



Thank you for joining us in worship!

If you are new or visiting today, welcome! We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here.

Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider: Pastor Patti Welch; **Preacher:** Pastor Beth Brashear

Music: Modern Worship Team

Readers: Amy Gantt, Cindy Gibbon, Joan Bridgman

Greeter: Sue Enquist, Carol Cryder

Ushers: Mark Jockers, Earl Cahoe, Mike Curran

Today's altar flowers are given by Jan Peterson celebrating Nancy's safe return from a bicycle trip.

Worship

In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. **Communion is via intinction only:** Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion wafer. Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the chalices (cups) held by the Communion Assistants. **Please bring your wafer to the chalices and dip it into the wine or grape juice before consuming your wafer.**

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

St. Luke's Nursery: The nursery is offers care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

Prayers for the Departed: **Dave Simmons;** **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998); **Irene Beyer;** **Carol Scott** (sister of Margaret Johnson); **Judy Bayley;** **Margaret Schulz** (Carol Cryder's mother).

Prayer List: **Joan Frazer** (leg and knee surgery on August 14th); **Victor Bilous** (healing for neck injury); **Loretta Jacobson** (healing from successful eye surgery); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Meri Alrick;** **Susan G. Knodell Humprey;** **Fraser Rasmussen** (ongoing cancer); **Fay Brown** (hip replacement); **Kathy Darby** (Sarah Johnson's mother); **Gloria Miniszewski;** **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Anne Bender** (broken back); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Sue Seiffert** (stage 1 breast cancer); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **Dee Mills;** **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:

9am-5pm, Monday-Friday: Church Office (503) 246-2325

9am-5pm any day: RuJeanne Anderson (503) 297-2246

5pm-10pm any day: Carol Greene, 503-245-4189





Connect

Labor Day Closure: St. Luke's office will be closed, Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 3rd.

Return of Monthly Memory Café: Good news! Memory Café has resumed, beginning September 12th (2nd Thursday of the month) from 2:30-4pm (same time) in our Fellowship Hall (same place). Our new musician will be Matt Lotz, former St. Luke member and music director. Please continue to keep this important ministry in your prayers and help spread the word! Memory Café is a social gathering for people with memory loss and their caregivers, promoting connection and well-being through sing-a-longs, fellowship, and snacks.

New Director of Music! Steven Schaefer, a native of Flagstaff, Arizona, is a recent Portland resident and a graduate from Northern Arizona University. He earned his Masters of Music degree in Choral Conducting in Spring 2020 and his bachelor's degree in Piano Performance in 2013. After completing his BA degree, he taught music and Spanish to grades 1-8 at the Montessori Schools of Flagstaff. For the following three years, he worked as a choral director at BASIS Flagstaff, where he conducted five choirs and grew the music program from 90 to more than 200 singers. He has served as conductor of the NAU Chamber Choir, the NAU Harold M. Harter Memorial Handbell Ensemble, and the Artistic Director of the Flagstaff Youth Chorale. Steven also served as the Director of Music for the First Congregational church of Flagstaff for eight years and was the Principal Organist for the Peace Lutheran Church. His first Sunday with us is Sept. 8th. Welcome, Steven!

Rally Day: Sunday, September 8th at 10:30am (one blended worship service). We'd like a headcount estimate for grilled items for our potluck barbecue cookout! Scan the QR code to RSVP by Sept. 4th. Join us afterwards for fellowship and potluck outside on the patio. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs with vegetarian and gluten free options. Lemonade provided! You're also invited to bring a dish to share! Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Jumptown Big Band will join the festivities!

Memorial Service: A memorial for Dave Simmons is set for Saturday, September 14th at 11am.

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: Resumes Sunday, September 15th. Children's Church meets at the 9:15am service, Youth/Parents at 10:30am, Middle School Ministries meet in Lower Shalom, SLY (St. Luke Youth) meets in Vermont House, and Adults meet in Upper Shalom.

Serve

Christmas in September food drive is back! This is our annual gathering of items for the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP). We will be gathering items from Sept. 1st-30th. Choose one or more items from the Christmas in September tree found in the church narthex. Purchase the item(s) and put them in a reusable grocery bag. The most needed are ready to eat food items and hygiene products. Bring your bagged items to the church on any Sunday or Tuesday through Friday from 9:30am-4pm. Place them in the wooden crate under the overhang of the main entrance to the church. Checks, made out to NEFP, and cash should be placed in an envelope marked NEFP and dropped off at the office. All donations will be delivered to NEFP on October 1st. Thank you for helping us serve our NE neighbors.

St. Luke Staff
Blessings in the journey of faith!

Pr. Patti Welch (she/her), Lead Pastor
Pr. Beth Brashear (she/her), Associate Pastor
Steven Schaefer (he/him), Director of Music
Emily Brabham (she/her), Director Youth/Service Ministries
Kim Weber (she/her), Children's Ministry

Annamarie Pearson (she/her), Administrative Assistant & Organist
Raingard Kuhse (she/her), Executive Assistant
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Virtual Worship Producer & Website Coordinator

