

Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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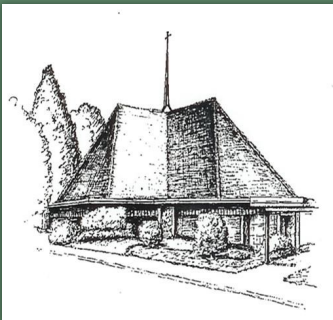
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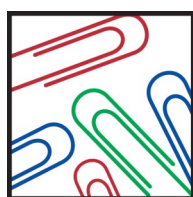
Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



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 and Thursday (on site):
9am—4pm: Andrea Barnhurst

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (off 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 November 26, 2023

Contributions for the Month of
November: \$16,744;
November Budget: \$21,200;
First 4 Weeks Giving: \$16,744
Weekly Budget: \$4,240;
(5 weeks in October);
YTD contributions: \$255,537;
YTD budget: \$267,860

Grace Personnel

Youth and Family Minister – Kristin Young
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Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst
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Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar

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Percussion - Kelsey Bleck

Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto

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Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

prayers@grace97330.org

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
Sue M.
Dan J., Former Director of Music
Michael, Becky's family friend
Pam (Junge niece)
Kathy V.
Ali B.
Cyndi W.
Rusti, Kathy B.'s mother
George, Sharon R.'s brother
Jaya's nephew
Capella, Jaya's sister
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.
Cathie, friend of the Rosenkoetters

Shirley C.
Connie and Jason
Teens and Families in crisis

Prayers of Comfort

The Family of Joy Martin
The Family of Greg Vinsom

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Briskey family on the birth of James

Other Concerns:

For an end to gun violence and war; for our houseless and hungry neighbors; those who are fighting wildfires, storms, floods, droughts, earthquakes and for support staff and relief workers; for our BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ siblings who experience exclusion, hate daily; for the Vineyard Cluster churches...



Norma Moody	12/01
Jude Geist	12/06
Meredith Junge	12/07
Nancy Strohlein	12/08
Gabri Bilotta	12/09
Jamie Pettingill	12/09
Denice Rickard	12/17
Kathryn Honey	12/19
Sara Gelser	12/20
Pat Olson	12/23

Birthday Blessings!

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

Jessica Saathoff	12/26
Cathy Mueller	12/27
Anna Wayt	12/28
James Wernz	12/28



An interview with Pr. Remy Remmers with Dave Lundahl, Grace Council President

Pastor Remy will start their new call at Grace Monday, December 4.

Full interview can be found here:

<https://grace97330.org/getting-to-know-pr-remy-remmers/>

Printed copies of the interview can be found in the church entry.

<Dave Lundahl>

So here today, with Pastor Remy. So one of the questions I'm sure that everybody at Grace is wanting to know is tell us your story. You know, where did you grow up? Why did you decide to become a pastor?

<Pastor Remy (they/them)>

I grew up in the Dallas area of Texas, so grew up with two Midwestern Lutherans who independently moved down to Texas and met via church softball, which apparently got all the couples together back in that day. But they met each other and fell in love and decided to have kids. So I grew up in a Lutheran family, ELCA Lutheran ELCA is only a few years older than me, so it's actually a very young denomination.

If you think about it, I loved growing up in my Lutheran Church, I went to a bunch of the different youth retreats. It was a large church and so I feel very lucky of the opportunities that I had growing in my faith at King of Glory. That's what the church is called, which is a very unique Lutheran name. Grace is the more common Lutheran name.

Growing up, I realized that I was really good at looking at systems. And so I was like, I'm gonna be an engineer. So, I went to school for engineering science and mechanics with a biomechanic focus.

The summer before my last year, I was a camp counselor in Virginia. So that's in the DC area and which day by day there I learned that while I was good at engineering, I wasn't passionate about it and that I could have a life where I would do engineering and I would do it well. But I really wanted to do something that I was passionate about and working with these kids was so much closer to that passion and teaching them about God and the rituals and like, why I loved Lutheranism, made me realize I wanted to be a pastor.

There are people called to Camp Ministry and I love them so much and I am so grateful for my time in it and I knew that it was close, but not quite so that made me decide I wanna go to seminary and learn more where I was very much intimidated by all of these people who studied religion, philosophy and those kind of things right before seminary.

Not too many people studied engineering, so I had to be willing to interrupt the class by raising my hand and being like, what does homiletics mean? What does this word mean? And I just felt like a consonant interruption at the beginning because I didn't know the words.

I didn't know how to participate in this space because I'm like, I can look at systems. I can see all these different moving parts and how they intertwine with each other, which made me really good once I started learning about Greek and Hebrew and being like OK, this is how the Bible is coming together and how fascinating and loving that is and faithful interpretation throughout many years.

But it was kind of an interesting choice to do engineering beforehand. You can imagine. I went to seminary at LSTC, which is Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

[See Full Interview for more](#)



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ELCA Good Gifts

Give a Gift of something different this holiday season to somebody in need.

Look at the catalog and find out how you can send a gift of chickens, pigs hygiene kits and more.

https://goodgifts.elca.org/all-gifts?gad_source=1&qclid=CjwKCAiAslGrBhAAEiwAEzMIC4hnmxFq3kCU_B11zIKsxeU7xpPpBxnGx0MIxpQcePXLX1WtbmEI9BoC0KwQAvD_BwE



Advent Soup Supper Sign Ups

We are seeking individuals willing to help Set Up,
Bring Soup or Bread and Clean up

Sign up sheets are in the church entry.



SUNDAY, December 3, 10, 17 & 24
At 10:00 AM
In Person and Live Stream

Advent Sunday Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, December 3
Following Worship

Potluck and Advent Wreath Making

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 13, & 20
At 6:00 PM
In Person only

Mid Week Advent Soup Supper and Worship

SUNDAY, December 24
At 5:00 PM
In Person and Live Stream

Christmas Eve Worship



Advent Altar Flowers

Please donate to the Altar Guild flower Fund or
bring in your own Poinsettia for Advent



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



Out and About Coffee Hours

Kristin will be available for coffee and catch-up from 11:30 am to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

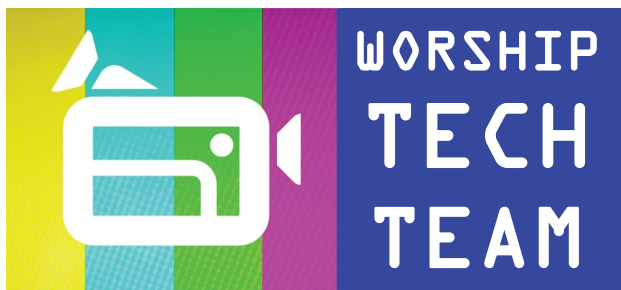
Please contact Kristin to set up a location or drop by Luther House to see her.



Choir Practice Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Please contact Director of Music for more information

All are Welcome



Caden Buck
Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens
Domnique Williams



Giving Tree for Vina Moses

Located in the Church Entry

Deadline: December 8, 2023

Gift Tags with Gift Suggestions and Gift Suggestions Flyers are available in the church entry.

Please return unwrapped gifts to the box in the Fireside Room

For more information please contact Andrea in the church office or one of the Outreach Committee Members



Thank you for the donations of men and women's clothes to Vina Moses. They were very appreciative of the influx of men's clothes that provided them when resources for individuals who have had unmet needs.

Vina Moses is open for donations on Monday and Thursday from 10 am to noon and Tuesday from 2-4 pm. There is a continued high need for men's clothing. They will accept one bag of women's clothing or 1-2 boxes of household items and men's clothing. They are located at 968 NW Garfield Ave.

Jackson Street Youth Services

We had amazing contributions of food to support Jackson Street's food boxes. We had a very full load of food to deliver after the first week and the second Sunday provided a few more boxes. Additionally, some members supported this effort with cash donations.

On Sunday November 12th we also had an opportunity to learn more about the many activities and services provided by Jackson Street. If you are interested in learning more about Jackson Street's services they provide and needs they have, check out their webpage Jacksonstreet.org

In 2024 we will look for additional opportunities to support this important program in our community.





Church COUNCIL

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Luke 1:46b-55 (alternate)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (alternate)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 31, 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

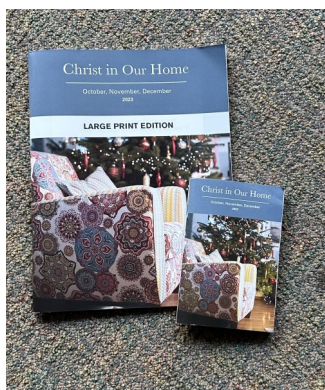
November 2023 Council Minutes, Executive Committee meeting, and other interesting items can be found in a binder on the church office counter. Should you want them emailed to you, please just notify us at office@grace97330.org. You are also welcome to attend council meetings, should you want to know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

November 2023 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Council-Meeting-Minutes-11-13-23-00000002.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



On Second and Fourth Tuesdays
at 11:45 am

December 12, 2023
Corvallis Club

Copies can be found in the church entry
and if you are needing a printed copy,
please contact the church office.



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

New Book Starting 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

June 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

December 5

The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton

February 6

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

January 2

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

March 5

Hannah's War by Jan Eliasberg

Curious About the Gutenberg Bible?

If you would like to know anything about this Bible and its creation, the Grace Church Library has two books of interest. The first book *What is the Gutenberg Bible?* is by Danika Cooley. This book is part of a "Who What Why" series on the Reformation and is written for young adults. I found this book informative and educational. It has drawings, facts and figures which illustrate the fascinating history of how Johann Gensfleisch von Gutenberg invented the movable type printing press. His invention helped spark the Reformation as well as the publishing world. Not only youngsters but adults, too, will get a lot of out reading this handy book. The second book is *The Lost Gutenberg, The Astounding Story of One Book's Five-Hundred Year Odyssey* by Margaret Leslie Davis. It is fascinating but sad, too. With this story the edition, the Doheny Gutenberg Bible, has its history and the mystery unfolds. This description comes from the inside cover of the book: "From its creation by Johann Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany; to its ownership by the British heir to the Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce empire; to its brush with one of the most notorious crimes of the twentieth century, the Teapot Dome scandal; to its ultimate resting place in a steel vault in Tokyo." In addition, *The Lost Gutenberg* explains the woeful demise of large private libraries in Europe and America and public Library/Museums. If you like history, books, and intrigue, you will enjoy reading these two books about the Gutenberg Bible.

By Jody Parker

