

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
Youth Fundraiser – Bake Sale
Voters' Meeting – 11:15am
- Monday:** LWML Meeting – 1:00pm
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Social Ministry Board – 6:15pm (at Applebee's on W 11th)
Stewardship Board – 7:00pm
LIFE! School Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
Outreach Board – 6:30pm
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Fellowship Board Meeting – 7:00pm
(Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm)
- Saturday:** Contemporary Music Practice – 11:00am
New Member Dinner – 5:45pm
- Next Sunday:** Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Contemporary Worship - 10:00am
Coffee Hour – 11:00am
Youth Confirmation – 4:00pm

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

VOTERS' MEETING

TODAY 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 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. If you have not completed a survey, 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....

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- + 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)
 - + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Walter & Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Mary Good, Dorothy Beikman, Evelyn Moore, Anita Colcord, Jack York
 - + Pray for the safe travel of all LIFE! School students, staff and family members attending L.E.S.T. in Portland February 11-13.

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 10th at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study - Wednesday, February 10th at 10:00am**
- * **Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Thursday, February 11th 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!**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Newsletter deadline for submitting articles for the March newsletter is **Monday, February 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 **MARCH** is posted. If you are unable to usher in March, please mark the schedule or talk to Todd Baker.

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!

If you are a nurse (retired or active) or someone in the medical profession, please write your name on a piece of paper and place it in the offering plate. We should have a list in case someone needs assistance during church activities. Thank you.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Wednesday, February 17
Supper – 5:45pm Worship Service – 7:00pm



Lent Worship Services
Wednesday Evenings
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24
Supper – 5:45pm Worship Service – 7:00pm

Lent Worship Services at Messiah Lutheran Church

Soup Lunch – 12:30pm

Worship Service – 1:15pm

For those who would prefer to attend a service during the day, Messiah will offer a soup lunch and Lent worship service on **Wednesdays – February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24.**

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.

As we look back, once again, we had a beautiful Christmas season at Grace. The Lay Ministers would like to extend a **big "thank you"** to all who participated in making it so special. All those people who gave of themselves - putting on the manager scene, the outside lights, the inside decorations, the choir, and the organ music. We know you are not involved for the recognition, but you are truly coming from the heart by giving of your time and talents. Thank you

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 – BAKE SALE – TODAY!!!!

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.

THANK YOU... The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who donated cans, bottles or cash to the bottle drive. It was a wonderful success bringing in over \$100. Thanks for all your support. Our next bottle drive will be in April. Start saving...!

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.

LEST in Portland for grades 5-8 on February 11-13. The students will participate in competitions for: Math, Chess, Knowledge Bowl, Writing, Basketball, Drama, Spelling, Swimming, and Chime Choir. Please keep the students, staff and family members attending in your prayers.



LIFE SCHOOL! SCIENCE FAIR/OPEN HOUSE

Friday – February 26 at 6:00pm

Come to the Science Fair and Open House to view the displays of all the wonderful projects done by the students of Life School. There will be an Open House for the 2010-2011 school registration. You are welcome to invite anyone who might be interested in sending their children to our school next year. Please come and support the students and ask questions about their projects. This will be a fun time for everyone!

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

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 – Evil Enemies (Philippians 3: 18-19) (Re-aired) It’s a topsy-turvy world where little is considered to be true...so, what is...?

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.