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# Grace GATHERINGS



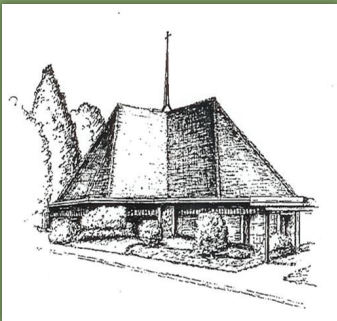
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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."*



**Registration is now open.**

Please go to the link below for more information  
and to register.

<https://grace97330.org/2023-day-camp-registration/>



Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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## Grace Personnel

**Interim Pastor**—Dorothy Nielsen  
541-377-1354

[prdorthy@grace9330.org](mailto:prdorthy@grace9330.org)

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**Nursery** - No Nursery at this time

**Prayer Chain** - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens  
[prayers@grace97330.org](mailto: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.

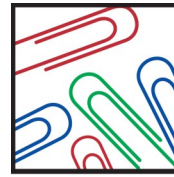
Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)



## Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for coffee and catch-up from 11:30 am to 1pm on Tuesdays and 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 June 22, 2023

Contributions for the Month of

June: \$16,138;

June Budget: \$24,700;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$16,138;

Weekly Budget: \$6,175;

(4 weeks in June);

YTD contributions: \$165,642;

YTD budget: \$161,725



**Pastor Dorthy Nielsen**  
**(Pr. Dorthy is on vacation June 7-29)**

Contact Information

Cell: 541-377-1354

Email:

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

On Site Work Days: Mon, Thurs, and Sun

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

Day off: Friday



# Oregon Synod

Walking Together Toward Courageous Love

A Report on the Oregon Synod Assembly  
By Mary Ann Matzke

Gordon and I were your delegates to the Synod Assembly, held on May 20, 2023, on Zoom. The theme was "Answering Jesus' Call to Holy Friendship." While I wasn't too excited about spending an entire Saturday on Zoom, the meeting turned out to be informative, inspirational, and efficient. Due to budget constraints, only every third annual assembly will be held in person. It is required that the election for bishop be held in person every six years. At least 3 other Grace members attended: Pr. Dorothy, Mike Franklin, and Michael Beachley (as parliamentarian).

I recommend that you read Bishop Laurie Caesar's report at <http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/bishop-caesars-2023-assembly-report/> for a short overview of our very active synod. I was amazed at the stories of the cohorts, teams, and groups that are sharing friendship in Christ across Oregon. I did learn that we are not alone in seeking a pastor. One in four ELCA congregations in Oregon has a vacancy.

The main role of a delegate is to vote on the budget and new leaders for the synod. In the budget session we learned that the budget is incredibly lean, that 42% supports ELCA churchwide while 5% goes to regional ministry partners and the remaining 53% is spent in synodical support to our 105 congregations, two campus ministries, six mission starts, and one Christian camp. Synod revenues include contributions from congregations, support from ELCA churchwide, designated gifts and growing amounts from staff grant writing endeavors. The budget as presented was passed overwhelmingly by the synod delegates.

Bishop Caesar's report contains a list of the new elected leaders in the synod. Congratulations to our own Mike Franklin who was elected a delegate from the Vineyard Cluster to Synod Council! We expect that we will have a closer relationship with the synod as a result.

Finally, one of my favorite parts of the assembly was the beautiful videos of church choirs and musicians from around Oregon that were interspersed throughout the day. The synod staff worked incredibly hard to make this Zoom Synod Assembly a meaningful online experience. We were privileged to attend.



## 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:

Millie  
Stan M  
Hal B  
Ruth, Robyn's Mom  
Pr Tweed (R Beltran)  
Michael, Becky's family friend  
Pam (Junge niece)  
Kaitlin and her Dad, Friend of Andrea  
Donna and Herb H.  
Mike, friend of Grace member  
Denise, friend of Andrea B.  
Kathy V.  
Jenny, family of Marna  
Mark, Bob K. Cousin  
Ali B.  
Capella, Jaya's sister  
Joy M.  
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.  
Teens and Families in crisis

### Rejoicing in New Life:

Baby Laila

### Prayers of Comfort

The family of Bud A. on his passing  
Jena and family on the loss of unborn baby  
The family of Dorothy M. on her passing

### Other Concerns:

For an end to gun violence and war; for the People of Ukraine and Russia, Iran, Yemen, and Myanmar; the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes, for our houseless and hungry neighbors; those who are fighting wildfires, storm, floods, earthquakes and for relief workers; for our LGBTQIA+ siblings who experience exclusion, hate, and violence daily; ...

**We continue to hold our Call Committee in prayer  
in the Call Process. We 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.*

Tina Risen	07/02
Sandie Williams	07/04
Ron Anderson	07/05
Jody Parker	07/05
Anne Howard-Orwick	07/05
Natalie Cardinali	07/07
Dayle Christensen	07/08
Rebekah Hadlock	07/10
Pat Corkill	07/13
Anthony Cardinali	07/14
Marna Renshaw	07/15
Marshall Hill-Tanquist	07/17

Keith Levien	07/17
Erika Lundahl	07/20
Tim Stock	07/20
Nicole Gelser	07/21
Kristin Young	07/23
Mary Stephens	07/24
Abigail Foster	07/25
Dana Howe	07/29
Dean Aulerich	07/31
Edward Hall	07/31
Jose Vega	07/31





### 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

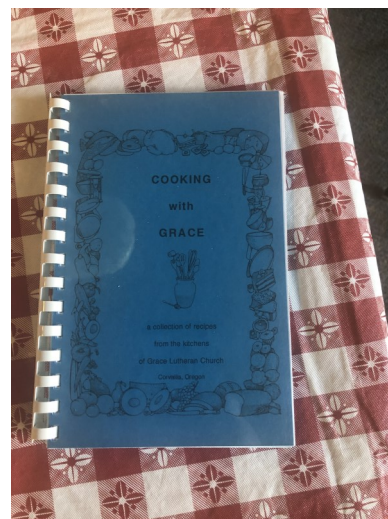
**Outreach Committee**—Rob Beltran



## Oregon bottle Drop

Blue Bottle Drop Bags continue to be available from the church office.

All proceeds in the Bottle Drop Program go towards the Ida Fund to help Community Members in an emergency.

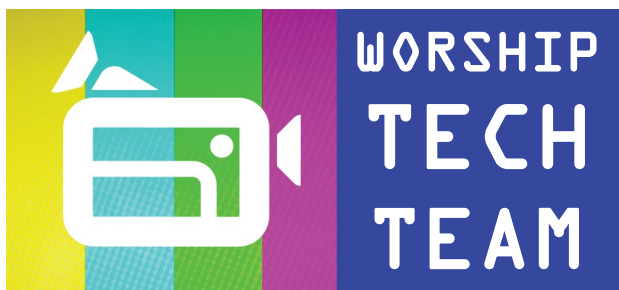


## Historic 50th Anniversary Cookbooks.

Available in the Fireside Room and Church Entry

Free or leave a donation

All Donations will go towards the Ida Fund.



Caden Buck  
Shelly Lundahl  
Bruce Stephens  
Mary Stephens  
Domnique Williams

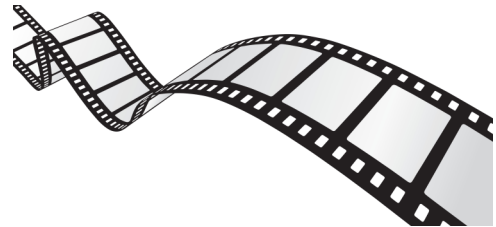


**There will not be any  
Potlucks in July or August.**

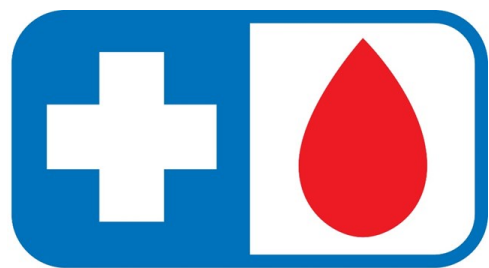
**See you in September**



Hikes! Kendra will be leading a hike on July 30 at 1pm, meeting at the Lewisburg Saddle trailhead.



Let's go to the movies! GYM is inviting you to join us for a matinee showing of "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" on July 23. Stay tuned for additional details.



**GIVE  
Blood**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

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



First Float Trip--July 9 at 12:30pm at Willamette Park. We will float from the park to Michael's landing. Bring your innertubes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, etc! If you have questions, let Kristin or a GYM team member know.



## Sunday Readings for July 2023

### July 2, 2023

#### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### July 9, 2023

#### 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### July 16, 2023

#### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 23, 2023

#### 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 23, 2023

#### 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

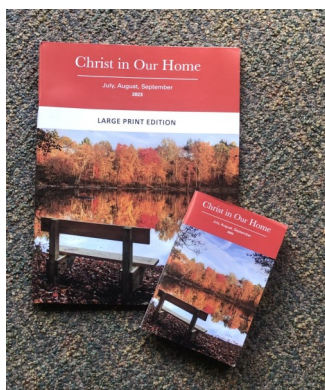
## June 2023 Council Minutes

June 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.

June 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Council-meeting-minutes-06-12-23-00000002.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. Dorthy Nielsen  
Robyn Vega  
Carol Warloe  
Kendra Wollert



## Christ in Our Home

July—September  
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

**July 11**

Tacovore

2503 NW Kings Avenue

**July 26**

Khalo Nader Syrian Cuisne

115 NW Jackson Avenue

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, June 15th – What is the Bible: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything by Rob Bell (who was named by TIME magazine in 2011 as one of the “100 Most Influential People in the World.” In the book, Bell reaffirms the Bible’s ability to shape and inspire our lives today.

Meetings are at noon every Thursday 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](mailto:klopschm@comcast.net) so that he can add you to the Zoom invitation.

## 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)

**Jne 2023 Newsletter**

[https://grace97330.org/Foundation/  
news/2023\\_06.html](https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2023_06.html)

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

Contact Linda S. for more information





## 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](mailto: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

### 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](http://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](mailto:office@grace97330.org) if:

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

