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Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

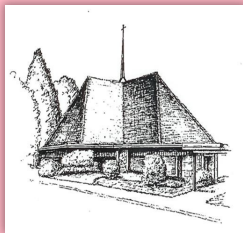
435 NW 21st Street

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."*



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Our goal is 50 back packs for Garfield due to the church by August 21, 2022.

See Page 8 for more information

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or denise.cardinali@yahoo.com

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.



Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen

541-377-1354

prdorthy@grace9330.org

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young

406-417-1720

Kristin@grace97330.org

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst

office@grace97330.org

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jody@grace97330.org

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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

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

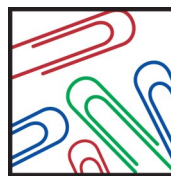


Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for 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



Giving at a Glance

Support the many ministries of
Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of
July 19, 2022

Contributions for the Month of
July: \$17,323;

July Budget: \$21,000;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$17,323;

Weekly Budget: \$5,250 (4 weeks in June);

YTD contributions: \$181,642;

YTD budget: \$185,450



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:

Ted
Linda & Tim
Tom
Skyler
Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia
and Shawn
Berni and Doreon
Halley, family of Dan and Molly
Christy, friend of Linda S.
Josephine, Jody's mom
Michael, Becky's family friend
Pam, Jim's daughter
John, Mary Ann's husband
Doris
Marilyn
Pr. Jane

Families in crisis
Teens struggling w/
depression & their parents

For those grieving:

Lew Nelson
Milt Larson
Pr. Dave Baker
Ruth Hendershott

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;
those who are fighting wildfires and for relief workers;



Birthday Blessings!

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

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|-------------------|-------|
| James Leklem | 08/01 |
| Charles Vars | 08/05 |
| Judy Grindahl | 08/06 |
| Wayne Kradjan | 08/08 |
| Kimberly Daeschel | 08/11 |
| Shirley Loe | 08/11 |
| Archer Schroeder | 08/12 |
| Anne Pettingill | 08/13 |
| Bruce Stephens | 08/14 |
| Laura Davis | 08/17 |
| Judith Quam | 08/17 |
| Nathaniel Olsen | 08/18 |
| Larry Burt | 08/19 |

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|-------------------|-------|
| Wendy Geist | 08/20 |
| Oliver White | 08/20 |
| Silas Hadlock | 08/21 |
| Linda Noland | 08/22 |
| Ken Kingsley | 08/22 |
| Joel Howe | 08/23 |
| Noah Geist | 08/24 |
| Charles Meslow | 08/25 |
| Liam Pettingill | 08/25 |
| Gerald Erickson | 08/26 |
| Whitney Lindquist | 08/26 |
| Neil Christensen | 08/31 |



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,

Weariness and discouraged...those are words or sentiments that I have been hearing and sensing. Weariness and/or discouragement has been hitting us all at some point in recent months. What do we do about this? Let's address it...

Merriam-Webster defines weariness as being exhausted in strength, endurance, vigor, or freshness; having patience, tolerance, or pleasure exhausted or drained.

Weariness, or fatigue, has to do with or strength being spent, our energies at work over a long period of time. Discouragement is our read of what has been going on around us; a loss of confidence or enthusiasm.

For 28 months we have worked hard at being cautious about our health and safety. The abrupt cessation of worship and meetings, along with work, shopping, and other public engagements took its toll. We have emerged, still practicing caution and hand hygiene, along with some mask wearing.

At this time Benton County is flagged red for a high number of cases of Covid19. New variants are super contagious. Symptoms showed up for me on Father's Day and I spent 5 days from ok to miserable but still functioning. And missed you for two Sundays. Some of you have gotten it too and fared well.

The discouragement and weariness of this season of pandemic has dragged me down a bit.

Grace's leaders have done their best to be informed as well as cautious, as they make decisions and take care of things. They have worked hard amid the challenges that have needed to be addressed. And they have been visioning new things for Grace. I am thankful for their faithfulness to the tasks of being Grace.

We are tired. All of us. Grace's transition has been longer than anticipated. That has been a bit discouraging. Know that we are not alone in this. Many churches in transition are struggling with the realities that have shifted due to the pandemic. With weakened economies, stretched resources, and uncertainty about the days ahead, it is easy to let the weariness and the discouragement grip us.

Colleagues have shared their highs and lows in their ministry sites:

- ◇ Lots of shifts, leaving room for openness and agitated, creative chaos.
- ◇ Grief [for the loss of what was]
- ◇ People needing a sense of community
- ◇ Anxiety about the future of the church
- ◇ Feeling burnt out [from doing too much]
- ◇ Learning how to wait until discerning the Spirit's leading
- ◇ Beginning to break ground on new way of being church

One colleague wrote about the shifts from what was, the grief and weariness and discouragement, which will yield to a new thing emerging. This is hope. The wrestling with the weariness and discouragement and the sighs, "How long, O Lord?" will be answered by our faithful God.

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:28-31

What refreshes you? What gives you hope? For me, to be together for worship refreshes my soul. Prayer, singing, hearing God's promise to be with us, no matter what comes, these refresh my soul.

What energizes me? Hearing your hopes and vision of the horizon God is calling Grace. We can hear these things when we listen to each other, encourage one another in these trying days that seem endless.

Let us inspire one another, notice where God is showing up, calling to us, leading us and grab hold of the hope to which we have been called as God's children. Let's see what emerges from our hope in Christ Jesus. I can promise you, it is life-giving.

Watching and waiting with you,

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



Name Tags

Wear your name tag! Please! Let's renew the habit of wearing name tags on Sundays. That way, when the new pastor arrives, we will already be back to wearing them making it easier to connect many names and faces. They are still on the big stand in the narthex. Look for yours and if you need a new one, write your name on the clipboard or email Andrea at office@grace97330.org and she will get them made for you.



Address Changes



Please contact the church office for updated contact information for the following members



Kathryn Honey
Doris Peters
Betty McCaulley



If you have had a change in your contact information, please contact Andrea in the church office with your updated information.





Have you planned your memorial service yet?

Planning your service can be a gift for your family and friends. Grace has some of your plans on file, and will be digitally loading those into our secure server for easy access when the time comes. If you have planned your service, check with Pr Dorothy to see if Grace has a copy. If you need to do this, now is the time. The worksheet comes with lots of suggestions for Bible readings and songs, if you need inspiration. You could even write a message that could be conveyed during your memorial service.



Church Picnic **August 28, 2022 12:30pm** **At Willamette Park Rotary Shelter**

Bring your Favorite Dish to Share. Council will provide dogs, buns and soft drinks.

Please watch for more information



GRACE GALLERY

Located in
Ronnenkamp Hall



Grace Gallery Presents
Photography and Painting from Grace Member Jim Wernz.

Next time you are at Grace, please head on up to Ronnenkamp Hall and see the work displayed by Jim Wernz



First Sunday of the Month Potluck

Our next potluck will be August 7, right after worship! As always, bring a side dish, a yard game, and friends!

Summer Hikes

The GYM committee will offer hikes on August 21 and 28 at 1pm (weather permitting). Locations TBA--stay tuned!



Float Trip

Calling all tubes, paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes! We will be hosting a float trip on Sunday, August 14! Our put-in site is at Willamette Park, and we will float just a few miles down to the takeout just past the bridge that becomes Harrison. Please arrive at Willamette Park by 12:45pm, so we can start floating by 1pm! If you have questions, or are in need of a floating vessel, please let Kristin or another member of the GYM committee know!

Send Off our College Students

We will be blessing and sending out our college students during worship on August 28. Additionally, the GYM committee would like to craft small care packages to send, and we need your help! If you are able to donate items like command strips, snacks, mugs, stickers, or notes, we would appreciate it (you can bring those items to the office, and Kristin will collect them). On top of that, if you are interested in sponsoring a college student this year, we want to visit with you! Please find Kristin after worship, or reach out to her, if you would like to learn more about this opportunity to foster relationships with our young adults!





July 2022 Council Minutes

July 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.

July 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Council-Meeting-Minutes-07-11-22-00000002.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



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Our goal is 50 back packs for Garfield. The Corvallis School district is now providing all school supplies for all students. So we no longer need school supplies.

Backpacks need to be at least large enough to hold a pocket folder and library book.

There are 3 options for participating in this service project.

- Write a check noting Garfield Backpacks in the memo line
- Purchase a backpack and drop it off in the Fireside room.
- Select and purchase some homework school supplies.

Return school supplies to the large box in the fireside room by August 21st.

If we have extra funds we will look for other opportunities to support students who would benefit from the support to help them launch into an amazing school year.

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or denise.cardinali@yahoo.com



Sunday Readings for July 2022

August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

A Big Transformation

While visiting Grace, it is very clear to see that the rental unit that is adjacent to the alley on Tyler Street has undergone a big transformation. The project is being headed by Ron Larson for both the exterior and interior of the unit. This project started in late June with the hiring of a couple day workers to assist Ron in removing old furniture, garbage and boxes of belongings that remained in the rental unit. Along with these items, the work continued with the removal of the carpet throughout the rental. The removing of items did not just include the inside, as trees, shrubs and garbage were also removed from the exterior of the unit. Now that the unit is empty, the work can now start in getting the unit ready for renting. The new renters will be renting a unit with new flooring, freshly fixed and painted walls, and a brand new furnace.

While the work at the unit is happening, some other updates/upgrades having been going on around Grace. The biggest being the extension of the irrigation system to the west side of the parking lot to water the shrubs near the rental units. Upon completion of the irrigation extension, the alley got a much needed patching and resurfacing to fix damage of the asphalt surface.

Ron Larson has been on site almost daily assisting in the work, scheduling the contractors, and supervising all the work being done. Behind the scenes Hal Brauner, Dave Lundahl, and Carol Warloe have been working hard in approving funding, assessing the work that needed to be done and planning on what the future of this rental and the other two rentals own by Grace will look like moving forward. Thank you to everybody who has played a part in the transformation of this unit.





PNACL Library 2022 Summer Conference Retreat

By Jody Parker



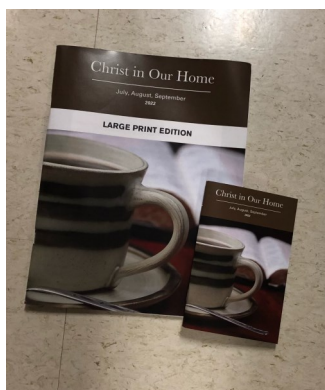
The peaceful and beautiful Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center on Dash Point, Federal Way, Washington was the site of this year's PNACL Summer Conference, June 24 and 25. Beyond Tacoma, and with its view of the water, this scenic Catholic venue provided about 90 Church Librarians and authors with a splendid reunion. The Seattle Chapter of PNACL hosted this 2022 Conference. Because of the pandemic, PNACL had not meet since 2019. Seeing friends, authors, and a keynote speaker; eating delicious meals, winning raffles, and walking the grounds; listening to the waterfall; being quiet in the gorgeous sanctuary or just resting in the lovely room accommodations made this a wonderful cloister experience.

The workshops I attended were beneficial, and engaging. The first one, taught by Jackie Huffman of Boise, Idaho with big screen Power Point, was on LibraryThing. We have LibraryThing catalog program for our Grace Library. The instruction I received on its usefulness and applications in cataloging was extremely helpful. Another workshop I participated in was taught by Jan Barton of the Corvallis First Presbyterian Church. It was on planning a Library webpage, complete with examples on a big screen. The third workshop I attended, was on Cleric Detectives in mystery novels...Priests, ministers, preachers, nuns, monks and rabbis all out to find the murderer or fiendish culprit. It was led by a Professor of Literature from a Jesuit Seminary, Al Moser. It was quite good. The Professor had an example of a book from every one of nearly 50 Character Detectives of this type, and he had read each book and spoke knowledgeably about them all. This was a treat! As was the entire Conference and my solo drive to Dash Point.

Wisdom Seekers New book Starts September **Wisdom Seekers will return in September**

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will start a new book on Thursday, September 8th - *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing, an ordained ELCA minister who teaches New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Written in 2004 in response to the "Left Behind" book series, Rossing says, "God is coming to heal the world, not to kill millions of people... God loves the world, and God will never leave the world behind." Bill Moyers writes, "She unfolds and affirms an alternative interpretation of one of the Bible's most complex books and points to a reading of its powerful metaphors that will stir the heart and honor the mind."

The book group meets every Thursday at noon via Zoom and welcomes new participants! The group 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



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

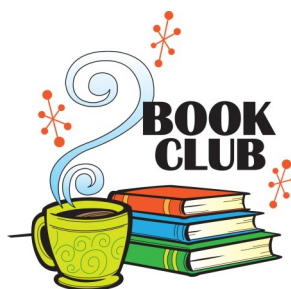
August 9 at 11:45

At Old World Deli

August 23 at 11:45

Location to be announced

2022/2023 Complete book list
<https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>



Next Book Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story



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>

August 2022 Newsletter

http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202208_GLCF_newsletter.pdf



Ways you can help our Community

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

SOUTH CORVALLIS FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We're always looking for hosts to assist clients during our open hours:

Monday 12:15-3:15 pm
Wednesday 12:15-3:15 pm
Thursday 4:15-7:15 pm
Saturday 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccination. For any questions, please contact:
Cathy Zollinger (541) 619-7832

Items Needed:

- Condiments
- Hearty Soup
- Cereals and Sweet Treats
- Gluten Free Items
- Fresh Produce and Backyard Eggs
- Personal Care Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pet Food
- Can Openers