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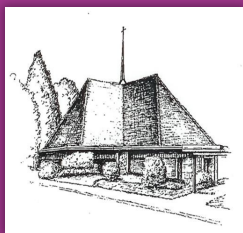
Grace GATHERINGS

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.



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday—April 6 7pm

At Episcopal Church of
the Good Samaritan

Good Friday—April 7 7pm First Christian Church

Easter Vigil—April 8 7pm Grace Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

8:30 am
In Person and Live Stream
Easter Brunch Between Worship

11 am
In Person Only

For more information, please see page 5

Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen

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Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young

406-417-1720

Kristin@grace97330.org

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst

office@grace97330.org

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jody@grace97330.org

Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar

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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.

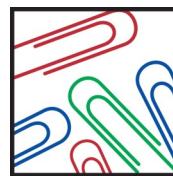
Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org



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

If you reach our voice mail, please leave a message. We do check voice mails regularly.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Giving at a Glance

Support the many ministries of

Contributions as of

March 24, 2023

Contributions for the Month of

March: \$21,208;

March Budget: \$30,300;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$21,208;

Weekly Budget: \$5,575;

(4 weeks in March);

YTD contributions: \$90,025;

YTD budget: \$88,125

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:

Millie
Ruth, Robyn's Mom
Pr Tweed (RBeltran)
Cleo, Colby, Madelaine, Lydia and Shawn
Halley, family of Dan and Molly
Michael, Becky's family friend
Marilyn
Linsay and daughter, family of Marshall
Pam (Junge niece)
Kaitlin and her Dad, Friend of Andrea
Donna and Herb H.
Jena and Family, niece of Linda S.
Mike, friend of Grace member
Dayle C.
Denise, friend of Andrea B.
Dorothy M.
Kathy V.
Bud, father of Denise C.
Jenny, family of Marna
Mark, Bob K. Cousin
Families in crisis
Teens struggling w/ depression & their parents

For those grieving:

Sally, sister of Mary Jane W.
Wayne Wahrmond
Rev. Paul F. Bosch
Rhoda, family member of Pr. Dorthy
Ray Sanders

Other Concerns:

For an end to violence against each other; for the
People of Ukraine and Russia; the people of Turkey
and Syria, 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
in the Call Process. They are working with Synod
staff, interviewing. We will continue to 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.*

Martina Vega	04/02
Herbert Hansen	04/02
Dick Junge	04/06
Teri Briskey	04/07
Dale Weber	04/08
Hal Dick	04/09
Carol Erickson	04/09
Christina Lundahl	04/10
Hal Brauner	04/11
Jeff Palmgren	04/11
Ellen Gelser	04/12
Millie Babb	04/14
Michael Beachley	04/14
Calla Shaff	04/15

Aaron Davis	04/17
Grayson Foster	04/17
Marilyn Walsh	04/18
Terry Renshaw	04/19
Susan Speulda	04/22
Kendra Wollert	04/23
Sharon Rosenkoetter	04/24
Eleanor Harrington	04/25
Angie Kingsley	04/27
Linda Samuels	04/27
Kris Warloe	04/28
Doris Volk	04/29
Todd Washington	04/29



Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

Contact Information

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Email:

prdorthy@grace97330.org

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

*Off Site Working Days
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday*

Happy Easter to you, God's beloved at Grace!

The days of Holy Week, now upon us, lead from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the night he gave his followers a new commandment, to his arrest and crucifixion. Pondering these last days of Christ's ministry can be powerful. I also know that Good Friday is not a well attended service. None of us want to dwell on the horrors of this brutal form of capital punishment. Yet if we don't confront the death of Jesus we cannot fully meet the resurrection. I wonder if we will ever completely understand what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means and accomplishes for us.

The hymn "Now the Green Blade Rises" is based on John 12, when Jesus says "Truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit..."

*"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green."*

Death and resurrection are part of the faith journey. We are constantly letting go of what needs to die, so that God can raise up new life. Whether that be something in our life, a behavior, perspective, a relationship or something else. Maybe God is showing you what needs to die so that God can call forth new life in you.

Part of my work as an interim pastor is to ask questions to bring about awareness of needs and wants, hopes and dreams. I do not want to interject what I think you need to be doing, but to help you figure out what God is calling you to be and do as Grace community. You are one of the early RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregations in the Oregon Synod. What have you done to live into this identity as a faith community? Stickers on the building or on your bumper isn't enough. Are you wanting to dive deeper into this identity and learn how to be more welcoming?

Why do I bring this up? Because there are

LGBTQIA+ pastors looking for calls in safe places. Are you open to having a pastor who doesn't quite look like the pastors you have had? You certainly have been open to calling women as pastors.

And what about calling a pastor who is BIPOC? There are Black, Indigenous, People of Color servants of the Church who the Spirit of God is using to raise up congregations that don't eat lefse and aebelskiver.

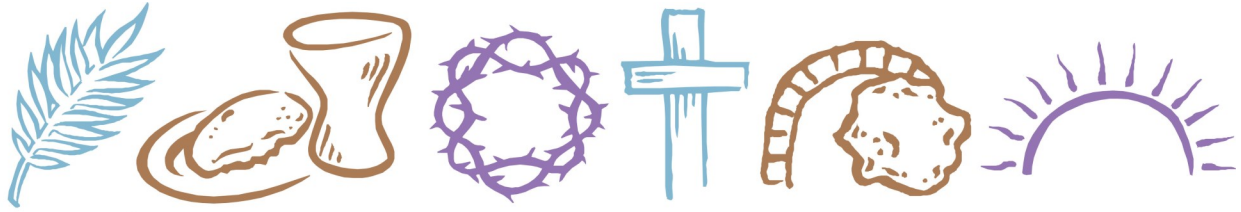
These questions invite you to die to your picture of Grace's future in order to let God raise you up to new life. Resurrection is different than the life before. It may look similar, however when we look at the resurrection story in the Gospel of John we find that Jesus still bore the wounds of death. Maybe letting the seeds of our past die—our wounds, our failures, our agendas—allows them to become the seeds that God raises up to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

*"When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green."*

The truth of the resurrection is that God is not finished when death comes. You already believe that. So do I. Yet we have a hard time with death, grief, and letting go. That doesn't mean we don't believe. What is revealed is the challenge of letting go and dying, so that God can call forth new life.

Death and resurrection are part of God's work in all of creation, and in us. During the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season, I invite you to contemplate what God is revealing to you that needs to die so that new life will rise. It's hard work to die to the hopes and dreams, to the way things used to be, to what we perceive as loss. It is through dying that we are reborn. What might God be calling Grace to die to in order to foster new life? God knows!

In Christ, with hope and peace,
Pr Dorthy+



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10 am

**In Person and Live
Stream**

**At Grace Lutheran
Church**

Maundy

Thursday

April 6, 2023

7 pm

In Person only

**At the Episcopal
Church of the Good
Samaritan**

Good Friday

April 7, 2023

7 pm

In Person only

**At First Christian
Church**

Easter Vigil

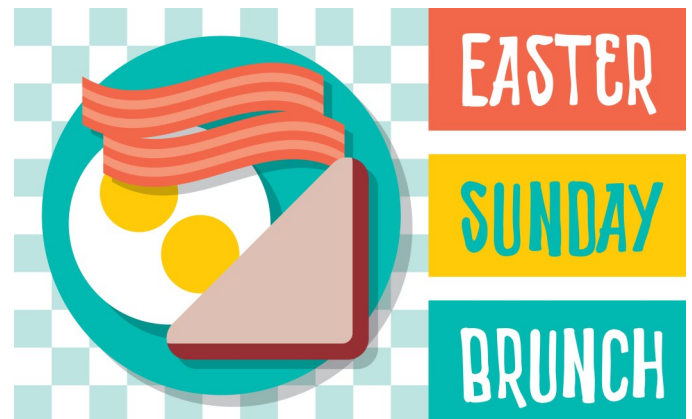
April 8, 2023

7 pm

In Person only

**At Grace Lutheran
Church**

Easter SUNDAY



Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 am

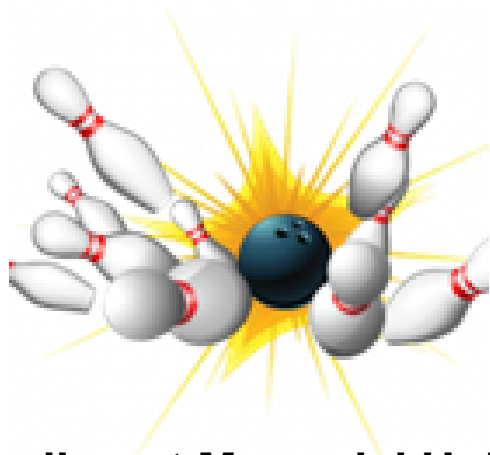
In Person and Live Stream

11 am

In Person Only

Easter Brunch

Grace's youth will be hosting breakfast in Ronnenkamp Hall between Easter services. This event also serves as a fundraiser for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering--attendees are encouraged to make a donation to support this event for our youth.



Bowling at Memorial Union at OSU

Youth and families are invited to come bowling on Saturday, April 29 from 3-5pm. Please RSVP to Kristin by Sunday, April 16 so we know how many people to expect.



Potluck and Growing Young Brainstorming

April 2, 2023
following Worship

This will also serve as the culmination activity for the Growing Young temple talks, and there will be discussion and activities centered around how we are engaging with that material.



Youth in the Community

Our youth are vastly gifted, and we want to support them as they share their gifts with the community! Kristin will have a whiteboard in the Fireside Room that families can add to, as well as an online option. Let us know what our youth are up to, from music and theater to sports and 4H!



Youth Led Worship

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Kristin will be in touch with families about youth roles and additional information.



Summer Day Camp At Grace

July 17-20, 9am-1:30pm. Our theme this year is Operation Restoration, and we will be learning about care for all of God's creation.

Bring Friends, All are Welcome.



Camp Lutherwood Sunday

May 7, 2023

Camp Lutherwood will also be here for our Pot Luck



Summer 2023 Camp Schedule

Registration now open at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/>

Mini Camp – Grade 1-2

July 9-11
July 23-25

Elementary Camp – Grade 3-4

July 9-13
July 30 – August 3

Upper Elementary Camp – Grades 5-6

July 9-13
July 30 – August 3

Confirmation Camp – Grades 6-9

June 25-29

Jr. High Camp – Grades 7-9

July 16-20
July 30 – August 3

Compass – Grades 6-12

August 6-10

High School Camp – Grades 10-12

July 16-20

Summit Camp – Grades 10-12

July 23-27

Women's Weekend – Ages 18 and Up

July 28-30

Friends and Family Camp

July 1-4
July 21-23

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

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



Yard Clean Up Work Party

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:30 am—12:30 pm

Help to beautify the church landscape for Easter.

Volunteer to assist in raking, pruning, cultivating and weeding. There are plenty of areas to practice on.

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 3rd 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.

April 16—Having a Plan and Go Bags (cont.)

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



Sunday Readings for April 2023

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14--27:66

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



March 2023 Council Minutes

March 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. 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.

March 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Council-meeting-minutes-03-13-23-00000002.pdf>



President:
Dave Lundahl
Vice President:
Meredith Junge
Secretary:
Nancy Hemming
Treasurer:
Hal Brauner
Financial Secretary:
Mike Franklin
Council Members:
Jeff Beck
Charlotte Chrisman
Frank Davis
Angie Gallagher
Mike Franklin
Marshall Hill-Tanquist
Pr. Dorothy Nielsen
Robyn Vega
Carol Warloe
Kendra Wollert



Christ in Our Home

April-
June 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
April at 11:45 am

April 11

At Magenta on 2nd Street

April 25

At Squirrels on 2nd Street



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

Global Book Club

Next Book Club Meeting
Tuesday,
April 4
at 1pm
Fireside Room

Sipping from the Nile:
My Exodus from Egypt.
Jean Naggar

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)

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

Contact Linda S. for more information

March 2023 Newsletter
[https://grace97330.org/Foundation/
news/2023_03.html](https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2023_03.html)

GELCO needs you

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Does spreading your love for Grace sound fun? Then you may want to consider helping out on the GELCO committee! The mission of GELCO is to reach out to our visitors, acknowledging them and making them feel welcomed. We do this through writing a note/email or hand-delivering an assembled GELCO bag that contains information about Grace, Luther House (if an OSU student) and some treats. Volunteers can choose how they'd like to participate and how often. If you might be interested in joining this fun outreach opportunity, please contact Anne Schroeder at anne.schroeder@gmail.com.

Wisdom Seekers

Wisdom Seekers Book Group Welcomes New Participants!

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, April 13th – This Tender Land: A Novel by William Kent Krueger. It is the story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression, crossing paths with others who are adrift. It is described as an “enthraling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.”

Meetings will be every Thursday at noon via Zoom, covering about 30 pages each week. Please join us for some fun discussions! If you would like to do so, please contact Mark Klopsch at klopschm@comcast.net so that he can add you to the Zoom invitation.



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Upcoming Activities and Volunteer Opportunities

Evening Student Dinner and Conversation

Sundays at 7pm

Student Trivia Night

Thursdays at 7pm
Starting April 6

If you would like to sign up click the link below or contact Melissa at Luther House

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C094AAEAC2EA3FDC61-sunday](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAEAC2EA3FDC61-sunday)



Help needed: Every Wednesday morning at South Corvallis Food Bank

Every Wednesday morning at 9 AM a crew of helpers from Grace Church join other community members for approximately 1.5 hour to unload and stock food deliveries to the South Corvallis Food bank. Up to now, four members from Grace have participated each week, but starting in April we need to increase to at least five helpers from Grace each week because two of community members who assist almost every week are moving away. Some lifting is required, but we assist each other so that no one injures themselves. Individuals come anywhere from one day to three or four days per month. If you or someone you know who is not a member of Grace would like to join our team, please contact Wayne Kradjan (541-757-9693; Kradjan1072@comcast.net) to learn more and/or to add your name to our email distribution list.

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

Hospital Visitation

We need your help knowing who is in the hospital

Over the last couple years, rules have changed in hospitals to protect patient rights. Our Hospital visitation volunteers are no longer able to look at a list of patients who are in the hospital. This means, unless we are told, we are unable to know who is in the hospital.

Due to the this change, we ask that you contact Andrea in the church office at office@grace97330.org if:

- You are in the hospital
- A family member is in the hospital
- A church member is in the hospital