

The Means of Grace

September 29, 2024



1 John 1:8-9 – “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Let me ask, as you look back on your life, what would you change? What would you do differently if you were given a second chance?

One person, when asked that question, said, "I regret having lived the first part of my life as a follower. I've done much of what I've done just because somebody told me to. If I could start over again tomorrow, I would ask more questions and seek more answers. When someone tells me 'No,' I would ask, 'Why not?' When someone tells me 'Yes,' I would want to know why."

Another individual said, "If I could do things over, I would tell my mom and dad I loved them more than I did while I had them on earth. I would not have worried about things that really do not matter that much."

Yes, most of us have things we would like to do over, including some things that are sinful. Do you need an example or two? How about the person who said, "If I could go back in time to two years ago, I would never have cheated on my wife. I would have made her happy, and tried to be with her every day."

"If I could go back to one year ago, I would never have said all the awful things I did to my son. I would never have let him leave the house."

I think the only exception I know to this rule of doing things over is our Lord and Savior Jesus.

In contrast to the times we have sinned, Jesus was perfect. When we said "Yes" to the devil's temptations, Jesus gave a resounding, "No!" When we followed the ways of the world, Jesus was always doing His Father's work.

Finally, at the end of His life, as He hung upon the cross to destroy our sins, Jesus could look back and declare with confidence and victory, "It is finished!" The job hadn't been partially done, nor had it been poorly done. His life didn't call for any do-overs.

Without regret He could say, "My work has been done perfectly."

That fact was proven three days later when He rose physically from the grave. If Jesus had, anywhere along the line, made a mistake or done the Father's will imperfectly, the son of the carpenter from Nazareth (see Mark 6:3) would have stayed in His grave, and there would have been no Christian church.

But Christ is risen, and because He has, all of us who acknowledge Jesus as Savior are confident our sins have been forgiven, forgotten, and can no longer accuse us.

This explains why none of us will ever want a do-over when it comes to our faith in the Savior.

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Happy Sunday Members of Grace!

I am your new announcement gal, Stevie, and I wanted to let you know exactly how to reach me for any announcement needs!

The email I will be using is [gracelutheranchurch7610@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheranchurch7610@gmail.com) which also happens to be the email you get the announcements from. Please do not message me in any of my personal accounts or I may not get them as I do not check personal accounts often.

Please have any announcements in by Thursday at 5PM or they will not be included until the following week. The earlier, the better though!

If you do not want to get the announcements emailed, please just reply back and let me know! I know some people prefer printed copies instead.

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Sunday September 29, 2024, Pentecost 19

Flowers:

Ushers:

Gillespie

Luplow

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Fellowship

11:00 AM

Sunday School and Bible Study

Church Council and Leadership Meeting



Monday September 30, 2024

Tuesday October 1, 2024

Wednesday October 2, 2024 -- Chapel

Thursday October 3, 2024

Friday October 4, 2024

Saturday October 5, 2024 -- Hiker's Group @ Tryon Creek State Park -- 8:30AM

-- Board of Education Meeting -- 12:00PM

-- Greg Baer Funeral -- 1:00PM

Sunday October 6, 2024 Pentecost 20

Flowers:

Baer

Ushers:

Luplow

Williams

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Fellowship

11:00 AM

Sunday School and Bible Study

PRAYERS

~On September 18th the Lord in his infinite wisdom decided to call home to heaven Michael Godish. His funeral service was held on September 27th. In these following days we ask for prayers of comfort for Tammy and the Godish family. If you were unable to come to the service, it is available to view on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages.

~We ask for prayers for the Baer family. Greg Baer passed away last Sunday evening. Greg had cancer, which he fought into remission, but after a quantity of time, had come back. He was the older brother of Marilyn and Jim Baer. Greg played the guitar for worship services at Amazing Grace alongside his brother on organ and piano. Pastor Joe Johnson, from Amazing Grace will lead a funeral service here at Grace at 1:00 on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

~ For the family of Dan Paschke, whose Grandmother, Ruth Heins passed away. She had a beautiful Christian funeral on September 27th and had lived to be just shy of 97 years old. In her last weeks she spoke of seeing Heaven with beautiful gardens and flags and her loved ones encouraging her to come home to Heaven. In her final days she beamed and told Dan's mom she had just seen Jesus and that he took her hand and told her "Well done faithful servant." They will greatly miss her and look forward to a heavenly reunion.

~For anyone going through any trials, we pray for strength, comfort and peace.

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!

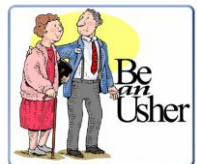


Altar Flowers

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.



Sunday School and Bible Study!

Mark your calendars! Sunday school and Bible Study started last week and will continue this Sunday and the Sundays to follow! They will be after the fellowship time, following the Worship Service. Bible Class will begin a study of the Gospel of Luke. Please contact Craig Baker if you are interested in assisting with Sunday School in any way.

Confirmation Class for Public School Students

Pastor Kraklow would like to begin classes by the end of **As Soon As Possible**. To do so he needs to know how many are going to be in the class so that he can get the right number of Catechisms and workbooks. We also need to decide when to meet. The options are 1) a weeknight around 7:00; 2) Saturday morning or afternoon; or 3) Sunday afternoon. Please contact him as soon as possible so that everything can get organized. His email address is gkraklow@comcast.net. So far, one family has contacted him.





Hiking Group!

Our next hike will be on October 5th at Tryon Creek State Park in Portland. We will meet in the main parking area at 8:30 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Paschke at 608-698-5394 OR Laura Paschke at 920-210-7570.

PRETZELS!

Mary and Martha is baking pretzels again! Please order ahead so they know how many to bake! Ordering available September 29, October 6, and October 13. Pretzels will be sold for \$12 a dozen, \$30 for 3 dozen. They will be baked on October 17 and 18 and delivered frozen on the 20th after church. You may also arrange to pickup from the church on the 17th and 18th from 3:30PM – 5:00PM .



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.

Have you ever just felt down? We have all endured and experienced circumstances in our lives that bring sadness. It could be rejection, loss of a job/close friend, repeated failure at a goal or task, or a canceled flight while traveling.

Submitting to these feelings and sinking further into

acknowledging the lows is easy. At these times I try to remember two people in the bible who showed us a different way. Paul and Job, are great examples of showing true faith in God at all times. While Paul was in prison, he praised God. While Job had everything taken away, he stayed close to his Lord. While this year's theme is "Shinning Together" we want to remind ourselves, that regardless of what is happening in our lives, in our neighborhoods, or country, we have joy, peace, and the living Word to share. We should wake up every day knowing of our salvation through Christ and shine His light together for others to see. Here is a look at events from this summer.



**EVERGREEN LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

- **Welcome new staff.**

- **Jayden Stanossek**, our new MLC grad and Science teacher is officially moved in and is now a Washingtonian. We will install her at our opening service on August 27th at 6:30pm.
- **Kelsey Churchill (Birsching)** will be our new administrative assistant and the first point of contact by phone and for visitors to our school. Kelsey is a 2014 grad of Evergreen and 1 of 6 Birsching children who have all graduated from our school.

- **Summer Camps** – We hosted six summer camps this year. (Volleyball, cheer, basketball, drama, flag football, and science discovery.) With hundreds of students on campus throughout the summer, we are extremely thankful for the successful camps, the dedication of our coaches, and the coachability of our campers. Thank you to all involved, and we pray you had a fun week and learned some new things.

- **Current enrollment** for next school year is sitting between 105-110. Up from finishing last school year at 96. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to educate these students and share God's Word with them this coming year.

- **Evergreen Workday August 10th starting at 8am-noon.** We would love for all our Evergreen supporters to come and help beautify our campus for our upcoming school year. There will be jobs for all ages with coffee and donuts to energize you.

- **New School Year Opening Service and Student Orientation** will be on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30pm. The service will be followed by orientation in which we will share information with families about the upcoming year.

- **Freshman Orientation will be on August 28th from 8am-12:00pm.** This is an opportunity for our freshmen to get on campus and familiarize themselves with their classroom schedules and teachers.

- **August 29th is the official 1st day of school for all students.**

- **A few dates to keep in mind for this 1st semester.**

- o October 4 – Grandparents Day
- o October 25 – Eagle Day
- o November 2 – Homecoming
- o November 8 – Veteran's Day Service
- o December 3 – Giving Tuesday
- o December 20 – Christmas Concert
- o January 29 - ELHS Future Eagle Night

We are so excited for this upcoming school year. It is great to see all the events on our schedule and enrollment being over 100 again. This wouldn't be possible without your help. Your support and donations provide financial aid to our families, making tuition affordable. Your volunteering at our events and workdays allows us to showcase what God has blessed Evergreen with. We are partnered together with you and our Association to provide a Christian Education for our families. We love being able to do that with you. Thank you for supporting us and partnering with us in this invaluable mission.

In Christ,

Ryan Schmeling - Director of Mission Advancement

Rschmeling@elhs.org 715-220-1442



The Eagle Message

Grace Lutheran School

Shining Together *Matthew 5:16*

September 24, 2024

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service**, **usually** on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Pastor Scott Mews, from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, 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 \$240.70. Thank you!

School staff email addresses

We prefer that you contact the school staff via Brightwheel, but if that doesn't work, here are the staff email addresses:

Justin Eternick (7/8 Grade) - jeternick@grace-wels.net

Noelle Leitzke (5/6 Grade) - nleitzke@grace-wels.net

Jessica Acosta-Ware (3/4 Grade) jacosta-ware@grace-wels.net

Joanna Hafner (1/2 Grade) jhafner@grace-wels.net

Susan Hartwig (K) shartwig@grace-wels.net

Lynn Kraklow (Secretary) lkraklow@grace-wels.net



The **October calendar** is **attached**. Please refer to it for activities and days off this month.

Early Release THIS FRIDAY September 27th 11:45

This is a scheduled **EARLY RELEASE** for all K-8 students. Dismissal for those Early Release days will be at **11:45AM**. Students **will not** eat lunch at school on those days. Please pick up your children promptly on these Fridays. This week, there will be **NO AFTERCARE** on Friday because of the funeral of Mr. Godish. Thank you.

NO AFTERCARE on Friday, September 27

There will be **NO AFTERCARE** offered this **Friday, September 27** in order for our staff to attend the funeral of Mr. Michael Godish.



September Hot Lunch TOMORROW

We offer a monthly Hot Lunch here at school, planned, prepared and served by parent volunteers. Our first Hot Lunch of the year is set for **Wednesday, September 25th**. The meal will include Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, Veggies, Beverages etc.

Cost per person is \$5.00. Lunches can be paid for by the month, quarter, half or the whole year (10 lunches = \$50). Make it easy on yourself and pay for the whole year or a few months at a time. Payment can be made with **EXACT CASH** or checks made payable to **Working Eagles**. The lunch purchase is optional. **Please remember to send a snack for your child even if they are having Hot Lunch.**

Michael Godish Funeral

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, decided to call home to heaven Michael Godish, the husband of our preschool director, Mrs. Tammy Godish. Although this was very unexpected and devastating news to Tammy and the rest of us, we put our faith and trust in God knowing His timing isn't always our timing.

Although the Godish family and all of us are saddened by the news, we take comfort in the words Jesus says in John 16:33: "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I (Jesus) have overcome the world." Because of sin, God tells us we will have trouble. Because of sin, we know we will have sadness. Because of sin, we know there is earthly death. However, because of Jesus and his death and resurrection, we know that we will live with Him for eternity in heaven. We find comfort during times like these all because of Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us. Please join us in praying for Tammy and the Godish family during this time.

*A Christian Funeral is planned for **THIS Friday, September 27th at 2:00 PM** at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont St.*

Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank: September (revised) 2024

The staff at Mainspring thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. Our donation for July & August consisted of 77 lbs. of food and 3lbs. of hygiene items.

Now that school is back in session, Mainspring is collecting **school supplies** to help students in our area. All types of supplies are appreciated (e.g., pencils, erasers, glue, notebooks, notebook paper, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, children's scissors, etc.).

For **September**, please continue to donate basic food items, focusing on:

- **Peanut butter & jelly**
- **Canned protein** (tuna, chicken, & beef).
- **Snacks for high school students**

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

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by the end of September. 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
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September 9th, 2024

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past week I was humbled and privileged to receive your call to serve as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Portland, OR. I am thankful for the opportunity to consider how might have me serve our Lord and Savior in his kingdom.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, conversations and encouragements. I pray they will be mutually beneficial as we seek to discover how God might have my family serve in His kingdom.

He is guiding us all!

In Christian love,

Phil Kiecker

Pastor, North Raleigh Campus



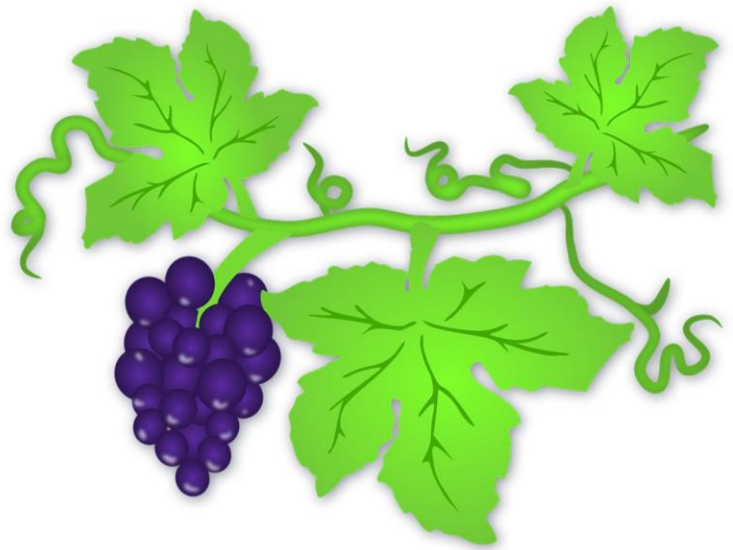
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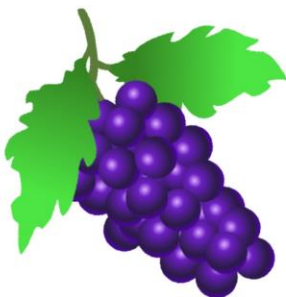
Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society —
Cascade Circuit
Invites Everyone to Our
Fall Circuit Rally



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



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