

THE GRACE REPORTER

MAY 2011

MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Mothers Day - Sunday, May 8th

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made an official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday. It was to be held each year on the second Sunday in May. The carnation was selected as the Mother's Day flower – chosen because it represents sweetness, purity, and the enduring quality of a Mother's love.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's and Grandmother's!



Red Hat Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 14th at 2:00pm

Red Hat Mother's Day Tea is Saturday, May 14th at 2:00pm in the Grace Parish Hall. Put on your Hat and jewels and join the fun! Bring your Mother, daughter or friend.

We had such a good time making the Valentine Boxes we thought we would make May baskets this time. Please bring items for the baskets. (Like fruit- oranges, bananas, etc. and cookies) No candy or cupcakes please. Other items like Kleenex, hand lotions, socks, etc. would be great. If you have extra baskets you would like to donate be sure to bring them. This will allow us to share our fun with a friend that was unable to be with us. Be sure to mark your calendar. See you there.

VOTER'S MEETING

**Sunday - May 15th
Immediately after church**

AGENDA

- * **Board Reports**
- * **LIFE School**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Naomi Baker (OSHU), Lorilee Mundfrom, Diana Ashcraft, Rod Jensen, Clarke Smith, Luther Becroft, Delia Lundeen, Vernell Freitag, Jean and Norm Frank, Paul Reffstrup, Bernice Kunkel, Phyllis Brauner, Jovita Hunt, Judy Richmond, Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester), Ken Bird (friend of Judy Klupenger)
- + Shut-ins: Betty Kirtley, Walter Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Evelyn Moore, Kay Johnson, Myrtle Larson, Alice Boring, Dorothy Ostermiller

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Adult Bible Class – 9:00am

Sunday School – 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 APRIL 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
4/3	Sunday-10am	131
4/10	Sunday-10am	138
4/17	Sunday-10am	139

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Attendance for April 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children/Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Offering</u>
4/3	7	26	4	\$14.70
4/10	14	24	4	\$8.00
4/17	12	17	4	\$8.00

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

The Jolly Month of May

Dear Christian Friends,

Wow! The time just keeps ‘flying by!’ And that’s as it should be. God has blessed us so richly with His love and mercy. We’ve just come through the throes of Lent. We’ve celebrated the victorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior from the tomb of the dead on Easter Sunday morn. And now, we’re readying ourselves for the coming frolic of summer.

May brings Teacher Appreciation day, the National Day of Prayer, Mother’s Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. Some of our schools may even hold their commencement exercises, and school will be over and done for some. If we look just over the end of the calendar month to the 2nd of June we find we have the feast day of The Ascension of our Lord. It’s *forty days* after Easter, and Lord willing, we have opportunity to come to church that Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in remembrance of this great feast. Please mark your calendars.

On Wednesday May 4th the call service of our seminary in St Louis will be held. The next evening it will be repeated at our seminary in Ft Wayne. Then we shall know who it is who will become our next pas-tor of Grace Lutheran Church. If I understand it correctly, there will be a live streaming broadcast of the events both from Concordia Seminary in St Louis and from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft Wayne that we can tune into. I encourage you to do so.

In all these things, let’s remember these words from the psalmist: “I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-joiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16.8-11)

Reflecting on these words, we are privileged to say, “It is the ‘Jolly Month of May!’”
Noel D. Koss



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 to July 1st from 9:00am-Noon**. Registration forms will be available soon!

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

STRONGHOLD (college students and other young adults) meets on Sundays from 11:30am to 12:30pm - right after worship and coffee fellowship - with lunch and Bible study. The student leader is Aaron McGinn, a senior at UO. The group is studying the Book of Philippians. The group will continue to meet through the month of May (not through Dead Week or Finals Week). Any questions: email Aaron at amcginn@uoregon.edu.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Aaron would like to invite you to participate in Stronghold on Sundays. After worship, plan to stay for lunch and Bible study. Stronghold is on Facebook ([glc stronghold](https://www.facebook.com/glcstronghold)). Check it out and become a friend of Stronghold on Facebook.

Any college students who are visiting Grace for the first time: We have a Stronghold coffee mug for you as a gift. Aaron and 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 and be a support and encouragement to you while you are here in school.

YOUTH NEWS

SERVANT EVENT IN MAY! **For ALL Youth and their parents**

Camp Lutherwood Oregon will hold a Spring Work Days on **Saturday, May 7th**. The day begins at 9:00am and concludes by 3:00pm. Lunch and snacks are provided. There is no charge for the work days except your willingness to come and pitch in to the many projects that are planned. Bring your work gloves, a shovel, your energy, and help prepare camp for the summer camping season. **We will leave the church at 8:30am if anyone needs a ride.**

CAMP LUTHERWOOD

22960 Hwy 36 – Cheshire, OR 97419

Phone: 541.998.6444 Email: office@lutherwood.org

On-line registration is now available for all summer camp programs. Register early so you don't miss out on the dates that work best for you. Summer brochures and Registration Information are available on the Youth bulletin board in the narthex. Remember to pass this along to your friends and bring them to camp with you! To register go to www.lutherwood.org

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. We rely strongly on volunteers to keep this ministry going. You can come to Lutherwood and help with a special project, come on our Work Days, or you can join CREW and volunteer for a week during this summer. For our summer long term volunteers we have an **application** that we ask you to complete. Call or email the camp office to volunteer.

Are you a High School Youth and Want to Volunteer at camp in the summer?

We call these volunteer CREW members. Typically these youth have been participants in our Altitude Programs and CREW members will have the chance to continue their growth in servant leadership. You will need to apply and be willing to serve at least a week at a time. Serving as a CREW member is a great way to learn more about becoming future summer ministry team staff. Call or email the camp office to volunteer or for more information.

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School enrollment for 2011-2012! 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! There are brochures available at the school that you are welcome to pick up and give to families who would benefit from sending their children to LIFE! 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.

OUTREACH BOARD

WE ARE INVITED on **Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30pm** to tour the Lane Pregnancy Support Center at 134 East 13th Ave in Eugene. Everyone interested is also invited to attend. The Center helps pregnant women find alternatives to abortion as well as provide necessary items. There is a "wish list" for the center. We have a box located near the sanctuary with a list of needed baby items.

Sunday, May 9th is Mothers Day and we will provide cake and ice cream for fellowship time. We are also looking for red and white carnations to give to ladies. Tradition is to wear a red flower if your mother is living and a white flower if she is not.

Saturday, May 21st is the "Born to Run/Walk Challenge" for Lane Pregnancy Support Center fund raiser. Our Outreach Board is one of the sponsors. As a sponsor we contribute an item with the church name and phone number. We are donating small flashlights with a card "Let Your Life Shine". The event will start at Maurie Jacobs Park across the river from VRC. If you park in the VRC lot, park near the foot bridge behind the mall. For more information call Katey Tryon at 541.485.8662.

Meetings for Outreach Board in the future will be the **second Thursday** of the month at **4:00pm** at the church. Our next meeting will be May 12th.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Gregory Seltz delivers the messages.

May 1 – “Accept No Substitutes!” (1 Peter 1:3-9) We live in a world of substitutes, fakes, and facades. However, the risen Christ offers us a living hope that sees through suffering, prevails through persecution, and lives through death itself.

May 8 – “Count on Christ’s Mercy for You” (Matthew 15:21-28) Thank God for the blessings of a mother’s love. Thank God, His love for us in Jesus Christ is even greater than the love a mother has for her children.

May 15 – “We Need a Shepherd” (John 10:1-19) No one likes to think of themselves as a poor, dumb sheep-but it’s dangerous to deny our “sheepness” and try to live an un-shepherded life in this spiritually dangerous world.

May 22 – “Similar, But Not the Same” (John 14:6) Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. A zero is nothing and three zeroes are three nothings, but there is a big difference between a thousand dollars and a million dollars. Pastor Klaus says all religions share certain similarities, but Christianity is markedly different from all the others.

May 29 – “Liberty and Justice for all” (Isaiah 49:1-9) “Go behind enemy lines, disrupt the enemy’s plans, and rescue the prisoners.” A mission for U.S. Special Forces? Yes—but it also describes what Jesus did to defeat Satan and rescue us from sin and death. Guest Speaker: U.S. Navy Chaplain Matthew Prince.

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.



Monday, May 30th

The Church Office/LIFE! School will be closed on Monday, May 30th.

Please remember all Veterans who have served in the past. Also keep our Service Men and Women who are serving all over the World in your daily prayers that they will be safe and home soon!

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... The Newsletter Deadline for the June “Reporter” is **Sunday, May 15th**. Please submit your articles to the church office.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00pm** in Room #5. All Board chairpersons should attend each council meeting or send another representative.



CONGRATULATIONS... Matt Prehm and Jaime King welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Jeffrey Prehm, on Saturday, April 2nd at 12:22pm at Sacred Heart River Bend. He was 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Ryan was baptized on Wednesday, April 20th at Grace Lutheran Church by Pastor Philip Schoenherr. We pray God’s blessing for little Ryan and his parents.

Naomi Baker is up at OSHU in Portland being treated for cancer. If you would like to visit a website set up for her you can go to www.carepages.com and sign up to view Naomi’s progress and also to send her notes of encouragement. When you get to the website you must sign up and then go to the search box and type in **PrayforNaomi**. If you have any questions, call me at the church office at 541.342.4844.

If you do not have computer access and would like to send Naomi a card her address is:

OHSU
Naomi Baker
KP14
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland Oregon 97239-3098

On Sunday, May 1st we welcome as guest preacher for the day, Rev. David Chamberlain. Pastor Koss will be attending his grandson’s confirmation.

Sermon Themes for May:

May 8 “Mother’s Love”
May 15 “What Is the Abundant Life?”
May 22 “Jesus says: I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
May 29 “Memorial Day Memories”



Garden of Grace as named by one of our members, it is my wish that our flower beds have brought joy and pride to your heart. Plans are underway for the spring and summer season. Should you wish to be a partner with these plans, a financial contribution would be appreciated. Thank you. Reuben Leapaldt

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.

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.

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.

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.

When I say good morning I mean to say:

G-od
O-ffers us His
O-utstanding
D-evotion to

M-ake us
O-bedient &
R-eady for a
N-ew day with Him.
I-nspire others please, and
N-ever forget
G-od loves you!

THANK YOU NOTES!

I wish to thank all the members of my church family at Grace Lutheran Church for your prayers, support and encouragement which you have given to me and my family at the time of my wife, Susan's, death. Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers which you provided for her memorial service, and all of your cards and memorial gifts. I have been upheld by your love and concern. I also want to offer special thanks to those of you who attended Sue's memorial service at Calvary Church in Stayton; your presence meant very much to me. Over the last year we have shared much joy through our faith in Christ, and we also now have had opportunity to share sorrow as well. Christians can rejoice in the Lord while crying over their losses and still retain hope in the promise of Christ's resurrection. Because the love of Christ surrounds us, we have eternal comfort. Sue was a wonderful gift of God to me and I dearly miss her companionship. Still, the communion of saints includes both those who are with the Lord and those of us who still walk by faith, and we all come together whenever we celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember the real Presence who sustains us. Keep the faith!

With sincere gratitude, Pastor Joel Nickel

Thank you members of Grace for your prayers, cards and flowers. It's been a long time since I've been able to worship with you every Sunday. I pray that changes real soon.

Phyllis Brauner

Thank you all for the many prayers for Baby Gabriel, born January 14, 2011. Gabe was born with hyper-bilirubin-enema caused by ABO incompatibility. Gabe was in the hospital for 3 weeks and had 3 transfusions in the first 4 weeks. This condition caused him to have a high bilirubin. The 3 weeks he was in the hospital he was under intense phototherapy and had an additional two weeks of therapy at home. At two months Gabe had a clean bill of health and no long term effects are expected. Gabe's Mom and Dad, Tammy and Nick Schaefer would like to thank everyone for all of your prayer offerings for their baby son. Baby Gabe is the Great Nephew of Bert and Dee Wheeler, Gabe's Mommy is our God Child. We would also like to thank you all for you prayers and concerns. We feel very blessed to have such a loving church family.

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

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY



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| 1 | Alex Collver | | |
| 2 | Carole Davis | | 20 Ben Lacey |
| 3 | Jean Harsch | | 21 Jovita Hunt |
| | John Gaddis | | Lynne Coates |
| 5 | Barbara Best | | Jordon Murphy |
| | Lynn Hunt-Rattenborg | | 22 Clarence Henshen |
| | Sara Boysen | | Bethany Price |
| 6 | Vernell Freitag | | 24 Virginia Phillips |
| 8 | Penny Eberlein | | 26 Rodney Jensen |
| 9 | Norma Dove | | Amber Prevedello |
| | Don Harkins | 27 | 27 Lisa Hicks |
| 11 | Kirk Gunson | 28 | 28 Carolyn Newsom |
| 15 | Diana Ashcraft | | Taylor Kirkpatrick |
| 18 | Rick Krumdieck | | 30 Paula Walker |
| 19 | Phyllis Brauner | | 31 Allen Bohlander |
| | Jackie Parsons | | Victoria Feddersen |
| | Sarah Koester | | |

Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MAY

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| 11 | Les and Bernice Kunkel (60 th) |
| | Paul and Kathryn Thompson |
| 13 | Red and Naomi Baker (50 th) |
| 14 | Lisa and Joshua Hicks |
| 16 | Jerry and Lisa Lacey |
| 17 | Don and Norma Dove |
| 18 | Truman and Linda Baird |
| 23 | Dick and Mary Jenkins |
| 25 | Michael and Sarah Koester |

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