

THE GRACE REPORTER

NOVEMBER 2011

MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, November 13th after the Worship service

Agenda

- * Approval of 2012 budget
- * Vote for lay delegate, & nominations for District officers for 2012 District Convention
- * Board Reports



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thursday, November 24th at 10:00am

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- * November 11th for Veterans' Day Holiday
- * November 24th – Thanksgiving Day
- * November 25th – day after Thanksgiving



Daylight Savings Time ENDS Sunday, November 6th

Remember to turn your clocks BACK 1 Hour
before you go to bed on Saturday night!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

+ Roland Eberhardt, Bert Wheeler, Vernell Freitag, Tom Dostale, Clarence Henshen, Deanna Henshen, Corene Jackson, Naomi Baker, Bernice Kunkel, Olivia Hunt Spangler, Paul Reffstrup, Phyllis Brauner, Judy Richmond, Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester)

- + Shut-ins: Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Evelyn Moore, Kay Johnson, Myrtle Larson, Alice Boring, Dorothy Ostermiller, Jovita Hunt
- + Our Sympathy to the family of Margie Murphree who died on October 7th. **A Memorial service will be held for Margie on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00am.** Please keep the family in your prayers.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Sunday 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 9:00am

+ Pastor leads a Bible study in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00am

Classes for all ages.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Service	Attendance
10/2	Sunday-10am	161
10/9	Sunday-10am	160
10/16	Sunday-10am	164

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Date	Children/Youth	Adults	Staff	Offering
10/9	8	33	5	\$0
10/16	10	35	4	\$16.25

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

The Invocation

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We say it every Sunday before we do anything else in our worship. Have you ever wondered why we begin our worship this way?

We do this because the name of God has been given to us as a gift to be used for our benefit. When we begin our worship by invoking the name of God, we proclaim to anyone present that what happens in this worship service is done within the context of a particular God's working in and among his people in history. We worship a specific God revealed in Jesus Christ. We don't worship an abstract or invented deity. Rather, we worship the creator of the universe who revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We worship the God who gave his law to Moses on a mountain in the middle east. We worship the God who wrapped himself in flesh, was born of a virgin, died on a cross in the first century and rose again in glory. We worship the God who specifically calls each of us by name in the tangible water and word in our baptism. When we invoke God's name in our worship, it reminds us of who we are as baptized children.

And when we invoke his name, he actually shows up! He comes to us in word, in Spirit, and in his means of grace: baptism and the Lord's Supper. He locates himself specifically in our sanctuary, in our worship, and we can sing with Isaiah, "This is our God. We have waited for him that he might save us" (Is. 25.9) This God and no other. What a wonderful gift that name is, which is above all names!

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

Next month: Confession and Absolution

The Lutheran Study Bible

The church would like to get more copies of The Lutheran Study Bible to use during Bible studies. Some members have expressed interest in purchasing a Bible of their own. From now until the end of the year the Bibles are on sale for \$36.99/each. We get free shipping with orders of \$75 or more. If you would like to purchase a Bible for the church or for yourself, please fill out a form located in the box on the table by the mailboxes and return the form and check to the church office so I can get an accurate number of Bibles to order. The deadline will be November 14th. Please make out our checks to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation "Lutheran Study Bible".

Thanks to all who donated flip-flops and shoes to be taken to Guatemala. We are no longer able to take them with us so we will no longer be collecting them. Thanks again!

Jody Johnson

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Once again we reach the season of early newsletter deadlines. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the deadline for the December "Reporter" will be moved up to **Wednesday, November 16th**. Thank you for getting your December articles and information in early!

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm** in Room #5. All Board chairpersons should attend each council meeting or send another representative.

Dear fellow Christians of Grace Church: We want to thank all of you for your kindness and very friendly welcome as we worshiped with you this summer. For the inspiring sermons and Bible study by Pastor Dan - it is truly refreshing to witness a young pastor that is so grounded in God's word and a great delivery of the message which is truly evident, it comes from your heart, Pastor! We will be leaving for the winter to Yuma, Arizona. Now, Lord willing we will return in the spring looking forward to be with you then. God bless, God keep!

In Christ, Grant and Inez Collins

Members with new phone numbers:

Delia Lundeen – 541-603-1300

Jerry Lacey – 541-514-3388

Please note these new numbers in your Church directory.

The Narthex Loan is about to be paid in full. Final payment should occur on October 4th. With a generous gift from LaNelda Watt's Estate our loan will be paid in full. To all those giving to our Narthex Expansion project I want to offer my sincere thanks for your continued generosity and knowing that we can work together to make wonderful things happen. Any further gifts received to the Narthex Loan Repayment will automatically be directed into a fund that will help properties with the building maintenance. From now on you can ignore the white Narthex Loan Repayment envelopes that come in your offering envelope box, because we will no longer need those designated donations.

Randy Ronne, Co-Chairman of Stewardship Board

Stronghold - Campus Ministry

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS/OTHER YOUNG ADULTS:

STRONGHOLD (Grace Campus Ministry) will no longer meet on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am. This schedule doesn't seem to meet the needs of our college students. HOWEVER--stay tuned for an exciting, new plan for Stronghold's gathering time! We'll be in touch with you by email and make an announcement as soon as plans are finalized and students "surveyed".

Also--thanks to those congregation members who signed up to provide lunch for our Stronghold students this fall. We will no longer need lunches provided for our Sunday Stronghold group. The group will soon be meeting on another day and time. God's blessings, Paula Walker

COMING IN DECEMBER



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 3rd

**5:00pm - Social Hour 6:15pm – Dinner
in the Grace Lutheran Church Parish Hall**

The Church will provide the meat, potatoes, rolls, beverages.

**Sign-up sheet in narthex - please sign up to bring an
appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.**

(Call Kirk Gunson at 541-688-1069 for more information)

Come for the Food – Come for the Fellowship – Come to make

ADVENT FEST

**Sunday – December 4th from 2:00-5:00pm
in the Parish Hall**



Join us for Crafts, Fun, Food, Carol sing, and More! We invite you to host a craft table. Start thinking of crafts that can be made that will be fun for the whole family! If you would like to provide a soup or dessert

or host a craft table, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Kirk Gunson (688-1069). After making crafts, we will have a soup and dessert supper and sing Christmas carols. **This is for ALL ages so please join us for this fun event. Everyone is welcome!**



LIVING NATIVITY - December 16, 17, 18

The Living Nativity will be on **Friday-Sunday, December 16, 17 & 18 from 7:00-9:00pm.** Please mark your calendars. We can use help in many areas such as: performers (young enough to be enthusiastic, old enough to follow directions), costume help, cookies and drinks for the performers, set up

and take down (the manger will go up the weekend before, exact details not known at this time). If you want more information or have questions, get in touch with Ralph Krumdieck at 541.345.5235 or email ralphkru@hotmail.com OR with Dick Jenkins at 541.741.3877 or email at jenkins@cmc.net.

YOUTH NEWS

Laser Tag – Sunday, November 13th at 1:00pm Meet at Putters at 1:00pm. Bring a friend. Questions, call Rob at 541-915-7070.

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 which is located by the nursery by the sanctuary. If you would like to donate – any amount is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Lane Pregnancy Crisis Center and leave in the church office. All the donations, items or money, help pregnant women who cannot help themselves.

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Social Ministry Board

SOCK MINISTRY FOR THE HOMELESS

Social Ministry is collecting items to put in small packages to give to the homeless this fall and winter. We are collecting items that are appropriate for these packages including new crew or wool socks for men and women. (Goodwill on Crescent sells packages of new crew socks for about \$6.00.) Also small packages of hand wipes, bus tokens, hard candy, candy bars, or granola-type bars, covered toothbrushes and other appropriate items are being collected. We have a good supply of Portals of Prayer booklets to add to these packages. Thank you for your donations to this ministry! There is a box in the narthex.

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 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Marriage is a journey! A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you have been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. This weekend event will be **November 11-13 in Vancouver, WA.** For more information visit our website at www.GodLovesMarriage.org or call Jim and Detra Swenson ((360-574-6009).

Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess?

If so, Rev. Kyle Castens from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday November 9th anytime between 4:30-7:00pm. Rev. Castens is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages – elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduled a specific conference time, please call Grace Lutheran Church at 541.342.4844. Also feel free to contact Rev. Castens at castensk@csl.edu regarding your appointment.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Gregory Seltz delivers the messages.

November 6 – “Behold, Believe!?” (1 John 3: 1-3) God’s love for us is great, amazing, beyond anything we deserve or can even imagine. It’s a love He wants you to know, to receive, and to share.

November 13 – “Be Encouraged by His Coming!” (1 Thessalonians 5: 4-9) Those who trust in Christ await His return with joy, for He comes with life, light, forgiveness and hope. He comes to put darkness and sin in their place, once and for all.

November 20 – “The Power of a Thanksgiving Life” (Luke 17: 11-19) A “thankful attitude” can bless a nation. Even more, an attitude of thanksgiving can bless your life! Confident trust in Christ and His Word is the source of true thanksgiving.

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 NOVEMBER

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| 1 Lucy Shoemaker | 20 Rob Wiesert |
| 3 Glenda Uberti | 22 Patty Burgess |
| 8 Cheryl Gauche | 23 Lloyd Davis |
| 11 Beth Fredricks | 24 Makenna Burgess |
| Truman Baird | 25 Tom Dostale |
| Stuart Ferguson | 26 Hank Miller |
| 17 Ken Obremski | 29 Max Harkins |
| 19 Sarah Hovet | 30 Tim Hovet |

CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

IN NOVEMBER

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| 6 Bert and Dee Wheeler |
| Eric and Lynn Shoemaker |
| 7 Max and Debi McCarty |
| 18 Lloyd and Carole Davis |
| 19 Philip and Elisabeth Hahn |
| 20 Don and Annette Harkins |
| 24 Wayne and Delores Feddersen |
| 27 Ralph and Marilyn Gordon |
| George and Paula Walker |

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us



THANKS TO ALL who have given of their time at the concession booth at the Oregon Duck Football Games. It is really appreciated. We are still in need of volunteers. LIFE School and the Grace Youth are doing the booth again this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the school office. The remaining Duck game schedules are: November 19 and 26. If you are interested in working in the booth at Autzen Stadium or want more information please contact Rob Wiesert at 541-915-7070 or mesuperclean@yahoo.com. **Fundraiser** – The concessions will also be extended into the **basketball season at the Matthew Knight Arena**. The games start on **November 2nd** and the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. This is for both LIFE School and Grace Youth.



BIDS OPEN... The school foundation was given a resort in Hawaii. Bids are being taken at this time for one week on the island of Kauai. The one bedroom/one bath unit is for 7 days on the beautiful island of Kauai at the Lauai Beach Resort. The highest bidder wins with the

bidding closing on December 31, 2011. Unit needs to be reserved in advanced. Please see the bid poster on the bulletin board by the school office and **place your bid NOW**. Any questions, contact Rob Wiesert at 541-915-7090.

GOOD NEWS--from LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL: LIFE! now has the capability to accept donations, payments and purchases with VISA, American Express, Discover and MasterCard!! Go to the school's website (www.lifeschool.us) and click on the blue button on the lower right hand side of the home page: "Donation" or "Payment" where you will be linked to a page to set up your access with a password. It's easy--it's quick--it's a great way to make donations or payments to the school!

LIFE! Lutheran School annual wreath sale is underway again. Order a fresh locally made wreath for yourself or as a gift. They are handcrafted from Noble Fir with juniper pine cone and a red bow accent. We are offering the usual traditional as well as several specialty wreaths: Oregon Duck, OSU Beaver, Red Hat, Winter Splendor, Cinnamon/Spice, and an Advent wreath. **Order forms are provided on the table in the narthex or at the school office.** You may also call the school office (541-342-4333) to reserve yours today. Orders can be placed beginning November 7th, ending December 9th.

The church's support -- with personal and corporate prayer, member involvement and financial assistance -- is VERY much appreciated! Please continue to keep our staff, students and families in your congregation's prayers

FUNDRAISING CARD... There are many opportunities for you to support LIFE! School – one of the more recent ways is a fundraising card that sells for \$10.00. The school will profit 50% of every card sold. You will receive some benefits as well from these cards such as a discount from 22 different vendors. You can purchase yours from one of our students or call the school office with your order (541-342-5433). The card is the perfect stocking stuffer or appreciation gift. The vendors are listed below:

There are openings in all classes at this point in the school year. LIFE offers a full program for students age 3 through 8th grade (2011-2012). All classes meet in the facilities of Grace Lutheran Church. LIFE offers a combination of state-certified child care and preschool classes designed to meet the needs and schedules of families. A full, five day program is available along with two and three day options. Full day child care may be part of the program. Both half day and full day kindergarten are available and child care may accompany both of these options. All LIFE! School teachers hold current Oregon teacher certification. **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.

