

The Means of Grace



JUNE 19, 2022

FORGET WHAT IS BEHIND

Philippians 3:13-14 - Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The 100 meter. The 400 meter. The 800 meter. The mile. It doesn't matter how long the race is, it's almost impossible to win when you're constantly looking behind you. You cannot effectively run forward while looking backward.

The same is true spiritually. 20 years. 40 years. 60 years. 80 years. It doesn't matter how long your life is, but it's almost impossible to win that race when you're constantly looking behind you. You cannot effectively run forward while looking backward.

So the Apostle Paul gives us some lifetime race advice today.

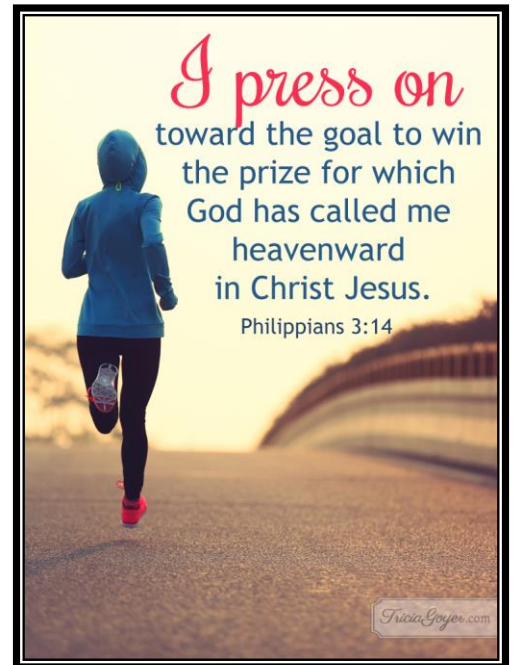
"Forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead!" Don't be distracted by past sins! Don't constantly look behind yourself and worry as if your sins are going to catch up with you one day. Jesus has paid for all of your sins! There is nothing back there to worry about.

The Apostle Paul had some terrible things in his past... persecution, torture and murder. It would have been easy for Paul to worry about his past catching up to him (see Acts 7:54-8:3). Paul knew that to serve God faithfully he had to move beyond that painful part of his life... and the only way to do that was to look to Christ for forgiveness. This is why Paul could say that he forgets what lies behind (murder) and strains toward what is ahead (heaven). If God Himself had forgiven him for Jesus' sake, then Paul could forget, too.

"But my sin is different," you might say. "It is so great, and I did it so often and so deliberately. I don't see how God can forgive me." Well, my friend, your sin is great—and so is mine. But the love of God is greater still, and something no human being can understand. God knows that sometimes we are so overcome with guilt and remorse looking backward that we find it nearly impossible to move forward in forgiveness.

This is why the Bible is filled with reassurances in everyday language that we can understand. Do you remember Psalm 103? David writes, **"As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us"** (Psalm 103:12). You see, God forgives and forgets. Through Isaiah He says, **"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool"** (Isaiah 1:18).

If God throws our sins behind Him, where He can no longer see them, then we should forget about them too. Paul knew this truth very well. He knew that when a penitent soul confesses its guilt to God and seeks pardon in Christ, God assures that soul of complete forgiveness through Christ. That forgiveness then enables us to "strain toward what is ahead" in a race that has already been won for us. Heaven.



THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday June 19, 2022 Pentecost 2/Father's Day

FLOWERS: Karl Werner
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship

Monday -June 20, 2022

Mr. Eternick Conference in WI 18-24

Tuesday June 21, 2022

Pastor out of office

Wednesday June 22, 2022

Pastor out of office

Thursday June 23, 2022

Pastor in office

5:00 PM BIC
6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Study
6:45 PM Elders Meeting

Friday June 24, 2022

Pastor in office

3:30 PM BIC
4:30 PM BIC
Afternoon Visits

Saturday June 25, 2022

9:00 AM Pastor in office
Sermon Preparation

Sunday June 26, 2022-Pentecost 3/HOLY COMMUNION

Flowers: Ruth Werner
Comm. Prep Marilyn Baer
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Annual MTG
4:00 PM Janisch Installation

IN PRAYER



The Stadler Family. In his infinite wisdom, God took home the soul of Todd Stadler on Friday evening of this past week. A Friday, July 1st memorial at 2:00 PM is being planned at Grace Lutheran Church.

Errol Carlson. On Friday morning of this past week the Lord also call home the soul of Errol Carlson. A Wednesday, June 29th, funeral is being planned at Skyline Memorial.

Rae Robertson who continues her recovery from lung cancer surgery.

Olivia Baker who underwent extensive ankle surgery this past week and is recovering at home. We praise God that he granted her successful surgery and we ask God for quick and painless healing.

CANYONVIEW SILVERTON IS BACK!



Yes! We are planning to host our annual bible camp again this year at Camp Canyonview near Silverton on JULY 5-8. Perhaps it more of a “minicamp” but we are excited and hopeful that our area congregations will have strong participation. Please look for opportunities to be involved and much more information in the coming weeks and months.

For who?

- 4th - 12th grades in the fall of 2022

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

Door Offering for Sundays in June

- It's early... but we hope to keep the cost at about \$185 per camper. Lodging, all meals, snacks, activities, crafts all included. **We will be doing fund raising and asking for people to sponsor campers which will hopefully greatly reduce or eliminate the cost!**



How can I register?

- Camp registration will start in the late spring. Pastor Luke Tembruell (Beautiful Savior, Corvallis) and Pastor Mark Swanson (Trinity, Eugene) will be our new camp directors.

What happens after I register?

- Upon receiving your application / registration you will be sent:
 - ✓ a medical form that needs to be completed.
 - ✓ a packing list – things to bring and things not to bring to camp.
 - ✓ directions on how to get to camp.

What should my child plan on at camp?

- Lots of fun. Great food. Great kids and new friends. Bible study! Fun games and activities for everybody. Time for swimming, canoeing, creek showers. A great week!

What if I have more questions?

- Our contact person for Grace is:
Gabby Baker at turtlegb@hotmail.com or by cell phone: 503-403-8231

LAST CHANCE – FOR REGISTRATION

Lutheran Bible Camp

July 5-8

Lutheran Bible Camp is for young men and women who will be going into the 4th – 12th grades next school year (fall 2022).

Late Registration: June 11-24- \$195

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

Drop off will be on July 5, from 9:30AM-11:15AM

Closing Service and pick up July 8: 6:30 PM

Registration is online this year. You may use the QR code to find the registration site or go to Lutheran Bible Camp – Oregon on Facebook for the link. Please like and follow our Facebook page for information and updates.



Questions:

Pastor Luke Tembreull: 5412316189

pastor@corvallislutherans.org

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

At Lutheran Bible Camp:

We play sports, but we are not a sports camp. We do crafts, but we are not a crafting camp.

We have activities, but we are not like other day camps. We sing camp songs, but we are not a singing camp.

Every day starts with a devotion. Every day everyone gets to participate in a Bible Study. Every meal is eaten family style around tables. Every counselor is dedicated to setting a Christian example of virtue and love. We don't allow cell phones (not that you could get service) or other technology, so that all campers can practice their own faith by interacting with one another. We play sports not only because competition is fun and exercise is healthy, but because sports provide opportunities to support one another and work together. We have crafts and standard “camp activities” because, well, camp would be boring without them, but also because Christians don't just worship God by going to Bible studies and church services or by singing hymns. Christians serve God by “doing all things to the glory of God”, by working with our hands and learning new skills, by rejoicing in God's gifts, by making beautiful things, and by enjoying the company of other Christians. We hope that all campers will practice reading God's Word and applying it to their lives. We hope that campers will make and strengthen Christian friendships that last a lifetime. And we hope everyone has fun while they do. We hope your child will join us!

Pastor Luke Tembreull – Camp Director

7 Churches

— of —
Revelation



Ephesus



Smyrna



Pergamos



Thyatira



Sardis



Philadelphia



Laodicea

THURSDAY EVENING THIS WEEK! 6:00 PM

~~Wednesday Evenings at 6PM~~

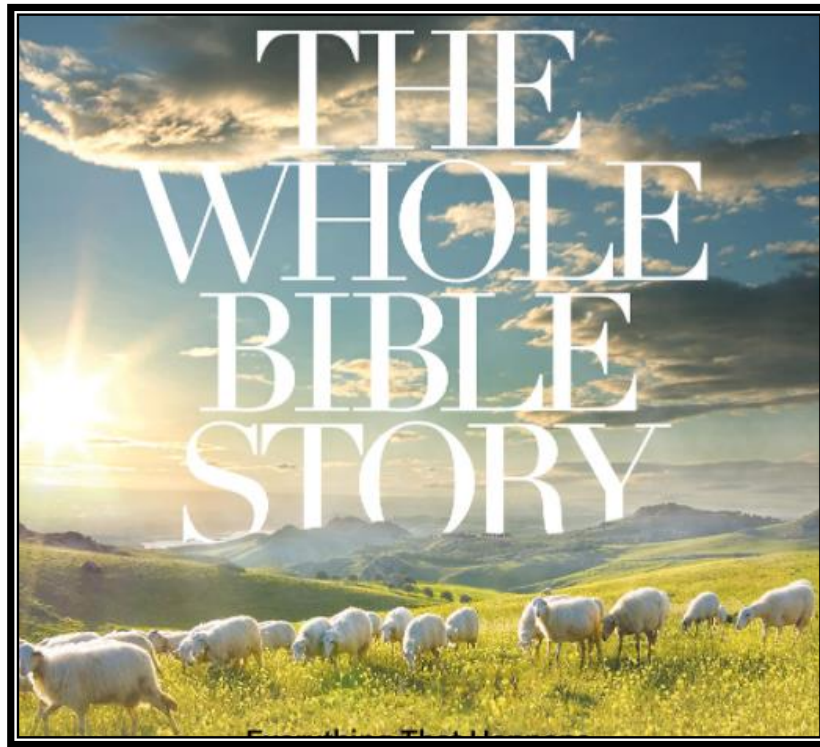
Online via Google Meet

(Invite will be sent via email)

**Come Walk with Us in the
Light of God's Love!**



EPHESUS



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will break for the summer starting June 5 and restart in September.



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Make the Connection

Sunday School will also break for the summer starting June 5 and restart in September.

We will spend some time this summer “rebuilding”
“replanning” and
“revitalizing” our Sunday
School program for the fall.
If you’re interested in helping
please let pastor know!

Be Involved!

MAKE A *difference*

Weekly Mowing!

Please consider signing up for spring and summer lawn care. The lawn at church needs to be cut every week... can you sign up for a weekend to cut.



Weekly Cleaning!

Please consider signing up for summer and fall church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help!

Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks

Fellowship Hour is back! Please consider signing up to host on a Sunday by providing coffee, drinks and food. A signup sheet is in the entryway at church.



PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING FLOWERS!

We are in desperate need of more people to sign up to bring flowers on Sunday mornings to place on our altar.

This is another opportunity to give a gift to the Lord and beautify our sanctuary for worship!

Installation for Pastor Janisch

Pastor Philip Janisch will be installed at Peace, Vancouver on June 26th. The installation will be at 4pm with a dinner to follow. A signup sheet for the dinner will be posted in coming weeks for you to sign up if you wish to attend.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Grace Church is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th following worship. At our 9:30 morning worship service, we will also install our current ministry boards. Please make plans to attend this extremely important meeting as we present and ask for approval of the 2022-2023 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. We will also discuss and vote upon an opportunity to remove the vacant building from our property at school. Please plan to attend!



Jesus Care Ministry - Opportunity

Our Oregon Circuit Congregations are working on an opportunity to serve together each month at the Edwards Center in Aloha, OR. Jesus Cares Ministry serves the developmentally disabled with a simple, loving and wonderful ministry. Each congregation will be asked to provide volunteers in a rotation to help with this important ministry in our area. Please watch for more information!

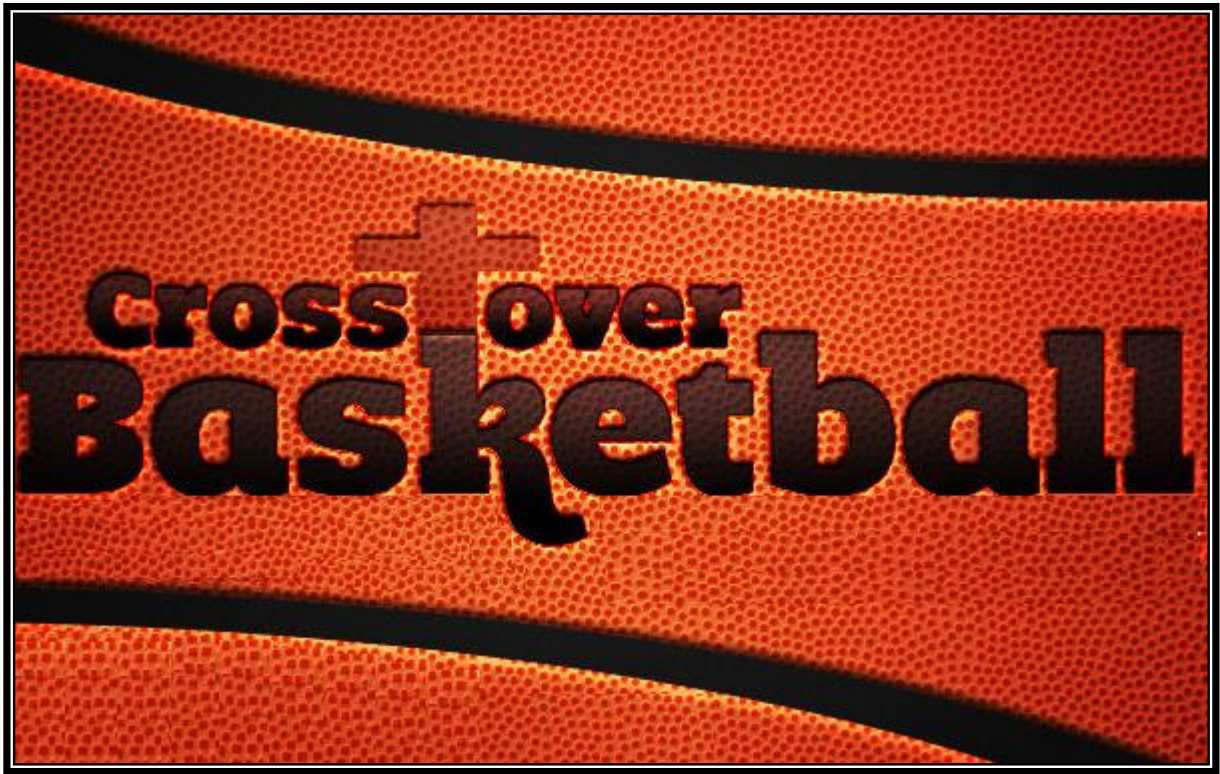
Free Red Hymnals

Since we no longer need all of our red hymnals take as many as you want home with you! The free hymnals are on the bench in the entryway at church!

Free Couch!

Dan & Sara Hehr are offering their couch free to anyone who would like to stop by and pick it up. The couch is 78 inches long and in excellent condition. If you're interested or know someone who might be please contact – call / text Sara at 503-319-5941. Thanks!





We would like to start our “Cross-over” Basketball nights again at our gym at Grace School again.

**Opportunities will be
announced over the summer.**

If you, or a group, would like to help organize, plan and carry out these basketball evenings please contact Pastor Bitter.

All you need to do is come and open the gym!

This event is for adults – high school age or older.

Bringing your friends.

Get some exercise.

Dunk on someone.

Have fun.

Live your faith.



GIRLS SOCCER CAMP

**25-28
JULY**

6PM-8PM

**BOYS & GIRLS
GRADES PRE-K - 8TH**

FREE

ADMISSION

**HELD AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2252 SE 92ND AVE. PORTLAND, OR 97216**

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF PENTECOST 2 2022

Sunday

Deuteronomy 11: 18-25

- Read 11:1-17. What encouragement does God give His people?
- What should they now do with these words of encouragement?
- In addition to applying them to themselves whom else should they teach?
- How often should this instruction take place?
- How does this apply to us today? Ephesians 6:1-4.

Monday

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

- What two things is God setting before Israel? 26
- What is the blessing? What is the curse?
- How will each come to pass? 27-28. What seems to be the stumbling block for Israel? 28
- How does this admonition apply to us? Matthew 7:14-16.
- What does the Matthew passage mean for us?

Tuesday

Romans 3:21-25

- Read 3:19-20. What can the law not do? What has been revealed to do what the law cannot?
- What had promised the Good News? 21
- How alone can the righteousness of God become ours? Define redemption
- Think about the words propitiation, justified and grace. How do all apply?
- What is the obvious message of 23-24? John 3:16.

Wednesday

Romans 3:27-28

- What did God really reveal of himself through His righteousness? 26
- What happens to our boasting? What excludes our boasting? 27
- Explain verse 28. In what alone can we boast? 2 Cor. 12:8-10; Gal. 6:14.

Thursday

Matthew 7:5-20

- What do false prophets look like? What are they really like?
- What do they want to do to us spiritually? Who is the chief false prophet?
- What do the illustrations tell us how we might recognize false prophets?
- What is done to trees and bushes and plants that bear bad fruit or none?
- What is done to false teachers and false believers? Who will do this?
- How does scripture say all of this? John 14:6; Mark 16:16.

Friday

Matthew 7:21-23

- Why might Jesus say to someone who says, Lord, Lord, I don't know you?
- The Pharisees sometimes called Jesus Lord, but what did Jesus call them?
- What is "that day"? What will many try to do on that day?
- What will Jesus say to them on "that Day"? John 8:31; 14; 13.

Saturday

Matthew 7:24-29

- To whom does Jesus compare a person who hears His word, believes it and does it?
- To whom does Jesus compare a person who builds his hopes on false teachings and earthly wisdom?
- What does Jesus call such a person?
- What do people often think of Jesus teachings?
- What word did they use to describe the way he taught?
- Where alone can we find such authoritative teaching? 2 Cor. 2:17; 4:2.

Grace Lutheran Church - June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 MEMORIAL DAY Pastor Kraklow Retirement at Peace at Noon	31 7:00 PM GLS 8th Grade Graduation	1 4:30 PM BIC 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	2 9:30 AM BIC Noon: GLS Staff get together & farewell for Schwartz	3 3:30 AM BIC Member Visits	4 Worship Prep
5 PENTECOST / CONFIRMATION 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	6	7 PNW District Convention at ELHS ↕	8 4:30 PM BIC 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	9 9:30 AM BIC 6:30 PM BOE	10 3:30 AM BIC Member Visits	11 Worship Prep
12 Communion HOLY TRINITY PENTECOST 1 9:30 Worship With Holy Baptism 11:00 Farewell for Schwartz's	13	14 10:00 AM Mary & Martha	15 4:30 PM BIC 3:00 PM Worship Mtg. 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	16 9:30 AM BIC 6:30 PM Council	17 3:30 AM BIC Member Visits	18 Worship Prep Mr. Eternick Conference in WI 18-24
19 FATHER'S DAY PENTECOST 2 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	20	21	22 4:30 PM BIC 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class 6:30 Steering Committee	23 9:30 AM BIC	24 3:30 AM BIC Member Visits	25 Worship Prep
26 Communion PENTECOST 3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM ANNUAL MTG 4:00 PM Janisch Install	27 GLS Staff Meeting	28	29 4:30 PM BIC 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	30 9:30 AM BIC	Notes: July 5-8 is Bible Camp at Camp Canyonview in Silverton	