

LIVING INTO GOD'S WELCOME:



Welcoming the Gift of the Holy Spirit

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18-19)

With the celebration of Pentecost, we begin the longest liturgical season of the church year. The *Time After Pentecost* continues through summer and most of autumn. During this season, we welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit, one which ignites and invites us to a deeper experience of God's presence and into a more powerful expression of living in the Spirit of Christ.

This year, the *Time After Pentecost* will probably look or feel differently than in the past, but I encourage you to be curious. How will Spirit reveal itself to you in this time, during this pandemic? Be open. God works in ways beyond our imaginations. Every day that we awake, let us remind ourselves that we too are apostles, standing in a long line of witnesses, all of whom have received this promised Advocate, this One whose task is to make Jesus present to us at our every breath, empowering us to participate in the work of God in the world.

Jesus breathed on them and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit."** (John 20:22)

Blessings and love,



Pastor Patti Welch

WORSHIP

Reopening Q & A

When will we reopen? We do not know, but we anticipate that it will be at least several months before we can resume gathering. Large worship service gatherings may be many months away.

How will we reopen? We will move gradually through several seasons: **1)** all gatherings online, **2)** small group physical gatherings (still utilizing masks, physical distancing and good hygiene) combined with online worship and connection, and **3)** larger group gatherings. These seasons will be in accordance with the guidance put forth by the CDC and the State of Oregon.

Our Council will be creating a re-opening task force to creatively meet St. Luke's mission to worship, serve, connect while adhering to best practices for the safety of the more vulnerable members of our community.

Why don't we just gather in spite of our state ordinances? While it may be Godly for a Christian to put their own life at risk for the sake of the Gospel and the love of neighbor, to knowingly put others at risk of deadly illness in order for us to be physically together – especially when we have the capability of connecting and sharing the Gospel using other means – is grounded more in our own desires than in the love of Christ for our neighbor.

Jesus repeatedly calls upon his followers to choose to sacrifice, to suffer, and to serve others out of love. Paul reminds us that, "Remember that while all things may be lawful for you, not all things are beneficial. Nor do all things build up the body of Christ." (1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23)

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Luke offices and all St. Luke buildings are closed. If you call and to leave a message, please, press "1" after the recorded message has begun the dial extension 110 to reach the church office. We check the church voicemail daily. For faster service, email office@stlukechurch.com.

If an emergent pastoral care need arises, contact Pastor Beth at 814-421-6877. St. Luke leadership continues to follow the directives of our state and local authorities in regards to Stay Home and physical distancing.

Livestreaming Sunday Worship Services

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Luke has been livestreaming and posting prerecorded video worship services of the 9:30am Sunday worship on our Facebook page. John Kresl has been working with the pastors, Dan Hibbett, and individual musicians to assemble and edit prerecorded audio/video clips of the various elements of our worship services which are now available for viewing on the St. Luke website by clicking on the Facebook icon.

We want to thank our musicians along with Dan Hibbett and Molly Wheeler for leading the hymns and musical portions of the liturgy for you to sing along with while watching from home. Gerry Reese is working with John Kresl to create a master DVD of these broadcasts which can be copied and given to seniors and shut-ins who do not have access to the internet.

If you would like a copy, please call or email Leslie in the church office so that we can have them available for pick up or delivery by our visitation team or pastors.

Rejoice Choir Zoom Meetings and Rehearsals

The Rejoice Choir has been meeting via Zoom on Thursday nights at 7:30pm for devotions, sharing, prayer, and singing along with tracks to anthems we have recorded on CD's for Sunday worship services and spring concerts during the past 3 years.

Although choir members cannot hear each other and work together on their blend and choral sound, they are able to sing their part (at home) while listening to the rest of the group and the piano/organ accompaniment. I have been scanning the music and sending it to choir members before each Thursday night session. We share the scores online so that members can watch their screens as they sing with the music scrolling through the song. Thanks to Gerry Foote for hosting these meetings on her Zoom account which allows us to meet for an hour with no additional cost to St. Luke.

CONNECT

STEWARDSHIP FROM THE HEART

Beginning in early May, several St. Luke Council members have regularly attended Courageous Stewardship Conversations workshops sponsored by the Oregon Synod.

The purpose of these workshops is to equip people to have connective, relationship-building, affirming conversations about money and those things that bring us joy, and giving. St. Luke will begin having these one-to-one conversations over the summer.

ADULT EDUCATION

All Women's Gather Magazine Study: Join us either on Wednesday, June 3 at 11am or Sunday, June 7 at 6:30pm. We use the Gather Magazine, which is available online or at St. Luke. (Please note: the office is closed, so if you want to pick up a magazine, please coordinate with Leslie Singrey first.) If you do not have or use internet, you are still welcome to telephone in using the phone number, the meeting ID, and the password listed below.

- **Wednesday, June 3 at 11am**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159752996?pwd=bjF4eFZNa21vR1ZlZk0NOUNUFlrWC8zZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 871 5975 2996
 - Password: 199038
 - Dial in: 1 253 215 8782
- **Sunday, June 7 at 6:30pm**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82847127381?pwd=Nmkyd3BKMjllL2VvNksxVFR5UklOdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 828 4712 7381
 - Password: 853738
 - Dial in: 1 253 215 8782

Community Conversation Around Race

Saturdays, June 13, 27; July 11, 25 at 12noon.

Covid-19 has further highlighted the systemic and internalized forces of racism in our society. Starting June 13th, and happening every two weeks, St. Luke member **Bing Swigart** will facilitate a virtual meetup where people can check in and discuss current events, articles, videos, and other content related to race. The group will work together as a collective to process how they are being impacted by these topics and learn from each other. This group provides an opportunity to be in community even though we cannot be together physically.

Zoom invite:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NzcTZKYUZyEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09>
 - Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293
 - Password: 983763
 - Dial in number: +1 253 215 8782

Soloists

Gathering for those who are living alone during Covid-19! Join us **Sunday, June 21 at 12:30** to share highs and lows and where you find God's presence and community in this isolated season. Bring your lunch and we'll eat together!

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84780982806?pwd=bHJ6ZnZlaEIXTnRDRGhJdzhxRy9KUT09>
- Meeting ID: 847 8098 2806
- Password: 982184
- Dial in number: +1 253 215 8782

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION TEAM

This summer, Judy and Scott Willis will be stepping down from their roles as SLY leaders. We have been blessed by their dynamic gifts of spirituality, leadership, service, and education. As our high school ministries move forward, the High School Transition Team consisting of students **Josiah Chan** and **Annika Deazley**, parents **Kathy Weeks** and **Amy Gantt, Judy Willis, and Pastors** is working to reach out intentionally to students, parents, staff and SLY alumni.

We have two meeting dates scheduled.

Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for the Zoom invite:

- **Thursday, June 18 at 4pm** – SLY Students
- **Sunday, June 21 at 10:30am** – SLY Parents

THANK YOU!

John Kresl – for making our livestream worship happen. Thanks to John, we are blessed to be able to “gather” each week and hear from many and various St. Luke members as we praise God together from our homes.

John Gaudette – for creating tributes to our graduating high school students – the St. Luke Class of 2020. John's gifts for photography and design have given us two senior slideshows and our Messenger centerfold.

Tom Lynham, Jim Steele, and the Modern Worship Team – for bringing us new music, for sharing their voices and instrumental skills, for growing and sharing their digital mixing skills so that we can have beautiful new musical offerings each month.

Valerie Thibeau – for creating 18 needlepoint plaques for our graduating students – a gift unique to each one and a tribute of love from St. Luke.

Priceless Company Quilters – for providing quilts for our 18 graduating students, that the students may go forth wrapped, sheltered, and warmed by God's love – and ours.

Prayer Pause with Pastor Beth is 4:00-4:30pm on Wednesdays via Facebook Live.

► **Join us on the St. Luke Facebook page.**

SERVE



NEWS!

In May, our Grauer Ministry Team met for the first time in 2020 to begin planning for the August 8th event. Almost all of our supplies are already purchased and ready to go! The team spent much of our meeting planning and strategizing how we can complete our back to school giveaway using a drive through method for both registration and distribution days!

The team recognizes that the students in our area will need the supplies we give out this year more than ever and is committed to designing a safe and successful event. There will be many ways to volunteer - safely - for both set up days and distribution day. Please save the dates of August 2-8 and plan to participate in this churchwide ministry to families in the Wilson cluster of schools

Caring for Creation – Recycling

The St. Luke Recycles event that was scheduled for May 3rd was canceled as we observe the physical distancing required during the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time no date for the next recycling event has been scheduled.

If you have a load of block Styrofoam taking up space in your garage, which cannot wait for our next recycling event, you have an alternative. Agilyx: www.agilyx.com located at 13240 SW Wall St. in Tigard will recycle Styrofoam. There is no charge. This is where Styrofoam collected at our St. Luke event is taken.

Hazardous waste such as batteries and CFL light bulbs can be recycled through Metro at two locations. The Central Transfer Station is located at 6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland, and the South Transfer Station is at 2001 Washington St., Oregon City. Check the Metro website www.oregonmetro.gov before you go for hours and other details.

When another recycling event is scheduled the date and list of items accepted will be announced in the St. Luke Messenger. Peace and blessings to all and please be safe. ~ St. Luke Environmental Stewardship Team

Write To A Sunday School Teacher!

Thank them for this year!

Pre-K-K: Susan Tremper, Sarah Snowden Katharine Jeffcoat, Betty Burton, Lisa Lynham, Jenny Schreiber

Grades 1-2: Judy Sims

Grades 3-4: Laurance Beaudoin, Rina Harvieux

Grade 5: Ray and Carrie Laurence

AN UPDATE FROM BISHOP LAURIE



Dear friends in Christ,

As June approaches, it is time for us to check-in about in-person gatherings. The messages coming from our elected leaders can be contradictory and confusing.

- **Governor Brown** has allowed 31 of the 33 Oregon counties (not the Portland-metro area) to begin phase 1, which allows for groups of up to 25 people to gather with social distancing.
- **President Trump** has deemed churches and other houses of worship “essential” and has called on governors across the country to allow these places of worship to reopen.
- **Public health experts** warn us that the nature of the virus has not changed; it is still highly contagious and our communities are still vulnerable.

More troubling news comes from those churches that have already attempted to reopen.

- **At least 107 people became infected** after attending or coming into contact with someone who attended a service at a German Baptist church, despite church officials insisting that social distancing and hygiene guidelines were upheld during the service.
- **A Baptist church in Georgia** stopped in-person services two weeks after reopening as several families came down with coronavirus. Again, the church states that all modes of social distancing were practiced and followed by the families attending.
- **A Catholic church in Texas** also closed after it was discovered multiple members had contracted the novel coronavirus and one leader had died. Again, the parish had followed cleaning, sanitation and social distancing guidelines prescribed by State health officials.

Here in Oregon, we are blessed with the opportunity to learn from these churches experience and protect our ministers, lay leaders, members and communities from risk. **In-person, indoor gatherings of people from different households are high risk** and they are a risk we do not have to take. We know we are essential, but it is not essential to gather in person at this time.

Our priority is protecting the well-being, health and safety of ALL members of the Oregon Synod: congregants and staff. Therefore, **we advise that church buildings remain closed to all but essential staff for as long as in-person, indoor gatherings remain high risk.**

Thank you all for taking care of each other during these troubling times. Let us continue to pray for those who are sick, those who have died, and for the good health and welfare of all members of our communities.

In Christ, Bishop Laurie

IN THE FAMILY

Prayers: Kris Peirce (healing at home/shoulder surgery), Dave Scheele, Hal Yackley (memory care), Daniel Alrick, Georgann Dustan, Gary Tremper, Gladys Johnson, Gary Hofsommer, Becky (daughter of Gayla and Jeff Ross), Brittany Teodorski, Steve Blindheim, Henry Heuer (leukemia), Will Heuer, Wendy Metz, Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Lou and Sonja Perkins, Dottie Inman, Harry Flesher, Jean Nichols and her family and those incarcerated.

Congratulations: to Joel and Ruth Helen Peirce on the arrival of healthy twin boys, Andreas and Dominic!

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) **Rujeanne Anderson**

503- 297-2246

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

503-245-4189

Calls Are Confidential.

COFFEE TIME:

Join Pastor Beth after worship for a Zoom gathering to discuss the service, the sermon, life.

The Zoom Meeting link is below. For those who prefer, the call-in phone # is also listed below. Please do not forget the password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86444974591?pwd=Y252UFRuYXFLOStlWHRNOMONNdE55QT09>

Meeting ID: 864 4497 4591

Password: 720089

Dial in #: 1 253 215 8782



Day Piwonka	6/1	Malia Borgmeier	6/14
Caroline Eddy	6/1	Judy Willis	6/15
James Rolph	6/1	Kevin Votava	6/15
Molly Reed	6/1	David Simmons	6/15
Jeffrey Hopp	6/1	Ann Ludwig	6/16
Anna Bowlby	6/2	Suzanne Hildick	6/16
Jake Dodak	6/2	Genevieve Bialobok	6/17
Bryce Jacobson	6/2	Judy McDow-Wolf	6/17
Carolyn Jackson	6/4	Jennifer Schreiber	6/19
Natalie Montplaisir	6/4	Omeda Miller	6/20
David Maier	6/5	Natalie Watts	6/20
Sierra Taylor	6/5	Jake Van Horn	6/20
Vivian Solomon	6/5	Alyson Schmidt-Iverson	6/20
Lucas Meurisse	6/6	Beckah Selnick	6/20
Lucas Judah	6/6	Brenda Fernandes	6/21
Kristi Curtin	6/7	James Loch	6/22
Elise Moentmann	6/7	William Schweitzer	6/22
McKenna Johnsen	6/7	Sandra Cann	6/23
Chantal Carpenter	6/8	George Crandall	6/23
Jacob Cooper	6/8	Bob Swanson	6/24
Mary Amonson	6/8	Cameron Chesnutt	6/25
Kyle Farnstrom	6/8	Andrew Jacobson	6/25
Laurel Durham	6/8	Lori Meuser	6/26
Ryan Niemeyer	6/8	Gene Farnstrom	6/26
Silas Vandehey	6/9	Lucy Lynham	6/26
Chase Severson	6/9	Thomas Anderson	6/26
Don Alrick	6/10	John Chesnutt	6/26
Nick Herrick	6/10	Wyatt Stamper	6/26
Jane Chan	6/10	Charlotte Skurdahl	6/27
Lily Martinson	6/11	Susan Tremper	6/27
Kyla Kraby	6/12	James Hayes	6/27
Robert Van Brocklin	6/12	Jonathan Stich	6/28
Harold McCloud	6/12	Jerry Durgan	6/28
Corbin Mann	6/12	Marylen Veden	6/28
Brian Bacon	6/12	Patricia Huntting	6/29
Matt Schweitzer	6/13	Garrett Leeper	6/29
Julia Gresia	6/13	Darci Eggers	6/29
Garrett Judah	6/13	Brandon Prentice	6/29
Ruby Jockers	6/14	Faye Palmerton	6/30
Jodi Swigart	6/14	Marilyn Hudson	6/30

St. Luke Youth NEWS

SLY'S GRATITUDE FOR SCOTT WILLIS



After 14 years, Scott Willis is completing his work as SLY Sunday lead, adult team member, tiny house build designer, bus driver, teacher, mentor, and friend to St. Luke Youth. There are no words to describe our thankfulness and gratitude for the thousands of hours he has given to this ministry he has poured his heart and soul into. Scott and Judy believe that God is leading St. Luke into new leadership for SLY that will carry the group into the future. We are excited to see what lies ahead.

Scott has incredible gifts and knowledge he has shared with 14 classes of students who have come through our doors. He has always maintained clear focus on the importance of learning, serving and playing together – and building relationships that will always be treasured. He has led the way with creating the theme for each year's teaching, been a part of 4 ELCA Youth Gatherings, 7 mission trips, 28 Youth Led Worship services and countless activities. St. Luke has truly been blessed beyond words by his contributions to the high school ministry since 2006!

THANK YOU, SCOTT! WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Class of 2020



Central Catholic High School
May 29, 2020
Henry Josef Els

Southridge High School
June 7, 2020
*Brock Jacobson
Kyle Pinnell*

Cleveland High School
June 9, 2020
Rachel S. Chan

West Linn High School
June 2, 2020
Gigi Schweitzer

Heritage High School
June 6, 2020
Daniel Richard Carpenter

Wilson High School
June 8, 2020
Thomas William Berg

Jesuit High School
June 6, 2020
Mary Katherine Votava

*Emmett Crawford
Braven Garnica
Emma Han Koontz
Kaden Corolous Leeper*

Lincoln High School
June 7, 2020
*Parker Lars Brocker-Knapp
Bing Swigart*

*Gavin Todd Martini
Matthew Roe
Molly Gail Sickler
Kara Elizabeth Van Horn*

*"For I know the plans I have for you,
plans to prosper you and not to harm
you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
-Jeremiah 29:11*



**CONGRATS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

**PLEASE SEE THE INSERT IN THIS EDITION WITH
ALL OF THEIR SCHOOLS AND PICTURES!**

Middle School

Ministries/Confirmation

Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 is our last Sunday of the school year, and it's party time! Calling all rising 6th graders through 8th graders! Join us on Zoom for a fun morning! (Joan Snyder hosts our Zoom gatherings: she can be reached at vanderweele@comcast.net.)

Thank you for a wonderful year! **Much thanks to our Confirmation Team:** Dan Swan, Jonathan Maier, Joan Snyder, Beckah Selnick, Ryan Carpenter, Chantal Carpenter, and Pastor Beth. Much thanks to Nancy Scheele, our Christ Kin coordinator and to all of our Christ Kin!

If you have a rising 9th grader who is ready to affirm their faith: send them onto SLY, but also stay tuned! Our tentative Confirmation date is **Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020**. We hope to be able to gather and bless your students as they say "yes" back to God.

All Lutherwood Camps are cancelled for this summer. We hope to resume Confirmation Camp in 2021!

How your family can stay connected this summer:

- Worship 9:30 on Sundays
- Serve at Community Table (contact Judy Willis judy@stlukechurch.com)
- Serve at Grauer
- Stay tuned for more opportunities!
- Join us for Kickoff Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I love story books without words. When my girls were little, before they could read, these were some of my favorite books to read with them. Wordless stories equalized our experience – together we could understand the story and step in-sync into another world - without the interpretive help necessitated by reading words. The illustrations were a lateral experience – a release from the “normal” vertical convention: a break from roles that typically intersected as adult and child/reader and listener. Just pictures that guided us through the emotional and plot narrative, as readers we only had to look closely to *see and feel*.

In the process of collecting pictures (from Palm Sunday through the 6th Sunday of Easter), I have been given another chance to re-ignite the joy of story-time, this time with our family of St. Luke. I *see and feel* a grace-filled narrative that tells me about a community of faith, a record of sacred moments, leaders, and teachers both small and tall. It is as if we are looking at our very own wordless story of St. Luke life. I invite you – come read with me. Let us take a moment together to look closely at these series of scenes that are lovingly stitched together into their places by our pastors and tech magicians.

Despite the challenges that present themselves these days, I ask you to take courage and focus on the little miracles on this page! We see *families and young people of various ages* step into leadership and teach us – a testament to living our baptisms! We are in a new chapter where classes play as second violins within the orchestrated piece of ministry and active worship participation takes the lead. Cross-generational involvement is alive and well here in our faith community, but look deeper, it is a shout out to Pentecost - that though we don't understand God's timing, the Holy Spirit is at work and we are witness to God's powerful love and compassion.

I love that this panoramic view not only takes us down the timeline of Easter, but it gently pivots our lens from the myopic I to the communal we. When we only see or do a single act it is hard to translate its significance to the whole but when viewing in collage-effect, we *see and feel* the larger impact of *connection, of how we bless one another*. Bonus: it muffles what is less important and clears the space to focus on and celebrate God's love which is hugely evidenced here at St. Luke. So *dear readers...*Take a moment. Let your hearts be still...and know...God is present with us...if we only remember to look closely.. to *see and feel* our story.

**Sending you all peace and prayers for well-being,
Kim Weber, Children's Ministry**

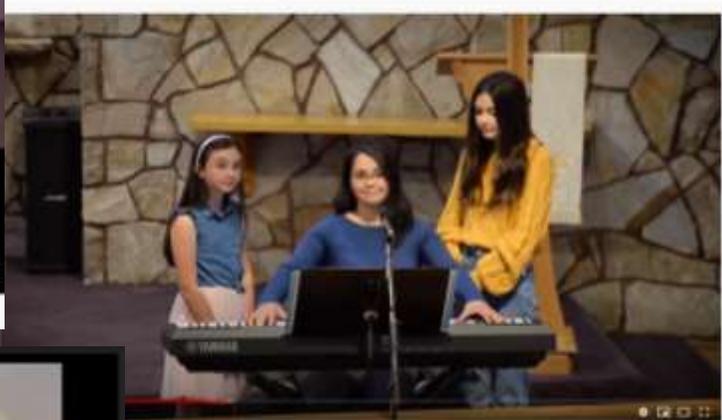
P.S. Just for fun, here is one of my favorite children's wordless picture books: “*Tuesday*” by David Wiesner



Fourth Sunday of Easter



Second Sunday of Easter Worship



Rachel's Day: Litany
Luke Middle School Students



Palm and Passion Sunday (2021)



1st Sunday of Easter

JUNE 2020 "EVENT" CALENDAR

TUESDAY ~ 6/2/2020	10:00am Staff Meeting: Zoom
SUNDAY ~ 6/7/20	HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30am WORSHIP - Facebook (later: YouTube) 10:30am: Children's Ministry - Zoom MSM/Confirmation Ministry - Zoom SLY - Zoom Coffee Time – Zoom ~ Welcome Pastor Patti Welch! 6:30pm - Every Woman's Evening Bible Study - Zoom
TUESDAY ~ 6/9/20	10:00am Staff Meeting: Zoom
WEDNESDAY ~ 6/10/20	4:00pm Prayer Pause: Facebook
SUNDAY ~ 6/14/20	2nd Sunday in Pentecost 9:30am WORSHIP - Facebook (later: YouTube) 10:30am: Children's Ministry - Zoom MSM/Confirmation Ministry - Zoom SLY - Zoom Coffee Time - Zoom
TUESDAY ~ 6/16/20	10:00am Staff Meeting: Zoom
WEDNESDAY ~ 6/17/20	4:00pm Prayer Pause: Facebook
SUNDAY ~ 6/21/20	3rd Sunday in Pentecost 9:30am WORSHIP - Facebook (later: YouTube) 10:30am: Children's Ministry - Zoom MSM/Confirmation Ministry - Zoom SLY - Zoom Coffee Time - Zoom
TUESDAY ~ 6/23/20	10:00am Staff Meeting: Zoom
WEDNESDAY ~ 6/24/20	4:00pm Prayer Pause: Facebook
SATURDAY ~ 6/27/20	1:30-3:30pm Community Table Food Boxes
SUNDAY ~ 6/28/20	4th Sunday in Pentecost 9:30am WORSHIP - Facebook (later: YouTube) 10:30am: Children's Ministry - Zoom MSM/Confirmation Ministry - Zoom SLY - Zoom Coffee Time - Zoom

.....Things change, stay tuned, watch the Weekly Updates!



KARA VAN HORN



EMMETT CRAWFORD

CONGRATULATIONS TO AND BLESSINGS UPON THE ST. LUKE CLASS OF 2020



MATTHEW ROE



DANIEL CARPENTER



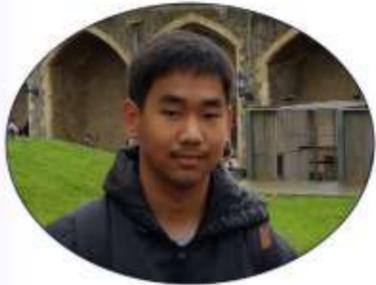
RACHEL CHAN



GAVIN MARTINI



EMMA KOONTZ



THOMAS BERG



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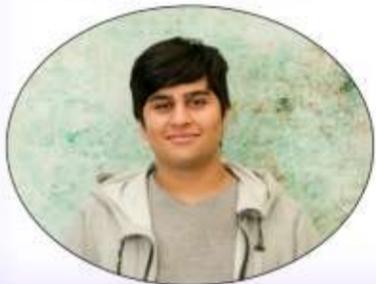
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MARY VOTAVA



PARKER BROCKER-KNAPP



MOLLY SICKLER



KADEN LEEPER



HENRY ELS