

THE GRACE REPORTER

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MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am

Sunday school/Bible class staff and the LIFE! School teachers will be installed during the worship service. The Association congregation members and LIFE! families are invited to worship and the festivities and lunch after the worship service. The Board of Education is asking for members of the congregation to bring salads for the lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are willing to bring a salad.

The Sunday school classes that will be offered this year are:
3 years – 5th grade - Family style class

6th to 8th – Junior High class will study “The Me I Want to Be”

9th to 12th High School class is going to start with Aslans Quest

Adult Class Teacher Pastor Suelzle – in Parish Hall

Please come on Rally Day and join us for fun and learning.
And join us for lunch and fellowship after the worship service!



2nd Annual Lutheran Ball Game

Sunday, September 18th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm
at Bethesda Lutheran Church (4445 Royal Ave. – Eugene)

This NO COST event is for all ages and all willing can participate in a fun non-competitive Softball game sponsored by your West Lane County Thrivent Board. We will have some refreshments, snacks, ice-cream and watermelon, along with a baseball cap. Teams will be divided up evenly with both young and old playing on the same team. This is a great time for cross generational fellowship and fun. Please bring your entire youth group out to play ball, that way us older players can have a rest. If you have questions, call Randy Ronne at 541.343.0327.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

+ Les Kunkel, Naomi Baker, David Hunter, Bernice Kunkel, Tom Dostale, Olivia Hunt Spangler, Lorilee Mundfrom, Diana Ashcraft, Luther Beecroft, Paul Reffstrup, Phyllis Brauner, Judy Richmond, Linda Adkins (mother-in-law of Todd Baker), Robert Koester (father of Mick Koester)

+ Shut-ins: Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Evelyn Moore, Kay Johnson, Myrtle Larson, Alice Boring, Dorothy Ostermiller, Jovita Hunt

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/7	Sunday-10am	149
8/14	Sunday-10am	163
8/21	Sunday-10am	121

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



The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 5th
for the Labor Day Holiday

BITS AND PIECES.....

Worship: Is it simply ritual?

Have you ever wondered why we do the things we do in our Sunday morning worship? We stand at certain times; we sit at certain times. The pastor seems to be doing choreography in the chancel: sometimes he faces the congregation, other times he faces the altar; sometimes he stands at the lectern, other times at the pulpit; sometimes he's in front of the altar, sometimes he's behind it. While all of those things are important in our worship, there are other elements that should capture our primary attention. That is, the *content* of our worship. What is the 'stuff' that fills the rituals that we perform in worship? My next few newsletter articles will pause to look at some of the important elements of our Lutheran Divine Service. Let's start with just that: the name of our worship.

We intentionally describe our worship as "Divine Service" because that's exactly what it is—we are served the gifts of Christ by God. We call our worship "Divine Service" because it reflects what we confess about ourselves and our relationship to our Creator. Everything we receive comes from His bounteous hand: our food, shelter, clothing, income, possessions, every beat of our hearts, every breath that fills our lungs—everything. And so, we strive to reflect that in our worship. We come to this place as creatures, not because we bring anything of our own that is worthy before our Creator, but because He has promised to meet us here to serve us the goods of salvation: His life-giving Word and the tangible certainty of that Word as it is given in the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Not only do we receive His good gifts, but we come to receive reminders of who we are and who we are becoming. We gather to retell the story of salvation to and for one another in our worship: that we are sinners in need of forgiveness; that Christ's forgiveness is indeed ours; and that we grow in faith and good works because of that forgiveness.

What a wonderful opportunity we have every Sunday to gather and be served by God the gifts that only He can give! And what peace-giving comfort it is to know that to come to worship does not require you to muster up enough excitement or good emotions in order for it to be pleasing to God. You can simply come as you are to be reminded and formed—by God's saving Word—into the people that He desires you to be.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

NEXT MONTH: The Invocation

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Dan and Mary on the birth of their son, Ephraim Daniel Suelzle born on Monday, August 1st at 2:49pm. He weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 20 inches long. All are doing well, including "big sister", Norah.

CONGRATULATIONS to George and Paula Walker on the birth of their granddaughter, Naomi Grace Walker born Monday, August 15th in Portland. She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and 20¼ inches. Her parents are Ben and Katie Walker.

Dear Christian Friends - I wish to thank you for the lovely bouquet I received and all of your thoughts and prayers while I was recently in the hospital and rehab. A special thanks to Pastor Dan for visits and prayers. In Christian love, Dixie Rohle

Thank you to our friends and family at Grace Lutheran for the kindness shown to me the last few months after falling and breaking my femur. Your love and encouragement has been so appreciated. The cards, gifts of food, and most of all your prayers helped to lift my spirits and helped me to know the love of Jesus through you. May God bless each of you. Sincerely in Christ, Lorilee Mundfrom

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... The Newsletter Deadline for the **October "Reporter"** is **Sunday, September 18th**. Please submit your articles to the church office.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th 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 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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR JOVITA HUNT -- if you would like to send her greetings:

Jovita Hunt
Avery Care Home
10350 SW Avery Street
Tualatin, OR 97062

Memorial Garden

The Property Board has designated the newly developed garden area (along the classroom wall and the parking lot) as a memorial garden.

Our plan is to use flat, granite stone (8"x12"x 1.5" with the name/s and birth/death dates. Up to four lines of engraving will be possible. The engraving will be done by the Eugene Monument Co. The cost of each stone marker including the engraving will be \$120.00 should we order 10 or more. One name could be engraved now; a second name later at an additional \$50.00. The expense would be the family's responsibility. Checks will be payable to Grace Lutheran Church. Checks would be given to me and processed by me.

Having a granite memorial would be the family or survivor's decision. Several possibilities present themselves:

- 1) Families who presently have a memorial plant with concrete marker could choose to replace the concrete marker with the granite marker. The concrete markers will eventually crack as a result of expansion and contraction. The granite marker could easily be moved should a family move or desire a different location.
- 2) Families with a memorial plant but no marker could add a granite marker by the present location or in the memorial garden.
- 3) Families who have neither of the above could choose to have a granite marker without a plant.

Please see the granite sample in the narthex. The granite will be roughened similar to the back side of the sample. This will be done so as to avoid slipping/falling should an adult or child accidentally step on one with a wet or icy surface.

I will serve as a designated spokesperson for the Property Board and will make arrangements with the Eugene Monument Co. Should you desire this memorial for your loved one, please give me the desired spelling of name/s and the date of birth and death. The middle name will be initialized because of space limitations.

Please speak to me in person or leave written information in my church mail box.
Thank you! Reuben Leapaldt

Stewardship Board

General Fund Plate Offerings	Actual Gifts	Budget	Difference	2010 Avg Weekly Attendance	2011 Avg Weekly Attendance
Month of July	\$ 22,411.55	\$20,400	\$2,011.55	141.8	158.6
Year to Date	\$145,687.40	\$147,800	(\$2,112.60)	160.4	140.8

YOUTH NEWS



LINCOLN CITY OVERNIGHT TO THE BEACH... The Youth will go overnight to the beach in Lincoln City on **September 23rd and 24th** (note date change). We will leave church at 5:30pm on Friday and return to church by 6:30pm Saturday night. Come to the beach with your friends for fun, fellowship and sand! Questions, call Jamie at 541.342.8095 or 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.

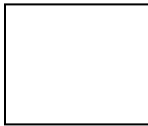
Social Ministry Board

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.**

100th ANNIVERSARY

Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Lebanon, Oregon

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on **Sunday, October 9th** with a special service at 3:00pm. There will be a morning service at 10:30am, a luncheon following, a Celebration Service at 3:00pm, and cake and reminiscences following. Everyone is invited to attend, or to send a letter of memoirs. Mail your letters to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 900 Cleveland St. – Lebanon, OR 97355



Help kids! Donate school supplies! With your generosity every child can start school equipped with a backpack and basic supplies. St. Vincent de Paul and its School Supply partners will have barrels at the ready, with lists of items most needed. Simply make your purchases accordingly and place them in the barrel. Watch for specially decorated School Supply Barrels at familiar community outlets: **Bi-Mart** (Eugene, Springfield, Junction City), **Jerry's** (Eugene, Springfield), **Oregon Community Credit Union** (Springfield), and **all St. Vinnie's thrift stores**. *Kids are the future. Thanks for caring!*

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER

September 4, 2011

Children's Message: Lynne Coates	Acolytes: Ben Thompson, Harrison Wiesert
Lector: Todd Baker	Greeters: Betty Libke, Jan Bachhuber
Coffee Hosts: Fellowship Board	Altar Guild: Mary Jenkins
Communion Assts: Dick Jenkins, Randy Ronne	Altar Flowers: JR & Pat Gaddis
Ushers: *Kirk Gunson, John Stoecker, Tammy Smith, Paul Thompson	

September 11, 2011

Children's Message: Pastor Dan	Acolytes: Teal Henshen, Kendra Helgeson
Lector: John Mundfrom	Greeters: Holly & Roy Genthner
Altar Flowers: Roland Eberhardt	Coffee Hosts:
Ushers: *Rick Krumdieck, Clarence Henshen, Bob Jones, Rob Wiesert	

September 18, 2011

Children's Message: Jody Johnson	Acolytes: Max & Anika Harkins
Lector: Paula Walker	Greeters: Bob Jones, Judy Klupenger
Coffee Hosts:	Altar Guild: Tammy Smith
Communion Assts: Bert Wheeler/John Stoecker	Altar Flowers: Reuben & Nancy Leapaldt
Ushers: *Byron Baule, Jerry Fibelstad, Rick Krumdieck, Mick Koester	

September 25, 2011

Children's Message: Pastor Dan	Acolytes: Hunter Frank, Casey Genthner
Lector: Lynne Coates	Greeters: Bert & Dee Wheeler
Coffee Hosts:	Altar Flowers:
Ushers: *Ken Reffstrup, Roy Genthner, Ben Lacey, Jerry Lacey,	

NEWS FROM CAMP LUTHERWOOD

A Day to Discover, Explore and Care for God's Creation

Saturday, September 24th

9:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$15 per youth, Maximum \$50 per family

Includes lunch and snacks and program materials

- . **Connect with others from across Oregon who care for God's creation.**
- . **Learn about creation through theological study, discussion, and exploring Camp Lutherwood's natural resources.**
- . **Discover how our daily choices affect the earth around us.**
- . **Explore the different eco systems at camp.**
- . **See how we connect our faith with caring for the creation.**

This intergenerational event is programmatically targeted for middle school/high school youth and adults but families are invited.

Sponsored by Camp Lutherwood Oregon, Lutherans Restoring Creation, EcoFaith Recovery, and the Oregon Synod of the ELCA.

Register by September 15 at office@lutherwood.org or call 541.998.6444.

For more information contact Andrea Scofield, at director@lutherwood.org or Pastor Robyn Hartwig PastorRobyn@ecofaithrecovery.org.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MOTHERS IN LOVE + FATHERS IN LOVE = FAMILIES IN LOVE! Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad will bring home from a **Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you will like the difference a Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is **November 11-13, 2011** in Vancouver, WA at the Phoenix Inn. **Your \$45 application fee is needed by October 21st.** For more information or for online registration, visit our website at www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Jim and Detra Swenson, jimanddetra@comcast.net, or 360-574-6009.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a ministry dedicated to assisting married couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing an Encounter Weekend experience as well as ongoing community support.

Lane-Douglas Associates Quarterly Article

Rick, Tina, Clay, Jan and Rikki

Welcome to the first “Quarterly Article” brought to you by your local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives at Lane-Douglas Associates. The purpose of these articles is to provide some simple tips and thoughts on finance, and to keep you abreast of upcoming Lane-Douglas Associates events and workshops that may be of interest to you.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you are 70½ or older, qualified charitable distributions are available to you in 2011. QCDs allow you to direct your IRA trustee to make distributions directly from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity while satisfying your 2011 required minimum distribution(s) (maximum QCD of \$100,000). QCDs do not provide a charitable tax deduction, but will be excluded from your 2011 gross income. Please consult with your tax preparer and financial advisors to see if a qualified charitable distribution may be right for you.

Are your beneficiary addresses and names current?

If you’re like many of us, life gets busy and we forget to regularly update the beneficiaries on our life insurance, retirement and investment accounts. Remember, named beneficiaries on these accounts supersede what you have written in your will. Now is a great time to ensure your assets get passed down exactly as you desire, should something happen. Updating addresses and name changes of your beneficiaries also makes the distribution of your assets simpler and faster for your loved ones and favorite charities.

Look forward to a new article every quarter. If you would like us to address a specific topic, have any questions or would like to sit down with a local financial representative, please give us a call.

Upcoming Workshops

Your Social Security Statement- September 14, 8:00am or 4:00pm

Retirement Income Distribution-October 13, [insert times].

Please RSVP to Jan Howe at 541-741-1999. Space is limited.

These workshops intended only to educate you about financial decisions. They are broad in scope and do not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its respective associates and employees cannot provide legal, accounting or tax advice or services. Work with your Thrivent Financial representative, and as appropriate, your attorney and/or tax professional for additional information.

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CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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| 5 Matthew Burgess | 15 Elaine Lower |
| 6 Kris Calkin | 16 Clarke Smith |
| 7 Delores Feddersen | Gail Schoenherr |
| Casey Genthner | 17 Shannon Burgess |
| 10 Barb Ronne | Nicholas Hovet |
| Eric Henshen | 18 Nancy Leapaltd |
| Jennifer Parham | Aaron Baker |
| 11 Lorilee Mundfrom | 19 ReNae Bopp |
| 12 Reuben Leapaltd | 20 Haley Glenn |
| Keiko Swendseid | 23 Jackson Ashcraft |
| 13 Gus McCarty | 26 Todd Baker |
| 14 Bert Wheeler | 28 Jean Frank |
| Mary Jenkins | 30 Jerry Fibelstad |
| William Katich-Glenn | |

CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER

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| 3 JR and Pat Gaddis |
| 12 Dan and Cheryl Gauche |
| 15 Roseann and Stewart Cross |
| 20 Bill and Judy Blade |

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