

Grace GATHERINGS



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

435 NW 21st Street

Corvallis, Oregon 97330



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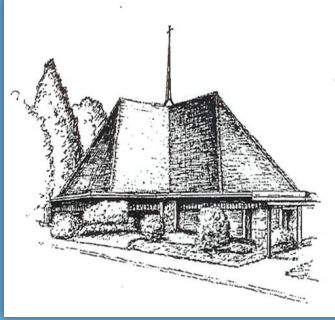
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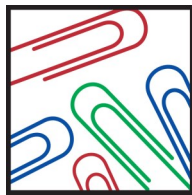
Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.** Whoever you are, Whatever your past, However you live, Whomever you love – You are welcome here.



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

Church Staff will be taking off the week
after Easter.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Giving at a Glance Support the many ministries of Grace Lutheran

Contributions as of March 27, 2026

Contributions for the Month of
March: \$16,320;
March Budget: \$24,200;
First 4 Weeks Giving: \$16,320;
Weekly Budget: \$4,800;
(5 weeks in March)
YTD contributions: \$101,034;
YTD budget: \$92,060

Grace Personnel

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

Office Administrator - Andrea Barnhurst (She/Her)
office@grace97330.org

Director of Music Ministries - Bryson Skaar (He/Him)
Bryson@grace97330.org

Percussion - Kelsey Bleck
Bookkeeper - Cobie deLespinasse (She/Her)
bookkeeper@grace97330.org

Financial Secretary: Mike Franklin (He/Him)
Prayer Chain - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens
prayers@grace97330.org

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

Isaiah, family of Cathy M
Shirley and Denise, family of Nancy H
Carol E
Martina V
Karen and Steve, Friends of Cathy M

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



Martina V	04/02
Herbert H	04/02
Dick J	04/06
Teri B	04/07
Dale W	04/08
Hal D	04/09
Carol E	04/09
Christina L	04/10
Jeff P	04/11
Ellen G	04/12
Michael B	04/14
Calla S	04/15
Aaron D	04/17
Grayson F	04/17
Marilyn W	04/18
Susan S	04/22
Kendra W	04/23
Sharon R	04/24
Eleanor H	04/25
Angie G	04/27
Linda S	04/27
Kris W	04/28
Doris V	04/29
Todd W	04/29

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in Volunteering at Grace?

We currently have regular volunteer opportunities
in the church office for those who are interested.
We have many different projects for different
abilities.

If you are interested, please contact Andrea in the
office or Pr. Remy



Pastor E. Remy Remmers
(They/Them)

Contact Information
Email: revremy@grace97330.org

Office Hours

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

Siblings in Christ,

Happy Spring! The flowers and the trees are starting to bloom. The sun occasionally peaks out from behind the clouds. It's time for everyone's favorite activity: spring cleaning. Fueled by the Vitamin D and the later sunsets, it's time to clean out the clutter and reset the house! I know what you're thinking, "The US is bombing Iran. We're multiple steps into a genocide towards transgender people in this country. ICE is kidnapping our neighbors. I don't care about dishes in the sink."

"...though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea... The nations are in uproar; the kingdoms totter..."
Psalm 46

I will be the first to admit there's often dishes in my sink. The overwhelm of the world can easily lead to overwhelm with house chores. These maintenance tasks stack up and the motivation isn't always there.

"Everybody wants a revolution, but nobody wants to do the dishes."
Shane Claiborne

I also know that when there is order in my environment I do better. I feel calmer. I am able to tackle bigger projects. The little affects the large. I want to thank everyone who does the little tasks around Grace. Those who show up to weed our rose beds, clean the pews during the week, change lightbulbs, teach Sunday School, set up communion, fellowship coffee and cookies after church, and more. These little tasks are the work of community and show the love and care that has been passed down throughout the years. These little tasks are the foundation for all we do.

"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46

This can be stillness of the mind or stillness of the body. This grounding to our Creator helps us when the world is full of hatred and violence. It gives us the peace to continue to work for justice. Take time for the little things and notice how your body shows up different.

So let's do some spring cleaning,
Pastor Remy

Grace Lutheran Church Council

March Council Meeting Minutes:

<https://grace97330.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Council-Meeting-Minutes-March-2026.pdf>

Last month, we introduced two (2) of the four (4) council/congregation officers for 2026; the vice President Frank Davis (He/Him) and the Treasurer, Robin Comforto (She/Her). This month, we continue the introduction of the council officers for 2026. These two (2) were both officers last year so have really been introduced before but are being presented again with some minimal changes.

Susan Speulda (She/Her) – Secretary: Susan is back again this year but instead of vice president, she is serving in the role of secretary. She is originally from Chicago, has four (4) sisters and is now living in Philomath. She has been a member of Grace for 48 years. Sue and her husband Mark have been married for 47 years and have a son, Nahan. They have two grandkids, 10 and 13 years old. Sue says that over the years, she has done everything from serving on altar guild to teaching Sunday school. She has been a software engineer most of her career.

Mike Franklin (He/Him) – Council President and Financial Secretary: Mike has attended Grace in two (2) stints. He grew up in Corvallis and remembers going to Grace since he was in kindergarten in the early 1950's. He was confirmed at Grace, graduated from OSU having been quite active at Luther House, being the president of the student association for three (3) years. He remained in Corvallis and a member of Grace after graduation for ten (10) years before moving to the Portland area and later to Baton Rouge, Indianapolis and Nashville before moving back to Corvallis in the middle of Covid in June 2020. While living in the Portland area, he met Elaine and they were married a short time later. 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 become increasingly active in the life of the congregation.

Just a quick update on something coming up – our RIC (Reconciling in Christ) membership to remain in effect, needs to be updated in our documents and procedures. While most of that will be done in committee work, reported to the council and congregation, there is something that we, as a congregation, need to continue to work on. Something that those in the more common binary sex categories don't think about. That "something" is the appropriate use of pronouns. This topic was written about in the Grace Gatherings of June, 2025 and you can refer to that document for more detail. For now, just please realize that not only is it showing respect to use the correct pronouns, others that might join our congregation because of our RIC status are turned away when they hear us use improper pronouns. This is a difficult topic for many of us that have lived decades not being aware of this issue, we all need time, we all need to be corrected in a friendly manner when we slip. But please, let's all try to get it correct and all of us help each other and do our best to use the correct pronouns.

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



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2
7 pm at Grace Lutheran Church
In Person and Live on Youtube

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3 at 7 pm
At Good Sam Episcopal Church
In Person and Online

MIDDAY

Concerts



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

April 1

Bryson Skaar and Justin Schepige
Spring Acoustic Jazz

April 8

Bryson Skaar on the Grace Organ
Easter Alleluia!

April 15

Erik Crew and Bryson Skaar
Guitar and Piano Jazz Duo

April 22

Silent Film(s)
Sonochromatic

April 29

Lena Harrington with David Nicholas
OSU Soprano Vocalist and Pianist

May 6

Emma Nichols with Joy Ueng
OSU Soprano Vocalist and Pianist



Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5
8:30 am and 11 am
In Person and Live on YouTube

Easter Breakfast

Between Worship Services
In Ronnenkamp Hall

Easter Egg Hung

Between Worship Services



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.

Trivia Night
Wednesday, April 15
At Corvallis Sports Pub

Trivia Starts at 7 pm. Please arrive early to get drinks or snacks to be ready to play at 7 pm.

We are hoping to host fellowship events and trivia nights regularly. If you are interested in learning more about upcoming trivia nights or upcoming fellowship times, please contact Bryson Skaar or Shane Mueller



Wisdom Seekers
Book Group

The Wisdom Seekers Book Group will be starting 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.



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

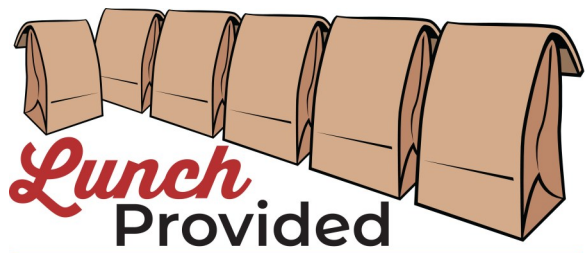
April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



Kids Discovery Days
God and Beetles
April 30, 2026

Starts at 5 pm with Dinner



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— Dave Lundahl
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



Quilting and
Prayer Shawl
Ministry

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

April 14, 2026
Vinewood Taphouse

April 28, 2026
Pastini Downtown



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

April 7, 2026
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

June 2, 2026
Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

May 5, 2026
A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende



Gather Rivers of Mercy Young Adult Lunch

Gather Rivers of Mercy is a group for young adults in their 20s and 30s. You can follow us on Instagram @gatheriversofmercy. Each month we have lunch on the last Sunday of the month after church. This April we will have lunch on April 26th. Can't wait to see you there!

Oasis Ensemble Concert

May 1, 2026 at 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Performing new music from the Cascadia Composers.

Ticket Price: \$10 at the door
Students Free with ID



Palm Sunday Public Witness
March 28, 2026



Ukraine Care Kit Packing Party
March 26, 2026