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Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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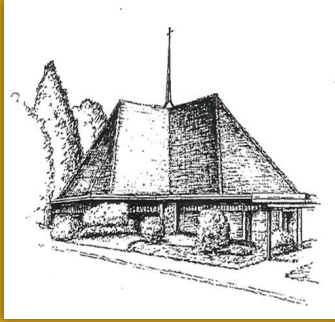


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



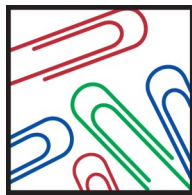
Our VISION is

*“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—2pm

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

**The Church office will be closed on
Thursday, November 27 in observance
of Thanksgiving Day**

If you reach our voicemail, please leave a
message. We do check voicemails
regularly.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of October 24, 2025

Contributions for the Month of

October: \$17,281;

October Budget: \$16,000;

First 3 Weeks Giving: \$17,281;

Weekly Budget: \$4,000;

(based on 4 weeks)

YTD contributions: \$230,296;

YTD budget: \$225,800

Grace Personnel

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Custodian - Outside Contractor



Prayers

Prayer Request

Ukrainian family
Maxine K
Pete, friend of Nancy H
Linda N.
Joe B, Husband of Anita U
Zion Lutheran School Community

Prayers of Comfort

Family and Friends of Marjorie Martin

Please email prayers to prayers@grace97330.org
or Scan this QR Code to add prayers to our
prayer chain and prayers in worship



Henry L	11/03
Maya S	11/03
Bob S	11/04
Courtney S	11/04
Sue K	11/09
Beverly R	11/09
Isaac H	11/11
Evelyn V	11/12
Molly H	11/14
Rachel B	11/15
Jaime F	11/16
Michael H	11/18
Alexander R	11/19
Erin R	11/19
Becky S	11/19
Mark B	11/20
Joyce G	11/25
Teena M.	11/26
Mark K	11/27
Sandy B	11/28
Jo Anne H	11/30
Ardelle M	11/30



Fall Stewardship Campaign 2025

Weekly Temple Talks and Inserts throughout the
month of November

*Commitment Cards will be in the mail early
November*



Pastor Emerson Remy Remmers
(They/Them)

Contact Information

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs: In the Area

Friday: Sabbath

Saturday: Day Off

Siblings in Christ,

As I write this the government shutdown shows no sign of lifting. If the shutdown continues into November, SNAP benefits will not be issued in Oregon until federal funding resumes. Food prices have increased dramatically these past couple years. I dream of a day when all are fed.

Matthew 14:20-21 ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Imagine Jesus and his twelve disciples being followed by this huge crowd of at least five thousand men and probably a few more thousand women and children. They are following Jesus because they are hungry. Because they work hard, and yet they're not able to make ends meet because of Rome's taxation to fund the rich and the emperor. There is no individual way out. They have overfished lakes and oceans to try and keep up with Rome's demand. There's less fish in these waters. They're hungry. They hear about this Rabbi blessed by God and he's been feeding, healing, and preaching.

Imagine Gill Coliseum which is the competitive home of Oregon State basketball, women's gymnastics, wrestling, and volleyball teams, has a seating capacity of 9,301. Jesus, the disciples, the thousands following them fill the Coliseum. Jesus blesses food and sends his disciples throughout the seating to pass out the food. All are fed with baskets overflowing with extras.

What can we do? Well, we have a couple potlucks this month. The first Sunday of November and the last Sunday of November. If you notice you have extra in your pantry this month, can you invite someone over to feed them? What are your plans for thanksgiving? Is there room at your table for more? Do you have time to volunteer at Stone Soup or our Food Banks? Grace is talking with local partners about how to fill this gap locally so that all are fed. Please keep your eye out for more information this month.

Peace,
Pastor Remy



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

Grace Lutheran Church Council

October Council Meeting Minutes:

https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Oct2025_GELC_Minutes-MEF-Comments.pdf

Congregation Council Corner

During the month of October and into November, we will be having our annual fall Stewardship Campaign. This year will be a little different than those of the past few years. You will see that since 2013, our accumulative annual general fund donations have decreased by approximately \$7,000 per year or put another way, a decrease in ministry income of between 2% and 3% every year, without factoring in inflation. Thankfully, this has been in large part through a time of relatively low inflation rates although there has been an increase since Covid.

This reduction in income has forced your finance committee, congregation council and you, the congregation, to try to do more with less. We have cut back on clergy FTEs. We have cut back on office staff. Since our benevolence, the amount we send for the work of the larger church, is based on a percentage of income, that too, has decreased. Those of you that have been members through this period can probably point to other areas where we are no longer doing the things we used to do.

So, what does this mean? There is news that is up to us and there is good news. Up to us, is how we respond to this challenge. Pay attention to the presentations and documents you will see in the next few weeks (and have already heard and seen some of them), ask questions and respond! The good news is that in spite of this annual tightening of the belt, up to now we have been able to “squeeze the turnip,” so to speak. We have found money in restricted funds that could be used for specific items, we have tightened up and reduced our energy use, we have increased rental fees. However, we are at the end of the line on these “stopgap” measures.

The good news is that with creativity and a lot of good effort by a lot of people, our ministry as a congregation continues, and in some arenas, even increases. We have added Sunday morning, and beyond, online access to our worship services. We are a factor in the Corvallis area with our outreach; we had more than 20 participants in our VBS this past summer, mostly from outside our congregation,

We continue to support such institutions/ministries as Luther House and Camp Lutherwood. We continue to serve the greater church both through our donations and the personal time commitment of some of our members.

It is a good time to be a member of this family of believers we call Grace Lutheran Church. It is a good time to stand shoulder to shoulder and show how we can continue to grow and respond to God’s calling to us in this time and place! Please respond accordingly as you have been blessed on your Estimate of Giving Card this year!

President
Mike Franklin
Vice President
Susan Speulda
Secretary
Cathy Knock
Treasurer
Bob Keith
Financial Secretary:
Mike Franklin

Council Members:
John Baggenstos
Charlotte Chrisman
Frank Davis
Angie Gallagher
Gary Hertel
Meredith Junge
Jaya Lapham Conser
Nate Olsen
Robyn Vega



MIDDAY Concerts



Wednesdays
from 12:15 pm—12:45 pm
In the Grace Sanctuary

November 5

Lena Harrington and Kaiya Miller, OSU
Sopranos

November 12

Jeffrey Varga

November 19

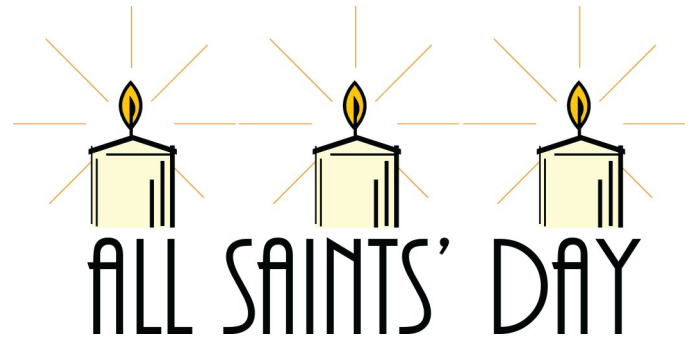
Kelsey and Bryson Jazz Duo



Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 5:30 pm

For more information, please contact Bryson
Skaar



November 2, 2025

Link to the 2025 All Saints List

[https://grace97330.org/wp-content/
uploads/2024/10/2025-All-Saints-Sunday-final-list-
1.pdf](https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025-All-Saints-Sunday-final-list-1.pdf)



**OSU Football Game Parking for Luther House
Campus Ministry**

Upcoming OSU Football Games

November 1
November 8

Link if you would like to help with the parking
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C094AAEAC2EA3FDC61-57706864-football](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAEAC2EA3FDC61-57706864-football)



Jackson Street Youth Service Holiday Food Boxes

Bring items by Sunday Nov 16th
Please place items in the boxes near the
fireplace in the Fireside Room

Items Needed

Instant Mashed Potatoes
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
Cornbread Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Evaporated Milk
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Crispy Fried Onions
Sparkling Cider



The Giving Tree with Tags will be in the
Church Entry starting the week of
November 16.

Deadline for any donations will be Sunday,
December 14



Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 26
7pm

In Person Only



November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



Advent Wreath Making and Pot Luck

Sunday, November 30

Following Worship

Ronnenkamp Hall



Burgers and Brews Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 pm—8 pm

Corvallis Lodge

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - Michael Hadlock

Communications Committee—TBA

Sunday Hospitality—Meredith Junge

Events Hospitality—Sue Davis

Growing Young Ministry: Shae Parsons

Altar Guild - Linda Samuels

Worship & Music Committee—Sue Davis

Finance Committee - Bob Keith

Personnel Committee - Gary Hertel

Caring Ministry Team - Marshall Hill-Tanquist

Stewardship Committee - TBA

Outreach Committee—Elaine Franklin



**Grace
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Church
Foundation**

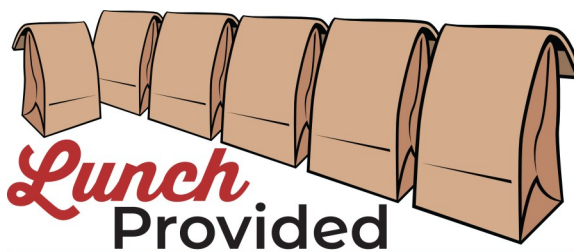
2025 Presentation and Potluck

Sunday, November 2
Following Worship in Ronnenkamp Hall



Children and Youth Newsletter

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Sack Lunch Ministry

Grace makes up 50 sack lunches each month to hand out at Grace or at Vina Moses

Sack Lunch Work Party

4th Sunday of the Month during Coffee Hour

Items we are 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



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

New Book Starts in January 2026

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, January 8th – *Temperance Creek*. A Memoir by Pamela Royes. Royes' memoir traces her suburban upbringing in the flatlands of North Dakota, to college in Oregon, to a decision to abandon the conventional direction her life was taking in exchange for a move to full-time sheepherding and dude ranch work from the depths of Hells Canyon to the heights of the Seven Devils and Wallows.

Meeting Times: Thursdays at 12 pm via zoom

If you would like to join us for some fun discussions, please contact Mark Klopsch at klopschm@comcast.net to request the Zoom invitation.



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDATION NEWS

Caring for the Ministry of Grace: "Ecclesia Perpetua"

November 2025



**The Board of Directors acknowledges the generosity
of the following donors:**

**Grace Lutheran Church Foundation
Financial Report**

December 2024

In memory of Ruth Alexander

Diane R. Alexander, Arlington, VA

Ronnenkamp Endowed Principal

Kris and Carole Warloe, Corvallis, OR

In memory of Mary Jane Weber

Hal Dick, Corvallis, OR

January 2025

In memory of Millie Babb

Hal Dick, Corvallis, OR

February 2025

Juan Guzman, Corvallis, OR

March 2025

Brian Smith Fund

Kris and Carole Warloe, Corvallis, OR

April 2025

In memory of Eldon and Carol Erickson

Larry and Sharon Rosenkoetter, Corvallis, OR

May 2025

Hal Dick, Corvallis, OR

In memory of Mary Jane Weber

Gordon and Mary Ann Matzke, Corvallis, OR

In memory of Jean Grosz

Gordon and Mary Ann Matzke, Corvallis, OR

January 1 – September 30, 2025

Contributions \$9,930.00
Foundation Total Assets * \$882,277.79
Expenses (includes projects funded) \$31,652.29

Projects Approved and/or Paid in 2025

Audio tech position, 2025 \$211.20
(approved in 2021)
Visual production assistant, 2025 \$1,181.00
(approved in 2021)
Ronnenkamp exterior basement \$7,250.00
water leak mitigation, (matching)
\$20,000 total
In-ear monitors & equipment for \$2,822.77
musicians (Technology funds)
Financial support for A. Briskey \$6,000.00
(Storvick Nurse Fund)
NFB BELL Academy (Storvick \$500.00
Nurse Fund)
Sandcastle parenting class \$507.00
(matching funds) (Storvick Nurse Fund)
Synod Assembly expenses, 3 attendees \$700.00
Director Parsons "Justice and Joy" \$100.00
conference
(The Schultz Family Youth Fund)
Bell tower (matching funds) \$7,000.00
Corvallis Sister City Uzhhorod \$8,000.00
humanitarian aid (Storvick Nurse Fund)
Defiant Hope (General Fund) \$300.00
Luther House painting \$5,840.00
Expenses related to hiring musicians \$3,000.00

Memorial Funds

Frames for confirmation photos \$546.00

Total Projects \$44,257.97

* The Foundation's total assets on January 1, 2025, were \$798,755.30.

In Service to the Ministry of Christ's Church



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

Contact Linda Samuels for more
information



The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Each Month
at 11:45 am

November 11
Vinewood Tap House

There will only be 1 Luncheon in November and December. Watch for the December date coming soon.



Grace's Global Book Club

2025/2026 Book List

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-2026-Global-Book-Group-Reading-List.pdf>

We meet on the First Tuesday of each Month in the Grace Library at 1 pm

Upcoming Dates

November 4

The Caliph's House by Tahir Shah

December 2

The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who changed the course of History from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement.
By Sharon McMahon

January 6, 2026

Talk to Me: Lessons from a Family Forged in History by Rich Benjamin

February 3, 2026

The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue