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Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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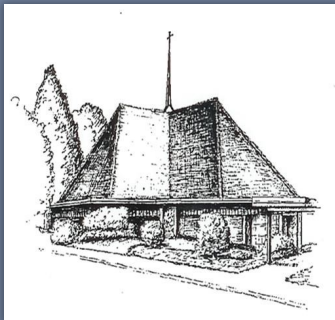
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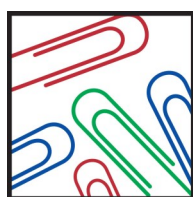


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (off site):
9am—4pm

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 January 25, 2024

Contributions for the Month of
January: \$32,377;
January Budget: \$45,400;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$32,377
Weekly Budget: \$9,080;
(5 weeks in January);
YTD contributions: \$2,377;
YTD budget: \$36,320

Grace Personnel

Youth and Family Minister – TBD
Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst
office@grace97330.org
Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar
Bryson@grace97330.org

Percussion - Kelsey Bleck
Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto
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Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin
Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens
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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
Sue M.
Dan J., Former Director of Music
Pam (Junge niece)
Mike, friend of Grace member
Kathy V.
Ali B.
Carol G.
Sylvia A.
Rusti, Kathy B.'s mother
George, Sharon R.'s brother
Trish and family, Neighbor of the Wernz's daughter
Brian, Charlotte's friend
Meghan, Niece to Cathy M.
Cathie, friend of the Rosenkoettters
Shirley C.
Connie and Jason
Teens and Families in crisis

Prayers of Comfort

For the family and friends of Binh Ryback

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Orwick family on the birth of Sylvie

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...



Birthday Blessings!

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

David Triebes	02/04
Bob Zwang	02/04
Michael Franklin	02/05
Ron Olson	02/07
Ardis Koester	02/09
Donna Wernz	02/09
Sue Musil	02/13
Linda Roberts	02/14
Bonnie Zwang	02/19
Brenda Beck	02/21

Debbie Zeller	02/21
Toney Logan	02/23
Jerrold Koester	02/24
Katie Olsen	02/24
Gloria Werth	02/25
Brandy Greeley	02/28
Noel Vineyard	02/28



Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers

Contact Information

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revremy@grace97330.org

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs: In the Area

Friday: Sabbath

Saturday: Day Off

Siblings in Christ,

This past month was full of activities and fellowship grounding us in this walk of faith together. A huge shout out and thank you to the hosts of the food and fellowship events this past month. I really enjoyed these smaller spaces to share stories and get to know you. Coming up is a walk on February 10 rain or shine! I am hopeful that these types of fellowship events will continue in the future, so that we can continue to build community together as we journey in faith.

My installation is on February 18th at 3:30. At this point I will officially be your pastor! While that seems slightly silly to have it so much later, it often takes time to get all of the pieces together for an installation. People from the synod, the pastor to be installed, local clergy, and the congregation are all invited to the event. In this service we make promises to one another for how we will live together in faith. There will be times that we fail one another, and we promise to come to each other for reconciliation and forgiveness. Living in community can be hard and it is filled with so much joy. We were not created to live alone. We were created to live together in community laugh together, mourn together, read the scriptures together, and live faithfully as God's people in this place. This world is too hard to live alone so come and celebrate this transition in our life together.

Lent is around the corner! Ash Wednesday is Valentine's day this year. Growing up my family always sent out valentine's day cards as opposed to Christmas cards, because the end of the year was incredibly busy. A check in to how our family was doing and our hopes for the next year. Lent has often been a time of checking in and a reset for our faith. The practice of giving up or adding a prayer practice is incredibly common as tools to check in with our faith. For Lent our theme will be Love Drives Out Fear. In times of uncertainty and change it is love that often grounds us. Moving with curiosity and love grounds us and helps us avoid reacting or living in fear. We will be exploring God's Love for us, Our Love for Christ, love of neighbor, and more. May this Lent be a time where you love yourself. Give yourself the grace and love you need and love thy neighbor.

Peace,
Pastor Remy



Installation Of Pr. Remy

**Sunday, February 18, 2024
3:30 pm**

Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Ronnenkamp Hall



**- Sat. February 10
at 10 am -**

Rendezvous walk at
Starker Arts Park
Meet in the Parking Lot



Bible study with Pastor Remy!

Come join Pastor Remy for a bible study on Wednesdays at 1pm starting February 21st. We will be reading the Book of 1 Corinthians together, learning about the community of Corinth, and talking about conflict in community. Bring your bible and let's learn together.

LENTEN Schedule

Wednesday, February 14th • 7pm

Ash Wednesday Service
In person and Live Stream

**Sunday, February 18, 25,
March 3, 10 and 17 • 10am**

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
In Person and Live Stream

Wednesday, February 21 • 6pm & 7pm

Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Worship
First Presbyterian Church-Corvallis
In Person and Live Stream

Wednesday, February 28 • 6pm & 7pm

Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Worship
Grace Lutheran Church
In Person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 6 • 6pm & 7pm

Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Worship
First Presbyterian Church
In Person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 13 • 6pm & 7pm

Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Worship
Grace Lutheran Church
In Person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 20 • 6pm & 7pm

Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Worship
First Presbyterian Church
In Person and Live Stream



Holy Week

March 24—31, 2024

Please Watch for updates coming up

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 - Bob Keith

Personnel Committee - Cathy Mueller

Caring Ministry Team - Marshall Hill-Tanquist

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



Luther House
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Luther House Work Party

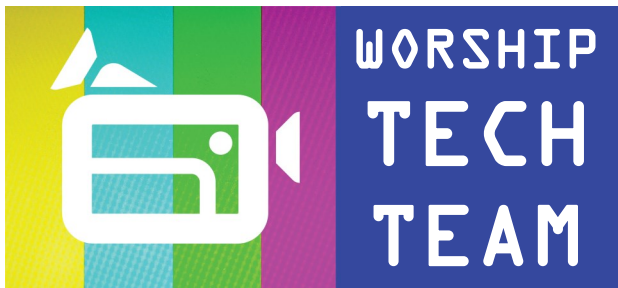
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Student Dinner

Sundays at 6 pm



**Thank You Kristin Young for
all the work you have done
at Grace and Luther House**



Caden Buck
Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens



tacklehunger.org

Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday – February 11

On the big game weekend, the Outreach and Youth ministries are teaming up to lead Grace's fight against hunger. Please help the team with donations of shelf-stable foods or monetary contributions. Canned goods will go to the annual HCSA (Honors College Student Association) at OSU which will support Linn-Benton county Food Share. Cash and online special donations will go to Stone Soup of Corvallis, which has seen increased need for its daily feeding program. Look for food collection bins in the Grace entryway and baskets for special contributions at Grace or contribute online at the link below:

<https://grace97330.org/who-we-are/online-giving/>



First Sunday of the Month Pot Luck

February 4, 2024
following Worship

Bring your favorite dish and join us for fellowship and fun games for all.



Youth Gathering Standard Registration Deadline

If your child is interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer, the deadline for standard registration is February 14.

Please talk to Pr. Remy or Kendra if you are interested in attending, so that we can collectively register from one account.



Courtyard Memorial Project



The Courtyard Memorial Project is envisioned to be constructed early this year and will be funded with special contributions from individual members and former Grace members. A special escrow account ["Courtyard Memorial Project"] has been set up with the church treasurer to collect this money and give donation credit to each member contributing to the project as a charitable contribution. Mark your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with the note "Courtyard Memorial Project". We are collecting funds now.

The Courtyard will get a revised layout and a new walking surface that is built with 12-inch square pavers that are rose and grey colored. Many of the rose pavers will be memorial pavers inscribed with the name of a loved one. The project cost is estimated to be \$21,000. The Grace Foundation has graciously agreed to fund \$14,000 as matching funds (2:1) for the \$7,000 to be contributed from individual members. As soon as the goal of \$7,000 has been reached the project can start. The Property Committee will manage the design & construction of the project. They will also manage the inscription of the memorial pavers and the long-term care & maintenance of the pavers.



Stone Soup of Corvallis Needs Volunteers

Grace has seized the opportunity to prepare dinner for Stone Soup at First Christian Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Three to four volunteers are needed to help. Volunteers would arrive at First Christian at 1:30 pm to prepare the meal which is served at 5:30 pm. A separate group of volunteers, not from Grace, do the setup, prepare the drinks, serve the food and do clean-up. So when we are finished preparing dinner we can choose to leave or to stay and help the other volunteers.

Keith, the kitchen manager will provide the menu for the meal. All the food will be on-site and be ready for us to prepare. All volunteers should get a food handler card which can be obtained through a short on-line course followed by an open book test. The cost (~\$10) would be reimbursed by Stone Soup, if desired. Our first Sunday is unfortunately the same Sunday as Pastor Remy's installation, February 18th. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please contact Elaine Franklin or Frank Davis. We will compile a list of those interested and send an email every month with the dates Grace is scheduled. You will be able to email back the dates when you can volunteer.

Thank you



February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 18, 2024

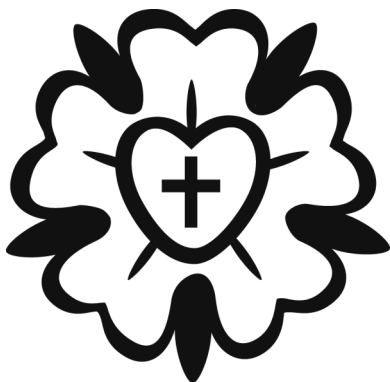
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



January 2024 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

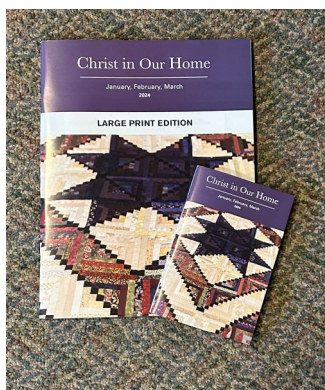
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Council-Meeting-Minutes-01-08-24-00000002.pdf>

You are 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.

President:
Dave Lundahl
Vice President:
Meredith Junge
Secretary:
Nancy Hemming
Treasurer Elect
Bob Keith
Financial Secretary:
Mike Franklin

Council Members:
Jeff Beck
Charlotte Chrisman
Frank Davis
Angie Gallagher
Mike Franklin
Marshall Hill-Tanquist
Robyn Vega
Carol Warloe
Kendra Wollert



Christ in Our Home

January—
March 2024

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

February 13, 2024

Wise Cracks (119 SW 3rd. Street)

February 27, 2024

Royal Indian Cuisine (1857 NE 9th Street)



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

New Book Starting January 18

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, January 18th - *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. An NPR review states, "As he's done throughout his spectacular writing career, McBride looks squarely at savage truths about race and prejudice, but he also insists on humor and hope."

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>

January 2024 Newsletter

https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2024_01.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

February 6

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

March 5

Hannah's War by Jan Eliasberg

April 2

Three books with the same title
The Only Woman in the Room

May 7

How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue



Spring Clean Up
Saturday, March 23, 2024
8:30 am—12 pm

There are Many projects for all who are
interested in helping



Choir Practice
Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Please contact Director of Music for
more information

All are Welcome