

Kick-Off Sunday - September 8

In both American football and soccer, the game STARTS with a “kick-off.” The action begins with the kickoff. On September 8 we are kicking off and starting a new program/ministry year.

SAME GAME

- We are continuing our mission and purpose – that doesn’t change.
- It’s all about living in, and living out, the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- St. Luke’s mission continues to be: Worship † Connect † Serve.

NEW SCHEDULE

In May (2019) the congregation voted to change the Sunday morning schedule so that Sunday School (Children’s Ministry hour) would line up with one of the worship times. That new schedule will begin on Sunday, September 8.

Worship: 9:30 will be the new time for the Traditional worship and 11:00 remains as the Modern worship.

Education times will change:

- Children’s Ministry (Sunday School) will run from 9:30 – 10:45 am.
- Middle School Ministry (MSM/Confirmation) and St. Luke Youth (SLY – High School) will operate on the same schedule (9:30 – 10:45 am) on Sunday mornings.
- Adult Education will happen at 10:45 am on Sunday mornings

Fellowship will be shorter; from 10:30 – 11:00 am (between worship times).

NEW PLAYERS (or players in new positions)

- Kim Weber has been hired as the Interim Children’s Ministry Coordinator for this coming school year. A decision about a permanent position will be determined after the first of the year. Kim will continue her other job as Hosanna Choir Director.
- With the retirement of Pastor Wilder and the completion of the Transition Team, Pastor Joel will give some more time to pastoral care and visitation.
- A Call Committee will be formed in mid to late September. Members of the Call Committee will be selected by the Council. (Neither Pastor Joel nor Pastor Beth will be on the Call Committee)

NEW PLAYS

- The Call Committee will be active soon. They will be encouraged to keep us all up to date about their activities and progress towards extending a call to a new Senior Pastor. (Please note that information about the candidates will be confidential until permission is given to make names public)
- New this fall are plans for a Stewardship program and an Artisan & Craft Faire.



Watch for information in future newsletters and website.

~ Pastor Joel Westby

**Congregation Update
from Council President
September 2019**

Dear Member of St. Luke,

Our congregation is in a very different state than it has been in a number of years.

The reality is we are trying to support an organization that is 20% larger than what our attendance and offerings actually are. Stated differently we are trying to meet a budget that is 20% higher than our current attendance and offerings can currently support.

Your Council has approved and executed a number of steps to alter the trend of membership and attendance that St. Luke has been experiencing the last few years. We aim to increase attendance both in worship and in Sunday School, which will take time and effort to effect.

- Creation of the Reach Out Committee – to reach and attract new members.
- Hiring of the Interim Children’s Ministry Coordinator to revitalize all of our children’s education and spiritual growth.
- An exciting September 8 Rally day to kick off the new worship and Sunday School season
- Creation of a team to review our worship services for vitality and compelling nature to existing as well as potential new members.
- Postponement of the staff hiring of a Senior Ministry pastor indefinitely.
- Accordingly reassignment of Senior Ministry activities to maintain as much continuity as possible.
- Continued progress on the campaign to fund the LID expense.
(Goal of \$300,000; received pledges of \$268,108 & gifts of \$225,186. Received prior gifts of \$234,330, for a current total of \$459,516 on our expected total of \$625,000.)
- Creation of a task force to analyze the St. Luke future staff requirements & configuration.
- Analysis of member attendance figures dating back to January 2018.
- Analysis of member giving \$ dating back to January 2018.
- October 20 St. Luke Community Open House featuring all the organizations utilizing St. Luke facilities for their activities.
- November Artisan Fair (fund raiser)
- Adult Education development and expansion
- Alignment of the Children’s education schedule with a revised worship schedule.
- Change to the St. Luke facility use policy to encourage greater use of buildings for events.
- Ministry Site Profile completed and made available to the entire congregation for preview and editing for a month.
- Search committee in place for a replacement organist.

In the interim, St. Luke is facing a financial challenge, that with continued intensive focus and God’s guidance will be overcome, so your Council is considering the below actions as well as additional contingency plans should the offering revenues continue to decline.

- Consideration of the holding of benevolence contributions to the Synod
- Evaluation of St. Luke campus property values v. property mortgages in the context of the overall St. Luke mission

SEEKING THE HEART OF CHRIST – Fall 2019

We continue our theme for the church year (Advent – Christ the King) which is “Seeking the Heart of Christ.” The theme will accompany us as we begin a new ministry year (school year) which has lots of excitement for a new Sunday morning schedule and a renewed commitment to Children’s ministry.

At this time, we are reminded that Christ has a heart for children.

But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” (Luke 18:15-17)

And as we worship (at 9:30am and 11:00am) during September we will read scripture that calls our attention to the fact that Christ has a heart for the lost (Luke 15) and for the least (Amos 8) and the lowly (Luke 16).

Let us continue to seek to let the heart of Christ guide our hearts – as we teach, preach, and reach out to others in love; and as together we pray, sing, eat (Lord’s Supper), wash (Baptism) and listen in worship.

May St. Luke be a place and a people where others can find the heart of Christ.

COFFEE HOUR OF GRATITUDE



For 15 years, the Benson Family Foundation has awarded scholarships to St Luke members attending a Lutheran college, university or seminary. Scholarship recipients along with Trust Fund Committee members meet with the Benson family for a coffee hour on Sunday, August 11.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, October 20 – Partners in Ministry Fair. Encounter the different ministries that our ministry together as St. Luke makes possible!



Highlights from our National Church (ELCA):

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (that’s us, in partnership with over 9,000 other Lutheran congregations) held it’s triennial Churchwide Assembly August 5-10, 2019, where we did the business of the Church – and where we made headlines. Here are some of the highlights from the event:

- 1) The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was elected to her 2nd six-year term as presiding bishop.
- 2) The ELCA officially declared itself a Sanctuary Church Body. This declaration does not tell us exactly how to support immigrants and refugees, as different congregations are in vastly different contexts. It DOES land us firmly on the side of biblical witness: God favors the vulnerable, including the refugee. We are called to care for the vulnerable, too.
- 3) We began the first step in addressing racism in the Church: we issued an apology to people of African descent for how we as Christians and as the Church in America have benefited at the expense of people of color.
- 4) We affirmed a new Social Statement: *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Call to Action.*
- 5) We celebrated 50 years of ordination of women, 40 years of women of color, and 10 years of ordination of members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- 6) We issued A Declaration of Inter-religious Commitment, highlighting our call as followers of Christ to seek the good of our neighbor, regardless of that neighbor’s religion; to strive for justice for all people; and to partner with people of goodwill from whatever faith (or nonfaith background) in working for the good of all.

For more information check out the Churchwide Assembly Summary at: https://www.elca.org/News-andEvents/8003?_ga=2.120062785.816820746.1566924344-817398090.1506710947

MINISTRY SITE PROFILE

The Draft Ministry Site Profile is in the church library. You are invited to edit/make comments (via Post-it notes) regarding the profile. The document is available through September 15th.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT: September 4th!

Chefs Yuen and Jane Chan will prepare a delicious chicken and salad night, with a special dessert provided by Dan Gott! ★We will host an interactive, intergenerational activity that will teach us about immigration dynamics. ★Bring the family! Invite a friend!

ADULT EDUCATION

Forums will delve into several of these areas of conversation more deeply over the coming months, beginning Sunday, September 8 at 10:45am in the Conference Room.

Conference Room Sundays at 10:45am

9/8	Immigration Dynamics and A Sanctuary Church	Lead: Michael Ford
9/15	Support for Immigrants	Lead: TBD
9/22	Advocacy for Immigrant Rights in Portland - IMIrJ	Lead: Rev. Ron Werner
9/29	Congregational Financial Forum	St. Luke Council

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, September 29 at noon! Join us on the Vermont House Lawn. Bring your pet for a blessing or bring a picture or name of a beloved pet who has died: blessings abound!

ST. LUKE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

1/1/19-7/31/2019

St. Luke Financial Snapshot

	Income	Expense	Deficit
2019 Actual YTD	\$503,221	\$596,360	\$93,139
2019 Budget YTD	\$553,800	\$619,002	\$65,202
Difference: Actual vs. Budget	\$50,579	\$22,642	\$27,937
2018 Actual YTD	\$552,426	\$620,729	\$68,303
Difference: 2019 vs. 2018 Actual	\$49,205	\$24,369	\$24,836

Giving in July was well under budget again, but expenses continue to be well below our budget as well. However, the overall deficit continues to grow and is also significantly greater than it was at the same time last year. Your church council is actively working to address this challenge. We would appreciate your continued prayers and financial support during this difficult period.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come One, Come All! "CLEAN-UP DAY" on Saturday, October 19th, 9am ~ 12noon. Let's spruce up the St. Luke campus before our 76th birthday on Sunday, October 20th! ~ Contact: Dan Gott

VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have macular degeneration, retinal detachment, or other retinal problems? Become a part of our Eye Support Group, facilitated by nationally acclaimed retinal specialist and St. Luke member, Dr. Richard Dreyer.

Sunday, September meeting time TBA.

FAB POTLUCK AND SPEAKER

Fifty And Beyond fellowship group will enjoy a potluck luncheon **Tuesday, September 10th at 12noon** in the Fellowship Hall. In conjunction with St. Luke's "Christmas in September" NEFP food drive, our speaker will be NEFP project manager, A'Jay Scipio. Bring a dish to share and your own table setting. Join us!

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

On **September 28th (11am - 3pm)**, St. Luke will co-sponsor, with River West Village, Multnomah County Library, Neighborhood House and Meals on Wheels, a highly valuable Senior Resources Fair at the Multnomah Arts Center. Open to the public, the event will help attendees learn more about senior housing, veteran's services, volunteering opportunities, caretaker resources, Medicare and much, much more.

BRAIN HEALTH CONFERENCE COMING

Mark October 26th on your calendar for a special half-day conference on brain health titled, "**Ageing with Grace: Maintaining and Improving Brain Health As We Age.**" This Saturday morning event will feature speaker, Dr. Maureen Nash, a geriatric psychiatrist in Portland. Watch for coming details.

WHAT'S CHRISTIANITY ALL ABOUT, REALLY?

Join Pastor Dave Wilder for a new series of Friendly Friday discussions **beginning Friday, September 13th at 10:00 am in the narthex through November 22nd**. Our discussion guide will be the late Marcus Borg's last book, "**CONVICTIONS: How I Learned What Matters Most.**" We will explore what faith means, who is this mystery we call God, the meaning of salvation, who Jesus is, the point of Christ's death on the cross, how the Bible is true and other faith matters. Cost of the study book is \$11.00. Let's join together for a stimulating time

MONTHLY MEMORY CAFÉ

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the next monthly social time for persons with memory loss and their family/friend care partners. **Thursday, September 12th, 2:30-4:00pm**

PRAYER PAUSE AT ST. LUKE

Have a prayer request? Want to join with a fellow Christian in praying for our world, our Church, and those in need of healing? **Join Pastor Beth in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:30pm.** She will pray for those prayer requests on Sunday's attendance cards as well as for requests emailed to her at pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com or sent via Facebook.

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Look for the Christmas tree in the narthex for the items that you can give to our neighbors at the Northeast Food Program, or NEFP for short. The collection will run **September 1-29th**. Items that are currently most needed that you might want to start collecting are **canned tuna, vegetable oil, disposable diapers, and toilet paper**.



On the tree are stars with additional 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. Financial donations are always much appreciated as well – they allow NEFP to purchase bulk items from the Oregon Food Bank at a greatly reduced rate from supermarket prices. **Thank you for your compassionate giving to help those who are hungry in northeast Portland!**

CARING FOR CREATION – Recycling

The Environmental Stewardship Team holds recycling events twice a year. At the last St. Luke Recycles event on April 28th, 40 households participated in bringing materials that could not be recycled in the curb-side bins.

Because of changes in the market of recycled material, plastic (both rigid and film) is no longer accepted at this event. **What is accepted: Styrofoam, batteries of all types, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, corks, printer cartridges, small appliances, and electronics.**

We partner with Southwest Neighborhood at their bi-annual Clean-Up that is held on the Saturday following the Sunday St. Luke Recycles event. At last Spring's SWNI event 650 cars brought material. Hauled away after that event were over one ton of batteries and two truckloads of electronics and small appliances.

The **next St. Luke Recycles event will be held on Sunday, October 27th**, in the Shalom driveway, before and after each service. Look for notices prior to the event for any changes in items that will be accepted for recycling. **And, volunteers are always needed!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Checkout the September activities for River West Village: <https://www.riverwestvillage.org/>



Harvest Fest catered by Vinnie's Smokin'BBQ, live music, auctions, farmer's market, game and more!

Sunday, September 29, 2:30pm~5:30pm

22960 Highway 36 | Cheshire, OR

Contact: Camp Lutherwood Oregon

melissa@lutherwoodoregon.org or 541-998-6444

GRAUER BACK-TO-SCHOOL

August 10th, St. Luke hosted the 18th annual Grauer Back to School Project where we provided back to school supplies and clothing for approximately 300 neighborhood students! This year's event 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 them find everything they needed. Many volunteers were St. Luke members, but we also had volunteers from several 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 Huntting** (T-shirt Lead), **Sarah Snowden** (School Supply Lead) and **Sue Ramus** (School Supply Assistant and Coat Lead), **Scott Willis** (Shoe Lead), **Karen Stabeno** and **Terry Kenny** (Shoe Leads in training), **Kristen Grauer** (Outside Activities/Community Engagement), **Peggy Telyea** (Underwear Lead), **Joan Frazer** (Publicity Lead), **Nancy Tieman** (Volunteer Coordinator), **Leon Stock** (Treasurer), **Mari Yerger** (Neighborhood House), and **Judy Willis** (Staff Lead). This leadership team is truly amazing and works hard to make every year more efficient and effective than the last! **We appreciate them SO much!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Arbor Mobile Home Community. **September 13th and 14th**, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East and Thrivent will be partnering with The Arbor to beautify their community space and enhance their playground!

Register: <https://pdxhabitat.volunteerhub.com>

Event: **Help beautify The Arbor mobile home park!**

FALL OPENINGS FOR NEW MEMBERS!

St. Luke Ringers (intermediate and advanced players in grades 7-adult) will begin regular rehearsals from **7:30-8:30pm** on Wednesday nights in the balcony beginning September 11. St. Luke Ringers is open to intermediate and advanced players with previous ringing experience. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Dan Hibbett before the September 11th rehearsal.

Worship Teams (grades 9 – adult) include a rhythm section (bass, drum, and guitars) singers, and a computer tech. Rehearsals will be scheduled on **Thursday nights** from **6:30-7:30pm** in the sanctuary, and again on **Sunday mornings** from **10:15-10:45am** in the choir room/sanctuary. Music binders will be available for team members to take home for personal practice or review. **Molly Wheeler, Dan Hibbett, Jim Steele, and Tom Lynham will be providing the musical leadership on a rotating basis for our worship teams this year.** If you are interested in serving as either a singer, instrumentalist, sound tech, or projectionist, please contact Dan Hibbett.

Children's Choir/Bell Program

We are excited about the fall startup of our children's choir program at St. Luke. **Hosanna Choir**, for children **entering kindergarten through 5th grade** this fall, will be directed by Kim Weber and will rehearse in the couch room (3rd floor, north end) from **10:30am – 11:00am on Sunday mornings beginning September 15**. There will be a **parent/singer orientation on Sunday, September 15** from **10:45-10:55am** in the fellowship hall. Hosanna Choir will be focusing on rehearsals for the Christmas Musical this fall and will be sharing the opening song with the 11am worship teams once a month beginning in January. Please contact Kim if your child is interested.

Timbrel Ringers, a beginning bell choir for grades 4 - adult directed by Dan Hibbett, will rehearse on **Wednesday nights from 6:15 -7:00pm** in the sanctuary balcony. Their first rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, September 11 from 6:15-7:00pm**. Please contact Dan Hibbett if you and/or your child would like to ring with the **Timbrels** this fall. **Timbrel Ringers** will be sharing their music one Sunday per month at both services beginning in October.

Intergenerational Marimba Ensemble (grades 4-adult) will meet in the sanctuary on **Saturday, October 19 from 9:30am - noon** with Jeff Powers directing. They will share their music the next day, **October 20, at both Sunday services** as we celebrate St. Luke's 76th birthday as a congregation. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Dan Hibbett.

Rejoice Choir

The Rejoice Choir (high school - adult) will kick off the 2019-2020 season with their **first rehearsal on Thursday night, September 5 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the sanctuary balcony** followed by refreshments and fellowship in the narthex from 8:30-9:00pm. Regular rehearsals (**Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm**) will begin September 12th and include vocal warm-ups, a short devotional, sharing and prayer as well as work on Sunday anthems and concert music.

You are welcome to sing with Rejoice Choir even if you can only participate for one season (Fall, Winter, or Spring) The ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. **There are no auditions and new members will quickly find a warm, friendly group of people who share a love of singing and ministry!** If you are new to St. Luke, singing in Rejoice Choir is a great way to make connections and find a new family! For more information or questions, contact Dan.

Dan Hibbett

(503) 246-2325 x119 or dan@stlukechurch.com

Kim Weber

(503) 616-8818 or kim.piano@comcast.net

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

We will meet on **September 8 at 10:45, in the library**. Our book is "**Crazy Rich Asians**" by Kevin Kwan. We are looking forward to another successful year! **Join us!** Contact: Caryl Walker, cawpdx@icloud.com

Upcoming Book Selections:

October 13 "There, There" by Tommy Orange
November 10 "Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini
December No meeting
January 12 "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen

ARTISANS & CRAFTERS FAIRE: Saturday, November 2nd Vendor Booth Sales:

- ▶ Booth Cost: \$40 donation per booth. Booth size is 8'x9'.
- ▶ Church will provide 2 chairs for each space.
- ▶ Vendors need to bring their own tables.
- ▶ Church can provide tables for \$15 donation.

Participate in St. Luke Booth:

- ▶ Donate craft items to be sold at St. Luke Booth

Participate in St. Luke Bake Sale Booth:

- ▶ Donate items to be sold at St. Luke Bake Sale Booth

Sign-up Sheet is in the Ministry Center

Check items you are interested in; you will be contacted.

Dorene Mollenhauer: dorenem29@gmail.com or 503-475-6701

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Last month, I shared with you an initial overview of ELCA policy and programs related to immigration. Further discussion will be taking place this fall related to individual and congregational responses to this crisis. To assist in educating ourselves about the many issues related to immigration, **I will highlight a number of resources at the Adult Education session on Immigration on Sunday, September 8, 10:45am. Further discussions will follow in September.**

This is a complex and difficult issue, one that the Lutheran church at the national, synod, and local level has been addressing with both policy recommendations and specific programs since 1939, when [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#) was formed.

In 1998, the ELCA issued a statement of our priorities on immigration in a social policy, then later followed up with the establishment in 2015 of [AMMPARO](#), ELCA's program for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunity.

The ELCA seeks as a priority just, humane immigration reform that keeps children and families together, and rejects a policy that promotes fear and division.

“We draw on the best of our nation’s traditions as a refuge and haven for the persecuted and destitute when we affirm that “we support a generous policy of welcome for refugees and immigrants,” and that we “will advocate for just immigration policies, including fairness in visa regulations and in admitting and protecting refugees. We will work for policies that cause neither undue repercussion within immigrant communities nor bias against them.”

– From ELCA Social Policy on Immigration

The Trump Administration policy on the White House website states this:

“The United States must adopt an immigration system that serves the national interest. To restore the rule of law and secure our border, President Trump is committed to constructing a border wall and ensuring the swift removal of unlawful entrants. To protect American workers, the President supports ending chain migration, eliminating the Visa Lottery, and moving the country to a merit-based entry system. These reforms will advance the safety and prosperity of all Americans while helping new citizens assimilate and flourish.”

ELCA policy on immigration and the current Trump Administration policy are increasingly in conflict, particularly on matters related to family separation and reunification, as well as the use of physical barriers at the southern border, and policies and practices on immigration and asylum that are becoming increasingly more restrictive.

In a key action taken August 7, [the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) voted to approve a memorial that **declares the ELCA a sanctuary church**. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country.

Also, on August 7, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton joined more than 700 assembly members and others in a march and prayer vigil to the Milwaukee Immigration and Customs Enforcement office. The protesters read and then posted 9.5 Theses on the door of ICE.

The march addressed concerns about the human rights of migrant children and families entering the U.S. along the southern border. Through the ELCA’s initiative Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities ([AMMPARO](#)), this church is committed to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.

What then, are we - as American citizens and Christians (and specifically within our Lutheran tradition, and our St. Luke congregation) - called to do?

As outgoing Oregon Synod ELCA bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke recently stated (May 2019):

“American Lutherans are increasingly at odds with our own government, significantly in our insistence that immigrants and refugees are children of God whom we are called to receive and care for. In Oregon we are blessed with growing Latino, Asian and Eastern European populations, rich in family values and traditional faith articulations. We ourselves are an immigrant church. We know this story.”

“The Church of Jesus Christ can no longer be quiet in the midst of the partisan politics we currently experience. We are not called to “choose sides,” but we are called to choose Christ. The integrity of our witness demands that we press forward with those values and commitments we have always voiced. Not to act is to deny the hope that lives within us.”

I invite you to educate yourself on these issues and make your voice known.

Michael Ford
Chair, Social Concerns Committee
mford@lclark.edu

IN THE FAMILY

PRAYERS: Inger Williams, Dean Klett (hospice), Elissa Baldwin's friend, Catherine, battling cancer, Barb Roady (knee surgery), Lynda Strand on the death of her brother, William Richard Grogan, Jodi Swigart, Mark Dustan, Lee Jockers (Mark's father) Anne Bender, Mike Schoap, Robert Neer (Stephanie Schoap's father), Wendy Metz, Georgann Dustan, Robin Dustan-Quamina (Mark Dustan's sister), Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Lou and Sonja Perkins, Dottie Inman, Harry Flesher, Virgil Anderson and those incarcerated.

PARISH ACTS

Baptism ~ August 4, 2019

Logan Love Barclay

son of Mitchell and Nicole Barclay

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 *(8:30am~4:30pm)

Day calls: (8am~5pm) Rujeanne Anderson (503)297-2246

Night calls: (after 5pm) Carol Greene 503-245-4189

Calls are confidential.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK and more....

► For messages, reminders and an easy 'Share' option for you to help St. Luke with outreach in your network of contacts Like Us - www.facebook.com/StLukeLuth/ or @StLukeLuth to send photos that you think reflect St. Luke and we will post them: office@stlukechurch.com.

► To learn about 'What's New' and spread this word, take a look at our website www.stlukechurch.com. You will find our Sunday bulletin with upcoming announcements.

DID YOU KNOW....?

- **Solar Benefits – Last month's electrical bill showed the benefit of solar panels. Cost for main building electricity was less than half the cost of Shalom House electricity.**
- **"St. Luke First Name Directory"**
50 copies - now available in the Ministry Center.



Conrad Pearson	9/1	Sue Ramus	9/18
Mark Jockers	9/2	Emelia Gendreau	9/18
Sidney George	9/2	Honey Evans	9/18
Malia Endres	9/2	Lori Osbrink	9/18
Jane Endres	9/3	Bob Stringer	9/19
Donna Schlitt	9/3	Kelsey Severson	9/19
Jane Gott	9/3	Bonnie Waters	9/19
Carter Scott	9/4	Chuck Pahlmeyer	9/19
Marcia Wehling	9/4	Tov Olson	9/20
Gerry Reese	9/4	Rachel Farnstrom	9/20
Kyle Norberg	9/5	Katrina Phillips	9/20
Jackson Curtin	9/7	Lori Loehr	9/20
Lesley Anderson	9/7	Matthew Meuser	9/20
Zach Kresl	9/8	Owen Dodson	9/20
Vernon Johnson	9/8	Hal Yackley	9/21
Sonja Fromme	9/8	Gayla Ross	9/21
Madeline Carpenter	9/9	Cyndy Flock	9/22
Arllys Chesnutt	9/10	Julia Pinnell	9/22
Reese Bauer	9/10	Krista Orchard	9/23
Debora Babb	9/12	Isaac Peirce	9/23
Atticus Hurtle	9/12	Benjamin Sickler	9/24
Harrison Reed	9/12	Gaile Baack	9/24
Betty Burton	9/13	Hayden Schuster	9/25
Jennifer Donohue	9/13	Thatcher Hopp	9/25
Erik Steringer	9/13	Marlene Roth	9/25
Rachael Laurence	9/13	Wyatt Stephens	9/26
Elizabeth Carpenter	9/13	Jolita Benson	9/26
Lily Frasier	9/13	Grayson Bauer	9/26
Sara Vandehey	9/14	David Kraby	9/26
Hudson Reed	9/15	James Van Horn	9/26
Kenneth Soule	9/15	David Chin	9/27
Henry Shadbeh	9/16	Meri Alrick	9/27
Maripat Hensel	9/16	Shelley Hancey	9/27
Morgan Wood	9/16	Riley Erwin	9/27
Carol Gibson	9/16	Chris Ellertson	9/27
Asher Nelson	9/16	Donna Metz	9/27
Elizabeth Medford	9/17	Lukas Vandehey	9/27
Kolleen Couch	9/17	Craig Farnstrom	9/29
Alina Schwenke	9/17	Patricia Juaire	9/29
Alice Mills	9/17	Olive Babb	9/30
Kristin Baack	9/17	Andrew Ross	9/30

Please contact the church office if we have missed your birthday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FAMILIES! SAVE THE DATE

September 8, 9:30-10:45 Shalom Lawn

St. Luke Lutheran Kids' Kick-Off Sunday

Join Us 9:30am - 10:45am

- ★ Games, Community Building, Meet Your Teachers,
- ★ Intergenerational Family Funday for kids AND parents
- ★ Invite a Friend!

Children's Ministry Pre – 5 Grade

First Classes Begin Sunday, September 15

Weekly: 9:30am -10:45am

Meet in the Fellowship Hall Lower Level Classrooms

BE A PART OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Volunteer for Kick Off Sunday!

- ▶ 2 Volunteers Needed for Set-Up ~ 9:00-9:30am
- ▶ Clean Up ~ 10:45-11:15am

Volunteer for Sunday Morning "Together Time"

- ▶ One-time commitment
- ▶ 30 minutes of your time: 10:00-10:30am

Volunteer for the Fall Festival

- ▶ Party Planning Lead Needed for Fall Festival
- ▶ Volunteers Needed for this All-Church Event set for **Sunday, October 27, 5pm**

HOSANNAS CHOIR GRADES K – 5

- ▶ **Sunday Practices** 10:30* - 11:00 Couch Room
(★ due to CM hour overlap, late starts to be expected)
- ▶ **Hosannas Choir Parents and Kids**
Orientation in Fellowship Hall
10:45-10:50am, September 15
- ▶ **Hosannas Choir Practices** begin
Sunday, September 22 Couch Room
Parents Pick-Up by 11:00

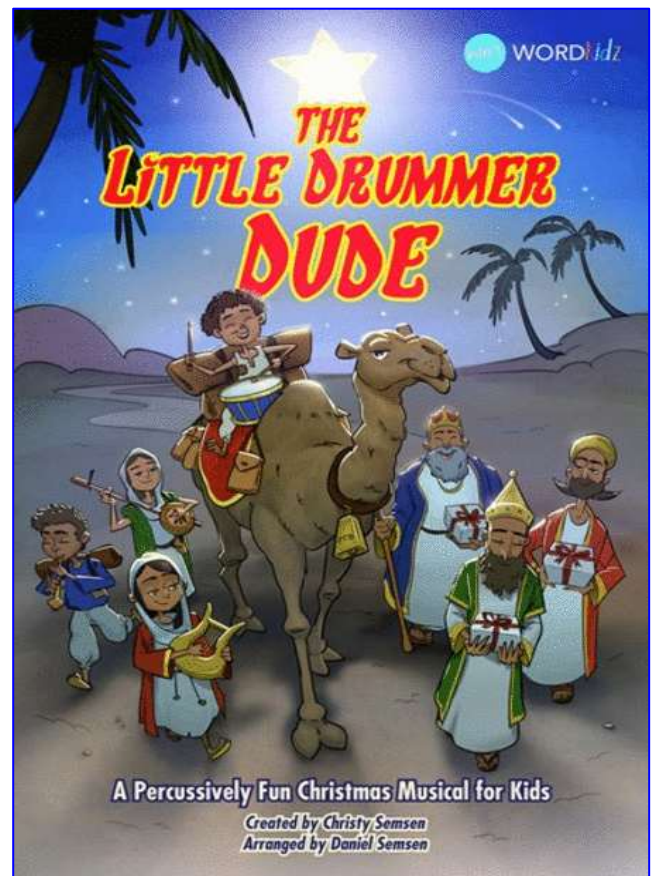


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CHRISTMAS MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for speaking parts and vocal solos for this year's Children's Christmas Musical "**The Little Drummer Dude**" will be held on **Sunday, September 15 (12noon-1pm)** or **Wednesday, September 18 (7-8pm)** in the couch room (3rd floor, north end). Attend Only One Audition. Children in grades 3-6 are eligible to audition for a part as an actor or singer.

Those trying out should bring a prepared vocal solo (for singers) and be willing to read some lines from the script for the audition team consisting of Kim Weber and Susan Johnson. There are lots of parts to be filled, so we need several kids to try out. Blocking rehearsals for those with speaking parts will be held on Wednesday nights from 7-7:30pm in the sanctuary beginning September 25.



AUDITION DATES:

Sunday, September 15 Noon – 12:30 in Couch Room
OR
Wednesday, September 18 7:00-7:30 Sanctuary

★ YOUTH NEWS ★

St. Luke Youth

SLY SUNDAY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8!



We are excited to see EVERY ONE OF YOU again on Sunday morning, September 8 when we resume SLY Sunday! The service schedule has changed since last spring – and so has the time we meet. We'll meet up starting at 9:30AM in the Vermont House with breakfast food and time to hang out with friends, learn a few things, share a few things and start our week off with something positive! We plan on seeing YOU on September 8!



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE SLY AND SLY ALUM THAT SERVED AT THE GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT IN AUGUST! YOU REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE! Lorelei Eddy, Annika Deazley, Katie Swigart, Bing Swigart, Cora Maier, Ike Jockers, McKenna Johnsen, Emma Hayes, Harry Hayes & Emma Koontz.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – 9:30AM
Vermont House – KICKOFF SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Youth Led Worship

★**JANUARY 19-20, 2019**
SLY Snow Trip

★**JUNE 28-JULY 3, 2020**
Probable Summer Service Trip Dates

Middle School

Ministries/Confirmation

KICK-OFF SUNDAY September 8th, 9:00am!

Middle School Students and parents join us for a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall as we plan and prepare for our new Confirmation year! **Bring a friend!**



FALL RETREAT: “The Art of Living”

Saturday, September 28, 9am ~ Sunday afternoon, September 29! Join us for a day of adventures:

- ★ Creative, artistic service project along with students from Bilal Mosque – creating art books with/for memory care residents of Marquis Care.
- ★ Serve neighbors in need through Community Table
- ★ Bless a bunch of animals!


LOOKING AHEAD:

- Shopping for House of Zion: Wednesday, December 4
- Distribution at House of Zion: Saturday, December 14
- Winter Service Day: Saturday, January 26, 2020
- Spring Retreat: Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26, 2020
- Confirmation Sunday: May 31, 2020
- Confirmation Camp: in June, dates TBD!

AT THE COMPETITION...



“Thank you so much again for making our trip possible. The team had an amazing time and did very well. We were ranked Top Ten in the World. What an Honor! Thanks for all your help we will never forget it.”~ **Hip Hop Souldation**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2019</h1>						
1 12th Sunday After Pentecost 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10:00am Fellowship Hour Welcoming Committee 11:00am Modern Worship/Communion 6:30pm Working Women's Bible Study <i>Christmas In September begins</i>	2 LABOR DAY Buildings Closed	3 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Ruth Circle 7:00pm Committee Night CARPETS CLEANED	4 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am Librarians 4:00pm Prayer Pause Wednesday Church Night: 5:45pm Dinner 7:00pm Mindfulness Group CARPETS CLEANED	5 12:30pm Mary Martha Circle 5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle 6:00pm Communication Team Mtg 6:00pm Thursday Night Painters 6:30pm Worship Team 7:00-8:30pm Rejoice Choir Rehearsal/Reception 7:30pm Al-Anon	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i>	7 10:30am River West Village Driver's Meeting
8 KICK-OFF SUNDAY 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am MSM/Confirmation Pancake Bkft 9:30am Traditional Worship/Communion Sunday School, MSM/Confirmation, SLY Parents' Group 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Adult Education <i>Second Sunday Book Group</i> 11:00am Modern Worship/Communion 4:00pm River West Village Song Circle	9 9:00am Sarah Circle 2:00pm Dorcas Circle	10 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am Staff Meeting 12-2pm FAB Potluck/Speaker (NEFP Manager: A'ay Scipio) 5:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Somers ChristCare 7:00pm Worship Support Team	11 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am Librarians 4:00pm Prayer Pause 6:15pm Timbrel Ringers 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7-10pm Jumptown Band Rehearsal 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers	12 2:30pm Memory Café 6:00pm Thursday Night Painters 6:30pm Worship Team 7:30pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i> 10am Friendly Friday	14 10am-12noon River West Village
15 14th Sunday After Pentecost Guest: Bishop Larsen-Caesar 9:30am Traditional Worship/Communion Sunday School, MSM/Confirmation, SLY 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Adult Education <i>Hosanna Choir Orientation</i> 11:00am Modern Worship/Communion 11:00am WELCA 12:15pm Musical Auditions	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	17 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 9am-12noon Staff Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	18 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am Librarians 4:00pm Prayer Pause 6:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:15pm Timbrel Ringers 7:00pm Musical Auditions 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers	19 5:30pm Healthy Heart Talking Circle 6:00pm Thursday Night Painters 6:30pm Worship Team 7:30pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i> 10am Friendly Friday	21 <u>NE Emergency Food Program</u> 10:00am - 12:30pm Team 1 1:00pm - 4:00pm Team 2
22 15th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30am Traditional Worship/Communion Sunday School, MSM/Confirmation, SLY 10:30am Fellowship 10:30am Hosanna Choir Rehearsal 10:45am Adult Education 11:00am Modern Worship/Communion	23 Autumn begins	24 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am Staff Meeting 6-9pm Orchid Society 7:00pm Somers ChristCare 7:00pm 12 Step Meeting	25 7am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am Librarians 12noon-2pm Riverwest Salon 4:00pm Prayer Pause 6:15pm Timbrel Ringers 6pm Maplewood Emergency Team 7:00pm Drama Rehearsal 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7-10pm Jumptown Band Rehearsal 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers	26 6:00pm Thursday Night Painters 6:30pm Worship Team 7:30pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i> 10am Friendly Friday	28 10am-2pm River West Village Senior Fair (Multnomah Arts Center) 2:30-5:00pm Community Table Food Box Distribution CONFIRMATION RETREAT
29 16th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30am Traditional Worship/Communion Sunday School, MSM/Confirmation, SLY 10:30am Fellowship 10:30am Hosanna Choir Rehearsal 10:45am Adult Education 11:00am Modern Worship/Communion 12noon Blessings of Animals CONFIRMATION RETREAT	30	 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Worship † Connect † Serve</h2> <h1 style="text-align: center;">St. Luke</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">LUTHERAN CHURCH</p>				