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Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

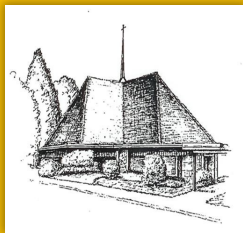
435 NW 21st Street

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."*



All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 6, 2022

This years All Saints list:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-All-Saints-Sunday-final-list.pdf>

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

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jody@grace97330.org

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

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.

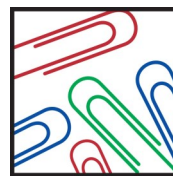
Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org



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
October 21, 2022

Contributions for the Month of

October: \$16,294;

October Budget: \$26,400;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$16,294;

Weekly Budget: \$5,200;

(5 weeks in October);

YTD contributions: \$237,737;

YTD budget: \$251,740



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
Doug
Tom
Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia and Shawn
Berni and Doreen
Halley, family of Dan and Molly
Michael, Becky's family friend
John, Mary Ann's husband
Marilyn
Pr. Jane
Joseph, Rachel acquaintance
Meghan and her Family, Cathy's Niece
Cynara
Hal D
Linsay and daughter, family of Marshall
Jaya's mother and sister
Jim and Nancy H.
Families in crisis
Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents

For those grieving:

Sherry, Cathy Mueller's cousin's wife
Matthew Wierima, son of Jan, Synod Disaster Team
Rose Brett, Boy Scout Troop 99 Albany mom (Geist)
Annie Fortnum
The Rev Jim Parr Phillipson

Other Concerns:

For an end to violence against each other; for the
People of Ukraine and Russia; the fears and anxiety
of the continuing pandemics; for our houseless and
hungry neighbors; those who are fighting wildfires,
storm, floods, earthquakes 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, and other needs for the
process to bear fruit. We will trust the Holy
Spirit is at work in this process.**

November

Birthday Blessings!

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

Maya Stock	11/03
Bob Saathoff	11/04
Courtney Shaff	11/04
Sue Kingsley	11/09
Beverly Raze	11/09
Isaac Hadlock	11/11
Anne Schroeder	11/12
Evelyn Vega	11/12
Molly Hallgrimson	11/14
Rachel Burnett	11/15

Jaime Foster	11/16
Michael Hellberg	11/18
Erin Radniecki	11/19
Becky Strandberg	11/19
Joyce Gourley	11/25
Mark Klopsch	11/27
Sandy Beachley	11/28
Wayne Wahrmond	11/28
Jo Anne Hellberg	11/30
Ardelle Merritt	11/30

A belated Happy Birthday to Heidi Junge who we missed in our October Birthdays.



Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

Contact Information

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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 God at Grace,

Recently a Lutheran World Relief (LWR) rep was in Oregon to engage with a congregation. Jaime wanted to connect with some pastors to talk about and thank us for supporting the work LWR does, through quilt-making, school kits, and personal kits, as well as financial support. He talked about the challenges that LWR is addressing, along with many other denominational agencies.

Jaime shared with the Vineyard Cluster pastors that the war in Ukraine is having drastic ripple effects all over, from fertilizer shortages in Burkina Faso, to basic grains from Ukraine, and there is a famine developing in Yemen. There are wars and conflicts in Sudan, Myanmar, Columbia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia as well, which is creating huge humanitarian crises in those places.

Then he shared a story from an LWR worker in Ukraine who was giving out quilts. A young mother received several quilts for her and her two small daughters, asking where these quilts came from. When she heard they had been made with love and prayer, then blessed as they were sent out to LWR to give away, she cried. This mother was touched that people were remembering them in this awful time, and that love was making a difference in her family's survival.

In Psalm 46 it is written "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake...the nations...in an uproar..." Sounds like our times, doesn't it?

Seems like nothing changes...war, turmoil, troubles, are still here. We long for peace and for well-being, for ourselves and for those most in need. We continue to have racial conflicts in the US as well as drug and gang violence. Our world is so broken, it is painful at times to hear the stories.

There are no easy answers to any of these dire conflicts. Lives are at stake. Generations of people are affected.

Yet the story of a mother thankful to be remembered amid war, knowing people are praying and sending hope in quilts and kits means they are not forgotten. Such a small offering has a great impact on the hopelessness of our siblings.

Resources all over the world are available, but supply lines are broken, farming challenged, ac-

cess to clean water and medical support are at critical stress and distress.

The psalmist is certain that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We believe this, right? In those places, both in the US and throughout the world, a quilt or personal hygiene kit begins to heal and give hope. A reminder that God is at work in those places of turmoil. That we are not enemies, but siblings.

When we see each other as siblings, we can dismantle the walls, the hatred, the fear, and whatever else is keeping us from living peaceably with each other. This is the work of the Lord, the work of our hands, that brings peace one piece at a time. We must not despair but work God's will day by day.

Soon we will be putting together Thanksgiving Baskets to bless our siblings in Corvallis. What can you give to bring peace, healing, hope in these days of trouble? Whatever you can share God will bless and use. And our neighbors will know they are not forgotten in their time of trouble. Those Thanksgiving Baskets will be a sign of God at work, loving them.

Change happens. With it comes trouble as well as opportunity. The opportunity to picture a new horizon of peace and compassion is present. That is what God sees, that is what God is working towards, and that is what God calls us to do.

And when we quiet ourselves in the troubles, we will know that God is God, a present help, working for peace, because of love.

On November 6th we will consecrate our 2023 estimate of giving. I know you are generous and give what you are able. I also know that you give over and above for special needs. On your behalf I have been able to help our siblings with needs that aren't covered by the helping organizations in town. They are so thankful. I tell them that the people of Grace are generous and wanting to help wherever there is need. Hope and healing take hold.

Thank you, dear people of God. These are troubling times, and you give witness to God showing up in so many ways, in your lives and for the sake of our siblings, near and far.

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

Growing Young Ministry

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



Community Disaster Preparedness Seminar

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Starting at 9 am in
Ronnenkamp Hall

Join us for Presentations, Exhibits and
Demonstrations to help you get
more prepared

Friends of Grace Disaster Preparedness Discussion

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Following Worship in the
Fireside Room

Join us for a Discussion about disaster
Preparedness.

Contact Andrea in the Church office for
more information



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23, 2022
7pm

More information to come



Sponsors of College Students!

Finals are just around the corner (December 4-9 for OSU students)--find out how you can support them during that time, and the weeks leading up!



First Sunday of the Month potluck

November 6, 4:30-6pm. All are welcome! Bring a side dish, friends, and a favorite board or card game! (December's potluck will be December 4th).



Breaking News!

Kids Nativity Program: December 11 during worship. Rehearsals will be during your kids' Sunday School time. Our final dress rehearsal will be December 4 Join us as our youth share the news of Christmas!



Advent Wreaths

We will be making Advent Wreaths following worship on November 27. Greens, wreath frames, and some decorations will be provided, and feel free to bring your own personal decorations, too! Contact Shelly Lundahl with questions.



Stewardship

Interview with Gordon Matzke

Gordon Matzke's Stewardship Moment during worship was very good and it was also cut short. To see all that he had to say, click on the link below – you will find his complete comments including what was cut off.

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Gordon-Matzke-Interview.pdf>



Interior Cleaning Work Party

Saturday, November 19
9am to 12pm



Wednesday Advent Soup Supper

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14

**Please watch for more
information to come**



ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Reports Due
December 1, 2022

Please send electronic documents to Andrea
Please do not send PDF files.

Please stay tuned for Annual Meeting
information.



Sunday Readings for November 2022

November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20, 2022

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Christmas Gift Giving ideas...

The truth is that most of us don't need anything. If we do, we go buy it. Besides pictures of our loved ones and time together, gift giving can be a conundrum for families. Please consider buying a gift for your family and friends that benefits others. And put out to your family and friends that you would prefer a gift given in your name than having more stuff. I create a wish list from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog so that my family can search there for a Christmas gift for me. Here is the website for you to check out ways to bless others in our gift giving.

To date I have been gifted goats, chicks, ducks, beehives, pigs, a share in clean water access, and I don't have to take care of any of them, as they are given where needed for the common good!

There is also a website called "Advent Conspiracy" that gives four reasons why we can gift our families and friends. Last year I outlined those in Grace Gatherings, here is the website for you to check out. <https://adventconspiracy.org/> If you choose to name other charitable organizations on your wish list, make sure you check their rating at Charity Navigator <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>.

Thanks for considering changing how we gift one another. –Pr Dorothy+

Link to ELCA Gifts
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>



October 2022 Council Minutes

October 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.

October 2022 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
Please Check in with the church office if you are interested in an electronic copy of the council meeting minutes.

*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

OSU

VS

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Fundraiser for Campus Ministry

On Sunday, November 20, we will be collecting an offering for our Oregon campus ministries--based on your support for your favorite team! There will be a jar for OSU Beavers, Oregon Ducks, and there may even be a platypus option! Funds will ultimately be split evenly to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry at both sites. Come support your team and your campus ministries!

Annual Thanksgiving Baskets Project



Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday, November 13th during church service we will be distributing the information on families in our community who will be receiving Thanksgiving Baskets from Grace. If you are unable to attend church that day but would like to participate, you can mail or drop off monetary contributions to the church no later than November 11th (Please indicate Thanksgiving Baskets on the envelope). Please contact Mary Ann Brenan if you have questions... 541.219.6972.



Invitation for Volunteer Opportunity in Grace Library

By Jody Parker

Come visit the Grace Library and see what you can learn! Meet wonderful books on the Christian Religion, ranging from in-depth studies of the Bible, Commentaries, and Theology on the Hebrew and Greek Testaments. Meet well-known authors who write on these subjects. We have books by Corvallis' own Marcus Borg; and Christian Fiction by contemporary authors from around Oregon who write engaging novels. Your Library crew has been meeting authors and adding new books for your reading adventures.

Speaking of the Library crew, we'd like to Invite anyone who is looking for a relaxing Volunteer experience where you can gain a skill and an education. We have computer opportunity, which is entering books online with an easy way to catalog books with LibraryThing. This makes it fun and easy to track our book collection. We also have paper cataloging for those who like to do the original method. We have projects for promotional purposes, so if you have creative ideas, bring them! There are Quarterly opportunities to meet other nice amateur and professional Librarians from around the State who you can fellowship with, socialize with and learn from. We have an annual Conference with travel opportunity for Conferences around Washington, Oregon and Idaho where you can meet more Church Library friends and authors.



Growing our Hive of Worker Bees

Now that Grace is getting back to normal, the Hospitality Committee, aka Worker Bees, is happy to be "back in business". In the past two years, our "Bees" discovered a few things: Not saying that we are getting old, BUT we've been young for a long time. We would like to invite some new energy into the "hive", so to speak.

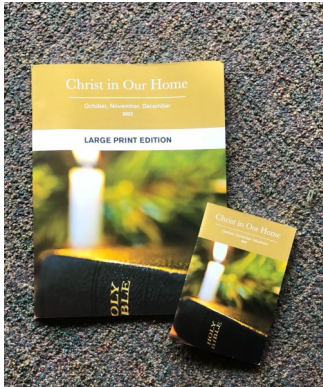


For those persons new to Grace, let me explain just what we do:

We assist with receptions for funerals, memorial services, special events like staff welcomes, farewells, birthday parties, and other occasions where food is involved, separate from the Sunday morning coffee hour. For instance, on Thursday, October 27th, we will be catering the Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers annual pastor's luncheon for all churches that belong to that group. Donna Wernz, President of the group asked us if we would do this prior to Covid-19 pandemic. Finally, we get to do it!

We love working together and are a fun group! You don't have to be a great cook, decorator, baker, or florist. We just need people who like to work together as a team, have fun being creative and have some energy. We will help you find your specialty. (Prepping food, baking, cooking, making centerpieces, setting up/taking down tables & chairs, washing dishes, and whatever else is needed) All are invited to be a Worker Bee!

Any questions, please talk to Molly Hallgrimson, Becky Kiersky, Dayle Christiansen, Kathy Scroggins, Linda Noland, Linda Samuels, Marna Renshaw, or Meredith Junge



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 Tuesday for November and December.

November 8 at 11:45
At Delicias Valley Cafe (Mexican Food)

December 13 at 11:45
At The Corvallis Club
(RSVP to Mary Ann B. by 12/11)

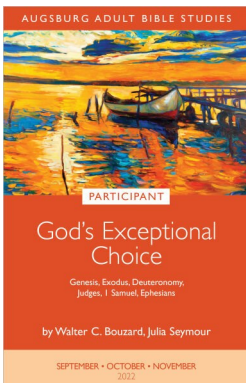
2022/2023
Complete book list
<https://bit.ly/3yZyHhn>



Global Book Club

Next Book Club Meeting
Tuesday,
November 8
at 1pm
Fireside Room

The Broken Circle By
Enjeela Ahmadi Miller



Adult Bible Study
September—
November

God's Exceptional
Choice

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



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!

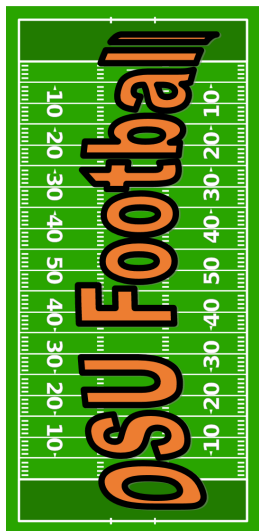
We're always looking for hosts to assist clients during our open hours:

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 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:

November 12 November 26