

**St. Luke**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The MESSENGER**

**APRIL 2019**

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**SEEKING THE HEART OF CHRIST:  
Cleanse Our Hearts**



**April 3**

6:00pm Italian Dinner  
6:20pm Talent Show  
6:30pm Celebrate Debbi McCollom's Retirement  
7:00pm Taizé Service

**April 10**

6:30pm Soup Supper  
7:00pm Taizé Service

**April 14**

Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 18**

Maundy Thursday  
Services ~ 11:30am and 7:00pm

**April 19**

Good Friday  
Services ~ 11:30am and 7:00pm

**April 20**

Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00am ~ meet in the Narthex

**April 21**

Easter Sunday ~ "Renew Our Hearts"  
[Holy Communion at all services](#)  
Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord  
8:00am Festival Worship  
9:30am Festival Worship,  
11:00am Festival Modern Worship

## PASTORS' CORNER

**Seeking the Heart of Christ - "Renew our hearts."**

*"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" ~ Revelation 21:5*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Smith, Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA, used to say, **"for something new to be born, something old has to die."** Such is the work of planting, where a seed must die for the plant to be born; such is the cycle of the seasons. Such is the life of the baptized: every day we let go of what we cannot keep in order to allow God to give us a new reality.

Such is certainly the journey of Lent through Holy Week and into Easter. Jesus walks the journey that we are wired to fear, the journey of death, and shows us that ultimately God brings new life out of it. Let us not be afraid of the journey, in whatever forms it may take, for fear is often what causes us to harm ourselves and others. Let us instead hold together in the good Easter news that God goes with us – as individuals, as St. Luke, as the Church Universal – to make all things new.

Renew our hearts, O God!  
Pastor Beth

## WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT – April 3 at 6pm

Chef Dave Reynolds prepares an Italian feast! Our programming features a talent night celebration in honor of Debbi McCollom, followed by our Taizé service of meditation and reflection at 7pm.

## ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL – Centered in Prayer

**April 7** – Meditation and Praying in Color – led by Pr. Beth. We wrap up a season of exploring prayer practices with two activities: simple meditation, which opens us up to listening prayer, and then a hands-on, colorfully-active prayer practice. You do not need to be an artist to engage in this prayer, but you will pray with markers or crayons in ways you may never have prayed before.

April 21 – Easter! No classes.

April 28 – **"Grateful"** by Diana Butler Bass  
– Sunday Morning Schedule Forum

**Thanks, and kudos** Drs Elise Moentmann and Karen Eifler for leading us in meditative practices on scripture and images.

## FIRST COMMUNION

We keep **Olive Babb, Colin Bech, Jaxson Peirce, Nathan Reed** in prayer on their journey to Palm Sunday and their First Communion. Communion bread baking is Sunday, April 7.

## ST. LUKE SPRING WORK DAY

Please join council members, Pastors, Dan Gott and Mary Plothow for Spring Work Day on **Saturday, April 13th, 8:30am–12noon**. Our focus this time is our building(s). Projects include painting, deep clean kitchen, window washing, etc. Come prepared with work gloves and rubber gloves and spring-cleaning work clothes. Join us for the entire time or 1 hour. Many hands make light the work!

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FORUMS

Are you passionate about a rich worship and education program? Your St. Luke Congregational Council Invites you to join in or continue the discussion in a series of open forums that will culminate in a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on what our Sunday mornings will look like. We plan to have this congregational meeting before the end of our Sunday School year. Our next forum dates:

- **Thursday, April 11 at 7pm** ~ narthex
- **Sunday, April 28, 9:50-10:40am** ~ worship center

Each forum will allow time for sharing, questions, and discussion.

## CARING FOR CREATION – ST. LUKE RECYCLES

The next St. Luke Recycles event will be held **on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 12:15pm in the Shalom driveway and carport.**

### Items that we will collect are:

Light Bulbs - **CFL's ONLY**; Batteries – All Kinds; Block Styrofoam; Corks; Printer Cartridges; Electronics and Small Appliances.

We had our first St. Luke Recycles event on October 10, 2010. The Environmental Stewardship Team thanks you for your eight years of participation in this effort.

## GATHERING ROUNDS:

### to Discuss Mission/Vision Results

The Transition Team invites you to attend one of the Gathering Rounds listed below. These sessions will be a time for us to review and discuss the results from the Mission/Vision survey. These conversations help fill in the blanks and solidify an understanding of how the congregation as a whole sees things. Come to share your input and hear what others have to share.

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 6, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, April 8, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

All the sessions will be held in the Narthex (Entry space – Main level). You are invited to participate whether you completed a survey or not.

## IDENTITY Summary for Congregation Review

March 18, 2019

**Question Sheet** had 159 Total responses. Here is a brief breakdown of those numbers:

Female (105) responses were more than twice that of male (44) responses. There was one (1) person who identified as transgender; the rest did not indicate a choice (9).

People in their 60s (42) were the largest age group; low number of responses from those in their 20s (2) and 30s (5).

The percentage of responders compared to the congregation's population:

- 1) Gender: Female – 21.8%, Male – 12.1%, Transgender - unknown
- 2) Ages: teens – 18%, 20s – 2%, 30s – 9.3%, 40s – 21.3%, 50s – 14.3%, 60s – 27.5%, 70s – 27.2 %, 80 plus – 20%.

Responses to the question, "What brought you here and what keeps you here?" generated a cluster of responses as follows:

The top responses to **what brought you to St. Luke** were: Parents/Grandparents; Connection with Pastor; Convenient location (proximity to home).

The top responses to **what keeps you at St. Luke** were: Community – warm, welcoming, accepting, friendly, open; Social concern/Community outreach; Justice emphasis; Ministry for youth and children; Worship – music, preaching, liturgy; Friendships. *(These items kept people at St. Luke even when they moved further away.)*

Some of the responses that stood apart and only seldom were: Progressive; Open to trying new things; Concern.

Responses to the question, "**What is at the core of St. Luke's identity?**" had three strong areas followed by several others and a few limited ones.

The top responses were in the areas of: Community (family, caring for each other, small groups); Service and Serving others (outreach, generous support, community involvement); Acting for Social Justice (acceptance, welcome all, inclusivity, diversity).

Also prevalent were the following responses: God's love and grace; Worship and music (examples from both Traditional and Modern were present); Youth & children ministry.

Limited responses: Lutheran tradition and liturgy; White-ness; Scriptural; Ecumenical; Lost at this time.

Responses to the question, "**How do you see St. Luke's relationship with the community?**" elicited the following results:

Do more outreach and service in the community; Be more visible; Sustain and grow our ecumenical partnerships; continue to offer our facilities to outside groups.

Too confined to our own space; Grauer back-to-school program; Community Table; benevolence support.

***\* There were a few comments that related to the Sunday morning schedule that will be passed on to the Council for their consideration in responding to this issue.***

## **Gathering Rounds**

These follow-up conversations had 40 participants total at four separate sessions. Here are the consensus and comments from those conversations.

### **1. If you were going to start St. Luke from scratch/nothing what would be the top three emphases?**

Strong consensus:

- A strong preaching and teaching program (ministry)
- A community of faith – a place for people to grow spiritually
- Build community of equity, openness and care
- Strong leadership – both ordained and lay
- Living out faith through action within the church and out in the neighborhood and world
- Intergenerational focus
- Ministry for children and youth

Additional comments:

- Lutheran liturgy, tradition and theology
- Corporate worship
- Help others experience God's love
- Creating a brand: understanding who we are and where we came from
- Faith building through worship and education for all age groups

### **2. Name four positive characteristics of the St. Luke community?**

Strong consensus:

- Committed to a strong music ministry
- Openness and inclusiveness and welcoming
- Care for one another
- Strong emphasis on service, social justice issues and environmental concerns
- Good leadership in pastors, staff and volunteers
- Generous in time, money and caring relationships
- Intergenerational ministry

Additional comments:

- Humor and ability to have fun
- Dedicated members who really care about the church, the community and each other
- Strong identity and benevolence

***As you have read through this "Summary" do you have a sense of how the congregation understands itself? Does it seem to match your perception? Is there anything vital that is missing?  
SEND ANY RESPONSES TO: [pastorjoel@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorjoel@stlukechurch.com)***

## FAB EVENT

On Tuesday, April 9th, our **Fifty And Beyond** fellowship meets for a potluck luncheon at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and your own table setting. Following lunch, we will enjoy an inspiring film, "**I Can Only Imagine**" starring Dennis Quaid, which beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.

## MEMORY CAFÉ

Join us for the next monthly social time for persons with memory loss and their family/friend care partners:  
**Thursday, April 11th, 2:30-4pm.**

## FINDING MEANING AND SPIRIT IN AGING

This is the focus of a 12 week "Friendly Friday" series. Pastor Wilder continues the discussion at 10am in the narthex on **April 5, 12 and 26.** The book resource, "**In Later Years**" is \$10. Join us for fascinating discussions and reflections.

## SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

**April 14 - "This is How it Always Is"**- Laurie Frankel. We'll meet on at 10:00am in the library. Our May book is "**An American Marriage**" by Tayari Jones. Contact: Caryl Walker: [cawpdx@icloud.com](mailto:cawpdx@icloud.com)

## GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT.

Grauer Distribution Day 2019 is Saturday, August 10th! **We are looking for a small team to work on fundraising ideas we would like to implement.** If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please contact: Judy Willis, x113 or [judy@stlukechurch.com](mailto:judy@stlukechurch.com)

## ST. LUKE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

1/1/19 -2/28/19

	Income	Expense	Deficit
2019 Actual YTD	\$134,206	\$182,573	\$48,367
2019 Budget YTD	\$157,520	\$177,202	\$19,682
Difference – Actual vs. Budget	\$23,314	\$5,371	\$28,685

**Note:** We appreciate your consistent giving. Even though we are facing a challenging year, it is encouraging to see that our offerings are still very close to the same level as last February.

## ARE YOU TRAVELLING?

Two convenient ways you can submit your tithes and offerings while on the go:

- 1) Open our St. Luke website and go to "Donate" at the bottom of our homepage. Follow a few prompts and set up for one-time or recurring giving.
- 2) For those with smartphones, we offer Text-to-Give. Text 503-741-2246 and follow the prompts.

## 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

Dan Kidd, President  
 Dean Gustafson, President-Elect  
 Linda Nelson, Secretary  
 Darryl Mollenhauer, Treasurer  
 Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter  
 Jodi Swigart  
 Michael Stabeno  
 Melody Drangstveit  
 Ron Witcosky  
 Jonathan McCollom  
 Kara Van Horn, Youth Rep  
 Pastor Joel Westby  
 Pastor Beth Brashear

## ANNUAL "SPRING RING 'N SING"

St. Luke's children and bell choirs will present a program on **Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30pm** (following dinner in the Fellowship Hall) in the sanctuary. This concert features both of our children's choirs, Timbrel Ringers, and St. Luke Ringers sharing favorite musical arrangements from the past year. The program will include audience singing and a free-will offering to benefit the special music fund. Put this date on your calendar and plan to invite a friend to a night of fun and inspiring music!

## SPRING CONCERT: Musical Reflections

The Rejoice Choir and St. Luke Ringers will present a one-hour concert entitled "**Musical Reflections: The Year In Review**" on **Sunday, May 19 at 4pm** in our sanctuary. The program will include favorite anthems and bell numbers from the various seasons of the past church year. Also included will be some audience singing and a free-will offering for St. Luke's Special Music Fund. Nursery care will be provided. Come and enjoy as we celebrate some of the musical highlights shared in worship over the past 12 months.

## GREETER COORDINATOR

St. Luke needs a volunteer to schedule welcome greeters for services each Sunday. Volunteers select a date via "Sign-up Genius" software program. Greeter name tags are available in the usher's closet. Please contact Dan Hibbett or the church office: ([dan@stlukechurch.com](mailto:dan@stlukechurch.com)) **Thank you!**



## UPDATE!

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD RESCHEDULED!

Join us this July/August in building the homes that we helped to fund with our \$25,000 gift last fall! Interfaith Habitat for Humanity date TBD! (We had more volunteers than available work spaces!)



## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE UPDATE

First, a bit of congregational history. Since the mid-60s, St. Luke Lutheran Church has lived out our congregational priority of benevolence in a myriad of ways, including through our social concerns and social/environmental justice ministry. We do this in a number of ways as an occasion for the celebration of God's transformational love, made real through our hands and vividly expressed in our congregational themes - "Worship-Connect-Serve."

While our actual benevolence giving varies a bit from year to year, we have consistently challenged ourselves as a people of God to share God's blessings gratefully, focusing on the needs of those we serve locally - and in concert with the ELCA Oregon synod, nationally and internationally - on issues related to poverty, hunger, shelter, clothing, health, education/advocacy, and emergency crisis funding.

All giving is distributed by these congregationally chosen paths:

1. Evangelical Lutheran Church of America—we currently dedicate 50% of our annually agreed-upon benevolence budget to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, entrusting its stewardship through our Oregon Synod. The ELCA reports annually to all congregations. Since 1968, our congregational giving to ELCA exceeds \$2,786,000.
2. Social Concerns Committee—we currently allocate 50% of the benevolence budget for distribution by this committee, all of whom are volunteer members of the congregation. Any member of the congregation is welcome to serve on this committee. This group reports from time to time to the congregation and also includes its report, and those of the advocacy/education groups funded through Social Concerns, with the annual report of St. Luke Lutheran Church. Since 1968, we have distributed over \$2,345,000 locally.
3. With other designated offerings during the church year which are targeted to specific needs (e.g. annual hunger offering).
4. Collectively, as a congregation, our benevolence giving is \$5,131,000 (approximately). Yes, that's over \$5 million dollars! Thank you!

This giving-- this faith-in-action—includes two multi-generational volunteer efforts (Grauer Back to School and Community Table), as well as volunteer initiatives through various congregational committees, SLY, Christ-Care groups, Priceless Quilters, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School initiatives, and through the local partner agencies we support financially and, when feasible, with volunteer commitments.

In terms of multi-generational initiatives, two significant efforts continue, with numerous volunteers involved, and each of these efforts exhibits broad congregational support:

1. The Grauer Back to School Project, which just completed its 16th year, requires the lead volunteers to plan and prepare for it most of the year and brings hundreds of volunteers on distribution day each year, the second Saturday in August.
2. The Community Table Food Box involves dozens of volunteers on the final Saturday of each month, some on a regular basis and others occasionally. The growth of this outreach in food boxes (food, meat, produce, and household products to our neighbors in need) has now leveled off, and we no longer serve a hot meal with the distribution, as we did for a number of years. This project receives a portion of its funding through the Social Concerns budget.

Refugee sponsorship, while not considered a multi-generational project, has a lengthy history at St. Luke as well. Since the mid-70s, the congregation has sponsored over 125 refugees from around the world. In 2016, six members of the al-Masri family, Syrian refugees, were welcomed and supported with benevolence monies as well as substantial volunteer efforts from over 20 members of the congregation. This volunteer and benevolence support continues.

Additionally, recognizing that problems addressed by benevolence giving are often systemic in nature, several advocacy/education groups have been initiated by members of the congregation and have received funding based upon separate initiatives and as a percentage of the total benevolence amount entrusted to the Social Concerns Committee by the congregation. Examples of these over the years include the following: Peace and Justice, Hunger, Veterans Bridge, Environmental Stewardship, Jubilee USA, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and Bread for the World.

As a congregation, we have budgeted \$160,000 in benevolence for 2019 - 50% to ELCA through the Oregon Synod and 50% for distribution through the Social Concerns Committee.

Your Social Concerns Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church Conference Room, and any member of the congregation is welcome to serve with us. Current members include: **Carol Adams, Gaile Baack, Jane Chan (secretary), Michael Ford (chair), Julie Gaudette, Carolyn Loch (treasurer), Laure Patrick, Andrew Ross, Nancy Scheele, Linda Schweitzer, Cathy Spofford, Karen Stabeno, and Judy Willis.**

*If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the work of your Social Concerns Committee, please contact current chair, Michael Ford at [mford@lclark.edu](mailto:mford@lclark.edu), or any member of the Committee.*

# IN THE FAMILY

**PRAYERS:** Anne Bender, Pastor Dave Wilder, Mike Schoap, Robert Neer (Stephanie Schoap's father), Julie Gaudette (wrist surgery), Karen Stabeno, Gayla Ross, Harriet Mason, Wendy Metz, Mary Kidd, Pat Lotz, Georgann Dustan, Robin Dustan-Quamina (Mark Dustan's sister), Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Lou and Sonja Perkins, Raymond Theobald (Mary Kern's brother-in-law), Elmer and Charlotte Skurdahl, Dottie Inman, Lauren Patrick, Harry Flesher, Virgil Anderson and those incarcerated.

**THANK YOU** to **Mike and Arlette Nelson**, for the generous gift of clean carpets and upholstery at St. Luke that was completed this past week. This includes the entire main building and Shalom House. Mike and Arlette provide this gift twice a year.

## Parish Acts

### Memorials

3/9/19 ~ **C. W. 'Bill' Knodell**

3/24/19 ~ **Bruce Markusen**

### GOD'S PEOPLE PRAYING.....



For prayers in emergency, specific events in your life (happy or sad) or in any case you feel the need for others to be praying with you, St. Luke has Prayer Chains that take **phone calls day and night**.

#### The church office or one of our pastors:

503-246-2325

**Day calls:** (8am~5pm) **Carrol Klett**

503-476-8054

**Night calls:** (after 5pm) **Carol Greene**

503-245-4189

**Calls are confidential.**

### PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Final review of the St. Luke photo directory was finalized this week and sent to Lifetouch. Those of you who had pictures taken – expect the new directory by mid-April.

**SW HOPE Feed the Hungry Campaign runs** through Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We collect food to feed our hungry neighbors in SW Portland. Please bring nonperishable items to the display in the narthex.

**Needed:** nut butters, tomato sauce, shelf-stable tofu, canned meat (non-tuna, especially spam), low-sodium soups low -sugar canned fruit.



Ulcaz Dobyns	4/1	Liane Nishimura	4/16
Ryan Iverson	4/1	Rylla Riverman	4/16
Nicole Barclay	4/2	Cooper Curtin	4/16
Zoey Zuckerman	4/2	Paul Roe	4/17
Kiely Berg	4/2	Jeff Ross	4/17
Blaine Rethmeier	4/2	Tammy Mercier	4/18
Sophie Els	4/3	Jan Petersen	4/20
Ken Spidal	4/4	Katharine Jeffcoat	4/20
Christopher Denning	4/4	Marsha Swantz	4/20
Brian Anderson	4/4	Craig Christensen	4/20
Oscar Stevenson	4/5	William Loehr	4/20
David Ramus	4/7	Chase Clarke	4/20
Mary Lynn Ford	4/7	Lorri Mastic	4/21
Lisa Sickler	4/7	Florence Beattie	4/21
Dottie Inman	4/7	Joan Bridgman	4/22
Linda Norberg	4/8	Aria Delamarter	4/23
Susan Grabe	4/8	Kathryn Lee	4/23
Mike Rasmussen	4/8	John Anderson	4/23
Noah Eddy	4/9	Diane Brown	4/24
Peggy Telyea	4/9	Harry Hayes	4/25
Valerie Miller	4/10	Shelby Spalding	4/25
Michael Nelson	4/10	Alyssa Rust	4/26
Thomas Ludwig	4/10	Matthew Boka	4/27
Eric Roe	4/11	Joan Rohrer	4/27
Mira Allan	4/11	Emma Lairson	4/27
Blake Allan	4/11	Lorie Denning	4/28
Josiah Chan	4/11	Debra Gabriel	4/28
Kelsey Hall	4/12	Jonathan Roley	4/29
Leslie Singrey	4/12	Adam Perkiomaki	4/29
Samuel Couch	4/14	Carol May	4/29

*Please contact the church office if we have missed your birthday.*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## ST LUKE EASTER EGG HUNT!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 10 AM**

**Rain or Shine!**

**Meet in the Narthex**

**as we await a visit from the Easter Swami!**

**Ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**\*Bring your own Easter baskets**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**5/19** – SS Teacher appreciation coffee.  
Time TBA

**5/27** – No Sunday School: Memorial Day week-end  
Please worship with your families

**6/3** – Last day of Sunday School

## **NURSERY CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

There are not enough attendants to staff the nursery on a regular basis. We regret if you were expecting to use the Nursery today and ask that you alert us to your needs. We are required to have at least two adults (with clean background check) in the Nursery in order to have it open. We hope to enlist or employ enough attendants soon. If you are interested or know of someone who might, please contact Pastor Joel or Susan Tremper.

## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED**

We need to enlist willing volunteers or hire individuals to staff the Nursery on Sunday mornings. Hours: 8:30am–12:15pm (3¾ hours). If interested, please contact Pastor Joel or Susan Tremper. All attendants will need to have a clean background check and be at least 18 years of age.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!



**“Who Is My Neighbor?”**  
by World Hunger ELCA

**For children age 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade:  
June 17 through 21.**

**Registration coming soon!**

- **Questions??**
- **Contact Susan Tremper – 503-709-2035.**
- **Email - [papaandsusu@yahoo.com](mailto:papaandsusu@yahoo.com).**

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

The St. Luke Trust Fund has approved  
ten 50% off camperships for  
Camp Lutherwood  
Summer 2019!

First come first served.

To reserve your child's spot  
Contact: Alan Christensen  
[gardenjoy47@comcast.net](mailto:gardenjoy47@comcast.net)

## **NOTE:**

**Debbi McCollom's email address is no longer active. To submit any questions or to volunteer with Children's Ministry please use the following new address:**  
[childrensministry@stlukechurch.com](mailto:childrensministry@stlukechurch.com)



# ★ YOUTH NEWS ★

## ST. LUKE YOUTH



### **Thank You To All Who Served In Youth-Led Worship!**

Our final youth led worship occurred in March and we are so thankful for our wonderful SLY students who always step up and serve during our worship services in every way! They are great leaders as high school students and will make amazing adult leaders in the future of the church! Super kudos to our preachers: Daniel Carpenter, Cora Maier and Kara Van Horn. Your words were heartfelt and inspirational! Thanks to all the other students who participated: Joe Kresl, Thomas Berg, Lynn Weeks, Kyle Pinnell, Annika Phillips, Josiah Chan, Gigi Schweitzer, Kaden Leeper, Julia Pinnell, Rachel Chan, Glwadyse Adibonu, Annika Deazley, Brock Jacobson, Lorelei Eddy, Ethan Volk, and Amalia Thornton.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

★ **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**Bowling & Lunch- Noon-2pm**

★ **SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**Sly All-Day Service Event**

★ **JUNE 23-JUNE 29, 2019**

**Summer Service Mission Trip To Puerto Rico**

★ **JULY 28-29, 2019**

**SLY Deschutes River Rafting Trip**

## **Middle School**

## **Ministries/Confirmation**

**JOIN US SUNDAYS, APRIL 7 AND 28 AT 10AM**  
in Lower Shalom for faith, friendships, food, and fun.

**Thanks to our Christ Kin!** We continue the Christ Kin relationships at least through Confirmation on May 19! Keep up the good note writing!

### **WE NEED EGG HUNT HELPERS!**

Join us **Saturday, April 20** to hide Easter Eggs then help the kids find them! Please RSVP to Pr. Beth.

**Our Spring Retreat in Hood River is Friday, April 26-Sunday, April 28.** We meet at St. Luke and take the bus to Spirit of Grace Church in Hood River, where we will serve, play, hear stories, pray – and more! RSVP to Pr. Beth by midnight Monday, April 22 (the day after Easter).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP TODAY:**

**Confirmation Camp** at Camp Lutherwood is **June 23-28, 2019**. Join us for a week of playing, praying, and living our faith – it will be awesome! Significant scholarships are available on a first-come, first serve basis.

Register online at [www.lutherwoodoregon.org](http://www.lutherwoodoregon.org) today!




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[gardenjoy47@comcast.net](mailto:gardenjoy47@comcast.net)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>9:30am Sarah Circle</b> 10:30am Compassionate Communication <b>2pm Dorcas Circle</b> 7:00pm Compassionate Communication 7pm Witcosky ChristCare	<b>2</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b> <b>10:00am Ruth Circle</b> 5:30pm Transition Team 7:00pm Committee Night	<b>3</b> 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9am Librarians <b>Wednesday Church Night:</b> 6:00pm Dinner 6:20pm Talent Show 6:30pm Celebrate <i>Debbi McCollom</i> 7:00pm Taizé 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers	<b>4</b> <b>10:00am FAB Planning Team Mtg</b> <b>12:30pm Mary Martha Circle</b> 2:15pm Girl Scouts <b>5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle</b> 6:00pm Communications Team <b>6:30pm Gathering Round</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i> <b>10:00am Friendly Friday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00am Gathering Round</b>
<b>7</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>8:45am Traditional Worship/Communion</b> <b>10:00am Spiritual Life Hour:</b> <i>Celebrate Debbi McCollom!</i> Sunday School, Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parent Faith Group Welcoming Committee Mtg <b>11:00am Modern Worship/Communion</b> <b>Judah Baptism</b> 11:00am SLY goes bowling! 12:15 Communion Class Bakes Bread 12:15-1:30pm Swingen Recital Rehearsal <b>6:30pm Working Women Bible Study</b> <b>LWR Ingathering Begins</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00am Gathering Round</b>  <b>6:30pm Gathering Round</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters <b>9am-12noon Staff Meeting</b> <b>12noon FAB Luncheon and Movie</b> <b>6:00pm Finance Committee</b> 7:00pm Somers ChristCare	<b>10</b> 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9am Librarians 12noon-2pm Riverwest Salon 6:30pm Timbrel Singers/Ringers <b>6:30pm Soup Supper</b> <b>7:00pm Taizé</b> 7:00pm Mindfulness Group	<b>11</b> <b>2:30pm Memory Café</b> <b>5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon <b>7:00pm Grauer Meeting</b> 7:00pm Forum: Sunday Morning Schedule  7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am Friendly Friday</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:30am-12noon</b> <b>St. Luke Spring Work Day</b>  8:30am-12noon <b>Eco Faith Recovery Mtg</b>  10am-12noon Riverwest Village
<b>14</b> <b>PALM/PASSION SUNDAY</b> <b>8:45am Traditional Worship/Communion</b> <b>10:00am Spiritual Life Hour:</b> Sunday School, Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parent Faith Group Second Sunday Book Group <b>11:00am Modern Worship/Communion</b> <i>with St. John Fisher Catholic Church</i> 6:00pm River West Village Song Circle <b>SW HOPE WRAPS-UP!</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30am Compassionate Communication 7:00pm Compassionate Communication 7pm Witcosky ChristCare  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm Council Meeting</b>	<b>17</b> 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9am Librarians <b>6:00pm Stephen Ministry</b> 7:00pm St. Luke Ringers 7pm Mindfulness Group	<b>18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>  <b>11:30am Worship</b>  <b>7:00pm Worship</b> </div> 2:15pm Girl Scouts <b>5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle</b>	<b>19</b> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  <b>11:30am Worship</b>  <b>7:00pm Worship</b> </div> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:15pm Rejoice Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>10am Easter Egg Hunt</b>  <i>Northeast Emergency Food Program</i> 10:00am – 12:30pm Team 1 1:00pm – 4:00pm Team 2
<b>21</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Holy Communion at all services</i> Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord <b>8:00am Festival Worship</b> <b>9:30am Festival Worship,</b> <b>11:00am Festival Modern Worship</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>  <b>BUILDINGS CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b> 6-9pm Orchid Society 7:00pm Somers ChristCare 7:00pm 12 Step Meeting	<b>24</b> 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9am Librarians 12noon-2pm Riverwest Meeting 5:30pm Transition Team 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7-10pm Jumptown Band Rehearsal	<b>25</b> <b>10:00am Circle Leader Study</b> <b>5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>26</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am Friendly Friday</b>  <b>Confirmation Retreat: to Hood River</b>	<b>27</b> <b>3:00-5:30pm</b> <b>Community Table</b> <b>Food Box Distribution</b>  <b>Confirmation Retreat: to Hood River</b>
<b>28</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY IN EASTER</b> <b>"Quilt Sunday"</b> <b>8:45am Traditional Worship/Communion</b> <b>10:00am Spiritual Life Hour:</b> Sunday School, SLY Forum: Sunday Morning Schedule Parent Faith Group <b>11:00am Modern Worship/Communion</b> <b>12noon Confirmands from Retreat</b> <b>LWR Ingathering Ends</b>  <b>8:30-12:15PM ST.LUKE RECYCLES!</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30am Compassionate Communication  7:00pm Compassionate Communication	<b>30</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b>	<h1 style="color: purple;">APRIL 2019</h1> <h2 style="color: purple;">Worship † Connect † Serve</h2>			