

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

The Church Office and Campus will be closed
on Wednesday, July 4. Safe celebrating!



We have filled our vacant secretary position! As of this week, Samantha Henderson has officially begun her tenure as our Church Secretary. She served 11 years as a parish administrator at Christ Lutheran in West Covina, and is currently serving at the Southwest California Synod Office as their Communications Coordinator. She is a Covina resident and is excited for the chance to work at a church close to home. **Thank you** to Sandy Streeter for her generosity and dedication in filling in during the interim period between secretaries. Please thank Sandy when you see her and wish her well in resuming her retirement. Thanks also to those who helped with the hiring process! Samantha will be joining us for worship today if you'd like to meet her in person. Please note that the office hours will be slightly different than what you've become accustomed to in the past. Be sure to check your bulletin each week to see what the office hours will be for that week.

You Are Welcome Here



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Pastor's Column

Dear Family of Grace,

As we enter into the long hot season of summer there is typically a noticeable difference in the activity of the church during this season it is often referred to as 'summer lite.' Attendance on Sundays dips, participation in other activities like Bible study and fellowship shrinks when summer travels and family events increase. That's understandable. Leisure time and spending time with family members and other summer activities are good for our mental, emotional and spiritual state and something your Pastor encourages.

But, I wonder, how do you 'recharge' or connect with God when you're absent from worship or fellowship times? I also wonder, is it possible to take Grace with you when you're away from your church family? After all, you're not a Christian or member of Grace only when you're actively participating in the life of the church. Christ is always with you no matter where you are and hopefully Grace is always near and dear to your heart wherever you go.

Whether you spend time in the splendor of God's creation or in a big city or even a rural town God's glory is always present to remind you of the blessings we have in a God who created everything. I can remember standing in awe years ago as I marveled in God's creative glory in Zion National Park. The majestic canyon and sheer cliffs reminded me of how awesome God is! Conversely when in Paris a few years ago for my honeymoon I was awestruck by the beauty of that city and its architecture and art. Human creations, but inspired by God and possible only because of the gifts He gave to those remarkable people who were responsible for the buildings, paintings, sculptures and other works of art.

Perhaps you'll be on a more leisurely vacation or staycation this summer like I was last summer when I spent time on Lake Shasta. Sure, there was time spent on the water tubing or on a Sea Do, but I had plenty of leisure time. I knew that going in, so I brought with me several books written by Christian authors that I found to be incredibly uplifting. Normally, I don't have time for leisure reading, so this was a great opportunity to feed my soul and connect with God. The point I'm trying to make is none of us should ever take time off from our faith. We should take advantage of those breaks in our normal life to experience God in new and different ways!

And like I mentioned earlier, wherever you go bring God and Grace with you! Be a witness and testimony to your amazing God and your faith family. We are all called to be witnesses to our faith no matter if we're at home or away from home. Be a graceful visitor whether you're with family or in a strange town. Be kind to strangers wherever you go. Show hospitality to those God puts in your path. Offer words of encouragement to strangers. Treat others as you would have them treat you. Doing so brings glory to God and reflects the grace you receive daily and the Grace that has helped shape your faith.

When it comes to our faith and being a Christian we don't take days off. Christianity isn't something we do, it's who we are. So, enjoy your summer, but don't forget you represent God and your church wherever you go. And take intentional time to marvel in God's creation!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

President's Report

Our church campus is a very busy place. There is something happening here every day.

A few highlights from our June 11 council meeting.

- Living the Resurrection (LTR) is finishing up their 2 year commitment. Results of their findings should be coming soon.
- We hired a new church secretary, Samantha Henderson.
- **THANK YOU** Sandy Streeter for being our temporary secretary for the past 2 months.
- New faucets have been installed in both kitchen sinks.
- Patio benches have been tightened up and are once again solid. Thank you Ken Linden and Dave Brown for a job well done.
- We are looking for a company to install new carpet in the Sanctuary. If you know of a good company, please let Pr. Steve know.
- We need a 'handyman' to do some work around our campus. If you know of a good handyman, please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come talk to me or any of the other council members.

Peace of Christ

Pat Linden

Congregational Council President

If you have an article, advertisement, announcement or special note you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact Samantha, our church secretary, by the 25th of each month. You can contact her by telephone at: 626-332-4536 or by email at: office@gracecovina.org

Happy Anniversary to...

Linden, Ken & Pat



July 6

Birthday Blessings to...

Eidum, Becky	July 4
Brown, Mike	July 4
Colwell, Jerry	July 5
Fields, Steven	July 7
Morales, Sarah	July 10
Biggs, Adrianna	July 11
Michael Van Raalte	July 14
Linden, Pat	July 16
Brown, Amber	July 21
Margison, Barbara	July 21
Schantz, Bernie	July 29



THEOLOGY PUB

On **Tuesday, July 31**, Pastor Steve will be leading "Theology Pub". It will be one more way for us to connect with God and each other and explore our faith and how God is working in our world. It will be very informal and we will gather at **Casa Moreno on Citrus Ave in downtown Covina at 6:00 pm**. One does not need to be a scholar to attend. One only needs a desire to explore their faith and the things of God. If you would like to join Pastor Steve simply bring a written question (which should be anonymous) of something pertaining to scripture, God, the Church, current event, or anything pertaining to God. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Steve. I hope you'll join us! All are welcome!

We are pleased to announce that Grace now has an online option for your tithes and offerings!

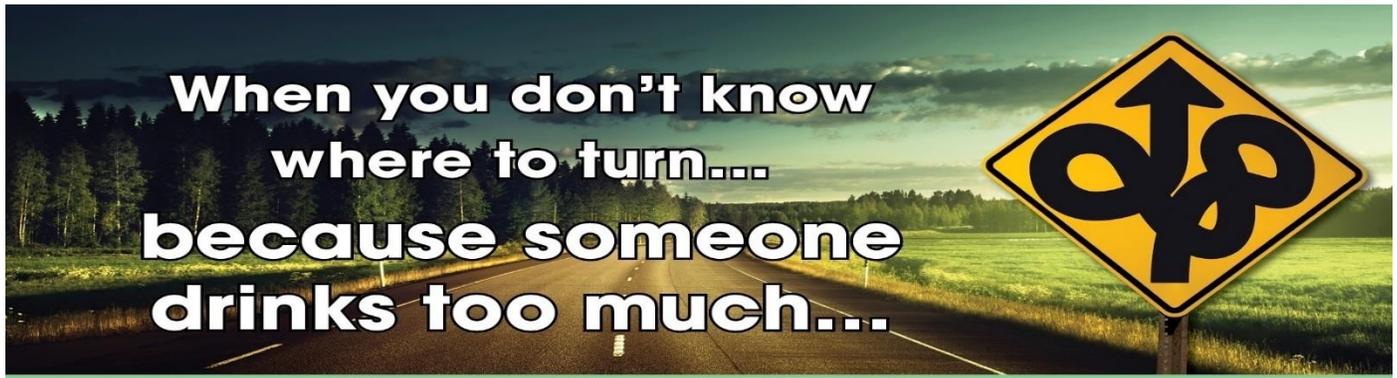


Here's how to help:

To give online go to our website (gracecovina.org) click on the 'connect' drop down option, then click on 'offerings', scroll down and select 'click to donate through PayPal'. It's pretty self-explanatory after that! You can use your PayPal account or major credit card to make your offering.

We are collecting a new food item for the ACTION Food Pantry. The month of July's featured food item is canned fruit. So when you're grocery shopping, please remember our brothers and sisters in need and pick up one or two meals in a can. Any donations are most appreciated. Let's continue to respond to God's blessings by caring for the most in need. Just a friendly reminder that on the first Sunday of each and every month is the food pantry's special collection Sunday. This is another opportunity to give thanks to God for our many blessings by helping those most in need Thank you for all the continued support!

Don't forget to follow us and like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/ActionFoodPantry91722



**When you don't know
where to turn...
because someone
drinks too much...**

Al-Anon Family Groups can help.
Learn more by attending free confidential meetings at Grace Lutheran Church
Meetings every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in room 6

888-4AL-ANON www.al-anonesgv.org al-anon.org



Congregation Records Update 2018

If you ever have any change in your contact information, be sure to complete the information below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Remember to include all family members.
Thank you.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number (Include Area Code): _____

Cell Number (Include Area Code): _____

Email Address: _____

Birthdays: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____



SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be closed Wednesday

July 4, 2018

Happy Fourth of July!

Have a safe holiday!



We will be closed
for teacher prep days
Thursday & Friday
August 23 & 24, 2018.

We will also be closed Monday
September 3, 2018 for Labor Day.



Sunscreen Reminder



We spend a lot of time outdoors in the sun. The children need a daily dose of sun block. You can never be too safe!



Themes

7/2-7/6 Patriotic

7/9-7/16 Outer Space

7/16-7/20 Dinosaurs

7/23-7/27 Science Experiments

7/30-8/3 Sports



Flag Song

We love our flag our country's flag
Our red and white and blue
Oh flag you take good care of us and
We must care for you.

Play dough

4T oil

4c water

4c flour

2c salt

4T cream of tartar

Food coloring (use as much or as little as you need to reach desired color)

You can substitute 2-3 packages of kool-aid for food coloring.

Combine all ingredients in a large pot, cook over low-med heat until play dough is not sticky. Remove from heat and knead.



The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry... -Psalm 34:15

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please pray for: Haily, Linda Osdale, Tieya Van Meter, Chantelle, Patricia Marcovich, Tammy Velazquez, Pete Cooper, Alice Martinez, Annalisa Morgan, Marion Patrick, Jorge Chavez, Walter Hoke, Trina Clay, Shawna, Keyling Toro, Dorie, Linda Dow, Lorraine Thorne, Cheryl and Coan family, Lou Acosta and family.

Please pray for those with medical needs, including: Liz Miller, Cindy, Kathy Flores, Rick, Nance & Doug Ruebsamen, Lucille Garcia, Karen Hill, Jean Rohrbach, Mary Beth Wilson, Marcia Cruchley, Marion Schwacopher & Steve, Margarite Heyne, Cora, Peggy Muncie, Tim Olszewski, Dave Brown, Charlene Bergerson, Olivia Gallina, Eddie & family, Christy, Hector Larini, Susie Galleta, Sarah Encabo, Davidson Family, Jaxon Turner, Kathy Alley, Ann Schober, Jennine McKay, Travis and Katie Hanson, Steven Brukate.

Please pray for the men and women who are currently serving in the military, including: Ryan Norring (Army) and Talon Featherstone (Navy) who are bravely protecting us and our country.

Please pray for the people in: Hawaii, Guatemala, all schools, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Virgin Islands and those affected by the California fires and floods.

Please pray for those who are being faced with grief.

Please pray for Grace Lutheran Church Congregation.

Please pray for our pre-school and infant care program.

Please pray for the firefighters, police force and leaders of our country.

Please pray for the ACTION Food Pantry and the homeless that they serve.

Please pray for all those in need.

“The Prayer of the Righteous is Powerful and Effective.” – James 5:16

Please let us know...

- If we don't have a birthday or anniversary date listed.
- If you have a special announcement.
- If someone in your family is ill or in the hospital.
- If you move or change your telephone number.
- If you will be away for a period of time.
- If you feel the church can assist you in any way.

Our Prayer Book is...

Also located in the back of the sanctuary. You can write your prayer request in this book each Wednesday or Sunday. Remember, you can also contact the church office with your prayer request and updates for the prayer list.

July scripture readings to share with your family & to deepen your worship experience.

(6 Pentecost)

July 1

Lam 3:22-33
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 5: 21-43

(7 Pentecost)

July 8

Ezek 2:1-5
2 Cor 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

(8 Pentecost)

July 15

Amos 7:7-15
Eph 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

(9 Pentecost)

July 22

Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

(10 Pentecost)

July 29

2 Kings 4:42-44
Eph 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	2 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	3 10am Prayer Group 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	4 4th of July Holiday Campus Closed	5 9:30am Lydia Lois Circle 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry 6pm-10pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry	6 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	7 10am Al-Anon 4:00pm Leslie/Spradley Wedding
8 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	9 12:30pm Deborah's Circle 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry 6:30pm Council Meeting Room 6	10 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	11 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 7pm Worship 7pm AA	12 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry 6pm-10pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry	13 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	14 8:30am-9pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry 10am Al-Anon
15 *Regular Sunday Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	16 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	17 10am Prayer Group 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	18 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 7pm Worship 7pm AA	19 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry 5:45pm-9pm Heathdale HOA 6pm-10pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry	20 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	21 8:30am-9pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry 10am Al-Anon Crafting 12pm-3pm (Rm. 6)
22 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	23 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	24 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	25 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 7pm Worship 7pm AA	26 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry 6pm-10pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry	27 1pm Grace Ladies Luncheon 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	28 8:30am-9pm Everlasting Gospel Ministry 10am Al-Anon
29 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	30 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	31 6pm-8pm Theology Pub 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship				

* Sunday Service Times

- *9:00am Traditional Worship
- *11:00am Contemporary Worship
- *1:00pm Apostolic Fellowship

What's happening at GLC?

Exciting things are always happening here at Grace. So, please take a moment to look on the bulletin board and table in the narthex and see what exciting things are happening. You can check us on Facebook, too!

www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranCoving

WHO WE ARE

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*Something to hold on to...
A friend. A neighbor. Hope. Faith.
We are all looking for something...*

Welcome to Grace

*This is who we are.
This is what we do.
You are welcome here.*

This is who we are...

Grace is a family of believers who gather in the name of Jesus Christ to experience God's love and acceptance through each other. Our intimate community is one where all are welcome, all are accepted, all are filled and all are sent out to give as they have received.

Though we are a community of faith, Grace is not a place for those who feel they have found everything they need regarding their faith journey. The people of grace feel that we are on a journey that is just beginning for some of us, while for others, that journey is much further along. Wherever we might be in that individual journey, we feel we are called to walk together, as no one should ever have to journey alone. No matter where you are in your beliefs, no matter where you feel your place in life is, you are welcome here.

"One person can have a profound effect on another. And two people...well, two people can work miracles. They can change a whole town. They can change the world." – Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, Northern Exposure, Cicely (1992)

This is what we do...

Our community prays for one another. It is part of our duty, as people of faith, to lift up each other's joys and sorrows.

Our community chooses to offer back to God what God has so greatly blessed us with---ourselves, our time, our possessions---all signs of God's gracious love. Our community gathers together for many different reasons and in many different places. Below are just a few:

Some Main Campus Gatherings:

Traditional Worship & Holy Communion (every Sunday at 9am)
Contemporary Worship & Holy Communion (every Sunday at 11am)
Midweek Worship (every Wednesday at 7pm)

Some Off-Campus Gatherings:

Deborah Circle (every FIRST Monday of every month at 12:30pm in homes)
Lydia Lois Circle (every FIRST Thursday of every month at 9:30am in Room 6)
Heathdale Homeowners Association (every THIRD Thursday of every month at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall)
Grace Ladies Luncheon (every Fourth Friday of every month 1:00pm)