

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
Contemporary Worship - 10:00am
Coffee Hour – 11:00am
Confirmation Class – 4:00pm
- Monday:** Call Committee Meeting – 7:00pm
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Worship Committee – 6:00pm
Youth Board – 6:00pm
Parish Planning Council – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Lent Supper – 5:45pm
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
Lent Wednesday Worship – 7:00pm
Vocal Choir – 7:45pm
- Thursday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
(Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm)
- Saturday:** First Communion Class – 4:00pm
- Next Sunday:** Pastor's Adult Bible Class – 8:45am
Sunday School – for ALL Ages – 9:00am
Worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00am
Coffee Hour – 11:00am
Joint Meeting of Grace, Messiah, and Hope Churches – 2:00pm

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

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

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!**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Ralph & Alice Boring, Luther Beecroft, Al Prigge, Margie Murphree, Johnny Fuller having surgery April 13 (grandson of Mike & Arline Link), Ken Leom (father of Kari Hovet), Bill Rice (nephew of Jean Harsch), Drew Haines (cousin of Jamie King), Jerry Gauche (brother of Dan Gauche), Rachel Lowenshon (having surgery on March 17)
- + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Walter & Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Dorothy Beikman, Evelyn Moore, Anita Colcord, Jack York



Lent Worship Services

Wednesday Evenings

March 17, and 24

Supper – 5:45pm

Worship Service – 7:00pm

The following Boards will be serving for Wednesday Lent Suppers:

March 17th Fellowship Board – Lasagna

March 24th Social Ministry/Outreach Boards – Meatballs, potatoes/gravy, salad

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 – March 17 & 24.**

A JOINT MEETING FOR GRACE, MESSIAH & HOPE CHURCHES

Sunday, March 21st at 2:00pm

This is the third in continuous meetings on working together as the LCMS in the Eugene/Springfield area. Come with your ideas and what you want to see happening with the three churches. Everyone is invited to attend!



COMING SOON – EASTER BREAKFAST sponsored by our Youth! Once again this year, we are asking members to donate food and beverage items (money donations will be gladly accepted too) for the breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Decide what you would like to donate, sign your name on the sheet corresponding lines, and take the small reminder tags for the items you plan to donate. The Youth fund-raiser breakfast this year is to raise funds for the youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2010. Thank you for your help! Grace Youth Board

CANDY & STICKERS NEEDED... The Board of Christian Ed and Sunday School are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for grades Preschool – 5th grade on Easter Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy small enough to fit in plastic eggs. If you would like to donate stickers they would also be appreciated. Thank you for sharing in this fun event for the children. (We have an abundance of plastic eggs – NO eggs will be needed this year.) We are also planning a special worship event for the Sunday School hour. There is a basket in the narthex to put the candy and stickers. We need to have your donations no later than Sunday, March 28th.



EASTER LILIES AND BLOOMING PLANTS

If you would like to give an Easter lily or other blooming plant to decorate the church on Easter morning, please have them at the church on Saturday, April 3rd! You can pick up your plant from the church after Easter (please put your name on the plant), Also, please remember to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross on Easter morning. You can bring your flowers with you fore the cross when you come on Easter morning.



SPRING CLEANING WORK PARTY

Saturday – March 27th at 9:00am



We will be cleaning inside and doing yard work. Lunch will be served (smoked pulled pork sandwiches with the pork being roasted on-site). Everyone is welcome to come and help. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. The following jobs need to be done.

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| <u>Inside</u> | <u>Outside</u> |
| * Dusting – 1 person | *Mowing – 2 people *Edging/pick-up – 2-3 people |
| *Cobwebs – 3-4 people | *Flower Bed Weeding – 6-8 people |
| *Washing pews – 3-4 people | *Leaf blowers – 2 people *Spreading bark – 6-8 people |

If you have any edgers, leaf blowers, brooms, rags and buckets – any supplies you can bring with you, it would be appreciated.

Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday

Thursday – April 1st at 6:00pm

On **Maundy Thursday, April 1st**, we will celebrate a Passover Seder Meal. This is patterned after the Passover Meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the first Maundy Thursday. The meal includes symbolic foods which relate to the Passover story. Because so much planning and preparation are required for the Seder meal, **you will have to sign up by Sunday, March 28th**. Only 100 people can be accommodated. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the Seder meal. The Passover Seder will start at 6:00pm on April 1. There will be no other worship service that night. If you desire to attend, please sign up on a sheet in the narthex or call the church office at 342-4844.

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**.

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.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * **Breakfast Bible Study - Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study - Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00am**
- * **Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Thursday, March 18th at 6:00pm**

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND ANOINTING

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.

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.

LENT DEVOTION BOOKLET – *From the Mount of Transfiguration to Mount Calvary* is available in the narthex. Take one home for devotions during this Lenten season.

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 **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.

WANTED - USED INK CARTRIDGES! To earn store credit to buy school supplies, we are collecting ALL TYPES of used computer ink cartridges to take to Staples. We can get \$3.00 store credit for EACH cartridge collected and turned in. Store credit will be used to purchase school supplies to fill SCHOOL BAGS this Fall. Please put ink cartridges in a SEALED PLASTIC BAGGY and place in the box in the narthex. THANK YOU! Questions? See Jean Harsch.

HAPPENING AT GRACE - On April 9, Friday, 6:45pm - 8:30pm, LIFE School is doing a fund raising event here at Grace Lutheran Church. It is an evening of gospel songs song by Mr. David Lomond. David is a high gifted singer who has performed in Branson, Las Vegas and many other locations. If you enjoy that rich Southern gospel sound, you need to join us. Tickets are only \$10. John Stoecker will have the tickets at the coffee hour. Or, call him 541.343.8383.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

March 21 – “A Big Loser” (Philippians 3:8) Coming soon!

March 28 – TBA

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.

Hospice of Sacred Heart is looking for caring men and women who are interested in providing practical help and emotional assistance to patients and families dealing with a terminal illness, both in the home setting and in care facilities. An informational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 16th from 1:00-3:00pm** at the Home Health office, 1121 Fairfield Ave., Eugene. Classes for patient care volunteers will be held during the fourth and fifth weeks of April and the first week of May. To register for the March 16th meeting with no obligation or for more information, please call Victoria Spear at 541-242-8755 or email at vspear@peacehealth.org.

GRACE YOUTH NEWS

EASTER BREAKFAST is Sunday, April 4th. The youth will be serving the breakfast from 7:30 – 9:00am. We will have ham and cheese strata, scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Please help the Youth by giving food, beverage or cash donations. The breakfast is a fund-raiser for the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2010.

Youth Group Fundraiser at Papa’s Pizza – will be on March 31st. Bring the flyer (found in your mailbox in the narthex) to Papa’s Pizza on March 31st and our Youth group will receive 50% of the value of the food you purchase. Buy a pizza, buffet, soup or salad, breadsticks or appetizer and Papa’s will donate 50% of your order back to our organization. You can even buy Fundraiser Bucks for another time and we will donate 25%! Thank you for your support!

CAMP LUTHERWOOD MINISTRIES

Registration is now open for 2010 Summer Camps! You can register online or fill out a Registration Form and mail it in. The summer brochures will be mailed soon! Some highlights for the summer include High School service and adventure weeks, two Family Camp weekends, and plan on some great action at the Women’s Retreat in August. There are weeks for ALL ages planned plus Day Camp teams gearing up to serve our congregations throughout Oregon and Washington. Check out the Camp Lutherwood website at www.lutherwood.org for more information and to register for camp TODAY!

Also there are still some Summer Staff opportunities. They are close to having the staff in place but there is still a need for a Head Cook for the summer, male counselors, a lifeguard, and site support staff. Submit an application TODAY if you are interested. You can email the camp at office@lutherwood.org or call 541.998.6444.

STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY

Stronghold (Grace's college and young adult small group) **meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm**, for a free dinner and group Bible study. Join our great bunch of young people who love the Lord and are in His Word together! The group recently finished studying the Parables of Jesus. They are now studying the Old Testament book of Job. The group is led by Jeff Bolinger, a senior architecture student. Questions or for more information, contact Jeff at bolinger@uoregon.edu. Stronghold will NOT meet on March 25 (spring break) or on April 1 (Maundy Thursday).

Many thanks to all the loving Grace people who provide delicious home-cooked meals for our Stronghold group! Our students are humbled and impressed with your support and care. Check the sign-up sheet on the small table near the church mailboxes for weeks still available for dinner hosts. God's blessings, Paula Walker.

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.



ELVIS IS ENTERING THE BUILDING!!!

Friday – April 9th

The Gospel Elvis, David Lomond is coming to
LIFE! Lutheran School!

- Can “Elvis” do gospel? Yes! Come and See.
- Is he good? Yes! Award winning and crowd pleasing.
- Is he Christian? Yes, and a pastor to boot!
- What’s it cost? Only \$10 a seat.

This concert will be gospel music and Christian humor and testimony.
This is a great opportunity to invite a friend for entertainment and The Gospel!

MEMBERS OF GRACE – Thank you for all of your prayers while we, the Cascade Medical Team, were on our medical mission to Guatemala. In the future we will have a program about the trip. Below is an email from our leaders Robert and Tamra Orlando with the information of what we accomplished while in Guatemala.

Jody Johnson

Hello Team 2010,

WOW! You all did such a fantastic job! Robert and I came home feeling fulfilled and satisfied with the work we accomplished this year. Thank you for giving your ALL! We hope the transformations you witnessed and experienced will last a lifetime.

Here are the statistics for 2010:

Construction:

50 ONIL 2-stove combos

50 ONIL Water filtration systems

50 Solar Flashlights

1 School: 1 Institutional ONIL Stove and 2 Water Filters

Besides school supplies and funding a widow's business opportunity

Kitchen:

2,250 meals

Comadrona (midwives) Project:

20 "kits" and 2 days teaching to 20 comadronas in 2 different communities

Triage: 1,473 patients

Clinic and Outreach: 1,199 patients

Eye Team: Exams - 276

Surgeries - 35

Surgeries: Total 95

General- 46

Plastic - 35

OB/GYN - 10

Dental – 4

Dental: Patients - 277

Teeth extractions - 500

Total patients treated: 1810!!!

Changing Lives together,
Robert and Tamra Orlando

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