

THE GRACE REPORTER

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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13

9:00am

Mark your calendar – for Rally Sunday.

Sunday School classes will start that day - be sure to be there!!!

Meet your teacher and classmates.

Please pray for our teaching staff and students.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

Following Sunday School and Worship Service a light lunch will be served and EVERYONE is invited! There will be chicken, salads, etc. We hope you will take a few moments to have lunch and fellowship.

Attention Parents: Watch for enrollment forms in your mail box. We ask that you fill them out and bring them with you to expedite the enrollment process as children will be starting classes that day.

Adult Bible Class - starting on Rally Day Sunday – Pastor Schoenherr's class will be studying 1st & 2nd Peter and also 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. Randy Ronne's "Back to Mayberry" classes will end on Rally Sunday.

Our Grace Family Knows the Power of Prayer



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Roland Luxford, Ralph Boring, Myrtle Larson, Jean Frank, Dee Wheeler, Elisabeth Hahn, Rodney Jensen, Angie Johnson (daughter of Jody Johnson), Megan Haas (niece of Dee Wheeler), Shawn Christensen (nephew of Tritt's)
- + Shut-ins: Fred Schatz, Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Irma Gieseke, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Lore Mead, Margie Murphree, Mary Good

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE

Sunday School & 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

* 8:45am Adult Bible Class with Pastor Phil in Room #5

* 9:00am Video Class, "Back to Mayberry" led by Randy Ronne in the parish hall.

Rally Day will be the last class in this video series.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2009 WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/2	Sunday	143
8/9	Sunday	133
8/16	Sunday	194
8/23	Sunday	

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, September 7th

For Labor Day

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

One of the many “reality” shows that have been on television features women who were give a “make-over”. Their appearance radically improved with the help of a new hair style, a new wardrobe, weight reduction, or even surgery. Certainly family and friends expressed surprise when they saw their loved-one, standing in front of them, looking so very different. What I noticed about the women is that their new appearance seemed to affect their confidence and self-image in a good way.

During the past month, members of the congregation have worked to clean the exterior of the building and give it a new color scheme with a fresh coat of paint. A company was hired to clean the parking lot, seal it, and paint new lines on it. Now the building and the parking lot look attractive and revitalized. We can be proud of our church’s “make-over”. Perhaps it will result in the members of Grace sporting a renewed attitude, even a new boost of commitment toward our common mission and a positive self-image.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

September 6 – Sign Language (Mark 7: 32-35) Does God really care? Need a miracle? God cares, and He gives us our miracle in the person of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

September 13 – “A Big Mouth” (James 3: 8-10) Cruel words can wound and kill. The Word of Christ brings healing, forgiveness, and life.

September 20 – “When Do I Get what’s Coming’ to me?” (Mark 9: 34-35) Life is unfair. When do we get what we deserve? Jesus said, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and the servant of all.”

September 27 – “Tattooed” (Isaiah 44:5) Satan wants to mark us with a new name that will entice us into seeking fulfillment through material things. God puts His Name on us in Holy Baptism to mark us as among those redeemed by Christ. Our guest speaker is Dr. Reed Lessing, associate professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

LWML is asking for your help in collecting items for the school kits. We need supplies for 500 school bags! A Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children’s education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes. If you would prefer to give a donation rather than shop for supplies OR if you would like to contribute to the cost of postage (which is @ \$300.00), please **make out check to Grace Lutheran LWML** with a notation for school supplies or postage.

Below are the items needed for the school kits. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the supplies. If you have any questions, contact Jean Harsch.

<u>Items needed for each school kit:</u>	<u>Needed</u>
* Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper (approximately 8½” x 11” totaling 150-200 sheets) – please NO loose-leaf paper	1200
* Blunt Scissors	100
* 30-centimeter Ruler (centimeters on one side / inches on the other)	268
* Pencil sharpener	236
* New, unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers	1300
* Eraser approximately 2-1/2” long	0
* Sheets of construction paper in assorted colors	0
* Box of 16 or 24 Crayons	375

NOTE: We no longer need Erasers or Construction Paper!

If you have receipts from the supplies you have donated, please turn them into the church office or give to Jean Harsch. Please check school supply bargains when you are in the store. It’s fun to find the school bargains for the Lord’s children.



SCHOOL KITS TO BE ASSEMBLED!!!

Saturday – September 26th at 9:30am

PLEASE RESERVE this day to help fill and pack school bags for shipping. The Lord needs your help that day! All Thrivent Members/church members are asked to help. If you have any questions, contact Dave Tritt.

BITS AND PIECES.....

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the October "Reporter" is **Sunday, September 20th**! Please submit your articles to the church office.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – I know I have been saying this for a couple of months now but I really do intend to do a new Church Directory soon! If you have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc. – please let me know so I can update our records for a new directory! Call the church office at 342-4844 with your changes. Thanks. Peggy

BELL AND VOCAL CHOIRS... The Grace Vocal Choir and Bell Choir are looking for new members – and we want the "old" ones back too! Both choirs will start practicing on **Wednesday, September 16th**. If you are interested in ringing and/or singing, rehearsals are: **6:15 pm for Bell Choir and 7:30 pm for Vocal Choir**. If you have any questions about Bell Choir call Linda Gurney at 683-7109 and for Vocal Choir call Olivia at 485-2674.

EYEGASSES NO LONGER WANTED... Due to the prohibitive cost of shipping and other restrictions, we will no longer be collecting used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries. A sincere "Thank You" to all who participated in our endeavor. Reuben and Nancy Leapaldt

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. Nancy Leapaldt and Bernice Dunn.

ATTENTION MILITARY VETERANS! We invite you to join our military display. Please provide a picture and pertinent information. Your picture may be of a military or civilian pose. The information we need is printed on a form called "MILITARY VETERANS INFORMATION SHEET". These sheets are located on the Parish Nurse's table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Johnson (343-4160) or Olivia Hunt Spangler (485-2674). **LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

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.

GRACE YOUTH NEWS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH **October 2-4, 2009** at Antelope, Oregon. Cost: \$50 One Adult male and female are required for chaperones. More information to follow.

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.

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

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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL at LIFE Lutheran School is **Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30am**. Please keep the students, teachers and staff in your prayers as they begin the new school year!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC will be held on **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00pm**.



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

Letter from the Call Committee

Dear Christian friends,

As you know, Pastor Phil will retire on January 1, 2009. A call committee was authorized at the June voters' meeting. Its members are the Lay Ministers (John Stoecker, Bob Jones, Bert Wheeler, Lynne Coates, Clarence Henshen, Clark Smith, Dick Jenkins), six members from the congregation (Don Harkins, Paula Walker, Luda Wiesert, Kirk Gunson, Matt Prehm, Arline Link), our Executive Director (Todd Baker) and, as our advisor, Pastor John Luther.

The call committee has met three times so far, and plans to meet at least monthly, on the 4th Tuesday. At our first meeting, officers were chosen: Lynne Coates, chair; Arline Link, assistant chair; Dick Jenkins, secretary.

Our first assignment was to consider the needs of the church in the time period between Pastor Phil's retirement date and the day that our next pastor arrives. This vacancy period could be as short as a few months, or it could last longer. We decided to find an ordained minister to serve as vacancy pastor. Pastor Luther provided us with several names of retired pastors who are willing to consider a vacancy position. The call committee plans to talk to these men and bring its recommendation for vacancy pastor to the September voters' meeting. The final decision rests with Grace voters.

Vacancy pastors often prefer to work part-time. The basic responsibility—to lead/shepherd Grace Lutheran Church—is the same, regardless of the amount of time. The call committee determined the duties as most important for a vacancy pastor to be ministry of Word and Sacrament by leading Sunday services; Bible study on Sunday morning; confirmation instruction; and at least one weekday each week in the office.

During the vacancy period, Christian volunteers from within the congregation (lay ministers and others) will serve in additional capacities that are currently filled by Pastor Phil. If the vacancy pastor is not available for a specific task that calls for an ordained minister, Pastor Luther will help us make arrangements with another pastor.

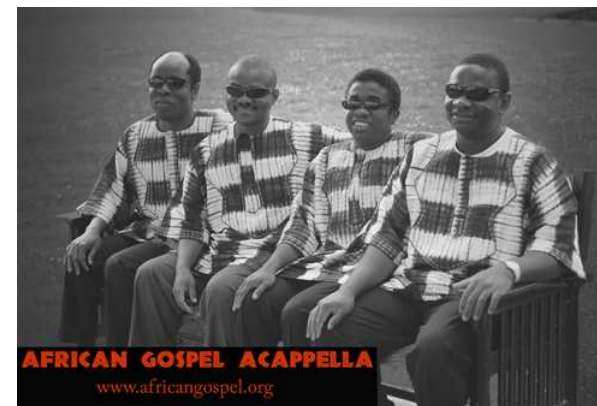
Our next assignment is to put together a survey for congregation members, to help us compile a profile report that describes our congregation to candidates for the pastor position. The profile report will include basic statistics, a description of the community, and information about our congregation's past. We will also explain the strengths of our congregation, our mission, our needs, and our hopes/vision for the future. We look forward to talking with all members of the congregation to receive your insights.

Please continue to pray for God's Holy Spirit to lead us in the call process.

In Christ,
Lynne Coates, on behalf of the Call Committee

YOU ARE INVITED..... Messiah Lutheran Church (on River Road) will host a concert - *African Gospel Acappella* on Sunday, September 27th at 7:00pm. *African Gospel Acappella* is comprised of four men from the African country of Liberia. They have all survived a civil war, poverty and other hardships. They met while they were attending the School for the Blind in Monrovia, Liberia's capitol city. Through *African Gospel Acappella* they direct their energy singing the good news of Jesus Christ and helping the disabled in Africa. At this time they are working to build a resource center for the blind in Monrovia. They own a piece of property and the construction has begun on the center. The money that they earn at their concerts is used to continue that construction. For more information about the group you can visit their website at www.africangospel.org. **Mark your calendar and join us for this concert. All are welcome!**

African Gospel Acappella **Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm**



Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road
Eugene, OR 97404
541-688-0735
<http://www.messiaheugene.org>

Free will offering to help African Gospel Acappella build their resource center for the blind in Monrovia, Liberia.

Come and Join Us!

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTMEBER

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1	Kerry Ferguson		
2	Dianne Erdmann	15	Elaine Lower
	Kathy Prehm	16	Clarke Smith
5	Matthew Burgess		Gail Schoenherr
6	Kris Calkin	17	Shannon Burgess
	Wyatt Woody		Nicholas Hovet
7	Delores Feddersen	18	Nancy Leapaldt
	Casey Genthner		Aaron Baker
10	Barb Ronne	19	ReNae Bopp
	Eric Henshen	20	Haley Katich
	Stacy Wilmarth	25	LaNelda Watts
	Jennifer Parham		Allison Pomerleau
11	Julia Shoemaker	26	Todd Baker
12	Reuben Leapaldt	28	Jean Frank
13	Gus McCarty		Peter Boysen
14	Bert Wheeler	30	Jerry Fibelstad
	Mary Jenkins		
	William Katich		



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER

3	JR and Pat Gaddis
10	Fred and Kathleen Thomsen
12	Dan and Cheryl Gauche
15	Roseann and Stewart Cross
20	LeRoy and Dianne Erdmann
	Bill and Judy Blade

Old Barns, Old People & Old Friends

A stranger came by the other day with an offer that set me to thinking.
He wanted to buy the old barn that sits out by the highway.
I told him right off he was crazy.

He was a city type, you could tell by his clothes, his car,
his hands, and the way he talked.
He said he was driving by and saw that beautiful barn sitting out in the tall grass
and wanted to know if it was for sale. I told him he had a funny idea of beauty.
Sure, it was a handsome building in its day.
But then, there's been a lot of winters pass with their snow and ice and howling wind.
The summer sun's beat down on that old barn till all the paint's gone,
and the wood has turned silver gray.
Now the old building leans a good deal, looking kind of tired.
Yet, that fellow called it beautiful.

That set me to thinking. I walked out to the field and just stood there, gazing at that old
barn. The stranger said he planned to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in a new
country home he's building down the road. He said you couldn't get paint that beautiful.
Only years of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun, only that
can produce beautiful barn wood.

It came to me then. We're a lot like that, you and I.
Only it's on the inside that the beauty grows with us.
Sure we turn silver gray too... and lean a bit more than we did when we
were young and full of sap. But the Good Lord knows what He's doing.
And as the years pass He's busy using the hard weather of our lives,
the dry spells and the stormy seasons to do a job of beautifying
our souls that nothing else can produce.

They took the old barn down today and hauled it away to beautify a rich man's house.
And I reckon someday you and I'll be hauled off to Heaven to take on
whatever chores the Good Lord has for us on the Great Sky Ranch.
And I suspect we'll be more beautiful then for the seasons we've been through here...
and just maybe even add a bit of beauty to our Father's house.

May there be peace within you today. May you trust God that you are exactly where you
are meant to be. And thank God for your wonderful friends and family
who care about you even though you may show signs of weathering!

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