

The Means of Grace

MAY 22, 2022



A Child of the Family

John 16:23-28 - [Jesus said] "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My Name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves



you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

Do you remember when you were young and went to visit a friend's home? Maybe you wanted something—to go swimming, or to stay for dinner. But because you were a guest, not a child of the family, you couldn't ask for these things directly—you had to ask your friend, and your friend would ask his or her parents on your behalf.

That is the situation the disciples were in when it came to Jesus and God the Father. When they needed something—food, safety, even miracles—they asked Jesus, and they trusted Jesus to ask the Father. They knew that they were guests in God's home—created people, and sinners at that. But Jesus is God's Son, so they asked Him to intercede. After all, we all know that God the Father listens to His Son!

And yet, the night before Jesus died on the cross, He told His disciples that it was going to be different in the future. They would no longer be guests in God's house—through Jesus' death and resurrection, God would adopt them to be His own children. And as children of God's family, they could approach the Father directly—as dear children ask their dear father.

Jesus says to the disciples, *"In that day you will ask in My Name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God."* This is our situation too, for we also believe in Jesus. The Father loves us, and He hears our prayers because we belong to Jesus. We are now God's children.

So now we make our prayers in Jesus' name. Many times we use those exact words, "In Jesus' name we pray," and that is good, because it reminds us what is happening. And yet whether we say those words or not, every prayer a Christian makes is offered in Jesus' name, or it is no true prayer at all. Jesus is the way to the Father, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) He has signed our adoption papers in His own blood, and as God's children, Jesus' signature is on every prayer we make!

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday May 22, 2022-Easter 6

Communion Prep-Gillespie

8:30 AM Bible Class
8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Confirmation

Monday May 23, 2022

Tuesday May 24, 2022

Pastor in office

8:00 AM Conf. @GLS
4:30 PM Individual BIC
6:30 PM Elders Mtg.

Wednesday May 25, 2022

Pastor in Office

8:00 AM Conf. @ GLS
9:15 AM Chapel-Pastor Bitter
6:00-7:00 Google Meet Bible Study

Thursday May 26, 2022- THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Pastor in office

8:00 AM Conf. @ GLS
9:30 PM BIC

6:30 PM Preschool Graduation / Ascension

Friday May 27 2022 / LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Pastor in office

8:00 AM Conf. @ GLS
11:30 AM PICNIC @GLS
1:00 PM DISMISSAL
3:30PM Individual BIC
Afternoon Visits

Saturday May 28 ,2022

9:00 AM Pastor in office Sermon Preparation

May 29, 2022 – Easter 7 / Ascension Observed - HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM Bible Class
8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Confirmation



Oliver Wittmeyer (Sean & Jillian) who is made a child of God through baptism this morning.

Rae Robertson who underwent surgery for lung cancer this past week

Todd Stadler & his family and they deal with the progression of his cancer.

Carl & Ruth Werner as Ruth recovers from a back injury and Carl is treated for cancer.

Michael Godish who is scheduled to undergo eye surgery this month.

Janeth Bitter (Pastor's mom) celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday.

George & Barb Dahl who have moved back to Appleton, Wisconsin

Ukraine – for peace to come to the nation from the ongoing war.

Melissa Baker – who graduated yesterday from Pacific University, Forest Grove with a degree in music therapy. Congrats Melissa! God's richest blessings!

Prayers for graduates! Please let pastor know about your graduate from any level of education so we can include them in our prayers!



GRADUATION

May 26th at Grace School at 6:30 PM

ASCENSION



CANYONVIEW SILVERTON IS BACK!



Yes! We are planning to host our annual bible camp again this year at Camp Canyonview near Silverton on JULY 5-8. Perhaps it more of a “minicamp” but we are excited and hopeful that our area congregations will have strong participation. Please look for opportunities to be involved and much more information in the coming weeks and months.

For who?

- 4th - 12th grades in the fall of 2022

What's the cost?

- It's early... but we hope to keep the cost at about \$185 per camper. Lodging, all meals, snacks, activities, crafts all included. We will be doing fund raising and asking for people to sponsor campers which will hopefully greatly reduce or eliminate the cost!

How can I register?

- Camp registration will start in the late spring. Pastor Luke Tembruell (Beautiful Savior, Corvallis) and Pastor Mark Swanson (Trinity, Eugene) will be our new camp directors.

What happens after I register?

- Upon receiving your application / registration you will be sent:
 - ✓ a medical form that needs to be completed.
 - ✓ a packing list – things to bring and things not to bring to camp.
 - ✓ directions on how to get to camp.

What should my child plan on at camp?

- Lots of fun. Great food. Great kids and new friends. Bible study! Fun games and activities for everybody. Time for swimming, canoeing, creek showers. A great week!

What if I have more questions?

- Our contact person for Grace is:
Gabby Baker at turtlegb@hotmail.com or by cell phone: 503-403-8231

Registration is open!

Lutheran Bible Camp

July 5-8

Lutheran Bible Camp is for young men and women who will be going into the 4th – 12th grades next school year (fall 2022).

Early Registration: May 15-25- \$175

Registration: May 26-June 10- \$185

Late Registration: June 11-24- \$195

Registration includes three professionally prepared meals a day, room and board, and camp facilities.

Drop off will be on July 5, from 9:30AM-11:15AM

Closing Service and pick up July 8: 6:30 PM

Registration is online this year. You may use the QR code to find the registration site or go to Lutheran Bible Camp – Oregon on Facebook for the link. Please like and follow our Facebook page for information and updates.

Questions:

Pastor Luke Tembreull: 5412316189

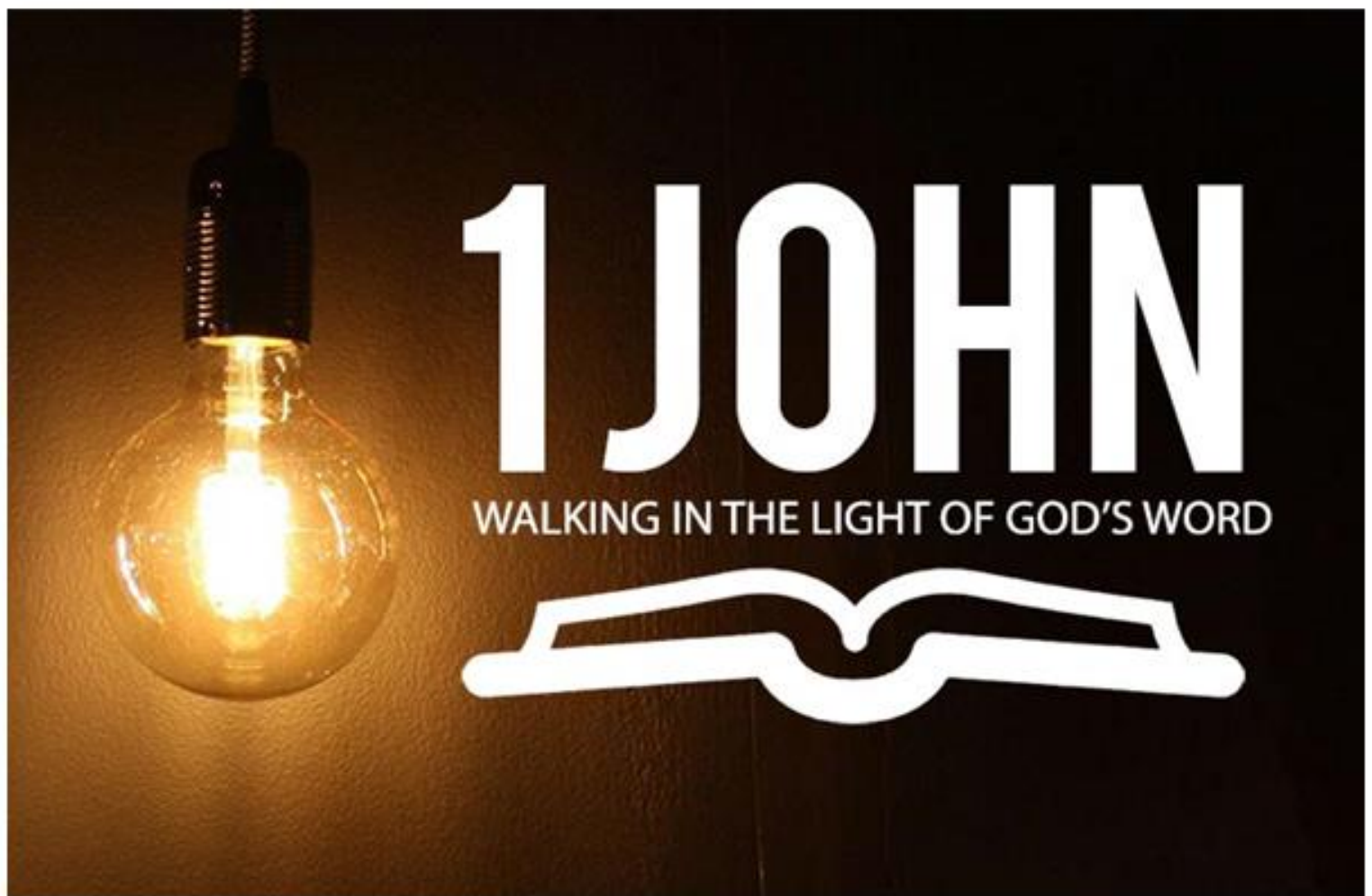
pastor@corvallislutherans.org

Pastor Mark Swanson: 9206096204

mdws89@gmail.com



Checks can be made out to “Lutheran Bible Camp” and mailed to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2685 NW 13th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

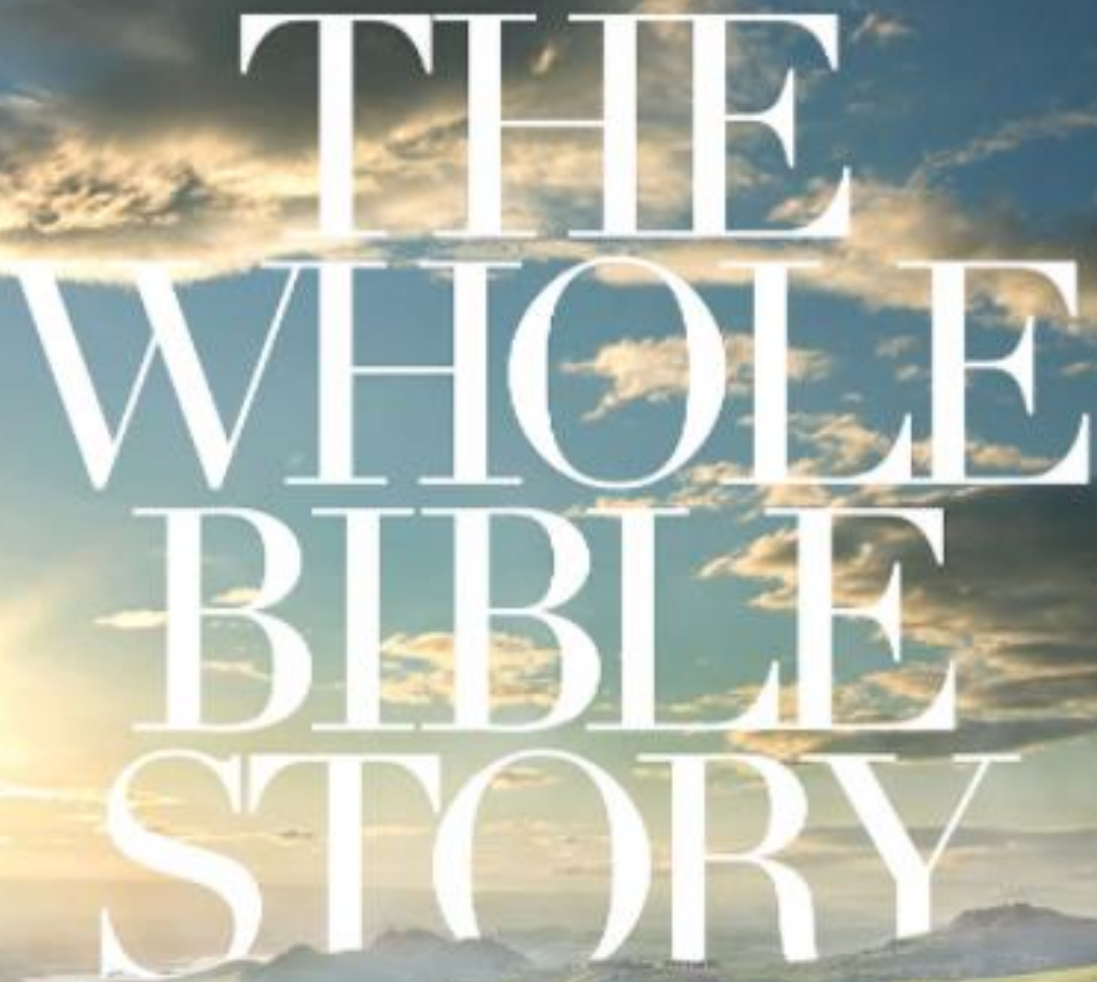


Wednesday Evenings at 6PM

Online via Google Meet

(Invite will be sent via email)

**Come Walk with Us in the
Light of God's Love!**



THE WHOLE BIBLE STORY

From Genesis to Revelation!
Come learn the whole story of the bible!
This week: THE SAVIOR COMES: The births
of John the Baptist and Jesus

Sunday School has started up again. To start we will have a combined class led by Melissa Baker.

Sunday School will meet in the room at the far end of the fellowship hall from 8:30 – 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. Adult and older children are welcome to attend bible class with pastor in the fellowship hall. A weekly lesson will also be attached with the announcements each week.

But we could use your help too! If you're interested in teaching, assisting, administrating or participating in our Sunday School program in any way please contact Pastor Bitter.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection





Weekly Mowing!

Please consider signing up for spring and summer lawn care. The lawn at church needs to be cut every week... can you sign up for a weekend to cut.



Weekly Cleaning!

Please consider signing up for summer and fall church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help!

Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks

Fellowship Hour is back! Please consider signing up to host on a Sunday by providing coffee, drinks and food. A signup sheet is in the entryway at church.



Baby Formula

Thanks to those who contributed! It appears the shortage is now under control so further contribution are no longer necessary.

Farwell for the Schwartz's

On Sunday, June 12, following our morning worship we will have a farewell for Cole & Megan Schwartz as they begin their long journey back to Wisconsin. Please plan on wishing them well and saying farewell after worship with refreshments in our fellowship hall.



Jesus Care Ministry - Opportunity

Our Oregon Circuit Congregations are working on an opportunity to serve together each month at the Edwards Center in Aloha, OR. Jesus Cares Ministry serves the developmentally disabled with a simple, loving and wonderful ministry. Each congregation will be asked to provide volunteers in a rotation to help with this important ministry in our area. Please watch for more information!



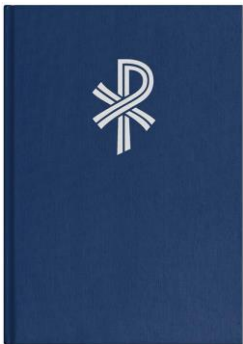


Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Grace Church is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th following worship. At our 9:30 morning worship service, we will also install our current ministry boards. Please make plans to attend this extremely important meeting as we present and ask for approval of the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. At this meeting we will also have elections as necessary and reports on areas of ministry with opportunity for questions and discussion. We will also discuss and vote upon an opportunity to remove the vacant building from our property at school. Please plan to attend!



Hymnals!



At the suggestion of our worship committee and the approval of our church council we would like to have 65 of the new hymnals in the pews in our sanctuary. To accomplish this, we need to purchase 35 more hymnals to add to the 30 we currently have on hand. With shipping, the approximate cost of this will be \$1000 or \$29.00 per hymnal. If you would like to purchase additional hymnal for the church, there will be free-will offerings in the coming Sundays or you can contact Pastor Bitter about a donation.

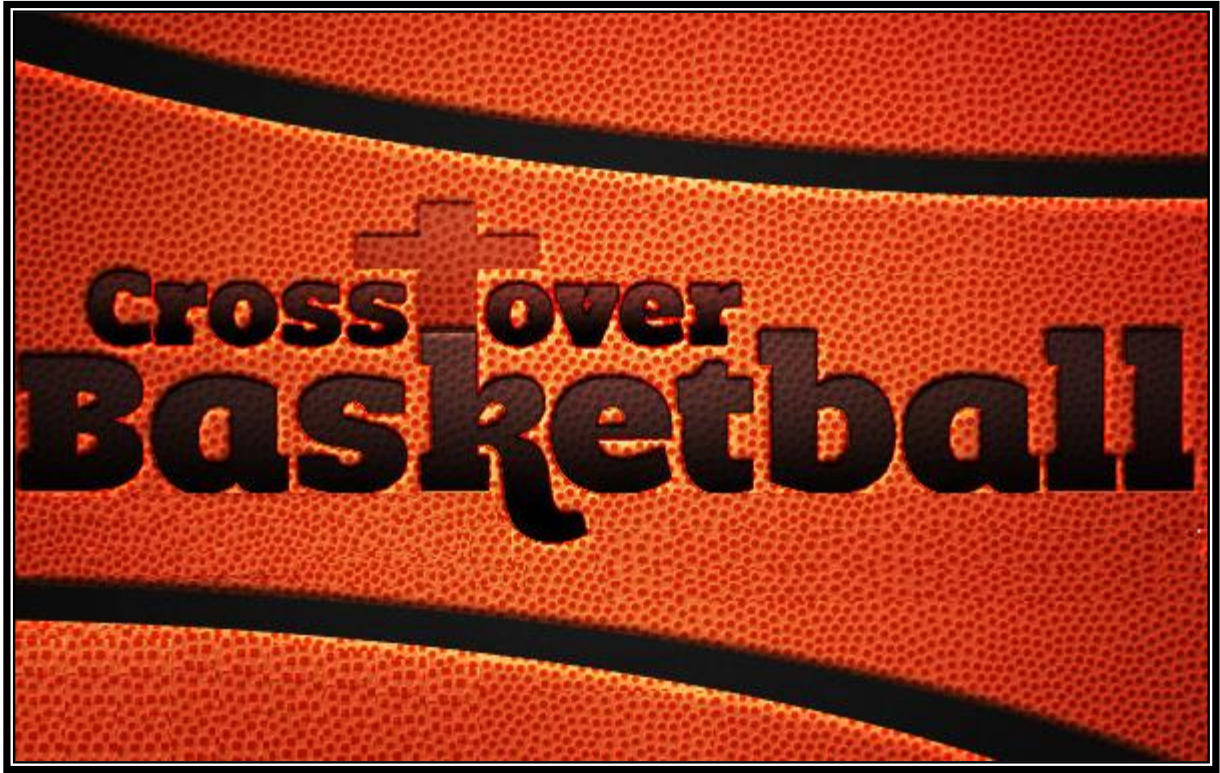
Retirement Party

After 40 years as Peace Lutheran Church of Vancouver Pastor Kraklow is retiring. We are planning a retirement party/picnic May 30th rain or shine. **Please use the signup sheet at church by May 23rd if you'd like to attend.** Festivities will begin 11am.



Installation for Pastor Janisch

Pastor Philip Janisch will be installed at Peace, Vancouver on June 26th. The instillation will be at 4pm with a dinner to follow. A signup sheet for the dinner will be posted in coming weeks for you to sign up if you wish to attend.



We would like to start our “Cross-over” Basketball nights again at our gym at Grace School again.

Look for opportunities to be announced during the week.

If you, or a group, would like to help organize, plan and carry out these basketball evenings please contact Pastor Bitter.

All you need to do is come and open the gym!

This event is for adults – high school age or older.

Bringing your friends.

Get some exercise.

Dunk on someone.

Have fun.

Live your faith.



The Eagle Message

Grace Lutheran School

DECLARE *His* PRAISES

May 17, 2022

Chapel Service at 9:15

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service** on Wednesday morning at **9:15**. Pastor Bourman will lead our worship this week. An offering envelope is **being sent home** for your child's mission offering. We will support mission work at Hope Lutheran Church in Tigard, Oregon for the second semester. Offerings gathered so far total \$887.00.



New 5th & 6th grade teacher

Mrs. Noelle Leitzke, daughter-in-law of our former principal, will be our 5th & 6th grade teacher, since Mrs. Schwartz is going to be teaching in Wisconsin. We welcome Mrs. Leitzke to our Grace Lutheran School family.



Softball Tournament THIS Thursday, May 19th

Our 5th - 8th graders will be participating in a Softball Tournament with the other Lutheran Grade Schools on **Thursday, May 19th from 9:00 to 2:30**. We will be hosting this tournament at the Columbia Little League Park (at the South end of David Douglas Park, off of Mill Plain Blvd. just west of I-205) in Vancouver, Washington.

DRIVERS/HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS ACTIVITY. Even if you can just drop off and pick up some students, that would be very helpful! These students will return to school for the normal 3:00 dismissal time.

We will have a concession stand for players, parents and coaches at this tournament. **Volunteers are needed to help with this food stand, which will include snacks, drinks, fruit, hot dogs and hamburgers.** If you can help with this activity or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schwartz mschwartz@grace-wels.net or Mr. Eternick jeternick@grace-wels.net



Piano Recital this Saturday

The Piano Recital for Mrs. Gentry's students is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21st** at 2:00, at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont St. Portland.

Precious Lambs Preschool will have their Graduation at school at 6:30 on Thursday, May 26th.

Last Day of School

The **Last Day of School** is **Friday, May 27th**. It will be a **HALF DAY** - 8:00 AM until after the picnic. We will have our final **Chapel Service at 10:30**, then continue with an **Awards Ceremony** at 11:00. There will be a **Picnic Lunch** starting around 11:30, and students are dismissed after the Picnic. **All students must be picked up no later than 1:00.** There will be **No After Care** that day.



School Picnic Friday May 27th

All students and their families are invited to our annual **School Picnic**, starting around 11:30 on Friday May 27th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, drinks, & dessert will be served.

Please return the attached form, by Monday May 23rd so we know how much food to prepare. If you would like to donate some watermelon, contact Mrs. Kraklow.

8th Grade Graduation

Our 8th graders will have their Graduation service on **Tuesday, May 31st** at the school, starting at 7:00.



Bible Camp

Tuesday - Friday, July 5-8, 2022

This Christian camp, sponsored by the Oregon & SW Washington WELS churches, is scheduled for **July 5-8** and is open to students going into 4th through 12th grades. The camp facility is in Silverton, Oregon, east of Salem. Registration information is **attached**.

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JULY 1
2022**

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\$395 MAY 1–31

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- **Worship** with thousands.
- Consider **excursions** (additional fee): Anakeesta Theme Park, river tubing, paintball, and more.
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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF EASTER 6 2022

Sunday 2 Kings 6:15-16

- Who seems to be caught in the midst of a war involving Israel and Aram?
- Read 1-14. Who seems to be winning the war? Who is on Elisha's side?
- Describe the scene which awaits Elisha one morning?
- How did Elisha's servant react? How did Elisha react?
- How should we react when trouble surrounds us? Isaiah 55:6-12

Monday 2 Kings 6:16-17

- What advice did Elisha give his servant? 16. Who might be those with "us"?
- What was Elisha's prayer on behalf of his servant?
- When God opened the servant's eyes what did he see?
- Read the rest of the chapter to see how this played out.
- What application is there for us? Romans 8:26-28; 33:33-34.

Tuesday Revelation 3:14-17

- What would be the title of the Angel (messenger) of the church of Laodicea?
- Who is the author of these words?
- Think about the significance of the descriptive words regarding this writer? Who is he really?
- How does Jesus describe the congregation? What does this mean? V. 16
- How does Jesus wish they were? What seems to be their main focus? V.17.
- What seems to be the main focus of society today? How does this affect God's people?
- Read Matthew 6:23-25

Wednesday Revelation 3:18

- These people are getting their spiritual needs answered in the wrong place?
- Where should they be going for such needs? What is the GOLD?
- Who alone has this GOLD? What is it? 1 Peter 1:3-9.
- What has more "buying power" than gold and hence is more precious? Hebrews 9:10-15.
- What are the white clothes spoken of? Isaiah 61:10; Romans 3:19-26.

Thursday Revelation 3:19-21

- How does Jesus rebuke His people whom He loves? Why?
- To what kind of meal does Jesus invite those whom he loves? Mt.25:1-13.
- What is the reward for victory over sin, death and hell through Christ?
- Who invites us to the banquet? John 6:34-46
- What is Jesus closing admonition to all churches of all time? V. 21-22

Friday John 14:23-26

- How will people who love Jesus show that they really do?
- If people do not love Jesus how will this lack of love show itself?
- Whose words are these which Jesus is speaking? John 17:11
- Who will take Jesus' place among people? Vv. 25-26.. Is. 14:30; Jn. 14:16.

Saturday John 14:27-29

- Discuss v. 27 with a special focus on peace. What does this all mean?
- Why will the disciples be glad Jesus is going away?
- What is the first step in going away? What is the final step? Vv. 28-29
- What is the purpose of everything Jesus does for us? Romans 1:16.

Grace Lutheran Church - May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 3 8:30 Bible Class 8:30 Sunday Sch 9:30 Worship 10:45 Confirmation	2	3 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 4:30 PM Indv Conf.	4 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:15 AM Chapel Noon GLS Hot Lunch 6:00 PM Bible Class	5 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM BIC 3:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM BOE	6 GLS Olympics 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM Jesus Circle 3:30 AM BIC Afternoon Visits	7 Worship Prep
8 MOTHER'S DAY EASTER 4 - Communion 8:30 Bible Class 8:30 Sunday Sch 9:30 Worship 10:45 Confirmation	9	10 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 10:00 AM MaryMartha 4:30 PM Indv Conf.	11 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:15 AM Chapel 3:30 Worship Mtg. 6:00 PM Bible Class	12 GLS OMSI 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM BIC 6:30 PM Council	13 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM Jesus Circle 3:30 AM BIC Afternoon Visits	14 Worship Prep
15 EASTER 5 8:30 Bible Class 8:30 Sunday Sch 9:30 Worship 10:45 Confirmation	16	17 10 AM Circuit @ Eugene 4:30 PM Indv Conf.	18 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:15 AM Chapel 6:30 Steering Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM Bible Class	19 GLS Softball Tourney 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM BIC	20 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM Jesus Circle 1:00 PM Podcast 3:30 AM BIC Afternoon Visits	21 Worship Prep 2:00 PM Piano Recital at Grace Chruch
22 EASTER 6 - Communion 8:30 Bible Class 8:30 Sunday Sch 9:30 Worship 10:45 Confirmation	23	24 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 4:30 PM Indv Conf. 6:30 PM Elders Mtg.	25 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:15 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Bible Class	26 Ascension 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 9:30 AM BIC 6:30 PM GLS Graduation	27 Last Day of School At GLS 1:00 PM Dismissa 3:30 AM BIC Afternoon Visits	28 Worship Prep
29 ASCENSION OBSERVED 8:30 Bible Class 8:30 Sunday Sch 9:30 Worship 10:45 Confirmation	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 8:00 AM Conf @ GLS 4:30 PM Indv Conf. 7:00 PM GLS Graduation	Notes: May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week May 30 is Pastor Kraklows Retirement June 5 is Confirmation Sunday at Grace			