



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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Readers: Jim Van Horn, Walt Brickwedel, David Medford

Greeter: Ellie Moe

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

Today's altar flowers are given by Elise Moentmann in memory of her parents.

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: Resumes today! 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 today! 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: **Arthur Schmaltz** (Julie Gaudette's brother); **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: **Stephenie** (recovering from surgery); **Joan Frazer** (leg and knee surgery on August 14th); **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

Good Words Book Group: The Good Words Book Group resumes today 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 group meets every third Sunday through June (except December).

Transforming; Welcoming our LGBTQIA2S+ Siblings: Tuesday, September 17th & 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd from 7-8pm on Zoom. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, this is a great opportunity for our St. Luke community to better welcome the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The zoom forum/class will use the book, "Transforming, The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians," by Austen Hartley. It will be a resource to further our understanding of transgender people. This zoom class will have 6 sessions, with 3-4 guests who are part of the LGBTQIA2S+ that can provide an opportunity for candid discussion. Join us as we learn to be better allies and welcomers even if we don't have all the answers. For more information, please contact Dean Gustafson at deangustafson@mac.com
Meeting ID: 864 1226 2541
Passcode: 898367 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86412262541?pwd=vP7i8X8VlqttbhLkX6BLiHMpg25nOz.1>

FAB Outing to Salem: On Wednesday, September 18th FAB (Fifty And Beyond) fellowship group will visit Willamette Heritage Center, a place with a working woolen mill from the 1850s in Salem. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Masonry Grill. Senior admission is \$8. Meet at church at 9:30am for rides on the church bus. Reservations required by 12noon on Monday, September 16th. Contact Marsha Swantz via email: dls-mls@hotmail.com or call (503) 422-2495.

Contemplative Prayer: "Take my life, and let it be a living prayer, my God to thee." ~ Alison Kraus
This series prepares us to experience daily life as prayer and communion with God. For those who joined us last spring, we will revisit breath prayer, centering prayer, welcoming prayer and lectio divina, and we will explore visio divina, prayer in our bodies, prayer in motion, and prayer in creation. As much as possible, we ask you to participate in all six sessions – or as many as you are able: part of the richness of prayer together is the community built in this small prayer group. RSVP is not necessary but appreciated: pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com.
Gatherings: Upper Shalom, Wednesday 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16.
Facilitated by Lisa Knudsen, Pr. Beth, and guests.

Table Talks: Rev. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence will resume monthly Table Talks Wednesday, September 25th from 7-8pm via Zoom and Saturday, September 28th at 11am in the Conference Room. Please read the article, "The Political Responsibility of the Church." Scan the QR code for the Zoom link and article or pick up a copy in the Narthex.

St. Luke Book Fair! October 13-20th. Drop off your book donations in the library beginning Sept. 29th.

Serve

Christmas in September food drive! 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

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