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Dose of Grace #39 "Church Family"

1 Timothy 5:8 (EHV)

8But if anyone does not provide for his own family, and especially for his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



**HOUSEHOLD
of FAITH**

Galatians 6:9-10 (EHV)

9Let us not become weary of doing good, because at the appointed time we will reap, if we do not give up. 10So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith.

"Do you have a church home?" or "Does he belong to a church family?" I used to ask these questions to every visitor, neighbor, prospect I met. After experiencing some blank stares, I have changed it up a bit. Home and family are not words that people automatically understand about church. Some people have not had good experiences with their birth family or their childhood home. They are trying to forget or overcome the bad experiences they had with their birth family or childhood home.

The apostle Paul argues for the term family and home. He even uses the argument that unbelievers know what a good home looks like and a good family acts like. His point is that the Christian church is to be the model family, the model home. Adam ruined the family; Christ rebuilds the family.

Is Grace Lutheran Church a household of faith, a family of believers?

My wife didn't like shopping at the Walmart in our town in FL. She would go to another store, drive farther, pay more with less selection because she enjoyed the friendly line at the checkout, friendly fellow shoppers, friendly safe space in the parking lot and the clean environment inside and outside the store. She appreciated and enjoyed the friendly family atmosphere.

Is that your experience at Grace Lutheran Church? People drive farther, talk more, share more, relax more and stay longer because of the family atmosphere?

I dream about having all my family home for the holidays. We have so much fun talking about our lives. The Lord has blessed me with a loving caring family. But when I told another member that, they said, "We can't even spend a few minutes with my family; That's why I told you we couldn't have a funeral at church." Family can be a source of frustration or a source of revitalization.

My role in my family has changed over time, but my sinful nature is always coming along with me into each role - son, brother, father, grandfather. I have said things I regret to my children: "I'm not your friend, I'm your father." I have said things to my grandchildren that I regret like calling the people in tents behind school, "bad guys." Families are not perfect, not even Christian pastor families. But Christian families have Christ. Christ brings forgiveness for the past. Christ brings aspirations to be better for each other.

The perfect church is not on earth. Mission work is messy. The church on earth is not a "museum for saints; but a hospital for sinners." The Christian congregation is constantly aspiring to be better. What is the aspirational atmosphere we are striving to reach & maintain at Grace? The Christian church is a family made up of individuals. Each individual plays a role at creating and maintaining this household of faith at Grace, a family atmosphere. When we read the apostolic letters to congregations we hear repeated encouragement - "love one another, forgive one another, submit to one another, care for each other." Alongside these encouragements, we also hear the repeating command to carry out the mission: "preach the gospel, make disciples, pray, give thanks, collect offerings." Both are part of the Christian Family of Believers.

Don't be defensive. Don't be nostalgic. Be honest with what your ears hear, your eyes see and your nose smells. Does Grace match what we want it to feel like? A household of faith, a family of believers? Caring for each other, forgiving each other, sharing the word of Christ? Try to come to worship as a visitor. What does a visitor, outsider, non-church goer see, notice and hear? Let's aspire to have a Christian family atmosphere. What can you do to be a sister and a brother to set and maintain a Christian family atmosphere at Grace?

Christian Growth

Sunday School Lesson Plan

~~February 8th - Winter #2 - Gen 43-44 - Josephs Kindness To His brothers~~

~~February 15th - Winter #3 - Gen 44-45 - Joseph Forgives His brothers~~

~~February 22nd - Winter #10 - Luke 2:41-52 - The 12 Year Old Jesus~~

March 1st - Winter #11 - Luke 3 - Jesus' Baptism

March 8th - Winter #12 - Luke 4 - Jesus' Temptation

March 15th - Winter #13 - John 2 - Jesus Turns Water into Wine

Adult Bible Study

I encourage everyone to participate in bible studies and bible discussions at Grace. Come and listen to grow in your knowledge and wisdom of God's Word with us. Come and share your experiences as a Christian to be a blessing to your fellow Christian families at Grace. We have two opportunities currently for you to talk with the pastor and your fellow Christians every Sunday:

A. 8:15-9:15 before worship: Famous Chapters (202)

~~February 1st - 2 Thessalonians 2 - The Antichrist~~

~~February 8th - Hebrews 11 - Heroes of Faith~~

~~February 15nd - Revelation 7 - The Church Militant / Triumphant~~

~~February 22nd - Revelation 21 - Our New Home~~

B. 10:50-11:45 after worship: Basic Christianity Class (101)

~~February 1st - Honoring God - 1st-2nd Commandments~~

~~February 8th - Worshipping God - 3rd Commandment~~

~~February 15th - Honoring My Neighbors - 4th & 5th Commandments~~

~~February 22nd - Honoring the Gift of Marriage/ Family - 6th Commandment~~

March 1st - Honoring God's Gifts to Others - 7th & 8th Commandments

March 8th - Source of Evil - 9th & 10th Commandments

March 15th - Grow in Grace - Membership @ Grace

Famous Chapters

(New Testament)

Chapters

- Matthew 5
- Matthew 18
- Acts 1
- Acts 2
- Romans 13
- 2 Thessalonians 2

Theme?

- Sermon on the Mount
- Church Discipline
- Ascension
- Pentecost
- Government
- Antichrist

A thorough
knowledge of the
Bible is worth
more than a
college education.
Theodore Roosevelt

Sundays
Oct-Nov
8:10 AM

New Member Class (Christianity 101)

Sundays 10:45-11:45 (Sept 7th)

Free Bible, Coffee & Donuts!

**Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.**

2 Peter 3:18 (EHV)



What's Happening @ Grace



Mowing & Church Grounds

Please consider signing up and helping with lawn care to make the Lord's house grounds look the best possible.

Contact Juan Garcia to coordinate and for instructions.

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!

Contact Susan Garcia to coordinate and for instructions.



Altar Flowers

Please let me be your guide for all things



FLOWER CHART

Found in the fellowship hall, signing up for flowers not only decorates our altar, but also allows your fellow members to participate in the special occasions you are remembering. Potted tulips, mums, etc. can be used as well as cut flowers. Call, email, or catch me before Sunday school for a personal tour of the vases we make available in the church kitchen. If you would prefer, I would gladly arrange the flowers you bring. Or select your budget and flower preferences and let me do the shopping and arranging. Thank you for your participation! Susan Lewallen. 503-758-2685. susan@studiomcl.com

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. If you have any questions please contact one of the Elders.



Fellowship Hosting Sign Up

Please sign up to bring goodies in for fellowship. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Choir Practice

Enjoy singing? Come join the Grace Lutheran Church choir! We would love to have voices of all ranges join. We practice at 8:30AM in the balcony.

Contact Information Needed

We are updating contact information to send donation statements. They will be sent out by the end of January. We need email addresses for new attendees or anyone whose email has changed. Please put it on one of the contact cards or on your envelope or give the information to Steven or Penny Hung. If you need a papery copy or have any other questions please let us know as well.

penny.hung1@gmail. com or 971-272-1968

Lutheran Bible Camp

June 28-July 3. Mark your calendars today as you make your summer plans. Lutheran Bible Camp is a great opportunity for your child to turn off all screens to connect with other Christian children, enjoy many outdoor activities, and learn from God's Word. Camp is open to all children going into grades 4-12. Feel free to speak with Pastor Tembreull at pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 541-231-6189 with any questions.

Upcoming Important Events

- March 1** -- Voters Meeting: Topic 1 & 2 Grade Call
- March 4** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- March 8** -- Church Center Application Presentation – after worship
- March 11** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- March 18** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- March 25** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- April 2** -- Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3** -- Good Friday Service
- April 5** -- Easter Service(s)
- April 17-19** -- Men's Retreat

Lenten Midweek Services

WELS Oregon Circuit
Congregations



Soup supper 515-615pm

630pm Lenten worship

Feb 25 – Pastor Phil Janisch – Peace, Vancouver

March 4 – Pastor Mark Swanson – Trinity, Eugene

March 11 – Pastor Luke Tembreull – Beautiful Savior, Corvallis

March 18 – Pastor Matt Swanson – Immanuel, Salem

March 25 – Pastor Scott Mews – Beautiful Savior, Hillsboro

**Please see the notice board in the fellowship hall to
sign up to bring a soup or side, or volunteer to host!**



To register, please visit:

<https://hopeintigard.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3386076>

Church Center Application Presentation

As we look on the map at the locations of our little flock across the greater Portland area, we notice that Grace Member families are spread across a wide radius. As far west as Hillsboro, as far east as Hood River, as far north as Longview, and as far south as Wilsonville. Couple that with sporadic worship attendance and an even lower overall bible class attendance, and the average family of Grace has difficulty feeling connected to the ministry of Grace. We have already approved in our budget the use of the Planning Center application for keeping our member data and improving communication and connection to Grace Ministry. **Sunday March 8th after worship there will be a presentation on the Church Center Application.** It will be done by Melissa and Olivia Baker with Pastor assisting. If you want to get a head start on signing up here's the link:

[ChurchCenter Application](#)

Southridge Church

Kennewick, WA is excited to share with you that Pastor Dominic Olson will be installed as our pastor on Sunday, March 15.

We invite you to join us for worship at 4:00PM and a meal to follow. All of this will take place in our Worship and Gathering Centers, at 3315 S. Sherman Street, Kennewick. No need to RSVP.

Women's Ministry - Under Construction

Women's Bible Study

Next meeting – March 21st 9:30AM

Location - Grace Lutheran School

For more information contact: Penny Hung 971-272-1964 / penny.hung1@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship

New information to come at a later date

Mary and Martha

Tuesday, March 10th at 10 AM

Church Fellowship

For more information contact: Linda Bern 503-459-7630 / bernfamily@msn.com

We are so excited for the opportunities we already have to grow together in our faith in Jesus and in our friendships as Christian sisters here at Grace. Stay tuned as we work to grow and serve Jesus even better in the future.



The Eagle Message
 Grace Lutheran School
CALLED AND CHOSEN
 1 Peter 2:9

February 24, 2025

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service**, on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Pastor Janisch will lead our worship this week. An envelope is attached for your child's offering. We will support Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Bend, Oregon, *Pastor Bitter's new congregation*, <https://mounthopebend.com/> in the Second Semester. Offerings total \$81.43.

Recess Supervisors needed for March

We are in need of lunchtime Recess Supervisors, from 11:45 to 1:00 on each school day. Please contact the school office if you have questions or if you are able to help our school, students and staff in this way, 503-777-8628, call or text or sign up on the calendar in the entryway. Thank you.

♥ Grace Lutheran School GIVING WEEK ♥

Thank you for showing your love for our school through your support and generosity. We gathered over **\$3,200.00** through this fundraiser ♥

You can still donate here
bit.ly/42udetObit.ly/42udetO

Our school phone has been returned, so you can now go back to using **503-777-8628** to contact the office. Thanks for your patience.

Thank you to everyone who came for the Spring Cleaning Day this past Saturday.



Hot Lunch next week Wednesday March 4

Our next Hot Lunch will be served **on Wednesday March 4th**. The meal will include Orange Chicken, Rice, Salad, Fruit, Drinks and Dessert. Cost is \$5 per person. Pay with cash, or checks made out to **Working Eagles**.

Parent Appreciation Night THIS Friday Feb. 27

The school staff wants to show our thanks for the families of Grace and Precious Lambs Preschool by having a *Parent Appreciation Night* on **Friday, February 27 5:30 to 7:00 PM**. Join us for a complimentary *International Dinner* - Korean BBQ, prepared by our own Mr. Jo, German Bierocks, Enchiladas, salad, dessert and a fun staff activity. Childcare for ages 3-12 will be provided at the school, free of charge. **Please RSVP on the attached sheet** (even if you are NOT attending) **or contact the school office, 503-777-8628, by TOMORROW Wednesday February 25 to let us know how many parents and children will be attending.**

Kinderkonzert for Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades

The next Kinderkonzert, presented by members of the Oregon Symphony, is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4**.

The **March Calendar** is **attached**. Please note the days we have no school and other activities during this month.

School Spirit Week March 9-13

We are going to have some **School Spirit Days** in March to have some fun and support our Eagle players going to the Basketball Tournament

Monday, March 9 - Famous Person Day - Dress like a famous athlete, singer, actor, president, or anyone else who is famous

Tuesday, March 10 - Teacher Day - wear clothes that would make you look like your teacher, and teachers will wear clothes to look like their students

Wednesday March 11 - Crazy Clothes & Hats Day - wear mismatched/crazy socks, shoes, shirts, pants, hats, etc.

Thursday March 12 Pajama Day - wear your comfy pajamas, slippers and robes.

Friday March 13 - Blue & Gold Day - when all of us wear our school colors.






Students are not required to dress up on these Fun Days. Our school dress code will still need to be followed on these special days.

Phone/Text: 503-777-8628 Fax / Second line: 503-230-1354
 glsoffice@grace-wels.net www.gracepdx.com



Grace Lutheran School

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 Chapel Goelzer Kinderkonzert 9:30 HOT LUNCH Piano Lessons	5	6	7 
Scholastic Book Fair						
8 	9 Famous Person Day	10 Teacher Day	11 Chapel Henning Piano Lessons Crazy Clothes Day	12 Pajama Day	13 Early Release 11:45 dismissal Blue & Gold Day	14
Basketball Tournament, Tacoma WA						
15	16	17	18 Chapel Jo Piano Lessons	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Conference		21
22	NO SCHOOL Spring Break					28
29 	30 	31	April 1 Chapel Kraklow Piano Lessons	April 2	April 3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	



EVERGREEN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Wings & Wins - 2026 ELHS Annual Auction

An evening out can make a lasting impact. At our Wings & Wins Auction on April 18, your ticket helps fuel student programs and open doors through financial aid. This annual event is more than a fundraiser—it’s a celebration of our students, supporters, and the future we’re building together.

Early bird pricing available through March 31:

\$35 individual | \$245 table of 8

Join us for a night of purpose, generosity, and big wins for our students.

Can’t Attend? Consider a Donation!

Donations to Wings & Wins support student programs and financial aid—helping students rise higher every day.

Your gift keeps their wings strong and their future bright.

Items Donation Ideas:

- Are you a season ticket holder?
- Do you own a boat and would enjoy taking a group out for fishing or tour?
- Do you have a rental/vacation home?
- Do you and your friends have a favorite local spot? Organize a group donation to purchase gift cards to popular restaurants or destinations around town.

Be creative! Your donation of an item, “experience,” or service would be a fantastic addition to our auction. Donate [Online](#), or through your church contact.



LAUNCHING PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29

Come Celebrate With Us!

NEW CHURCH IN BEND

GET DIRECTIONS & PLAN YOUR VISIT

MOUNTHOPEBEND.COM

EXPECT HOPE AHEAD

March 29 at 9:30 a.m

2863 NW Crossing Drive #100
Bend, OR 97703

Join us for worship as we celebrate the opening of our new church in Bend. Palm Sunday is about anticipation: Jesus tells us that we can expect *hope* ahead.