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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 community  
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.***

## 40 days OF LENT

### Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 7pm

In Person Only

No Soup Supper

### Holy Week

April 3 - 8, 2023

### Mid Week Worship

March 1, 8, 15, 22,  
and 29

### Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023



## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen

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**Youth and Family Minister** – Kristin Young

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[Kristin@grace97330.org](mailto:Kristin@grace97330.org)

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**Percussion** - Kelsey Bleck

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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](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.

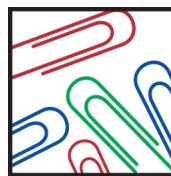
Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)



## Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for coffee and catch-up 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  
**January 24, 2023**

Contributions for the Month of

January: \$24,662;

January Budget: \$35,800;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$24,662;

Weekly Budget: \$7,160;

(5 weeks in January);

YTD contributions: \$24,662;

YTD budget: \$21,480



## 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:

Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia and Shawn  
Berni and Doreen  
Mar & Jan  
Halley, family of Dan and Molly  
Michael, Becky's family friend  
Marilyn  
Joseph, Rachel acquaintance  
Hal D  
Linsay and daughter, family of Marshall  
Jaya's mother and sister  
Pam (Junge niece)  
James, Jody's Father  
Kaitlin and her Dad, Friend of Andrea  
Donna and Herb H.  
Families in crisis  
Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents

### For those celebrating the birth of:

Fisher, Palmgren Son  
Magnolia, Linda S. and Ron A granddaughter

### For those grieving:

Ted Williams  
Pr Jane Baker  
Betty McCauley

### 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.**



## Birthday Blessings!

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

David Triebes	02/04
Bob Zwang	02/04
Michael Franklin	02/05
Ron Olson	02/07
Ardis Koester	02/09
Donna Wernz	02/09
Sunghie Kim	02/13
Sue Musil	02/13
Linda Roberts	02/14
Bonnie Zwang	02/19

Brenda Beck	02/21
Debbie Zeller	02/21
Toney Logan	02/23
Jerrold Koester	02/24
Katie Olsen	02/24
Gloria Werth	02/25
Joy Martin	02/27
Brandy Greeley	02/28
Noel Vineyard	02/28



**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 God's beloved at Grace,

We are halfway through the season of Epiphany, the truth of Jesus' identity being revealed for all to see. Not only is Jesus revealed as the long, promised One, he does stuff...teaching, preaching, healing, inviting followers.

Crowds of people follow Jesus, hoping, open to listening to his words, bringing the sick to him. They leave their homes, their work, their families to see him, and even follow him.

Essentially the crowds leave their towns to get to Jesus. It's not that he doesn't go into their towns, but that they hear he is near and go out to where he is doing ministry.

If we want to see Jesus at work, if we want to hear him or be healed by him, then we need to go to him, to wear he is being revealed. Where might that be in this part of Oregon? Have you heard or seen him?

Early in January the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center (CDDC) needed support letters from the churches. They are applying for grants, including from the State of Oregon, to develop a Navigation Center for our houseless and unemployed neighbors. Currently the CDDC offers breakfast and a sack lunch, along with other essential items, for anyone who comes by M-F 9-noon. If you have been by to drop off food or other things then you have seen the space they are using to serve the needs of people. Jesus is doing great work there.

The Navigation Center the CDDC would like to develop would be a place with offices for other services to be available to anyone needing assistance of almost any kind. A one-stop help center. They need our support.

Vina Moses is wanting to meet with Grace and St Mary's in order to better coordinate services that they provide. Free clothing is available at their center. They also provide gas vouchers, some financial assistance, food and hygiene items, as well as household items. Over 700 kids got backpacks with school supplies in August, and in December they have the Giving Trees with tags for donations suggestions. Jesus is doing a great work there too.

We Care helps with one-time emergency needs. During the pandemic they have had increased

requests for assistance. They need more volunteers to help with things like intake of requests. Jesus is doing great work in this place.

I can go on. Here's the thing...Jesus leaves the building to go out to where the people are. He doesn't wait for them to come to him in one location or another. He goes to where the needs are. He listens to their concerns and requests.

Jesus doesn't sit still. He is on the move and he calls his followers to be on the move with him. Here's a sampling from Matthew's Gospel:

- "Jesus went throughout out Galilee... (4:23)"

- "When Jesus entered Capernaum... (8:5)"

- "As Jesus was walking along, he saw... (9:9)"

- "As Jesus went on from there... (9:27)"

- "He left that place and entered their synagogue... (12:9)"

- "That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea... (13:1)"

Over the years the Church has tried all kinds of programs to get people to come in the doors, but that is not how evangelism works. We are the ones who need to leave the building, to go where Jesus is doing ministry and join him.

Epiphany is letting the light of Jesus illumine the way to where people are. People who are looking for hope, for healing, for peace, for justice, for welcome and belonging. Epiphany is all about us helping to shine the light of Jesus into the darkest places of peoples lives to reveal Christ Jesus, to let God's love heal and change us all.

There are a variety of ways we can leave the building, our comfort zones, to go to where Jesus is doing ministry and join in. When Jesus calls his disciples they leave what they were doing to engage with Jesus in ministry. He reveals God's heart over and over. God's love abundantly poured out to all. A love that shines in the darkness to love the whole world.

Where is Jesus calling you to go these days? He is already there...join him...

Epiphany greetings,  
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**

Meredith Junge

**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** - Cathy Mueller

**Hospital Visitation Team** - Dale Weber,  
541.757.3043

**Mission Groups** - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

**Stewardship Committee**

Mary Ann Brenan

**Disaster Preparedness Committee**

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

**Safety Committee**—TBA

**Outreach Committee**—TBA

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**Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Pr. Hallie Parkins, Campus Minister

Kristin Young, Interim Outreach Minister

Melissa Clark, Office & Hospitality Coordinator

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555



### **Easter Choir**

Please watch for more information on rehearsal time for the Easter Choir.

## Disaster Preparedness Discussion

The Disaster Preparedness Committee is excited to host a monthly discussion on Disaster Preparedness. Each Month we will host a 1 hour discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the library starting at 11:30 am. Each month we will talk about a different topic and have presentations, discussions and activities for all to learn. This discussion is for all, no matter your experience or knowledge, we can all grow and learn from each other.

The first discussion will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and will cover General Disaster Preparedness.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea in the church office at [office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org) or on Thursdays at 541-757-1600





**tacklehunger.org**

We will be collecting both monetary and food item donations as part of the Tackle Hunger initiative from Souper Bowl of Caring. On or before February 12, you can bring the following items-- we will be donating to the South Corvallis Food Bank. Additionally, we will be collecting monetary donations during worship on February 12, also to be donated to the South Corvallis Food Bank.

**Items:**

- canned fruit
- vegetable oil
- condiments (mayo, salad dressing, ketchup, salsa, etc.)
- hearty soups (chicken noodle, beef and veggie, etc.)
- gluten free items (especially pasta)
- can openers

Thanks to our youth and GYM Committee for helping set up, decorate, and lead this event.



## First Sunday of the Month Pot Luck

February 5, 2023  
following Worship

Bring your favorite dish and join us for  
Bingollowship, and fun in the form of the game  
Fishbowl!



**Summer Day Camp**  
July 17-20, 2023

### **College Student Sponsors**

Just a reminder to check in with your college student(s)! We will be collecting supplies for and assembling care packages in early March--stay tuned for more details!

### **Youth-Led Worship**

As 2023 gets going, we are anticipating having youth-led worship several times throughout the year. Kristin will be in touch with families about dates and details in the coming weeks.



## Some fun historic and romantic reads for February 2023!

Local author Karen Barnett writes faith based historical romances. Before turning to writing, Karen worked as a ranger naturalist and outdoor educator. This experience comes through in her stories about Mount Rainier and Yosemite parks in the 1920's The Road to Paradise and Where the Fire Falls and her newer book about Yellowstone in the 1930's Ever Faithful. Learning some national park history along with getting to know characters who find God in nature and loving relationships with each other – these books are easy to read and hard to put down.



Erica Vetsch lives in Minnesota but has visited us via Zoom to talk about her books. We have several in the library and they are all great reads. The Bartered Bride is an engaging story about how some parents have arranged marriages for their children to further business ventures – and how that works out in the lives of the young people involved.

Mesu Andrews is an author who many of us have had the pleasure of hearing at our local library conferences. Through painstaking research and a writer's creative mind, she weaves an emotional and stirring account of the well-known story of Job told through the eyes of the women who loved him. Drawing together the account of Job with those of Esau's tribe and Jacob's daughter Dinah, Love Amid the Ashes breathes life, romance, and passion into the classic biblical story of suffering and steadfast faith.



These are just a few of the books you might enjoy reading this month! Feel free to come by the Grace Library and check out the Fiction section (look for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 letters of the authors name) - or go to the online catalog at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library> and search for romance to find more!!

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## Wisdom Seekers

Wisdom Seekers Book Group Welcomes New Participants!

New book starting February 9<sup>th</sup>:

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem by  
Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan

Meets Thursdays at noon via Zoom, reading one chapter each week.

For more information, please contact Mark Klopsch at [klopschm@comcast.net](mailto:klopschm@comcast.net).



## Sunday Readings for Feburary 2023

### **February 5, 2023**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]  
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]  
Matthew 5:13-20

### **February 12, 2023**

#### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

### **February 19, 2023**

#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

### **February 26, 2023**

#### **First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



## Joy Martin is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

The congregation is invited to a cup of coffee with her in the Ronnenkamp Hall on Saturday, February 25, from 2 to 4pm. She would like to acknowledge what a Blessing the Church has been to her for all these years, and would like you to come celebrate with her.

## Stone Soup and Campus Ministry Support

I have two WestM pre dental students collecting Dental Hygiene Supplies (tooth brushes, paste, floss, ets) for our Stone Soup Dinners. I was hoping your congregation might help by asking members to donate supplies and then having a box to gather them. The students would collect them mid February. -Rob Kirby

For more ways to help our community and Stone Soup, please see page 11 of this issue of Grace Gatherings.



## January 2023 Council Minutes

January 2023 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.

January 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Council-Meeting-Minutes-1-09-23-00000002.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



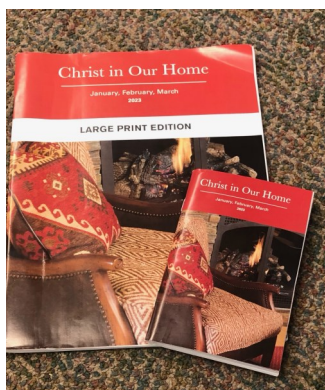
On Sunday, January 22, 2023 we welcomed 4 new members to Grace.

If you see any of our new members, please welcome them to Grace.

Dorothy Lundahl  
Sabrina Heath

Julia Rankin  
Kathy Burton

Welcome to Grace  
Welcome to Grace



## Christ in Our Home

January -  
March 2023

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 Tuesdays in  
January at 11:45 am

**February 14**

At El Sol de Mexico

**February 28**

At Queen's Chop Stick

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



## Global Book Club

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

A Hope More Powerful  
than the Sea by Melissa  
Fleming

## Quilters and Sewing Group



Grace  
Lutheran  
Church  
Foundation

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

**December 2022 Newsletter**  
[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/  
news/2022\\_12.html](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2022_12.html)

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1pm  
In the Sewing Room in the Basement

Contact Linda S. for more information



## Stone Soup of Corvallis needs our help

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



**Luther House**  
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

## Thank You to everybody who helped with the Clean Up at

