

THE GRACE REPORTER

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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Adult Bible Class – 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

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - Begins at 9:00am

+ Pastor leads a Bible study in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

BABY SHOWER

Saturday – August 13th

2:00pm

All members are invited to the baby shower for Pastor Dan and Mary's new baby who will be arriving soon! Please put on your calendar now – more information to follow!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

RODNEY JENSEN

Saturday – August 6th at 1:00pm

at Grace Lutheran Church

Thank you!

It has been a hectic, wonderful, and challenging few weeks; but we have been blessed! Hebrews 12.1-2 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

How Mary, Norah, and I have experienced that since moving to Eugene! *We are* surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. You have all been so gracious in welcoming us here and helping us get settled in. Now, the work begins. We indeed have a race before us. It will have its hills and valleys. But we also run—or shuffle, or walk, or crawl, or ride in a wheelchair—with the certain knowledge that we have a Savior who has gone before us, all the way to the cross. Christ has given us the gift of faith whereby we run with endurance the race he has already won.

I look forward to running with you all; may we always run with endurance, ever looking to Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



+ LaNelda Watts, Lennie Tritt, David Hunter, Bernice Kunkel, JR Gaddis, Tom Dostale, Olivia Hunt Spangler, Naomi Baker, Lorilee Mundfrom, Diana Ashcraft, Luther Beecroft, Paul Reffstrup, Phyllis Brauner, Jovita Hunt, Judy Richmond, Linda Adkins (mother-in-law of Todd Baker), Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester)

+ Shut-ins: Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Evelyn Moore, Kay Johnson, Myrtle Larson, Alice Boring, Dorothy Ostermiller

+ **OUR SYMPATHY** to Lynne Coates on the death of her father, Ken Coates. Please remember Lynne and Ralph and their family in your prayers.

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
7/3	Sunday-10am	168
	Ordination Service-3pm	216
7/10	Sunday-10am	186
7/17	Sunday-10am	145
7/24	Sunday-10am	

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... The Newsletter Deadline for the **September “Reporter” is Sunday, August 21st**. Please submit your articles to the church office.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm** in Room #5. All Board chairpersons should attend each council meeting or send another representative.

SAVE YOUR CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS for making yarn to crochet mats for the homeless. There is a box in the narthex to put your plastic bags. If possible, could you flatten out the bags and fold them in half. **CAN YOU CROCHET?** If you would like directions on how to make the yarn or mats, or have any questions, please see Jean Harsch.

DO YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR? The Richmond’s would like to give away a wheelchair (and they will deliver). Call Jan at 541.689.3323.

Stewardship Board

General Fund Plate Offerings	Actual Gifts	Budget	Difference	2010 Avg Weekly Attendance	2011 Avg Weekly Attendance
Month of June	\$18,048.50	\$20,500	(\$2,451.50)	146.8	134.8
Year to Date	\$123,275.85	\$127,400	(\$4,124.15)	163.3	137.4

YOUTH NEWS



Loon Lake Day Saturday, August 6th

Leave church at 9:00am

Sign-up sheet is on the Youth board. For more information, please contact Jamie Farnham at 541.342.8095.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RALLY DAY COMING SEPTEMBER 11TH! We will be installing Sunday School teachers and staff, along with the LIFE! School Principal and teachers. After the service we will be serving a light lunch along with registering for classes. Look for more details to follow.

INTERESTED in volunteering to teach Sunday School classes or substitute, please contact Tammy Smith.

VBS UPDATE – we had 45 children come to “PandaMania” VBS this year and learn that God is Wild about them.

- . God created them
- . God watches over them
- . God gives good gifts
- . God listens to them
- . God loves them no matter what

Thank you again to everyone who donated or loaned items and who volunteered their time during the week.

Outreach Board

A PROJECT THAT CONTINUES AT GRACE.... We have a box in the narthex to collect items for the Lane Pregnancy Support Center in Eugene. There is a “wish list” on the bulletin board in the narthex and also on the box. You are invited to support this worthy project by purchasing items on the list. There is always a need for diapers, clothing for babies and other items for the Center. Some of the items needed are: Gently used/new hooded baby towels, 3-6 month boy/girl sleepers, 3-5 month onesies, 0-3 month boy tops, diapers, wipes, Maternity clothing size XL and up. You can put your items in the box at any time.



Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity is looking for Volunteer Site Leaders!

Do you want to be an integral part to a Habitat build and lead groups of volunteers in constructing a single family house?

With the assistance and supervision of Habitat’s Construction Manager, **Site Supervisors** and **Crew Leaders** are responsible for leading groups of volunteers at construction activities for building a single-family house. Prior Construction experience highly recommended but not required; we will train the right person. To see a full job description visit www.sehabitat.org, email vikki@sehabitat.org, or call 541.741.1707.

Social Ministry Board

It's time again to replenish the food pantry to help families in need from Grace Church and LIFE School. The pantry has provided a steady and helpful food boost for families in recent months. Especially helpful are canned hearty soups, chili, canned vegetables/fruits, juices, dry and canned pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, tuna, boxed convenience foods, rice and rice mixes, boxed mashed potatoes, pudding mixes, spice packets for tacos, sauces, etc. A large labeled tote will be in the narthex near the sanctuary. **THANK YOU FOR THIS VITAL HELP TO THOSE IN NEED AMONG US.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

LWML is asking for your help in collecting items for the school kits. We need supplies for 500 school bags! **If you would prefer to give a donation rather than shop, that would be great!** Jean Harsch has talked with a local business who will give her the lowest price possible for supplies – so donations are needed for Jean to make these purchases! ALSO we are accepting donations to cover the cost of postage (which is @ \$250.00). If you would like us to do the shopping or you would like to contribute to the postage.....please **make out your check to Grace Lutheran Church - LWML with a notation for school supplies or postage.** Below are the items needed for the school kits. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the supplies. If you have any questions, contact Jean Harsch or Dave and Lennie Tritt.

Items needed for each school kit:

- * 2 or 3 - Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper (approx. 8½” x 11” totaling 150-200 sheets) – please NO loose-leaf paper
- * 1 - Blunt Scissors
- * 1 - 30-centimeter Ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * Pencil sharpener
- * 6 – new, unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band (no colored pencils and all one color, preferably yellow)
- * 1 – Eraser approximately 2-1/2” long
- * 12 Sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- * 1 – Box of 16 or 24 Crayons

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School “5K Garage Sale” coming soon!!!

On Saturday, August 27, 2011, 9 am – 4 pm, LIFE! will host a “5K Garage Sale” at the Grace/LIFE! facility (18th & Hilyard, Eugene). Please consider donating your saleable items for the school’s sale. What is a “5K Sale”? All items will be priced at \$10 (and our hope is to sell 500 items), so we request only donations of items in good condition that are \$10 or more be donated. Donated items will only be accepted on Friday, August 26, 2011 at Grace/LIFE! Any items that do not sell the day of the sale will be donated to a local charitable organization. Thank you for participating in this fund-raiser for LIFE! Lutheran School!

LIFE! Lutheran School enrollment for 2011-2012 is happening NOW! With many of the public schools closing their doors after this school year, if you know of anyone looking for smaller class sizes, share with your family and friends about LIFE School. We have classes for Pre-school through 8th grades. Thank you for your prayers and support of LIFE! School. This important ministry continues because of the love and support of people like you! **The school has new brochures available** for anyone who would like to help us publicize LIFE! in the community. Please feel free to stop by the school office and pick some up for distribution. Please contact the school office at 541-342-5433 to request the school information packet or if you have any questions. Also check out our school website at: www.lifeschool.us.

This coming 2011-2012 school year, the school has set up a scholarship fund to assist families with tuition. It has been a struggle for many families in these times to continue to have their children in a Christian school. **Donations up to \$20,000 to the scholarship fund will be matched by the foundation when you note on your check “Scholarship Fund”.** Any grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, or those who want to support the ministry of the school can mail or send in their donations at any time. Your donation is tax deductible. We want to thank those who have already contributed for their support and generosity.

Please keep the Principal, teachers and students of LIFE! Lutheran School in your prayers during the summer.



Church Directory Changes/Additions

Since the new Church Directory came out, there are several changes. Thanks to all the people who have given me the changes and additions. If there are any more changes, please get them to the church office as soon as possible. In the meantime, please note these changes in the June 2011 (white) copy!

Phyllis Brauner (was left out of directory)

1545 Russet Dr. by mistake)

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541-345-0046

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Eunice Jensen

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Jerry, Lisa and Ben Lacey all have cell phones – no land line.

Jerry: 541.514.3388 Lisa: 541.543.3217 Ben: 541.514.2288

Trescott Ducker – new email: trescott33@gmail.com

Dolores Dixon – no longer has email.

Barbara McCarty

Email: Barbara@leeworldtravel.com

Leona Liupakka

Phone: 541-345-0821

Bob Sylwester

Email: bobsyl@uoregon.edu

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

Sunday Mornings – 8:00am ---- on KKNX – 840 AM

Rev. Gregory Seltz delivers the messages.

August 7 – “Overcoming Life’s Fears, By Faith!” (Matthew 14: 29-31) When storms come, when fears arise, we often turn, wrongly, to our own resources instead of looking in faith to Jesus. He even walks on water to rescue those who are sinking.

August 14 – “Who Belongs in God’s House?” (Isaiah 56: 6-7) Who belongs in the house of the Lord? Those who respond to God’s unique invitation, in the person and work of Jesus.

August 21 – “The Most Important Question For Your Life!” (Matthew 16: 13-20) Jesus poses life’s most important question: “Who do YOU say that I am?” The right answer, given by grace through faith, connects us to God and empowers our walk with Him.

August 28 – “Life Without Regret” (Matthew 16: 26) Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The risen Redeemer is God’s promise that the day of judgment will not be one of regret for those who trust in Him.

The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at 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.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

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| 1 Matt Prehm | 14 Trescott Ducker |
| 2 Dorothy Schuelke | 16 Luther Beecroft |
| 3 Bill Blade | Bill Gurney |
| Devon Kirkpatrick | 20 Margaret Buckles |
| 4 Ina Drew | Julie Miller |
| Shirley Kinslow | 21 John Mundfrom |
| 6 Roland Eberhardt | Carly Gough |
| Inge Smith | 22 Tim Henshen |
| 8 George Walker | 24 Linda Gurney |
| Judy Blade | Caitlin Zemke |
| Linda Obremski | 25 Dixie Rohle |
| 9 Deanna Henshen | Stan Ritari |
| 12 Ed Iverson | 28 Anika Harkins |
| Russell Sandor | 30 Ginny Carmickle |
| 14 Eunice Jensen | Alivia Gibbens |

CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN AUGUST

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| 10 Phil and Gail Schoenherr |
| 11 Ken and Louise Reffstrup |
| 14 Gary and Diana Ashcraft |
| Alivia and Scott Gibbens |
| 18 John and Lisa Prevedello |
| 31 Ralph Krumdieck and Lynne Coates |

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Olivia Hunt Spangler – Organist/Choir Dir.

Church Office Hours

Weekdays 8:30am – 12:00 and 1:00pm – 4:30pm