



### 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.

#### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Rally Day!)**

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

**Music:** Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir, St. Luke Ringers

**Readers:** Dean Gustafson, Gabe Halvorson

**Greeter:** Ellen Rapkoch, Jon Erickson

**Ushers:** Joe Beattie, Christophe Senah, Craig Christensen, Kirsten Kyllingstad

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

## 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.
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**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).

**Education Hour - Youth/Parents:** Resumes Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>); **Victor Bilous** (upcoming 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

**Return of Monthly Memory Café:** Memory Café has resumed, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> (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.

**September Gather Bible Studies using the Gather Magazine:** Sunday evening, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the library at St. Luke; Monday morning, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11am in the library at St. Luke; Monday afternoon, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3pm.

**Memorial Service:** A memorial for Dave Simmons is set for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Good Words Book Group:** The Good Words Book Group resumes September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the conference room. Our book is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. New members are always welcome! Contact Caryl Walker if you have questions.

**The Multigenerational Outdoor Space/Playground Committee** wishes to thank all 100 members who completed the survey last month! The information we received helps a lot as we plan how to move forward. The committee is currently working with a design team of landscape architects. Plan for some cool visuals and an update in November! If you are interested in being a part of this planning group or you just have questions, please reach out to Sue Skinner at (971) 409-6236 .

**Staff Out of Office:** Emily Brabham will be out of the office September 10-12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for helping us serve our NE neighbors.

### **Wednesday Church Night – our monthly fellowship meal – needs leadership!**

Since Jesus' own human ministry, those who followed Christ would gather for shared meals and fellowship. St. Luke has continued this tradition through our monthly Wednesday Church Nights.

For years, we have gathered from ~6-7:30pm on a Wednesday evenings – usually the first Wednesday evening of the month – to eat together, to enjoy fellowship, and to have some sort of educational programming. Much thanks to our chefs, our serving and cleanup teams, and especially to the people who coordinated these events. For years Leanne van Horn coordinated our chefs and meal teams, and after the lockdown, Jane Chan resurrected these meals, serving as coordinator. Much thanks to these leaders! Roles can be shared by a team – they needn't be the responsibility of one person! Please let the pastors or the office know if you would be open to helping lead this important gathering.

Our next **Wednesday Church Night** will be Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30pm: join us to experience vicariously the places of the ministries of the Apostle Paul & John of Patmos! Pr. Beth and the Rev. Melinda Wagner (retired pastor from First Imanuel Lutheran Church) share about their pilgrimage in Greece and Turkey! Chef: Verde Cocina. \$7/person (with a max of \$24/family) recommended donation. 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  
Pepper Rehm (they/them), Bookkeeper & Payroll Specialist;  
Virtual Worship Producer & Website Coordinator

