

GRACE LUTHERAN WEEKLY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

- Today:** **MITE BOX SUNDAY**
Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am
Potluck and Voters' Meeting – after Worship service
- Monday:** Seminary Recruiter at Grace from 10:00am to 1:00pm
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
(Essential Tremor Support Group – 7:00pm)
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** (Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm)
- Next Sunday:** Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Joint Meeting with Grace/Messiah/Hope/Pleasant Hill – 2:00pm
Youth Confirmation – 4:00pm (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)
Serve Dinner to Homeless at Hope Lutheran Church – 6:00pm
Those activities in () indicate outside groups meeting in the building.

VOTERS' MEETING - TODAY 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



Daylight Savings Time ENDS next Sunday, November 1

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

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



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), Dawn Cypress (friend of a co-worker of Paula Walker), Clarence Henshen, Bob Jones
- + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Mary Good

JOINT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday – November 1 at 2:00pm
at Grace Lutheran Church**

All are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the possibilities of working together in the Eugene/Springfield/Pleasant Hill area to spread God's word.

This meeting comes out of a meeting held on July 12th between Messiah and Grace. At the end of the meeting all agreed that our brothers and sisters at Hope and Pleasant Hill should be in on our conversation. It was stated that we should continue to look for joint fellowship and outreach opportunities.

EVERYONE is encouraged to attend as we work together for His Kingdom!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – Sunday – November 1st at 4:00pm. Please note the time change for this week only!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th – Rev. Harold Bauder will lead Pastor Schoenherr's Bible class at 8:45am and will be the preacher in the worship service. Pastor Bauder is the former pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Springfield.

PICTURES WANTED... John Stoecker would like to get copies of pictures that anyone took at Pastor Phil's party on Saturday, October 17th. John is putting together a photo book for Pastor Phil. Any questions, see John Stoecker.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * **Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00pm**
- * **Breakfast Bible Study – Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00am**

ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

- * Pastor Schoenherr's class will in Room #5 starting at **8:45am**.
- * **At 9:00am**, "What's So Amazing about Grace?" led by Bob Jones in the parish hall.

REMINDER ABOUT LOCKING CHURCH DOORS! When you have meetings, events, etc., **please remember to make sure the doors to the building are locked before you leave.** Thank you.

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 MINISTRY FOR THE HOMELESS

A Ministry for the Homeless... Hope Lutheran Church in Springfield will be housing 7 homeless families for two weeks (October 26 through November 8). Hope Lutheran is working with First Place Family Center and St. Vincent DePaul for the Night Shelter Program. We of Grace have an opportunity to provide an evening meal for the families on **Sunday, November 1 at 6:00pm**. We need to prepare food for about 30 people (adults and children). **If you would like to help with this special service, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Brenda Miller, Social Ministry Chairperson at 344-5755.**

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

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.

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.

NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP BOARD... October has been designated as the 2010 Stewardship Pledge Drive Month. If you have not already picked up your 2010 pledge from your church mailbox please do so. Fill out the pledge and return it to the church by October 25th, which will be the Sunday we will dedicate the 2010 pledges. Please read your pledge form for more details. The Stewardship Board thanks you for your attention to this matter.

"Simply Giving" is moving to "Joyful Response"

Members of Grace - For a number of years our church has been participating in a program called Simply Giving, which allows members to have automatic payments made directly to Grace Church. Because of the economic conditions this "Simply Giving" program will not longer be free for our church. However, a very similar program sponsored through LCEF ("Lutheran Church Extension Fund") is now available to us at no cost. This program is called "Joyful Response". Before the end of the year I will be asking all those participating in "Simply Giving" to fill out the new enrollment forms for "Joyful Response". I would also encourage all other members that are not currently using the program to please consider this form of gifting to our church. It is set up as an automatic transfer from your checking or savings account and is put directly into Grace Church's Stewardship account with LCEF. One of the main advantages for this is you will no longer have to write a check that can be lost, stolen or misplaced. Your donation will go to the church on a consistent basis whether you are at church or away. It saves administrative time and effort because all gifts are consistent and will always go to the designated fund. Payments can be cancelled or suspended with as little as 3 days notice to our church's Financial Secretary (Randy Ronne). Please contact Randy Ronne, Church Financial Secretary, at 343-0327 for more program / enrollment information.



ADVENT FEST

Sunday - November 29th

2:00-5:00pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for Crafts, Fun, Food 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 contact Kirk Gunson (688-1069).

This is for ALL ages so please join us for this fun event!

THANK YOU FROM LWML... to all who purchased school supplies or donated money for the supplies, and to all Thrivent members of Grace who helped assemble the school bags. 454 school supply bags are being sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Women's Missionary League invite all women to complete the "LCMS Women's Survey" at www.lhm.org/research/women today. Your help is greatly appreciated!

You may be thinking, "I know why LWML would be working on this project, they are always seeking ways to serve God and the Church. But, why would LHM (also known as the International Lutheran Layman's League) be concerned with women's ministry?"

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a powerful media organization that uses its radio, video, and internet resources to reach people in today's culture in creative and relevant ways. This is evidenced by the success of their latest endeavor, the Men's NetWork, which provides high quality DVD Bible studies and other tools to congregations and men for free at www.lhmmen.com.

With the Spirit's guidance, and working together, LHM and LWML have the potential to be a great service to congregations in the area of women's ministry, provided the need for such service exists. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Spelbring, Manager of United States Ministries Program Research & Development for LHM at faith.spelbring@lhm.org or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4209. Thank you for your help as we continue to explore new avenues to sharing the Gospel!

WANTED

FLIP FLOPS (all sizes – new or used) and CHILDREN'S TENNIS SHOES

If the flip flops or shoes are used, please wash in machine with soap and warm water. Tie pairs with bright ribbons. These supplies will be given to the Cascade Medical Team to take to Guatemala in February 2010. There will be a box to drop them off by the Parish Nurse table in the narthex. Watch for sales, check out garage sales, and maybe even clean out your closets. Any questions, contact Jean Harsch or Jody Johnson.

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD

The church "Food Pantry", in the labeled cupboard (in the nursery), is available for members of the congregation who have a current need – help yourself.

GRACE YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH FUNDRAISER... The youth of Grace are selling beautiful calendars for \$6.00/each. The calendars are available for purchase on Sunday mornings after church. Please support our youth by purchasing a 2010 calendar!

STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our college age group is up and running with Jeff Bolinger as the leader. Jeff is a senior architecture major from Idaho. The group is studying the Parables of Jesus this term. The group is small (5), but growing. 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 at 6:00pm**. Meet at the church for a home-cooked dinner and Bible Study. 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

Many thanks to all the wonderful Grace people who have signed up to provide dinner for Stronghold on Tuesday evenings. There are still some dinners that we need people to sign up to provide. Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Dinner hosts do not need to provide plates, utensils, etc. There are paper/plastic products in the pantry you can use (or the china plates and "real" silverware, if you want to take the time to do the dishes).

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. Questions - contact Jan Richmond.

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 Leapaltd and Bernice Dunn.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

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LIFE! Lutheran School 2009/2010 enrollment is continuing! Packets are available at the school office. 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 Duck football season is well on its way. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the school office. If you are interested in working in the booth or want more information contact Todd Baker at 541-913-0015 or sanipacman@comcast.net



LIFE! SCHOOL WREATH FUNDRAISER

LIFE! School's annual wreath sale is underway again. Order a fresh, locally made wreath for yourself or a gift. They are handcrafted from Douglas fir, juniper, pine cones and a red bow. 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 available at LIFE! School and on the table in the narthex.

SHIRTS NEEDED... The 3rd/4th/5th grades would like old men's shirts, button front, short sleeve, to use as paint shirts. If you have any that you will be getting rid of please send them our way. Bring the shirts to the school office.

Emmaus Holiday Bazaar

1250 West 18th Avenue – Eugene, OR

Saturday – November 7th

9:00am to 2:00pm

*Handmade Craft Items *Quilts & Baked Goods *Books & Plants
*Coffee served with homemade baked goodies

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

November 1 – “Comforted Mourners” (Matthew 5:4) In this message for All Saints Day, Pastor Klaus speaks to those whose lives have been touched by the death of someone they loved. Christ is our risen Savior who comforts mourners.

November 8 – “A Hotter Hell” (Mark 12: 38-40) Justice demands that God gives sinners exactly what they deserve. Where does that leave us? Thankfully, God's justice is only half of the story.

November 15 – “Christ Is Coming” (Mark 13:13) War, disaster, and persecution are signs that the world is coming to an end, but no one knows exactly when.

November 22 – “Thankful for What You Don't Have” (Luke 17: 11-19) We can also thank God for the pains and illnesses we don't have, the disasters that were averted, the punishment for sin that Christ took upon Himself.

November 29 – “Behold, the Days are Coming!” (Luke 21: 25-36) On this First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new church year, our Lord Jesus who came once to redeem the world, comes to us in His Word and prepares us for when He will come again on the Last Day. Guest Speaker: Rev. Peter Cage of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

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.

It's time again for Lane Pregnancy Support Center's

15th Annual Holiday Market

November 19-21

(The Weekend before Thanksgiving)

At a New Location



Grace Community Fellowship – 989 Country Club Road

***Exquisite Fine Art *Extraordinary Gifts *Delectable Holiday Treats
*Antiques and Furniture Items**

Come early for best selection. Bring a friend. 20% of all proceeds benefit Lane Pregnancy Support Center, a local non-profit community outreach providing support and life affirming options for those facing difficult pregnancy decisions in our community.

Women of the congregation are invited to **Church Women United's annual World Community Day Celebration**. This year's theme “Piecing Earth Together” focuses on the environment and how we are called to work together to be good stewards of the gifts of the earth. We believe that women have unique abilities in working together to make good things happen. Using the example of the old fashioned “quilting bee”, we see how women can accomplish more together than they can individually. Please join us **Friday, November 6th from 9:15-11:00am**. We meet at St. Jude Catholic Church, 4330 Willamette, in Eugene. For more information, see poster on bulletin board in the narthex.