

GRACE LUTHERAN WEEKLY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

- Today:** **COMPASSION SUNDAY**
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Pastor's Bible Study – 8:45am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 9:00am
Worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Special Call Committee Meeting – Room #5 – after Worship service
Acolyte Training – 11:30am
Confirmation – 4:00pm
Can/Bottle Refund – Youth Fundraiser
- Monday:** Call Committee Meeting – **5:45pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Worship Committee – 6:00pm
Youth Board – 6:00pm
Parish Planning Council – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
New Member Class – 7:00 to 8:30pm
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** (Oregon Tuba Ensemble – 7:00pm)
- Friday:** LIFE School Grandparent Day/Lunch
Wedding Rehearsal – 6:00pm
- Saturday:** (E.A.R.S. – 10:00am)
Blade/Niblett Wedding – 1:00pm
- Next Sunday:** **MITE BOX SUNDAY**
Pastor's Bible Study – 8:45am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
Service of Prayer and Anointing – 11:15am
Confirmation – 4:00pm
Can/Bottle Refund – Youth Fundraiser

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



- + Jovita Hunt, Ralph & Alice Boring, Al Prigge, Margie Murphree, Bob Sylwester (at Good Samaritan Rehab), Judy Rust, Corenne Jackson, Anita Colcord, Jack York, Johnny Fuller (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)
- + Shut-ins: Jeannine Brauner, Walter & Mary Krumdieck, Frances Bradshaw, Ann Porisch, Margie Murphree, Dorothy Beikman, Evelyn Moore, Anita Colcord, Jack York
- + **Our Sympathy** to the family of Elizabeth Youngquist, who died on April 8, 2010. A Service was held for Elizabeth on April 14. Keep the family in your prayers.
- + **Our Sympathy** to Fred Thomsen on the death of his wife, Kathleen Thomsen who died on April 12th. A memorial service will be held for Kathleen on Tuesday, April 20th at 11:00am here at Grace. Please remember Fred in your prayers.
- + **Our Sympathy** to Carole Davis and family on the death of her mother, Marge Hunt, who passed away on April 15th, the day after her 96th birthday. Please remember the Davis family in your prayers.

ACOLYTE TRAINING – TODAY, April 18th at 11:30am. Anyone interested in serving as an acolyte is requested to attend this training session. Pastor Joel and Michael Gauche will be doing this training.

TODAY IS COMPASSION SUNDAY. This is a one day event that reminds us of the needs of the world's most desperate children. God can use us to reach out and make a difference. For just \$38.00 a month you and your family can sponsor a child. If you have young children it would be a wonderful opportunity for them. You can correspond with this child and receive regular letters from them bringing you up-to-date with what is happening in their life. The Board of Education asks that you prayerfully consider coming along side a child that needs your help desperately. You can make a difference by changing the world one child at a time. Children's packets will be available April 18th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, April 18 – 4:00-5:30pm -- The Lord's Prayer I
 Sunday, April 25 – 4:00-5:30pm -- The Lord's Prayer II
 Sunday, May 2 – 4:00-5:30pm -- The Sacraments: Baptism
 Saturday, May 8 (note day change) 4:00-5:30pm -- The Sacraments: Holy Communion
 Saturday, May 15 – 4:00-5:30pm -- meet to practice sharing essays "This is my Christian Faith"
 Sunday, May 16 - 9:00am: Presentation of Essays during Sunday School hour in church
 Sunday, May 23 - 10:00am Feast of Pentecost with Rite of Confirmation

NEW MEMBER CLASS... We invite all those who wish to become communicant members of Grace Lutheran Church to attend this "Pastor's Class". Anyone who wishes to brush up on the Lutheran tradition and our Christian faith is also invited to attend.

The classes will be held: Wednesday, April 21 – 7:00 to 8:30pm
 Wednesday, April 28 - 7:00 to 8:30pm
 Wednesday, May 5 – 7:00 to 8:30pm
 Wednesday, May 12 – 7:00 to 8:30pm
 Wednesday, May 19 – 7:00 to 8:30pm
 Wednesday, May 26 – 7:00 to 8:30pm

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.

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

- * **Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00pm**
- * **Breakfast Bible Study – Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30am**
- * **Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 21st at 10:00am**

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 **May newsletter is TODAY!** Please submit your articles to the church office.

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

Bill and Judy Blade would like to invite the congregation to the marriage of their daughter Anna Elizabeth to Cristopher Bryan Niblett on Saturday, April 24th at 1:00pm, here at Grace. Please let us know if you will be attending the reception at the Hilton. Thank you. Bill and Judy

VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday – May 16th after the worship service

Agenda

- * Vote for new Board Chairpersons
- * Vote for new Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director
- * Report from the Call Committee



Red Hat Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 1st at 2:00pm

Grace Parish Hall

All mothers, daughters, grandmothers, friends are invited to attend this special event.

Be sure to mark you calendar and plan to attend!

GRACE YOUTH NEWS

CAN/BOTTLE RETURN FUNDRAISER – TODAY! – Please bring in your cans and bottles to be returned for refunds. Bring to the church – the Youth will take care of returning them.

EVENTS HAPPENING IN MAY

YOUTH OMSI TRIP – All youth are invited to go on the OMSI Trip (featuring a space exhibit) on **Saturday, May 1st**. We will take the church van and leave the church parking lot at 8:00am and return at 5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00/per child. Bring a sack lunch. Any questions, contact Rob Wiesert at 541.915.7070.

NEW ORLEANS PARENT/YOUTH MEETING on **Saturday, May 8th at 5:30pm** (immediately after the Confirmation class). Dinner will be provided.



JOIN US FOR “AN EVENING IN NEW ORLEANS”

Saturday – May 15th at 6:00pm

**Grace Lutheran Church
corner of 18th and Hilyard in Eugene**

Sponsored by the Youth Group.

Proceeds to benefit the Grace Lutheran Church youth group to attend the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Featuring an exquisite New Orleans dinner with the finest Jazz music in town.

**Special Guest Musicians – “Oregon’s premiere Jazzman” Paul J. Biondi ,
with Mark Hazzard and Gus Russell performing
“Dueling Pianos, New Orleans and Boogey Woogey Style”.**

Advanced Ticket Prices - \$10 per person or \$25 for a family

Tickets at the door - \$15 per person

Tickets are available after church, or by contacting Jamie at 541.342.8095

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 are now available online. 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! Registrations forms are on the Youth board in the narthex!**

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The **New April-June** 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 **2010 Flower Chart** is located by the mailboxes in the narthex. There are still some Sunday’s available for this year! 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 sale 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.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

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

Rev. Ken Klaus delivers the messages.

April 25 – “The Great Multitude” In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John described a vision of the end times. He saw a great multitude of people from every tribe and nation, redeemed by Christ and robed in His perfect righteousness. Are you part of that gathering? Our guest speaker is Rev. Nilo Figur, Lutheran Hour Ministries’ area counselor for Latin American and the Caribbean.

May 2 – “And Who Else?” (Revelation 21: 4-7) Mark Twain’s cynicism and doubt undermined his wife’s Christian faith. The world may laugh at the Savior but He is still the only One who can wipe away every tear and make all things new.

May 9 – “Judging” (John 5: 1-9) Judge not? In truth, Christian parents are obligated to teach their children how to judge right from wrong, and to discern what is true from what is false.

May 16 – “A Word of Warning” (Revelation 22:7-11) Are you ready for the day of Jesus’ return? He has promised it and it will happen. Will you be ready?

May 23 – “The Right Name” (Acts 2:21) Antique appraisers know that an object associated with a big name is worth considerably more at auction. Being connected to the right Person is incredibly important when it comes to our eternal salvation.

May 30 – “The Hall of Heroes” (2 Samuel 23:8) Guest Speaker: Chaplain Mark Steiner All the heroes of faith had something in common: they were sinners and they knew it. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they repented and trusted in God’s promise of forgiveness through Christ.

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.

STRONGHOLD – CAMPUS MINISTRY

STRONGHOLD (college and young adult small group) is now meeting on **TUESDAY evenings during spring term at 6:00pm for dinner and Bible study.**

College age folks: If you haven’t been coming to Stronghold, consider joining the group spring term. It’s a great way to meet some new friends and grow in the Word of God with other Christian young people. The group will be studying individual heroes of the Bible and how their lives relate to or impact us. Questions or for more information, contact Jeff at bolinger@uoregon.edu.

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.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010... LIFE! Lutheran School has designated one day during which we wish to emphasize in a beautiful way that we treasure the children in our family, in our church, and in our school. If you would like to be a “grandparent for the day”, please see Reuben Leapaltd. The day will begin with registration at 10:00 followed by a chapel service at 10:30. Room visitations will follow the chapel service. We will honor you with a lunch at noon--no charge unless you wish to make a free-will contribution. A short period of entertainment will follow the lunch. All activities will close at 1:30.

GOOGLE US! GOOGLE LIFE! It is very important to the future of our school that we maintain accessibility on the web. We have moved our school up to page one when anyone googles “christian school eugene”. Please help us maintain visibility. If every web-active family would google “christian school eugene” DAILY and then select LIFE Lutheran SCHOOL, we can maintain prominent listing and be able to attract more families! Thank you for your partnership!

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Sunday – April 25th at 2:00pm

**At LIFE School/Grace Lutheran Church
(corner of 18th and Hilyard in Eugene)**

All parents of LIFE School and members of the association churches of Grace, Messiah, Hope, and Pleasant Hill Lutheran Churches are invited and encouraged to attend! Refreshments will be served.

WHEN IS IT TIME TO GIVE UP THE KEYS? When should a person with memory loss stop driving? A panel of local experts will offer the caregiver and family the necessary tools to address safety issues associated with driving, warning signs, ways to positively communicate safety concerns, solutions for alternative transportation, and shared decision making about when it is time to give up the keys.

When: Thursday, April 29, 2010

Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm

Cost: Free – Donations welcomes

Location: Campbell Senior Center - 155 High Street in Eugene

Refreshments will be served. For more information please call: 541.348.8392

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Association, Oregon Chapter-Eugene Office – 1238 Lincoln Street, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541.345.8392 www.alz.org/oregon

Harvest House Video Productions invites you to join them at an upcoming video production. They are bringing five authors to record studies for their DVD curriculum product line. They need people to be guests and sit in a live studio audience. The authors and studies include:

Saturday, May 1st – *A Woman's Passionate Pursuit of God* with Karol Ladd. Karol is the bestselling author of *The Power of a Positive Mom* and *The Power of a Positive Woman*.

Tuesday, May 4th – *What Happens When Women Say Yes To God* with Lysa TerKeurst. Lysa is the president of Proverbs 31 Ministries.

Thursday, May 6th – Join bestselling author Michelle McKinney Hammond as she leads a new women's Bible study, *God's Healing for Your Broken Places*.

Saturday, May 8th – Josh and Sean McDowell will be presenting material from their new book *The Unshakable Truth*.

Tuesday, May 11th – *God, I'm Ready To Walk In Faith* with former Women of Faith core speaker Thelma Wells.

All of our video productions will begin at 8:30am and will conclude at 4:30pm. Harvest House will provide lunch for all audience members. Once released all audience members will receive a free copy of the book and DVD as our gift for attending. If you are a part of a Bible study group we would be delighted for them to join us. We are currently reserving spots for both individuals and Bible study groups.

Please send all RVSP's to cheryl.reichenberger@harvesthousepublishers.com. Once you RSVP we send you specific information for each taping. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more tapings in May. If you have any questions, please call 1-877-307-0663.

2 Events to recognize our country's Armed Forces!!!!

(see next two pages)

OREGON FOOTBALL SPRING GAME TO ENCOMPASS ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE

The University of Oregon's final spring football scrimmage also will serve to recognize and offer support for the country's armed forces and auxiliary organization, according to an announcement by the Ducks' head coach Chip Kelly. The annual Spring Game presented by Bi-Mart, which culminates the Ducks' off-season drills, will begin at 2pm on Saturday, May 1st in Autzen Stadium and is scheduled to be televised nationally on ESPN2.

The "Support Our Troops and Families" tribute will include a four-hour Fan Fest in the Moshofsky Center prior to the final intrasquad scrimmage, as well as representation from branches of the nation's armed services, the Oregon National Guard, the Coast Guard, the American Red Cross and various veterans' organization.

All Oregon players will wear specially designed jerseys for the occasion which will be given to the troops immediately following the game, while Nike also will donate 5,000 t-shirts, with all proceeds from the sales forwarded to families of deployed troops and returning veterans.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to not only pay our respects for the sacrifices men and women around the country make every day and are often taken for granted but also allow our players to put some of their priorities into perspective," Kelly said.

Admission to the Spring Game again will be a request of three non-perishable food items, which will be donated to Food for Lane County. Last year, the final spring scrimmage generated more than 22,000 pounds of food for the local food bank. Parking in the east Autzen Stadium lots will be \$5 per automobile, with the Ducks' Sports Shuttles also operating from selected location.

The indoor Fanfest, which begins at 10 a.m., will include interactive games, live entertainment, a food court as well as provide educational booths and an outreach for veteran service organizations and military personnel.

Much of the pregame festivities include participation from the armed services, including a joint service color guard and ceremonies to honor the men and women from the state and their families, who have sacrificed their lives overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Healing Wounded Hearts

**Christ-Centered Solutions for Combat Trauma
Training based on the Bridges to Healing Seminar
Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Eugene**

Learn how you can be a "Bridge To Healing" for a veteran by providing spiritual care for Combat Trauma, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Date: Saturday – May 8, 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**Place: First Baptist Church of Eugene – Gym
3550 Fox Meadow Rd.
Eugene, OR 97408 (541) 345-0341**

Cost: \$25 (at the door): includes lunch, seminar notes, and your choice of either The Combat Trauma Healing Manual or When War Comes Home Save \$5 by registering before May 3rd.

FREE CHILDCARE! (must pre-register)

**Please Register Online Today! eugene-bth.eventbrite.com
Or contact Military Ministry office: (541) 345-3458 or if outside Eugene area,
Toll-free 1-866-625-3347**

Facts About Our Returning Troops:

- * 2700 Oregon National Guard troops (approx. 400 from Lane County) are returning from Iraq (OIF) or Afghanistan (OEF) in May and June of this year.
- * For some of these troops, it was their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th deployment.
- * Since 2001, more than 11,000 Oregon troops have been sent to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- * 35% of OIF/OEF veterans report mental health issues; 50% of those meet the criteria for PTSD.
- * Divorce rates for OIF/OEF vets are 2-3 times the norm for military families.
- * Nationally, veterans are more than twice as likely to commit suicide as the non-veteran population.
- * In Oregon and Washington, veterans are five times as likely to commit suicide.
- * Since the war in Iraq and Afghanistan began, an equal number of Oregon National Guardsmen and Reservists have committed suicide as died in combat.