

# Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



## What's Inside:

About Grace.....	2
A word from Pr. Dorothy.....	3
Upcoming Events.....	4
Committees .....	5
Tech Team.....	5
Stewardship.....	6
Caring Ministry.....	6
Youth and Family.....	7
Sunday Readings.....	8
Church Council.....	8
Grace Foundation.....	9
OSU Parking Fundraiser.....	10
Rental Property Discussion...10	
Library.....	11
Prayers and Birthdays.....	12

## Small Group Updates

Conversation in Spanish.....	6
Ladies Luncheon.....	9
Sewing Group.....	9
Global Book Club.....	10

*Some of what can be found inside*



Salmon Bake  
Page 4



Special Congregation Meeting  
Page 5



Vina Moses Clothing Drive  
Page 11

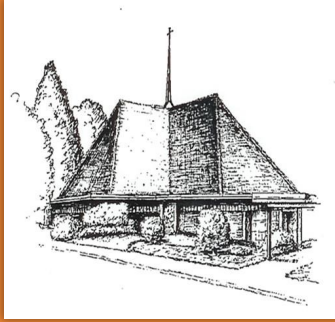


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation**. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



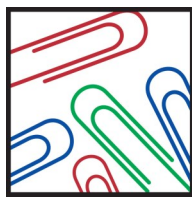
**Our VISION is**

*“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 September 22, 2023

Contributions for the Month of  
Septembert: \$17,295;  
September Budget: \$20,300;  
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$17,295;  
Weekly Budget: \$5,075;  
(4 weeks in September);  
YTD contributions: \$221,340;  
YTD budget: \$222,325

## Grace Personnel

**Youth and Family Minister** – Kristin Young  
406-417-1720

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

**Office Administrator** - Andrea Barnhurst  
[office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org)

**Office Assistant** - Jody Parker  
[jody@grace97330.org](mailto:jody@grace97330.org)

**Director of Music Ministries** - Bryson Skaar

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

**Percussion** - Kelsey Bleck

**Bookkeeper** - Robin Comforto

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

**Financial Secretary:** Mike Franklin

**Prayer Chain** - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

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

**Custodian** - Outside Contractor

**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,

At Grace Cathedral in San Francisco there are two Labyrinths, one inside and one outside. While I was in seminary I worked near the cathedral and would arrive an hour or more early so that I could walk the Labyrinth in prayerful meditation and listen to God. Quieting one's mind takes practice.

The Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool used in many different cultures. In the past 30 years it's become better known after centuries of hiddenness. You can go to [Veriditas.org](http://Veriditas.org) to learn more about how it has resurfaced and benefitted spiritual practices. It is a maze with one path to the center. There are no dead ends. One journey's to the center, sits and listens, then walks back out. There are different patterns yet all are helpful in spiritual meditation and seeking.

One day while walking the Labyrinth a person passed me on their way out. I contemplated that encounter. We never know who will pass by on our paths. I thought of the people walking on the streets of the City. God loves each one of them and is near to them in whatever is going on in their lives, just as I believe God loves me and is near in whatever is going on in mine.

Then I noticed that someone was walking alongside of me for a while, then turned on their path while I continued on mine. People who have been part of my life for a while become friends, we have things in common for a time, whether for long periods of time or short. Then our paths go off in different directions. Yet the shared journey has an impact on me.

When I get to the center, when I can take time to sit with God, with the Creative, Holy One, it is there I can quiet my soul and listen, and learn. Spending the time in prayerful meditation can bring balance, inspire me to pay attention to those around me, those I meet on my path. To spend time with the Spirit allows me to open my life and reflect on all kinds of things.

Our journeys are unique and also shared. Our shared path has been meaningful and refreshing for my soul. You have taught me things about mission and hope and justice. We traveled through the pandemic, grieved for those who died, and we have loved each other.



I am so grateful for our time together. We have traveled a long way together. God has blessed this journey with new horizons for this life. There are adventures and paths yet to travel, people yet to meet on the way and opportunities to share in the love of God wherever we go.

God's people have been on the path, on the way for generations; who have worked and learned and experienced the Holy in every day life and in the people we meet. From Abraham and Sarah to the Exodus, from exiles in Assyria and Babylon to going home to Jerusalem, from Galilee to Jerusalem to Samaria and the ends of the earth.

The same holds true for us. We have traveled this journey of faith together, some have paths that turned in a different direction. Like you, they are still God's beloved. There are times when together we need to be still and know that God is God. Times will come to reflect on where the path of faith has led and to come to terms with our losses.

In the beloved Psalm 23 we are assured that even though we walk through the darkest valleys we do not fear but trust that we have not been abandoned. When we have walked through that valley to the other side we find refreshment and new life.

We have journeyed through the pandemic and are discovering the paths and new horizon by the Spirit's guidance. Walk this Labyrinth of life and faith, and share the grace of God along the way. As you have along the way.

In the peace of Christ Jesus,  
Pr Dorthy+



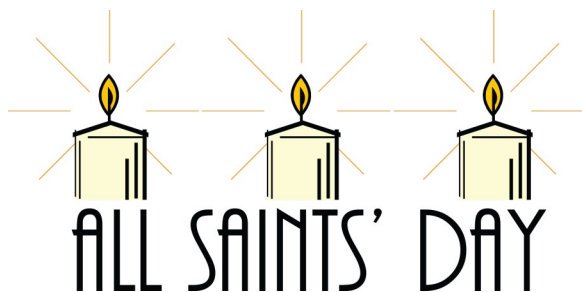
# upcoming events



## Salmon Bake

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
12:30 pm

At Willamette Park



**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

Please contact the Church office to add  
your saint to the list.

List as of September 27, 2023  
[https://grace97330.org/wp-content/  
uploads/2023/09/2023-All-Saints-as-of-  
9.27.2023.pdf](https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-All-Saints-as-of-9.27.2023.pdf)



**BLESSING  
of the Animals**

Sunday, October 15, 2023



Sunday, October 15, 2023

Following Worship



Sunday, October 29, 2023



**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



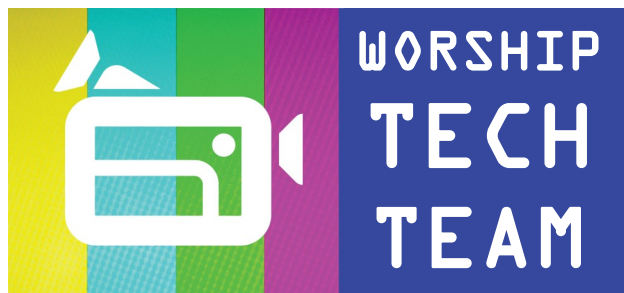
## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Following Worship in the Sanctuary**

This meeting is for voting members of Grace only.  
Correspondence in regards to this meeting has gone out.

If you are wondering if you are a voting member, please  
contact Andrea in the church office.



Caden Buck  
Shelly Lundahl  
Bruce Stephens  
Mary Stephens  
Domnique Williams



Starting on October 8 and for the following four weeks, the Stewardship committee will be presenting a series of short videos at worship centered on the format, GRACE<sup>2</sup>. What is GRACE<sup>2</sup>?

It is the organizational structure of Grace Lutheran, “centered in Christ and committed to an inclusive, intergenerational culture based on the pillars of Stewardship, Education and Worship that bring us to Christ’s callings of GRACE<sup>2</sup> - Gathering, Resourcing, Acting, Celebrating, Engaging and Equipping us for ministry.”

As you watch the videos, prayerfully consider how you can contribute to Grace, and yes, include your own ideas by sharing with others – and please, fill out the Estimate of Giving Form and return to the church for the financial secretary.

Estimate of Giving forms can be found in the most recent Giving Statements. For those of you that have not yet made “a contribution of record” this year, there are envelopes for you in the entry way with a letter about the fall stewardship campaign and an Estimate of Giving Card. Your Stewardship Committee.



Would you like to be able to serve communion to our homebound members? Pr Dorothy invites Grace members to join her in a training session on October 15 after church. It will last about an hour.

(Note to members of the Caring Ministry visitation team: yes, you’re also invited).



### **Conversation in Spanish Returns** **Thursdays at 3pm**

Do you already know Spanish and want to grow in your ability to Speak Spanish.

The purpose of the Conversation Group is to allow individuals who already speak some Spanish an opportunity to continue growing in their ability to become more fluent in the language. It is not a class to teach Spanish. Group meetings are held once a week for one hour at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information contact, in English, Juan Guzman at [jukar66@gmail.com](mailto:jukar66@gmail.com)





## Trunk or Treat

We will be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year on Halloween (Tuesday, October 31). As an update to this year, Grace members are invited to decorate their cars, and for bonus points, host a small carnival-style game to get candy. Games could include "fishing" over a tarp for candy, shooting a basket, knocking over plastic bottles, and more! If you need ideas or supplies, contact the GYM team ([kristin@grace97330.org](mailto:kristin@grace97330.org)).



Stay tuned for potlucks in November!



## 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.



Confirmation starts October 1 on zoom, with our first in-person meeting on October 15. Contact [kristin@grace97330.org](mailto:kristin@grace97330.org) with questions!



## Growing Resilient Communities

Saturday October 28

Luther House and WestM campus ministries are collaborating on a series of events for high school and college students. Our first event is focused on care of creation and climate justice, with guest speaker Sarah Loose. Contact [lhouse@peak.org](mailto:lhouse@peak.org) or [kristin@grace97330.org](mailto:kristin@grace97330.org) for more info.



## Fall Festivities at The Melon Shack

GYM invites you to join us at The Melon Shack pumpkin patch on Sunday, October 8 between 3-5pm. Enjoy fresh donuts and apple cider, pick a pumpkin (or two) and wander a corn maze with each other's company. Come when you can, leave when you have to!



**October 1, 2023**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8, 2023**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15, 2023**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22, 2023**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29, 2023**

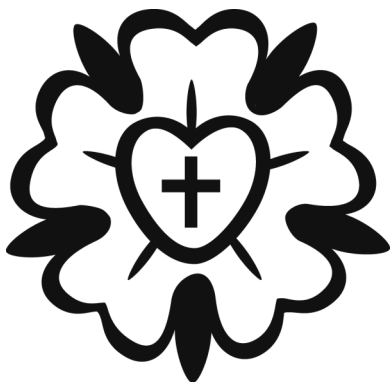
**Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



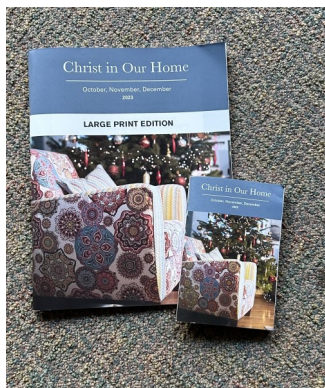
September 2023 Council Minutes, Executive Committee meeting, and other interesting items can be found in a binder on the church office counter. Should you want them emailed to you, please just notify us at [office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org). You are also welcome to attend council meetings,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

September 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Council-Meeting-Minutes-09-11-23-00000002.pdf>

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





## Christ in Our Home

October—  
December 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

**October 10**  
at Broken Yoke  
Downtown Corvallis

**October 24**  
at Panera Bread



## Wisdom Seekers Book Group

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Illuminations: A Novel of Hildegard von Bingen by Mary Sharratt, described as “the unforgettable story of how Hildegard of Bingen, Benedictine abbess and polymath, triumphed against impossible odds to become the greatest woman of her age.”

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>

**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

**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

**January 2**

The Water Defenders How Ordinary People Saved a Country from Corporate Greed



### 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:

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](mailto:lhouse@peak.org)

Sign up to help here:

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



### Rental Property Mission Table

(hosted by the Rental Property Task Force)

We invite the members of Grace to share their ideas and hopes for how the rental properties can enhance the mission of Grace at a discussion and visioning right after service on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please join us for this important gathering of ideas



## How to Check Out books from the Library

### In Person

Explore the library and use the paper sign out sheets that are located on the desk in the library. The library is located at the end of the hallway just past the restrooms. The Library is always open. Don't have a key to the building, know the code to get into the building, or need assistance? Stop by Grace during normal office hours to explore the library.

### Online

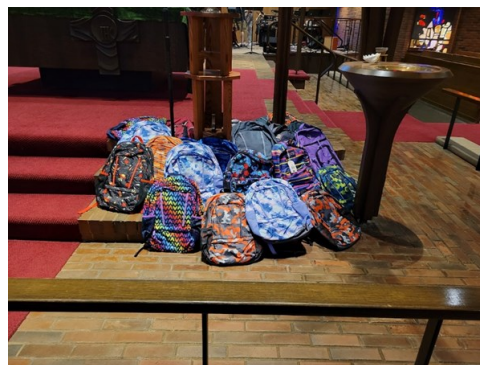
Books can be checked out through our online catalog at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GLC-Library> Or go to the Grace website, under Resources, click on Grace Library. Click on any book, then the button that says Ask About Becoming a Library Patron. Enter your name and email and/or phone and we will contact you.

## Sharing from our Abundance



### Clothing Drive for Vina Moses

During the month of October Grace Lutheran will be gathering winter wear for Vina Moses. We are looking for winter coats, sweaters, gloves and hats. Additionally, Vina Moses is in need of all kinds of men's clothing. So, start cleaning out the closets to look for items you have to pass on. Donations will be collected in the yellow box in the fireside room.



### Garfield Backpacks

Thank you to the generosity of members of the congregation we provided Garfield School with 50 backpacks.

This makes at least 1000 backpacks that Grace has donated through the years.





## 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:

Sue S.  
Millie  
Hal B  
Jude G.  
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.  
Ali B.  
Jaya's nephew  
Capella, Jaya's sister  
Joy M.  
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.

Mother to Brenda B.  
Teens and Families in crisis

### Prayers of Comfort

The family of Joie Martin  
The family of Patty Assum  
The family of Glenn C.  
The family Dee Ratsch

### Other Concerns:

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

Dorothy Lundahl	10/04
Tom Orwick	10/04
Judy Winkler	10/06
Todd Donner	10/07
Julia Rankin	10/07
Sylvie Schroeder	10/07
Krista Washington	10/08
Kay Larson	10/09
Maxine King	10/10
Freda Vars	10/10
Robyn Vega	10/11
Lee Strandberg	10/12
Sabina Heath	10/14

Carolyn Kradjan	10/14
Mackenzie Burnett	10/15
Lida Brauner	10/18
Carol Triebes	10/18
Kathy Scroggins	10/21
Lyla Hougum	10/23
Tom Kiersky	10/25
Bridget Palmgren	10/27
Mark Gourley	10/29
Sarah Davis	10/ 30
Carol Warloe	10/30
Kris Wilburn	10/31