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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.***



## Ecumenical Service

### Ecumenical Service Sunday, September 4 at 10 am

Grace will gather with our sibling congregations for a Worship in Central Park. Bring your own chairs or blankets. The offering will benefit Jackson Street Youth Services and Unity Shelter. There will be refreshments after worship. You are encouraged to interact with others, as you are comfortable. Come and celebrate our common life in Christ Jesus.

Connect into the Live Stream Worship at:  
[www.heartofcorvallis.org/livestream](http://www.heartofcorvallis.org/livestream)



## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen

541-377-1354

[prdorthy@grace9330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace9330.org)

**Youth and Family Minister** – Kristin Young

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[bookkeeper@grace97330.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayers@grace97330.org)

**Custodian** - Outside Contractor

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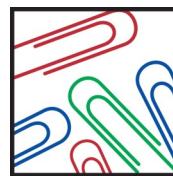
If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://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.



## 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

**August 18, 2022**

Contributions for the Month of

August: \$16,242;

August Budget: \$24,000;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$16,242;

Weekly Budget: \$4,800

(5 weeks in August);

YTD contributions: \$200,848;

YTD budget: \$205,100



## 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](mailto: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  
Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia  
and Shawn  
Berni and Doreen  
Halley, family of Dan and Molly  
Josephine, Jody's mom  
Michael, Becky's family friend  
John, Mary Ann's husband  
Doris  
Marilyn  
Pr. Jane  
Joseph, Rachel acquaintance  
Jaya  
Marge, Mary Ann M. Mom

Families in crisis  
Teens struggling w/  
depression & their parents

### For those grieving:

Carol Boersma

### 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.*

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Kelsey Bleck      | 09/01 |
| Sue Davis         | 09/01 |
| Gordon Matzke     | 09/01 |
| Jim Zeller        | 09/01 |
| Bud Helpenstell   | 09/04 |
| Mark Stephens     | 09/05 |
| Shelly Bilotta    | 09/06 |
| Franklin Raze     | 09/07 |
| Patrick Schroeder | 09/09 |
| Erika Donner      | 09/13 |
| Kris Saathoff     | 09/14 |
| Juan Guzman       | 09/15 |
| Karen Stephenson  | 09/15 |
| Marjorie Kinch    | 09/16 |
| Eli Geist         | 09/18 |

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Mary Ann Brenan   | 09/19 |
| Rick Osborn       | 09/19 |
| Martha Anderson   | 09/20 |
| Anita Upenieks    | 09/20 |
| Dan Hallgrimson   | 09/22 |
| Seamus Harrington | 09/23 |
| Bob Keith         | 09/23 |
| Andrea Barnhurst  | 09/24 |
| Rachel Harrington | 09/24 |
| Avi Hadlock       | 09/25 |
| Annikka Howe      | 09/25 |
| Elaine Franklin   | 09/26 |
| Cyndi Wahrmund    | 09/28 |
| Gail Bartee       | 09/29 |
| Evelyne Hendrix   | 09/29 |
| Gloria Chaves     | 09/30 |

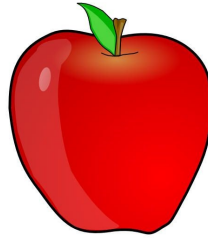
**Pastor Dorthy Nielsen**

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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,

Recently I came across a book I read about five years ago, called *The Mission Table: Renewing Congregation and Community* by Stephen P Bouman (an ELCA pastor). I am reading it again and wondering if anyone else is interested in reading it with me. Let me know.

In chapter 4, "The Congregation: A Table for Mission" Pr Bouman explores the Ten Biblical Marks of a Missional Congregation.

A congregation in mission...

1. ...is always listening.
2. ...mentors and trains its leaders
3. ...nurtures communal leadership
4. ...faces paralysis with courage
5. ...re-roots in its community
6. ...risks new things
7. ...makes all decisions based on its mission
8. ...is clear about money and relationships
9. ...is propelled by the resurrection of Jesus
- 10...is shaped by Word and sacraments

This is quite a list. In the book Pr Bouman highlights many related Bible readings and interprets each mark. Here are some quotes and notes from the book.

Listening: "The most effective mission strategies I have encountered...have been ... congregations really caring and creating space and hospitality for the stories of their members and neighbors to be told...to be in mission is to listen." That means going into the neighborhood to listen to people, to hear what is going on in their lives.

Train leaders: "A missional congregation invests in leaders and has a plan for leadership development...A time of mission strategy and discernment can be an opportunity to develop the gifts and passions of people." Who is inviting the next generation of church and community to lead? Are we setting tables for collaboration?

Nurturing communal leadership: "I believe that mission today will be led by teams of leaders with a deep reservoir of gifts and talents that build up the leadership of the body of Christ." Leaders are clergy and lay people, young, old, sharing, encouraging, bold.

Face paralysis with courage: "The root meaning for the Old Norse word *angr* is grief. It is mourning the distance between what was and what has be-

come...between what is and what ought to be." Grief is facing what has been lost and turning toward Jesus who transforms our grief for healing and action.

Re-roots in its community: "The door of a congregation must always be open to the community, because, remember, Jesus allowed himself to be interrupted...Here all are welcome. All are loved. All come for resurrection." Being re-rooted in the community gives life to all.

Risks new things: "...God is already active in the world, and the church's mission is to join what God is already doing...Life in Christ asks us to step out continually into wider worlds, deeper spiritual insights, passionate engagement with the calling we have from God." We have nothing to lose, God's promise is already ours. Let's go out.

Decisions based on its mission: "We must ask of every budget line item, every choice we make... how will this help us join God...and build tables of relationships...for the life of the world? ... When mission sets the table, other priorities fall into place or fall away." Yes!

Money and relationships: "...the way in which we share our wealth captures how we see our relationships. It's a new kind of economics ... interdependent, equal, and reciprocating...a church in mission participates in the economy of its context." Our response to God's grace and loving our neighbors.

Propelled by the resurrection of Jesus: "Reclaiming mission is to be again stunned by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to reclaim our utter dependence on the risen Lord." To live our baptism identity in the risen Christ.

Shaped by Word and sacraments: "The late Aidan Kavanaugh...said that the integrity of evangelism (sharing the good news of God's grace) is directly related to the integrity of the liturgy...and the heartbeat of [the Church] is Word and sacraments." Worshipping together shapes and prepares us for mission.

This fall we will host a Mission Table to explore our mission as God's people on the corner of Kings and Harrison! Come, listen and participate!

In Christ,  
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 Brenan

**Disaster Preparedness Committee**

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

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**Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Kristin Young, Interim Outreach Minister

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

# COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Red Cross Blood Drive  
September 22, 2022**

Please contact Marna Renshaw  
for more information or to find out  
how to sign up

## Stewardship NEWS

STEWARDSHIP NEWS... "Engaging in Grace" is the theme for the annual Fall Stewardship Drive (Time, Talents, Treasures and Trees). In addition to giving, we are focusing on five areas of ministry at Grace: 1) Worship 2) Growing Young Ministry (GYM), Music/Choir, and Caring. Videos will be shown during church over the next few months highlighting these five ministries and explaining how YOU can engage in one or more of these ministries. Blessings, Mary Ann Brenan, Stewardship Chair



## Sunday School

Sunday School for youth grades K-6 will resume after Labor Day in September. Kristin will be in touch about age group leaders, curriculum, and scheduling. Let's have another fun year of learning about faith!

## Sunday School Kickoff

On Sunday, September 18, the GYM team will host a fellowship hour after worship to kick off this year of Sunday School. GYM will provide ice cream, so bring a favorite topping, and help us get excited for another year of learning and growing!



## Youth and Families Retreat at Lutherwood

Friday, October 28 (evening arrival for dinner) through Saturday, October 29 (through dinner). Sunday School youth (K-high school) and their families, along with our Sunday School leadership team, are welcome to join us at Camp Lutherwood for a fall retreat! There will be worship and devotion time, teambuilding, games, meals, and more, facilitated by GYM members and Lutherwood staff. Registration forms will be available in the Grace entryway, and will be sent out to Sunday School families, as well. Join us for a fun weekend!



# God's work. Our hands.

**God's Work, Our Hands**  
Sunday, September 11, from 12-2pm.

Our projects this year include park maintenance and cleanup, hygiene kit assembly, and a joint project with ELCA churches around the valley to help spruce up the lawn and garden at Luther House. Lunch will be provided after worship. If you have questions about projects, contact Kristin.



## August 2022 Council Minutes

August 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](mailto: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.

August 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Worship-Plan-for-Sunday-August-14-2022.pdf>

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



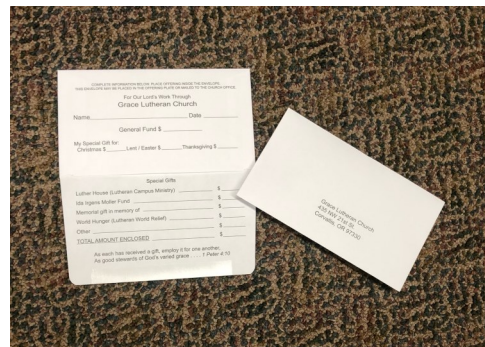
**President:**  
Dave Lundahl  
**Vice President:**  
Meredith Junge  
**Secretary:**  
Nancy Hemming  
**Treasurer:**  
Hal Brauner  
**Financial Secretary:**  
Mary Stephens  
**Council Members:**  
Jeff Beck  
Mike Franklin  
Marshall Hill-Tanquist  
Mary Ann Matzke  
Pr. Dorothy Nielsen  
Robyn Vega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



## Lost and Found Items

Over the years, Grace has collected a number of Lost and Found Items.

If you are missing any items, please contact the office to see if your item has been found.



## New Giving Envelopes

Earlier this year, Grace decided to no longer send out Giving Envelopes to all of the members.

Grace has new giving envelopes for all to use.

Giving envelopes can be found on the table in the church entry and can also be requested by the church office.



## Sunday Readings for September 2022

### September 4, 2022

#### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### September 18, 2022

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 11, 2022

#### 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### September 25, 2022

#### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31



## Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 14 at 6pm at Grace. Dinner will be provided. Students going into grades 7 and 8, and their families, are invited. Pr. Dorthy, Kendra Wollert, and Kristin will be leading introductions and conversation about the upcoming two years of learning.





## New Books from the Grace Church Library By Jody Parker

This summer I purchased six newly published books for the Grace Church Library at the PNACL Conference “Reuniting Through Reading” which I attended in June. All six authors were present at the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries Annual Conference, so each book is signed by the author.

Two slip-time novels I purchased from the superbly skilled writer of this genre, Melanie Dobson, were *Winter Rose*, her very latest, and *Memories of Glass*, from 2019. *Winter Rose* is about Nazi Germany and the rescue of Jewish Children; *Memories of Glass* is about the Nazi German occupation of Holland. *The Bible’s Plot Connecting the Bible’s Story to Your Story* by minister Ken Ostot, delves excellently into ten significant stories of Bible persons. This is a meaningful and insightful, scholarly endeavor that you might enjoy, written by an experienced Bible Study leader.

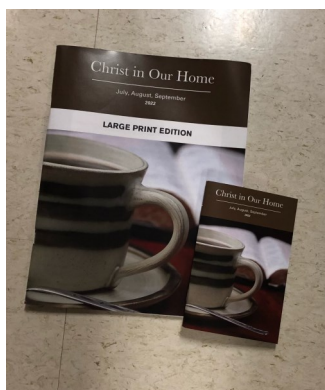
*Sheltering in Grace, Hopeful Insights in Uncertain Times* by Chaplain Greg Asimakoupoulos is a collection of essays which he delivered as short morning radio addresses to Covenant Living Shores. This is a retirement home which was under lock down due to Covid-19 and the essays are thoughtful pieces designed to comfort and inspire.

Finally, two books I purchased are from Lutheran Pastor David Ellingson. They are in a series of books titled *Paddle Pilgrim*. The first subtitled, *An Adventure of Learning and Spirit, Kayaking the Mississippi River*, is 122 pages that chronicle his 2013 solo trip down the Mississippi River. This adventure took him two and a half months. The second *Paddle Pilgrim* book I purchased from him is subtitled, *Kayaking the Erie Canal & the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty*, which took him about 3 weeks in 2019, but quite dangerous at a few points. The first book is rather a listing of his adventure interspersed with inspirational quotes from saints and Christian authors. In the Hudson River adventure his writing is more reflective. These two books inspired me to go on a mini pilgrimage of my own, but because I can’t wander far from home alone and certainly not on the water, my adventure was a 12 mile walk at 5am to 8am, and well worth every step of the way.

### 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](mailto: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

September 13 at 11:45  
At Common Fields

September 27 at 11:45  
At El Sol de Mexico

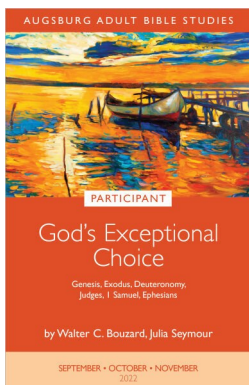


2022/2023  
Complete book list  
<https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>

Next Book Club Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 1pm  
Fireside Room

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story

## Global Book Club



Adult Bible Study  
September—November

God's Exceptional Choice



Grace  
Lutheran  
Church  
Foundation

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

In Person Bible Study is held on Sundays and will return on September 18, 2022

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

## August 2022 Newsletter

[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202208\\_GLCF\\_newsletter.pdf](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](http://stonesoupcorvallis.org) or write [stonesouphelp@gmail.com](mailto:stonesouphelp@gmail.com)

## SOUTH CORVALLIS FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

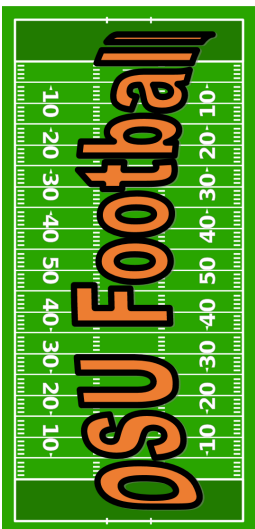
We're always looking for hosts to assist clients during our open hours:

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 Eggssonal Care Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pet Food
- Can Openers



## OSU Football Parking Fundraiser for Luther House

Luther House will be using the Parking Lot at Grace for their annual fundraiser for OSU Football Home Games. Parking Lot opens 3 Hours before the game starts

### Home games occur on:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| September 3 | September 24 |
| October 15  | October 22   |
| November 12 | November 26  |





## Church Picnic Sunday, August 28, 2022

