

# 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  
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
- Monday: (EVA – 7:00pm)**
- Tuesday: (Essential Tremor Support Group – 7:00pm)**
- Wednesday: Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am**  
NO Women's Bible Study this week  
NO Bell Choir  
NO Vocal Choir
- Thursday: New Year's Eve Service w/Holy Communion – 7:00pm**
- Friday: HAPPY NEW YEAR – Church Office Closed**
- Next Sunday: Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am**  
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*Those activities in ( ) indicate outside groups meeting in the building.*



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Roland Luxford, Ralph & Alice Boring, Myrtle Larson, Judy Rust, Johnny Fuller (grandson of Mike & Arline Link), Ken Leom (father of Kari Hovet), Wilburn Rice (nephew of Jean Harsch)
- + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Walter & Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Mary Good, Dorothy Beikman, Evelyn Moore, Anita Colcord, Jack York

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- \***Breakfast Bible Study - Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am**
- \* **Women's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

## ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

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

**On January 1<sup>st</sup> we welcome our Vacancy Pastor - Joel Nickel.**

**Pastor Joel's office hours will be:**

**10:00am to Noon on Tuesdays**

**9:00am to Noon on Wednesdays**

**Other times – by appointment on Sunday afternoons,  
Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.**

**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!**



## Epiphany Vespers-Magi Party **Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00pm**

We will have a short service of Epiphany texts, hymns, and prayers, followed by a "White Elephant" gift exchange (the gifts should be wrapped, no names—a chance to unload the unwanted/under-used present from the closet). This will also be a time to meet our vacancy pastor – Pastor Joel Nickel. The Fellowship Board will provide dessert.  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**

## A NOTE ABOUT 2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES...

Please pick up your 2010 Offering Envelopes from your church mail box. Please do not use the 2010 (Lavender colored) envelopes until January 1, 2010. However, on January 1<sup>st</sup> please discard any un-used 2009 Offering Envelopes (Yellowish colored) and make sure you do not use them after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

The reason for this is that especially if your 2009 Offering Envelope number was 121 or above you now have a new number – so if you use the old envelope your number would not be correct. Also it caused the offering counter to try to reconcile your number with the proper number for 2010 so that we can properly credit for your gift to your account. Please make it easier for everyone and only use the proper years envelope and discard any un-used envelopes from the previous year.

If you were not given envelopes for 2010 and would like to have some, please contact Randy Ronne 541-343-0327

**FOUND...** A little red pouch with two sets of beads inside. If you have misplaced this or know of someone who did, please pick it up at the church office.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The new **January-March** 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 2010!!** The new **2010 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.

**Member of Grace....** Thank you so much for all of the shoes and flip flops you have donated for the Cascade Medical Team to take with us to Guatemala in February. You have donated 2 full 18 gallon crates of shoes. This is about all we will be able to take with us. The shipped supplies have already been sent by boat. The two people who made this successful are Jean Harsch for the idea and the follow-through to make it happen. Holly Jenkins made the fetching display for the collection. All of you donated. Thank you again. Jody Johnson / Cascade Medical Team

**Looking for a** caring, compassionate woman to work two days a week as the director of the Junction City Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a paid position and training is provided. For more information, please contact Pam at 345-0400.

## **STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**Stronghold Bible Study/Dinner** meets on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm** for a home-cooked dinner and Bible study. This year's leader is Jeff Bolinger. **Stronghold will start up again after the holidays for winter term beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>.** Questions: contact Jeff Bolinger: [bolinger@uoregon.edu](mailto:bolinger@uoregon.edu) or Paula Walker (Campus Ministry Committee) at [paula@lanepds.org](mailto:paula@lanepds.org) or [walker512@comcast.net](mailto:walker512@comcast.net)

**Grace members and friends:** A sign-up sheet for providing dinner starting up again in January 2010 is on the table in the narthex next to the church mailboxes. Thank you for your willingness to participate!

## **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!

### **GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE HAULED AWAY**

**The Grace youth will haul off your Christmas tree.**

**December 28 – between 1pm and 4pm**

**January 2 – between 10am and 4pm**

**January 3 – between 1pm and 4pm**

To schedule a day, please call Tim Hovet at 501-6928.

Donations gladly accepted (all funds go to sending the Youth to the National Youth Convention in New Orleans.) We would like to thank REXIUS for generously allowing us to drop off trees without charge. Please remember this with your future business.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The Youth will be having a bottle drive to raise money for the youth gathering. Please start saving your cans and bottles. We will announce the date to bring them to church sometime in January.

### **The Lutheran Hour Broadcast**

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

*Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.*

**January 3 – “God’ Resolution of Redemption** (Matthew 2: 1-3) Unlike us, God always keeps His resolutions. He resolved to redeem sinners and that’s exactly what He did, in Christ.

**January 10 – “The Sinning Hypocrite”** (Romans 6:1-2) The world looks at the Church and sees the hypocrisy of Christians who preach one thing but do another. Do they also see the Savior whose blood forgives hypocrites and other sinners?

**January 17 – “They Needed Wine”** (John 2: 1-5) Why did Jesus miraculously change water into wine and save a wedding party from ruin? He did it, in part, because He wants us to come to Him with our problems, big and small.

**January 24 – “A Savior Almost Seen”** (Luke 4:22) Many people mistook Jesus for someone He wasn’t. It’s still that way today. Jesus remains for many a Savior almost seen.

**January 31 – “Gifted”** (1 Cor. 13: 1-7) God’s gifts are meant for giving away, not for showing off. Guest Speaker: Rev. Anthony Creeden of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan.

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 SCHOOL NEWS

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**LIFE! Lutheran School 2010 enrollment continues!** Packets are available at the school office. Take time to view the website at [www.lifeschool.us](http://www.lifeschool.us). If you know of anyone who is interested in receiving information about enrolling at LIFE! Lutheran School, please contact the school office at 342-5433.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off

**Friday – January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm**



Plans are underway for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off. This fundraising event supports and is used to defray the cost of sending our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (L.E.S.T.) in Portland. Start thinking about what chili you will be entering and watch for more information to come.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!!!**

**A note from LCMS World Relief and Human Care...** I want to thank you for your steadfast support of LCMS World Relief and Human Care. As director of Life and Health Ministries, I can attest to the marvelous things God is doing with your prayerful support.

Abortion still remains legal in the U.S. during all three terms of pregnancy -- and more than one million unborn children die every year in America. Thankfully, 1.9 million people each year are assisted by pregnancy resource centers. Every day, these centers assist with unplanned pregnancies, abstinence counseling and education, community outreach programs and referrals, and public health linkages.

But too often we become preoccupied with our own problems that sometimes we forget that the plague of abortion doesn't stop at our borders. Worldwide, every minute 100 women have abortions, 6,000 every hour, 144,000 daily, more than 52 million unborn babies die every year worldwide. When I speak with women in other parts of the world I ache for resources to point them to. My prayers plead for pregnancy and maternal care programs across the globe. I pray for caring and compassionate volunteers who could cover the world with God's mercy.

Recently I was the banquet speaker for the Salt Lake City Pregnancy Resource Center's fundraising dinner where an amazing thing happened. Thanks to their forward-reaching vision, this local center wants to impact their community and the world in the name of Christ. They offered 10% of their banquet proceeds as a matching grant to support the international pregnancy resource center efforts of LCMS Life Ministries! **Dollar for dollar, every contribution you make to LCMS Life Ministries now, will be matched – up to \$5,000 for our crucial international pregnancy center development.**

Please help us reach the goal of matching Pregnancy Resource Center's \$5,000 gift. I also ask that you continue to lift up this work and the work of others in the pro-life movement as we continue to work alongside each other. The Gospel motivates us with grace, love, and deep mercy!

Blessings in the life and love of Christ,

Maggie Karner, Director, Life and Health Ministries

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The one-hour workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives: Tina Barthlow, Clay Camper, and Don Conant.

**When:** Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Where:** The Hampton Inn West 11<sup>th</sup> Eugene, OR

Desserts will be served at 6:30pm

#### **Sign up for this free workshop today!**

Call Jan Howe at Thrivent, 541- 741-1999 or e-mail her at [jan.howe@thrivent.com](mailto:jan.howe@thrivent.com).

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