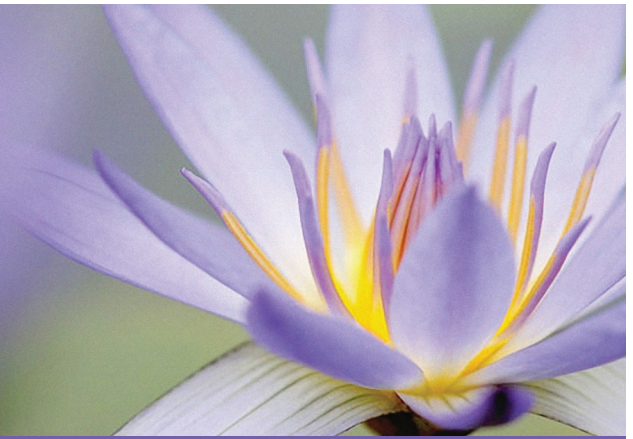


Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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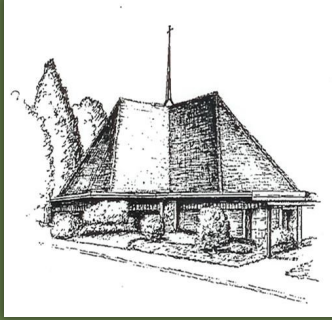


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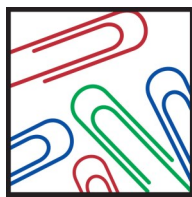


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation**. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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

Updated Church Staff Schedule

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

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

If you reach our voice mail, please leave a
message. We do check voice mails
regularly.

Please Note:

The front office doors will be closed to in-
coming traffic during the week between
April 1 and April 12 due to Courtyard Con-
struction.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of March 20, 2024

Contributions for the Month of
March: 24,703;
March Budget: \$25,000;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$24,703
Weekly Budget: \$6,250;
(4 weeks in March)
YTD contributions: \$89,130;
YTD budget: \$89,850

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
bookkeeper@grace97330.org
Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin
Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens
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
If you would like to be added to the prayer chain mailing list, please contact Andrea in the church office.*



Prayers
Prayer Requests
Ali Briskey and Family

Happy 80th Birthday Kris Warloe

Everybody is invited to celebrate Kris' Birthday at a reception following worship on Sunday, April 21, 2024 in Ronnenkamp Hall

Other Members who are turning 80 this year, will be joining in celebrating their birthdays too.



Birthday Blessings!

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

Martina Vega	04/02
Herbert Hansen	04/02
Dick Junge	04/06
Teri Briskey	04/07
Dale Weber	04/08
Hal Dick	04/09
Carol Erickson	04/09
Christina Lundahl	04/10
Jeff Palmgren	04/11
Ellen Gelser	04/12
Millie Babb	04/14
Michael Beachley	04/14
Calla Shaff	04/15
Aaron Davis	04/17

Grayson Foster	04/17
Marilyn Walsh	04/18
Terry Renshaw	04/19
Susan Speulda	04/22
Kendra Wollert	04/23
Sharon Rosenkoetter	04/24
Eleanor Harrington	04/25
Angie Kingsley	04/27
Linda Samuels	04/27
Kris Warloe	04/28
Doris Volk	04/29
Todd Washington	04/29



Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers

Contact Information

Cell:

Email:

revremy@grace97330.org

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs: In the Area

Friday: Sabbath

Saturday: Day Off

Starting March 10, our livestream worship experience included Holy Communion for anyone online or in person to participate in. We realize that not everyone will want to participate in Holy Communion from their tables at home, but it is an important expression of our open table to have this as an option. We still have people from the congregation to bring communion and Pastor Remy is also willing and able to bring it to where people are. However, we want to recognize that we are connected to community no matter where we are. Reading the Story of Luke 7 where Jesus heals the Centurion's servant from afar we know that Jesus doesn't need to be physically present for his healing power to be felt. You can feel the power of Jesus's grace and the connection to community wherever you are. This decision has been made in conversation with the synod, worship and music committee, the council, and Pastor Remy.

The following is borrowed from Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Virginia.

Getting Ready

Here are a few things to think about and/or prepare before the service:

What table will you use? You can simply pull up a coffee table or gather at your kitchen/dining room table. You may want to prepare your table by placing a white cloth on it or finding a cross in your house to place on it. If you have children, you could invite them to color placemats on large paper to put on the table.

What bread will you use? Any bread – homemade or store bought – or cracker will work for communion. Place the bread/crackers on a plate on the table.

What juice/wine will you use? Red wine or grape juice are ideal but white is also appropriate. If you have neither on hand, then water can be used as well. You can pour a little in a glass for as many people are worshipping in your house.

During the Service

At the time of Holy Communion, Pastor Remy will preside over Holy Communion. This will be much like when we worship together face-to-face. When Pastor Remy lifts the bread and cup, it is appropriate for you to lift the elements you have on your table at home. We believe that God who has the power to raise Jesus from the dead has the power – through the Holy Spirit – to join us together in that moment of Holy Communion. Just like when we gather together physically in the sanctuary, the Holy Spirit will come, bringing Christ's presence to be in, with and under the bread and wine/juice. The bread and wine/juice will be the real presence of Jesus Christ, his body and blood. How this will logistically happen, we are leaving up to God, trusting that God is greater than all that limits us during this time.

After the Lord's Prayer, you will commune those in your household, saying, "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are alone, Pastor Remy will say those words to you. You are joined to the body of Christ – the church – through this holy meal.

After the Service

Traditionally, leftover communion elements – the bread and the wine/juice – are either eaten or returned to the earth. If you do not consume them, take them outside and place them in your garden/lawn (where they will feed the birds and other animals). It isn't appropriate to throw them in the trash or down the drain.



Installation of Bryson Skaar

**Grace's Director
of Music
Ministries**

**Stay tuned for an upcoming
date during Sunday Worship**



**New Member Recognition
Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Grace welcomes 2 new
members. Please welcome
Gary and Nancy Hertel**



**Stone soup of
Corvallis**

Volunteers Needed

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Please contact Frank Davis
for more information



SPRING OUTREACH

Jackson Street Youth Services is urgently in need of the following items to support their youth outreach teams who encounter youth living on the street and support them towards shelter or housing and stability. They are prioritizing hygiene supplies, but the other items are needed as well. If you can contribute, please place items in the yellow box in the Fireside Room from Sunday, April 17 through Sunday, April 28.

- Pocket-sized tissues packs
- Deodorant (Men's / Women's)
- Full-Sized shampoo and conditioner
- Lotion
- Gloves
- Beanies
- Hand Warmers
- Reusable bags or paper bags or plastic shopping bags
- Thermometers
- Snacks such as bottled water, energy/protein bars, applesauce pouches, trail mix, nuts, fruits snacks, beef jerky
- Gloves, beanies, handwarmers, reusable bags (totes), etc.

Jackson Street Youth Services offers youth in Benton,, Linn, and Lincoln counties a safe place to live and resources to work through crises and towards a brighter, more stable future. For more information see: <https://www.jacksonstreet.org/>



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: TBD

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—Elaine Franklin

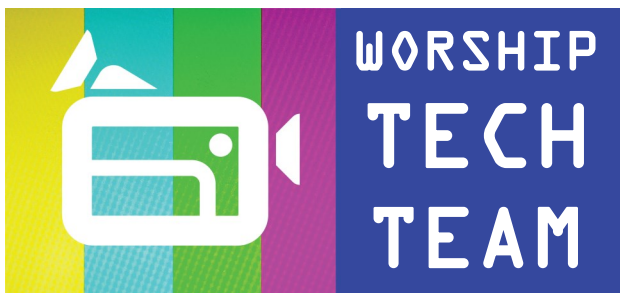
Memorial Courtyard Pavers



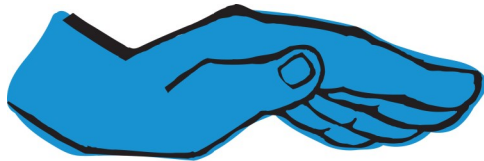
The goal of the pavers installed in the Courtyard is to provide a place to memorialize members of Grace Church. It will provide a place for remembrance and contemplation. Only deceased members, their spouse, close family members or "Friends of Grace" who have moved away may be memorialized in the Courtyard.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



Max Cheskin
Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens
Josh Wright



WAYS  TO SERVE



Willing to help with worship?

We need people to help in the altar guild, to usher, serve communion, and host the coffee fellowship after church. Please give it a try. If you need training we're happy to help with that.

At the bottom of this request is the SignUpGenius link.

If you would like me to sign you up or need help please ask me or send me an email.

If you bookmark this link you can use it in the future.

To sign up:

Click on the link, pick a day and your service choice.

Click in that box.

Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the "submit and sign up" box. (If you don't see one, there may be an ad or notice at the bottom of the page that you need to close).

On the next page fill in your name and email then scroll down and click on the "sign up now" box.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/63273d805a0cde5c24-grace#/>

Marshall Hill-Tanquist
mhilltanquist@gmail.com



Sunday, June 2, 2024



Sunday, May 5, 2024
Following Worship

Intergenerational Pot Luck and
Bible Exploration.



**Are you one of the last one
to Leave Grace?**

Please make sure to turn off all fo the lights, close and lock all the doors, and turn off the exhaust fans in the restrooms



April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1--2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

March 2024 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Council-meeting-Minutes-03-11-24-00000002.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.

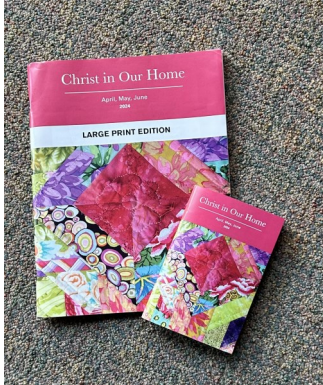
President: Dave Lundahl	Council Members: Charlotte Chrisman
Vice President: Mike Franklin	Frank Davis
Secretary: Nancy Hemming	Angie Gallagher
Treasurer: Bob Keith	Marshall Hill-Tanquist
Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin	Meredith Junge
	Cathy Knock
	Jaya Lapham Conser
	Robyn Vega
	Carol Warloe



**Choir Practice
Thursdays at 5:30 pm**

Please contact Director of Music for more information

All are Welcome



Christ in Our Home

April—
June 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

April 7, 2024
Panera

April 23, 2024
El Sol de Mexico



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 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>

The Global Book Club welcomes recommendations for books to read and discuss in the 2024-2025 year. We seek books that pertain to international interests or sociological issues of interest to the U.S. From the list of recommendations made in April we decide about books for the coming year. The books, the months the books will be discussed and the discussion leaders are determined by the group in May. By April 20, please send recommendations for books to office@grace97330.org or Ardis.Koester75@gmail.com.

Upcoming books for 2023

April 2

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

May 7

How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue



Bible Study with Pr. Remy
Wednesdays at 1 pm

**There will be no Bible Study on
Wednesday, April 3**

During courtyard Construction, Entry will be
through the Ronnenkamp Hall door



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.