to change throughout the season). These hikes will be local, with the goal of building routine and strength for an overnight hiking/camping with our middle and high school students in August. All are welcome, and students and families especially encouraged to join!

Summer Day Camp

Grace is hosting a summer day camp, Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23. Our theme is "Secret Service," and our 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 are available online on the website, and paper forms can be provided if needed. This day camp is for youth who will be entering grades 1-6 in the fall; older youth and adults are welcome to volunteer as helpers. If you have questions, contact Shelly Lundahl or Kristin Young.



PRIDE Event

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, and Kristin and members of the GYM team are inviting Grace and Luther House to join them in attending Albany PRIDE on June 25, from 10am-1pm. The event takes place outside at Linn County Circuit Court, and includes speakers, tabling from local organizations, and a march. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and show support for our LGBTQ+ siblings. If you have questions, let Kristin know!

May 2022 Council Minutes

May 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.

May 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Council-Meeting-Minutes-05-09-22-00000002.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

A word from the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to share three things with you:

1. GIVING THRU THE PANDEMIC. Pat yourselves on the back. With all of the difficulties and hardships of the last few years, your giving remains strong and covered all of our church's needs.
2. GIVING THE 21st CENTURY WAY. More and more of you are getting away from writing checks or dropping cash in the collection basket and have set up to make your gifts online – over a 20% increase in the first quarter versus the previous quarter.
3. GOING ON VACATION – GRACE DOESN'T. While thoughts at this time of year tend to start drifting to lakes, mountains and other vacation destinations, the ministry at Grace proceeds uninterrupted for twelve months a year. So spare a thought for continued regular giving to Grace as usual.

Thank you for your continued support.

*"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness."
Psalm 115:1*

Mary Ann Brenan, Stewardship Committee Chair

Sunday Readings for June 2022

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

June 19, 2022

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 12, 2022

Holy Trinity Sunday

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



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

Spam Alerts

Grace staff members continue to be made aware of Spam emails being sent out from individuals saying they are us. These emails typically are requesting an email back for some assistance.

Before responding to these generic emails, please make sure that email address is a Grace email address. Majority of these emails are not coming from a Grace email address but a generic email address.

If you ever question an email, please contact the church office via phone or email before responding to an email.

Wisdom Seekers

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, May 19th - "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Written in 1943, the story focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Brooklyn during the first two decades of the 20th century. The daily experiences of the family are described as "overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting." It is a PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick.

The book group meets every Thursday at noon on Zoom and enjoys lively discussions, reading a few chapters each week. If you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation, please contact Mark Klopsch at klopschm@comcast.net.

Sunday Adult bible Study—June—August 2022 Partners in a New Creation

The Adult bible Study meets on Sundays following worship in the Library. Please contact Frank and Sue Davis for more information or to get connected with the Adult Bible Study Group.

Our Study

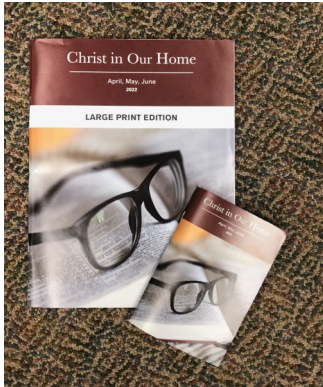
When we study the Bible's visions of new creation, we are entering the realm of prophetic imagination, picturing God's dream for our world, God's vision for the earth and for our lives. We are partners in this vision for new creation. We can only imagine what God's new creation is like. These thirteen sessions invite partnership in scriptural imagination.



A sermon by Bishop Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church USA, invites us to "imagine" our world and our role as people who work in partnership with God's new creation ("Imagine: God's Earth and People Restored," 2021 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Worship, <https://tinyurl.com/47jt8r5f>):

Our Writer

Barbara Rossing teaches New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she also directs the seminary's Environmental Ministry emphasis. She loves hiking and skiing in the Cascade Mountains of Washington and serving on the board of directors of Lutherans Restoring Creation, www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org.



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.

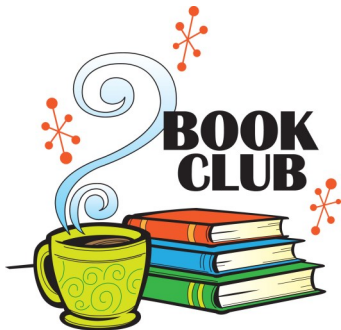


Ladies Luncheon

On the Second
and Fourth
Tuesday of
each month

June 14 at 11:45
At New Morning Bakery

June 28 at 11:45
Location to be Announced



Global Book Club

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

Next Meeting:

June 7 – The Cat I Never Named by Amra
Sabic-El-Rayess.
Discussion led by Ardis Koester

New Complete book List for 2022-2023:
<https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>



Grace Lutheran Church Foundation

Foundation News Website:
[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/
news/newsletter.html](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html)

March 2022 Newsletter

[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/
news/202203_GLCF_newsletter.pdf](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202203_GLCF_newsletter.pdf)



Register

- **Family Camp** comes in two flavors this summer: two-night or four-night! Select the option that best fits your family, and plan on memory-making fun for kids and adults. Learn more at lutherwoodoregon.org/camp.
- **Women's Retreat** features Kathleen Kerr from Eugene for a wonderful weekend of rest, relaxation and learning together.
- **Youth and teen overnight programs** run June 26 to August 11, with faith formation and friendship-building activities for campers from 3rd to 12th grade. Find the right one for your campers at lutherwoodoregon.org/camp! Camperships and tiered pricing are still available.

Volunteer

- **Spring Work Days are June 4!** 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! Work Days run from 10am to 3pm, and lunch is provided. Contact the camp office at 541-998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org to RSVP!

Camp Lutherwood Summer Staff Commissioning on Wednesday, June 22nd

From 4:30 to 8 pm on Wed, June 22 the Summer Staff at Camp Lutherwood will be commissioned and blessed by a bunch of pastors and whoever else would like to participate. There will be tours, BBQ and the commissioning. In the past this has happened at a church. This year it will be at Camp Lutherwood.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please RSVP by Sunday, June 12th to Pr Dorthy+ at prdorthy@grace97330.org. Carpooling would be a good idea (with masks) so that we can arrive as a group, save on fuel, etc.



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Office and Hospitality Coordinator:

Luther House Campus Ministry in Corvallis is seeking a part time Office and Hospitality Coordinator. This is a flexible and varied job. Duties range from processing donations to preparing meals. The House Coordinator is responsible for creating warm and welcome environment for students, staff and other visitors. For a full position description, contact Luther House. For full consideration, please submit cover letter and resume by May 31 to Joy Jorgensen at joyous_10@msn.com. Position will remain open until filled.