

GRACE LUTHERAN WEEKLY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

- Today:** 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
- Monday:** Lay Ministers – 7:00pm
Property Board – 7:00pm
(*EVA – 7:00pm*)
- Tuesday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Christian Education Board – 6:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
Social Ministry Board – 6:15pm
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** (*Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm*)
- Saturday:** Contemporary Music Practice – 11:00am
- Next Sunday:** Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Contemporary Worship - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Those activities in () indicate outside groups meeting in the building.

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

TODAY 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 be the preacher in the worship service. Pastor Bauder is the former pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Also on November 8th at 8:45am – Dr. Bob Sylvester will teach Pastor Phil's Bible class. The topic is: The Role of Fiction in Cognitive Development and Maintenance. We curiously spend a lot of time and energy exchanging stories that both the sender and receiver know aren't true. It makes sense to share true information, but fictional narrative seems intellectually and culturally pointless. More curious, even though children have much true information to master, their cultural education is replete with made up stories--from fairy tales to Biblical parables. What scientists are discovering however is that fictional narrative plays an important role in human learning and problem solving. This session will explain this intriguing discovery and its cultural applications.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the December "Reporter" is **Sunday, November 15th!** Please submit your articles to the church office.

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

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, November 3rd at 6:00pm**
- * **Breakfast Bible Study – Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, November 4th 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!**

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.

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.

"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!



THE LIVING NATIVITY - will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday – December 18, 19, & 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Watch for sign-up sheets in the next few weeks. Any questions, contact Ralph Krumdieck.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM... The program will be on **Sunday, December 20th** during the regular 10:00am worship service, followed by a reception. The program is entitled "Sing a Song of Christmas", which features traditional Christmas carols and several new, great Christmas songs the children will sing. All the Sunday school kids (preschool-high school) will need to join us for opening beginning November 8 to work on our new songs.

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 Leapaldt and Bernice Dunn.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

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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 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.

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.

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.
