

October 19, 2025

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Contagious Generosity

You didn't do anything special, you certainly didn't deserve it, but someone generously gave of their time or gave a gift far greater than you could have imagined. The giver of the gift had no intention of receiving anything in return. It was pure generosity. That kind of generosity can be contagious. If you've been the recipient of such a generous gift and truly appreciate it, you can't help but mimic that generosity.

Consider God's generosity. Even if one does not recognize it, all that a person has is from God's hand. God may even bless you with more than what you truly need. Even if one does not realize that Jesus gave up the riches of his heavenly throne and became poor for you to become rich in God's mercy. However, when we do realize this and, in faith, receive this incredible gift of God's grace, we can't help but let it overflow to others. That kind of generosity is contagious.

A Christian church in the ancient city of Corinth, in response to God's generous gift of salvation, was collecting a monetary gift for others in need hundreds of miles away. When they heard of other congregations also giving a gift of support, they too wanted to join in. In doing so, not only did they meet a real need, but their generosity spilled over into praise and thanks to God. It inspired others to be generous. The kind of generosity that ultimately comes from God is contagious.

First, receive God's generosity as the gift it truly is. Be blown away by the over-the-top gift that God has given through Jesus and let it spread. Let it overflow. If you have possessions to share with others in need, if you have time to give to someone who needs a listening ear, if you have skills to share, whatever you have, it's from the Lord. Share it to his glory!

Prayer: Lord, thank you for every gracious gift you've given. Let that generosity overflow in my life in thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Sunday, October 19, 2025 - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Flowers:

Ushers: Meyer

House Luplow, R Elsasser

8:10 AM Bible Study 202 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting and Sunday School 1:00 PM Hiker's Group Meetup – Council Crest Park

Monday October 20, 2025 Tuesday October 21, 2025 Wednesday October 22, 2025 Thursday October 23, 2025

Friday October 24, 2025 -- Early Release -- 11:45AM

-- Staff Meeting – 12:30PM

-- Iris Stoffer Funeral - 1:00PM

Saturday October 25, 2025 -- Volleyball Tournament @ ELHS

Sunday October 26, 2025 – Pentecost 20 – Reformation (observed)

Flowers:

Ushers: Meyer

House Luplow, R Elsasser

8:15 AM Bible Study 202 – Famous Chapters

8:30AM Choir Practice 9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Bible Study 101 and Sunday School

PRAYERS





Worship Theme This Sunday:

PROMISES/PRAYER: Disciples of Jesus need to learn how to pray. And learning to pray is not like many of the other things we learn to do in our lives. Once we know how to write our name, tie our shoes, or ride a bike, the learning is done. There is virtually no danger we will forget how to do those things. Not so with prayer. Learning to pray consists of a lifetime of persistence. So, what is the cause of persistent prayer? The precious promises of God. "God is not human, that he should lie. . . . Does he promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19). God cannot lie. So, we know every promise he makes us—to forgive, to provide, to help, to be with us—he must keep. When we persistently go to God in prayer and press him to keep his promises, God does not view that as nagging. He loves it! Because it demonstrates that our faith grasps not only that he can do what we ask, but that he will . . . because he promised.

Worship Theme Next Sunday:

TRUTH/FREEDOM: Many people believe that freedom means being able to do whatever you want. Jesus teaches that is absolutely false. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31,32). Jesus says that living however you want does not make you free. In fact, if you take that attitude toward life you will end up a slave. You will only be free—spiritually, emotionally, eternally—"If you hold to my teaching" and therefore "know the truth." Truth is the cause that effects freedom.

A key principle Martin Luther established through the Reformation is *sola scriptura*, Scripture alone. Who or what is the final arbiter of the truth that provides freedom? Scripture alone. Heirs of the Reformation still bind themselves to Scripture. Does restricting ourselves in this manner curtail freedom? Just the opposite is true. God's truth brings freedom from slavery to sinful delusions and the burden of guilt. This week we celebrate this cause and effect—the truth sets us free!

Famous Chapters

(New Testament)

Chapters

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

Theme?

- Sermon on the Mount
- Church Discipline
- Ascension
- Pentecost
- Government
- 2 Thessalonians 2 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)





Mowing & Church Property

THANK YOU to **Roger Schrab** for faithfully maintaining the grounds at Grace Church and making it beautiful! <u>Please consider signing up and helping him with lawn care</u>.

Church Weekly Cleaning!

The church building needs to be cleaned each week and <u>we could use your help!</u> 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. 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. Right now we are practicing for our 50th Anniversary Celebration next week, September 21st! It's never to late to start!

Hiker's Group Meetup!

Our next hike will be on Sunday, October 19th. We will have a combined hike with Hope Church in Tigard.

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 19th at 1 pm Location: Council Crest Park 1120 SW Council Crest Dr. Portland, OR 97239

This is the one of the highest spots in Portland, so be prepared for some hills:) We will have manageable distances for everyone.

Important Events Coming Up

Sunday, November 2 – Joint Reformation Celebration at "The Barn at Countryside" in Aurora, Oregon

Saturday, November 15 – LWMS Fall Rally at Peace Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA



Celebrating 50 Years

- Christ-Centered Education
- Low Student/Teacher Ratio
- Pre-K 8th Grade



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REFORMATION WASHIP

A Joint Worship Service of the Oregon Circuit
To Celebrate the Gospel that Makes Us Who We Are!

Sunday, November 2nd at 10:30am Bratwurst Lunch and Potluck to Follow

DETAILS:

Address: 15243 NE Countryside Dr, Aurora, OR 97002

FOOD:

Bring a dish to pass!

SIDE DISHES/ SALADS

Grace, Hope, Peace, Amazing Grace

DESSERTS

Beautiful Savior Corvallis and Hillsboro, Immanuel, Trinity and Mount Hope



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Presenter: Pastor Chris Goelzer from Grace Lutheran in Portland, OR

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025

10:00-3:00PM - Doors open at 9:30AM Peace, 13112 NE 28th St, Vancouver, WA 98682

Activities-Devotions-Fellowship-Music-Lunch-Door Prizes

Presented By: The Cascade Circuit





The Eagle Message

Grace Lutheran School CALLED AND CHOSEN

1 Peter 2:9



Chapel Service at 8:30 TOMORROW

We have our weekly school-wide <u>Chapel Service</u> at <u>8:30</u> on <u>Wednesday</u>. Mr. Henning will lead our worship this week. An offering envelope is <u>attached</u> for your child's mission offering. We will support mission work to gather funds for <u>Bikes for Christian Volunteers in Africa</u> for the first semester. So far we have gathered \$386.47 - enough to buy <u>One Bike!!</u> Let's see if we can buy Two Bikes! Take a look at the bulletin board across from the restrooms for more information. Thank you.

Trail Blazer Game ticket deadline next week

A flyer went home recently about our Grace Trail Blazer Night on Thursday January 22, 2026! Families and friends are invited to join us for a Trail Blazers game. If we sell at least 100 tickets, our Grace players will get to play on the Blazers court against the faculty before the game! Use the QR code on the attached flyer to sign up. Once sign-ups close, families will receive an email with the ticket purchase link. Ticket purchase deadline: Friday October 24, 2025

Grace Lutheran School apparel order deadline Oct 21

We're excited to launch our new Grace apparel website as part of our 50th anniversary celebration! The site has fully customizable gear with the Grace logo and designs — from t-shirts and polos to hoodies, home décor, and more. Here's the best part. You get a 20% discount on any items you purchase until October 21st! There's something for everyone, so check it out and show your Grace spirit!

https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/oregon/portland/grace-lutheran-school

Soccer Tournament

Congratulations to the Consolation Champions at the Soccer Tournament last Friday! Thanks to Luke Dahlberg for coaching our Eagle team.

NO Volleyball Practice this week

There will be **NO volleyball practice tomorrow**, Wednesday, October 15th due to the Early Release.

Now that the Fall weather has begun, please have students bring jackets, sweatshirts, coats, to school. We will go outside for recess when it is not raining, even though it might be cold.

STUDENT SAFETY

In order to keep ALL of our students safe, we ask that parents drive slowly on the school property. Make sure you ENTER only through the South driveway and EXIT only through the North driveway. See the attached diagram for details. Thank you for helping keep EVERYONE safe, especially YOUR children!

Early Release TOMORROW WEDNESDAY October 15th 11:45

There will be an EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW Wednesday, Oct. 15th for all K-8 students to give our teachers extra time to travel to their conference in Leavenworth, WA. Students will not eat lunch at school on this day. Please pick up your children promptly at 11:45.

NO SCHOOL - Thursday & Friday October 17 & 18 Teacher/ Pastor Conference

There will be No Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade students on Thursday and Friday, October 16 & 17. The school staff will be attending the Teacher/ Pastor Conference in Leavenworth, WA on these days.

OCTOBER Hot Lunch

This month's Hot Lunch will be served next week Thursday October 23rd. The meal will include Ham, Mac & Cheese, Breadsticks, Fruit, Juice and Dessert. Cost is \$5 per person. Please pay with EXACT cash or with a check made out to Working Eagles. The lunch purchase is optional. Remember to still send a snack.

Students Sing for Special Reformation Service Sunday November 2

Students in grades K-8 are invited to sing for a special Reformation service on **Sunday**, **November** 2 at "*The Barn at Countryside*" thebarnatcountryside.com at 15243 NE Countryside Dr. Aurora, OR, beginning at 10:30 AM. This is the same place they sang in 2023. The students will be singing a song that they have been practicing in Music class. More information will be made available in the coming weeks!

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



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BLAZER EVENIT



PLAY ON THE MODA CENTER

JANUARY 22, 2026 THURSDAY

BLAZERS vs MIAMI HEAT 7 PM

TO PLAY ON THE COURT

69 TICKETS @ \$11



48 TICKETS
@ \$42

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