



Spirit of Grace

A Lutheran-Methodist Cooperative Church

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Zoom info for Sunday Worship

The "room" will open at 9:30, which can be a good time to chat with Pastor Sue. Worship will begin at 10:00. Services will be recorded and the link will be placed on the church Facebook page. (If anyone does not want their face being part of the recording, you may turn off your "video". You may also choose to re-name yourselves if you don't want your name to be shared). Every week on Sun,:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81548310619>

Meeting ID: **815 4831 0619**

One tap mobile with Meeting ID above:

+1-669-900-9128

+1-253-215-8782

The **John Duckwall Endowment** distributed gifts of \$4,500 last month which represents earnings from 2019. All were in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Three checks were issued in May as follows:

\$ 2000 to UMCOR

\$ 2000 to Lutheran Relief

And \$500 to the grocery card program through Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, It is a local program for those who no longer have free and reduced meals available because of school closure.

—Shelley Oates

Saying a "drive by goodbye" to the Kings



Ph: Roy P.

From the Interim Pastor's Desk—



Greetings! I'm your interim pastor. Let me introduce myself. I am an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. And I am a trained intentional interim pastor. Before coming to Spirit of Grace, I served fifteen interims in four different states. Several of those interims involved more than one congregation, so I have served thirty-one different congregations, not counting all the places where I have done Sunday morning pulpit supply for pastors on vacation. I don't even want to hazard a guess about how many different people I have served in those different congregations. Please be patient with me as I learn your names and don't be surprised if I call you by someone else's name!

Transition times are times of opportunity. My role as your interim pastor includes helping you to make the best possible use of the opportunities that God is giving you. Working with your Board, other leaders, and every person in the congregation, I will seek to equip you to move through this transition in a way that will help you discern where God is leading you. As the weeks unfold, you will be hearing much more about this. In addition to helping you make good use of the interim time, I will be your pastor.

As your pastor, I will preach and lead worship. I will baptize and provide memorial services. I will walk with those who experience crises and pray for all members. I will be your pastor. Of course, all of this is more complicated than it was just six months ago; as we live in this time of pandemic, some things will have to be sorted out as we go. My position is two-thirds time. This means that I will work an average of twenty-seven to thirty-three hours a week. Sometimes I will work long days, other days I will work a few hours. Friday will be my "Sabbath" day when I will do no work unless there is an emergency.

A pastor's role requires flexibility. Although my position is part-time, the role of a pastor is full-time. I will be available for emergencies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week unless I am out of town for vacation or continuing education. Usually, each week I post a schedule on my office door that lets people know what I plan to be doing when; but I will have to figure out an alternative under our current circumstances. My goal is to make it easy for you to contact me. My cell phone number is **971-272-3743** and my e-mail address is **spiritofgracepastor@gmail.com**

If anyone was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the 1980's, you might remember my brother: Pastor Stephen Seiffert. You were his first call after he graduated from seminary in 1982. My two nephews were born in Hood River, in 1985 and 1987. Steve lives in St. Anthony, Minnesota. (His wife, Rachel, died in 2012.) By coincidence, June 30th is the date of his retirement from ministry; as he finishes his ministry, I begin my ministry in the place where he began his!

It is a pleasure to be here as your interim pastor. I am confident that God will bless our time together.

Peace,

Pastor Sue Seiffert

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Prayer Requests can be sent to
Carol Kyger cckyger@gmail.com or 541-386-6341

Backup for Carol is Donna Fitch
fitcheshr@gmail.com 541-386-4043

Women's Spirituality

Saturday, July 11 at 9am. An invite has already sent out but if you want to join, here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81574993030?pwd=RmFyaGc3SFVyREtoNGEyaTIWMXdwUT09>

Meeting ID: 815 7499 3030 Password: 442671

If you haven't used Zoom before you will be asked to do a quick download of Zoom software to your computer. You can also join the meeting by calling this number on your phone: **1-669-900-6833**. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID and password above to join the meeting. (We would just hear your voice and not see you onscreen.

Email me if you need the reading link and questions cckyger@gmail.com. Bring your coffee/tea and a snack to the meeting and we will Zoom together on Saturday! —Carol Kyger

Anyone who is interested in reading Scripture or Congregational Responses during our Zoom worship services, please contact Linda Boris:

lindajboris@gmail.com



We have a spinet Kimball piano (in very good shape) to donate somewhere, if anyone is interested.

—Audrey Bentz



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Sunday Worship Times

Zoom Worship Service 10:00am
Zoom Fellowship 11:00am

Education Times

Check with the Church Office

Office Hours during COVID
Please call the church office

Pastor (Interim)
Sue Seiffert

Staff

Jennifer Fowler
Office Manager & Financial Secretary

Mon 9am to 2pm
Wed 9am to 2pm

Linda Boris
Pastoral Assistant



Board of Directors

Pastor
Tom Hart, Chair (2021)
Sharon Poynter (2021)
Shelley Oates (2020)
Gordon Leigh (2020)
Michele Sibley (2022)
Bob White (2022)

Finance Committee

Pastor
Debby Chenoweth (2021)
Dottie Gilbertson (2022)
Muriel Ishizaka Treasurer
Jennifer Fowler Financial Secretary
Tom Hart Payroll
Shelley Oates Board Liaison

Ministry Team Leaders

Worship	Linda Boris, Dottie Gilbertson
Children & Youth	
Men's Ministry	Marv Turner
Women's Ministry	Kris White
Outreach	Debby Chenoweth
Prayer Chain	Carol Kyger
Reception	Jill McBee & Pat Crompton
Building	Rick McBee

Music Ministry

Organist/Piano	Dottie Gilbertson & Audrey Bentz
Choir	Audrey Bentz & Sharon Poynter

Staff Parish Relations

Jill McBee	(2020)
Ty Sibley	(2020)
Rose Miller	(2021)
Sharon Pantley	(2021)

Representatives

Oregon Synod Assemble	Bette Lou Yenne
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conf.	



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