

# Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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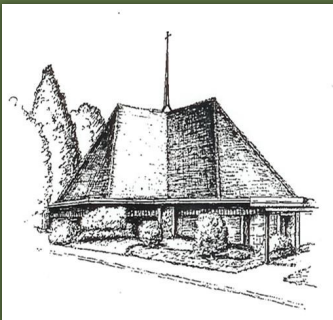
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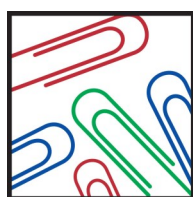


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

**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, Wednesday and Thursday  
(on site):  
9am—4pm

Tuesday and occasional 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 February 21, 2024**

Contributions for the Month of  
February: \$17,660;  
February Budget: \$25,700;  
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$17,660  
Weekly Budget: \$6,425;  
(4 weeks in January);  
YTD contributions: \$61,920;  
YTD budget: \$64,675

## *Grace Personnel*

**Youth and Family Minister** – TBD  
**Office Administrator** - Andrea Barnhurst  
[office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@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

## Prayers

*This prayer list is a compilation of those who have requested prayers in the last month.*

*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

Casey and her Guide Dog, Friend of Andrea B.  
Ukrainian family who was neighbors to Cathy M.  
Bret, Brother of Andrea B.  
Betty, Mother of Barbara B.  
Steve, brother in law to Cathy M.  
Chris, friend of Judy G.

### Prayers of Comfort

The family and friends of Ted Carlson  
The family and friends of Joyce Robak



If you missed the Installation Service for Pr. Remy, you can view it on our YouTube Channel at the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/live/NXyhADA6bGA?si=310oKGa0auSJ9T5L>



## Birthday Blessings!

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

Stanley Miles	03/03
Ron Larson	03/05
Adele Neukomm	03/05
Michael Gallagher	03/07
Jaya Lapham	03/07
Bryson Skaar	03/07
Michael Kinch	03/09
Shelly Lundahl	03/09
Lillian White	03/09
Becky Kiersky	03/10
Kathy Vohland	03/16
Todd Weber	03/19
Carol Guard	03/20
Doris Peters	03/20

Maia Gelser	03/21
Leighton Nichols	03/21
Diane Stadsvold	03/21
Carol Kamke	03/24
Phillip King	03/24
Allie Palmgren	03/25
Scott Shaff	03/25
Peggy Custer	03/26
Wanda Parrott	03/27
Kathy Farnsworth	03/28
MaryJane Weber	03/28
Marilyn Lesmeister	03/29
Keith Foster	03/31



**Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers**

*Contact Information*

*Cell:*

*Email:*

*revremy@grace97330.org*

**Office Hours**

*Mon.-Thurs: In the Area*

*Friday: Sabbath*

*Saturday: Day Off*

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Let us March On! Thank you to everyone who made my installation a special day. I am now "Official"! I am so glad that my parents were able to come up and spend time here as I get to know the area. One of the days we drove to the coast to Yaquina head lighthouse. The clouds were overhead with the sun occasionally peeking out. Low tide was starting and we were the first there to explore. With the field guide in hand from the local park rangers we carefully stepped out on this cobble stone beach in search of nudibranchs in the tide pools. We saw fish and coral and even a crab before finally seeing a bright yellow nudibranch. Nudibranchs are sea slugs that come in a variety of colors that I have found fascinating. Some can even gain the abilities of the things they eat (look up leaf sheep)! Nudibranchs bring me such joy because they are such eclectic cute creatures. Seeing them feels like such a chance encounter that makes me so in the moment. This has been such a busy time as I adjust to what it means to live on this side of the mountains. Creation grounds me. It is not hard to just be in awe of creation. In fact, the hardest thing about searching the tide pools was not breaking my ankle again. The days are getting longer and we are starting to go more outside and be in God's creation. What are your nudibranchs? What are little things you search for that give you joy? Let's share this joy with one another.

Peace,  
Pastor Remy  
(they/them)



# LENTEN *Schedule*

**Sunday, February 18, 25,  
March 3, 10 and 17 • 10am**  
Sunday Worship with Holy Communion  
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



**Sunday, March 24 • 10am**  
Palm Sunday Worship  
Grace Lutheran Church • In Person and Live Stream

**Thursday, March 28 • 7pm**  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
Grace Lutheran Church • In Person and Live Stream

**Friday, March 29 • 7pm**  
Good Friday Worship  
First Presbyterian Church • In Person and Live Stream



**Sunday, March 31 • 8:30 & 11am**  
Easter Sunday Worship  
Grace Lutheran Church • In Person and Live Stream

**Sunday, March 31 • Between Worship**  
Easter Breakfast to support our Youth  
Ronnenkamp Hall



## 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.

**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

[www.luther-hosue.org](http://www.luther-hosue.org)

**Student Dinner**

Sundays at 6 pm

**Bridge Event**

Friday March 1—Sunday March 3

**Craft Night**

Tuesday March 5 and 12  
from 5pm to 7pm

**Drop in Lunch**

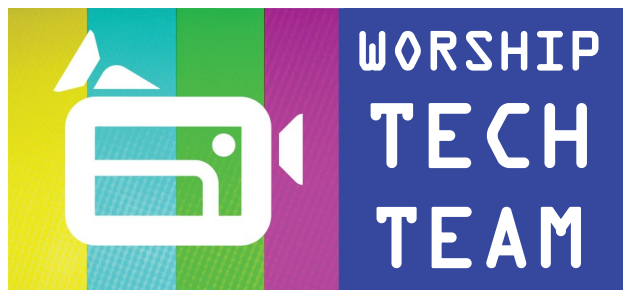
March 18-22  
from 11am to 1pm



**Grace Medical Equipment  
Closet**

Did you know that Grace has a medical equipment loan closet? We have canes, crutches, walkers, shower benches, commodes, wheelchairs and misc. If you have a need to borrow any of these items please contact the church office or Cathy Mueller. Also, let us know if you have any items to donate to the loan closet.

Printed copies of the newest issue of the Luther House Newsletter are available in the church entry.



Max Cheskin  
Shelly Lundahl  
Bruce Stephens  
Mary Stephens



## Memorial Courtyard Pavers



The goal of the pavers installed in the Courtyard is to provide a place to memorialize members of Grace Church. It will provide a place for remembrance and contemplation. Only deceased members, their spouse, close family members or "Friends of Grace" who have moved away may be memorialized in the Courtyard. People wishing to memorialize someone in the Courtyard should contact the Property Committee and select the location for their paver.

The Property Committee will maintain a master log for all the paver locations reserved. They

will assist you in how to purchase the blank paver from Willamette Graystone and how to have it engraved at R3 Engraving. Carol Warloe will personally guide you in this process, the letter style, the font size, and what can be engraved. The average cost for an engraved paver is about \$60 each.

The paver shall be returned to the Property Committee for placement that will be done about twice per year. The cleaning maintenance will also be done each year by the Property Committee.



## Stone Soup of Corvallis Needs Volunteers

Grace has seized the opportunity to prepare dinner for Stone Soup at First Christian Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Four to Five 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 and work with us couple of times to help us get used to the kitchen. All the food will be on-site and be ready for us to prepare. All volunteers will need to view a couple of videos, read a couple of documents (e-mailed to you from me) and take the short on-line test to get a Food Handler's card, prior to volunteering. The Food Handler's card cost is \$9.00 and if desired, would be reimbursed by Stone Soup.

I am currently looking for volunteers for April and beyond (April 21, May 19, June 16, etc). If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please contact Frank Davis. I will compile a list of those interested and send an email every month with the dates Grace is scheduled. Then, you can email back the dates you can volunteer.

Thank you

## Barclay Commentary Books By Jody Parker

The Gospel of Matthew from The Daily Study Bible Series by William Barclay, printed by the Westminster Press, is an excellent way to explore the Gospel of the New Testament. This series of books, as they are done also on the Gospels of Mark, Luke and John as well, is available in the Grace Church Library. This type of commentary reading has the aim “to convey the results of scholarship to the ordinary reader.” The book’s style is designed for the reader to follow along with the biblical text, which is then followed by 3 or 4 pages of commentary by Dr. William Barclay.

Here is an example which Barclay discusses on The Lord’s Prayer. Consider on page 224 this verse, Matthew 6:13: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.” Barclay explores this verse by saying, “There are two matters of meaning at which we must look before we begin to study this petition in detail. (i) To modern ears the word tempt is always a bad word; it always means to seek to seduce into evil. But in the Bible the verb peirazein is often better translated by the word test than by the word tempt. In its New Testament usage to tempt a person is not so much to seek to seduce him into sin, as it is to test his strength and his loyalty and his ability for service.” I don’t know about you, but this illuminating insight is refreshing and quite a relief to hear! It is such an enlightening statement that an avid Bible student wants to know more.

Peppered throughout his commentaries are accounts and quotes from well-known authors and ideas from other sources that delight and enlighten his writings, such as Robert Louis Stevenson and Tennyson, to name only two. The Daily Study Bible Series are a wonderful addition to have on hand while reading on one’s own, or participating in a formal Bible Study.

Grace Library not only has the Gospels in the series, but also volumes of the Daily Study Bible on the epistles of the New Testament. On February 21st, Grace began a Lenten Bible Study on 1 Corinthians and Grace Library has an edition of that epistle in the Daily Study Bible Series with which you may want to supplement your reading and understanding of that book of the Bible.



**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

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



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://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.





**March 3, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

**March 10, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1--15:47

**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

February 2024 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/February-Council-meeting-minutes.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.

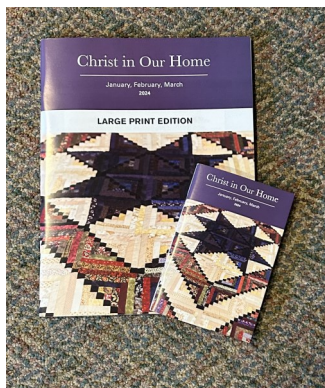
Council continues to meet via ZOOM. To attend send an email to President Dave Lundahl stating that you would like the link to attend.

<b>President:</b> Dave Lundahl	<b>Council Members:</b> Charlotte Chrisman
<b>Vice President:</b> Mike Franklin	Frank Davis
<b>Secretary:</b> Nancy Hemming	Angie Gallagher
<b>Treasurer</b> Bob Keith	Marshall Hill-Tanquist
<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Mike Franklin	Meredith Junge
	Cathy Knock
	Jaya Lapham Conser
	Robyn Vega
	Carol Warloe

## Who Loves Chili!!

The Annual Chili Cookoff (after 4 year hiatus) will resume starting at 11:45am on March 3. Chili contestants need to bring a crock pot full and have a name to enter their chili in by 11:30. We will be awarding prizes for judged chilis (best and runner up) plus most popular - voted by dollar donations to send our youth to national youth gathering. Judging based on US chili cook off scoring rules. We are looking for chili contestants and judges. For questions contact Dave Lundahl at 541-602-3419 or [Dave.Lundahl@insightsnow.com](mailto:Dave.Lundahl@insightsnow.com).





## 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

**March 12, 2024**  
New Morning Bakery

**March 26, 2024**  
Vinewood Tap House in Philomath



## Wisdom Seekers Book Group

### ***New Book Starting March 21***

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, March 21st – *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels* by Kenneth E. Bailey. As a master of Middle Eastern culture, Bailey examines the life and ministry of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context.

Meetings are at noon every Thursday via Zoom, covering about 30 pages each week.

If you would like to join us for some fun discussions, 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](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html)

**January 2024 Newsletter**  
[https://grace97330.org/Foundation/  
news/2024\\_01.html](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

**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**