

GRACE LUTHERAN WEEKLY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

- Today:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
Sunday School/Adult Classes – 9:00am
Contemporary Worship Service - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
- Monday:** (*EVA – 7:00pm*)
- Tuesday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Worship Committee – 6:00pm
Youth Board Meeting – 6:00pm
Parish Planning Council – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Friday:** (*Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm*)
- Saturday:** (*E.A.R.S.*) – 10:00am
Contemporary Music Practice – 11:00am
- Next Sunday:** **MITE BOX SUNDAY**
Sunday School/Adult Classes – 9:00am
Contemporary Worship Service - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Annual LIFE! Association Meeting – 2:00pm

Those activities in () indicate outside groups meeting in the building.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Naomi Baker, Roland Luxford, Ralph Boring, Myrtle Larson, Gary Rust, Bob Sylwester, George Walker, Jean Frank, Dee Wheeler, Megan Haas (niece of Dee Wheeler)
- + Shut-ins: Fred Schatz, Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Irma Gieseke, Frances Bradshaw, Lola Jackson, Ann Porisch, Lore Mead, Margie Murphree, Alex Guenther, Mary Good
- + For Dave and Lennie Tritt's nephew Shawn Christensen who is seriously ill with cancer. He is currently at a cancer center in Chicago.

+ **Mary Rutherford**, a former member of Grace, passed away April 16th. She is now with her Lord. No more pain...just happiness! She was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. Please keep Mary's family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Pastor Phil and Gail Schoenherr** on the arrival of their second granddaughter, *Kate Elizabeth Perryman* born to Marcie and Brian Perryman on Thursday, April 16th. Kate weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and is also welcomed by big sister, Addison. Great grandmother is Wilma Tunison. Congratulations to all!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Newsletter deadline for submitting articles for the May newsletter is **TODAY!** Please submit your articles to the church office.

USHERS: Please check the “**Unavailable Usher Schedule**” which is located in the narthex. The schedule for **MAY** is posted. If you are unable to usher in May, please mark the schedule or talk to Todd Baker.

REMINDER: BULLETIN/WEEKLY DEADLINE – If you would like something in the bulletin or Weekly (blue notes) – please have your information to the church office by **10:00am on Wednesdays!**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the children who sang on Palm Sunday and to Paula Walker who directed them.

THANK YOU to all the people who helped on Easter Sunday with the Faith Walk and the children's Easter egg hunt.

THANK YOU for all the food donations, cooks, servers, dishwashers for the Easter Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship. It would not be a success without everyone's help! Easter Blessing. Youth Board

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00pm
- * Breakfast Bible Study – Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30am
- * Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:00am

TWO OLDER UPRIGHT PIANOS currently “live” at Grace Lutheran Church (in the music room and in Room #5 behind the kitchen). They are not longer needed, and we would like to get them moved out of the church. We don't know the history of the piano donations, so **if you donated one or both of these old upright pianos and would be interested in having them back**, please contact Paula Walker (evenings-747.8151 or days-914.2239) or the church office (342.4844). If we have not heard from the donors by April 24th, we will advertise them in the church newsletter and bulletin. Paula Walker

ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

There are three classes for adults on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00am.

- 1) Pastor Phil leads a Bible study on the Book of Daniel in Room # 5.
- 2) "Back to Mayberry" a video class led by Randy Ronne meets in parish hall. On Sunday (April 26), "Man in a Hurry". If any episode is applicable to our lives today, this is the one – some good points on how our priorities in life can become misguided (a favorite scene is Malcolm Tucker's tirade beginning with "You people are living in another world!"). This episode really drives home the point that we are the ones that must make the decision to change our lives. Along with the obvious lessons Malcolm gives us, pay attention to the serving attitude of Andy, Aunt Bee, Opie, and Gomer. They are all willing to give of their time and comfort to make Malcolm's visit a little better.
- 3) Trescott Ducker will lead a class in the school library on Lee Strobel's book "The Case for Faith". The class will cover a chapter of the book per week. Starting May 3rd – Lee Strobel's book – "The Case for Christ".

STRONGHOLD... Many, many thanks to all you wonderful people who have so lovingly provided dinner for Stronghold--our college group that meets here on Tuesday evenings! You are truly a blessing to these young people who come together to fellowship and nurture their faith in Bible study under the strong leadership of Steve Johnson, a senior at UO. Steve will be graduating this spring and more than likely move back to the Medford area (his hometown) where he will attend graduate school. We pray the Lord will bring forth another strong Christian student who is willing to serve as Stronghold's leader.

Dinner hosts are still needed for the following Tuesday evenings. Please consider hosting dinner one night and add your name to the sign-up sheet on the small table in the narthex (near the church mailboxes).

Tuesday – April 21

Tuesday - May 5

Tuesday – May 12

Tuesday – June 2 (last session of the school year)

Thanks again! Blessings, Paula Walker (Campus Ministry Committee member)

PORTALS OF PRAYER is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The new **APRIL-JUNE** booklet is available on the table in the narthex. Take one home for your daily devotions.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2009! The Flower Chart is located by the mailboxes in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please sign your name on the **Flower Chart** for the date you would like. Floral arrangements can be from your garden, a store or from a floral shop. You will receive a reminder the week prior to your Sunday. Please remember to take your flowers with you after the 10:00am service.

A COFFEE SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the door by the Fireside Room. The Fellowship Board will have coffee hour every first Sunday of the month. Please sign up to help the other Sundays. Coffee and treats will be provided but you can also bring treats if you wish. People need to set up before and clean up after the coffee hour. If you have questions, please contact Kirk Gunson.

RED HAT EVENT

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

You are invited to a **Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 2 at 2:00pm** in the Grace Lutheran Church Parish Hall. There will be a **Fashion Show** and **Special Entertainment**. Be sure to join the fun; feel free to bring family and friends. The more the merrier.

We are also planning a KITCHEN SHOWER for the CHURCH KITCHEN as a servant activity. If you would like to bring an item the following are suggestions of items needed: Dawn dish soap (large size), dish towels, dish cloths, foil, plastic wrap, and quart and gallon sized zip lock bags. Needed items will be purchased for you if you would rather donate money or if you have an item that is not on the list feel free to bring it. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to avoid duplications.

The deadline for turning in the written description of your fashion is April 20th. Please be sure to have it to her on time. Thanks Ladies for your help

ANNUAL LIFE! ASSOCIATION MEETING

Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm

Please mark your personal and church calendar for the annual LIFE! Association Meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm at Grace/LIFE in the Parish Hall** (710 E. 17th Ave., Eugene). Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend (pastors, encourage your church members to attend) and be a part of helping LIFE! School grow and flourish! Whether you can attend or not, please continue to keep LIFE! School in your prayers. This is one of God's ministries in our community. The meetings agenda/topics will include:

- * Plans for the 2009-10 school year
- * Our vision and plans for the future of LIFE!

LWML NEEDS YOUR HELP

... The LWML is asking the congregation to help in providing the following items for their service projects at the convention in June.

For the veterans in the Portland and Roseburg areas which include bath towel bibs, ditty bags and laundry bags:

- * Regular size bath towel (20"x46") in colors that men would like (red, white, blue, etc.)
- * 1 yard cotton material (nor floral or pastels)
- * 1 yard flannel (no floral/pastels)

For the Portland Rescue Mission and Outside In organizations:

- * Quilt tops bound and ready to be tied
- * 1½ yards of fleece (for teenagers)

The deadline for gathering the items listed above is May 20th!

Contact Mary Jenkins at 741-3877 if you have questions.

WANTED - PICTURES OF OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN...

We want to honor and acknowledge our military service men and women of Grace. The plan is to have photos with branch of service, rank and area of deployment. The pictures may include family groups or single pictures. Pictures of any size may be submitted.

We plan to enlarge to 5x7. Family groups to 8x10. This includes family members and friends who may or may not be members of Grace. We are also open to suggestions. At this time the plan is a bulletin board. We have three family members to start – no doubt there are more. You may contact Jody Johnson or Olivia Spangler.

DEDICATION CEREMONY for the new church building at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** in Junction City on **Sunday, April 26th at 3:00pm**. Reception to following the downstairs Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

PLEASE JOIN US on **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm** for a Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony. The address is 4860 A Street, Springfield, OR 97478. Find out about the project, meet the soon-to-be-homeowner family, sign up to volunteer, and engage in fellowship with others in the area Lutheran community as we celebrate the start of working all together to build this home. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and share the fellowship and goodwill of the day. Please contact Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity if you have questions or would like more information. Phone: (541) 741-1707

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus

April 25 – “TBA” Guest Speaker: Rev. Gary Byers

May 3 – “Who Is Narrow-Minded?” (Acts 4:12) The world rejects the exclusive claims of Christ. But what if He IS the only way of salvation?

May 10 – “This Is Love” (1 John 4:10) Does our mother love you? Jesus loves you more! Has your mother sacrificed for you? Jesus died and rose to redeem you from sin and eternal death!

May 17 – “Not What You Know But Whom You Know” (John 15:15) Meet Jesus, the best and truest of friends, the most sacrificing and caring of friends.

May 24 – “To be announced” Guest Speaker: Chaplain Eric Erkkinnen. Today’s guest speaker is an associate director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

May 31 – “Not What They Seem” (John 15: 26-27) Things are not always what they seem to be. That’s especially true of Christ and His Church.

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.

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD

We are still asking people to sign up (Narthex bulletin board) who would be willing to furnish an occasional, simple meal to help out others in the church revering from surgery or illness. This meal help is short term and may involve convenience or purchase foods for the meal. Sometimes needs might involve foods lower in fats and salt. If you are aware of a church member who needs this help, please contact Pastor Phil, Corene Jackson or Brenda Miller. Thank you.

The church “Food Pantry”, in the labeled cupboard (in the nursery), is available for members of the congregation who have a current need. Food is now available. Items to donate in April to the “Food Pantry) are:

Canned Vegetables (*store-bought only*) Hearty soups, stews, and chili

Remember to START SAVING useful household items to donate later in the summer for a church garage sale in September. We would like to have lots of items useful for students setting up living places for the school year. This is a good reason to replace some items at home that might still be useful to others “setting up housekeeping”!

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

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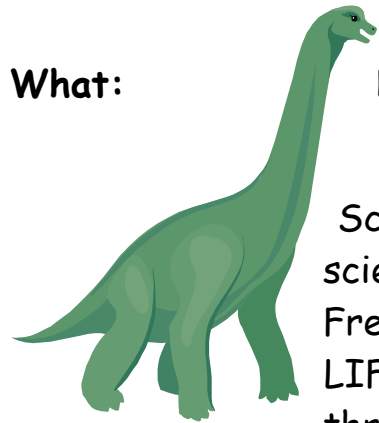
Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School is continuing to accept applications for new students for the **2009 school year.** 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.

What:

DINOSAURS: ALL GREAT CREATURES

Science Fair and Open House



Scale model dinosaurs and student built science projects will be on display.

Free pizza!!

LIFE! School's Open House for preschool through 8th Grade.

Where: LIFE! School, 18th and Hilyard St.

When: Thursday, May 7th, 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Who: EVERYONE is invited!