

Growing in Grace

June 2023

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

For the next few months, I'm going to go back to one of my favorite topics, apologetics (which basically means "defending the Christian faith"). I am going to try to answer some of hard questions we Christians might be asked. **(If anyone has some suggestions for future questions, please let me or Robbie know and I'll try to answer them.)**

Our first question, "Should Christians judge people?" It is all but guaranteed that we have all heard someone say, "Judge not, that you be not judged." [Matt 7:1] when they are confronted with wrongdoing. Jesus Himself said those words, but what did He mean?

We know, intuitively if nothing else, that Jesus could not have meant that all judgment is wrong because that would mean we couldn't even judge murder as wrong which would be nonsense.

But on the other hand, we also know that Jesus would not have us going around and telling everyone we meet how sinful they are as that would seem to make us a lot like the Pharisees who were a group of people Jesus continually criticized. {Indeed, we could rightly say Jesus judged them which once again shows that not all judgment is wrong.}

So then, how are we to judge rightly? Let's go to some Bible verses. (I'll bet some of you can guess some of the ones I'm going to quote.)

Right after Jesus said, "Judge not, that you be not judged.", He said, "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." [Matt 7:3-5]

Jesus' teaching here would seem to indicate that we are to not judge others hypocritically. That much is clear, but there is more to it than that. By saying that we are not to judge people hypocritically, it seems to mean that we should not tell other people to stop committing a certain sin when we ourselves are unrepentantly committing that very sin.

Being precise like that is important because it clears up some possible confusion. Even if we are committing the very sin that we tell others not to commit, it doesn't mean that that sin is acceptable behavior to God. The conduct of the person telling someone a given behavior is a sin has nothing to do with the behavior being a sin.

Think about it like this. A doctor could rudely tell someone that they have a fatal disease. That doctor might even have that fatal disease themselves. But even if that is the case, the person the doctor diagnosed with the disease has the disease or they do not. The attitude of the doctor is irrelevant.

This relates to judgment in that the way we tell people about their sin doesn't have any bearing on whether the behavior is truly sinful, but the way we judge people about their sin does matter to God and person judging and the person being judged.

You may have noticed, I left one verse out of Jesus teaching on judgment, "For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you." [Matt 7:2]

That would seem to mean that the way we judge others, not what we are judging them for, is how judgments can go wrong. For the most part, God judges us with restoration in mind. God wants everyone to be saved, but to be saved people must know they need to be saved because they have sinned. We should not judge people by pointing out their sin just to make ourselves look good or make them look bad, but only to move them to repent and to make right their relationship with God.

As we are told after the most well-known verse in the Bible (even more well known the "Judge not, that you be not judged." one), "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." [John 3:17]

Pastor Joshua

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GRACE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER

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BIRTHDAYS

June 7	Janet Grabhorn
June 13	Art Bieber
June 18	Richard Squires
June 20	Kim Bennett
June 26	Bethany Hull
June 27	Marge Trinklein

ANNIVERSARIES

June 4	Jeff & Judi Hayes (51)
June 5	Gene & Ruth Oster (41)
June 11	Boyd & Lesle Ruby (46)
June 16	Harry & Cindy Squires (50)



1 Corinthians 13:4-5: **“Love** is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

Bible Quiz – Jesus as a Child

1. What was Jesus' mom's name?
2. What was Jesus' mom's husband's name?
3. What gifts did the wise men offer to Jesus when He was very young?
4. Why did Jesus' dad take Him to Egypt when Jesus was very young?
5. Who told Jesus' mom she was going to be pregnant with Jesus?
6. Who did Jesus' mom visit when she learned she was pregnant with Jesus?
7. In what city was Jesus born?
8. Other than His mom and dad, who were the first humans to see the baby Jesus?
9. What two people did Jesus' mom and dad meet when they brought Him to the temple when He was very young?
10. Why did Jesus' mom and dad name Him Jesus?



Write your answers down 1-10 and turn into the church office by June 22nd to be entered into the next drawing. May's winner was Cheri Layton!! She is the recipient of “Bake Me A Wish” assortment of cookies. June's contest is for our youth. Participants **MUST** be 18 or under & can be assisted by a family member.



Financial News

In April 2023 Grace Lutheran Church experienced Plate Contributions of **\$10,301.62** versus Expenses of **\$14,807.77** resulting in a **\$4,506.15 operating deficit**. GCCC raw income came in at **\$50,553.00** versus raw expenses at **\$53,710.79** resulting in a **\$3,157.79 operating deficit**. Combined results for GLC and GCCC, then, is a **\$7,663.94 operating deficit**.

🕒 [Ask Jan Surry about the Nominating Committee or Budget Committee.](#)

🕒 Next Meeting June 19th, 2023 5:00 PM Zoom

Voter's Meeting News | Council Positions

The following positions have terms that expire as of August 31st. We will be voting at our August Voter's Meeting on August 27th. If you are interested in learning more about a position or would like to be nominated, please contact Jan Surry. You can find job descriptions on our church website in the Standing Rules

- 🕒 President
- 🕒 Council Secretary
- 🕒 Treasurer
- 🕒 2 Elder Positions
- 🕒 2 Trustee Positions
- 🕒 Financial Secretary

St. John's Donation Proposed Uses

We have been blessed with money that was donated to us from the unfortunate closure of St. John's Lutheran. Currently we have \$35,000 remaining after it was voted in January to install a Stairlift chair, which is installed and operating. Because of space constraints, the trustees are looking at some option for a ramp to access it from the Fellowship Hall or outside since it is installed with still two steps to maneuver.

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At the May Voter's meeting voter's were informed about two more proposals that were received. At the August meeting we will be voting if we move forward with either of these options or not. The council is still open to receiving any other requests. You can send those to janetwentz@comcast.net

Proposal #1-Purchase of a 12-15 passenger Van with following points

1. Can be used for Youth Group, Quilters, LWML, GCCC or other church activities.
2. Insurance would cost per year \$600-\$900
3. No driver restrictions, but recommend clean driver record, member of church, and 25-70 years old.
4. Estimated cost of used vehicle \$20,000-30,000 depending on year.

Factors to consider are ongoing expenses (fuel, maintenance), storage, etc.

Please see the attached that is an email that the council felt laid out both opinions for and against. Steve Polard opinions are in bold, italic and Phil Soth is in regular print.

Proposal #2-Reader Board/Sign Replacement-Please see the quote in this newsletter.

1. We received 3 options from Clark Signs in Scappoose.
2. #1 is for us to repair base and put new sign on current base \$7,230 (The current base is in need of removal and replacement we do not have a quote for this work at this time)
3. #2 is to remove current base and install pole and new sign \$11,855 (Thought is to build something around pole to make it look nicer.

#3 Sign with Electronic Message Center below \$28,040 (The message center would be a scrolling sign)

GCCC Outdoor Cover

GCCC board approved quote for permanent covered structure that you will see being build in our back fenced yard by the parking area.

It will be a 20'x20' cement pad with wooden support columns. It will have a peaked shingled roof with gutters and an approved plan to divert water to avoid muddy areas and puddling

This structure will allow the children to get some outside time during inclement weather, but most importantly will allow as a transition space for students arriving on the bus to have snacks while preschool children are finishing their day and leaving. Once preschool room is cleared they will use it for K-1 afterschool students. The structure will also be available on weekends for church use.

In His Service,

Janet Wentz, President
Jan Surry, Vice-President





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May 15, 2023

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Description:

Replacement Sign

Sign with Readerboard on Customer's Base

4'x8' Double sided cabinet with covers on both side to be mounted on customer provided brick base.

Keyed Plexiglass covers with struts, Plexiglass panels with vinyl graphics and zip track	\$ 5,280.00
Installation	\$ 1,470.00
Permits at cost (approx \$200)	
Permit acquisition	\$ 480
Engineering (if required) at cost (approx \$600)	

Sign with Readerboard on Single Pole

4'x8' Double sided cabinet with covers on both side to be mounted Steel Pole

Keyed Plexiglass covers with struts, Plexiglass panels with vinyl graphics and zip track	\$ 5,280.00
Remove Base and install Pole	\$ 3,940.00
Installation	\$ 1,470.00
Optional Pole cover	\$ 685.00
Permits at cost (approx \$200)	
Permit acquisition	\$ 480
Engineering (if required) at cost (approx \$600)	

Sign with Electronic Message Center on Single Pole

2'x8' Double sided cabinet	\$ 2,420.00
(2) 3'x8' full color 16mm Optec LED Displays	\$ 19,045.00
Remove Base and install Pole	\$ 3,940.00
Installation	\$ 1,470.00
Optional Pole cover	\$ 685.00
Permits at cost (approx \$200)	
Permit acquisition	\$ 480
Engineering (if required) at cost (approx \$600)	

Thanks

Dave Clark

Clark Signs

Hello All,

This is in response to Phil's argument against the purchase of a church van. While I appreciate his arguments, I cannot help but disagree. I will be voting in support of purchase of the van.

Before we proceed, let me remind this group of our approved vision statement for GLC:

"Grace Lutheran is a Christ centered, multigenerational church that loves Jesus, loves people, and teaches the truth of God's Word" (emphasis added)

It is no secret that GLC is on the cusp of becoming a legacy church, meaning we would acknowledge that we will not be attracting younger families and that the church will shut its doors when most of the current generation passes. We as a church have agreed to put a lot of effort into becoming a multigenerational church with only limited success. We have a small corp of committed people praying and working diligently trying to revamp a successful youth ministry program while trusting that a successful youth ministry program will help attract and retain younger families, thus helping us truly become a multigenerational church. Additionally, I would like to remind the council that even though the council deals with the "business" of the church, it is a branch of the church with the primary objective of glorifying God and proclaiming the gospel. All of the "business" of the church is to this end. With this in mind, I will first make my own argument in support of a van purchase and secondly, I will respond to Phil's specific arguments in red directly following his statement.

I have not had the opportunity to report this yet, but our youth group is planning on meeting with another small Lutheran church in Vancouver on a quarterly basis. This is still a work in progress, but we fully anticipate that this opportunity will develop and flourish starting in July of this year. This will help breath new life into our youth ministry while possibly attracting more youth to GLC through personal interactions with the youth currently attending. Thus, there will be an ongoing and regular use for a church van for youth ministry. As the youth ministry grows, as I trust it will, the demand for the use of the van for youth ministry will increase. The additional uses of the church van for various legitimate ministry needs only adds to the value.

Below I am pasting Phil's arguments from his email and will be replying to each one in particular in red immediately following his argument. (Steve Pollard's response is bolded and italicized)

Greetings,

I am sending you this brief note to let you know that I will voting "NAY" regarding the purchase of a van with the money from the St Johns Donation. There are several reasons, which I will enumerate here:

- Most importantly, the primary reason for the van was to transport Youth Group and chaperones to events. To that extent, this is a very narrow use of the funds and offers little benefit to the congregation as a whole, as compared to the St John's money we are spending for the stair lift, which will benefit a wider audience.

In terms of a narrow focus, let me refer you back to the vision statement. We know that youth ministry is a small ministry at this time, but if we are to become a multigenerational church, and avoid the legacy designation, we need a vibrant and real youth ministry. I fully supported the chair lift, but it too also serves a very small portion of our congregation that cannot get up and down the stairs. But this also supports ministry and is the purpose of the church, so I fully supported it. Likewise, the van supports the ministry and is in my opinion is very necessary for the ongoing ministry of GLC.

- Another reason cited was the inconvenience associated with renting a van and the logistics involved in picking it up and returning it to a rental facility. In comparison to the estimated \$35,000 purchase price of the van, maybe paying for an extra day of rental would be more prudent.

While renting a van may be the less expensive in terms of cost to the church, it will most certainly severely restrict our youth ministry activities. The only place available to rent a large passenger van is in Portland and during business hours. This means that someone, probably either Jennifer or me, would need to take two days off work to get the van. One day to pick up the van and another to return it. Our events are typically on the weekend and these rental places are not open 24/7. There is a huge time and cost to us individually to make this happen. Our youth ministry runs on volunteer work, not a called church worker unless you want to task Pastor to go to Portland to rent the van and return it (which I do not think is a good use of our Pastors time even if he is willing). There is far more to a cost calculation than absolute dollars and cents to the church.

- Although liability insurance is estimated at \$600-900 annually, there will still be the issue of ongoing repair and maintenance. Who will be responsible for that? Since the usage will be primarily Youth Events, the van will stand idle for considerable periods of time, which is not beneficial to a vehicle, the van will need to be started at least monthly and either driven or allowed to idle for a while. Again, who will be responsible?

I believe that Jennifer has stated already that our youth ministries will assume responsibility for routine maintenance costs. As an ongoing resource being used primarily for youth group activities, there is easily a justification for using these funds accordingly. This would include just routine maintenance costs such as oil changes, tire rotations, and tune up's if necessary. I am personally willing to store the van in front of my house in St Helens making theft and vandalism no more likely than my personal vehicle being vandalized, which has not happened once since I have moved here in 2014. As far as routine starting and "exercise" of the van, I can simply drive the van to church once a month instead of my personal vehicle and that issue is simply resolved. While it may be inconvenient for someone to come to St Helens to pick up the van for church use, it is far better than having to arrange a rental from Portland. Also, there are other options available for safe van parking, but I do not want to mention at this moment.

- Storage is an issue. Will the van sit on church property, ripe for vandalism? I estimate the life of the catalytic converter will be about 10 minutes. If located offsite at a member's home, its usefulness will be limited due to the inconvenience of logistics (getting it to and from another group, ie., Ladies Lunches, LWML, pickup service from care facilities for church service/functions, etc).

See response to the bullet above.

- A 12-15 person van is not a small vehicle, so the potential list of willing drivers is pretty small outside of Youth Group personnel; again, this further limits its use by other groups.

Driving the van is not much different than driving a large pickup truck. I know in the youth ministry group, there are at least three people willing and able to drive the van if necessary (Jennifer, myself, and Pastor), probably more. I know that there is at least one lady in church that typically drives a large pick up truck and thus I reason she would not have a challenge driving the van. I honestly think this is the weakest argument Phil makes.

- Vehicles are subject to annual depreciation, and although I don't know precisely what the depreciation would be on a vehicle of this sort, I am not convinced that we want to spend \$35,000 on an asset that will only drop in value over time.

Again, you are making a value judgment only in dollars and cents. This is not an investment designed to make money, nor should we look at this expense as a business trying to minimize cost, but it is an investment in ministry, and we obtain the value of this van through advancing our ministries at GLC. If my reasoning is sound, which I obviously believe it is, then the expenditure is well worth the dollars in terms of youth ministry and the ongoing ministry of GLC. If the youth ministry succeeds and has the desired impact, GLC will not transition into a legacy church and will continue to serve Jesus in the greater Scappoose area for at least two more generations.

I am sending this note to you in advance of Council meeting, as I wanted to let you know where I stand, as well as give you time to consider the points I will be making. There may be other, more compelling, reasons in favor of the proposal, but I am unaware of them. I am not anti-Youth Group, but I believe in the preservation of assets, and this is not a productive use of our assets.

I obviously strongly disagree with this assessment. People are the purpose of ministry. Assets are simply the means by which we exercise ministry to reach people and glorify God. Lets not forget the purpose of church, expressed in terms of the vision statement, on the altar of prudent asset management.

I expect a response to my objections will be "Let the Voters decide" and that is a prudent course of action; however, I think Council needs to take a stand one way or another prior to submitting the issue to the Voters. If the Council vote is 7 to 1 in favor, so be it. If, however, there is more of a split vote, then the Voters need to know that as well. Please know that if the issue goes to the Voters, I will present the above issues to them during the Voters meeting for their consideration.

Likewise, I will bring all of these arguments up in a voters meeting if necessary. I am very passionate about this and I really care about ministry. What use are assets if the church closes it's doors in 30 years?




Respectfully submitted,

Phil

Steve Pollard



JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
GCCC utilizes the Fellowship Hall when not in church-use. Times may vary. MON-FRI: 11-6.						
				1 	2 6:30A Mens Bible Study (MBS)	3 Simdorn Funeral 10-12
Communion 4 9A Adult Bible Study (ABS) 10:15A Worship & Sunday School (SS) CAKE	5 4:30P Elders Meeting (Zoom)	6 10A Ladies Bible Study (LBS) 5:30P Mission Servants	7 10A Cheerful Comforters	8 9:30A GCCC Board 4:15P Board of Ed	9 6:30A MBS	10
11 9A ABS 10:15A Worship & SS	12	13 10A LBS @ Catholic Church	14 10A Cheerful Comforters 6:30P GCCC Graduation	15 6:30P GCCC Graduation	16 6:30A MBS	17
Communion 18	19 5:00P Church Council Meeting (Zoom) SUMMER BREAK	20 10A LBS @ Catholic Church Newsletter Deadline	21 10A Cheerful Comforters	22 6P GCCC Staff Meeting	23 6:30A MBS	24
25 9A ABS 10:15A Worship — YOUTH in CHURCH POTLUCK & BINGO AT 12	26 	27 10A LBS @ Catholic Church	28 10A Cheerful Comforters CRAZY HAIR DAY AT GRACE	29	30 6:30A MBS	24  ***GCCC utilizes the Fellowship Hall 6-6 during summer break.



I AM KNOWN

In the first article (May 2023 Newsletter), I described the current identify crisis that is plaguing our culture today, along with the Biblical answer that our identify is in Christ (see Gal 2:20). Now I want to start discussing 12 key truths regarding our identify in Christ, the first being I am known. This article is a slightly edited version of an article taken from the book “Flip the Script: Disrupting Tradition for the Sake of the Next Generation”, by Chuck Peters, Jana Magruder, and Stephanie Salvatore.

In a culture where people, and especially kids and students, feel invisible and overlooked, we need to know that every part of us is known by the God who made us. Nothing and no one is hidden from Him. There are no secrets that can be kept from Him. There is no place we can go that He cannot see us. He knows our thoughts, our motives, and our intentions.

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Psalm 139:1-2

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.** Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13*

Even though God knows everything about us – all our secrets, the lies, the sins, and the mistakes – He still loves us. People, and especially youth, may feel like no one notices them, sees them, hears them, or

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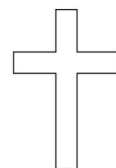
maybe even that no one loves them. They often feel invisible to those around them, but they are seen and known by God. In fact, they are never out of His sight. God hears every worry, every fear, and every insecurity, and He cares about all of it.

But whoever loves God is known by God. 1 Corinthians 8:3

By pointing people to the true identity of who God is, we help them realize their true identities – known and extremely valuable.

We are known by God!

FROM ALL OF US AT GRACE



Congrats!

**Lindsay Brown, Sydney
Liao, Matthew Boren, Mya
Hayden, Kendall Overstreet
& Alyssa Holtz**

Class of 2023

"May he give you the desire of your heart and
make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4

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Those who attended the West Hills Zone Rally at Living Savior Lutheran Church had an enjoyable time. The fellowship and activities were wonderful. Darla Schulte, Recording Secretary for the Oregon District, reported from the Assembly of Leaders. Deb Weaver led us in a Soul Collage and reported from the Oregon District LWML. So nice to see and visit with Deb and hear how they are settling into their new home in Junction City. Zone President Debbie Vossler appointed Judy Chase as the interim West Hills Zone President until she can be duly elected next Fall per West Hills Zone Bylaws. Kira Parker, Zone Secretary, is also leaving this year. The Zone Secretary position still needs to be filled.

Grace Lutheran Mission Servants will be hosting the West Hills Fall Zone Rally on October 7th. Theme to be determined.

May 7th the Mission Servants hosted a Potato Bar and Silent Auction. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all who donated for the auction. Over \$600 was generated from the auction and food donation. This money is earmarked for scholarships for all the ladies at Grace who attend the national or Oregon District Conventions or the Or-

gon District Retreat to be held in September. Many thanks to all who donated for this event.

80 quilts were taken to St. Andrews Lutheran Church for Lutheran World Relief. Our Cheerful Comforters are super! It is amazing how many quilts they make in the short time between shipments to LWR.

The Cheerful Comforters meet Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon in the basement quilting room. Talk to Jan Surry, Cindy Squires or Jeanne Hutton for more information.

We will begin collecting items for LWR School Kits in June. Jennifer Wiley is heading this up. So be on the lookout for school supplies—Check the poster in the Fellowship Hall to see what is needed.

Mission Servants will be hosting a **potluck and bingo after church on Sunday, June 25th**. Mark your calendars for this fun afternoon.

Our closing meeting for the summer will be on Tuesday, June 6th. We will resume meeting in September 2023.

In His love,

Carole Covlin, President
West Hills Zone



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 4th



The poster has a dark purple background. It is decorated with various colorful icons related to games and gambling, including bingo cards with 'X' marks, numbered balls (7, 19, 35), a roulette wheel, a slot machine, and stacks of gold coins. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, outlined, and solid colors.

LWML PRESENT

BINGO & POTLUCK

June 25th

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and win the prizes. Proceeds to benefit our Mission Servants.

GAME | FOOD | FUN

Door Open at 12:00pm

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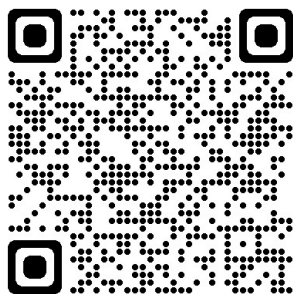


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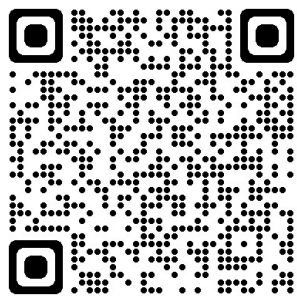
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Visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ4V/home> and click the contribute icon to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



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Organization Number: EN005

St. Pauly Shed

If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give our community a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-



for option to donate their used clothing to be dispensed both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them.

Grace receives funding for donated clothing which helps fund our youth programs.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillow-cases, and stuffed animals.

Red Cross Blood Drives

Saturday, July 29th

Saturday, November 25th

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.





Servant Schedule

June	Communion / Holy Trinity		Communion / Father's Day		Youth in Service	
	4		11		18	
	Elder	Rudie Pletz	Bill Covlin	Steve Layton	Steve Pollard	Steve Layton
	Ushers **	Barbara Lacy	Cindy Squires	Janet Wentz	Jan Surry	Steve Layton
	Scripture Reader	Bill Lacy	Steve Pollard	Don Wentz	Steve Surry	Steve Layton
	Greeter	Carole Pletz	Steve Pollard	Don Wentz	Rudie Pletz	Steve Layton
		Janet Johnson	Pat Hoag	Leslie Ruby	Member of Youth Group	Steve Layton
	Altar Care	Lynnda Fuller		Carole Covlin	Judi Hayes	Steve Layton
	Music	Lynnda Fuller	Lynnda Fuller	Judi Hayes		Steve Layton
	Sunday School	Tom & Robbie	Persons	Persons	SUMMER BREAK - Bible Presentation (no 4th grade presentation in 2023)	Steve Layton
	Altar Flowers	Lynnda Fuller - in memory of Mother's Birthday & Parents Anniversary	Pletz	Squires	OPEN	Steve Layton
	Adult Bible Study	Steve Layton	Steve Layton	Steve Layton	Steve Layton	Steve Layton





Grace Christian Children's Center

A MESSAGE FROM MISS NOORAH



As we find ourselves at the end of this school year, we are concluding our classroom curriculum in anticipation of joining our big kids to learn together this summer. We will be having themed weeks with fun activities, crafts and Bible lessons to go along with them. Look out for Christmas in July! The month of May has flown by and with it we finished the Alphabet with letters W, X, Y and Z. Learning letter recognition and phonics has sparked the kids to sound out words and eagerly participate in circle, especially when asked if they know words that start with our letter of the week. Reciting our weekly Bible verse has also proven to be a time the kids love to share with their classmates that they have also memorized it too! This past month during chapel time we have learned about a paralyzed man who Jesus healed, why Jesus chose Judas even though He knew Judas would betray him, how he grew Peter and John to grow the church, and how God transformed Saul from persecuting Christians to becoming a Christian who God renamed Paul. There are so many things that fill our days including lots of play! Play builds fine and gross motor skills as well as building relationships and life-long emotional skills such as empathy. Watching your kids learn and grow has been a true blessing for me. Even on hard days with big feelings and frustrations, we have to remember these are all a part of growing and learning! My prayer is that God will continue to use all of our teachers here at GCCC to be instrumental in impacting who each and every one of our kids will become in the future.

-Miss Noorah



"Where caring people enrich the lives of children and families through Christ-centered Learning"



Grace Christian Children's Center



OUR PHILOSOPHY

As an important ministry of the Grace Lutheran Church congregation, Grace Christian Children's Center believes that children need a solid foundation on which they can build. Childhood is a time like no other. It's a time for exploring, creating, playing and discovering about one's self. It's a time for learning about our identity in Christ, for meeting the world, for learning how to learn and for being accepted just the way they are.

Our curriculum is based on providing your child with experiences that will enrich and enhance each child's spiritual life, their cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical and creative development.

Our experienced teaching staff understands that each child is a unique person with an individual pattern and timing of social, physical, and intellectual development.

We embrace the belief that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children. Parents are welcome visitors in the classroom at all times and we value their input in our program.

Our program does not discriminate because of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, life style, or disability in program admittance, activities or employment. We do not tolerate discriminatory behavior.

Our program is welcoming, respectful and accepting of all families. Our program is open to all age-eligible children; including children with special needs, if reasonable accommodations can be made. Each child's needs are addressed with parents on a one-to-one basis.

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SERVING IN GRACE

Included in every newsletter is a list of Servants for the upcoming month. **Is your name on it?** Would you like it to be? A church is a congregation of servants and all service is valuable and greatly appreciated!

Do you have interest in being an Usher? An Elder? A Greeter? A Sunday School Teacher? A Scripture Reader? An Acolyte (for our younger members)? Provide Communion Care? Bring Altar

Flowers? Each of these is needed every Sunday! If you have questions and/or wish to be more involved in the service of our church, please speak with your Elder, or contact the Office Administrator, Robbie Burum, at 503-543-6555 or church@gracescappoose.org.

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