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Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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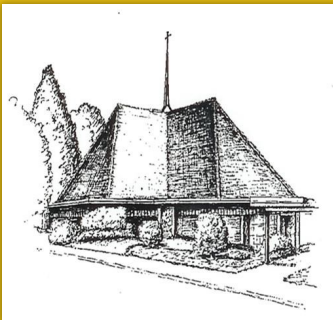


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



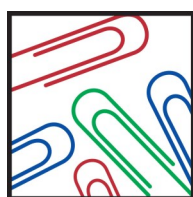
Our VISION is

*“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.”*



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 the many ministries of **Grace Lutheran** Contributions as of **July 21, 2023**

Contributions for the Month of
July: \$11,891;
July Budget: \$19,600;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$11,891;
Weekly Budget: \$3,920;
(5 weeks in July);
YTD contributions: \$178,995;
YTD budget: \$179,650

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Dear People of God at Grace,

One of the images that St Paul uses for Jesus Christ's Church is that of the human body. This has been such a helpful image and representation of the fullness, diversity, and purpose of the Church.

In the Book called Romans, Paul outlines his theme in 1:16-17: the gospel, the good news, is God's power for salvation for individuals, the Church, and for all of creation. This just God is all about reclaiming the world from the controlling power of sin. Through faith God restores our relationships with God through Christ, and frees us from sin.

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul asks the questions, is everyone like an eye or a nose? No, the point being we are not alike nor does Jesus call is to be of one mold or type. Instead, there is variety in form, function, and care.

As one part of many of the body of Christ, Grace was gathered in Corvallis, with a multitude of abilities, talents, skills, and gifts. As a body needs all parts to function well, so does Grace need all parts to participate in ministry. This is our worship of God.

For some with energy, there is more active participation. And for those who's energy is not as physical, there is a different type of participation. None are better than another. All are needed.

I think of a woman named Mildred, whom I met years ago. She was in her 90s, and told me her "job" was to be in prayer for the Church, its leaders and pastors. That was so beautiful to hear. This pastor needed to be reminded that the body of Christ needs prayer and pray-ers.

In these days of waiting, anticipating, of planning, hoping, and wondering, we lean on those who are pray-ers to cover us and the rest of creation as others get busy.

We need those who can cheer us on in our work, whether that work be 4-H or Girl Scouts, yard work or leadership. Hope you will visit the barns at the fair in early August and cheer on our youth.

Those who have caught a glimpse of God's

vision, of Grace's new horizon and what that could mean for ministry, need to speak and be heard. Since not all of us are the ears hearing the Spirit's whispers of hope and promise, it is important for the rest of us to listen and discern together what God is up to.

And God is up to things, you know. When I am humbled to use the Ida Fund to support the needs of our neighbors, I am reminded of the relationship of Ida and Vina Moses, and the quiet ministry in which they engaged, because of the Spirit's whispering in their ears, and what their eyes saw in the community. Those two women, and other people too, I am sure, sprinted into action because the gospel, the good news, had worked on their hearts. This was their worship of God.

In recent months we have heard the voice of God speak through young people who have also been impacted by the gospel's power...the powerful love of a just God who longs for us to care for each other, especially those who have been excluded, harmed, are suffering, and in need of compassion that is holy and just.

The passage from Romans 12 encourages us to live out the gospel each day...

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."

May God continue to renew each one of us for the days ahead. And may we discern and be renewed in body, mind and spirit into the likeness of the One who created all things.

Peace,

Pr Dorthy+



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:

Sue S.
Millie
Stan M
Hal B
Brenda 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.
Mark, Bob K. Cousin
Ali B.
Capella, Jaya's sister
Joy M.
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.
Teens and Families in crisis

Prayers of Comfort

The family of Marilyn Loftsgard on her passing
The family of Jenny, relative of Marna

Other Concerns:

For an end to gun violence and war; for the People of Ukraine and Russia, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, and Myanmar; for our houseless and hungry neighbors; those who are fighting wildfires, storm, floods, earthquakes and for support staff and 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.

James Leklem	08/01
Charles Vars	08/05
Judy Grindahl	08/06
Wayne Kradjan	08/08
Kimberly Daeschel	08/11
Shirley Loe	08/11
Archer Schroeder	08/12
Anne Pettingill	08/13
Bruce Stephens	08/14
Laura Davis	08/17
Judith Quam	08/17
Nathaniel Olsen	08/18
Larry Burt	08/19

Wendy Geist	08/20
Oliver White	08/20
Silas Hadlock	08/21
Linda Noland	08/22
Ken Kingsley	08/22
Joel Howe	08/23
Noah Geist	08/24
Charles Meslow	08/25
Liam Pettingill	08/25
Gerald Erickson	08/26
Whitney Lindquist	08/26
Neil Christensen	08/31



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

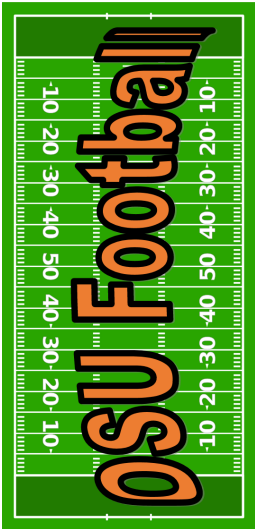
Disaster Preparedness Committee

Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

Safety Committee—TBA

Outreach Committee—Rob Beltran

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:

September 9 September 16

September 29 October 14

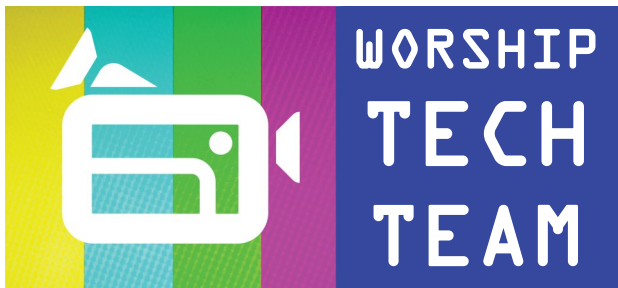
November 11 November 18

If you are interested in helping, please go to the link below.

If you have questions or want to be put on the “maybe” list, please email Luther House at lhouse@peak.org

Sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa9ab23a6f8ce9-football#/>



Caden Buck
Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens
Domnique Williams



JOIN US

The GYM Team is looking to welcome new members! If you are interested in being part of the team that dreams up and plans youth and intergenerational events, please reach out to Kristin, Kendra Wollert, Mary Ann Matzke, or Sandie Williams!



Float Trip

August 13 at Willamette Park, meeting at 12:45pm and on the river at 1pm! Let the GYM Team know if you are interested or have questions.



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.



Benton County Fair **Aug 2—5!**

Remember to go to the 4-H barns during Fair days to see our kids' animals and projects. Let's cheer them on.

Come support the Schroeders who are showing their sheep, with their main event on Thursday evening!



August 6, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20, 2023

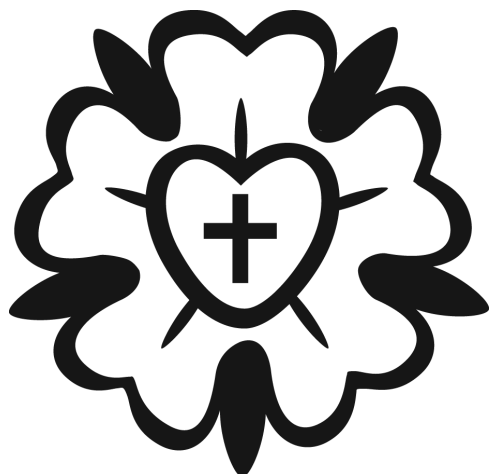
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

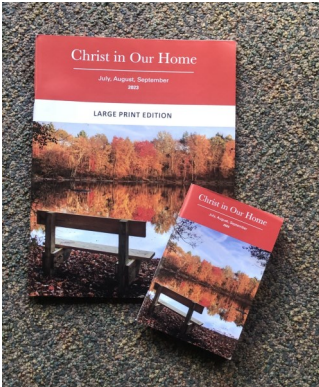


July 2023 Council Minutes, Executive Committee meeting, and other interesting items can be found in a binder on the church office counter. Should you want them emailed to you, please just notify us at office@grace97330.org. You are also welcome to attend council meetings, should you want to know what 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.

July 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Council-Meeting-Minutes-07-10-23-00000002.pdf>

President: Dave Lundahl	Council Members: Jeff Beck
Vice President: Meredith Junge	Charlotte Chrisman
Secretary: Nancy Hemming	Frank Davis
Treasurer: Hal Brauner	Angie Gallagher
Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin	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

August 8
At Castors

August 22
At Squirrels



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

The Wisdom Seekers will be taking a break in August and will be starting a new book in September.

Please watch for updates in the weekly email and Sunday bulletin Inserts.

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.

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



Grace's Global Book Club

Meeting is the first Tuesday of Each Month
1 pm in the Fireside Room

Complete 2023/2024 book list
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Global-Book-Club-Readings-for-2023-2024.pdf>

Upcoming books for 2023

September 5

Ma and Me by Putsata Reang

October 3

Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston

November 7

The White Girl by Tony Birch.

December 5

The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton



Is God calling you to serve?

Communion Assistants are needed to serve during worship. If you are interested, if you have done this in the past, or you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Marshall Hill-Tanquist. He will get you on the SignUpGenius site to get scheduled.

In search of Caring Visitors!

We are looking for caring visitors to do some friendly visiting with our not-so-mobile elders. There will be a brief 2-hour training on Sun, Aug 27th after worship (lunch included). If you are interested, please email Pr Dorothy prdorothy@grace97330.org. And come to the training. It will be fun! Lots of resources. This is a delightful way to keep connected.



Backpacks for Garfield

For at least 20 years Grace Lutheran has supported needy students at Garfield Elementary School by providing backpacks and school supplies. Garfield is a school that has a high number of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Our goal is 50 back packs for Garfield. The Corvallis School district is now providing all school supplies for all students. So we no longer need school supplies.

Backpacks need to be at least large enough to hold a pocket folder and library book.

There are 2 options for participating in this service project.

- Write a check out to Grace Lutheran Church noting Garfield Backpacks in the memo line
- Purchase a backpack and drop it off in the Fireside room.

Return backpacks to the large yellow box in the fireside room by August 20th.

If we have extra funds we will look for other opportunities to support students who would benefit from the support to help them launch into an amazing school year.

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or denise.cardinali@yahoo.com

Bulletin – If we start having printed bulletins in the next few weeks.

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.

FOR SALE

The remodel of the storage rooms for the Hospitality team is underway.

With this remodel, we have some items available to purchase that will no longer be used.

Storage Shelf Unit

30" W x 10" D x 32" H Plastic Qty: 2
Price: \$5 each

Storage Shelf Unit

32" W x 12" D x 57" Plastic Qty: 2
Price: \$10 each

Storage Shelf Unit

68" W x 18" D x 70" H $\frac{3}{4}$ Plywood
Price: \$20

Contact Ron Larson is interested 541-752-0754
Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church



Mt. Angel PNACL Conference 2023

By Jody Parker

This summer's Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries (PNACL) Conference was at Mt. Angel Abbey in Mt. Angel, Oregon, June 23 and 24. It kicked off with a tour of the Library, designed by Finnish architect Alvo Aalto, built in 1968 and dedicated in 1970 with a celebration when Duke Ellington performed. Brother Albert showed us several "Book of Hours" copied by monks from the 1100's to 1500's. A Pre-Lutheran Bible was valued at a million dollars. Before the workshops, I walked the iconic path of the Stations of the Cross. Workshops I attended were: 1) Banned Books, by Elaine Peterson member and former Professor. This is not a new phenomenon, but 40% more books were challenged in 2020 than in 2022. Among the official "7 Banned Books Christians Should Read" list, are: *To Kill a Mocking Bird*; Harry Potter Series; *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*; *Diary of Anne Frank*; and The Bible; 2) Christian Fiction, where the audience contributed titles for reading; 3) Book Discussion of: *The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip*, where Mrs. Kip is on Hospice. A young reporter is surreptitiously sent to interview her about Kip's leading the relocation of Laotian people during the early 70's, based on true incidents. We were also instructed on how to lead an interview in constructing someone's autobiography.

The keynote speaker was Pastor Jason Hague, from Junction City, who spoke on parenting his autistic son. His speech was touching and inspirational to the group. During the Conference, each time the monks were to gather for their group prayers throughout the day, the Abbey tower bells clamored for 5 minutes. Twice a day they rang all the bells, one being over 4 tons, is if it were the triumphant end of WWII. Friday evening, I read



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

If you need a book from the Grace Lutheran Church Library, we will get it to you!! Have you checked out the new

online catalog yet? Try [https://](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library)

www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library

Or go to the Grace website, under Resources, click on Grace Library. Click on any book, then the button that says Ask About Becoming a Library Patron. Enter





Do you recognize any of these items?

Please contact the church office if you think any of these items are yours

