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Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

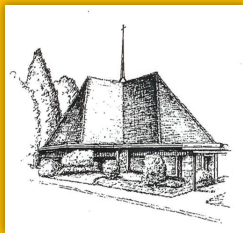
435 NW 21st Street

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."*



Blessing of the Animals

October 2, 2022

All Animals must be under
your control or in a carrier

Salmon Bake

October 2, 2022
12:30pm

Willamette Park
Rotary Shelter

All Are Welcome, everything
provided



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

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

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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.

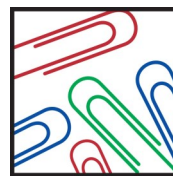
Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org



Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for coffee and catch-up from 11:30 am to 1pm on Thursdays.

Please contact Kristin to set up a location or drop by Luther House to see her.



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
September 23, 2022**

Contributions for the Month of

September: \$13,014;

September Budget: \$21,200;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$13,014;

Weekly Budget: \$5,300

(4 weeks in September);

YTD contributions: \$217,845;

YTD budget: \$230,600



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
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
People of Taiwan and Mexico

For those grieving:

Carol Boersma
Sherry, Cathy Mueller's cousin's wife

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;

**Please hold our Call Committee in prayer
as they engage in the Call Process. They are
working with Synod staff, reviewing candidate
profiles, interviewing, making a recommendation
and other needs for the process to bear fruit. We
will trust the Holy Spirit is at work in this process.**



Birthday Blessings!

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

Tom Orwick	10/04
Judy Winkler	10/06
Todd Donner	10/07
Sylvie Schroeder	10/07
Krista Washington	10/08
Kay Larson	10/09
Maxine King	10/10
Freda Vars	10/10
Robyn Vega	10/11
Lee Strandberg	10/12
Carolyn Kradjan	10/14

Mackenzie Burnett	10/15
Lida Brauner	10/18
Carol Triebes	10/18
Kathy Scroggins	10/21
Lyla Hougum	10/23
Tom Kiersky	10/25
Bridget Palmgren	10/27
Mark Gourley	10/29
Sarah Davis	10/30
Carol Warloe	10/30
Kris Wilburn	10/31



Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

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prdorthy@grace97330.org



*Pastor Dorthy's
On Site Working Days
Thursday & Sunday*

*Off Site Working Days
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

Dear People of Grace,

Recently, in Confirmation class we read the first two chapters of Genesis. Have you? Are you aware that there are two differing creation stories? Read them and do a bit of compare and contrast. What is the objective of the writers?

When I read both of these creation stories there are things I need to remember to ask: what is being communicated? What is God up to? Am I hearing other things? Is there anything that conflicts with my understanding of God and the universe (or whatever the topics might be)?

Thanks to Mr Pleis, my Earth Science teacher, I learned to appreciate the sciences and the holy scriptures. One speaks to how things work. The other speaks to Who is at work and why. Science and faith are NOT at odds, not in competition, not in conflict with each other.

Remember that the daring work of scientists like Copernicus, Galileo, Newton challenged the Church to new realities about our solar system, universe, and science. The sun did not circle the earth, nor did the observable planets. And now, as the space telescopes have revealed, the universe is a wonderous thing with mysteries to discover and understand.

To discover that the universe is not centered around this small blue gem in the vast blanket of space magnifies those scripture passages that speak of God knowing the number of hairs on our head and when a bird falls from the sky. Our little blue speck is not insignificant, even though it is not the center of all things. God came to be with us. God loves us. God created all things. WOW!

So where am I going with all this cosmic stuff? Let me share some thoughts with you.

If the Church has been able to change from believing the earth is the center and most important part of the universe (let's not forget the flat-earth stuff), to being a small piece of a vast universe or multiverse, that God cosmically loves, then there are some changes in how we be the Church in this world. (Long, run-on sentence!)

Here we are in October already. The month of the Reformation we love to celebrate. What is reformation about, if it isn't about change, transformation, re-formation in new and wonderous and faithful ways.

A long time ago someone said to me "If it was good enough for Luther it's good enough for me now." Wow! Really? Yet, 500 years later Luther would tell us that we have to figure faith things out for this time and place. Which begs the good Lutheran question: What does this mean?

Some things are foundational and will not change: God's grace and mercy, the Incarnation, salvation, faith, the Word. And there are some things that will change, and even must change, so that the good news can be heard and speak to this time. The things that change are the "window dressings," like worship style, music, buildings, where we are called into mission, and even technology use. I think Luther would be amazed and proud of the way the Church has pivoted during the pandemic to use the current technology to help us gather for worship, connect for Bible study, and much more.

If you read Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar's letter from Sept 19, she names the challenges that we face as the Church, some beyond our control, some within. But our hope is in the One who came to be with us, the Creator of all things, in Christ Jesus. She says, "These times really might help us to grow into stronger, more supple, more creative and more faithful disciples. And none of us is alone. We walk together with God's Spirit to guide us..."

God is re-forming us, which means change happens so that we can "take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Tim 6:17-19)

On Sunday, October 30 we will once again mark the Reformation of the Church with old songs and new, with liturgy that goes deep into scripture and faith, and the spark of God's Spirit re-forming us for this time and the days ahead. Now that is WOW!-amazing!

In Christ, with hope and wonder,

Pr Dorthy+

PS The Bishop's letter can be found on oregonsynod.org on the home page



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



GELC Council has awarded the Spirit of Grace to Andrea for her outstanding work in the office. She has a positive perspective in all she does, and tackles anything asked of her. Andrea greets everyone with cheerfulness, compassion and ready to assist in any way.

Thank you, Andrea, for your faithful ministry in Grace's office!



All Saints Day Sunday, November 6, 2022

All Saints Day is approaching fast.

Below you will find the All saints List as of September 22, 2022

If you have any loved ones you would like added to the All Saints list please contact Andrea in the church office. All submissions must be received before November 1, 2022 to be added to the list.

This years All Saints List:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-All-Saints-9.22.2022.pdf>



College student care packages

The GYM team will be assembling midterm care packages for our college students, and we need your help! Please consider donating snacks, gift cards, or small pieces of decoration--postcards and stickers are great, and so are command strips and glue dots! We have 20-22 college students we are connected with. Additionally, if you can stay after worship on October 23 to help assemble boxes, that would be greatly appreciated!

Sponsors of college students--feel free to include a special note or gift for your student!



Trunk or Treat is Back!

Grace will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Halloween (Monday the 31st). We will meet at 3pm to set up, and the event will take place from 4-6pm. Please bring candy to hand out (extra will be available if necessary). Dress up, decorate your car, and help us reach out to our community!



Youth and Family Retreat at Lutherwood

Our retreat at Lutherwood for our Sunday School-age (K-12) youth and their families is October 28-29 (Fri evening through Saturday dinner). We're looking forward to learning, playing, and being together at one of our beautiful camps! Kristin will send out a packing list and additional info to registered families by October 16. P.S: If you want to bring Halloween and Trunk or Treat decorations or costumes to work on, please do!



Announcements

Stay Tuned

Nativity Program--Families of Sunday School students, Kristin and the GYM team will be reaching out about coordinating a Christmas program for early December.

Sunday School Leaders

The GYM team is still looking for leaders for Sunday School, especially with our 5th-grade youth. Even if you just want to try your hand for a few weeks, that's great! Materials are provided. Talk to Kristin if you'd like to learn more!



September 2022 Council Minutes

September 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.

September 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Council-meeting-Minutes-09-12-22.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



Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Grace Lutheran Church's backpack project.

We provided 50 backpacks to Garfield Elementary School. Four each to Linus Pauling and Corvallis HS.

In addition we provided CASA with lunchboxes and waterbottles. This year we were fortunate to time Land's End backpack sale so the majority of our backpacks were colorful, high quality Land's End backpacks.

Grace has supported this mission activity at Garfield for 20 plus years. Every year we have provided 50 backpacks and in some years more. With the extras we have share with Linus Pauling and Corvallis HS we have shared at least 1000 backpacks. The first students we gave backpacks to graduated from HS several years ago.

Marna says come by and get a Coleus start.
They're blooming well in the courtyard and
there's plenty to share.





Sunday Readings for October 2022

October 2, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2022

18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Stewardship

Fall Stewardship Program

Are you ready?

October is the traditional month for our annual stewardship drive. But, what does stewardship really mean? Webster's defines stewardship as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." Yet another take on "stewardship can be found in the Holman Bible Dictionary which states that it is "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given.

Another, very simple definition is *everything you do after you first say, "I believe."*

A traditional answer from the liturgy defines it as your time, talent and treasure while an updating of that includes "trees" That is simply adding the care of the earth, its climate, its ecology, God's creation. At this time, Grace Lutheran is emphasizing the "treasures" portion of the liturgical representation of Stewardship as it is time to start planning for the 2023 fiscal year. You will be soon receiving a letter sharing key aspects of this year's stewardship program. There will be brief presentations/Temple Talks in October, on the 9th, 16th and 23rd. Commitment Sunday will be November 6.

We ask that during the time between now and November 6 that you prayerfully consider your commitment to Grace Lutheran, and to the other ways you are a steward in God's creation and respond with a joyful heart! Your Grace Lutheran stewardship committee.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Oct. 2

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday Oct. 30

Reformation Sunday

Sunday Nov 6

All Saints Sunday



Choir Rehearsals

Season Choir Practice

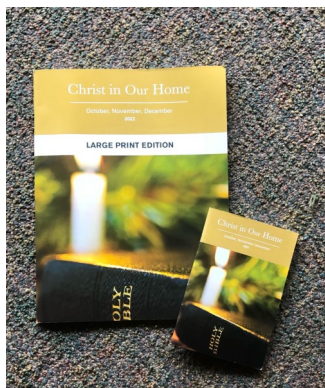
Starts October 13, 2022

At 5:30pm

Contact Byrson at

bryson@grace97330.com

for more information



Christ in Our Home

October-
December 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

October 11 at 11:45
At Queen's Chop Stick

October 25 at 11:45
At Vinwood Taphouse, Philomath

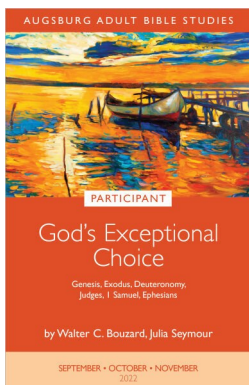


2022/2023
Complete book list
<https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>

Next Book Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 4
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](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html)

In Person Bible Study is held on Sundays
and will not be meeting Oct. 2 or 9.

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)



Disaster Preparedness Seminar and Discussion.

The Disaster Preparedness Committee is proud to announce the dates of a Community Wide Disaster Preparedness Seminar being held at Grace and a smaller Friends of Grace discussion following the seminar.

Saturday, November 5 from 9am to 12 pm starts in the Sanctuary. Learn about how you can be prepared in case of an emergency from professionals around our community. Hear presentations, see exhibits and watch demonstrations. No matter how prepared you already are, no matter your skill level or abilities, All Are Welcome!



Sunday, November 13 following worship in the Sanctuary. Discuss with fellow Grace members and friends of Grace what you learned in the Seminar, what you already know, and get any of your questions answered. Wasn't able to attend the Saturday event? Resources will be available.

For more information, please contact Andrea in the church office and watch for additional information to come.

Reopening Grace

Questions have been brought to the attention of the Reopening Committee in regards to when will Grace unlock the front doors, when will Grace staff be on site more, and when will Grace go back to "Normal". There has been a recent shift for the Reopening Committee from keeping individuals entering Grace healthy to keeping Grace staff safe. The safety of all of those entering Grace is very important and at this time we are determining what this new "normal" will look like and making recommendations to Grace Council.

Grace will continue to keep office staff on site for limited days. Grace staff is typically on site Mondays from 11 am – 4 pm (Jody) and Thursdays 9 am – 4 pm (Andrea). Andrea continues to be available via email Tuesday -Friday and does check voice mails regularly.

Grace has "opened" its doors to those interested in gathering on site. Over the last couple months Grace has opened up the building to organizations in our community. All committees, book groups, or those gathering with others are encouraged to meet in person at Grace. Please contact the church office to check availability and schedule when your meeting will take place in the building to avoid conflicts.

The front doors facing the parking lot will be unlocked while Sandcastle is in session during posted office hours. If you arrive at Grace during posted office hours and the doors are locked, please ring the intercom next to the door to connect with office staff. The accordion door at the counter will be partially open for staff to assist those entering Grace. For meetings taking place after office hours contact the office to receive the code to the lock for access to the building.

The Reopening Committee is continuing to assess the safety of all those entering Grace and is determining what this new normal will look like for Grace. As we continue to be in transition from the pandemic and also with calling a new pastor, we appreciate your patience and understanding.





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!

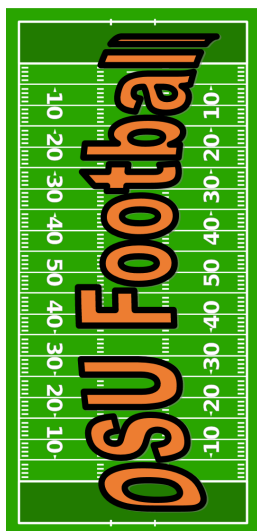
We're always looking for hosts to assist clients during our open hours:

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 Eggss
- Personal 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:

October 15 October 22
November 12 November 26