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Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

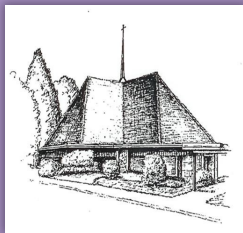
435 NW 21st Street

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.



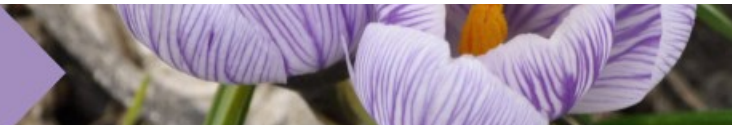
Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



Families of graduating seniors

Graduation is almost here, and we want to celebrate those who are graduating.

Please send information about your graduates to Kristin no later than May 20 so we can include it in the June issue of Grace Gatherings.



Grace Personnel

Interim Pastor—Dorothy Nielsen

541-377-1354

prdorthy@grace9330.org

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young

406-417-1720

Kristin@grace97330.org

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst

office@grace97330.org

Office Assistant - Jody Parker

jody@grace97330.org

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.

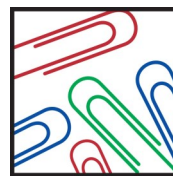
Visit our Grace web page at: www.grace97330.org



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

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

April 21, 2023

Contributions for the Month of

April: \$20,186;

April Budget: \$19,200;

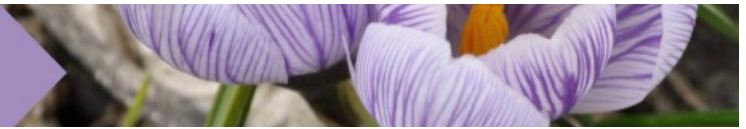
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$20,186;

Weekly Budget: \$4,800;

(4 weeks in March);

YTD contributions: \$112,100;

YTD budget: \$110,100



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*

*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)
Michael, Becky's family friend
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
Denise, friend of Andrea B.
Dorothy M.
Kathy V.
Jenny, family of Marna
Mark, Bob K. Cousin
Ali B.
Capella, Jaya's sister
Joy M.
Bret, brother to Andrea

Bud, Denise's father
Teens and Families in crisis

For those Celebrating the Birth:

Samuel, family of Bill and Terry.
Wyatt, grandson of Bill and Terry

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;

We continue to hold our Call Committee in prayer in the Call Process. We trust the Holy Spirit is at work in this process.

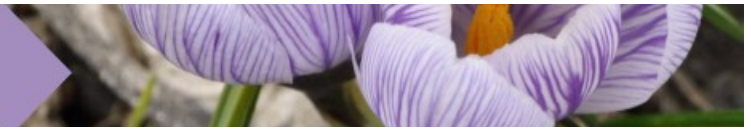
April 2023 Council Minutes

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.

April 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/I-Council-Meeting-Minutes-04-11-23-00000002.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



Pastor Dorthy Nielsen

Contact Information

Cell: 541-377-1354

Email:

prdorthy@grace97330.org

On Site Work Days: Mon, Thurs, and Sun

Off Site Work Days: Tue, Wed, and Sat.

Day off: Friday

Dear people of God at Grace,

Lately I have been remembering an experience John and I had in Roskilde, Denmark in 2010. After visiting the Viking Ship Museum we paid to row on a Viking ship-styled fishing boat. The Captain and First Mate gave instructions before we boarded. We talked about our living on ibuprofen for a week after rowing.

On board we took the oars and listened some more. Seated facing the back of the boat, we were told that the person at the front of the line was the lead in the rowing rhythm. My side was in good sync. But the lead on John's side couldn't get the hang of it and was crossing oars with the person behind her as she did not fully get the blade into the water. She was asked to pull in her oar!

Once out in the fjord, the rowing was fun as we were in sync. The captain and the first mate kept us on track. Then it was time to hoist the square sail. John helped the first mate untie and hoist it, and then the rest of us pulled in the oars, letting the wind do the work. It was exhilarating. Everyone was enjoying the ride and learning more about the sea-worthiness of the Viking ship design and working as a team.

In Scandinavia in the nave of a church there is a model ship hanging. Nave comes from the Latin *navis* which means "ship," which has been an early Christian symbol for the Church. Maybe a reminder that the first disciples of Jesus were fishers. The nave is where worshippers are gathered, and the chancel is where the clergy lead worship.

The symbol of the Church as a ship, and also the individual believer, is that we sail through life, through stormy seas and calm waters, buoyed by

faith and relationship.

So I was thinking about this symbol and my experience on a Viking ship/boat, and how it relates to Grace. Some are called to captain or first mate leadership, some to row, some to steer, and few to ride without tasks.

That is true for the Church. Some are called to Captain—lead; others are called to First Mate — support the leading; others are called to row, to moving the ship forward—the worshippers, volunteers, staff; and those who need to be carried will ride along—those who are tired, hurt, or weak. And all belong in the ship, so that all will move forward together.

Jesus is calling each of us into the ship of the Church, to guide, direct, move forward in mission. It's not that we need volunteers, we need shipmates. The only way we move forward is for us to answer the call to sail into the wide open horizon of the world; working together to bring God's amazing love to every port where we dock.

When the rowing has been done, then we can better catch the holy wind of the Spirit and sail with strength and hope into the world. We are not trading God's love for anything else. We are giving God's love to all we meet. We go to them. Maybe they will want to join us in this journey of faith and mission. Maybe not. However, we go forward together with a variety of abilities.

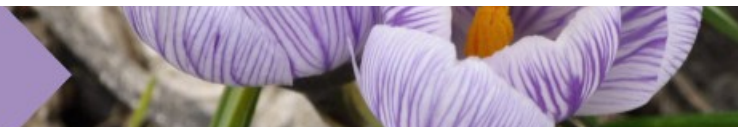
Well, amazingly, John and I did not need to live on any pain relief, at all! Surprise! That's what happens when we work together effectively. We move forward. Come on, Grace, keep rowing. We have more ports of call to reach. We can do it!

Easter greetings,

Pastor Dorthy+



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University



COME CELEBRATE

The installation of
Pastor Hallie Parkins to
the ministry of Luther
House!

The board for the Lutheran Campus
Ministry at the Oregon State University
and the Oregon Synod invite you to join
us:

JUNE 3RD, 2023

4 PM

at Grace Lutheran Church
435 NW 21st St
Corvallis, OR 97330

Following worship, you are invited to a reception graciously provided by Grace Lutheran. Please RSVP to Lhouse@peak.org by May 15 with dietary preference if you plan to attend the reception.

Upcoming Activities and Volunteer Opportunities

Evening Student Dinner and Conversation

Sundays at 7pm

If you would like to sign up click the
link below or contact Melissa at
Luther House
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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sunday](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAEAC2EA3FDC61-sunday)

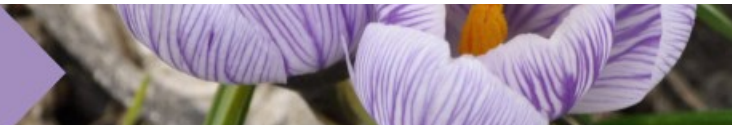
Student Trivia Night

Thursdays at 7pm
Starting April 6

Volunteer Opportunity

Luther House is seeking volunteers
to help park cars at Grace Lutheran
Church during OSU's
Commencement ceremony on
Saturday, June 17. This will be a
fundraiser for Luther House
Campus Ministry. Volunteers
would need to arrive at 7am and
can leave when the lot is full or
when the ceremony starts.

Please contact Luther House if you
are interested at:
lhouse@peak.org.



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

TBD

Disaster Preparedness Committee

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

Safety Committee—TBA

Outreach Committee—Rob Beltran

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



First Sunday of the Month Potluck

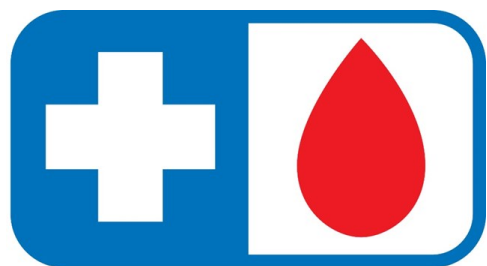
May 7, 2023
following Worship

A guest from Camp Lutherwood will be joining us.



Youth in the Community

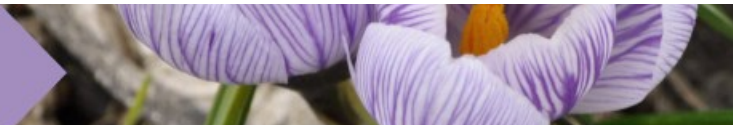
Our youth are vastly gifted, and we want to support them as they share their gifts with the community! Kristin will have a whiteboard in the Fireside Room that families can add to, as well as an online option. Let us know what our youth are up to, from music and theater to sports and 4H!



GIVE
Blood

Friday, May 26, 2023

Please contact The American Red Cross to sign up or for more 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

There will be a love offering to benefit Camp Lutherwood's Summer Camp project. The goal is for Grace to raise \$500 toward something like craft supplies, staff encouragement, outdoor cooking instruction, or something like that. Project to be determined soon. The love offering will take place on May 7th. You can give through the website, by check or cash in a marked envelope for Camp Lutherwood.



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

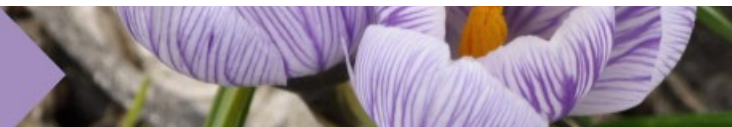
July 23-27

Women's Weekend – Ages 18 and Up

July 28-30

Friends and Family Camp

July 1-4
July 21-23



Sunday Readings for May 2023

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

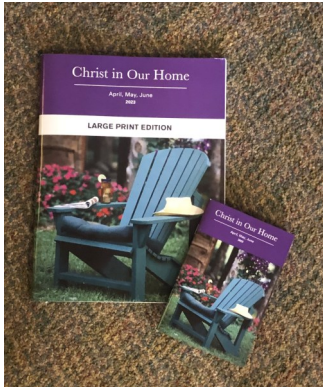
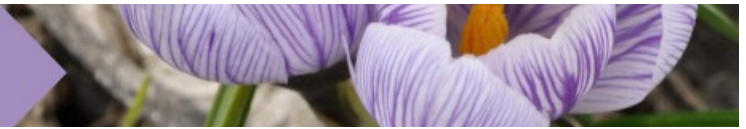


Birthday Blessings!

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

Bill Byers	05/01
Megan Vega	05/01
Derek Gourley	05/02
Karen Smith	05/02
Reed Vega	05/02
Christopher Kamke	05/04
Jana Seeliger	05/04
Jean Grosz	05/05
Bill Briskey	05/06
Serena Orwick	05/06
Todd Greeley	05/07
Susan Hale	05/07
Johanna Lundahl	05/07
Chad Washington	05/07
Ashley White	05/07
Benjamin Boysen	05/08
Leah Byers	05/09
MaryAnn Hall	05/09
Ronly Grindahl	05/10
Lucas Junge	05/10
Sarah Brauner	05/11
Tracy Collier	05/11

Joni Beilby	05/12
Jeff Beck	05/14
Cooper Castellano	05/15
Casey Smith	05/16
Melissa Smith	05/16
Ted Zhang	05/18
Marika Stock	05/20
Donna Hansen	05/21
Marie Belle Vega	05/21
Karen Strand	05/23
Jacob Donner	05/24
Marjorie Boster	05/25
Ida Stemple	05/25
Lincoln White	05/26
Kiah Gourley	05/27
Eila Howe	05/27
Wendy Nichols	05/27
Sarah Stephens	05/27
Brooke Donner	05/30
Julia Donner	05/30
Debbie Kuehn	05/31



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.



On Second and Fourth Tuesdays
at 11:45 am

May 9

At Khaki Nader Syrian Restaurant
115 NW Jackson, Corvallis

May 23

At Vinwood Tap House, Philomath



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

Global Book Club

Next Book Club Meeting
Tuesday,
May 2
at 1pm
Fireside Room

On Juneteenth by
Annette Gordon-Reed

Quilters and Sewing Group



Grace
Lutheran
Church
Foundation

Foundation News Website:

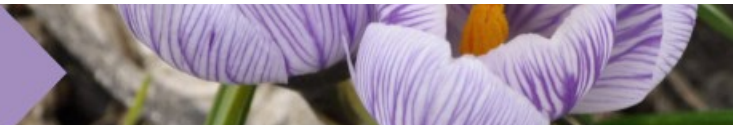
[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/
news/newsletter.html](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html)

March 2023 Newsletter

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

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

Contact Linda S. for more information



IDA Fund update from the Outreach Committee

Since the end of COVID-enlarged food stamps earlier this month, local calls for the IDA fund and to many other local assistance supporters have increased by as much as 400%. The “Outreach”

Committee is working on this issue. Please consider these needs as you plan your personal contributions.

New Member Inquiry

Sunday May 21 there will be a New Member Inquiry meeting after worship. If you are interested in becoming a member at Grace, come to the Library for more information. New Members will be received on Sunday, June 3. For more information, please contact Pr Dorothy at prdorthy@grace97330.org.



Back to School Drive

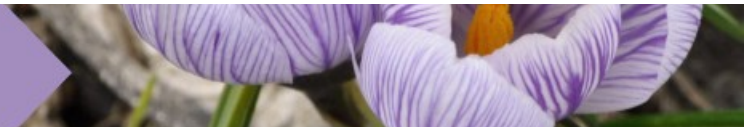
BENEFITTING



VINA MOSES CENTER

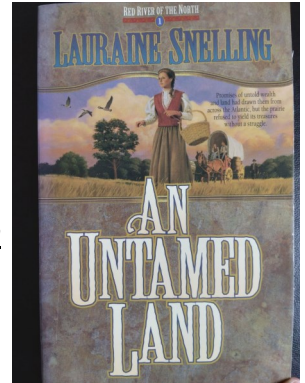
Grace will be collecting Socks and Underwear for school aged children in the yellow box in the Fireside Room.

Deadline for Donations:
Sunday, May 7, 2023



Book Review of **Red River of the North** series by Lauraine Snelling.

The Grace Church Library has some excellent novels that describe the immigration of Scandinavians to America in the mid-1800's and settled in Dakota Territory. They had hardships to overcome just leaving their home country to pay for passage on a sailing ship to New York City plus getting enough money to travel by railway to homestead in Dakota Territory. Lauraine Snelling wrote a series of six books in the **Red River of the North** collection. It is best to read them in sequence: *An Untamed Land, A New Day Rising, A Land to Call Home, The Reaper's Song, Tender Mercies, and Blessing in Disguise* as they follow the Bjorkland family from Norway along with other families who also immigrate to establish farms, a town, and small businesses.



The young women of this group of immigrants are inspired to take on leadership roles as they are the most educated before leaving Norway having about 8th grade proficiency. Before leaving Norway, many of them are married to older men, often 10 to 15 years older. Some are pregnant before boarding the ship. The stress of travel causes some to suffer miscarriages before arrival in New York. The women are the first to learn the English language when they arrive in New York. They frequently pray to God each day for guidance and thanksgiving. These women become the first school teachers, the first pastors, the first business owners on their homestead land, living in one-room sod houses for many years.

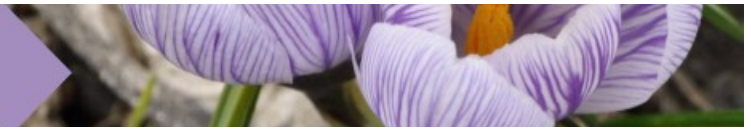
The men soon take offence to having their young wives run the farm household. The men felt that the wives should bear children, cook the meals, sew & wash the clothes, and herd the farm animals. The spoken language must be Norwegian in the household and that God only hears Norwegian. Yet when the farmer sells his grain harvest and buys more machinery, the language of commerce is English with the merchant dealers on the Red River of the North. The wife, who speaks, reads and writes English becomes the intermediary in all business commerce. Thus tension rises in the family.

The farmer's wives organize a community group to help each other. The need to educate the children is recognized and a sod building becomes the school house. The word of God must be preached to all (husbands and children) so the school house also becomes the church every Sunday. Young women with the most education become the first school teacher, the first pastor, and the first business owner. Later when young unmarried women arrive in Dakota Territory to become the new school teachers, there is a need to tutor English skills and arithmetic skills to some adult men who are uneducated. This starts the gossip circle about infidelity.

Disease causes many to die. Severe blizzards cause some to become lost between the house and barn or between homesteads when seeking help during a storm.

The author, Lauraine Snelling, has used historical documents and biographies of early settlers to weave a fictional account of immigrant families settling in Dakota Territory. The book collection tells an excellent story of Christian faith in action --- helping others in time of need, praising God for health and prosperity.

Review written by Ron Larson
4/09/2023



Help needed: Grace 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
- Fresh Produce and Backyard
- Pet Food
- Hearty Soup
- Eggs
- Can Openers
- Cereals and Sweet Treats
- Personal Care Items
- Gluten Free Items
- Cleaning Supplies

Grace Center for Adult Day Service

Serving residents of Linn, Benton, and Polk County. Grace Center was started in Ronnekamp Hall at Grace.

For more information go to: Gracecenter-corvallis.org

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