

The Means of Grace



October 27, 2024

"Genesis 32: 6-7a, 9a, 10a, 11-12a, 13b, 20b-22a, 24-31 - The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. ... And he said, "O God ... I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that You have shown Your servant Please deliver me from the hand of my brother ... for I fear him ... But You said, 'I will surely do you good" [Then] from what he had with him [Jacob] took a present for his brother Esau [550 animals, livestock] ... For Jacob thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me ... Perhaps he will accept me." So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp. [That] same night [when] Jacob was left alone ... a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail over Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then [the man] said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And [the man] said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why [do] you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [which means, "face of God"], he was saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." [Then] the sun rose upon Jacob as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip"

Whenever you meet someone new, whoever they are, it's a sure bet that they're engaged in some struggle, some internal or external grudge match, or that they've just come through one, or are about to enter one. And just knowing that, maybe it helps us all be a bit more patient and gracious.

Because the struggle is real. But it's not the most real thing about us in our situation in the world. Because before there was struggle and after all the struggle has ceased, God and His love will remain, because God, in His love, stepped into the ring with us. God-become-Man met you there, by the river of your struggle, to fight for you, to fight with you. And the God-Man was willing to lose to us, to take the hits from our hands, to die for us, to save us.

Jesus, God's Son, came. He became one of us. He strove for us. And with us, and He lost to us, willingly, died on the cross for us, to prove to us that compared to His love—man, our struggles don't even punch featherweight. Jesus rose from the mat and will return to raise us from death. He will make all things new and be crowned heavyweight champion of the world. So, in Him, by faith in Him, by His grace, take off the gloves, man. Cease striving and know that He is God (see Psalm 46:10).

Sunday October 27, 2024, Pentecost 23

Flowers: House/Curry
Ushers:
Comm. Prep: Hehr
8:00AM Leadership Meeting
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Bible Study and Sunday School



Monday October 28, 2024

Tuesday October 29, 2024

Wednesday October 30, 2024 – Chapel – 8:30AM

Thursday October 31, 2024

Friday November 1, 2024

Saturday November 2, 2024

Sunday November 3, 2024 Pentecost 24

Flowers: Jensen
Ushers: Luplow
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Study

PRAYERS

~We continue to pray for the Godish family, the Baer family, and the Paschkes as they mourn the earthly losses of their loved ones, Michael, Greg and Ruth. May God continue to give them comfort and peace.

~For Aiden, the Hafner's nephew, who is facing more medical trials after his heart transplant earlier this year. May he have strength, comfort, and a speedy recovery from this new trial.

Update to Announcement Deadline

Good morning! Now that I've had a few weeks to get used to doing these announcements, I wanted to update the deadline to get announcements in. Please have them emailed to me at gracelutheranchurch7610@gmail.com by Friday evening at 5:00PM. If there is a prayer that happens later, please still email me even after the deadline. Prayers are extremely important and I will do my best to work them in no matter what.

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.



Sign-Up for LWMS Rally

There is a sign up sheet on the service folder/announcement table for the LWMS Rally. Also please sign up to let us know if you are wanting to carpool or not. The rally is Saturday, November 16 in Salem. See the flyer below for more details.

Financial Giving to the Lord at Grace FY24-25

Giving	Sunday	Year	Year To Date	Week Avg
\$ 8,463.00	7/7/2024	Actual	\$ 98,745.12	\$ 6,171.57
\$ 4,841.63	7/14/2024	Budget	\$ 524,524.34	\$ 161,392.10
\$ 3,084.00	7/21/2024	Diff	\$ (62,646.98)	\$ (3,915.44)
\$ 4,079.00	7/28/2024			
\$ 11,698.15	8/4/2024		Weeks Complete	16
\$ 12,975.92	8/11/2024		Weeks Remaining	36
\$ 3,875.00	8/18/2024		Needed per Week to make Budget	\$ 11,827.20
\$ 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	10/23/2024
\$ 2,919.00	9/22/2024			
\$ 3,566.00	9/29/2024			
\$ 7,583.00	10/6/2024			
\$ 4,074.00	10/13/2024			
\$ 7,564.00	10/20/2024			
\$ -	10/27/2024			
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		\$ -	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



On September 18th, our good Lord, in his infinite wisdom, took our brother in Christ, Michael Godish, to his heavenly home. His spouse, Tammy, our preschool director, and dear sister, has said that she appreciates everything everyone is doing and all the love she has received from our members here at Grace.

The Lord has blessed Grace's ministry through Tammy, who has faithfully served our congregation and will continue to do so when she returns to work when she is able to.

As Tammy and her family navigate through their grief of the sudden passing of Michael, the primary family provider, the members at Grace have the blessed opportunity to support them financially as you are able to and from the love in your hearts.

Donations can be made by check or electronically. Please include a note designating your donation to the Godish Family.

Contact Juan Garcia or Larry Glasheen if you have questions.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trouble, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the same comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Divine Savior Academy - Liberty Hills
23587 Ronald Reagan Blvd.
Liberty Hills, TX 78642

Dear Divine Savior Church and School,

On Tuesday, October 15, I received a divine call to serve as your Dean of Students. I am humbled and honored by the trust you have placed in me by extending this call. I am grateful for the opportunity to consider how my gifts may best serve the kingdom of God, whether at Divine Savior Academy in Liberty Hills, TX or at my present call at Grace Lutheran School in Portland. I have received the call packet and I look forward to learning more about your congregation and school in the coming weeks. As I prayerfully consider this call to serve, I ask that you keep my wife, Sara, and I in your prayers. The ministry at Divine Savior will be in our prayers.

In Christ,

Justin Eternick

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The Eagle Message

Grace Lutheran School

Shining Together Matthew 5:16

October 22, 2024

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide Chapel Service, usually on Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Pastor Mews will lead our worship this week. An offering envelope is **attached** for your child's mission offering. We will support mission work at *Saviour of the Nations Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia* for the first semester. Take a look at the bulletin board next to Mrs. Leitzke's room for more information. Offerings gathered so far total \$407. Thank you!

4, 5, & 6 Grade BOYS Basketball

Please see the **attached** letter for an explanation of how basketball practices will be run for this upcoming basketball season. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Justin Eternick. We will begin basketball practice for the season on **Tuesday, October 22 after school until 4:45 PM and Wednesday, October 23**. Next week, practices will be Monday and Wednesday. A basketball schedule will be sent out later this week. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD(REN) BRING APPROPRIATE BASKETBALL CLOTHES AND SHOES.** We are looking forward to learning a lot about the sport of basketball!



OCTOBER Hot Lunch THIS THURSDAY

This month's Hot Lunch will be served on **Thursday October 24th**. The meal will include Pizza, Carrots & Ranch dressing, Grapes, 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 bring a snack.**

11:45 Early Release THIS Friday, October 25th

We have a scheduled **EARLY RELEASE** for all Kindergarten through 8th grade students **THIS FRIDAY, Oct 25th**. Dismissal is at 11:45 AM. Students do not eat lunch at school on Early Release days. Please pick up your child promptly on these Early Release Fridays.

Volleyball Tournament

The Volleyball **TOURNAMENT** is scheduled for **THIS Saturday, October 26th** at Evergreen Lutheran High School in Tacoma. Good luck Lady Eagles!!

School Pictures/Retake Day October 30

School pictures were sent home last week. If you ordered digital photos, they will be delivered to you. **Re-take Day is Wednesday, October 30th** for students who were absent or who want their pictures re-taken. **Class photos** will be received after retake day.



Trunk or Treat THIS SATURDAY October 26th

Grace Lutheran Church and School will be hosting our fourth annual Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 26** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Grace Lutheran School. At Trunk or Treat, costumed children walk through the big field and stop at cars that have decorated trunks and receive candy.

We are asking School and Church families to **sign up** to decorate their trunks and pass out treats. If you are willing to participate by decorating your trunk for this event, or help with games, or donate treats, please contact the school office (lkaklow@grace-wels.net or 503-777-8628) or **sign up on the sheet in the entryway**. Thank you! See the **attached** flyer and share it with your friends & family!



Meals/Donations for Tammy Godish

Please join us in supporting Tammy, preferably with gift cards, or making a meal for her. If you would like to purchase a meal gift card or bring a meal, **click on the link below** and **select which day** you will be providing a meal or gift card. Additional details are in the link: <https://mealtrain.com/ddyr73>

- Do you need **help scheduling** a meal? Call, text or email Mrs. Kraklow: 503-777-8628, lkaklow@grace-wels.net, or come to the office for help.
- **E gift cards** purchased on the **Meal Train** website should list Tammy's email address as the **recipient** tgodish@grace-wels.net
- **Gift cards** for restaurants can be purchased and dropped off in the school office.
- **Monetary donations** can also be made through the **Meal Train** website. <https://mealtrain.com/ddyr73> or directly in the school office.

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



Dear Basketball Parents,

As we move into the basketball season, we want to take a moment to share some thoughts on how we can work together to help the players reach their full potential for this upcoming basketball season.

We want our athletes to learn the game and enjoy it while doing it. Therefore, we are going to be constructing practices a little different than in years past. Competitive sports require not just physical effort, but mental resilience, discipline, and a strong work ethic. In the past, we have focused primarily on the kids having fun and scrimmaging quite a bit in practice. However, with limited practices and more opportunity for games, we will be doing more basic skills teaching and quite a bit more conditioning. While we always want the kids to have fun, we also want them to truly learn the game of basketball and put them in a position to be more successful in games.

To support this growth, we will be increasing the intensity of practices, focusing more on conditioning, drills, and team strategy. This will challenge the players to push their limits, but it will also provide them with the tools they need to improve both individually and as a team. We ask for your support in this. Encouraging your child to embrace these challenges will go a long way in building their confidence and skills not just in the game of basketball, but in life.

If you notice your child expressing frustration or exhaustion, we encourage you to remind them that progress often comes through discomfort and hard work but that they should always be open to talking with their coach. Please also know that we will be giving them plenty of water breaks along the way to help recover their muscles appropriately! With your help, we can foster an environment where each player feels supported in striving to be their best.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm confident that, together, we can help the team grow both on and off the court. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Coach Dahlberg or Justin Eternick.

In Christ,

Luke Dahlberg - Basketball Coach
Justin Eternick - Athletic Director

Christmas Wreath Order Form 2024

Thank you for supporting Grace Lutheran School. Please pay at time of placing your order.

Order deadline is Sunday, November 10th. Please pay with **EXACT CASH** or **CHECK**.

Wreaths can be picked up at the school OR the church you have indicated below, during the first week of December.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Total due \$ _____ Make checks payable to **WORKING EAGLES.**



MERRY BERRY

22" Outside diameter

\$ **30.00**

Quantity _____



FROSTED MORNING

22" Outside diameter

\$ **30.00**

Quantity _____



MIXED WREATH

22" Outside diameter

\$ **25.00**

Quantity _____



CROSS

18" In length

\$ **30.00**

Quantity _____

Where would you like to pick up your wreaths? Please check one box ☐

- ☐ Grace Lutheran School 503-777-8628
- ☐ Grace Lutheran Church – *Stephanie Delgado*
- ☐ Amazing Grace Lutheran Church – *Adrienne Larson*

- ☐ Peace Lutheran Church – *Lynn Kraklow*
- ☐ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – *Kari Setniker*
- ☐ Hope Lutheran Church – *Katie Dahlberg*

Drop off your completed order form at school, or give it to your church representative listed above. Thank you!

Grace Lutheran Church • School

404 E. Glenlord Road, Saint Joseph, MI 49085-9308
CHURCH: (269) 429-4941 gracechurch45@gmail.com
SCHOOL: (269) 429-4951 school@gracestjoseph.org
www.gracestjoseph.org

PASTOR: Joshua P. Bishop

PRINCIPAL: Jon G. Bielke

October 24, 2024

Dear Saints of Grace Lutheran,

I am writing to inform you that I have decided to return the call to serve in Portland. While it would have been easy for me to come back "home" to the PNW, I feel that my work at Grace in St. Joseph is not yet done. I was certainly blessed to see what God is doing in your part of his kingdom and greatly encouraged by your support of the ministry.

I encourage you to 1) Keep your eyes fixed on your Savior as you wait for a shepherd to lead you, 2) Keep reaching out to whoever you call next. It shows your strong desire to welcome that pastor, 3) Keep praying for both Grace church and school ministries (yours and the one here in St. Joseph). We are both in need of leaders in the ministry and there is much work to be done.

God's grace continues to bless and keep you, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

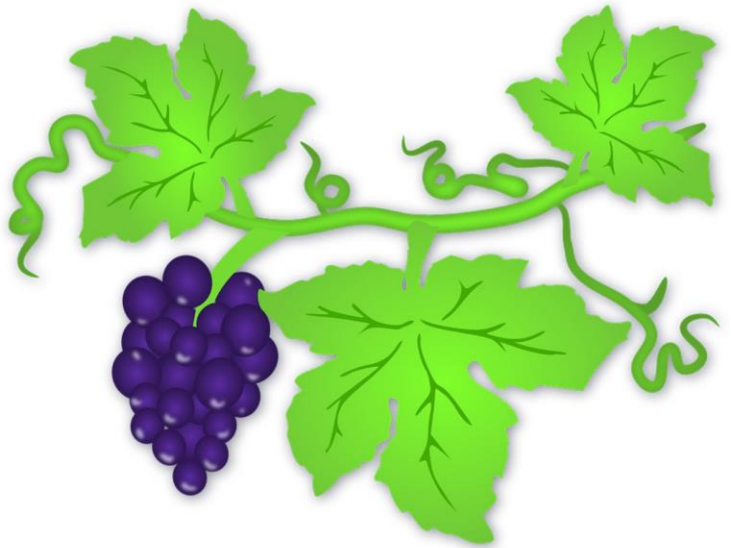
In His Service,



Pastor Josh Bishop

765-431-1292
bishopj@gracestjoseph.org

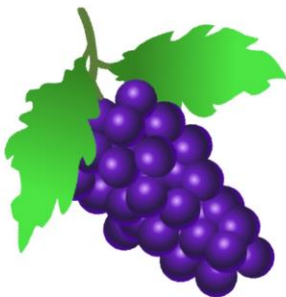
Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society —
Cascade Circuit
Invites Everyone to Our
Fall Circuit Rally



I am the Vine, You are the Branches

*featuring Pastor Kevin Schultz of
The Vine Church
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho*

Saturday, November 16, 9:30-3:00
at Immanuel Lutheran Church
510 Idylwood Dr SE, Salem, Oregon



Reporters, please send mission money to
Brenda Cowdery, Circuit Treasurer,
6872 SE Borwick St, Hillsboro, OR 97123
by November 8

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.

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
Tamm Godish - Preschool
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Elders

Craig Baker – Head Elder
Courage Mudzongo
Len Stadler
Josh Luplow



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

