

# Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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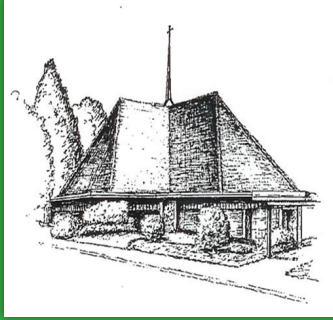
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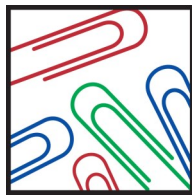
Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



**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

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

### 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.

### **Giving at a Glance** Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

**Contributions as of**  
**April 23, 2024**

Contributions for the Month of  
April: \$16,649;  
April Budget: \$21,500;  
First 4 Weeks Giving: \$16,649  
Weekly Budget: \$4,300;  
(5 weeks in April)  
YTD contributions: \$107,552;  
YTD budget: \$113,300

## *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.*

### Prayer Requests

Family member of a Courtyard Contractor  
 Millie Babb

### Prayers of Comfort

Family and Friends of Sylvia Aulerich



**Friday, May 24, 2024**

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



## Birthday Blessings!

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

Bill Byers	05/01
Megan Vega	05/01
Derek Gourley	05/02
Karen Smith	05/02
Reed Vega	05/02
Christopher Kamke	05/04
Jana Seeliger	05/04
Jean Grosz	05/05
Bill Briskey	05/06
Serena Orwick	05/06
Todd Greeley	05/07
Susan Hale	05/07
Johanna Lundahl	05/07
Chad Washington	05/07
Ashley White	05/07
Benjamin Boysen	05/08
Leah Byers	05/09
MaryAnn Hall	05/09
Ronly Grindahl	05/10
Lucas Junge	05/10
Sarah Brauner	05/11
Tracy Collier	05/11

Joni Beilby	05/12
Jeff Beck	05/14
Cooper Castellano	05/15
Casey Smith	05/16
Melissa Smith	05/16
Ted Zhang	05/18
Marika Stock	05/20
Donna Hansen	05/21
Marie Belle Vega	05/21
Karen Strand	05/23
Jacob Donner	05/24
Marjorie Boster	05/25
Ida Stemple	05/25
Lincoln White	05/26
Kiah Gourley	05/27
Eila Howe	05/27
Wendy Nichols	05/27
Sarah Stephens	05/27
Brooke Donner	05/30
Julia Donner	05/30
Debbie Kuehn	05/31





**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,

I have been enjoying seeing the tulips bloom and open up trying to absorb as much of the sunshine as they possibly can. Spring is a beautiful reminder of what comes as a result of rest. The earth has its seasons, its cycles. Nothing can operate at all times. Rest is essential for life to flourish. My housing journey has not been simple since moving here. I've had multiple houses that I've bounced around while waiting for my house in Prineville to sell. I am incredibly thankful for the generosity that so many have shown me in this transitional time. Thank you to everyone who has housed me or fed me in this time. The Prineville house is sold and I have found a house here that is filled with potential. Hopefully this month I will close on this house here and begin to grow roots. For now, I am looking to God's beautiful creation. When I see tulips open wide to receive the sun's rays, I take it as an invitation to do the same. Receive that Vitamin D with open arms so that flourishing can come later.

I am excited to learn the seasons here - the wisdom that each season holds and the invitations they ask us. What are the signs of spring that you look for each year? What in your life is blooming like the tulips after a time of dormancy? Let us journey together on this walk of faith bathing in the sun reflecting God's radiant light.

Peace and blessings,  
Pastor Remy





## Installation of Bryson Skaar

Grace's Director  
of Music  
Ministries

**May 5, 2024**  
**During Sunday Worship**



**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

**May 12, 2024**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

**May 19, 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 26, 2024**

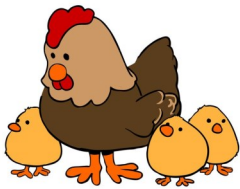
**Holy Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

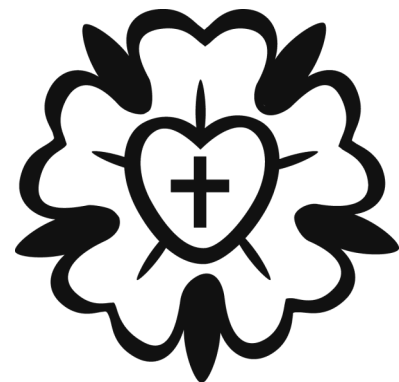
John 3:1-17



**What do these images have in  
common?**

**They are all images of God**

Join us on May 5 following worship for  
an Intergenerational Potluck exploring  
the images of God





## Grace Lutheran Church Council

April 2024 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Council-Meeting-Minutes-04-08-24.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

## Council President's Corner

The Council Retreat this year was held on March 2. One of the outcomes was the formation of four teams of Council members to work each on one of four Council Goals. The following Teams have continued to meet to refine their goals and respective activities. Below is a short summary.

- Goal 1 is to cultivate and expand relationships that will promote growth among the Grace Family. This team will encourage and supporting intergenerational activities of learning, connecting and caring. They plan to help GYM define the role and position of Youth and Family Minister and assist in hiring and welcoming the candidate; help define what ministry success looks like; and, help establish and support the Youth and Family Ministry strategy. Team includes Dave Lundahl, Angie Gallagher Kinsley, Marshall Hill-Tanquist and Cathy Knock.
- Goal 2 is to evaluate and strengthen partnerships including, but not limited to: non-profits (e.g. Vina Moses, We Care, Stone Soup, etc.); Churchwide, Synod, Cluster Organizations (e.g. Luther House, Lutherwood, Youth Gathering, Faith Lutheran Church in Albany, etc.), and provide for immediate care needs (Ida Fund, relationships with other resources, etc.). This team will also work to establish methods for Horizon Hearing regarding potential ministries in order to plan, advocate, and make a way for things to happen (Climate Change, Gig Work Relief, Land Acknowledgement, Antiracism, etc.). Team includes Frank Davis, Juya Lapham, and Robyn Vega
- Goal 3 will improve communication by making use of and supporting the Grace Website, email, and list-serve groups. This team will provide needed assistance to the committees and teams of GELC in communicating to the congregation and persons outside the congregation. They will also assist in recruiting and making operational changes (as needed) with the goal of involving more congregants in the life of Grace. Team includes Nancy Hemming, Carol Warloe, and Charlotte Chrisman
- Goal 4 will be to increase usage of our space/facilities to internal and external groups by increasing its visibility, desirability and useability; grounded in our mission to serve our neighbors. Some short term activities by this team include
- reviewing COVID policies, encourage the use of our facilities by outside groups, update cost structures and review liability coverage and include damage clause (this clause is in current contracts). Team includes Pastor Remy, Mike Franklin, and Meredith Junge.

**We are all excited about the possibilities this year to move forward the ministry at and through Grace. As progress is made against these four goals, I will use this President's Corner to provide updates. AS ALWAYS, YOUR PRAYERS AND COMMENTS ARE WELCOME (541-602-3419).**



## 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](mailto:mhilltanquist@gmail.com)



## What does it take to get ready for the Sunday morning service?

Getting the Grace sanctuary ready for Sunday morning service (and cleaning up afterwards) has historically been the task of the Altar Guild. Lately it has become a group effort with tech team and musician assistance with altar and wall art arrangement, a group that brings in flowers and plants, ushers who help arrange things and keep all running smoothly, acolytes and others who light and put out and arrange candles, and all who help with the cleaning up and locking of the building after the service. It would be great to share these tasks with even more of our community of Grace.

If you are interested and able to join us or have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to make contact. I want to send a big thank you to those who have reached out earlier with offers of Altar Guild help and I apologize for not getting more organized. We are working on this and we do need you! Marshall Hill-Tanquist has a SignUpGenius set up for Grace helpers including Altar Guild – check it out in the This Week at Grace email. You'll notice that there are 2 spots for Altar Guild – Sandy and/or I am always there but would love company. Help would be welcome either before or after the service if doing both is too much. **And don't worry – training and teamwork will be cheerfully provided!**

Linda Samuels, current Altar Guild chair (541-929-4222)





**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**

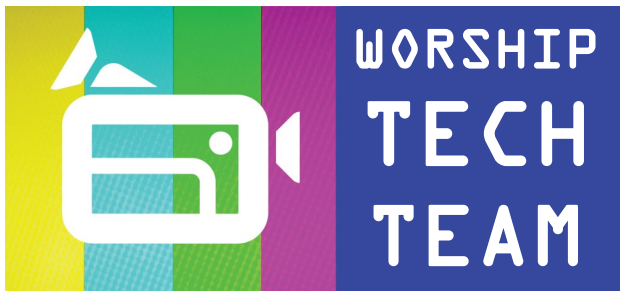
Andrea Barnhurst, 541.757.1600

**Safety Committee**—TBA

**Outreach Committee**—Elaine Franklin

## Memorial Courtyard Project

The construction phase of the Memorial Courtyard Project has been completed. The task remaining is to plant shrubbery and flowers along the perimeter as needed. Thanks for tolerating the inconvenience of keeping the entry Lobby & Fireside Room closed for the three weeks. Thanks for the donations to refurbish the Courtyard. The excess funds contributed will be used for constructing a new belltower. The vacant space for the new bell tower is on the east side where the old one once stood. The plan is to design and construct the new belltower next year. There will be several design concepts presented for the new bell tower ----a roof to keep the structure dry will be in all new design concepts. Extensive wood rot was the reason the old belltower was dismantled and removed.



Max Cheskin  
Shelly Lundahl  
Bruce Stephens  
Mary Stephens  
Josh Wright





**Luther House**  
Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

Thank you everybody who helped  
Luther House in their Spring clean up



**CONFIRMATION**  
S U N D A Y

Sunday, June 2, 2024

**CLASS OF**  
**2024**

**Do you know somebody who is  
Graduating this year?**

Please send in your graduates information so we  
can recognize them in June.

Please send the name, place graduating, and any  
other information about your graduate to Andrea  
in the office.

Deadline for Graduate submission is May 20 to  
ensure your graduate gets into Grace's  
publications.

For questions or to submit your graduate, please  
call Andrea in the office during normal office hours  
or email Andrea at [office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org)



Grace has been providing sack lunches to community members for many years. Since the shut downs in March 2020, Office Staff has seen a different group of community members and we are handing out less and less.

We know that there are Grace members who want to see this ministry grow, but we can't do it all on our own.

In efforts to reach more community members in need, starting in June, Grace will be partnering with Vina Moses for our Sack Lunch Program. Grace will continue to collect, purchase and pack up lunches, but Grace will now be bringing the majority of them to Vina Moses. Office Staff at Grace will continue to hand out sack lunches as needed.

Starting May 5, we will start collecting donations of the following items to go into our sack lunches. Office staff will evaluate the total items collected and will purchase additional items to fit the needs of the sack lunches. On the 4th Sunday of each month, Grace will host a work party to package up 50 sack lunches to bring to Vina Moses.

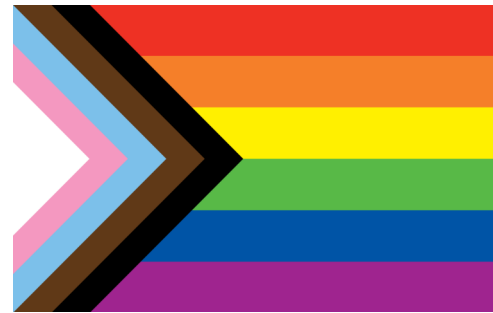
If you are interested in donating items, please bring items into the office and we will have a special place for them.

Items we will be collecting

- Drinks – Juice Boxes, Capri Sun, or small bottles of water.
- Granola or Fruit and Grain Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Puddings or other treats
- Napkins, spoons, and paper bags

\*\* Grace will be providing the protein source, but additional non refrigerated protein sources can be donated. All items will be packed in their original packaging, so please buy in individual sizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea in the Office or Elaine Franklin



## Albany Pride Day Saturday, June 22, 2024

If you are interested in helping with planning or at the event, please contact Andrea in the office or Frank Davis



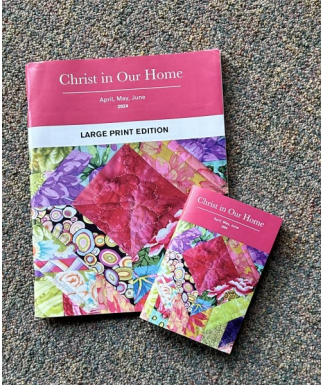
## Stone soup of Corvallis

### Volunteers Needed

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Please contact Frank Davis for more information





## 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

**May 14, 2024**

Vinewood Taphouse, Philomath

**May 28, 2024**

Tacovor on Kings



## 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

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

Contact Linda S. for more information



## Grace Lutheran Church Foundation

### **Foundation News Website:**

<http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html>

### **May 2024 Newsletter**

[https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202405\\_GLCF\\_newsletter.pdf](https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202405_GLCF_newsletter.pdf)





## 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>

One of the suggested books for the 2024-2025 reading year is Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. She is presenting a Stone Award Lecture on May 19 at OSU. Tickets are sold out but the lecture will be livestreamed. For details go to [beav.es/kimmerer](https://beav.es/kimmerer).

### Upcoming books for 2023

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.