

# The Means of Grace

November 24, 2024



***"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9***

Exploring the unknown can be an adventure. To be asked to lead a nation of many thousands was a great challenge for Joshua. God set a great adventure before him when He chose Joshua to lead the people of Israel from the wilderness into the land of Canaan.

At first Joshua wondered whether he could handle the job. So God encouraged this servant who would succeed Moses: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." The task was tremendous, yet God assured Joshua, as He assures us: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Putting our trust in the Lord, we can go on our way unafraid. He promises strength when strength is needed. He gives courage when courage is needed. He confirms our faith in Jesus, our Savior. His power and His presence in His Word and sacraments support us as we face the unborn tomorrow of opportunity and challenge. We don't know what God may require of us in our future. But whatever He requires, we will be able to perform because He will be with us always.

**Sunday November 24, 2024, Christ the King Sunday**

Flowers:  
Ushers: Gillespie  
Meyer  
8:00AM Leadership Meeting  
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Fellowship  
11:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Study



**Monday November 25, 2024**

**Tuesday November 26, 2024** – Grace Girls - Lunchtime

**Wednesday November 27, 2024** – No School  
-- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00PM

**Thursday November 28, 2024** – No School

**Friday November 29, 2024** – No School

**Saturday November 30, 2024**

**Sunday December 1, 2024 –**

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

**PRAYERS**

~For Aiden, the Haffner’s nephew, who is doing better, but still in the hospital with medical trials after his heart transplant earlier this year. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they continue looking for answers to help him in his recovery.

# 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.



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pastor Kraklow has graciously offered to preach for our annual Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27th. Worship begins at 7pm. This brief service will be focused on hymns and prayers of thanksgiving! We hope you will join us!

## Fellowship Hosting Sign Up

Cathie and Virginia have been outstanding doing our fellowship goodies. It is time we, as a congregation, start taking on some of this work so they can have a break. Please sign up to take over a week of fellowship goodies! Sign up with a friend or two even! There will be a sign up sheet on the board located by the fellowship hall and entryway door. If we don't have anyone signed up, there will be no goodies that week.



## Financial Giving to the Lord at Grace FY24-25

Giving	Sunday	Year	Year To Date	Week Avg
\$ 8,463.00	7/7/2024	<b>Actual</b>	\$ 117,078.12	\$ 5,853.91
\$ 4,841.63	7/14/2024	<b>Budget</b>	\$ 524,524.34	\$ 10,087.01
\$ 3,084.00	7/21/2024	<b>Diff</b>	\$ (84,662.01)	\$ (4,233.10)
\$ 4,079.00	7/28/2024			
\$ 11,698.15	8/4/2024		Weeks Complete	20
\$ 12,975.92	8/11/2024		Weeks Remaining	32
\$ 3,875.00	8/18/2024		Needed per Week to make Budget	\$ 12,732.69
\$ 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	11/20/2024
\$ 2,919.00	9/22/2024			
\$ 3,566.00	9/29/2024			
\$ 7,583.00	10/6/2024			
\$ 4,074.00	10/13/2024			
\$ 7,714.00	10/20/2024			
\$ 4,584.00	10/27/2024			
\$ 5,960.00	11/3/2024			
\$ 5,382.00	11/10/2024			
\$ 2,257.00	11/17/2024			
\$ -	11/24/2024			
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\$ -	1/12/2025	<b>Giving</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
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\$ -	3/16/2025	\$ -	6/8/2025	
\$ -	3/23/2025	\$ -	6/15/2025	
\$ -	3/30/2025	\$ -	6/22/2025	
\$ -	4/6/2025	\$ -	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.

Dear Grace members,

Sara and I can't thank you all enough for the prayers and conversations that you have provided for us over the last several weeks as we have deliberated the two calls I was holding. It has been a blessing to deliberate and find out where my God-given talents might be used best to serve God's kingdom.

After prayerful consideration, I have decided to accept the call to Divine Savior Academy in Liberty Hill, TX. This was truly a very difficult decision to make mostly because of the amazing families we have at Grace Lutheran Church and School. I can't express how thankful and appreciated I have felt over the years serving at Grace and this ministry will always hold a special place in our hearts.

I look forward to serving the remainder of the school year and working alongside our incredible, faithful staff at GLS. Sara and I will continue to pray for the ministry at Grace knowing the Lord will continue to bless it.

In Christ,

Justin Eternick



**The Eagle Message**  
**Grace Lutheran School**  
*Shining Together* Matthew 5:16

**November 19, 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 \$578.20. Thank you!

**Meals/Donations for Tammy Godish**  
**TAMMY IS VERY GRATEFUL**  
**FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

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>

**4, 5, & 6 Grade BOYS Basketball**

The BOYS basketball game that was scheduled on Tuesday, November 19 will now be played at HOME (Grace Lutheran School) at **4:30 PM**. We look forward to hosting Good Shepherd and keeping the winning streak alive! The players can stay after school to help set up for the game. Spectators should plan to arrive around 4:20. Children must be in the gym and supervised by an adult.

The **Grace Girls Devotion Group** will meet next **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** for lunch and devotion time. Thanks to Mrs. Delgado and Mrs. Luplow for leading this opportunity for our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

See the **attached** letter in regard to Mr. Eternick's job offer.



**November Hot Lunch TOMORROW Wednesday**

This month's **Hot Lunch** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**. The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, oranges, milk & chocolate milk, with pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$5 per person. Remember to still send a snack for the morning.



**Wreaths will be delivered to school on MONDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**. Orders can be picked up in the school entryway at the end of the school day, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, or 26<sup>th</sup>. We do have a few **EXTRA WREATHS** available for purchase. Please contact Mrs. Kraklow [lkraklow@grace-wels.net](mailto:lkraklow@grace-wels.net) or 503-777-8628 if you would like to purchase one of the extras.

**We're looking for a few volunteers on the 25<sup>th</sup> after 10:00, to sort and label the wreaths - let me know if you can help - lkraklow@grace-wels.net**



**Thanksgiving Vacation next week Wednesday - Friday**

There will be **NO CLASSES Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 27-29**, as we take time to thank our gracious Lord for all the blessings he has given us.

**Games and Grub Family Fun Night Fundraiser**

Many thanks to everyone who joined the fun on Friday night. We raised over **\$1,000** to go toward updating the sound equipment for the school!

Please see the **December calendar (attached)** and note the many activities during this busy holiday season.

Make sure to gather up the beverage containers from your holiday celebrations for our **Recycling Fundraiser**. Pick up **Blue Collection Bags** when you come to school. Fill the bags with **EMPTY, CLEAN 10¢ Oregon deposit** containers. See the **attached** list of accepted containers. Plastic, aluminum and glass go in the same bag - 20 pounds or less (please fill bags only halfway with glass bottles - thanks.) **Through December 2nd, Bottle Drop is matching 20% of funds raised through Blue Bags!!**





# Grace Lutheran School

## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Wreaths delivered</b> <b>MONDAY</b> <b>November 25</b>	2 <b>Piano Lessons</b>	3 BOYS Eball at Corbett 4:30 PM	4 <i>Chapel Mr. Eternick</i> Kinderkonzert 9:30 <b>Piano Lessons</b> <b>Hot Lunch</b>	5 BOYS Eball at Rivergate 4:30 PM	6 	7
8 	9 <b>Piano Lessons</b> BOYS Eball at MeadowGlade 4:30 PM	10 BOYS Eball at 8th St. Adventist 4:30 PM	11 <i>Chapel Pastor Bourman</i> <b>Piano Lessons</b>	12 BOYS Eball at Good Shepherd 4:30 PM	13 <i>Early release 11:45</i>  Staff Mtg. 12:30	14 <i>Advent Posada</i> 4:00 at school
15 	16 <b>Piano Lessons</b>	17 BOYS Eball at Trinity Lutheran 4:30 PM	18 <i>Chapel Pastor Mews</i> <b>Piano Lessons</b>	19 <i>Kindergarten-8th</i> Christmas Service <i>Practice 8:00 AM</i> at Grace <b>CHURCH</b> <b>** 9:45 dismissal **</b>	20 <b>Class parties</b> <b>11:45 Dismissal</b> <i>Preschool Program</i> at Grace Church 6:30	21
22 <b>Grace Lutheran</b> <i>School Christmas</i> <i>Service at Grace</i> <b>Church 9:30 am</b>	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27	28
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>✻</span> <span>✻ <i>Christmas Vacation</i> ✻</span> <span>✻</span> <span>✻</span> </div>						
29	30	31 <i>New Years' Eve</i>	<i>January 1</i> <i>New Years' Day</i>	<i>January 2</i>	<i>January 3</i>	<i>January 4</i> <i>Classes resume</i> <i>Mon. Jan 6, 2025</i>
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# Oregon's Bottle Bill

## What's IN\*

The vast majority - 88% - of beverages sold in Oregon are covered by Oregon's Bottle Bill. Beverages purchased in Oregon in the following sizes and types have a 10-cent refund value if they are in glass, metal, or plastic bottles or cans:

### 3 liters or less

- Water
- Carbonated beverages (ex: mineral/sparkling water, seltzer water, soda & soda water, sparkling juice, tonic, etc.)
- Beer, malt beverages, & hard seltzer
- Kombucha



### 4 ounces up to and including 50.7 ounces (1.5 liters)

- Other non-alcoholic beverages (including, but not limited to, tea, coffee, juice, energy drinks, & sports drinks)
- Other alcoholic beverages (including, but not limited to, hard cider with an ABV of 8.5% or less; excludes distilled spirits & wine)
- Marijuana and hemp beverages

### A simple guideline: look for OR 10¢ marking on containers

- Many metal cans have the marking inscribed on the top
- Most glass and plastic bottles have the marking printed on the label
- Do not crush containers or remove labels before returning to BottleDrop

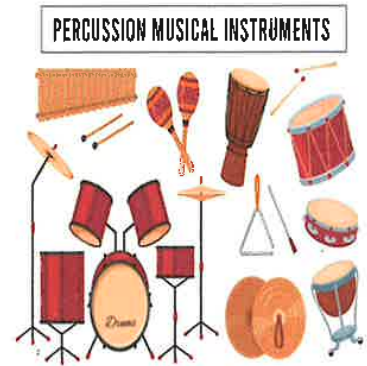


\*For reference only. Check with the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission for a legal list of redeemable beverages: [oregon.gov/olcc/docs/bottle\\_bill/included\\_beverages.pdf](https://oregon.gov/olcc/docs/bottle_bill/included_beverages.pdf)

Grace Lutheran School

**FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM**

**Oregon Symphony Kinderkonzert - Percussion**



**When:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024

We will leave at 9:00am KinderKonzert is at 9:30am

**Who:** Students in Kindergarten & Grades 1&2

**Where:** Sacramento Elementary School - Multi-Purpose Room  
11400 NE Sacramento Street  
Portland, OR

**Cost:** \$3.00 per student

**\*Please cut on the dotted lines, fill in the permission form, send along \$3.00 and return the form to school no later than Monday, December 2, 2024.**

Check all the lines that apply below and return this portion to school by 12/2

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! My child may attend the Kinderkonzert on  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024. I will drive my child.\*

*\*(siblings are welcome, parents must manage)*

\_\_\_\_\_ No. My child will not be attending the Kinderkonzert.  
I will bring my child to school at 10:30am on  
Wednesday, December 4th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be driving my child from my home and will meet  
the students at Sacramento Elementary at 9:30am.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to drive from Grace Lutheran School and  
have room for \_\_\_\_\_ extra students.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child may attend the Kinderkonzert  
but will need a ride/chaperone. **PARENTS must provide a car seat/booster seat**

**Print Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent(s)**  
**attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's cell phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

*(In case of an emergency, I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment)*

4th-6th Grade Boys Basketball  
Schedule and Locations 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>School Address</b>
November 4	Good Shepherd # 2	28986 SE Haley Rd. Boring, OR 97009
November 7	Corbett	35800 E Historic Columbia River Hwy Corbett, OR 97019
November 12	Rivergate	1505 Rivergate School Rd. Gladstone, OR 97027
November 14	8th Street Adventist	3333 NE 8th St Gresham, OR 97030
November 19	Good Shepherd # 1	28986 SE Haley Rd. Boring, OR 97009
November 21	Trinity Lutheran	5520 NE Killingsworth Portland, OR 97218
November 25	Good Shepherd # 2	28986 SE Haley Rd. Boring, OR 97009
December 3	Corbett	35800 E Historic Columbia River Hwy Corbett, OR 97019
December 5	Rivergate	1505 Rivergate School Rd. Gladstone, OR 97027
December 9	Meadow Glade	18717 NE 109th Ave. Battleground, WA 98604
December 10	8th Street Adventist	3333 NE 8th St. Gresham, OR 97030
December 12	Good Shepherd # 1	28986 SE Haley Rd. Boring, OR 97009
December 17	Trinity Lutheran	5520 NE Killingsworth Portland, OR 97218

**Special Notes:**

- Basketball Practices will be on Monday every week from 3:15-5:00 PM unless a game is scheduled.
- All Games are away AND start at 4:30 PM unless otherwise notified.

# Mary Martha Christmas Celebration

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 10 AM

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

Open with a Devotion

Sing our favorite Christmas Hymns

Play Christmas Bingo with prizes

Do a make 'n take craft

Have a gift exchange (\$20 suggested limit)

Reveal Secret Pals

Enjoy a BRUNCH and dessert

### MENU SO FAR:

German Rolladen (beef rolls)

Mashed potatoes, Red Cabbage, Caesar Salad

Christmas cookies, pie

*Please bring a side or dessert of your choice!*

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

PLEASE RSVP TO SARA HEHR OR ELKE WERNER.



**Giving Tuesday is December 3rd!**

**At Evergreen Lutheran High School our goal is to share Jesus through excellence in Christian Education. With your support, we can continue to help young people realize their God-given potential with spiritually mature hearts through the study of God's word.**

**This year our Giving Tuesday goal is to raise \$20,000 for our Endowment fund. The Endowment Fund helps provide to the hundreds of thousands of dollars awarded in Financial Aid to families every year. Lutheran Legacy Foundation will generously match dollar for dollar up to \$20,000 and 20% for every dollar after that. Our Endowment Fund increases our ability to provide financial aid to the growing needs of our students and their families.**

**On Giving Tuesday show your love of Christian education by donating to help provide a quality Christ-centered education at Evergreen High School.**

**Click the donate button below or mail a check to:**

**Evergreen Lutheran High School  
C/O Mission Advancement Office**

**7306 Waller Rd E**

**Tacoma, WA 98443**

**Please write "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line.**

**In Christ,**

**Ryan Schmeling**

**Director of Mission Advancement**

**[Rschmeling@elhs.org](mailto:Rschmeling@elhs.org)**

**715-220-1442**

**Tax ID #91-6184677**



## *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

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# MILITARY SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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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.



## **Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank: November 2024**

Your ongoing support and donations to Mainspring Foodbank is very much appreciated. Your donation for October was 58 pounds, consisting of food, hygiene items, and clothing (including some nice handknit scarves!).

As Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons approach, Mainspring has some special requests. Non-food items such as: 1) Men's clothing (clean and good condition) 2) Winter coats (all sizes, clean & good condition), and 3) holiday gift wrap/ gift bags. In early December, Mainspring will also be collecting children's toys.

For **November**, please continue to donate basic food items, focusing on some holiday food items such as:

- **Cranberry sauce**
- **Dressing**
- **Canned yams**
- **Instant potatoes**
- **Gravy**



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

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by November 25 (in time for Thanksgiving). 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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# 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  
Len Stadler  
Josh Luplow  
Jacob Meyer



## 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

