

Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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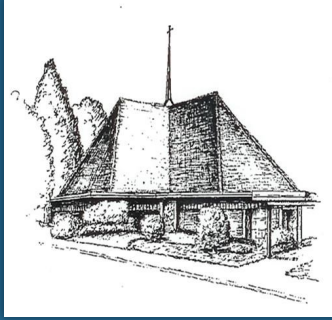
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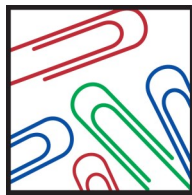
Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



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.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of June 19, 2024

Contributions for the Month of
June: \$9,633;
June Budget: \$19,900;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$9,633
Weekly Budget: \$4,975;
(4 weeks in June)
YTD contributions: \$143,007;
YTD budget: \$163,625

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.*

Prayer Requests

Gabby, friend of Cathy M
Mother in Law of Andrea B
Jody P.
Father of Jody P.



Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Each Blood Drive Grace has a goal to bring in a specific number of units. In July the goal is 20 units. If Grace meets this goal, the American Red Cross will give Grace a \$100 Amazon gift Card.

Each donor will also receive a gift from the American Red Cross

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.

Tina R	07/02
Sandie W	07/04
Ron A	07/05
Jody P	07/05
Anne H	07/05
Natalie C	07/07
Dayle C	07/08
Rebekah H	07/10
Pat C	07/13
Anthony C	07/14
Marna R	07/15
Marshall H	07/17
Keith L	07/17
Erika L	07/20
Tim S	07/20
Nicole G	07/21
Mary S	07/24
Abigail F	07/25
Dana H	07/29
Dean A	07/31
Edward H	07/31
Jose V	07/31



Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers

Contact Information

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Email:

revremy@grace97330.org

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs: In the Area

Friday: Sabbath

Saturday: Day Off

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

I wanted to give everyone an update on the Ida fund. Your bottle drop bags that you pick up in the narthex fund this account in the church. The Ida fund is what we use for emergency assistance. Other congregations have called this the pastor's discretionary account. When I got here, this was used to buy \$15 Fred Meyer's gift card to be used for gas. \$15 doesn't cover a full tank of gas and we didn't know if they were being used for gas at all. There were limits placed on how many times people could receive these cards in a year. Several people came back to get these cards the maximum amount that we would allow, and when the new year rolled around we would see the same people again. We found that these people in need were not getting enough to get them out of the situation they were in, and they had cobbled together the resources they could find to coast. This left them unable to spend the mental energy necessary to figure out a new financial situation.

Now, I am not a trained social worker. I am starting to learn where resources are available in this city. Grace works with several different organizations to help serve the people of Corvallis. For Instance, Grace was already a part of this interagency assistance network with Vina Moses, We Care, St Mary, St Vincent's, and more. Vina Moses and We Care do an intake process with these people that are in an impossible financial situation, and they guide these people into better financial situations. They could be facing a bad medical bill. The Ice storm in January affected many families prohibiting work, or causing unexpected bills. Most of the families and individuals helped need assistance this time and then they are able to bounce back. The bill will be split up through the interagency assistance network which means more individuals and families will be served and stay in their housing situation. Once a person is unhoused it costs way more money to get them stable housing. The Ida fund is a wonderful thing and I am so glad it exists, but it can only help so much. I decided based on these conversations with everyone involved that shifting our focus to these interagency assistance requests was a more sustainable way to use our Ida fund. This helps people back on their feet and stewards the resources that we have. The people we help are connected to people with training to help them navigate these different systems so that they can reach some financial stability.

This year we have helped 26 individuals or families either stay in their current housing or helped them move to a place they could better afford. 26 households that don't have to worry about losing their housing because of this congregation's generosity. There are many ways to give and I am so thankful of the role we get to play. Your cans and bottles add up. So as you relax in God's creation and drink a celebratory beverage, save the can, so we can keep serving others.

Peace,
Pastor Remy





Bible Study with Pr. Remy
Wednesdays at 1 pm
In the Fireside Room

There will be no Bible Study on
Wednesday, July 17



Pr. Remy will be taking
July 16-21 off

They will return Monday, July 22

common fields
beer • food • family

Monday Musings

This summer on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6pm
at Common Fields.



July 7, 2024
7st Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14, 2024
8th Sunday after Pentecost

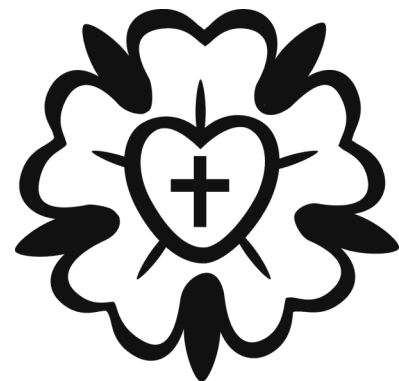
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28, 2024
10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21





Grace Lutheran Church Council

June 2024 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Council-Meeting-Minutes-06-10-24.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.

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

Dear Friends and Members of Grace,

Happy July! This is an exciting time for the Grace Lutheran community.

Please take a minute to look at the pictures of Grace being a part of the Albany Pride Fair on Saturday, June 22nd. Thanks to Frank Davis for coordinating and the many volunteers who joined Pastor Remy to set up and tear down our booth, as well as to engage with the thousands of people attending the fair. We were able to show our support for LGPTQAI+ and to demonstrate that we welcome all into the life of the Grace community as Children of God.

In addition, Pastor Remy is leading the first new members class in a long time with several to be joining our congregation this summer.

It is an exciting time indeed!

Dave Lundahl, Church Council President





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

Sue Davis

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

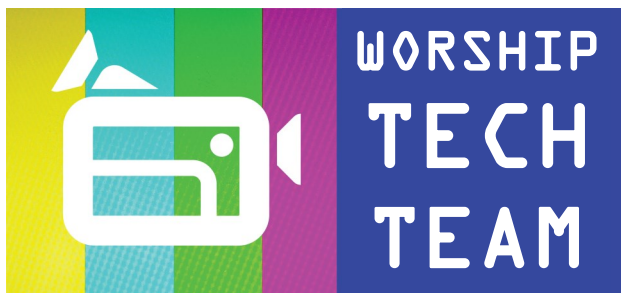
Outreach Committee—Elaine Franklin

If We Make It Home by Christina Suzann Nelson

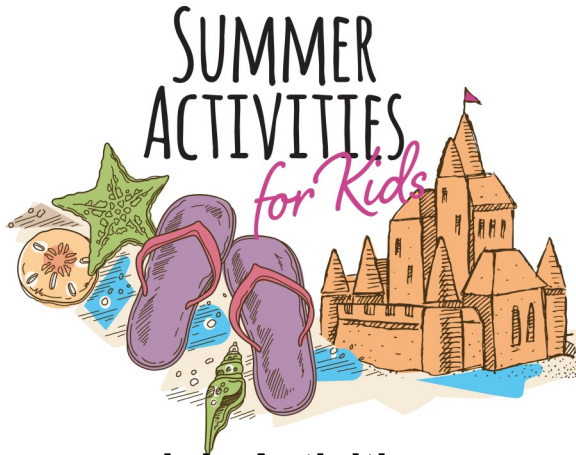
Christina Suzann Nelson is an award-winning author who lives and teaches in the Corvallis area. She is over the top about her passions, including the writing of stories created somewhere in the twists and turns of her less-than-focused brain. When she's not writing, she's working with the Every Child initiative, chasing escaped steers, reading, breathing in the sweet smell of her horse, hiking with her dog, or enjoying her just-as-crazy family (husband & 4 children!).

It was fun to chat with Christina at the church library conference held in Mt Angel last year. The subtitle of this book is *A Novel of Faith and Survival in the Oregon Wilderness* and it follows three estranged college friends, reunited after decades, on an unusual adventure. I liked the way the story is told by alternating between the voices of each character. A warning though, don't start this book if you have important tasks to finish – it is very hard to put down!

---Linda Samuels



Shelly Lundahl
Bruce Stephens
Mary Stephens
Josh Wright



July Activities

Float Trip—July 21

Hike—July 27

Upcoming August Activities

Blueberry Picking and Jam Making

BBQ and Tie Die

Breadmaking



CHURCH LIBRARY
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This includes everyone at Grace

Where: Kris and Carol Warloe's Home

When: Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm

BBQ Chicken, Brauts, and Drinks Provided

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share, Your own plates and Silverware

Games and Music Provided

Sign up Sheet in the Fireside Room



**Grace's
Global
Book Club**

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.

Global Book Club will return on Tuesday, September 2 at 1 pm

The 2024-2025 Book list is now available and can be found at the link below
<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Global-Book-Club-2024-2025-Book-List.pdf>



Backpacks for Garfield

For at least 20 years Grace Lutheran has supported needy students at Garfield Elementary School by providing backpacks and school supplies. Garfield is a school that has a high number of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Our goal is 50 back packs for Garfield. The Corvallis School district is now providing all school supplies for all students. So we no longer need school supplies.

Backpacks need to be at least large enough to hold a pocket folder and library book.

There are 2 options for participating in this service project.

- Write a check out to Grace Lutheran Church noting Garfield Backpacks in the memo line
- Purchase a backpack and drop it off in the Fireside room.

Return backpacks to the large yellow box in the fireside room by August 18th.

If we have extra funds we will look for other opportunities to support students who would benefit from the support to help them launch into an amazing school year.

For more information or if you would like to be more involved contact Denise Cardinali, 541-929-2645 or denise.cardinali@yahoo.com



Sock and Underwear Drive

All Sizes needed

Please place donations in the yellow box in the Fireside Room

Deadline Sunday, July 21, 2024

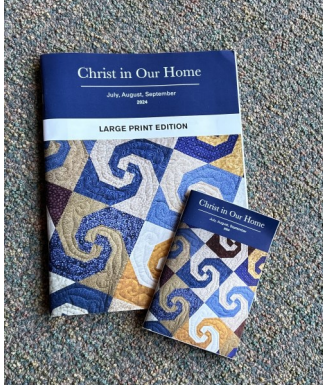


Stone soup of Corvallis

Volunteers Needed

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Please contact Frank Davis for more information



Christ in Our Home

July -
September 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

July 9, 2024
New Morning Bakery

July 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>

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

May 2024 Newsletter
https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/202405_GLCF_newsletter.pdf

Contact Linda S. for more information



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/go/60B084AAFA92DABF94-49897283-volunteers#/>

Marshall Hill-Tanquist
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)