

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 Service - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
- Monday:** Property Board Meeting – 7:00pm
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Christian Education Board Meeting – 6:00pm
Lay Ministers Meeting – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Social Ministry Board Meeting – 6:15pm
Epiphany Vespers/White Elephant Party – 7:00pm
NO Bell Choir or Vocal Choir this week
- Thursday:** (Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm)
- Saturday:** Contemporary Music Practice
- Next Sunday:** Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Contemporary Worship Service - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Confirmation – 4:00pm

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

Youth Confirmation

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4:00pm.
Starts Next Sunday, January 10th!

LAY MINISTERS MEETING - Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00pm. (Note: the day change to the first Tuesday of the month instead of the first Monday of the month)

CONGRATULATIONS to George and Paula Walker on the birth of their new grandson, Caleb Joshua Walker born to Ben and Katie Walker on December 30, 2009. Caleb weighed in at 8lb 3oz and is 19.75" long. We pray God's blessing on Caleb and his parents.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Newsletter deadline for submitting articles for the February newsletter is **Sunday, January 17th**. Please submit your articles to the church office.

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

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * Breakfast Bible Study - Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30am
- * Women's Bible Study - Wednesday, January 6th 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.

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, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



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!

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 NOTE ABOUT 2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES...

Please pick up your 2010 Offering Envelopes from your church mail box. Please discard any un-used 2009 Offering Envelopes (Yellowish colored) and make sure you no longer use them.

The reason for this is that if your 2009 Offering Envelope number was changed (which many were) your offering will then have to be reconciled to your proper number for 2010 so that we can properly credit your gift. Please make it easier for everyone and only use the 2010 envelopes 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 at 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.

FOUND... A lens from a pair of glasses was found after the 10pm Christmas Eve service. If you or someone you know is missing a lens, it is in 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.

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 12th.** Questions: contact Jeff Bolinger: bolinger@uoregon.edu or Paula Walker (Campus Ministry Committee) at paula@lanepds.org or gwalker512@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!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE HAULED AWAY

The Grace youth will haul off your Christmas tree.

Today – between 1pm and 4pm

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS.... From **January 4th through about January 18th** the new Habitat ReStore facility and Office will be putting up shelves and making preparations for opening their new location at 1210 Oak Patch in Eugene, OR 97405. If you can help, please bring a pair of work gloves and a joyful spirit as we assemble shelves and do general clean up. Working hours will be from **10am until 3pm** on most days. Please call if you would like more information. Even if you can only spare an hour that would be appreciated. Grace Church Contact: Randy von 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. 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.



21st Annual Chili Cook-Off

Friday – January 22nd at 6:00pm

Plans are underway for the 21st Annual Chili Cook-Off. This fundraising event supports and is used to defray the cost of sending our 5th through 8th 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.

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The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

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.

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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 21st, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Where: The Hampton Inn West 11th 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.

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