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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.

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out and participated in our summer day camp! We had ____ campers attend as we learned about sharing God's love through service to one another.





Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen
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prdorthy@grace9330.org

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

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Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar
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Percussion - Kelsey Bleck

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto
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Financial Secretary: Mary Stephens

Facebook Administrator - Rebekah Hadlock

Nursery - No Nursery at this time

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens
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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

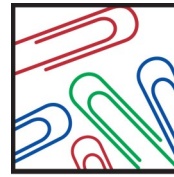


Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for coffee and catch-up on July 7 and July 28, from 11:30-1 at Allan Bros Coffee.

Please Note:

Kristin will be out of the office from July 10-24.



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 June 24, 2022

Contributions for the Month of

June: \$20,865;

June Budget: \$26,000;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$20,865;

Weekly Budget: \$5,600 (4 weeks in June);

YTD contributions: \$163,962;

YTD budget: \$163,200



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
Ted
Linda & Tim
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
Christy, friend of Linda S.
Josephine, Jody's mom

Prayers of Thanksgiving

On the birth of Aria, born to Todd and Brandy

For those grieving:

John, friend of Andrea's friend
Sara
Jim Withrow (former member)
Mick, friend of Nancy and Jim
Laury "Butch", friend of Andrea
Lew Nelson
Milt Larson
Jeri Dexhiemer

Other Concerns:

For an end to violence against each other; 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 incorrect-
ly, or if we have omitted someone in error.*

Tina Risen	07/02
Sandie Williams	07/04
Ron Anderson	07/05
Jody Parker	07/05
Anne Howard-Orwick	07/05
Natalie Cardinali	07/07
Dayle Christensen	07/08
Rebekah Hadlock	07/10
Pat Corkill	07/13
Anthony Cardinali	07/14
Marna Renshaw	07/15
Marshall Hill-Tanquist	07/17
Keith Levien	07/17

Erika Lundahl	07/20
Tim Stock	07/20
Nicole Gelser	07/21
Carole Boersma	07/22
Kristin Young	07/23
Mary Stephens	07/24
Abigail Foster	07/25
Dana Howe	07/29
Dean Aulerich	07/31
Edward Hall	07/31
Jose Vega	07/31

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,

Each season has a beauty of its own: winter's resting time, with secret growth below the surface; spring flowering with the pollination of hope in fruit to come; the production of summer that sustains and enlivens; and fall's lessons in letting go.

Gardening through the seasons is a time of learning for me. Understanding the pH of the soil, identifying the weeds to be pulled out, and figuring out what to plant so that I can have a colorful garden most of the year are some of the things I enjoy about gardening. Also, and especially about pinching and pruning.

Petunias hold a special place in my heart and garden. Herb, a member of my first call, was my "gardening angel" bringing tomatoes and petunias to plant as soon as it was safe from frost. Herb taught me to pinch back or trim the petunias and water them every day with fertilizer. Then, he said, there will be flowers in two weeks and the plant will be bigger and fuller, not leggy. Sure enough, my plants were robust with that kind of attention. I kept that up all summer long.

Recently I heard about companion planting in your garden. That there are some plants that help each other in growing and producing, whereas other pairings have the opposite effect. This was news to me. And fascinating.

Potatoes thrive with corn, beans, peas, sage, and cabbage, but not tomato, squash, cukes, or raspberries. Lettuce thrives with radish, carrot, dill, and strawberries, but not beans, parsley or beets.

So it is with our relationships as well as our faith. It is good to be near those who help you thrive, even in the winter times of life. Tending your faith takes knowing and learning about what you need to grow. Faith is not a static thing. To quote Luther: "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a [person] could stake [their] life on it a thousand times."

Faith is alive. Faith is like gardening. What and where you plant and how you tend it means faith grows, or rests, or flowers, or produces or lets go, depending on the season. Faith needs tending, fertilizing, watering, and sunshine. There are a multitude of ways to tend to faith, and some are suited to introverts, others to extroverts. Music, prayer, scripture reading, devotional reading, acts of service/love, worship, and friendship, travel, gardening, a walk in the woods or by the seashore, fishing—the list is endless.

Certainly this transition season in Grace Lutheran's life has been challenging. It has also been blossoming with possibility and the hope of fruitfulness in new opportunities. As with seasons, transitions have their resting time with growth beneath the surface as well as the flowering and fruit. Remember the season of letting go is also a very important part of the faith and life of Grace. Transitions are exciting and scary. Always, the Master Gardener is at work with us in the sowing, tilling and tending.

"What is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

Keep gardening your faith. Even when the transition is over, the transition is not over. Change/transition is the new norm. Let's work it together. In Christ,

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 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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY OPENING

Mary Stephens has served in this position and will be retiring at the end of this year. This is a volunteer position and the primary qualifications are confidentiality and Excel computer skills. Please contact Mary Ann Brennan for a complete job description.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

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.

A word from the Call Committee

The joint Grace Lutheran Church and Luther House call committees are currently reviewing new name(s) for the open positions. We anticipate discussing them soon and scheduling any interview(s) as soon as possible. We appreciate the continued prayers and patience from the congregation as we move forward. We ask you to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in all that we do.



First Sunday of the Month Potluck

July 3 Potluck: GYM will be hosting a potluck RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP on Sunday, July 3. Join us for this 4th of July commemoration--bring a side dish, yard games, and invite your friends. We will be outside (weather permitting).

Summer Hikes

Sunday hikes will continue in July, starting at 1:30pm. Members of the Growing Young Ministries committee will be leading at a new location each week. All are welcome to this time of fellowship and exploring God's creation. Hike locations will be announced by the respective leader a week in advance. (No hike on July 3--come to the potluck instead!)



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Luther House Campus Ministry

Please watch for Summer Connections and Activities

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.



Pray for Camp Lutherwood's staff as they finish their training and prepare for campers to arrive. Pray for the campers that they would come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus through friendships, camp activities, and the staff. For more information about what is going on at Camp Lutherwood this summer go to their website <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/> Exciting things are happening at our camp!

Women's Retreat—July 29—31, 2022





June 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.

June 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Council-Meeting-Minutes-06-13-22-00000002.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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in the Parking Lot at Grace

Please contact the American Red Cross or Marna Renshaw for more information

Stone Soup of Corvallis needs our help

The Stone Soup program in Corvallis, which provides a free, hot meal daily to anyone in need, urgently needs additional volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up after meals. Volunteers work with experienced kitchen managers at each meal site -- St. Mary's Catholic Church and First Christian Church. Work shifts are available to fit almost any volunteer's schedule and preferences. Preferably, volunteers will commit to at least one shift per week for an extended period of time, such as months. Volunteers age 65 and older are again welcome, as Covid restrictions ease, also youth age 17 and older (or age 14-16 if working with a parent or responsible adult). All volunteers must be fully vaccinated, boosted, and able to work while masked. For more information, please visit stonesoupcorvallis.org or write stonesouphelp@gmail.com



Sunday Readings for July 2022

July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24, 2022

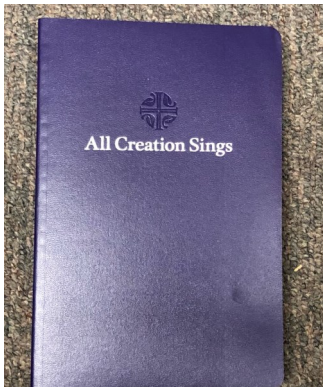
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



New All Creation Sings Hymnals



This hymnal is provided through a special gift from a sibling in Christ to enrich our worship

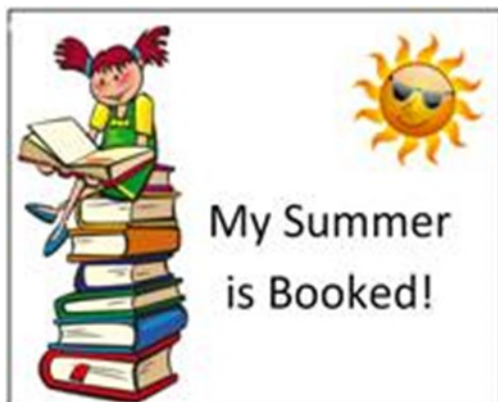
Lutheran Prayer Books

Lutheran Prayer books are available in the church entry and from the church office





Grace Church Library has a summer book list for your reading enjoyment.



To start with, the new book of National Parks Novels is ***When Stone Wings Fly, A Smokey Mountains Novel*** by Karen Barnett. Kieran Lucas's grandmother is slipping into dementia, and, when her memory is gone, Kieran's last tie to the family she barely knows will be lost forever. Worse, Granny Mac is being tormented by flashbacks of her mother's death and the loss of their home. In 1931, Rosie McCauley's Smoky Mountains home is threatened by the Tennessee Great Smokies Park Commission as they create a new national park. Rosie and her disabled sister must find a solution. Ornithologist Benton Fuller arrives to conduct a bird survey when their friendship broadens with a rift coming between her and the other mountain folk who are suspicious of any government connections. Then the discovery of an illegal still in the woods near her cabin leads to a violent clash

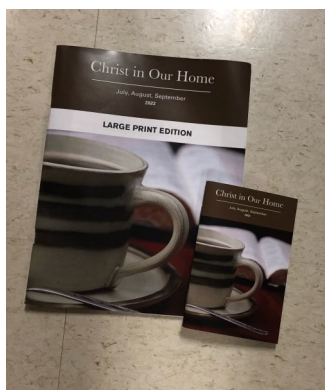
between sides that could destroy them all. Eighty-five years later,

Kieran heads back to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to find answers to her great-grandmother's mysterious death and bring peace to Granny Mac before it's too late.

Ever Faithful also a National Parks novel, by Karen Barnett, celebrates the history of one of our oldest National Parks, Yellowstone Park. With the right touch of romance and mystery, Barnett's experience as a park ranger and her research makes this novel a good summer read.

The Curator's Daughter by Melanie Dobson, is her latest signature slip-time novels. A young girl kidnapped on the eve of World War II, changes the lives of a German archaeologist forced into the Nazi Party and decades later – a researcher trying to overcome her own trauma.

The Bartered Bride; The Marriage Masquerade; The Engineered Engagement are a series of three short novellas and delightful historical, mystery reads by Erica Vetsch. These are the stories of three young men, grandsons of Abraham Kennebrae, owner of Kennebrae Shipping who has decided to marry off his three reluctant grandsons. His youngest, in *The Bartered Bride*, is furious when his grandfather informs him that his future has been decided. In *The Marriage Masquerade*, Captain Noah Kennebrae can no longer deal with the shame and guilt from the wreck of his ship, but neither Nick or Annie considered that God's hand might be at work in their lives. In *The Engineered Engagement*, Grandfather made the promise and grandson, Eli Kennebrae, is expected to carry it out.



Christ in Our Home

July, August, and September 2022

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



Ladies Luncheon

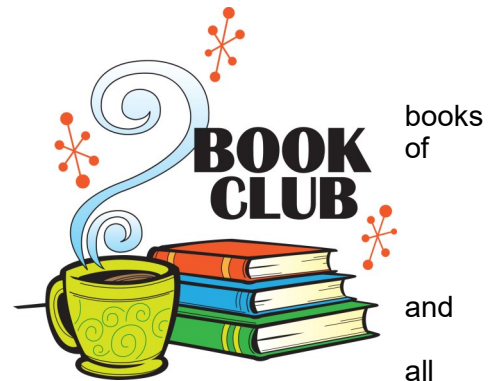
On the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

July 12 at 11:45
At Old World Deli

July 26 at 11:45
At Common Fields

Global Book Club

The Globaliers Book Group aims to read and discuss that pertain to international topics or sociological issues interest to Americans. The books are chosen by the group, the month of the discussion and the discussion leader are determined in the spring for the following school year. We welcome all persons, enjoy the participation of attendees, honor diversity of opinion, seek to understand our world and the positions of provocative authors. Join us for the discussion of any or books of interest to you.



We meet on the first Tuesday of each month during the school year from September through June. Meetings are at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room at Grace Lutheran Church.

To give everyone a head start on the coming year, we are reading and discussing The 1619 Project during September and October.

For a complete list of books for the coming year, contact the church office, Sharon Rosenkoetter, or Ardis Koester. A complete list can also be found in the church entry and at this link <https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>



**Adult bible Study
June-August**

**Partners in a New
Creation**

In Person Bible Study will return in
September 2022

Please contact Frank and Sue Davis for
more information or to receive digital study
material



**Grace
Lutheran
Church
Foundation**

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

March 2022 Newsletter

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