

THE GRACE REPORTER

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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, October 25th after the Worship Service

Agenda Items

- * Budget for 2010 – presented by Stewardship
- * Written Board Reports
- * Call Committee asking for Vote for Vacancy Pastor

We will have a Potluck meal after the Worship service with the meeting to follow. .
 The Main Dish will be Sub Sandwiches (which will be provided) along with coffee and punch. We ask you to bring the following:

A-L Bring a Dessert
 M-Z Bring a Salad

A NOTE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE - We have invited two pastors who are being considered for Vacancy Pastor after the first of the year. They will be here to worship with us and meet people after the service. Pastor Joel Nickel will be here on October 4th and Pastor David Chamberlain will be here on October 18th. The Voters' Meeting on October 25 will choose our Vacancy Pastor.

“CREATED FOR GOD’S GLORY”

EMERALD ZONE LWML FALL CRAFT RETREAT

Saturday, October 17th from 9am to 3pm
 at Grace Lutheran Church

ALL women of ANY age are invited to attend. We will have a wonderful Bible study to help us learn how we are “Created for God’s Glory”, lots of time for crafts, Food (breakfast-type snacks and lunch to be provided), devotions and a celebration of our sisterhood in Christ! Bring your family and friends, a scissors and maybe a sewing machine. Crafts include: bibs, woven heart baskets, magnets, ornaments and more. You can make one of each or chose what you would like to do. Make them for yourself or to give as a gift. If you can’t stay for the whole day come by and stay as long as you can!

Our Grace Family Knows the Power of Prayer



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Roland Luxford, Ralph Boring, Myrtle Larson, Dee Wheeler, Naomi Baker, Judy Rust, Shawn Christensen (nephew of Tritt’s), Lori Gordon (daughter-in-law of Marilyn and Ralph Gordon)
- + Shut-ins: Fred Schatz, Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Mary Good
- + Irma Gieseke passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 in Puyallup, WA. Please remember her family in your prayers.
- + Lore Mead died on Wednesday, September 9 at her home. Please remember Lore’s family in your prayers.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Sunday School -- 9:00am

Adult Bible Class – 8:45am

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

* 8:45am Adult Bible Class with Pastor Phil in Room #5 on 1,2 Peter and 1,2,3 John.

* 9:00am DVD Class “What’s So Amazing about Grace?” led by Bob Jones 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

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Service	Attendance
		10:00
9/6	Sunday	135
9/13	Sunday	158
9/20	Sunday	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Kids of Grace, Youth, Adult Bible Class

Date	Youth	Adults	Staff	Offering
9/13	9	23	7	\$5.00
9/20	16	16	7	\$17.00

Sunday School mission offerings will go toward support of: 1) our Compassion child, Hendrick and 2) an offering to be determined.

STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

On October 12, we will “observe” Columbus Day. Will your October 12 be lived differently because it is Columbus Day? I’m guessing that most people will not give much thought to Christopher Columbus on October 12. Columbus Day should be a day that we at least give thanks for people who are eager to explore and desire to discover new things. Columbus is credited with discovering the Americas, which is our continent. Many curious people have followed his example by exploring space and studying the depths of the oceans. Others have worked hard to find cures for diseases. God is good to make certain people with intelligence, inquisitiveness, and persistence. They are the modern day Columbus.

In the beginning, God created this world by simply saying the words, “Let it be”. And yet much of His creation is vast and difficult to comprehend. The explorers of this era and those who will live in the future have plenty to explore. It seems that God is gradually allowing people to learn more about the wondrous world that He has made. The recent pictures sent back to earth from the Hubble telescope show the awesome beauty of the stars. Young men and women who have lost limbs during war are being fitted with remarkable new prosthetics that will enable them to participate actively in life, all thanks to many researchers and engineers. When October 12 rolls around, try to identify an example of modern day exploration. May that stimulate you to once again stand in awe of our creator God who continues to inspire explorers and to reveal the marvels of His world.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil

Pastor Henry Wong died on September 16. Pastor Wong was born November 6, 1921 to Ben and Jean Wong in Brooklyn, New York. He had a brother Wille (deceased) and a sister May who still lives in New York. Pastor Wong was baptized April 10, 1938 and confirmed May 4, 1952 at True Light Lutheran Church in New York City. He served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Oregon from April 27, 1975 to January 31, 1987. Pastor Wong served Grace as a visitation pastor from 1993 to 1995. He remained active at Trinity Lutheran congregation until he moved to Portland. During his ministry at Trinity Lutheran in Cottage Grove, the existing sanctuary was built and then dedicated on March 10, 1980. The preschool began in 1982, Cottage Groups and Cookie Walk in 1983, and the Chicken BBQ in 1985. He served with Director of Christian Education, Terry Dungan, from 1983-1985. He conducted over 110 baptisms, over 45 confirmations, over 90 weddings and over 100 funerals. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and wife Ruth. He is survived by three sons, Jonathan, James, and Paul and two daughters Eunice and Michal and many grandchildren.

ALL COLLEGE AGE PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO STRONGHOLD – whether you are a student of UO, NWU, LCC, Pacific, or now in the working world at your tender age, join us for dinner and Bible study on Tuesday evenings. **Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00pm: Stronghold Kick-off Night!** Meet at the church for a home-cooked dinner and Bible Study. The group will talk about what they will be studying/discussing this term. Take a break from your studies, get away from the dorm or apartment, meet some new friends, enjoy a home-cooked meal, and get into God’s Word with other college age people!

Questions: contact Jeff Bolinger: bolinger@uoregon.edu or Paula Walker (Campus Ministry Committee) at paula@lanepds.org or gwalker512@comcast.net

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to sign up to provide dinner on Tuesday evenings for the Stronghold group. We have hungry college age people who TRULY appreciate and enjoy home-cooked meals! Those of you who have helped in the past, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! It’s fun to provide dinner for such a receptive, enthusiastic group of “eaters”. Give it a try this year! The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex (by the mailboxes). If you have any questions, talk with Paula Walker.

OH WHERE, OH WHERE IS CAMPUS MINISTRY'S INSTANT CANOPY??? The Campus Ministry Committee purchased one of those easy-up instant canopies MANY years ago. It was always stored in the basement on the metal shelves. When everything had to be moved out of the basement, I don't know where it went! If you know of the whereabouts of the instant canopy (long box or bag (4-5 feet) and about 12" x 12" in size), please let Paula Walker or Pastor Phil know. Outreach Board/Campus Ministry would like to use it for shelter for the "Welcome Students" table the first days of school at UO (Sept 28 & 29) on the church lawn on 17th Ave. (There was also a large Campus Ministry banner that is missing.) Thank you for any information you may have!

GRACE YOUTH NEWS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH
October 2-4, 2009 at Antelope, Oregon. Cost: \$50

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on Sunday, October 4th at 7:00pm. The class will be held every other Sunday with the second class on October 18.



ALL YOUTH EVENT AT LONE PINE FARMS **CORN MAZE AND PUMPKIN PATCH!!**

Sunday, October 18th

Leave church at 12:00noon or meet at Lone Pine at 12:30pm
Bring a lunch and a friend. Sign-up sheet in Narthex! Any questions, contact Jamie Farnham at 228-2558.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

RALLY DAY SUNDAY was September 13th – the kick-off of Christian Education at Grace. Approximately 75 people enjoyed lunch and fellowship following the worship service. Thanks to Randy Ronne for teaching the video class Back to Mayberry and for the closing movie following lunch.

The Sunday School Teachers for 2009-2010 school years are: Arline Link: K-2; Corene Jackson: 3-5; Sarah Koester: 6-7; and Tammy Smith: 8-12 grades. Substitute teachers are Kari Hovet and Todd Baker. Sunday School opening and music are provided by Paula Walker, and Mary Jenkins is our Sunday School secretary.

Adult classes available are: * **8:45am** Adult Bible Class with Pastor Phil in Room #5 on 1,2 Peter and 1,2,3 John AND * **9:00am** DVD Class “What’s So Amazing about Grace?” led by Bob Jones in the parish hall.

Sunday School classes are available for ages Kindergarten - 105+ years of age. Be sure to choose the perfect class for you. Don’t miss this opportunity for Christian growth. Sunday School begins at 9:00am and ends at 9:45am followed by worship service at 10:00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: The Christmas program for this year has been chosen and purchased: “Sing a Song of Christmas”! As we have done the past few years, learning the new songs will begin soon during Sunday School opening AND a CD of all the Christmas program songs will be burned for each family in preschool through high school to take home and become familiar with the songs. The Christmas program will be presented on Sunday morning worship on December 20th at 10:00am, followed by a reception.

It is important for ALL children to be involved in Sunday School. Being in God’s Word DAILY is vital to our Christian growth. Make every effort to get your child(ren) to Sunday school at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. We have quality materials that each class is using, PLUS we want YOUR child(ren) to be able to participate in the Christmas program. Thank you!

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

October 4 – “Hard Hearts” (Mark 10:2-5) What good is a hardened heart when it comes to compassion?

October 11 – “Jesus Loved Him, But...” (Mark 10:21) Is the love of God conditional? Does wealth get in the way of God?

October 18 – “Not Very Likely” (Mark 10: 23-27) It’s not so easy to enter heaven. Ever think about it? Everyone should ponder the subject before it is too late.

October 25 – Guest: The Rev. William Yonker - When Luther talked “reform,” he never knew how far it would go. Do YOU live the life of “reform”?

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

BITS AND PIECES.....

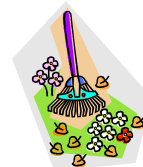
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the November “Reporter” is **Sunday, October 18th!** Please submit your articles to the church office.

SYNODICAL DELEGATES CHOSEN – Our own Clarke Smith was chosen to be the lay delegate to the 2010 Missouri Synod Convention in Houston, Texas. Pastor Peter Pagel of LaPine was chosen to be the pastoral delegate. The election was held at Hope Lutheran Church on Monday, September 21. Clarke will represent Circuits 2 and 3 at the Synodical Convention. Congratulations, Clarke!

A big “thank you” to ALL for making our garage sale a successful fundraiser to help in paying the Narthex Remodeling Loan. Thank you for the generous donations, help with publicity (Barb Ronne/Outreach Board, etc.), the pick-up and pricing of items-especially Dan and Cheryl Gauche. Thank you also for the great amount of help in moving/set-up and during the sale as helpers, cashiers, and security (Randy Ronne). Also a big thank you to our YOUTH GROUP for adding to the fundraiser with their bake sale and car wash. St. Vincent De Paul picked up leftover items. Thanks again! Social Ministry Board

THE TOTALS COLLECTED for the garage sale, bake sale and car wash that Grace had on September 29th are:

*Thirst Relief International – Grace Garage Sale 10%	\$ 256.93
*NLR/Thirst Relief International – Garage Sale	\$2,362.43
*Youth – Car Wash & Bake Sale	\$ 561.05
Total	\$3,180.41



PROPERTY WORK DAY

Saturday, October 10 from 9am to Noon

The Property Board has set October 10th as a work day to finish the painting on the modular building and do yard maintenance. All are welcome to come help with the projects. See you on the 10th at 9:00am!



EYEGASSES STILL WANTED – Your old eyeglasses can still be put to good use. Linda Gurney’s nephew is an optometrist and goes on mission trips to impoverished people in South American where he fits them with used eyeglasses. You can put your eyeglasses in Linda Gurney’s mailbox or give them to her on Sunday mornings. Thank you for our help.

UGLY QUILTS... We are currently working to finish our 8th Ugly Quilt sleeping bag. In order to continue this project we are again asking for your old blankets, sturdy materials, sheets, etc. The “Station” was very thankful to receive our finished product. We also continue to make twin and crib size quilts for First Place Family Center. For these we use regular quilting type materials. Thanks to all who contributed to our project. We also use old neckties for ties. Nancy Leapoldt and Bernice Dunn.

SAVE YOUR POP CAN TABS! Hannah Carmickle would like your help with saving pop can tabs. These tabs are used to support the Ronald McDonald House of Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. The Ronald McDonald Foundation believes that families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents can also better communicate with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed. A donation of \$5.00-\$25.00 a night is asked for the rooms, but no one is turned away for the lack of funds. Last April, while Hannah was a patient at Emmanuel, Hannah and her family were grateful for their kind support and the use of their wonderful facility. If you have any questions, contact Jan Richmond.

“CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY” – Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher

District President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher is officially retiring on September 30, 2009, having served the past 15 years as the District President of the Northwest District. You are invited to a “Celebration of Ministry” which is being co-hosted by the Northwest District and Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro. Come help us celebrate – join us for an afternoon of laughter, recognition, fellowship and refreshments:

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2194 SE Minter Bridge Road, Hillsboro, OR

When: Sunday, October 4, 2009 Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Please RSVP your attendance to ShirleyB@nowlcms.org by Monday, September 28 or call our office directly at (503) 288-8383 or toll free at 1-800-693-5267.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER...A Weekend that can help married couples turn a good (or even ho-hum boring) marriage into a GREAT marriage! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive! Register online today at www.GodLovesMarriage.org or call 1-800-235-1010.

Upcoming Weekend dates are: **October 9-11 in Vancouver, WA**
November 6-8 in Tukwila, WA

ME, A PASTOR? ME A DEACONESS? If you have found yourself asking this question or have ever considered studying to be a pastor, now is the time to do something about it! Rev. Tom Zimmerman of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana is going to be here at **Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, October 26, 2009 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.** Come and explore the possibility of entering the ministry. Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, children, or fiancées. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are NOT needed. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Zimmerman by phone at 800-481-2155 or by e-mail at tom.zimmerman@ctsfw.edu

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School 2009/2010 enrollment for next school year is well underway!

Packets are available at the school office. A paid registration fee will secure the child's place. Take time to view the website at www.lifeschool.us. Anyone interested in receiving information about enrolling at LIFE! Lutheran School should contact the school office at 342-5433.



ATTENTION ALL DUCK FANS!!!! The 2009 football season is fast approaching. Be on the lookout for signup sheets. If you are interested or want more information contact Todd Baker at 541-913-0015 or sanipacman@comcast.net

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Ways to Encourage Your Pastor

From Ministerial Growth & Support – a ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

1. **Pray for your pastor** – ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage.
2. **Express appreciation verbally** – a Pastor appreciates words of encouragement. Share Complimentary remarks to others about the gifts of your pastor, occasionally in his presence.
3. **Express appreciation in writing** – a written compliment can be read over and over again for years. Write an appreciative note.
4. **Celebrate with a special meal** – host a special celebration for your pastor and his family, or provide a private dinner for him and his family.
5. **Live in peace** – Appreciation is more than cards/gifts, it's an attitude. Do not get pulled into petty diversions that unnecessarily bring strife and discord. If you hear a negative comment, respond with a positive one. If misinformation is being spread, correct it with the accurate information. Or, if people are gossiping, just walk away. Not only do you honor your pastor in this way, but you give a practical testimony to God's grace and mercy.
6. **Offer to meet a need** – If you are aware of a need in the congregation, approach your Pastor saying, “I'd like to help by...”.
7. **Lovingly insist on “time off”** – help him know that he not only has permission to get appropriate rest and relaxation, but will benefit his ministry and provide a good model for members.
8. **Identify a “Mutual Ministry” committee** – this is a group of people in your Congregation with the gift for caring. This group is completely separate from the Elders, church council, or other Boards. They represent, serve, and advocate for the needs of the pastor and his family.

**Rick Brathovde of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
chosen for El Salvador Mission Trip**

Rick Brathovde of Eugene is traveling to El Salvador on October 16. He will help build a community of homes side by side with families in need thanks to a multiple-year alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. Brathovde, a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Financial Consultant, MBA, CFP®, FIC serving Lutherans and their family members in Eugene/Springfield, was selected to represent his colleagues from the organization’s Pacific Northwest region of Thrivent Financial. Brathovde was nominated for this team because of his sales performance, passion for volunteering with members, and drive to help people become financially secure.

This team of 28 service-minded Thrivent Financial representatives from regions across the United States will spend Oct. 16-25 in El Salvador. They will build both goodwill and homes working with Habitat for Humanity El Salvador to construct a community of homes with local Central American families. The new community, called “Villa Esperanza,” which means “Hope Village” in English, will soon have up to 75 Salvadoran families living in new decent, affordable homes. Thrivent Financial committed \$1.3 million to Habitat El Salvador to make “Villa Esperanza” a reality. As a fraternal benefit society, a unique type of not-for-profit membership organization, Thrivent Financial focuses on both financial security as well as caring for others. This program is one example of how Thrivent Financial and its members work together to help others.

Rick has invested his time, talent and resources in many charitable causes in the Eugene/Springfield area, including his ongoing support of the Camp Lutherwood ministry in Cheshire. "I'm really looking forward to the experience," said Brathovde, "and I'm excited about the possibility of coordinating other trips with local volunteers in the coming years. It will be a way to touch the lives of families in other parts of the world and make a significant and meaningful difference!"

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Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER



2	Lorrayne Sanchez	19	Pastor Phil Schoenherr
	Will Calkin		Luda Wiesert
4	Kathleen Kirkpatrick	20	Gayle Fibelstad
	Bev Ritari	21	Jaime Thompson
5	Dave Tritt	23	Allison Baker
	Peggy Bohlander	24	Fred Thomsen
9	Adam Collver	25	Barb McCarty
11	Ben Bopp	26	Mary Ann Curtis
12	Jody Johnson	27	Aleks Reffstrup
	Michael Gauche		Leah Boysen
13	Taylor Plummer	28	Fred Schatz
16	Mary Glenn	29	Mary Krumdieck
	Tammy Smith		Erin Murphy
17	Ann Cross	31	Al Prigge



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER

17	Peter and Sara Boysen
20	Rob and Luda Wiesert
24	Terry and Jamie Farnham

CHI RHO LECTURE SERIES – at Central Lutheran Church

October 23-25

A weekend study with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

Topic: “Jesus Between Jews and Christians”

The Chi Rho Lecture Series is generously funded by gifts from individuals and organizations. This year, the Series is sponsored by Central Lutheran Church, Northwest Christian University and Temple Beth Israel. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**

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