

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
Lay Ministers Meeting – 11:20am in Room #5
Youth Fundraiser – Bring your cans and bottles to church
- Monday:** Property Board – 7:00pm
(*EVA – 7:00pm*)
- Tuesday:** 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:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Call Committee Meeting – 6:00pm
(*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
Youth Fundraiser – Bake Sale
Voters' Meeting – 11:15am

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

VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, February 7th after the Worship service

Agenda Items

- Call Committee Update
- Nominating Committee

Youth will be having a bake sale as a fund-raiser after the worship service.
Please support the youth for their trip to the Youth Gathering in July.

Congregational Self-Study Survey

Following services today, January 31 and February 7, the call committee is asking for your thoughts to some questions about our congregation's goals and strengths, and our expectations for a pastor. This is an essential part of the call process, and your input is very important. **Copies of the survey will be available in the Parish Hall, along with table space to write on. Please take a few minutes to share your comments.**



Congregational survey for new pastor.... The new survey that the Call committee is asking everyone to fill out can be done from online at our web site www.glchurch.org.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Roland Luxford, Ralph & Alice Boring, Myrtle Larson, Judy Rust, Lester Libke, Luther Beecroft, Al Prigge, LaVern Henshen, Margie Murphree, Len Freitag, Johnny Fuller (grandson of Mike & Arline Link), Ken Leom (father of Kari Hovet), Wilburn Rice (nephew of Jean Harsch), Jim Frank, Drew Haines (cousin of Jamie King), Kris King (sister of Clarke Smith recovering from hip replacement and bad reaction to medications)
- + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Walter & Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Mary Good, Dorothy Beikman, Evelyn Moore, Anita Colcord, Jack York



THANK YOU... The Bachhuber family wishes to thank everyone at Grace for the prayers and cards that we received after Jim's passing. The compassion shown helped to lighten our sorrow.
Jan Bachhuber and family

ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

- * Pastor Joel Nickel will lead a class in Room #5 starting at **8:45am**.
- * Dan Gauche will do a video class on Philip Yancy's book "The Jesus I Never Knew" in the Parish Hall starting at **9:00am**.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * **Breakfast Bible Study - Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study - Wednesday, February 3rd at 10:00am**
- * **Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Thursday, February 4th at 6:00pm**

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!**

FOR EMERGENCIES... If you have an emergency, please let the Church Office know at 342-4844 on Monday through Friday. On the weekends, Saturday/Sunday, please call Bert Wheeler at 747-1442. Peggy or Bert will get in touch with Pastor Nickel to inform him of any emergency that arise. As a reminder, Pastor Nickel will be available in Eugene from Saturday evening through Sunday afternoon. **His office hours are:**
- **10:00am to Noon on Tuesdays**
- **9:00am to Noon on Wednesdays**
Other times – by appointment on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND ANNOINTING

On the fourth Sunday of each month we will hold a semi-private service of prayer and anointing for those who have health concerns. This will be held following the close of the worship service. Those who would like anointing of oil and prayers for the sick should come to the front pews. Pastor Nickel will join you after greeting people at the door following worship.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME DINNER

Saturday, February 13th at 5:45pm

Please sign up for the new member welcome dinner. Signup sheets will be available near the coffee table after services today and February 7. All members and friends of Grace are invited. **Sign up today!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – we are looking for volunteers to do a Children’s Message on Sunday mornings. If you would be interested in doing this occasionally, please contact Peggy in the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you are interested in being on the Prayer Chain, or have questions about the prayer chain, please call Betty Libke at 541-345-5551.

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.

MILITARY UPDATE – We will be adding to and updating information of our past and present military members, family and friends. There are information ½ sheets (in green) on the parish nurse table. You may put them in one of our mailboxes. Thank you.

Jody Johnson and Olivia Hunt Spangler

The Cascade Medical Team of Helps International will be leaving for Guatemala on February 20th returning March 3rd. Our team is just over 100 strong with about 50 from Lane County, 25 or so from other parts of Oregon and several from other states. We are a large group. About 12 of us will be on the early team leaving the 19th of February. We hope to have the triage and the clinic set up and ready to see patients early afternoon on Sunday. The people are lined up outside the gate waiting for us. It is quite a process to unpack our supplies and try to organize and see patients at the same time. One of the Doctors calls it “the time when Jody gets upset” and that is true. We can only do one thing at a time. We have a large amount of supplies in storage on site and will also bring our team bags. So on Saturday we will be unpacking and organizing. My grandson Ethan is going again this year. This will be his third trip. He will be working with the construction team, installing stoves, putting cement floors in houses and white washing walls. Please keep us in your prayers. Jody Johnson

GRACE YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH FUNDRAISER: The Youth are having a can/bottle drive to raise money for the youth gathering today! The youth will take care of recycling the cans/bottles. Thanks for your help!



YOUTH FUNDRAISER – BAKE SALE - Sunday – February 7th

The Youth will have a bake sale after the worship service and before the Voter's Meeting. Please support the youth for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July.

ALL YOUTH are invited to go bowling at Strike City (Highway 99) on **Sunday, February 21st at 1:00pm.** The cost is \$2.00/per person.

STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS and Grace members providing dinner for Stronghold: STRONGHOLD (Campus Ministry) IS MOVING TO THURSDAY EVENINGS at 6:00 pm during winter term!!! Everyone college-age is invited to join the group for dinner and Bible study this Thursday evening. The group is currently studying the Parables of Jesus. Jeff Bolinger leads the group. Questions: contact Jeff Bolinger: bolinger@uoregon.edu or Paula Walker (Campus Ministry Comm.) at paula@lanepds.org or gwalker512@comcast.net

Grace members and friends: A sign-up sheet for providing dinner on Thursday nights for the Stronghold group is on the table in the narthex next to the church mailboxes. Thank you for your willingness to participate!

Thrivent Financial members invited to join in \$3 million Helping Haiti effort

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of four Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. To participate, visit www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti and make a contribution to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief
- ELCA Disaster Response
- LCMS World Relief/Human Care (www.lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)
- WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial. For questions or alternative ways to donate through this program, please call 800-236-3736. When promoted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

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.

LIFE! Lutheran School middle school (6th/7th/8th grades): Last Friday (Jan 22) the middle schoolers asked Principal Chris Curry if they could do a fundraiser to send money to Lutheran World Relief and Human Care for the people of Haiti. So Friday afternoon (in the rain) they organized a "spur of the moment" Car Wash in the church/school parking lot and raised \$122.00 in less than 2 hours!!! They donated all the funds to the Lutheran World Relief & Human Care for Haiti relief (through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a 50 cents on the dollar match) in memory of Pastor Curry's son, Tim, who died on January 16th. These Christian young people have a heart for caring about God's people. Many thanks to these students for reaching out and sharing Jesus with the people of Haiti.

A note from Pastor Chris Curry (from the Panther Pause newsletter) – Thank you for all expressed sympathy to our family in the death of our son, Tim. Your kindness, thoughts and prayers were all appreciated.

The 21st Annual Chili Cook-off was a big hit! A total of \$800 was raised from this event. Winners are as follows:

- * Classroom – 6th/7th/8th grades
- * Best All Around Chili – Ben Bopp
- * Hottest – Claire Yang
- * Most Exotic – Prehm Family

Thanks to the members of Grace who participated or attended the LIFE! L.E.S.T. Chili Cook-off last Friday, January 22nd. The event raised **\$800** for the LIFE! Middle school students to attend the Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament (L.E.S.T.) at Concordia University in Portland on February 11-13. This tournament offers competitions to over 20 Lutheran schools in the Northwest in boys & girls basketball, swimming, cheerleading, dance team, art, chess, drama, instrumental & vocal music and academics (math, spelling, creative writing, science exhibition). What a great opportunity for the students of LIFE! (grades 5-8) to be a part of this wonderful healthy competition with other Lutheran school students! Find out more about LEST on Concordia's website: www.cu-portland.edu/lest If you were not able to attend the chili cook-off and would like to donate toward their trip, please send your donation to the school at 710 E 17th Ave – Eugene, OR 97401, and mark it "LEST trip".

There will be a number of activities fore the student body to support the middle school's participation at LEST:

- . An all-school LEST poster contest
- . Spirit Week (with fun activities planned each day)
- . Pep Rally on Wednesday to send off the middle school students on Thursday morning!

Paul's Second and Third Missionary Journey 2010 – Pastor Jim Markus of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove will lead a 10 day Greece/Turkey journey of a lifetime. There is a poster on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information call Pastor Markus at 541-942-2373.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

February 7 – “His Light For Your Darkness” (John 8:12) Suicide doesn't solve problems, it only amplifies problems and transfers them to the loved ones who are left behind. Jesus brings light to those lost in dark despair.

February 14 – “A Faithful Savior” (Hebrews 3: 1-2) In the midst of life's disappointments, both large and small, we might overlook God's love and the price Christ paid to redeem us.

February 21 – “Falling for an Old Trick” (Luke 4: 5-7) If temptation is more art than science, Satan must surely be the master artist. Christ overcame the temptations that so often trip us up.

February 28 – “To be announced”

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.