

Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330

November

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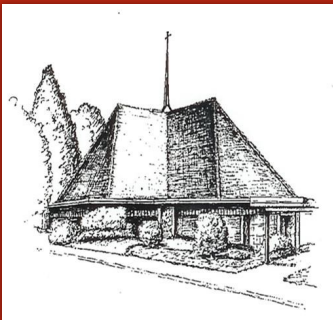


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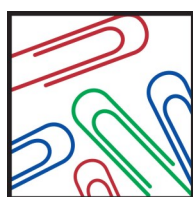


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation**. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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 Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of October 20, 2023

Contributions for the Month of
October: \$13,240;
October Budget: \$23,500;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$13,240;
Weekly Budget: \$4,700;
(5 weeks in October);
YTD contributions: \$235,875;
YTD budget: \$241,500

Grace Personnel

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Custodian - Outside Contractor

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:

Adele
Sue S.
Millie
Hal B
Jude G.
Brenda B
Dan J., Former Director of Music
Ruth, Robyn's Mom
Michael, Becky's family friend
Pam (Junge niece)
Kaitlin and her Dad, Friend of Andrea
Donna and Herb H.
Mike, friend of Grace member
Kathy V.
Ali B.
Jaya's nephew
Capella, Jaya's sister
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.
Cathie, friend of the Rosenkoetter
Teens and Families in crisis

Prayers of Comfort

The family of Glenn C.
The family Dee Ratsch
The family of Lorna Wheatley
The family of Rev Michael Meier
The Family of Joy Martin
The Family of Greg Vinsom

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Pr. Hallie and family on the birth of Eve

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;



Birthday Blessings!

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

Henry Larson	11/03
Maya Stock	11/03
Bob Saathoff	11/04
Courtney Shaff	11/04
Sue Kingsley	11/09
Beverly Raze	11/09
Isaac Hadlock	11/11
Anne Schroeder	11/12
Evelyn Vega	11/12
Molly Hallgrimson	11/14

Rachel Burnett	11/15
Jaime Foster	11/16
Michael Hellberg	11/18
Alexander Radnniecki	11/19
Erin Radniecki	11/19
Becky Strandberg	11/19
Joyce Gourley	11/25
Mark Klopsch	11/27
Sandy Beachley	11/28
Jo Anne Hellberg	11/30
Ardelle Merritt	11/30



Dear People of God at Grace,

We knew this day would be coming...as an Intentional Interim Pastor, my time with congregations is shorter than for a called, settled Pastor. Our time together has been weird, right? Pandemic, post-pandemic, an unusually long Call Process, as well as the ministry, learning, losses and joys we have experienced together. Three years!

So, as I prepare to leave you, know that you have become part of my spiritual DNA and will continue to be in my prayers as you move forward with the Pastor God and you have called to join with you in mission and ministry. I will miss you all, no exceptions. Thank you for the lessons I have learned from you. Your heart is beautiful, Grace.

The Oregon Synod has developed a policy of Separation Ethics: Pastoral Ethics in Leave-Taking. It is posted on the Oregon Synod website under Resources>For Ministers. It is eleven pages long! Yes, and it has to be that long to spell out everything, so that we can all understand the importance of saying “goodbye.”

When I leave I will not have any contact with Grace, Grace members, leaders, staff, without the knowledge of your called Pastor. This is for the sake of you and your new pastor being able to build relationships and grow strong together. There shall be no meddling from me. There can be no requests for me to return to conduct any pastoral acts.

If we have become friends on Facebook, I will be blocking and unfollowing you. Please do the same. This is not because I don't love you anymore. It is because I whole-heartedly want you to turn to your new pastor for support, guidance, and leadership.

So there needs to be a letting go. That is what we did on my last Sunday, October 29th at the end of the worship service with the Liturgy of Departure; a ritual of saying “goodbye.” And we must. Long ago I learned that if we say our goodbyes well, it sets us up for good hellos. And I want to have a good goodbye so that you can have a good hello with your new pastor. And I will be on to the next new hello in ministry.

Being clear about the boundaries of leave-taking is vital to the life of Grace. Your well-being is so important to me, as is the well-being and ministry of the pastor who comes after me.

Now, since we run in ELCA and Oregon Synod circles, we may bump into each other. Know that I will only ask how you are doing, and not ask what is going on at Grace. It will no longer be any of my business, though I will keep you in my prayers, with all the other congregations I have been honored to serve.

I hope you will understand and respect this closure as a necessary part of moving forward. Thank you for our time together. Thank you for letting me be your pastor during your transition.

Lovingly, in Christ Jesus,

The Rev Dorthy+ Nielsen
Intentional Interim Pastor of the Oregon Synod

From Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks for God the Father through him."

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Andrea in the office or Marshall Hill-Tanquist



Dear Community of Grace,

On Sunday, October 8th the congregation voted to issue a Call to a new pastor for Grace. I am happy to announce that this pastor has accepted our Call to serve with us in mission and ministry. They asked me to provide this picture and quote as a brief introduction. "Hello! I'm Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers. You can call me Pastor Remy. I will dance down your aisles to the beat of my own drum. Raised Lutheran in Texas, grounded in traditions, and a passion to use our rituals to share the love of God. We will have fun and joy, and cry and lament. I am excited to journey with you in faith centered in Christ."

Pastor Remy has started the process to say goodbye to the members of Our Saviors Lutheran in Prineville where they have served the past three years; and, they are making plans to move to Corvallis with a start date of Monday, December 4th.

Blessings,

Dave Lundahl, Council President



STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

November 5 is Consecration Sunday, the culmination of our fall stewardship program and an opportunity for you to submit your Estimate of Giving Card for the financial portion of your support for the ministries of GELC in 2024. Do not forget, GELC also needs you continuously participating in worship and physically participating in its ministries, not just your financial support.

You may mail your Estimate of Giving card to the church, deliver it to the church office or place it in the offering plate on November 5.

Thank you for your continued support of GELC.

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you for the lovely send off on Sunday, October 29th. Our three years of ministry in transition together has been a blessing to me.

Grace will always be in my prayers and heart.

Thank you for the "Weird" necklace. You got me on that one! LOL! We are all weird, in a good way! Blessings on your new adventures in mission with Pastor Emerson "Remy" Remmers. You are in good hands, and the Holy Spirit continues to be at work in you.

Pastor Dorthy+



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



Thursday, November 16, 2023

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



All Saints Day

All Saints Day is November 5.

Please find this years All Saints list at the link below. Printed copies can be found in the church entry.

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-All-Saints-Sunday-final-list.pdf>

Connecting with those on our prayer list

Grace Lutheran Church's prayer list is sent out via email and can be found in the weekly bulletin insert and the monthly newsletter. We try to keep the list as updated as possible with individuals who need current prayers.

To ensure privacy of all on our prayer list, we ask that you contact the church office for addresses or contact information for any on our prayer list.

Please contact the church via email or phone to receive the information.

We have contact information for Pr. Hallie and former director of music Dan available.





Outreach Update.

Thank you for all the donations of winter and men's clothing for Vina Moses Center. As we head into the holiday season we have new opportunities to share with our community.

This year we are going to shift our approach and partner for Thanksgiving Baskets. We will be supporting Jackson Street Youth Services in creating food boxes for the families they serve. We will gather items that their staff put into boxes they deliver.

For Christmas gifts for children and families in need, we will be shifting to a local partner in Vina Moses Center. There will be a Giving Tree at Grace. See the House of Zion update from Pastor Dorthy.

We are exploring possible options for sharing Christmas decorations for those of us who have an abundance of decorations.

As we explored local opportunities we have learned that Stone Soup has a need for cash donations to support purchase of turkeys for holiday meals.

Checks should be mailed to:

Stone Soup Corvallis, Inc.

P.O. Box 2381

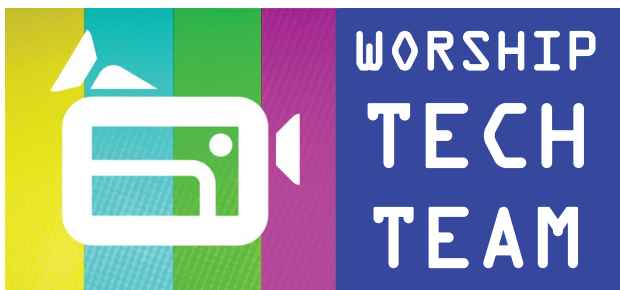
Corvallis, OR 97339

or donate on their home page <http://stonesoupcorvallis.org/>

More details will be coming in the weekly bulletin and announcements

Update on House of Zion (Lutheran) Latino Ministries

House of Zion has closed in Woodburn and is transitioning to Border Ministries in Texas. I know they have been grateful for Grace's support over the years. As a result of this news, the Outreach Team is redirecting our efforts toward Vina Moses Center's Giving Tree Program. I know you will support this as you did House of Zion, generously and whole-hearted. Local kids and families will be blessed. --Pr Dorthy+



Caden Buck
Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens
Domnique Williams



November 5 Potluck

All are welcome to join for a potluck after worship!
There will be time for food, as well as learning, games, and conversation as we follow along with our confirmation team's curriculum.



November 19 In-Person Confirmation at
First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th St

First, second and fourth Sundays Confirmation is
via Zoom at 7 pm.



Growing Resilient Communities

Saturday, November 18

Programming for high school and college-aged
students, focusing on healthy community. Contact
kristin@grace97330.org for more



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.



Rivers of Mercy--Pub Theology
Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm
The Barn in Albany

As part of the young adult Gather network through
the ELCA, we invite 18-35 year olds in the mid-
Willamette valley to join us!



November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023

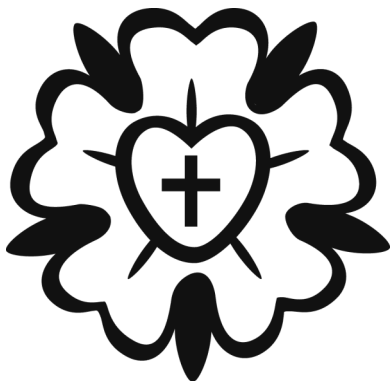
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



October 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.

October 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Council-Meeting-Minutes-10-09-23-00000002.pdf>

President: Dave Lundahl	Council Members: Jeff Beck
Vice President: Meredith Junge	Charlotte Chrisman
Secretary: Nancy Hemming	Frank Davis
Treasurer Hal Brauner	Angie Gallagher
Treasurer Elect Bob Keith	Mike Franklin
Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin	Marshall Hill-Tanquist
	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

November 14, 2023
New Morning Bakery

December 12, 2023
Corvallis Club



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

New Book Starts November 2

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, November 2nd - The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, described as a fresh, deep, and new understanding of the nativity story, enabling us to better appreciate the powerful message of the Gospels."

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 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)

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

Contact Linda S. for more information

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



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

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

February 6

Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by
Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WeDunn.



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:

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#/>



Choir Practice Thursdays at 5:30 pm

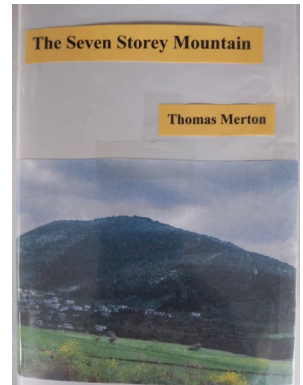
Please contact Director of Music for more information

All are Welcome



Book Recommendation, *The Seven Storey Mountain*

The Trappist monk of Gethsemane monastery in Kentucky, Thomas Merton, wrote an autobiography in 1948 titled *The Seven Storey Mountain*. I had always heard of Merton, but never read a book of his until picking up this autobiography in the Grace Church Library. It is a moving story of a young man who struggles in his coming of age years between the two World Wars. His struggle is an inner one: should he or should he not commit himself to the Priesthood? He attends University in Europe and America but although a good student, this life of alienation is not for him. His writing is engaging and his story is full of his anguish and indecision. Anyone who has struggled with the meaning of life and has a philosophical inclination will love this reading. Merton became a prolific and popular writer, a voice from the cloister that spoke as well for those outside the walls. Merton also practiced Zen wisdom. While attending a conference for those in Asia who sought Merton's collaboration, he sadly died an untimely death in Thailand in 1968.



In addition to *The Seven Storey Mountain*, you can find *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* and soon *The Seeds of Contemplation*, by Thomas Merton in the Grace Church Library. These volumes are collections of his clever observations of society, both secular and religious.



The Grace Hospitality Team is here for YOU!

Our ministry at Grace memorial receptions assists those who are grieving in planning the reception to meet their needs and desires. We find it important and rewarding to minister to our families. Did you know the Grace Hospitality Team aka Worker Bees does more than memorial receptions?

We have a catering component as well. At these various events we provide dishes, flatware, glasses, tablecloths, napkins and serving pieces. We prepare, serve and clean up, too!

Pre-pandemic we catered a synod workshop; a Church Librarian Convention that was held at the Presbyterian Church, preparing delicious lunches, snacks and dinners for the convention-goers, and transporting the meals to the Presbyterian Church, which they served; The Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers annual Pastors' Luncheon; Welcome reception for Luther House Campus Pastor; Birthday and Anniversary Parties; Lunches for our church congregation's workdays; and Thank You receptions for staff who are moving on to other endeavors.

This fall we are doing the Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers luncheon again. We are ready to do more! If you have an event/occasion that we can help you with, please contact me. We'd love to help!

Molly Hallgrimson, Hospitality Team Coordinator
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