

Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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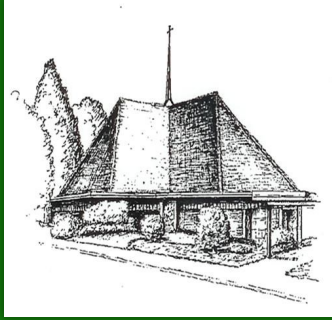
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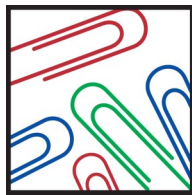
Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



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 February 21, 2025

Contributions for the Month of
February: \$20,660;
February Budget: \$22,400;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$22,660;
Weekly Budget: \$5,600;
(4 weeks in January)
YTD contributions: \$62,772;
YTD budget: \$61,200

Grace Personnel

Pastor E. Remy Remmers (They/Them)
revremy@grace97330.org

Director of Youth and Family – Shae Parsons (They/Them)
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Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar (He/Him)
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Bookkeeper - Robin Comforto (She/Her)
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Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin (He/Him)

Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens
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Custodian - Outside Contractor



Prayers

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 Request

Ali Briskey
Charlie M., friend of Kris W.
David, Cathy M. Family
Charles S.
Molly H.
Gordon and Mary Ann M.

Scanning this QR Code is another way to add
prayers to our prayer chain and prayers in
worship



Stanley	03/03
Ron L	03/05
Ed M	03/05
Adele N	03/05
Michael G	03/07
Jaya L	03/07
Bryson S	03/07
Michael K	03/09
Shelly LI	03/09
Lillian W	03/09
Becky K	03/10
Maggie M	03/19
Todd W	03/19
Carol G	03/20
Doris P	03/20
Maia G	03/21
Leighton N	03/21
Diane S	03/21
Carol K	03/24
Phillip K	03/24
Allie P	03/25
Scott S	03/25
Peggy C	03/26
Wanda P	03/27
Kathy F	03/28
Marilyn L	03/29
Keith F	03/31



Sunday Worship

10 am
In Person and Live on YouTube

Sunday School

9 am every Sunday

Nursery

Child Care is available each Sunday during
worship

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,

We are in a tumultuous time. Constantly bombarded with updates of things we should care about. There is no doubt that we should care about many things. However, deciding what to focus our energy on becomes paralyzing and prevents any action. What can we do in the midst of this storm? We have this Relationship with Corvallis for Refugees, and laws have dramatically changed impacting refugees and immigrants. This is a complex issue, so when Together Lab put on a Know Your Rights training, the staff signed up for it and we sent that link to the congregation as well. We saw many of you on this zoom call with us.

Together we learned what laws are in place and what protections exist for individuals and institutions. Unfortunately, we live in a time period, where if we do not know our rights they can be worked around. Law enforcement are not required to tell you all your rights. ICE had been previously barred from entering places of worship because this infringes on our first amendment rights. This is no longer the case. However, they are still barred from entering private spaces without a warrant signed by a judge. There are private spaces in the building. These include the office, office wing, Ronnenkamp, the basement, and the Sandcastle wing. We will be putting signs up on the doors to these places to remind everyone what these boundaries are.

How does this impact our day to day? It doesn't impact much. These spaces are already private because they require booking through the office. Staff now has action steps of what to do if Law Enforcement arrive. You will see these signs pop up on the door, which is a visible reminder that we are called to love and care for our neighbors. Grace does not keep citizenship status, and we don't want to. This is a small tangible step we are taking to remind each other of the rights we have. If you would like to be a part of this team that goes through these law changes and how it impacts our community, please reach out to me.

Peace,
Pastor Remy

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34)



Are you interested in being one of our Sunday Servants when it isn't Lent?

We are looking for Ushers, Communion Assistances, and members of our Altar guild.

Please click the link below or contact Marshall Hill-Tanquist for more information and how to sign up

Link to SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AAFA92DABF94-54084335-volunteers#/>

Grace Lutheran Church Council

February 2025 Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Feb_2025_CouncilMeetingMinutes_022025.pdf

As many of you know, after the annual meeting, the first congregation council meeting is the organizational meeting which means redistribution of committee responsibilities and election of new officers. This year new council members are John Baggenstos, Gary Hertel, Nate Olsen and Susan Speulda with re-elected members Mike Franklin and Robyn Vega.

As we welcome these new members, we remember and thank those that have served graciously and with dedication, some for two (2) terms. They are Marshall Hill-Tanquist and Carol Warloe along with 6-year secretary Nancy Hemming and 3-year president Dave Lundahl.

In the council box, you can find all the members of this year's council. Please feel free to contact any of them with any issues you may have, good, bad, neutral. We are all here to serve God, lead Grace with God's and your direction and to be responsive to your concerns.

The new council and congregation officers elected last night were President – Mike Franklin; Vice President – Sue Speulda; Secretary – Cathy Knock and Bob Keith remains as Treasurer as well as Mike Franklin continuing as Financial Secretary. This month and next month, the new officers will be introduced to you, hopefully, you will discover something you didn't already know about them.

Council President and Financial Secretary – Mike Franklin (He/Him): Mike has attended Grace off and on since he was in kindergarten in the early 1950's. He was confirmed here at Grace (and is hanging on the wall in the confirmation room). He graduated from OSU and was quite active at Luther House, being the president of the student association for three (3) years. Fifty-five (55) years ago, he was first elected to Grace's congregation council soon after graduation from OSU. Two (2) years later he was elected congregation president, a position he held for three (3) years. He then moved to the Portland area, met Elaine and got married and subsequently lived in or adjacent to Baton Rouge, Indianapolis and Nashville until returning to Corvallis in June, 2020. Through the years whenever visiting Corvallis over the weekend (his parents continued to live here) he would visit Grace. It was always "home" and it was a no-brainer to return to Grace where both he and Elaine have been happily involved.

Council Treasurer – Bob Keith (He/Him): Bob has been a member of Grace since John Paulson was pastor. He moved to and grew up in Corvallis, his family started out at Zion Lutheran. His mother grew up in North Dakota and was Lutheran. He went to Zion Lutheran grade school from the 6th through the 8th grade. As a family, they left Zion in the late '60's and when his folks left...so did he. Without a church for years and trying others. He knew Ted and June Beck who were at Zion and transferred over to Grace. While trying other churches....June suggested that he try Grace...and the rest is history!

Over the years he has enjoyed the people at Grace and the music. Also, as June Beck told him when first asked "What's so unique about GLC?"

She answered..."Grace does more for the community than any other church in the area."

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Lenten Events

All Events will be Live Streamed by the Church Hosting. Please watch for links in the Email.

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday Worship
7 pm at First Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2025

Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper and Worship
6 pm Soup, 7 pm Worship
at Grace Lutheran Church
Theme: Sense of Sight

March 19, 2025

Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper and Worship
6 pm Soup, 7 pm Worship
at First Presbyterian Church
Theme: Sense of Sound

March 26, 2025

Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper and Worship
6 pm Soup, 7 pm Worship
at Grace Lutheran Church
Theme: Sense of Scent

April 2, 2025

Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper and Worship
6 pm Soup, 7 pm Worship
at First Presbyterian Church
Theme: Sense of Touch

April 9, 2025

Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper and Worship
6 pm Soup, 7 pm Worship
at Grace Lutheran Church
Theme: Sense of Taste



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025
At Grace Lutheran Church



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025
At Grace Lutheran Church



Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 2025
At First Congregational Church



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025
At Grace Lutheran Church

MIDDAY Concerts



The Grace Spring Midday Concerts begin soon! We hope you'll be able to join our weekly Wednesday concert series. Performances run from 12:15 to about 12:45 for a concise musical break in your day. These concerts are free for anyone; any donations made are greatly appreciated and will go directly into funding Grace's music ministries. The spring concert series will run weekly from April 2nd to June 4th. Here is the April schedule:

April 2nd

Bryson Skaar on the Piano: Chopin and Beethoven Selections

April 9th

Bryson Skaar on the Organ: Bach + Hymn/Non-Secular Arrangements

April 16th

Bryson Skaar on the Piano: A variety of Jazz Stylings

April 23rd

Bryson Skaar on the Organ: "Alleluia!" Easter Hymn Arrangements

April 30th

Guest feature: Steven Evans-Renteria

We hope you are able to join and enjoy these musical offerings from Grace and the Corvallis community. Sincerely,
Bryson Skaar



Chili Cook Off
Sunday, March 2, 2025
Following Worship

If you do not want to bring Chili, you can bring bread, cornbread or desserts are also needed



Sunday, March 9, 2025
Following Worship

Please let Shae know if there are any dietary needs



Youth and Family Newsletter

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/GYM-Newsletter-March-25.pdf>



Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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



**Grace
Lutheran
Church
Foundation**

Foundation News Website:

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

December 2024 Newsletter

https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2024_12.html



Grace's Global Book Club

Meeting is the first Tuesday of Each Month

1 pm in the Fireside Room

Complete 2024/2025 book list

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Global-Book-Club-2024-2025-Book-List.pdf>

Upcoming books for 2025

March 4

Somewhere Inside: One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the Other's Fight to Bring Her Home by Laura Ling and Lisa Ling

April 1

A Stone is Most Precious Where It Belongs: A Memoir of Uyghur Exile, Hope, and Survival by Gulcherhra Hoja.

May 6

Take Heart: Encouragement for Earth's Weary Lovers by Kathleen Dean Moore. Art by Bob Haverluck Gulcherhra Hoja

June 3

Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese



Sign up for Grace's online Directory

Do you need help making your online profile?

To get the link to sign up, please contact the church office



Thursday, March 13, 2024

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

Our Next Blood Drive

July 23, 2025



Quilters and Sewing Group

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1pm
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

March 11, 2025
Parroquina Mexican
820 NW 9th Street

March 25, 2025
Brass Monkey
130 SW 1Strect



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

New Book Starting in January

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, January 30th – “Devils and Saints” by Jean-Baptiste Please.

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.

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - Michael Hadlock
Communications Committee—Bob Keith,
Sunday Hospitality—Meredith Junge
Events Hospitality—Molly Hallgrimson
Growing Young Ministry: Shae Parsons
Altar Guild - Linda Samuels,
Worship & Music Committee—Sue Davis

Finance Committee - Bob Keith
Personnel Committee - Cathy Mueller
Caring Ministry Team - Marshall Hill-Tanquist
Stewardship Committee - Carol Warloe
Safety Committee—TBA
Outreach Committee—Elaine Franklin