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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, March 9

Supper – 5:45pm Worship Service – 7:00pm



Lent Worship Services

Wednesday Evenings

March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13

Supper – 5:45pm Worship Service – 7:00pm

Lent Worship Services at Messiah Lutheran Church

Soup Lunch – 12:30pm

Worship Service – 1:15pm

For those who would prefer to attend a service during the day, Messiah will offer a soup lunch and Lent worship service on **Wednesdays – March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13**

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## REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time **begins**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to  
turn your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR!**



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

+ Paul Reffstrup, Bernice Kunkel, Phyllis Brauner, Sue Nickel, Jovita Hunt,  
Judy Richmond, Lennie Tritt, Naomi Baker, Betty Berg, Delia Lundeen,  
Vernell Freitag, Diana Ashcraft, Jean & Norm Frank, Eunice Jensen,  
Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester), Ken Bird (friend of Judy Klupenger)

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

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**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and  
cleanse me from all my sin. Psalm 51.1,2**

Dear Christian Friends.

The 40 days of the Lenten cycle are traditionally a time for meditation, prayer and spiritual renewal among Christian people. The mood of the season is the mood of sorrow over sin.

People who do not know they have done things necessary to repent of, or who feel no need of forgiveness have no clue about we're about! They are truly a people in need of our witness.

The Lenten season is for us!

We're the sin-sick souls who know how much we have sinned against our heavenly Father, and each other. We're the ones who know the desperate straits in which we find ourselves.

And our God does not disappoint.

He tells us over and over again that He is a God of love and mercy, and that for the sake of His only begotten Son, He mercifully blots out our many transgressions from view – **from His view!** For Jesus' sake and by means of baptismal water, He has cleansed us from all sin.

*All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.  
Amen.*

Pastor Noel D Koss

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE**

**Adult Bible Class – 8:45am**

**Sunday School – 9:00am**

**Worship -- 10:00am**

**Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service**

\* Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month.

\* Contemporary worship is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **8:45am**.

+ 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

**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.

**ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2011**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2/6         | Sunday-10am    | 132               |
| 2/13        | Sunday-10am    | 127               |
| 2/20        | Sunday-10am    | 136               |

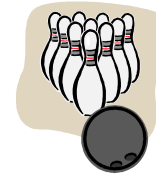
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

**Attendance for February 2011**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Children/Youth</u> | <u>Adults</u> | <u>Staff</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2/6         | 6                     | 27            | 4            | \$4.00          |
| 2/13        | 8                     | 22            | 4            | \$0             |
| 2/20        | 13                    | 21            | 5            | \$16.00         |

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

***YOUTH NEWS***



**ALL YOUTH BOWLING EVENT** – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at **1:00pm**. This event will be at Strike City on Hwy 99. Cost is \$5.00 per person. ALL Youth are invited to attend. Bring a friend.

***BOARD OF EDUCATION***

**The Board of Education is looking for VBS Director.** If you are interested or want more details please contact Tammy Smith, 541-344-2412.

**Are you interested in hosting or starting a small group Bible study in your home or at the church?** The Board of Education is willing to help advertise or provide topics for your group. Please contact anyone on the Board of Education: Tammy Smith, Terri Kirkpatrick, Dan Gauche, Ralph Krumdieck, Mary Jenkins, or Kari Hovet.

***CAMPUS MINISTRY/STRONGHOLD NEWS***

**Welcome to Grace, College Students!** We hope winter term is going well for you. We hope you feel welcome at Grace for worship, Bible study and Christian fellowship. We have a Stronghold coffee mug for you if it is your first time worshipping at Grace. Please be sure to fill out the pew registration book with your name and email address so we can be in touch with you during your time at UO, Lane, NCU, Pacific, or wherever you are a student. If there is anything our church family can do to support you, please contact our church office (541.342.4844), and Peggy (our church secretary) can connect you with the right person. God bless you in your studies and your walk with the Lord. Please join us on Sunday mornings whenever you can -- and bring a friend!

**THINGS YOU CAN DO THAT WILL HELP THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**Please notify the church office of changes!**

- When you move, please call and tell us your new address, phone numbers, email address, etc.
- When there is a sickness or death in your family, please inform the church office.

## ***BITS AND PIECES.....***

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...** The Newsletter Deadline for the April "Reporter" is **Sunday, March 20th.** Please submit your articles to the church office.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 you would like directions on how to make the yarn or mats, or have any questions, please see Jean Harsch. **CAN YOU CROCHET?** If you would like to crochet the mats, please contact the church office or Jean Harsch.

### **A Note from Jody Johnson about the Cascade Medical Team**

The Cascade Medical Team of Helps International will be in Solola Guatemala from February 25th to March 9, 2011. We will be at the site for 8 days, ten of us are on the advanced team we fly out of Portland the 25th, spend the night in Guatemala City, then drive by bus to the city of Sololá. The remainder of the team which will arrive a day later. There are so many of us, 100 or so, that American Airlines is not excited about us nearly filling the airplane. This works for us, as we need to be somewhat unpacked and ready to go by Sunday afternoon. The people are lined up outside the gate as we arrive in the buses. They wave at us and we wave back. They are usually people that have been referred by another Helps Team, or have heard about us from the radio. We try to triage the people who will need surgery and schedule the people with major surgeries like gallbladder, hysterectomy, severe plastics etc as they will need longer periods in the hospital. Also we can start Monday morning with a full schedule and not waste any time. We have a full team, with triage, general clinic care, eye care, dental care, surgical care. We also have a construction team. This team installs wood burning stoves, the O'NIL Stove as people call them. They were designed by Don O'Neal from one of the Minnesota Teams. There is an outdoor stove and an indoor stove. The team also puts in cement floors, whitewash the walls, and install water filters. The people sign up for the construction team. They pay part of the costs of the materials and they also help with the installations if able. This year 2 of my grandchildren will be going again. Ethan for the 4th time and Kristin for the 2nd time. They will both be on the construction team. I will be in the clinic. Most of us return on the 9th of March, there will be 10 returning on the 10th of March. It is fun to see people who have been seen in the past, return to say hello and let us know how they are. We work hard and long hours, we also have a great time. My granddaughter Kristin said on her first trip "I have never had so much fun". We ask you to keep us in your prayers. We spend 3 days in Antigua for R&R.

I would like to thank Jean Harsch and others from Grace for your support in gathering supplies. The people really appreciate all we bring with us. WE can only take so much because of the weight. See you all when we return. Thank you for your support. Jody Johnson

### ***Concert by the Blue Mosaic***

**Musical. Mobile. Evangelistic. Jews For Jesus.**

**Friday, - March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**At Grace Lutheran Church**

Sponsored by: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church – Junction City, OR  
Grace Lutheran Church – Eugene, OR

### ***The Lutheran Hour Broadcast***

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

*Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.*

**March 6 – “Eyewitnesses of His Majesty”** (2 Peter 1:16) The resurrection of Christ is not a hoax. His disciples went to their deaths, confident in their confession of Christ, their risen Savior. He’s your Savior, too.

**March 13 - “Sinful Shortcuts”** (Matthew 4:1-11) The devil specializes in selling us sinful shortcuts. Simply stated, the devil offers a bad way to get a good thing.

**March 20 – “Wearing a White Hat”** (John 3:5) Who is the good guy? Who gets to wear the white hat? Whose white hat is it?

**March 27 – “TBA”**

The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at [www.lutheranhour.org](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](mailto:office@lifeschool.us)**

**Website: [www.lifeschool.us](http://www.lifeschool.us)**

**LIFE! Lutheran School Enrollment....** If you or someone you know is interested in LIFE School – please pick up a brochure at the school office or contact the school office at 541-342-5433 to request the school information packet or if you have any questions. Also check out the school website at [www.lifeschool.us](http://www.lifeschool.us)

**LIFE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR/OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30pm.** **Everyone is invited** to come and view the student’s science projects. Information will be available for anyone interested in enrolling their children in the school.

**FUNDRAISER** – A new fundraiser has evolved! LIFE! School has been asked to host one of the concession booths at the Matthew Knight Arena for basketball and other events that will be held there. This is a privilege for us to serve and yet receive a portion of the profits from sales. In order for us to man the booth we are asking for 12 volunteers per event to help out. There are several sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the school lobby. Check your calendars, sign up for one or more events and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, contact LIFE parent Rob Wiesert at 541-844-2107 or at 541-915-7070.

## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MARCH



- 2 Olivia Hunt Spangler  
Dick Jenkins
- 5 Larry Calkin
- 7 Brenda Miller
- 8 Philip Hahn
- 9 Heidi Genthner
- 11 Byron Baule  
Michael Koester
- 14 Eleanor Langhoff
- 15 Jeff Frank  
BJ Baule
- 16 Don Dove
- 18 Jan Stoecker  
Lisa Lacey
- 19 Len Chase  
Ben Thompson
- 20 Eric Shoemaker
- 21 John Parsons  
Harrison Wiesert
- 23 LaVern Henshen  
Todd Montgomery
- 24 Kirk Libke
- 25 Sandy Smith  
Mary Friehe
- 26 Sharon Hein  
Karen Johnson
- 29 Russell Krueger  
Emma Koester



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#### Church Staff

Pastor Noel D. Koss, Interim Pastor

Peggy Johnson, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Alan Lewis – Principal at LIFE! School

Linda Gurney - Organist, Handbell & Music Director

Olivia Hunt Spangler – Organist/Choir Dir.

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#### Church Office Hours

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

## CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MARCH

- 13 Eric and Tracey Henshen
- 15 Roy and Holly Genthner
- 20 Randy and Barb Ronne