

Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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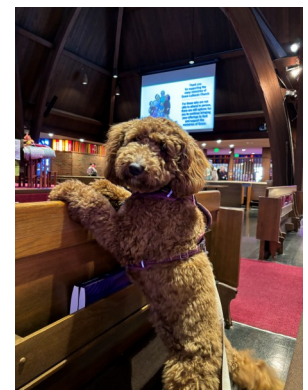
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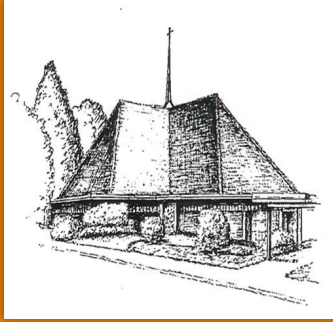


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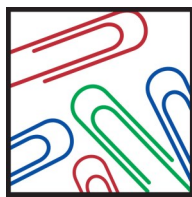


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation**. Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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

**Watch for any updated information on
office hours. Office Staff will continue
to work above hours.**

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
September 19, 2025**

Contributions for the Month of
September: \$12,000;
September Budget: \$16,600;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$12,000;
Weekly Budget: \$3,320;
(based on 5 weeks)
YTD contributions: \$209,585;
YTD budget: \$207,160

Grace Personnel

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prayers@grace97330.org

Custodian - Outside Contractor

Prayers

Prayer Request

Ruth Volk

Prayers of Comfort

Family and Friends of Kay Larson

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



**Grace
Lutheran
Church
Foundation**

Foundation News Website:

[http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/
newsletter.html](http://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/newsletter.html)

December 2024 Newsletter

[https://grace97330.org/Foundation/
news/2024_12.html](https://grace97330.org/Foundation/news/2024_12.html)



Dorothy L	10/04
Tom O	10/04
Judy W	10/06
Todd D	10/07
Julia R	10/07
Krista Washington	10/08
Maxine K	10/10
Freda V	10/10
Robyn V	10/11
Lee S	10/12
Kassandra S.	10/13
Sabina H	10/14
Carolyn K	10/14
Mackenzie B	10/15
Lida B	10/18
Carol T	10/18
Kathy S	10/21
Lyla H	10/23
Tom K	10/25
Bridget P	10/27
Mark G	10/29
Sarah D	10/ 30
Carol W	10/30
Kris W	10/31

To the Grace Congregation,

Over the past year, I have had such a great time learning about our church community and all of those within it. Over this time, we have held a variety of events, ranging from picnics to camp, many of which caused an (intentional) mess or two. I have truly learned just as much as I have taught in this position and I am grateful for every lesson.

I am coming to you all with a bittersweet update. This coming February, I will be stepping out of the Director of Children and Youth position. My partner, Sky, and I will be going on our next adventure as we move to New Zealand for them to complete their PhD. This was not our original plan when we came to Oregon, but we all know that God laughs whenever we make a plan. This is a step that we are both very much looking forward to and will be sad to leave the community of Corvallis and the community of Grace. This was not a decision made lightly, however, it was the best choice for our futures and our safety.



We do not yet have a set date but more information will come as we figure everything out. I am working to make everything as smooth of a transition as I can with Pr. Remy. We have both discussed what the next steps will look like, which you can see some options in their report. I am so very grateful for how quickly you all accepted me into Grace and have encouraged and worked beside me every step of the way. We will have some sort of formal goodbye at some point at the beginning of the new year before the move. In the meantime, I am thankful for the few months left that I can continue to serve in this role. We never know what the future holds for us, so we can always be thankful for the present moment.

Many, many thanks,
Shae Richert-Lathum



Pumpkin Patch Fellowship

Sunday, October 19
1 pm
The Mellon Shack, Corvallis

All Are Welcome to Join

There will be a Young Adult Luncheon starting at 11:30. Stay tuned for more information



Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 30
5-7 on

If you are interested in decorating your car please sign up by October 23 in the Church Entry or email Shae so they know a head count.

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,

Welcome to the programic year! From baptism, to blessing of the animals, to trunk or treat, to reformation, there will be plenty of options to be grounded in faith and fellowship this October.

I am sure that you're heard the news that our Children, Youth, and Family Director is going to be leaving our community. It has been a joy and an honor to work with Shae for the past year. They have picked up things on the go and done incredibly well at an impossible job. From putting a Nativity program together immediately when they arrived to VBS that brought in many families that had only vaguely heard of us before, Shae has worked to learn and connect our traditions to the present moment. I will miss Shae and am excited for them on their new venture. It is a tender blessing to know someone for a moment. At the start of the new year we will surround Shae with the love they have shown us and send them off to their next adventure.

In ministry we are both replaceable and irreplaceable. There will not be another Shae that brings their unique gifts to us. Shae connected with our kids, built up a nursery staff, updated policies, planned numerous intergenerational activities, bringing new life. At the same time Ministry will continue. It will look different. Every time a new person picks it up they will bring their unique gifts. We changed this position based on what we learned last time and by the grace of God we keep learning new things.

As we look into the future of Grace praying in discernment, Council has started to consider multiple options. Because the range of options impacts the life of the church, there will be a meeting this year about some potential options. Years ago Grace was an internship site for interns from seminary. Having an intern at Grace is a possibility. It will look different than how we set up the CYF Director position, and can benefit us in different ways. Another option is to continue to redesign this position with what we have learned over the past year. Let us pray together and call for the Holy Spirit's nudging.

Peace,
Pastor Remy



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

Grace Lutheran Church Council

September Council Meeting Minutes:

https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/091525_Congregation-Council-Minutes-00000002.pdf

Congregation Council Corner

This month I have two (2) things to discuss. They are:

The fall stewardship campaign program, and
New opportunities for our Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Our 2025 Fall stewardship campaign for fiscal year 2026 will kick off with a formal article in the newsletter that comes out before Sunday, October 19 when we will have a stewardship temple talk and a bulletin insert. Robin Comforto, our “retired” bookkeeper and one of our newest members will be leading the campaign.

I’d like to add that this year will be a critical year for us. Fiscal year 2025 was a stretch year after 2024 was a stretch year. Many, if not all, extra sources of financial resources have been sought out and expended. This coming year will truly depend on our commitment and ability to do ministry creatively and a highly successful campaign. Stay tuned.

You have read (or will read) elsewhere in this month’s Gatherings that Shae will be leaving us sometime this coming February. It is very clear, that this is a necessary but not expected life choice Shae and Sky had to make as they continue their journey together. It is not their first choice but they are victims of the situation they face due to unexpected circumstances outside of their control. Shae is dedicated to continuing to work until they leave and to try to put as much in writing as possible relative to planning and to pass on that information of “lessons learned” to those that will be their successors.

The council received this information at its most recent meeting and is currently exploring potential options for the congregation going forward. Special attention will obviously be given to continuing to build on what we have after Kristin restarted and Shae brought to fruition and success our programs – look at VBS this summer with 23 registrants and 21 actual participants when a ridiculously high goal of 20 participants had been set. Part of the council’s planning will also be to provide a chance for all to thank Shae for what they have done and send them on their way.

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



A Word from the Stewardship Committee

Fall Campaign 2025 Letter

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Stewardship-Campaign-2025-Letter.pdf>



EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 1 at 7pm

Trivia Night at Corvallis Sports Park
Arrive at 6:45 pm to get food or drinks

October 8 at 7pm

Trivia Night at Corvallis Sports Park
Arrive at 6:45 pm to get food or drinks

October 12 (Sunday)

Special Climate Resiliency Presentation by
Johanna Lundahl
See below for more information

October 15 at 7 pm

Stewardship and Creation Bible Study

October 22 at 7 pm

Halloween Crafts
bring your favorite pumpkin treats!

October 29

Bye Week

What is Climate Resilience - and how can we build a resilient Grace Lutheran?

Presented by Johanna Lundahl, MPA

When: Sunday, October 12th, 2025, 12-1 PM

Where: Ronnenkamp Hall

Join us for lunch and learn about the energy we use at Grace, and how our building's energy use connects us with people across the world who are taking action to reduce climate emissions and care for creation. Join a conversation about how we experience the impacts of climate change in Corvallis and what we as a community can do about it.

Johanna will share the takeaways from her recent research report, "Grace Lutheran Church: Improvements in the Built Environment for Climate Resiliency". The research paper, conducted during her graduate course on Urban Climate Solutions, assesses Grace Lutheran's building emissions over a five-year period, identifies key climate impacts and vulnerabilities the community ought to prepare for, and proposes a menu of actions for congregations like Grace to consider. Presentation followed by Q&A and discussion about planning for climate resilience at Grace Lutheran Church.

MIDDAY

Concerts



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

Oct 1

Bryson on Organ
Bach Preludes and Fugues

Oct 8

Oasis Ensemble

Oct 15

Emma Nichols, Soprano from OSU

Oct 22

Silent Film(s) w/Justin Shepige

Oct 29

Bryson on Piano
Haunting Music for Halloween



Choir Starts Soon

Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Come join us for a Meet and Greet on
September 18.

For more information, please contact Bryson
Skaar



OSU Football Game Parking for Luther House Campus Ministry

Football games start in August. Please note,
there will be no parking on October 18.

Upcoming OSU Football Games

October 11

No Parking on October 18

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)



October 26, 2025

**Mark Your Calendars
and
Wear Red**



Winter Clothing Drive for Vina Moses

During the month of October Grace Lutheran will be gathering winter wear for Vina Moses. We are looking for winter coats, sweaters, gloves and hats. Additionally, Vina Moses is in need of all kinds of men's clothing. So, start cleaning out the closets to look for items you have to pass on. Donations will be collected in the yellow box in the fireside room.



November 3, 2024

The Draft of the All Saints List is linked below. Please contact Andrea in the church office to add your loved one to our list. Names can be any loved one who passed between November 1, 2024 and October 29, 2024.

Deadline for additions is
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Link to current All Saints List
[https://grace97330.org/wp-content/
uploads/2025/09/2025-All-Saints.-as-of-
9.25.2025.pdf](https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-All-Saints.-as-of-9.25.2025.pdf)



Salmon Bake

Sunday, October 5, 2025
Following Worship

At the Rotary Shelter at Willamette
Park



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 12, 2025



Each year on October 4 is the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, a renewer of the church. . As is often the case, the actual day does not fall on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate a few days late, October 12. One of the things Francis was reputed to have done was preach to the animals and bless them. In honor of Francis' care and concern for the birds of the air and beasts of the field, we are again planning a blessing of the animals here at Grace, October 12, 2025.

This is a great celebration when you are invited to bring *your* own animals, especially your pets, to church that Sunday, We will bless all those that come during our worship service. If your favorite animal is too shy, large or rambunctious or lives in the wild, you may bring a picture or representation of the animals that are important to you. In recent years, several people brought photos on their cell phones. These photos may include pets or it may be a picture of animals of the wild. As in the past, we will have cleaning materials at hand in case of accidents. There will also be a critter-free zone, for those who have allergies. A cleansing of the sanctuary is scheduled sometime the following week.

Over the last year, many people have enjoyed our "Pets of Grace" on the bulletin board. If you have a new pet or would like to add a new picture of your pet to our bulletin board, please email Andrea in the Church Office with your picture so we can update and grow our "Pets of Grace". Email pictures to office@grace97330.org



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting a new book on Thursday, September 25th – "The Good Shepherd: A Thousand-Year Journey from Psalm 23 to the New Testament," by Kenneth E. Bailey. The author uses his insights into Middle Eastern culture and especially his familiarity with Middle Eastern shepherding customs to bring new light and life to our understanding of this central image of the Christian faith.

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.



October 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 12, 2025
Blessing of the Animals

Job 39:1-18
Psalm 121
Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

October 17, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 24, 2025
Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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



Children and Youth Newsletter

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/GYM-Newsletter-Oct-25-scaled.png>

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



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

October 14
4 Spirits

October 28
Parroquia

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

October 7

*Turning to Stone: Discovering the Subtle Wisdom
of Rocks* by Marcia Bjornerud

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

