

THE GRACE REPORTER

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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENT

Lent Worship Service – Wednesday - April 1

“By His Stripes – Healing Wounded Relationships”

Supper – 5:45pm

Worship Service – 7:00pm

LENTEN DEVOTION - You may dial 607-4073 on the telephone and listen to a daily Lenten devotion by Pastor Schoenherr. Each day a new devotion will be recorded by 9:00am. The Lenten devotions will be available to you starting Ash Wednesday, February 25th through Easter Sunday, April 12th.



Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY – April 5

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

10:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 9th

Worship w/Holy Communion

7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 10

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Noon and 7:00pm



HOLY WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY – April 12

Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion – 7:00am

Breakfast – 7:30am to 9:00am

Menu: Scrambled eggs, pork sausage gravy, biscuits, ham, hash browns, fruit, and beverages

Sunday School – 9:00-9:45am

Children will sing together and have an Easter egg hunt.

Worship w/Holy Communion – 10:00am

NOTE: Contemporary Sunday will be Sunday, April 19th (3rd Sunday – this month only).



Easter

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Sunday School and Adult Classes: 9:00am

Worship: 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

* Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month.

* Contemporary worship is the 2nd Sunday of each month.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE

SUNDAY

* **9:00am** Adult Bible Class “Book of Daniel” with Pastor Phil in Room #5.

* **9:00am** Video Class, “Back to Mayberry” led by Randy Ronne in the parish hall.

* **9:00am** – Discuss Lee Strobel’s book “The Case for Faith” led by Trescott Ducker in the school library

TUESDAY

* **6:00pm** – Stronghold Dinner and Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

* **6:30am** Breakfast and Bible Study in Rm. #5 at 6:30am

* **10:00am** – Women’s Bible Study in Rm. #5

Our Grace Family Knows the Power of Prayer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

+ Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Naomi Baker, Roland Luxford, Ralph Boring, Myrtle Larson, Gary Rust, Bob Sylwester, George Walker

+ Shut-ins: Fred Schatz, Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Irma Gieseke, Frances Bradshaw, Lola Jackson, Ann Porisch, Lore Mead, Margie Murphree, Alex Guenther, Don and Mary Good



ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 2009

WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Service	Attendance
		10:00
3/1	Sunday	158
3/8	Sunday	125
3/15	Sunday	152

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Kids of Grace, Youth, Adult Bible Class					
Date	Youth	Adults	Staff	Offering	
3/1	21	28	5	\$9.98	
3/8	7	31	6	\$7.00	
3/15	13	33	6	\$13.00	

Sunday School mission offerings will go toward support of: 1) our Compassion child, Hendrick and 2) Terry & Janet Borchard with Lutheran Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

The familiar exchange of greeting at Easter time is, “Christ is risen!” and “He is risen indeed.” That simple proclamation of the Good news of the Resurrection is the foundation for our Christian faith. In the last Lutheran Witness magazine, I read of the death of a high school and seminary classmate who was also a pastor. It made me pause and reflect again on human mortality. While we may think from time to time that death is way off in the future, it can happen sooner. My school mate was only 60 years old. But when I consider this shocking news in the context of the Christ’s victory over death and the grave, I rejoice that Early lived 60 years on earth and will live an eternity in Heaven.

For us Christians the Good News of the Resurrection is also a cause for hope in other areas of life. The struggling economy may kindle some pessimism within us. One viewer of television nightly news wrote that when he listens to how the media covers the economy he feels like hiding under a rock. God is still our sovereign Heavenly Father. He will not forsake us. And because Jesus Christ faced hatred, suffering, crucifixion, death and the grave “head-on” and emerged victorious, He is our ever-living Lord. The fact that Jesus rose from the dead not only gives us the sure hope of living forever in His presence in Heaven, it also helps us to look at dwindling bank and retirement accounts and unemployment with hope and confidence. There are better days ahead of us. In the meantime our living Lord Jesus Christ will make Himself know in the ways that we love and care for one another.

In Christ,

Pastor Phil

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy. They were a source of comfort during the passing of my Mother. Carolyn Newsom

I would like to thank all the members of Grace for their thoughts, cards, and prayers during my surgery and during my recovery. God bless you all. Clarence Henshen

Many thanks to my “Grace family” for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, and your concern, support and encouragement expressed following my surgery and recovery of my shoulder (rotator cuff). It’s a long recovery road, but I am progressing well. My physical therapy is going well. Thanks you so much and blessings to all of you. George Walker

SPRING CLEANING WORK PARTY

Saturday – April 4th at 9:00am

**We will be cleaning inside and outside the building.
Everyone is welcome to come and help.**



“STRONGHOLD” CAMPUS MINISTRY

“STRONGHOLD CAMPUS MINISTRY” will continue with dinner and Bible Study but on a **new day, Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm**. Every young adult is welcome to come and I hope to see more attendance from within Grace’s congregation! Your prayers for this ministry are welcome, as well. “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear” The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” –Psalm 27: 1. Call or email Steve Johnson if you have any questions! (541) 324-9117 or sjohnson@uoregon.edu

DINNER VOLUNTEERS FOR STRONGHOLD on Tuesday evenings are still needed (note the day change). Please consider preparing dinner for a small group of hungry college students (cook for about 10). The sign-up sheet is on the small table to the left of the church mailboxes. Thanks so much for your participation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Board of Christian Ed and Sunday School are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for grades Preschool – 5th grade on Easter Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy small enough to fit in plastic eggs. If you would like to donate stickers they would also be appreciated. Thank you for sharing in this fun event for the children. (We have an abundance of plastic eggs – **NO eggs** will be needed this year.) We are also planning a special worship event for the Sunday School hour. It will be a surprise!

COMING SOON – EASTER BREAKFAST sponsored by our Youth! Once again this year, we are asking members to donate food and beverage items for the breakfast. There will b a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Decide what you would like to donate (cash donations are accepted as well), sign you name on the sheet corresponding lines, and take the small reminder tags for the items you plan to donate. Thank you SO MUCH for your help! Grace Youth Board

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the May “Reporter” is **Sunday, April 19th**! Please submit your articles to the church office.

LWML MEETING will be held on **Monday, April 13th at 1:00pm**. ALL women of the church are invited to attend!



CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PRACTICE will be on **Saturday, April 18th at 11:00am**. Contemporary Sunday Worship Service will be on April 19th (with NO Holy Communion) because of Easter on the second Sunday.

RED HAT EVENT – ATTENTION ALL LADIES

You are invited to a **Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 2 at 2:00pm** in the Grace Lutheran Church Parish Hall. There will be a **Fashion Show** and **Special Entertainment**. Be sure to join the fun; feel free to bring family and friends. The more the merrier.

We are also planning a **KITCHEN SHOWER for the CHURCH KITCHEN as a servant activity**. If you would like to bring an item the following are suggestions of items needed: Dawn dish soap (large size), dish towels, dish cloths, foil, plastic wrap, and quart and gallon sized zip lock bags. Needed items will be purchased for you if you would rather donate money or if you have an item that is not on the list feel free to bring it. What for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to avoid duplications.

Ladies and children participating in the Fashion show, please be sure to notify Lennie Tritt (747-3265) by April 6th, so she is able to schedule you. The deadline for turning in the written description of your fashion is April 20th. Please be sure to have it to her on time. Thanks Ladies for your help!

THE LORD’S GARDEN – The beauty of last year’s flowers was made possible by individuals who chose to be garden partners. Several contributions made possible a greater variety and quality of plants. Some financial help would again be appreciated. Nancy and I will continue to do the gardening. May our Lord be honored as we enjoy His beautiful creation, and may visitors see that we care. Thank you. Reuben Leapaldt

EMERALD SPRING ZONE RALLY

Saturday, April 4th

Registration begins at 9:30am.

Rally is from 10am until 2pm

at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove.

Come for Tea, Bible Study, Fellowship, Fun and Food.

All ladies are asked to bring an apron that has special meaning to you.

Ingathering: For Lane Pregnancy Center in Cottage Grove – Suggested Items are:

Disposable Diapers, Wipes, Newborn items, Baby products, Postage Stamps.

ALL women of Grace are invited to attend

WANTED - PICTURES OF OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We want to honor and acknowledge our military service men and women of Grace. The plan is to have photos with branch of service, rank and area of deployment. The pictures may include family groups or single pictures. Pictures of any size may be submitted. We plan to enlarge to 5x7. Family groups to 8x10. This includes family members and friends who may or may not be members of Grace. We are also open to suggestions. At this time the plan is a bulletin board. We have three family members to start – no doubt there are more. You may contact Jody Johnson or Olivia Spangler.

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD

We are still asking people to sign up (Narthex bulletin board) who would be willing to furnish an occasional, simple meal to help out others in the church revering from surgery or illness. This meal help is short term and may involve convenience or purchase foods for the meal. Sometimes needs might involve foods lower in fats and salt. If you are aware of a church member who needs this help, please contact Pastor Phil, Corene Jackson or Brenda Miller. Thanks you.

The church “Food Pantry”, in the labeled cupboard (in the nursery), is available for members of the congregation who have a current need. Food is now available.

Items to donate in April to the “Food Pantry) are:

Canned Vegetables (*store-bought only*) Hearty soups, stews, and chili

Remember to START SAVING useful household items to donate later in the summer for a church garage sale in September. We would like to have lots of items useful for students setting up living places for the school year. This is a good reason to replace some items at home that might still be useful to others “setting up housekeeping”!

MEMBERS OF GRACE – Thank you for all of your prayers while we the Cascade Medical Team were on our medical mission to Guatemala. We arrived in Portland Wednesday night (3/11/09). Kristin, Ethan and I spent the night in Portland as they were on a late flight and did not arrive until 11:30pm. We experienced from Thursday morning to Saturday evening with no water at the site. The pipes broke underground, that was an experience. Karen McGowan of the Register Guard arrived Thursday morning to check us out. She was with us for 24 hours with no water. She interviewed Ethan for some time. We will see how that works out. We met all kinds of people and learned more than we knew when we arrived. Kristin and Ethan now want to take Spanish classes and Salsa dancing. We even had an earthquake the night we arrived in Antigua. The volcanoes had been burping for some time. We had our last night banquet in an old cathedral. There seems to be several bats living in the upper area of the building. As we clapped and carried on, they began to fly around over us. Several people were sure they received something from the air, and they probably did. They were also at our table. We were all ready to return. I have added the email from our leaders Robert and Tamra Orlando with the information of what we accomplished the week we were at the site.

Jody Johnson

Email from Robert and Tamra Orlando

Hello Team,

We hope you have made it home safely to your homes and family. Robert and I are home now too and a little “travel weary” but still so exhilarated by what we all had accomplished this mission.

A common thread/theme that Robert reiterated at our final banquet was overcoming our fears. You all have displayed great courage and set aside your assorted anxieties to achieve something grand, something you should be very proud of. Lives were changed both Guatemalan, yours’ and ours.

“One of the great discoveries a man makes, one of his greatest surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn’t do.” Henry Ford

Here are the final figures from a very memorable week together, Solola 2009:

Kitchen: served approx. 2500 meals. Buen Provecho!!

Eye Team: 28 patients were given sight. Over 200 patients were given eye exams!!

Medical Clinic and Outreach (includes eye, medical and dental): 1686 patients (includes adult and pediatric)

Dental Team: 286 patients and over 500 teeth were pulled!! The best year yet!

OR/Surgery:

72 cases which includes:

GENERAL: hernias, hernias and more hernias, along with gall bladders, a thyroidectomy, etc.

GYNECOLOGICAL: such as hysterectomies, bladder repairs and tubal ligations, etc.
 PLASTICS: skin lesions, tumor removals, Cleft lip and palate repairs, etc.

Construction:

71 ONIL Nixtamal (outside) stoves and 70 Plancha (inside) stoves installed
 80 ONIL Water filters
 Institutional Stove plus 2 Water filters for the school

A special thanks to all of our ancillary folks: Pharmacy, McGyves, Triage, Translators, CNA's, PACU nurses, along with Lab and Ultrasound, OR Schedulers and Sterile Processors besides all the “assistants” in the various departments.
 Changing lives together,
 Robert and Tamra

P.S. We especially want to thank you for the very generous and surprise cash gift you all presented to us at the banquet.

“...as we have opportunity...let’s do good!”

Robert and Tamra Orlando, 895 Hayden Bridge Rd., Springfield, OR 97477
 CASCADE MEDICAL TEAM, P.O. Box 528, Eugene, OR 97440 www.cmt-orgeon.org

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast
Sunday Mornings – 8:00am ---- on KKNX – 840 AM
Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus

April 5 – “God’s Friday” (John 19: 30) Many call it Good Friday-but is it?
April 12 – “The Same Old Good News” (Mark 16: 8) Some of the world’s most precious things are good and old. This applies to God’s Word, too.
April 19 – “A Reasonable Request” (John 20:25) Sounds simple enough. But are there hidden nuances behind a request?
April 25 – “TBA” Guest Speaker: Rev. Gary Byers

The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at <http://www.lutheranhour.org/> If you would like to listen to The Lutheran Hour message and need assistance with the above options, please call Barb Ronne at 343-0327.

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School is continuing to accept applications for new students for the 2009 school year. Take time to view the website at www.lifeschool.us. Anyone interested in receiving information about enrolling at LIFE! Lutheran School should contact the school office at 342-5433.

You Scream, I Scream, We all SCREAMED for Ice Cream!!! A BIG thank you to all who went over to Cold Stone's for Ice Cream on March 3rd. LIFE! School fell into the highest bracket of proceeds that is offered by Cold Stone. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will receive an additional \$205 from LIFE! School thanks to your help. The children have set a goal of \$350 to be sent at the end of March to "Pennies for Patience". Your help has certainly encouraged the children in this effort.

ANNUAL LIFE! ASSOCIATION MEETING

Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm

Please mark your personal and church calendar for the annual LIFE! Association Meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm at Grace/LIFE in the Parish Hall** (710 E. 17th Ave., Eugene). Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend (pastors, encourage your church members to attend) and be a part of helping LIFE! School grown and flourish! Whether you can attend or not, please continue to keep LIFE! School in your prayers. This is one of God's ministries in our community. The meetings agenda/topics will include:

- * Plans for the 2009-10 school year
- * Our vision and plans for the future of LIFE!



**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
IN APRIL**



1	Elizabeth Youngquist Kristin Gunson	17	Shawn Feddersen
2	Austin Frank	21	Randy Ronne
4	Wayne Feddersen	22	Michelle Murphy
8	Kody Woody	24	Ralph Gordon
11	Jamie Farnham Peter Smalley	25	Tristan Smalley
12	Shawn Cross	27	Ann Porisch
13	Mindy Parsons Alexis Pomerleau	28	Betty Libke
15	Kay Renken		Alice Codieck



**CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
IN APRIL**

3	Kathleen and Roger Kirkpatrick
11	Luther and Dorcas Beecroft
13	Gus and Barbara McCarty
17	Bob and Donna Geisler

Ministering to Men Nationwide through Your Generosity

After many months of testing, planning, and prayer, Lutheran Hour Ministries is excited to announce the nationwide launch of its brand-new **Men's NetWork** program! When Pastor Ken Klaus first envisioned a special men's ministry, his goal was to draw more men to the church and to encourage deeper commitment and leadership. What would a men's ministry program look like? Bruce Wurdeman, Director of U.S. Ministries, didn't know but was willing to take the reins. Wurdeman felt strongly that an interactive online community would be the most effective, cost-effective, and far-reaching medium for the new program.

Now thanks largely to the support of faithful donors like you, thousands of men nationwide can log on to www.lhmmen.com to have instant access to valuable tools and unique resources from the **Men's NetWork** that will help strengthen and enrich them in their faith and Christian walk. Is your men's group ready for a new study topic? Download one of the interactive Bible studies offered by **Men's NetWork** on a variety of issues: materialism and stewardship; being a good husband and father; even determining God's place for you. Want to host an event? Check our **Men's NetWork** how-to resources for organizing activities such as men's retreats or golf tournaments. There's more: tips for involving your whole congregation in international service projects; a blog to share your own unique perspective; a resource section to help you explore; even a helpful (or at least entertaining) Thought of the Day. Are Christian men ready for this? We're getting really positive feedback," says Wurdeman, who helped test the program in various congregations prior to its launch. "I think it can make a big difference in the church." God's grace motivates Lutheran Hour Ministries to envision building up the body of Christ by building up Christian men. Your generous gifts help turn this vision and many others for exciting, innovative ministry into reality. Thank you for blessing us with your support! Check out the **Men's NetWork** Web site for yourself at www.lhmmen.com

Easter is the season in which we learn again that we are set free from the power of sin and death. It is the season of "letting go".

- To "let go" does not mean to stop caring; it means you can't do it for someone else.
- To "let go" is not to cut yourself off; it is the realization that you can't control another.
- To "let go" is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.
- To "let go" is not to fix, but to be supportive.
- To "let go" is not to be in the middle, arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their destinies.
- To "let go" is not to be protective, it's to permit another to face reality.
- To "let go" is not to criticize and regulate anybody, but to be who you are gifted to be.
- To "let go" is not to regret the past, but to grow and live from it into the future.
- To "let go" is to fear less and love more!

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