



First Communion Class Making Pottery and Collecting Wheat to Make Communion Bread

PASTOR'S CORNER

Manifesting the Kin-dom of God

Communion and Community

You are part of something more. Whether you look at the water/sewer system chart of a development and discover that it looks surprisingly like the circulatory system's artery-capillary vein network in the human body, or whether you notice that the quality of the air around us seems linked to the health and number of trees around us, you can see that we are all linked. You are part of something more.

We have a name for this. We are each members of the Body of Christ – cells that comprise, but are not, the whole. As we re-gather on Rally Day and as a number of our young people celebrate their First Communion, we remember Jesus' claim that "this is my body". We remember (or as Madeline L'engle once put it, "re-member") that we are all part of one another, all part of God.

After more than a year of experiencing social isolation and disconnect, we invite you to join us outside as you are able on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30am for Rally Day to celebrate our young people joining us in remembering God's great love in Christ, and in re-remembering, putting back together, the Body in order that together we may serve Christ by serving our neighbor and world. Dear cells, we hope to join with you soon!
Love, Pastor Beth

Sunday Schedule begins September 19:

9:00-10:00am - Adult Education

9:15-10:00am - Modern Worship Service, with Children's Church

10:15-11:15am - Education Hour for Children's Ministry, Middle School Ministries/Confirmation,
St. Luke Youth (high school) and Parent Group

10:30-11:30am - Traditional Worship (in-person and live-streamed)

Greetings from your Church Council!

This summer your Church Council held their first in-person meeting, outdoors! How joyous it was to finally meet in-person rather than a computer screen. It is good to have a little semblance of normal! Council continues to discuss the ever-changing CDC guidelines, and we are still proceeding cautiously to ensure the safety of our members, offering both in-person and live streamed worship.

Following our ELCA Constitution guidelines, we are moving forward in hiring of an outside CPA firm to conduct an external audit of our church's finances. Thanks to Ron Witcosky and Pat Howard for their expert guidance on this project. We have also begun the conversation on what our Fall schedule might look like. Thanks to the 138 folks who completed the Sunday Morning Schedule survey. A special thank you to Pastor Beth who developed the survey and placed the emphasis on what we value at St. Luke. Results of the survey are no surprise – we value our time together as a community and our worship music.

Our congregation continues to give generously of their time, talent, and finances. A shout out to the members who helped with the set-up of the Grauer project. Our Grauer Back to School Give Away was held, in person, on Saturday, August 14th. It was wonderful to share our love in a tangible way to those in need, in our community.

And thank you to our congregation for their generous giving. Church giving is up about \$4,000 in June compared to last year's June, and it appears that we are at 33-35% electronic giving. As a reminder, many members have discovered the easiest way to contribute is electronically: www.stlukechurch.com.

At the bottom left of the homepage, click on "Donate" and follow the instructions. If you prefer to text a donation, type ASSIST (for first time users only) in the message box to 503-741-2246 and follow the prompts. (Credit card fees apply for text-to-give).

Lastly, it is with a sad heart that we say goodbye and thank you to John Googins and his wife, Sue. John has served faithfully on Council this year and we will miss him. We also wish John and Sue safe travels and congratulations as they move to Bend, and a new chapter of their lives.

May God's peace be with you!

Karen Stabeno
Congregational President

WORSHIP

As our COVID cases continue to rise, due to the Delta variant, Oregon Health Authority faith-based guidelines have changed. The OHA is now advising that faith-based organizations, while worshiping indoors, return to physical distancing and wearing masks.

Your Church Council recently met and made the decision to adopt the new OHA faith-based guidelines. We will be returning to six-foot physical distancing and limiting service attendance to 60 members. Sign-up Genius will be used to register to attend service. **Please sign-up, no later than the Friday, before the Sunday service you wish to attend: Link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA9A72CA3FE3-sunday3> or contact: Cindy Gibbon: 503-880-5502

St. Luke strongly encourages everyone to be vaccinated: should you need assistance in getting vaccinated, call the office to receive support from our vaccination ministry.

Rally Day, September 12th, will be an outdoor worship service. All are encouraged to attend; **no sign-up is necessary**. Bring a chair. There will be plenty of outdoor space for physical distancing!

Sundays at 9:30am through September 12, 2021.

●In-person with Holy Communion

●**Livestreamed on Facebook.** You can access via St. Luke's website by clicking on the "Worship" tab near the top, then "our Facebook Page" along the right side.) Available on FB and YouTube on Sunday afternoon!

Want Communion but can't make it to in-person worship? Contact Jane Chan at 503-380-8115 to have Communion brought to you.

September 12: Join us on Rally Day as 7 of our young people celebrate their First Communion! Note that the bread and the ceramic plate (*on the front cover page*) are made especially for this day!

Opportunities to Serve in Worship.

●Set-up and clean-up Communion!

Looking for a way to serve? One way is to set the table for communion and or clean-up afterward. The link below will take you to the sign up. *Thanks in advance!* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aa9ac22a5fd0-stluke>

Melody Drangstveit: melody.drangstveit@gmail.com

●**Ushers** – a combination ministry of hospitality and safety: help people to feel welcome and safe by guiding them through worship and helping them to honor our safety protocol.

Contact: Tom Ludwig, tom@twigconsulting.com

●**Readers:** share the sacred story of our faith and read one of our lessons in our in-person worship service.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a8aa2fa5fc1-stluke3>

Altar Flowers!

Gift the beautiful altar flowers on Sunday. You may sign up to sponsor the entire arrangement at the full cost of \$90 OR you may share the sponsorship with another member for the cost of \$45. Sponsoring the worship flowers is a wonderful way to commemorate an anniversary, celebrate a birthday or remember a loved one! Contact Sue Ramus: sueramus@comcast.net or (503) 244-0923.



MUSIC

Rejoice Choir

We return to singing “live” in the sanctuary masked and physically distanced. Our first anthem will be on **Rally Day, September 12**. The choir resumes rehearsals on **Thursday nights beginning September 9 at 7:30pm**. We move downstairs to rehearse from the front 3 pews in the sanctuary (in masks) in order to create more space between singers and provide better ventilation with open windows. Please, contact Dan Hibbett, to join this vibrant ministry: dan@stlukechurch.com

St. Luke Ringers:

We will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday nights (wearing masks) in the balcony from 7:30-8:30pm on September 15**. Ventilation will be provided by opening the side doors and the roof vents and turning on the ceiling fan. The plan is to limit the group to 11 ringers (including the director) and three octaves of bells. Our goal is to learn new music to ring for two Sunday services each month plus Christmas Eve.

The Modern Worship Team

The Modern Worship team, led by Jim Steele and Tom Lynham, will lead the Modern Worship services beginning Sunday, September 19th.

New Projector

The new projector has enabled us to provide a brighter, clearer picture on the screen which can easily be seen with all the lights on in the sanctuary. This allows us to continue projecting recorded videos, liturgy, and hymn texts during our “live” worship services.

AV Volunteers

Chris Polanco, our Virtual Worship Producer, is training volunteers to serve as assistants to help with the sound and video projection in the sanctuary. We are needing 2 AV techs each Sunday now that we have established an ongoing livestream broadcast of our services. We would love to include some tech-savvy high school students. If you would be interested, please contact Dan Hibbett at dan@stlukechurch.com

Music for Live Sunday Worship Services

The pastors, myself, our musicians, and the congregation are very excited that music and singing can be offered in the sanctuary safely while wearing masks. Hymnals are back in the pew racks for worshippers to use for following the music and singing harmony parts if desired. Hymn lyrics will continue to be projected on the screen for those who prefer not to use the hymnal. Live organ, piano, and guitars will provide accompaniment for hymns and worship songs.

CONNECT



Fall Gather Magazine Bible Studies ALL St. Luke Women are welcome!

In-Person Gathering:

Sunday, September 5, 6:30pm

- Patio or Narthex (depending on weather)
- Bring your Mask please for indoor gathering
- Bring your Bible and September Gather Magazine
(If you don't have the September issue, no worries)

Online Gathering: Monday, September 13, 9:30am

Have your Bible and September Gather Magazine
(If you don't have the September issue no worries)

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92578738044?pwd=a0txWUtCM2FDZ3grNXBkRzgzTjA0UT09>

Meeting ID: 925 7873 8044 Passcode: WELCA2021

Men's Breakfast Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79584872315?pwd=NDFwVFPxQ3dNR0U2Tnp4alNRRaXRaZz09>

Meeting ID: 795 8487 2315 Passcode: 1bTcTb

Next book study under discussion and soon to be announced. Contact Michael Ford: mford@clark.edu or join us on Zoom.

Friday Men's Breakfast Bible Study

7am (in-person) at Miller's Homestead Restaurant

Join us to study the appointed Bible readings for the coming Sunday. BYOB (Bring your own Bible). Masks required for entering and exiting the restaurant.

Contact; Mark Dustan (503) 703-1872.

Second Sunday Book Group:

- **September 12:** "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig (via Zoom)
- October 10: "Stamped Racism, Antiracism & You" by Ibram X Kendi/Jason Reynolds
- November 14: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell
- December – no meeting
- January 9, 2022: "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson
- **Contact:** Caryl Walker

COMMITTEE TEAM NIGHT

September 7, Tuesday, 6:30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkduqrTwpG9YgLmtc3VStmW8fXMgN_110

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

RwR (Reckoning With Racism)

The Reckoning with Racism program will be back this Fall. The program looks at racial issues on our land locally and statewide. In June three sessions were held for our congregation to attend. The RwR team plans to hold ten sessions this Fall. Meetings will be held weekly via zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Sessions will begin September 15 and end on November 17.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836903733?pwd=U0xkWjE4aWZONkNNeTISZW51enJUUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3690 3733 Passcode: 163807

St. Luke worked with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to study and learn about racism in our state. The representatives of St. Luke included Craig Christensen, Yuen Chan, David Medford, Grace Johnson, and Pastor Patti. This Fall the team will lead sessions on topics including Critical Race Theory, Doctrine of Discovery, as well as past and present racism in Portland and Oregon. All are welcome to join us.

Date	Topic
9/15	Critical Race Theory
9/22	Doctrine of Discovery
9/29	Indigenous people in Oregon: Part 1
10/6	Indigenous people in Oregon: Part 2
10/13	Black experience in Oregon Part 1
10/20	Black experience in Oregon Part 2
10/27	Asian experience in Oregon: Part 1
11/3	Asian experience in Oregon: Part 2
11/10	Latinx experience in Oregon: Part 1
11/17	Latinx experience in Oregon: Part 2

Now Re-igniting: Lay Visitation Ministry

Now that St. Luke adults are almost all vaccinated (thank you, St. Luke, for trusting the science!), we can resume in-person lay ministry! Our Lay Visitation Ministers meet once or twice a month with one or two homebound St. Luke members, and over time they build beautiful friendships. Lay Visitation Ministers may be trained to bring Communion to the people they visit.

Whether-or-not you have taken part in this soul-feeding ministry before, if this sounds of interest to you, join us on Saturday, September 11th, 10am-12noon in the narthex for a workshop led by the pastors along with Tammy and Ron Witcosky. For more information, contact Tammy: tamo58@gmail.com or (503)799-2011

Memory Cafe Returns!

After a 17-month hiatus, Memory Cafe returns to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **September 9th, 2:30-4:00pm, and monthly thereafter on the 2nd Thursday of each month.** As in the past, Memory Café is open to the community and offers opportunities for socialization to persons with memory loss and their family care partners and friends. Each monthly gathering includes conversation, refreshments and sing-along live music that can be enjoyed by both caregiver and care receiver

Community Conversations Around Race

Saturday, September 18, 10am! For more information, Facilitator, Bing Swigart bingswigart@gmail.com

SERVE

Mini pantry moves into Fall 2021

Sign up to check the mini pantry along the St. Luke Driveway: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A5AA2CA7F9C70-mini>

As we complete the two additional pantries, we will add volunteer check-ins for the other locations. Volunteers are encouraged to check early in the week (Sunday – Tuesday) for the week when you signed up. You may sign up for several weeks. Here's what you may see: Open packages – pull them out, large cans in front so other items cannot be seen – move them around, the most nutritious foods all on a higher shelf – redistribute, very few items – let us know, sticky or dirty – use a wet paper towel to tidy, sacks at the base of the pantry – add the items to the pantry. Contact Maripat Hensel at henselresearch@gmail

THANKS!

- ▶ Thank you to all who make our in-person worship services possible: Ushers, Musicians, Communion set-up and clean-up, Altar Guild and Communion distributors.
- ▶ COVID vaccination ministry
- ▶ Caring Calls and Sending Cards

Christmas In September

Starting Sunday, September 5th and running through September 26th, we will collect food items for distribution in northeast Portland through Northeast Emergency Food Program at Luther Memorial. **Please look for the “Christmas Tree” in the narthex** with stars for needed items. Choose a star and then purchase the item. Bring your purchased item back to the table and it will be delivered to the Food Program at the end of the month.

You may also bring your food donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. There will be a large wooden box outside the narthex doors each day for you to drop your gifts. If you do not make it to church to take a star from the tree most needed items are:

Macaroni and cheese	Tomato products
Canned meat	Canned fruit
Ramen noodles	Toilet paper
Hygiene products	Soups
Pet food	Bags of rice or beans

Thank you for your compassionate giving to help those who are hungry in northeast Portland!

Priceless Company Quilters

We would like to help you clean out your closets and storage areas. If you find cotton fabric in your stash that you no longer need, please consider donating it to us and we will make beautiful quilts with it. You will see them on the pews next October. Thank you so much! *Questions? Please contact Nancy Scheele: dsch2468@msn.com or 503-784-3824*

West Women’s and Children’s Shelter

Needed: New and gently used womens’ clothes in season, paper products (tissue, paper towels etc.), disposable gloves, 33+gallon garbage bags, XL twin sheets. The Shelter currently has a reduced number of guests which is about 35, but usually accommodate 60. Had to cut back due to COVID, but may be gradually increasing soon.

“Stock the Pantry at the West ”

Sarah Circle has started an effort for non-perishables including oils, spices, condiments, pasta and sauces etc. This plan helps when I purchase food requested by the cook on Mondays; it will be mostly fresh dairy, meat, vegetables etc. Financial donations are also helpful.

~ Thanks, Gerry Foote

Service Opportunity

Are you looking for a service opportunity? St. Luke has updated virtual and in-person audio worship with audio and video technology. We are now in search of volunteers to help lead in this capacity on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Dan Hibbett at dan@stlukechurch.com

THANK YOU GRAUER VOLUNTEERS!!

On August 14th, St. Luke hosted the 19th annual Grauer Back to School Project where we provided back to school supplies and clothing for neighborhood students! The volunteer effort was amazing! Set up occurred in record time due to the efficiency of our leads and the wonderful volunteers who showed up each day to make it happen.

On distribution day 100+ volunteers were on hand to greet our guests, give them a warm welcome and help with whatever was needed. Our numbers were lower this year than expected – but we are blessed to have served the students who came.

Many volunteers were St. Luke members, but we also had several volunteers from neighborhood churches as well as Neighborhood House and Jesuit High School. This is truly a community effort!

Special thanks goes to the Grauer Ministry Team

and leads: Heather Erwin (Facilitator/Logistics), Tai Dustan (Recorder/Logistics), Philip Erwin (Sock Lead), Patti Hunting (T-shirt Lead), Sarah Snowden (School Supply Lead) and Sue Ramus (School Supply Assistant and Coat Lead), Karen Stabeno and Terry Kenny (Shoe Leads), Kristen Grauer (Outside Activities/Community Engagement), Jocelyn Grauer (Website manager), Peggy Telyea (Underwear Lead), Joan Frazer (Publicity Lead), Nancy Tieman (Volunteer Coordinator), Leon Stock (Treasurer), Linda McNamara (Neighborhood House), and Judy Willis (Staff Lead). This team is so committed to the mission and works hard to make it a reality each year. This was Peggy Telyea’s last year to help out with underwear and we thank her for many years of service!

Grauer Update – all 345 backpacks filled with school supplies that were prepared for Grauer are now in the hands of students in need of them! 68 backpacks went out on Grauer day, 60 were picked up by one of our local schools – and Gary and Susan Tremper delivered 217 more backpacks to 10 neighborhood schools! Thank you Gary and Susan! A huge thanks and shout out to Sarah Snowden and her team who did all of the purchasing and assembly of all of the backpacks and school supplies! We are also grateful to two neighborhood churches that did drives for spiral notebooks, and for notebook paper. Grauer is truly a community effort!

Job Opportunity!

St. Luke is actively seeking to fill a part-time High School Youth Coordinator position. For a complete job description go to www.stlukechurch.com and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on Quick Links where you will find Job Opportunities.

(MSM) MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

*Seeking to immerse Middle Schoolers
in the Love of God.*

September Calendar Dates:

RALLY DAY,

September 12, 10:45am

Lower Shalom ~ Fun/Information:

Games, Service Activity, Anchor Activity!

FIRST GATHERING

September 19, 10:15am

Lower Shalom ~ Breakfast

Gathering Activity

FALL RETREAT

Friday, September 24, 5:30pm through

Sunday morning, September 26, 12noon.

Narthex patio.

For more information, contact Pastor Beth:

pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Offerings begin September 19:

Our Conference Room is equipped with Zoom for hybrid in-person/online gatherings, so join us as you are able!

Exploring Sunday Scriptures Together

Conference Room at 9:30am

- Delve deeper into the Scriptures that we hear in worship!
- BYOB (Bring your own Bible), and Celebrate Pages with Bible readings are provided.
- Notes from pastors' Bible study are provided in reference.

Parent Group

Upper Shalom at 11am

- Find support for the faith journey that is parenting!
- Facilitated by parents, with video series, and book series, this is a safe space to share the struggle!
- Facilitated by Keith & Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



SLY UPDATES!

RALLY DAY!

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 12.

Church will begin at 9:30am with festivities following. SLY will be set up for a Vermont House walk through and yard games on the Vermont House lawn. I will distribute information packets about the year to come. *I hope to see you there!*



ELCA Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis from July 24-28, 2022. Early bird registration begins September 22! Please contact me for more information or with any questions at highschool@stlukechurch.com.



Where in the World?

The 2021-2022 SLY Sunday School curriculum will be "Where in the World?" This is an original curriculum focusing on themes of cross-cultural relationships, climate change, and current events. I never tire of the insights of the SLY students and I look forward to our class time together this Fall.

Beckah Selnick

Interim High School Coordinator

highschool@stlukechurch.com

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church: What is it?

Children's church is exactly that: Church for our children preschool – 5th grade. Desiring a hybrid worship experience, families experience family worship together in the sanctuary both at the beginning of the worship and during communion.

Children are dismissed during the Scripture reading and Sermon for a simple 20-minute-long contemplative experience of their own: A prayer, a song, a Scripture story and a blessing.

They re-enter the sanctuary in time to receive communion together with their greater church family.

Families may opt for a longer Sunday School by attending the Ed Hour immediately following the first worship service. During this hour, a more conventional time is set aside for lessons and deeper exploration, including crafts, project-based learning. Adults are offered education and fellowship time during the Ed Hour too, such as the Parent Group.

SEPTEMBER

St. Luke Children's Ministry 2021

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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	26	27	28	29	30		

EVENTS

Rally Day!
Join Us
Outdoor
Worship
Upper Parking Lot
9:30-10:30
(BYO chairs)

Ministry Fair
Meet-n-Greet
Children's Ministry
Leaders
10:30-11:30

REMINDERS

Rally Day: Bring your
backpacks for a
backpack blessing
Sunday Classes (begin/end)
Sept 19, 2021-June 12, 2022

LEARNING

God's Work Our Hands
Sunday
is also September 12.
God's Work Our Hands is the theme
of our day: Learn all about the
work St. Luke does at our Ministry
Fair following worship.

Concurrent with ministry fair, find us
at our Faith Formation Info Table
and be sure to pick up important
Take Home packets. Head over
and have fun with youth leaders up
on the Shalom Lawn! Harvest
w heat in our garden for
communion bread project!

NOTES

Questions?
Contact
Kim Weber
Childrensministry@stlukechurch.com

RALLY DAY!
FIND US AT THE FAITH
FORMATION INFO TABLE AT THE
MINISTRY FAIR
TAKE HOME INFO PROVIDED
FOR FAMILIES

Nursery Post:

Loving renovations are underway, including new drywall work and painting – projected opening in mid-late September. Stay tuned for updates!

★Questions about childcare, covid precautions, or what donations are still needed:
Contact Lisa Sickler lisasickler@gmail.com

IN THE FAMILY

Prayers:

George Crandall (in hospice), **Cindy Williamson** (cancer treatment: niece to Louise Nuss), **Gary Hofsommer**, **David Osenberg** (brother of Jane Osenberg), **Dave Simmons** (cancer), **Bonnie Brunk**, **VonDean Mollenhauer** and her family, **Judy Sims**, **Ray Enquist** (mesothelioma), **Scott** (nephew of Jane Gott) home with caregivers, **Marlene Roth** (cancer), **Lisa Lynham** (post breast cancer surgery), **Patty Farrell's mother and family**, David Haynes' mother **Priscilla**, **Joanne Haynes**, **George Branson** (knee replacement surgery), **John Jessen**, **Hal Yackley**, **Daniel Alrick**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Henry Heuer** (in remission), **Will Heuer** (nursing home), **Wendy Metz**, **Dee Mills**, **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

Prayers for the departed:

Rest in peace **Bob Everhart**, **Ken Kausch** (Jan Chan's father) and **Dottie Inman**.

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.

Special News:

Vaccination assistance! If you would like assistance signing up for a vaccination appointment, please contact **Chrysia Watson** at 503-250-4587.

For transportation to your assigned vaccination site, call **Marlynn Rust** at 503-621-7689 or **Cindy Gibbon** at 503-880-5502.

Shopping on Amazon?

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0493473 and a portion of each purchase will be donated to St. Luke!

WINE TASTING: Saturday September 25th

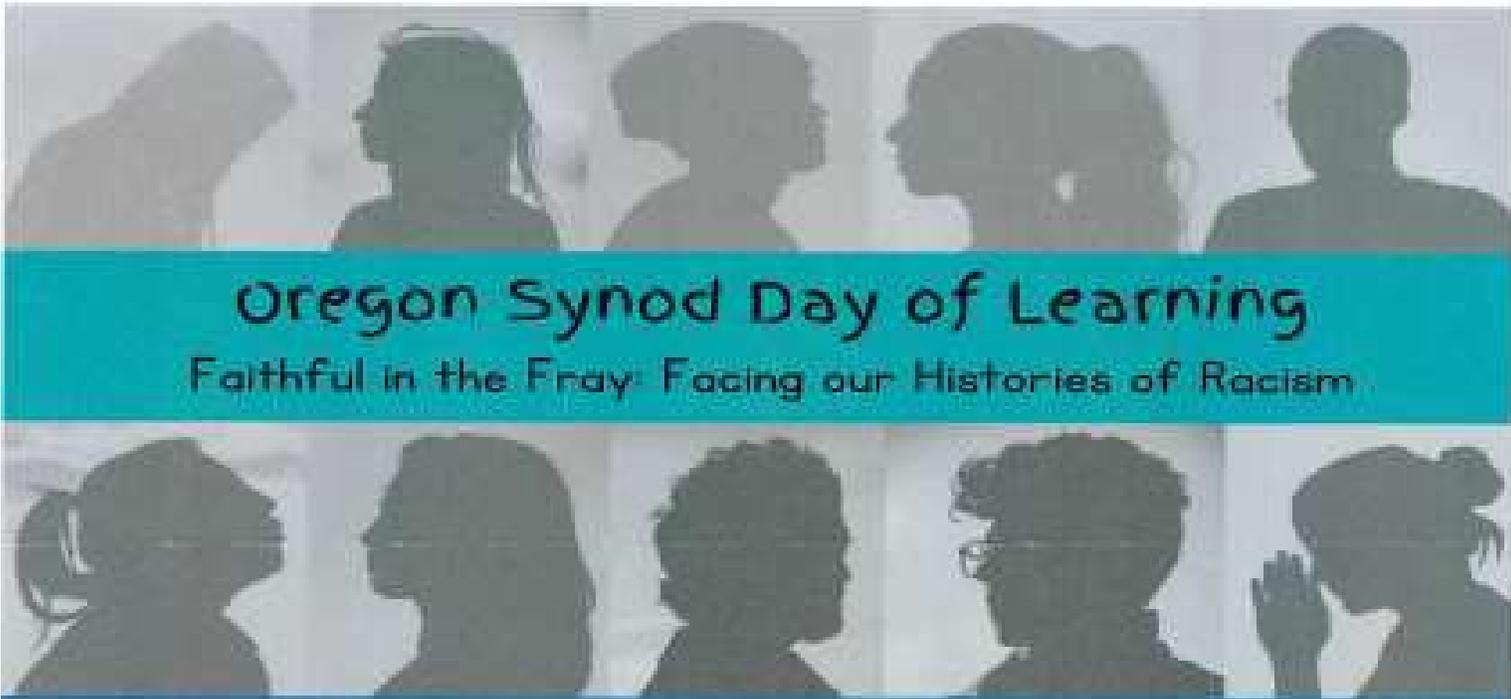
Interested in exploring some of the wonderful wineries of the Willamette Valley with us?

Contact Karen Stabeno: kstabeno@gmail.com



Erika George	9/1	Lori Osbrink	9/18
Payton Pinnell	9/1	Bob Steringer	9/19
Sidney George	9/2	Chuck Pahlmeyer	9/19
Malia Endres	9/2	Bonnie Waters	9/19
Mark Jockers	9/2	Joan Wicklund	9/19
Jane Endres	9/2	Matthew Meuser	9/20
Jane Gott	9/3	Rachel Farnstrom	9/20
Marcia Wehling	9/3	Lori Loehr	9/20
Gerry Reese	9/4	Katrina Phillips	9/20
Kyle Norberg	9/4	Owen Dodson	9/20
Jackson Curtin	9/5	Gayla Ross	9/21
Lesley Anderson	9/7	Hal Yackley	9/21
Zach Kresl	9/7	Cyndy Flock	9/22
Sonja Fromme	9/8	Julia Pinnell	9/22
Vernon Johnson	9/8	Jaime Pacheco	9/23
Madeline Carpenter	9/8	Isaac Peirce	9/23
Ruth Helen Peirce	9/9	Krista Orchard	9/23
Arllys Chesnutt	9/10	Gaile Baack	9/24
Reese Bauer	9/10	Benjamin Sickler	9/24
Harrison Reed	9/10	Thatcher Hopp	9/25
Debora Babb	9/12	Marlene Roth	9/25
Atticus Hurtley	9/12	James Van Horn	9/26
Jennifer Donohue	9/12	Wyatt Stephens	9/26
Lily Frasier	9/12	Jolita Benson	9/26
Erik Steringer	9/12	David Kraby	9/26
Betty Burton	9/13	Grayson Bauer	9/26
Rachael Laurence	9/13	Chris Ellertson	9/27
Elizabeth Carpenter	9/13	Riley Erwin	9/27
Hudson Reed	9/13	David Chin	9/27
Henry Shadbeh	9/13	Shelley Hancey	9/27
Morgan Wood	9/14	Donna Metz	9/27
Maripat Hensel	9/15	Meri Alrick	9/27
Elizabeth Medford	9/15	Wendy Tremper	9/28
Kristin Baack	9/16	Connor Mann	9/28
Alice Mills	9/16	Craig Farnstrom	9/29
Sue Ramus	9/16	Patricia Juaire	9/29
		Olive Babb	9/30

Please, contact the office if we have missed a birthday.



Oregon Synod Day of Learning

Faithful in the Fray: Facing our Histories of Racism

Saturday, September 25 from 9:15 am to 3:45 pm

Join us on Zoom as we learn and delight in what God can do in us when we come together to take seriously Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves. As Paul says in Romans 12:2, continuing to grow in faith, understanding and love is part of the discipleship path: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

Conversations and workshops will follow the theme of the year in the Oregon Synod: Faithful in the Fray. As we look at faithfulness as it applies to faith and racism, we are honored to have Rev. Lenny Duncan as our keynote. Leaders from the synod and beyond will lead us in sessions on topics such as: anti-racist reading of the Bible, facing the climate crisis with honesty and hope, hidden stories from the margins and our own lives; crafting new liturgies as sacred collective action, how to have tough conversations in congregations, and honoring our grief around the history of racism in our state and world.

Let's join together from all corners of the state to deliberate with power and love what it means to follow the Way of Jesus today, here, now!

Registration is \$50 **per screen** for adults over 21. Under 21 is free. Scholarships are available. More session information and registration available through the events listing on our website or at <https://oregonsynodelca.regfox.com/2021-oregon-synod-day-of-learning>

Registration closes September 20th at 9pm.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's Work. Our Hands

Questions? Please contact
the Bishop's Office at
503.413.4191 or
office@oregonsynod.org

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship † Connect † Serve

SEPTEMBER 2021

		1 4:00pm Prayer Pause 5:00pm Rehearsal: Modern Worship Team		2 4:00pm Understanding Racism Book Group		3 7:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study		4					
5 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30am Worship <i>Facebook/Live In-Person</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study <i>CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER BEGINS!</i>		6 LABOR DAY Buildings Closed		7 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9-11am: Grauer Set-Up 10:00am Quilters 11:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Worship Planning 6:30pm Committee Night		8 4:00pm Prayer Pause 7:00pm Handbells		9 2:30~4:00pm Memory Café 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		10 7:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study		11 10:00am-12noon Lay Visitation Workshop	
12 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Rally Day!</i> 1st Communion 9:30am Worship <i>Facebook Live/In-Person (outdoors)</i>		13 9:30am Women of St. Luke <i>Online Gathering</i>		14 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 11:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Worship Planning 5:00pm Finance Committee		15 4:00pm Prayer Pause 7:00pm Reckoning w/ Racism 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE		16 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		17 7:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study		18 10:00am Community Conversations Around Race	
19 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am – 10:00am Adult Education 9:15am-9:45am Modern Worship <i>Facebook/Live In-Person</i> 10:15-11:15am Education Hour: Children's Ministry, MSM, SLY, Parent Group 10:30am -11:30 Traditional Worship		20		21 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Quilters 11:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Worship Planning 6:30pm Council Mtg		22 4:00pm Prayer Pause 7:00pm Reckoning w/ Racism		23 4:00pm Understanding Racism Book Group 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		24 7:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study		25 2:00 ~ 3:30pm Community Table Food Box Distribution MSM RETREAT (OVERNIGHT)	
26 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am – 10:00am Adult Education 9:15am-9:45am Modern Worship <i>FACEBOOK/LIVE IN-PERSON</i> 10:15-11:15am Education Hour: Children's Ministry, MSM, SLY, Parent Group 10:30am -11:30 Traditional Worship MSM Retreat in Worship		27		28 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Quilters 11:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Worship Planning		29 4:00pm Prayer Pause 7:00pm Reckoning w/ Racism		30 Native Plant Sale		October 1 Native Plant Sale		October 2 Native Plant Sale	