

THE GRACE REPORTER

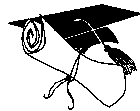
JUNE 2011

MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00pm

Join us for Worship with Holy Communion.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

High School Graduates

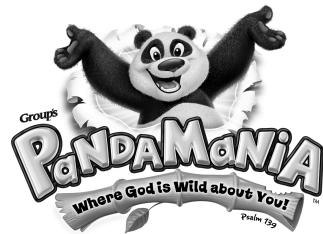
Lauren Murphy

Caitlin Zemke

College Graduates

Aaron McGinn (our Stronghold leader)

Join us for a reception for the Graduates
on Sunday, June 12th after Worship.



PandaMania - Where God is Wild About You!

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! At PandaMania, kids discover that God is wild about them—a fact that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that help faith

flow into real life. We will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! VBS will be held **June 27th through July 1st from 9:00am-Noon**. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday – June 19

Happy Father's Day to all Dads and Grandpas!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

+ Jan Bachhuber, Tom Dostale, Olivia Hunt Spangler, Naomi Baker, Lorilee Mundfrom, Diana Ashcraft, Rod Jensen, Luther Beecroft, Delia Lundeen, Vernell Freitag, Paul Reffstrup, Bernice Kunkel, Phyllis Brauner, Jovita Hunt, Judy Richmond, Linda Adkins (mother-in-law of Todd Baker), Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester), Ken Bird (friend of Judy Klupenger)
+ Shut-ins: Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Evelyn Moore, Kay Johnson, Myrtle Larson, Alice Boring, Dorothy Ostermiller

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

High School and 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 8:45am

+ Pastor Noel Koss leads a Bible study in the Parish Hall beginning at **9:00am**.

+ Randy Ronne leads a class on "The Study of Revelation" at **9:00am** in Room #5.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
5/1	Sunday-10am	108
5/8	Sunday-10am	161
5/15	Sunday-10am	150

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Attendance for May 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children/Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Offering</u>
5/1	4	19	3	\$0
5/8	12	24	4	\$19.00
5/15	13	23	4	\$7.07

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

Dear Christian Friends,

The month of June has some interesting facts and character about it: Being the sixth month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars, it is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere; named for the Roman goddess Juno, it is known for the large number of marriages that occur over the course of the month; in both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June; June ends on the same day of the week as March every year.

The various events and remembrances in the month of June include, but are not limited to: D-Day-June 6; Flag Day-June 14; Fathers' Day, the third Sunday of the month; the Portland Rose Festival, which occurs during the month; also June is called the "Rose Month" because the rose and the honeysuckle bloom throughout.

Here at Grace this year we celebrate both the Ascension of our Lord on June 2nd and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. June 12 is also the date of remembrance of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea of AD 325, from which we received our Nicene Creed. Other Christian dates of memory include St. Barnabas, Apostle Day-June 11; the Feast of the Holy Trinity-June 18; St. John the Baptist Day- June 24; the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession-June 25, and Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles Day-June 29.

All of these dates and remembrances remind us of the grace of God in our Lord Jesus Christ who continues to watch over us in all things, lead and guide us in ways which are pleasing unto Him, and bless us with His countless gifts of love. As we trudge along through all that we find that is so mundane and secular in the month of June – even the profane – we also are so very blessed to consider all that is given to us and that we have to look forward to by the grace of God.

Indeed, we look forward to the coming month of July when we shall welcome our new pastor – The Reverent Daniel Suelzle – and his wife Mary and daughter Nora into our midst. God truly has graced us over the years with the pastors He has given. And He does not fail us now.

Grace is that undeserved love and favor of God to us who do not deserve His mercy or compassion (Romans 11:6). God became incarnate in Christ Jesus for the benefit of all mankind; Christ died for the forgiveness of sins of all people; all have been pronounced righteous in Christ's resurrection from the dead. We know that God's grace can be resisted. Scripture constantly warns us not to reject God's salvation of us sinners. His saving grace gives assurance to us that all of life will be carefully watched over by almighty God and heaven will in the end become our home, for Jesus' sake. This promise remains certain. This is God's gracious message to us this June, and always.

Noel D. Koss

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... The Newsletter Deadline for the **July "Reporter"** is **Sunday, June 19th**. Please submit your articles to the church office.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00pm** in Room #5. **All Board chairpersons** should attend each council meeting or send another representative.

A NEW PASTOR HAS BEEN CALLED TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Our new pastor, Rev. Daniel Suelzle, has been called to Grace. He and his wife, Mary and their daughter Nora, will be moving to Eugene June 22-26. Please pray for their safe journey. Also, please put **July 3rd** on your calendars now as this is the day of Pastor Suelzle's Ordination/Installation. The service will be held at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend this very special service! Watch for more details soon.

I would like to thank the Pastors and the congregation for their visits, prayers, support, and good wishes during the time of my heart surgery and recovery period. God's blessings. Clarke Smith

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Betty Kirtley who passed away on Saturday, April 23rd. A Memorial service was held at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, May 6th. Please keep Betty's family in your prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Walter Krumdieck who passed away on May 2nd. A memorial service was held at Grace on Saturday, May 21st. Please keep the Krumdieck family in your prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY to Tammy Smith and Bert and Dee Wheeler on the death of Raymond Fountain. He is Tammy's grandfather and Bert's brother-in-law. Please remember the family in your prayers.

To our Grace Family: God is Great! Our prayers have been answered! As of June 20, our son-in-law, Tom, will be employed by the Samsung Corporation in Austin, Texas. Our sincere thanks to all of you who have been praying for Tom and those who gave financial support. Nancy and Reuben Leapaldt

Garden of Grace – Many thanks to our members who are making our Garden possible. I pray that these gifts of love will be rewarded with our appreciation of God's beautiful creation. The two new beautiful dogwoods were given by Mary Glenn in memory of her husband. A memorial gift from Pastor Joel Nickel in memory of Sue has been received. The gift has been designated for the Garden of Grace. Sue's favorite flower, a yellow rose, is waiting being planted.

Reuben Leapaldt

If you have an Emergency please let the Church Office know at 541-342-4844 on Monday through Friday. On the weekends, Saturday/Sunday, please call Bert Wheeler at 541.747.1442.

The Red Hat ladies of Grace Lutheran had an afternoon filled with fun and laughter at their Mother's Day Tea party, May 14. Many thanks go to the fellows: Bob Jones, Bob Geisler, Ralph Krundieck and Chris Follett who serenaded the ladies accompanied on the piano by the lovely Michelle Murphy. A bouquet of roses goes to the many hands that prepare the refreshments and helped with the set up and clean up. The girls prepared a total of 28 May baskets to be delivered to friends in the congregation. Just a reminder the Red Hat Ladies welcome all the ladies of the congregation and guests. This is a great time for laughter and friendship. There are usually two events a year. Hope to see you next time.

A helpful hint – when mailing cards to hospitalized friends... I recently read this hint in a magazine and thought I would share it with everyone. When mailing cards to friends who are in the hospital, instead of your own return address, enter the friend's HOME ADDRESS as the return address. That way, if he/she has already been released from the hospital, the card will be forwarded to them at home instead of returned to you to be remailed. Maybe some of you already do this—somehow I had never thought of it myself. Blessings, Paula Walker

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.

CROP WALK – Food for Lane County is sponsoring the CROP Walk in October and is looking for congregations that would be looking to support their effort. Grace Lutheran Church was very supportive with this last effort and we are looking for someone to help guide the effort this year. If you would like more information, please contact Jan Stoecker at 541.343.8384.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS – It's time to renew, cancel or start a new subscription to The Lutheran Witness. The subscription price for one year beginning with the September 2011 issue will be \$15.00 (\$1.25/per issues – 12 billings). The church is billed quarterly from Concordia Publishing House for the subscriptions we submit. **An order form is on the table in the narthex by the mailboxes. Also – an order form in on the last page of this newsletter. Please return the subscription order and payment to the Church Office NO LATER THAN JUNE 19th.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - PandaMania - Where God is Wild About You!
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COME AND JOIN US as we celebrate our graduates on **Sunday, June 12th** with a reception in their honor after the worship service.

THANK YOU to our Sunday School teachers this year: Pastor Nickel, Pastor Koss, Randy Ronne, Corene Jackson, Sarah Koester, and Tammy Smith. During the summer Pastor's, Randy's and the Sr. High group will be meeting.

CAMPUS MINISTRY/STRONGHOLD NEWS

Many thanks to Aaron McGinn, a senior at UO, for volunteering to serve as our Stronghold leader this spring! Aaron will graduate next month (congrats, Aaron!!) and will be going to graduate school next fall at Western Oregon University. Aaron, we will miss your leadership and having you as part of our Grace family. Thanks too, Aaron, for setting up Stronghold on Facebook (glc stronghold). Hopefully we will find someone to keep it updated.

Any college students who are visiting Grace for the first time: We have a Stronghold coffee mug for you as a gift. Paula would like to meet you after worship. Please fill out the registration booklet in the pews with at least your name and email address, that way we can keep you informed of Stronghold activities next school year and be a support and encouragement to you while you are here in school.

Our new pastor (Dan Suelzle—pronounced “Sills-lee”) will be ordained and installed here at Grace on July 3 at a special service at 3 pm. He just graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis on May 20. He and his family (wife, Mary; 16-month old daughter, Norah) will be moving here in late June. We look forward to Pastor Dan's ministry here, and his leadership with Stronghold.

FLAG DAY – June 14th! – Flag Day is the birthday of the United States flag. Flag Day was first officially observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the flag. Congress requested all public buildings to fly the flag on June 14th of that year. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman officially recognized June 14th as Flag Day by signing the National Flag Day Bill.



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE



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| 8 | Marilyn Gordon | 19 | Jerry Lacey |
| | Ralph Krumdieck | | Grace Koester |
| | Benjamin Genthner | 21 | Terri Kirkpatrick |
| 9 | Jim Rodberg | 22 | Tyler Farnham |
| 10 | Wilma Tunison | 23 | Len Hein |
| | Kendra Helgeson | | Aaron McCarty |
| 11 | Norm Frank | 24 | Evelyn Jones |
| | Shirley Renken | 26 | Jim Renken |
| | Sophie Shoemaker | | |
| 14 | Harold Renken | | |

CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE

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| 4 | Nick and Jan Richmond |
| 6 | Michael and Shannon Burgess |
| 7 | Clarence and Deanna Henshen |
| | Anna and Marty Zemke |
| 9 | Tim and Kari Hovet |
| 11 | Jerry and Gayle Fibelstad |
| | Byron and Kathy Baule |
| 12 | Kirk and Kristen Gunson |
| 14 | Elaine and William Lower |
| 16 | John and Jan Stoecker |
| | Larry and Kris Calkin |
| 17 | Norm and Jean Frank |
| 19 | Stuart and Kerry Ferguson |
| 20 | Reuben and Nancy Leapaldt |
| 21 | Hank and Julie Miller |
| 28 | Bill and Linda Gurney |

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

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.

LIFE! School is winding up the school year with the Kindergarten and 8th Grade graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Paul Linnemann, District President, will be the guest speaker. Association congregations are invited to attend along with any friends and family members of the graduates. A reception will follow the service.

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. Any and all donations 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.

A few changes at LIFE! for the 2011-2012 school year... Erika Way, our 1st/2nd grade teacher will be leaving her position at the end of the school year in order to spend more time with her family. Erika has been a wonderful addition to our faculty and will be missed. Kirsten LaShot, our preschool teacher, will assume teaching responsibilities for grades 1 and 2, in September. Kirsten is well-suited for her new assignment. A new preschool teacher will be employed for 2011-2012. Alan Lewis will be leaving his position as principal at LIFE School on June 30. He plans to transition the new principal into the position before that date.

FROM STEWARDSHIP

General Fund Plate Offerings	Actual Gifts	Budget	Difference	2009 Avg Weekly Attendance	2010 Avg Weekly Attendance
Month of April	\$21,839.75	\$23,400	(\$1,560.25)	205.8	171.0
Year to Date	\$83,616.60	\$86,000	(\$2,383.40)	168.6	139.9

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Gregory Seltz delivers the messages.

June 5 – “What’s in a Name?” (John 17:10-11) What’s in a name? In the name of Jesus, there is God’s holiness. Jesus is the public name of God’s grace for a sinful world.

June 12 – “That’s the Spirit!” (John 7:37-39) When God’s Word leads you to realize that you are thirsty for His grace and that Jesus alone can quench your thirst, that’s the Spirit at work!

June 19 – “A Father’s Love” (Matthew 6:9) Jesus taught us to pray to the God of the universe: “Our Father...” He meets our greatest need: to be reconciled to God the Father, our Creator.

June 26 – “Snake-Oil Salesmen” (Jeremiah 28:9) Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. We are bombarded by many falsehoods we sometimes despair of finding something, anything to believe. Today, Pastor Ken Klaus speaks God’s truth: the salvation that comes to us through the Savior.

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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR BREAKFAST ON JULY 4th?

You are invited to our 60th Annual July 4th Breakfast. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to Grace Lutheran Church and join us for breakfast which includes hot cakes, eggs, sausages, juice and other beverages. Let us do the cooking and the dishwashing and you can enjoy a hearty breakfast.

WHEN: Monday – July 4th

TIME: 7:00am to 10:00am

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church (18th & Hilyard in Eugene)

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL

It's time to **renew, cancel, or start a new subscription** to the **Lutheran Witness**.

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- I want to start a new subscription.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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so I can verify the subscription order or cancellation.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Corner of 18th & Hilyard
541-342-4844
June 27th through July 1st
9:00am – Noon
Pre-4 through 5th Grade



**Registration Form
(One Per Child)**

Child's name: _____
Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed _____
Name of parent(s): _____
Street address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Home telephone: (_____) _____
Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____
Home e-mail address: _____
Home Church: _____
Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
In case of emergency, contact: _____
Phone: _____
Relationship to child: _____
Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

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