

The Means of Grace

January 5, 2025



“After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:9-11)”

It's such a lovely picture—the wise men kneeling before little Jesus, offering Him their presents. I wonder what He thought of them? I suspect Mary took the spices away pretty quickly—a toddler could make a huge mess with those in no time. Gold is less messy—and if it was shaped right, I suppose Jesus might chew on it like a teething ring!

We don't know what ultimately happened to the gifts Jesus got. Maybe they supported the young family when they were refugees in Egypt. But we know what happened to the gifts Jesus brought—because those are all the good things He came into this world to give us.

Think of what He gave to us through His life, death, and resurrection: forgiveness, joy, and peace with God. New, clean, loving hearts and minds. Healing for our brokenness. A life that lasts forever.

But the best of all His gifts is Himself. For God gives Himself to us in Jesus, to be our life forever. We will never be alone or lost again. The One who loves us more than anyone will stay with us forever.

Sunday January 5, 2025 – Epiphany

Flowers:

Ushers:

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Fellowship

11:00 AM

Sunday School and Bible Study



Monday January 6, 2025

Tuesday January 7, 2025

Wednesday January 8, 2025

-- Chapel – 8:30AM

-- Grace Girls - Lunch

Thursday January 9, 2025

Friday January 10, 2025

-- Early Release – 11:45AM

-- Staff Meeting – 12:30PM

Saturday January 11, 2025

Sunday January 12, 2025 – Epiphany 1, Baptism of the Lord

Flowers:

Ushers:

Comm. Prep: Bern

9:30 AM

Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 AM

Fellowship

11:00 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class

PRAYERS

~For anyone struggling during the holiday season.

~For those who are sick or feeling unwell, we pray for the Lord's healing.

What's Happening @Grace



Mowing & Church Property

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 lawn care.

Church Weekly 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! You are doing a wonderful job!



Altar Flowers

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.

Usher Sign-Ups

Please consider signing up to be an Usher. Sign up sheets are located by the fellowship hall and entryway door. Currently we have availability through the rest of the year.



Fellowship Hosting Sign Up

Cathie and Virginia have been outstanding doing our fellowship goodies. It is time we, as a congregation, start taking on some of this work so they can have a break. They will continue doing goodies on the first week of the month. Please sign up to take over a week of fellowship goodies! Sign up with a friend or two! There will be a sign up sheet on the board located by the fellowship hall and entryway door. If we don't have anyone signed up, there will be no goodies that week.





Sisters In Christ Bible Study

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 9:30AM for bible study! We will meet at the school.

Hiker's Group Meet-Up

We will be meeting on Saturday, January 18th at 9 am at Hoyt Arboretum Visitor Center:
4000 SW Fairview Blvd., Portland, OR 97221



Parking Information: There is a pay-to-park lot at the Hoyt Arboretum Visitor Center on Fairview Blvd. Parking costs \$2/hour or \$8/day and is enforced from 9:30am to 8pm daily. Meters take credit cards and coins, or use [Parking Kitty](#) App to pay with your phone. Additional parking is also available at trailheads on SW Fischer Ln and SW Fairview Blvd and by the Winter Garden. Please be sure to carefully look for “No Parking” signs along park roads.

Please reach out to Laura or Dan Paschke with any questions! (Laura's Cell# 920-210-7570)

Financial Giving to the Lord at Grace FY24-25

Giving	Sunday	Year	Year To Date	Week Avg
\$ 8,463.00	7/7/2024	Actual	\$ 195,754.82	\$ 7,529.03
\$ 4,841.63	7/14/2024	Budget	\$ 524,524.34	\$ 10,087.01
\$ 3,084.00	7/21/2024	Diff	\$ (66,507.35)	\$ (2,557.98)
\$ 4,079.00	7/28/2024			
\$ 11,698.15	8/4/2024		Weeks Complete	26
\$ 12,975.92	8/11/2024		Weeks Remaining	26
\$ 3,875.00	8/18/2024		Needed per Week to make Budget	\$ 12,644.98
\$ 5,899.00	8/25/2024			
\$ 12,107.42	9/1/2024			
\$ 2,436.00	9/8/2024			
\$ 3,580.00	9/15/2024		Report Date	1/1/2025
\$ 2,919.00	9/22/2024			
\$ 3,566.00	9/29/2024			
\$ 7,583.00	10/6/2024			
\$ 4,074.00	10/13/2024			
\$ 7,714.00	10/20/2024			
\$ 4,584.00	10/27/2024			
\$ 5,960.00	11/3/2024			
\$ 5,382.00	11/10/2024			
\$ 2,257.00	11/17/2024			
\$ 4,402.00	11/24/2024			
\$ 29,058.00	12/1/2024			
\$ 2,438.00	12/8/2024			
\$ 12,940.00	12/15/2024			
\$ 2,828.00	12/22/2024			
\$ 27,010.70	12/29/2024			
\$ -	1/5/2025			
\$ -	1/12/2025	Giving		Sunday
\$ -	1/19/2025	\$ -		4/13/2025
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\$ -	2/2/2025	\$ -		4/27/2025
\$ -	2/9/2025	\$ -		5/4/2025
\$ -	2/16/2025	\$ -		5/11/2025
\$ -	2/23/2025	\$ -		5/18/2025
\$ -	3/2/2025	\$ -		5/25/2025
\$ -	3/9/2025	\$ -		6/1/2025
\$ -	3/16/2025	\$ -		6/8/2025
\$ -	3/23/2025	\$ -		6/15/2025
\$ -	3/30/2025	\$ -		6/22/2025
\$ -	4/6/2025	\$ -		6/29/2025

Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Bring the complete tithe to the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Just test me in this, says the Lord of Armies. See whether I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour down blessing on you, until there is more than enough. Malachi 3:10

Dear Members of Grace,

In God's abounding wisdom and grace, I have received the divine call extended to me to serve as Principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. It is truly a humbling and gracious privilege to deliberate this opportunity to serve our Savior and you, His people, in Portland.

I have already begun to take this to the Lord in prayer and will continue to do so in the coming days and weeks. I will be consulting with a number of individuals throughout the process and want you to know that I welcome your feedback and insight as well.

Please keep my family and me in your prayers as I deliberate, asking that the Holy Spirit would guide me through the process and give me clarity as to where He would have me serve. Be assured that I will be keeping you all, and the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church and School, in my prayers as well.

Your fellow servant of Christ,

Luke Beilke

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Grace Lutheran School January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Christmas Vacation</h2>						
5	6 Classes Resume <i>Piano lessons</i>	7	8 <i>Chapel</i> <i>Pastor Janisch</i> <i>Grace Girls devotion</i> <i>Piano lessons</i>	9	10 Early Release 11:45 dismissal <i>Staff Meeting</i> <i>12:30</i>	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Chapel</i> <i>Mr. Eternick</i>	16	17 2nd Quarter ends	18
Standardized Testing for 3rd through 8th grades						
19	20 No School <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	21 3rd Quarter begins	22 <i>Chapel</i> <i>Pastor Bourman</i> <i>Grace Girls devotion</i> <i>Piano lessons</i>	23	24 Early Release 11:45 dismissal	25
26	27 <i>Piano lessons</i>	28	29 <i>Chapel</i> <i>Pastor Janisch</i> <i>Piano lessons</i>	30	31	

Grace Lutheran Church – Portland, OR

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE -
JOHN 3:16

MILITARY SUPPORT & RESOURCES

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US



GLC Website - <http://www.grace-wels.net/>

GLC Facebook Website - <https://www.facebook.com/GraceWELS/>

Bible Gateway Website: <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

WELS Synod resources for US Military members - <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/military-services/>

Dear Sons, Daughters, and Friends of Grace Lutheran Church in Portland Oregon,

Your church wants you to know how much we love you and appreciate the Service that you give to our loving and merciful gracious savior Jesus Christ and our nation. Our salvation was paid for by Jesus, our freedom is allowed by God, it takes servants of all our U.S. Military branch members to ensure our way of life of freedom. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you!

We would like to be of service to you. Listed above is weblinks to attend GLC worship service both live. The Facebook link will allow you to see our archived services if time doesn't allow for you to join us live. Need access to a bible? See the link to Bible Gateway, we recommend the EHV and NIV versions.



Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank: December 2024

Thank you, Thank you! Your donation for November was 26 pounds of food and 52 pounds of clothing.

As Christmas approaches, Mainspring has some special requests for non-food items such as:

- **New or gently-used toys**
- **Christmas gift wrap/gift bags**
- **Winter coats (new or gently-used, all sizes)**

Christmas toys and gift wrap are needed before December 19th (Thursday). I will deliver those items by the 19th.

Mainspring is also grateful for **hygiene items** (e.g., bath soap, shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste & toothbrushes that are new/never used, please).

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by December 19th. There are baskets in the fellowship hall to place your food donations as well as clothing and hygiene 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

BOARDS & COMMITTEES AT GRACE

Church Council

Juan Garcia – President
Josh Luplow – 1 VP & BOE Chair
Jon Cohrs - 2 VP & Secretary
Larry Glasheen – Ministry CFO
Dan Paschke – GLS Finance
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Education

Josh Luplow – Chair
Dave House
Dan Paschke
Tamm Godish - Preschool
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Elders

Craig Baker – Head Elder
Len Stadler
Josh Luplow
Jacob Meyer



Worship Committee

Marilyn Baer
Sue Hartwig
Melissa Baker
Olivia Baker
Jacob Meyer



Mary & Martha

Sara Hehr – President
Elke Werner – Vice President
Linda Bern – Secretary
Cathie Gillespie - Treasure
Leann Breza – LWMS



Trustees

Ed Gillespie
Matt Ginnow
Kyle Leitzke
Tyler Hafner – GLS Custodian

