

Grace GATHERINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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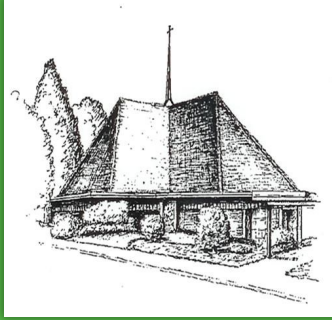


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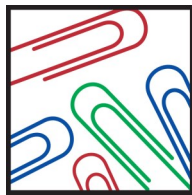


Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.

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

Church Staff will be taking off the week
after Easter.

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

Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of February 20, 2026

Contributions for the Month of
February: \$30,540;
February Budget: \$48,500;
First 3 Weeks Giving: \$24,200;
Weekly Budget: \$6,050;
(4 weeks in February)
YTD contributions: \$84,133;
YTD budget: \$66,650

Grace Personnel

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

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst (She/Her)
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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

Maxine K
Isaac, Cathy M. nephew
Steve, Friend of Cathy M.
Martha M, Former Grace Pastor

Payers of Comfort

Family and Friends of Tristin Wrosch

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 L	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



Midday Concerts return on Wednesday April 1.

Midday Concerts are hosted every Wednesday
from at 12:15 pm—12:45 pm

Please watch for a list of upcoming Concerts

Pastor E. Remy Remmers
(They/Them)

Contact Information
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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs: In the Area
Friday: Sabbath
Saturday: Day Off

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Welcome to Lent.

Growing up my favorite Sunday was Palm Sunday. I loved the procession. I loved that I had a prop for worship. The children's choir in my home church (along with the adult choir) led the procession into the sanctuary. Even as a child I could feel the role I held was sacred. I wasn't just doing it because I was a cute kid. I felt like our participation was part of the whole life of the church. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the last week before Jesus's death and Resurrection.

In the days of Jesus all the Judeans (first century Jews who live in the region of Judea) would gather in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. The Roman Empire wanted to remind the Judeans who really was in charge (Rome) and would do military parades on horses through Jerusalem leading up to Passover. The Judeans were an oppressed people. They were heavily taxed. Many barely lived "paycheck to paycheck". Jesus has so many stories of feeding people because Rome taxed them so heavily that the Judeans didn't always have food. Rome claimed that they had good news but it often led to the suffering of the Judeans. So leading up to Passover, Jesus sent his disciples to get him a donkey. Jesus put himself on this donkey and started riding it into town. Palm branches were waved and put down on the dirt road. This whole procession mocking the Roman parades. This palm branch process saying to Rome you say you provide for us but God does. We as a community provide for each other.

During Advent, I found out about an opportunity for us for Palm Sunday. Organized originally by people in the twin cities there is going to be a nationwide public witness opportunity. Throughout the country, with a whole host of different Christian denominations we will be publicly processing calling out the dehumanization of our neighbors. Locally I have talked to the churches we regularly partner with for Labor Day. There is a No Kings Day Rally March 28th (the day before Palm Sunday but it still counts). We will be meeting at Central Park and then Process over to the Rally to Show a Christianity that loves our neighbor and calls for an end to the oppression of our neighbor. Stay tuned for the exact time. We will learn a couple songs together so that we can be one united voice with many denominations. The week before we are scheduling a time to make posters and learn songs with a time and place tba.

It is an honor to journey in faith with you,
Pastor Remy



Grace Lutheran Church Council

February Council Meeting Minutes:

As many of you know, after the annual meeting, the first congregation council meeting is the organizational meeting which means assignment of committee responsibilities and election of new officers. This year new council members are Todd Greeley and Holland Smith. Frank Davis was re-elected for another three (3) year term.

As we welcome these new members, we remember and thank those that have served graciously and with dedication. They are Charlotte Chrisman, Meredith Junge and Nate Olsen. Jaya Lapham Conser had previously resigned after moving to Eugene.

We also have a new Treasurer, Robin Comforto. She has been elected to follow Bob Keith – thank you to Bob for his years of service as Treasurer and previously President of the Congregation.

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 – Frank Davis; Secretary – Sue Speulda and Robin as Treasurer. Mike Franklin continues as Financial Secretary. Like last year, this month and next month, we'll introduce these servants to you, you may learn something you didn't know about them.

Council Vice President – Frank Davis: Frank was born and raised in southern Minnesota. He earned a BS from the University of Minnesota in Forest Resources. During the summers as a college student, he was a wildland firefighter/helitack in Idaho. He is married to Sue Davis. They have two children and two grandchildren. His forestry career has taken them from Lewiston, MN, to Jackson, MS, Pierre, SD, John Day, OR, Shelton, WA and finally to Albany, OR. He retired from the US Forest Service as the Forest Planner on the Siuslaw National Forest in January 2016. He continues to hire back to the USFS to serve on the NW Team 8 Incident Management Team. He serves as the Secretary-Treasurer and Scholarship coordinator for the Takena Kiwanis in Albany. He is finishing up serving on the Corvallis Forest Stewardship Plan revision which will sunset this year. He and Sue have been members of Grace since 2006. They both led adult Sunday School for 15+ years. He served on Church Council around 2008 for 3 years and was elected to Council again in 2023 and re-elected for another 3 years in 2026. He served on Church Council's in both John Day and in Shelton. He and Sue lead Grace Lutheran Church volunteers in the 3rd Sunday meal preparation for Stone Soup. They also stock shelves at the South Corvallis Food Bank with the Grace Lutheran volunteers. Frank serves on the Property and Outreach Committees, serves as a communion assistant and helps with altar guild. Frank enjoys hiking, yard care, gardening and reading.

Council Treasurer – Robin Comforto: Robin has been a member of Grace since August 2025, and prior to that served on the Grace staff as the Bookkeeper, beginning in late 2015.

Robin was born and grew up in Northern California and raised in the United Methodist church. When she married in 1978, she moved to Seattle, Washington, then later to Port Townsend. Her move to Oregon came about in 2006, and started in Astoria, where she served as the pianist for Seaside Methodist Church until her move to Corvallis in 2011.

Robin enjoys playing music, golfing, birding and doing handcrafts.

The Grace community has been most welcoming to Robin. So far, she finds much joy in helping with all things financial at the church, including serving on the Stewardship committee last fall and helping to prepare the 2026 Budget.

President
Mike Franklin
Vice President
Frank Davis
Secretary
Susan Speulda
Treasurer
Robin Comforto
Financial Secretary:
Mike Franklin

Council Members:
John Baggenstos
Angie Gallagher
Todd Greeley
Gary Hertel
Meredith Junge
Holland Smith
Robyn Vega



Lent 2026 Events

Sunday Lent Worship

Sunday, Feb. 22—March 29
10 am In Person and Live on YouTube

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Worship

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
6 pm Soup Supper and 7 pm Worship
In Person and Live on YouTube
Sign Ups in the Church Entry

Lenten Devotions

Available in the Church Narthex

Lenten Social Media Posts

Daily Facebook Posts starting Wednesday,
February 18.

Palm Sunday Signs and Songs

Sunday Afternoon, March 22, 2026
Exact Time and Location TBA

Palm Sunday Public Witness

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Gather in Central Park Time TBA

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29, 2026
10 am in Person and Live on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2, 2026
At Grace at 7 pm In Person and Live on YouTube

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3, 2026
At Good Sam (Episcopal Church) at 7 pm
IN Person and Online

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Please watch for more information

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Between Worship in Ronnenkamp hall



It's time to decorate Grace for Easter!!

If you would like to contribute to the Altar Guild Flower Fund, look for forms located in the church entry.

To share Easter Orchids with the Grace Sanctuary display, please bring it to the church office between March 30 and April 2

For your information to be included in the holiday bulletins, please have forms to the office by noon on Monday, March 30th.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



Chili Cookoff
Sunday, March 1, 2026
Following Worship

We are hosting our annual Chili Cook-Off.

Bring a Chili to enter in the Competition, bring a bread or side to go with the Chili and join us in Fellowship.



Food Drive

Please watch for more information



Save the Date

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Saturday, March 14

Sign Ups in the Church Entry

Full Price Class Cost: \$40. Scholarships available

Please contact Elaine F. or Andrea in the Church Office



Thursday, March 12, 2026

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



Hello Grace Family. I introduce to you Tulum.

Tulum is a female black lab who weighs about 50 pounds. We will celebrate her second birthday on April 16. Tulum is very energetic, more than I remember Bali ever being but is also super affectionate. We did our two weeks of training together, and now we start our life together here at home. Training is a lot for both person and dog, but I really felt connected with Tulum starting in week 2. I felt like we were finally figuring out each others body language and also when I took my first walk with her on campus without a trainer by our side, it felt natural and like we had been doing it for a long time. I felt a confidence I did not expect so early in the partnership. Tulum of course will be joining me now at Grace but at first will be in the crate next to my desk until she gets used to the life at Grace and then can go to the dog bed near my desk.

I thought I would just give you a little bit of information about her. Tulum, who is named after the tropical destination in Mexico, is one of 7 puppies in her litter. Guide Dogs for the Blind assigns a litter Letter and all the puppies start with that letter, so her litter was clearly the T litter. Her parents are dad Jace and mom Juliet (No, not from the same litter). At

this time I know that 2 other siblings are guides, 1 sibling did not make it as a guide, 2 are in formal guide work training on campus, and 1 is not on campus yet. I also do know that all of the siblings are black and they are all small like her, even the boys.

I am excited to start this new journey with Tulum and to see what kind of adventures we take together.



Wisdom Seekers Book Group

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will start a new book on Thursday, April 9th - "Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds." In this New York Times Bestseller, comedian and broadcaster John Fugelsang delivers a deeply irreverent and biblically correct takedown of far-right Christian hatred and counters with a fight for the love, mercy, and service that are supposed to make up the heart of Christianity. It is told with Fugelsang's blend of radical honesty, comedy, and deep political and religious knowledge and offers practical tips on how to debate our Christian nationalist friends and family.

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.



March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 121
Matthew 25:35-40
Luke 7:36-50

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 95
Ephesians 3:20-21
Mark 6:32-44

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 23
Deuteronomy 24:17-22
Matthew 19:13-15

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 130
Matthew 23:23
John 8:2-11

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



Sack Lunch Ministry

Grace prepares 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

Teams & Committees

Property Committee - TBD
Communications Committee— TBD
Sunday Hospitality—Meredith Junge
Events Hospitality—Sue Davis
Growing Young Ministry: TBD
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 - Robin Comforto
Climate Resiliency Task Force—Johanna Lundahl
Outreach Committee—Elaine Franklin



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

March 10, 2026
Tacovino

March 24, 2026
Squirrel's Tavern



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

March 3, 2026

In Cod We Trust: Living the Norwegian Dream by
Eric Dregni

April 7, 2026

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

May 5, 2026

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

June 2, 2026

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

Corvallis for Refugees Information Night

You are warmly invited to a Corvallis For Refugees (CFR) Info Night on Thursday, March 19 from 6:00-7:00pm at Northwest Hills Community Church (3300 NW Walnut Blvd #3531, Corvallis, OR 97330) in Classroom E1. This session is specifically for leaders of the Corvallis faith community to learn how you and your congregations can stand with refugee neighbors in this time and sow seeds of peace. You'll hear from CFR about the current state of resettlement and the realities for refugees in our community. This would be a great opportunity for elders, deacons, or other leadership to learn more about CFR if you or they are unfamiliar with us.

<https://forms.gle/ufqYA9h3iDTPP4kB6>.



Spring Clean UP
April 4, 2026
Starting 9 am

Lunch will be provided for Volunteers
Please come help the property committee to beautify the grounds around Grace for Easter.
Sign up sheet will be located in the Church Entry.,
If you have a favorite pair of gloves or yard tools, please bring them.



Share the Love

Thank You to everybody who made this event possible. Watch for more information on the Share the Love Event 2027

