

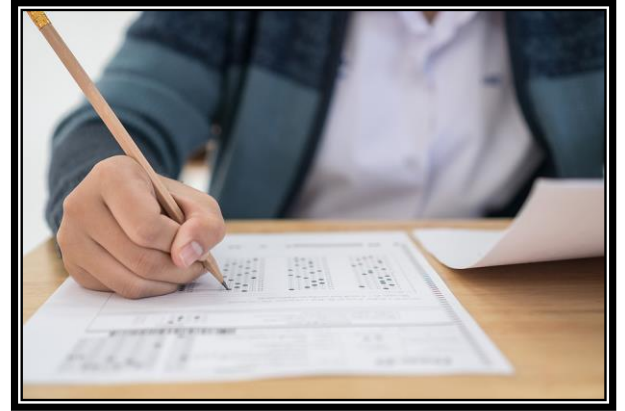
The Means of Grace

June 16, 2024



It's important to know your worth. No, not financially. Not our net worth. Your WORTH. What your worth a human being?

This lesson struck me this past week when I listened to an interview with a man who, as a teenager, was failing high school in every conceivable way. He was bullied, socially awkward, friendless, and failing all his classes. Everywhere he turned, he felt worthless.



At the end of his junior year, he, like everyone else, took the SAT. He didn't expect anything special. To his surprise, he scored a 1480 out of 1600, placing him in the top 1% of high school students in the country. He, his parents, and his school were stunned. Realizing that he was smart, he decided to start attending his classes in his senior year. He graduated, went to college, and eventually became a massively successful magazine entrepreneur.

Twelve years later, after all his success, he received a certified letter in the mail. It turned out that the year he took the SAT, he was one of 13 people sent the wrong score. His actual score was 740. Reflecting on this, he said, "People think my whole life changed when I got the 1480. But what really happened was my whole life changed *when I stopped believing I was a 740 and started acting like a 1480*. And what does a 1480 do? He goes to class. What I do in the present, not how I feel about my past, is going to determine who I am in the future."

The world, and the devil, want you to believe you're a 740. But God wants you to know you're a 1480! What does the enemy know and believe about you that he doesn't want you to know or believe? Understand your worth to God!

And why did God make you different from every other person who's ever lived? Why did he go to all that trouble to make you uniquely you? From your fingerprints to the iris in your eye to your soul (your inmost being) that makes you you. Why did he make you so wonderfully complex? *Because he wants you to know how much you matter to him and how uniquely special you are to him!* There is no one else like you... and that means you are *irreplaceable* to him.

Think about that. *God can't replace you!* And because he can't replace you he will go to the greatest lengths necessary to save you... because he is your special child! No price was too high, no sacrifice was too great for God to save his children. He *redeemed* us by paying the price for all sin on the cross. He *saved* us by giving us credit for the perfect life that Jesus lived. He *assured* us of our salvation by rising again on the 3rd day and defeating death. He *enlightened* us when he brought us to faith threw his arms around us and kiss us at baptism. That's how much you are worth as a child of God!

Sunday **June 16, 2024-Pentecost 4**
Happy Father's Day
Flowers: **Hartwig's 48th Wedding Anniversary**
9:30 AM WORSHIP
10:30 AM FELLOWSHIP
1:00 PM Hops Game

Monday **June 17, 2024**

Tuesday **June 18, 2024**

Wednesday **June 19, 2024**

Thursday **June 20, 2024**

Friday **June 21, 2024**

Afternoon Member Visits

Saturday **June 22, 2024**

10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study Group @ GLS**

Sermon Preparation

Sunday **June 23, 2024-HOLY COMMUNION- Pentecost 5**

Comm. Prep. **Gillespie**

Flowers: **Dan & Sara Hehr's 59th Wedding Anniversary**

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM FELLOWSHIP

Prayers for our Graduates!

Please let Pastor Bitter know if you have a graduate (grade school, high school, college, etc...) whom you would like recognized and for us to lift up in prayer.

Eighth grade graduates: Ric Luplow, Lilly Glasheen, Mason Meacham, Emma Larson, Sophia Sali, Daniel Kosmyna.

High School: Rebekah Bitter, Keith Garner, Aaliyah Depper

College: Olivia Baker, Deona Muehe

Family of Angel Camacho. Danica (Tyler) Bitter's sister, Angel Camacho, died in a motorcycle accident in Portland this past week. Her daughter Mona had recently been enrolled in our preschool for next year. Please keep Mona, and the family and friends of Angel in your prayers.

Norma France, Jaden Bitter's Grandmother, had triple bypass surgery this past week. We thank our gracious God for successful surgery and ask for quick healing and full recovery.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Grace Church is scheduled for Sunday, June 23 following worship. At this meeting we will simply open the meeting and adjourn until JULY 14. Circumstances require moving the meeting date however our constitution requires opening the meeting in June. Please make plans to attend this extremely important meeting as we present and ask for approval of the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. At this meeting we will also have elections as necessary and reports on areas of ministry with opportunity for questions and discussion.



What's Happening @Grace

Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks

THANK YOU to Cathie Gillespie and Virginia Peterson who have been so faithful in providing all the goodness we enjoy after worship! During the summer we will all have the opportunity to sign up and host a Sunday. Please consider being a host for our fellowship hour. If you have questions on hosting please speak to Cathie or Virginia.



Mowing! – The grass needs to be cut every week!

THANK YOU to Roger Schrab for faithfully maintaining the grounds at Grace Church and making it beautiful! Please consider signing up and helping him with summer lawn care. The lawn at church needs you... can you sign up for a weekend to cut?



Weekly Cleaning! – The church needs cleaning every week!



Please consider signing up for spring and summer church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help! **THANK YOU** to those who have been so faithful in cleaning the Lord's house and making it ready for worship!

Altar Flowers – Every week!

Please consider signing up for bringing altar flowers for our Sunday Worship. **We need flowers every week!** Signup sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall on the north facing wall.



PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP. WE NEED YOU



Grace Church Financial Update



“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

– John 15

We are One Together in ministry. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches and connected to him we will produce much! In fact, connected to Him all things are possible!

The approved budget: Our Grace budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is set at **\$490,000** which calls for weekly gifts of **\$9423**. Last week’s gifts totaled **\$4099.50**

Year to date: As of last week, the total amount of gifts we should have reached is **\$461,730**. Praise God, at week 50, the amount in gifts we have received for the Lord's ministry is **\$503,493**.

Currently, due to special gifts, we are **\$47,087** ahead of the amount budgeted.

We are grateful for the gifts of love that God’s people have brought! This past week in addition to our weekly gifts several members have approached our leadership at Grace and have committed to make gifts to the Lord that will cover the shortfall and address some of our additional expenses! We praise God for moving the hearts of his people to express their love for Christ in such a generous manner!

Weekly Gifts: It’s important to note that while our budget shortfall will be covered we still have an approved budget which requires **weekly gifts of \$9423**. We pray that every member at Grace is moved by their love for the Lord to give as generously and faithfully as He has enabled each to do. The Apostle Paul encouraged the church with these words **“Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work... You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. (1 Corinthians 9:7-8,11)**

Grace Ministry has been blessed with many financial miracles for many years. God is good! We pray that God's children will give generously and joyfully according to His will. We are One Together in ministry.

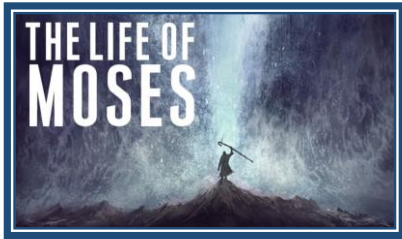
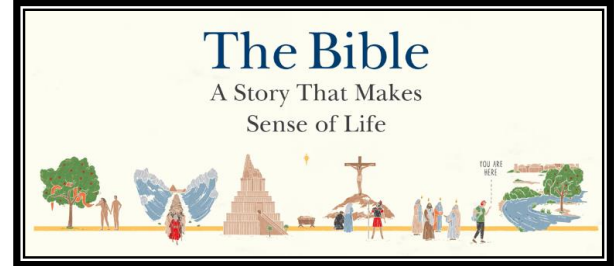


Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

Sundays at 11:00 AM-Paused until July

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class and Sunday for every age! Following worship each Sunday we will continue to offer our refreshments & fellowship with Bible Study for the whole family!



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM -Paused for Summer

Please plan on joining us on Wednesdays by clicking on to our Google Meet study. This fall we will begin a new study on the story of Moses. Join us as we discover the ways that God graciously equips us to bless others.

Saturdays at 9:00 AM

On break until next fall. 5-8th graders are welcome to join the class in September.



Men's Bible Study

Men's breakfast and bible study! Bring your sons! Once a month we will plan to meet again for bible study and breakfast at 8:00 AM at the SCHOOL! Please let Pastor Bitter know if you'd be interested in attending or helping organize.

Women's Bible Study

Childcare will be provided. Come spend some time in God's Word together! JUNE 22nd at Grace School at 10:00 AM.



Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank: May-June 2024

The staff at Mainspring want to express their appreciation for our congregation's ongoing support of the foodbank. In April we donated 31 lbs. of food and 4 lbs. of clothing.

For May & June, please continue to donate basic food items, focusing on:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned protein (tuna, chicken, & beef)

As we enter the summer months, socks (new or nearly new, all sizes) are appreciated. Mainspring is also grateful for hygiene items (toothpaste & toothbrushes that are new and never used please). Any type of camping equipment is also appreciated.

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by the end of June. There are baskets in the fellowship hall to place your food donations as well as clothing items. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Leann Breza, (360) 921-6673.

Mainspring Foodbank most-needed foods: (please no expired items or opened packages):

- Canned proteins like tuna, chili, salmon, ham
- Soup
- Rice
- Cooking oil
- Peanut butter
- Cup of noodles
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta (all varieties)
- Pasta sauce
- Instant oatmeal
- Instant potatoes
- Shelf stable milk
- Juice
- Condiments
- Fruit snacks
- Crackers
- Sugar free snacks
- Snacks for highschoolers



GRACE SCHOOL RESTORATION & REPAIR

PAINTING! ROOF! CARPET! FLOORING! CABINETS!

Many thanks to everyone who has commitment time and talents and money to help us begin to restore the school following the water pipe break this winter. *Thanks to the Tanner family, Ed Gillespie and all our volunteers!*



FOR THE OREGON CIRCUIT!



Hillsboro Hops WELS Day

June 16th, 1:00 PM. Please register at

<https://hopeintigard.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2279558>

Oregon Circuit Family Gathering! Saturday, August 10 at Grace School

Picnic! Music! Entertainment! Games! Family fun for everyone! A gathering for the whole circuit. We would like to gather as many musicians from our circuit as possible. Every instrument is welcome!



Calling All Musicians!

Who?

For musicians, I will work hard to make sure that everyone who wants to play is able to, but perhaps I'll suggest that only those who are past a beginner's level should sign up. Remember that the voice is a wonderful instrument as well!

Where?

Our first get-together as musicians will be June 20th at 6pm at Hope- 12559 SW Main Street, Tigard. Hope will provide dinner for everyone!



Why?

We'd like to gather all our musicians to prepare for our circuit gathering on August 10!

How?

To make this easier, I created a little form for any prospective musicians who would like to participate. <https://hopeintigard.churchcenter.com/people/forms/753633>

This will help us gather some information and help me plan ahead- and will also allow the musicians to have access to our database of sheet music.

CANYONVIEW SILVERTON IS BACK... OREGON BIBLE CAMP!



Lutheran Bible Camp returns to beautiful Camp Canyonview in Silverton June 23-28. This is a wonderful opportunity for children going into grade 4-12 to make new Christian friends and spend time with old ones. Daily devotions, Bible studies, and the example of Christian adults will help feed and nurture the faith. Crafts, outdoor skills, sports, swimming, and other activities from the crazed mind of Pastor Tembreull provide fun for everyone and opportunities to build friendship and teamwork. Registration is online at <https://trinityeugene.org/bible-camp-registration>

If you have any questions call or email Pastor Tembreull at: pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 541.231.6189. You can also follow Lutheran Bible Camp-Oregon on Facebook.

Camp Opportunity - Counselor: The Lord has been blessing Lutheran Bible Camp since we restarted two years ago. Many children have already been registered for camp and we are looking forward to some new faces. This means we have an opportunity to extend the invitation for a few more counselors for the week of June 23-28. If you are interested in serving our Oregon churches in this way, please contact Pastor Luke Tembreull: pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 5412316189.

What's the cost? – PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A SPONSOR!

Door Offering for Sundays in June

- \$335 per camper registration. Lodging, all meals, snacks, activities, crafts all included. **We will be doing fundraising and asking for people to sponsor campers, which will hopefully greatly reduce or eliminate the cost!**



Registration is open!

Lutheran Bible Camp

June 23-28

Lutheran Bible Camp is for young men and women who will be going into the 4th – 12th grades next school year (fall 2024).

Early Registration: April 21-May20- \$315

Registration: May 21-June 10- \$325

Late Registration: June 11-22- \$335

Registration includes three professionally prepared meals a day, room and board, and camp facilities.

Drop off will be on June 23, from 4:00-5:00PM

Closing Service and pick up June 28: 6:30 PM

Registration is online. You may use the QR code to find the registration site, find it on the Lutheran Bible Camp – Oregon on Facebook page or go to trinityeugene.org/bible-camp-registration. Please like and follow our Facebook page for information and updates.

Questions:

Pastor Luke Tembreull: 5412316189

pastor@corvallislutherans.org

Pastor Mark Swanson: 9206096204

mdws89@gmail.com



Checks can be made out to "Lutheran Bible Camp" and mailed to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2685 NW 13th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

About Lutheran Bible Camp:

This year our theme is: **Safe on the Rock**
As our lives in this world can seem unstable and uncertain, we can always rest secure on the solid rock, our unchanging God.

- Our goal is to encourage young people in their faith, build Christian character, and make Christian friends in a safe environment, while having as much fun as we can manage.
- This camp is overseen by WELS pastors and supervised by pastors, teachers, and members of the Wisconsin Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Oregon and SW Washington.
- All meals are professionally prepared and served buffet or family style so that everyone gets enough to eat. (Special diets will be accommodated with advanced notice.)
- We sleep in cabins divided by age. (The girls will bunk across the river from the boys.) You will bring your own bedding (sleeping bag/pillow) Bathrooms and showers are near all cabins.
- Our primary activity each day will be Bible Study and open discussion. We will also enjoy various crafts and activities. In the afternoon we play sports, swim, and explore the creek. After dinner, the whole camp joins in activities, and the evening ends with a devotion and campfire songs. (Campfire dependent on fire danger.)

Lutheran Bible Camp is run entirely by volunteers; however, facility costs are unavoidable. It is our goal that no one is kept from camp due to costs. If costs are the reason a child cannot attend our camp, please email Pastor [LukeTembreull](mailto:LukeTembreull@beautifulsavior.org) for financial assistance.

Two Summer Conferences To Attend!

WELSWORSHIPCONFERENCE.NET

2024 National Conference

on Worship, Music, and the Arts

Sing a New Song to the Lord
July 30–August 2
 CARTHAGE COLLEGE | KENOSHA, WIS.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 50+ presentations
- Plenary address: "Lutheran Worship: What Now?" by Rev. Jonathan Bauer
- Vendors offering music, art, instruments, and professional services to congregations and individuals
- Concerts and recitals
- Keyboard and choral reading sessions on new repertoire
- Festival Choir (with full orchestra), high school Honor Choir (with full orchestra), and Children's Choir


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 EARLY-BIRD RATE UNTIL APRIL 30
 REGULAR RATE AFTER MAY 1





REGISTRATION RUNS THROUGH MAY 31
 \$150 EARLY-BIRD RATE UNTIL APRIL 30
 \$175 MAY 1-31

REGISTER AND LEARN MORE AT
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WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE
JULY 28-30, 2024
 THE INGLESIDE HOTEL • PEWAUKEE, WIS.


The foundation for the conference is Luke's account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Learn from these early Christians how you too can be emboldened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Word!

WHO IS THIS CONFERENCE FOR?
 Everyone! This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, this conference will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Four inspiring keynotes and a wide variety of breakout
- In-depth spiritual growth sessions
- Uplifting worship and devotions
- Delicious meals, snacks, and refreshments
- Ample opportunities to connect and network
- Ministry displays with helpful resources
- Curated marketplace of WELS women-owned shops
- Northwestern Publishing House bookstore

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF PENTECOST 4, 2024

Sunday Jonah 3:1-3

- Scan the previous two chapters and discuss what Jonah was asked to do and how that turned out.
- What were the instructions God gave Jonah? How did they differ from the first time?
- How did Jonah respond? Describe the city of Nineveh.

Monday Jonah 3:4-6

- We have some of Jonah's message here. What else might he have said? Mark 1:2-3
- How did the Ninevites react to Jonah's message? What did their actions symbolize?
- How does Jonah's message relate to today? Is it still relevant? Explain.

Tuesday Jonah 3:7-10

- How did the King react? What was the King's message to his people?
- What was God's response to the actions of the King and his people? Why?
- Does God react this way to our repentance? Why?

Wednesday Colossians 1:3-6a

- For what does Paul thank God in regard to the Colossians?
- How does Paul describe their faith? How does he see their faith?
- What is responsible for their faith? How does all of this relate to us?

Thursday Colossians 1:6b-8

- Are the Colossians the only ones hearing this Gospel? How widespread is it?
- What was the Gospel doing to the Colossians? Verse 6
- Apply these words to yourself: "bearing fruit and growing" and "God's grace in truth". What does all of this mean to you?











Friday Mark 4:26-29

- Describe the picture from agriculture God describes here?
- What does the seed picture? What is the seed and how is it planted?
- How does this seed of God work in us? Why can't we really answer this?
- What is the harvest produced by God's Word?

Saturday Mark 4:30-34

- What is Jesus' point with these questions?
- Is there a perfect illustration of the Kingdom of God? Explain.
- What is Jesus' point with the mustard seed illustration?
- Apply this to the Bible and the effect it has on us?
- What gives something like the Bible such great power and effectiveness?

Grace June 2024

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