

MILESTONES OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1906-1918** Services conducted in numerous homes by Rev. C.J. Beyerlein, Missionary Doering, Rev. C. Hereto, Rev. F.W. Sylwester and Rev. L. Blankenbuehler.
- 1918** Candidate George E. Theiss was ordained and installed as Pastor in Eugene.
- 1919** Church at 11th and Ferry St purchased.
- 1920 November 21st** Congregation organized and named. Signers of the Constitution of "Grace Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Eugene" were Robert Paeschke, Charles Drenkkahn, Fred Loffelmacher, Edwin Reinsche, Louis Gieseke and Edward Ziniker Sr. In addition to these men and their families attending services at this time were August Pohll and family, Mr & Mrs G.A. Sachs, Mr Charles Deierlein and family, and Ida Peltier.
- 1922** Ladies' Aid organized.
- 1923** Rev Robert G. Trautmann installed as pastor.
- 1927** Membership in Walther League.
- 1928** Rev Martin P. Simon installed as Pastor.
- 1929-1938** Pastor Simon involves congregation in exploration of mission possibilities in area; Wendling, Lone Cedar, Goshen, College Crest, West Fir and Junction City.
- 1935** Pastor Simon launches "The Children's Hour".
- 1937** Pastor Simon begins Christian Parent magazine.
- 1938** Rev William B. Maier installed as Pastor.
- 1939** Sacristy added to church building.
- 1940** Basement auditorium completed.
- 1942** Interior of church is renovated.
- 1942** Residence at 1343 Mill St is purchased as parsonage.
- 1944** New organ purchased.
- 1951** Plans for acquiring property and raising funds for church building at 17th and Hilyard Streets.
- 1953** Arrangements made with Synod for a student lounge in the new church.
- 1954** Dr Wengert, Chairman of the Building Committee, announces choice of architect.
- 1955** Whole congregation cooperates in making suggestions to the architect for the new church.
- 1956** A.A.L. grants a loan of \$85,000 for the proposed church. Ground breaking and laying of the cornerstone for the new church.

- 1957 January 27th** New church dedicated in 4 below zero weather. 1,000 total attendance. Permission given to Latvian and Deaf congregations to use our facilities. Over 100 transferred to Messiah Lutheran, Santa Clara and Christ Lutheran, Veneta; new ministries growing from Grace.
- 1958** Scholarships given to student preparing for the ministry or teaching profession.
- 1960** Congregation celebrates 40th Anniversary the Sunday before Thanksgiving. District President Bensene, Festival Preacher.
- 1961** Pastor Maier asks for a peaceful dismissal from his Call to accept to Nigeria.
- 1962** Rev Harold J. Gieseke installed as Pastor.
- 1963** Mrs Beth Fredricks became church secretary. She served until 1981.
- 1966** 46 transferred to Bethany Lutheran, Springfield. 15 transferred to Pleasant Hill Lutheran.
- 1967** Congregation in cooperation with the Northwest District, decided to call a pastor for campus ministry. Rev Don Jerke accepted this call.
- 1969** Congregation voted for women to become voting members.
- 1973** Rev Dean Nadasdy, who served as a vicar here, is installed as co-Pastor, serving with Pastor Gieseke.
- 1974** Grace starts the Bethel Bible Series.
- 1975** Grace initiates a program of early Communion by which children 10 years of age and older may commune after attending a 12-week class with their parents. Grace sponsors the Kin Yun family, Cambodian refugees.
- 1976** Grace begins process of reorganizing itself around the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, restructuring its administrative boards to allow for more efficiency, accountability and participation. Rev Norm Metzler is installed as Campus Pastor.
- 1977** Grace Lutheran Preschool begins.
- 1978** Grace kindergarten added to preschool program. DCE Dan Siem installed as administer/principal for the Lutheran Interparish Family Education Association. Pastor Gieseke retires from full time service to serve a year as Visitation Pastor. LIFE! Lutheran School opens its doors for grades 1-6, using the facilities at Grace. Grade 7 added in 1979. Grade 8 in 1980.
- 1979** Pastor Nadasdy becomes Senior Pastor. Pastor Charles Werth installed as Assistant Pastor. Young people affiliate with Lutheran Youth Fellowship, an international youth organization of the Synod.
- 1980** Grace begins sponsorship of the Lutheran Hour. Office wing and new restrooms added to the building. Old offices become the Parish Library and Conference Room.
- 1981** Rev Dr Norman Metzler installed as Pastor. Mrs Arlyce Wolf became church secretary.
- 1982** Craig Marquardt installed as Director of Youth and Christian Education. (Grace's first DCE).
- 1985** Dan Raguse installed as DCE.

- 1988** Kimberlee Ingraham installed as DCE.
- 1988** Grace supports Dan Kunkel and family in Ghana.
- 1993** Stacy Timm installed as DCE.
- 1993** Pastor Harry Scholz served as Interim Pastor.
- 1995** Rev Phil Schoenherr installed as Pastor.
- 2002** David Sauer is installed as DCE.
- 2005** Narthex of the church is renovated and expanded.
- 2009** Pastor Schoenherr retires from full time ministry
- 2011** Rev Danial Suezle in installed as Pastor.
- 2018** Rev Joe Baumgarten is installed as Pastor.

PASTORS OF GRACE

George E. Theiss	1918-1923
Robert G. Trautmann	1923-1928
Martin P. Simon	1928-1928
William B. Maier	1930-1962
Harold J. Gieseke	1962-1978
Dean W. Nadasdy	1973-1981
Charles E. Werth	1979-1981
Norman D. Metzler	1982-1994
Harry Scholz - Interim	1994-1995
Philip H. Schoenherr	1995-2009
Sean L. Rippy	1996-1999
Dan Suelzle	2011-2017
Joe Baumgarten	2018-

VICARS OF GRACE

Robert W. Becker	1951-1952
Donald D Schaeffer	1952-1953
Arthur F. Wright	1953-1954
Kenneth Streufert	1954-1955
W. Walter Weber	1955-1956
Robert Griffin	1956-1957
Kenneth Fischer	1957-1958
Gerald A. Pepler	1958-1959
Karl K. Schmidt	1959-1960
Kenneth Piepenbrink	1960-1961
Sergei S. Koberg	1961-1962

William W. Bloom	1963-1964
James J. Vehling	1964-1965
Norman D. Metzler	1965-1966
Darrell Reinke	1966-1967
Paul D. Doellinger	1967-1968
John Sievers	1968-1969
David Hoover	1969-1970
William Weinrich	1970-1971
Dean Nadasdy	1971-1973
John Langewisch	1972-1973