

LIVING INTO GOD'S WELCOME: Welcoming God's Beloved Community



Pastor's Corner

Abraham said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought...and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' – Genesis 18:3-5

The sharing of food as a sign of hospitality and welcome is an ancient practice. In the Genesis scripture cited above, Abraham and Sarah hosted the heavenly visitors with food and drink. When the early church was being formed, intentional time was set aside for meals and fellowship. These young Christian communities derived strength and comfort from one another in those shared meals.

Over time, these gatherings of food and fellowship became known as Agape Meals. Agape comes from the Greek and means *selfless Christian love*. It reflects God's love, the same love that Christians are called to share with one another.

Eventually, this ritual meal was brought to America in the early 1700s by Moravian immigrants from Germany who first settled in parts of Georgia and North Carolina. These early Moravian communities shared the services of an itinerant minister who would travel many miles visiting churches, preaching and administering the sacraments. A congregation was lucky to see their pastor once a quarter.

Given that Communion wasn't always available, the "Love Feast" or "Agape Meal" was shared before the main meal was served. These *lay-led* gatherings included prayer, scripture, and a time of sharing followed by eating bread or crackers and drinking juice, water, or tea. Given their German influence, often the breads eaten were sweet pastries. The Agape Meal strengthened the bonds of the community.

I know that St. Luke is missing the fellowship of our community during these days of pandemic and physical distancing. Pastor Beth and I would like to invite you to join us each **Sunday at 5:00 p.m. beginning October 18th, for an Agape Meal** via ZOOM. It is my hope that a weekly gathering of this kind might alleviate some of the longing we share to be in fellowship. All you need is a piece of bread, a cup of juice, and an open heart. I hope to see you there.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Patti

WORSHIP

Worship in October

Facebook Live at 9:30am on Sundays

October 4 – Celebrate Dan Hibbett: 20 years as St. Luke Minister of Music

October 11 – Jubilee Sunday (Jubilee USA)

October 18 – Receive New Members
– St. Luke Lutheran Church's 77th birthday

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

Brand New: Agape Meals via Zoom at 5pm beginning on Sunday, October 18!

Zoom invite: Join our Agape Meal Celebration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81851076251?pwd=VjdzYmJuNlFENnJlUWllxTXNjU3Zhdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 5107 6251

Passcode: 765914

Livestreaming Sunday Worship Services

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Luke has been livestreaming and posting prerecorded video worship services of the 9:30am Sunday worship on our Facebook page. John Kresl has been working with the pastors, Dan Hibbett, Joe Gantt, Gerry Reese, Tom Lynham, Jim Steele, and individual musicians to assemble and edit prerecorded audio/video clips of the various elements of our worship services which are now available for viewing on the St. Luke website by clicking on the Facebook icon.

We want to thank all of our families (parents and children) and adults who have led in the Prayers of the People and the Gospel Acclamations, including musical refrains for you to sing along with while watching from home. We welcome back our organist, **Tom Skyler**, who has begun recording solo organ selections for use as preludes and postludes in addition to Molly Wheeler's piano solos. Gerry Reese is working with John Kresl to create a master DVD of these broadcasts which can be copied and given to seniors and shut-ins who don't have access to the internet.

If you would like a copy, please call or email Leslie in the church office so that we can have them available for pick up or delivery by our visitation team or pastors.

Our second virtual choir project entitled "The Day is Coming" will be included in St. Luke's 77th Anniversary Sunday service on October 18! Jim Steele has been training me to record and edit individual vocal tracks before sending them to him for final revisions. He compiles all the individual recordings into a master audio track, synching and balancing them to create a blended choral sound. We will create the virtual choir video during our regular Thursday night choir zoom meeting on October 8. We will continue to incorporate prerecorded choir anthems from past "Musical Reflections" concerts and worship services into our Sunday morning Facebook worship broadcasts as appropriate.

St. Luke Marimbas are back!

We held our first rehearsal and videotaping session on Wednesday, September 23 to record two pieces for inclusion during preludes for virtual worship services in October. In addition, the marimbas played outdoors on the front entrance patio during the Rally Day parade on Sunday, September 27. Our Congregational Council has approved indoor rehearsals in the narthex for marimbas and bells with 8-10 people wearing masks, side windows open, and players spaced at least 6' apart. We are planning to begin rehearsing and videotaping handbells for virtual worship in the near future.



The St. Luke Congregational Council at our September meeting, affirmed that based on core congregational values -- inclusivity and love for our neighbor (their health and safety) -- we will continue our worship together solely via electronic means until it is deemed safe for us to gather as a large group. Once we gather, we will resume Communion. In the meantime, in order to physically feed our faith and build community, **we are introducing a new sacred space at 5pm on Sunday evenings on Zoom: the Agape Meal, a meal of sacred remembrance.**

When will we re-open? We do not know. As Covid-19 continues to climb, we continue to be Church in ways that do not put one another and the wider community at risk. Large worship service gatherings may be many months away.

How will we re-open? We will move gradually through several seasons: 1) all gatherings online, 2) small group physical gatherings (still utilizing masks, physical distancing and good hygiene) combined with online worship and connection, and 3) larger group gatherings. These seasons will be in accordance with the guidance put forth by the CDC and the State of Oregon.

Prayer Pause with Pastor Beth is 4:00-4:30pm on Wednesdays via Facebook Live.

► **Join us on the St. Luke Facebook page.**

Why don't we just gather in spite of our state ordinances? While it may be Godly for a Christian to put their own life at risk for the sake of the Gospel and the love of neighbor, to knowingly put others at risk of deadly illness in order for us to be physically together – especially when we have the capability of connecting and sharing the Gospel using other means – is grounded more in our own desires than in the love of Christ for our neighbor.

Jesus repeatedly calls upon his followers to choose to sacrifice, to suffer, and to serve others out of love. Paul reminds us that, **“Remember that while all things may be lawful for you, not all things are beneficial. Nor do all things build up the body of Christ.”**
(1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23)

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Luke offices and all St. Luke buildings are closed. Should you need to stop by the campus, please call or email ahead of time to arrange a time. St. Luke leadership continues to follow the directives of our state and local authorities in regards to Stay Home and physical distancing.

CONNECT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ST. LUKE COMMUNITY:

As we learn to connect in new ways, one such way is through sharing parts of our faith stories. Each month, St. Luke's Messenger features a different member sharing about God's call on their life.



Beckah Selnick and Michael Ray

At my church growing up, a clean pastor's desk meant one of two things. It meant that either the bishop was coming, or my grandmother was coming. I knew my pastor as my mom. You might know of her too because my mom is the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA which is funny because growing up, the only thing I knew about the wider church was that when the bishop would visit, my mom would clean her desk.

Little did I know, but after college, I would become better acquainted with the ministries of the Churchwide Expression because I served as an ELCA missionary through the Young Adults in Global Mission Program. This is a year-long program that sends young adults ages 21-29 to country programs around the world to live and serve alongside our global companions. I met my husband, Michael, through this program. Michael served in Soweto, South Africa and I served in Bath, England. After we were married, we served together, again, as ELCA Missionaries in Tisovec, Slovakia through the Teach in Central Europe Program.

It can be challenging to reconcile the role that missionaries have played in colonial structures, it is easy to bristle at the word. In most spaces, both Michael and I find ourselves saying, “we served in a program similar to the peace corps.”

But the ELCA works to lead by a different example. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, we use a model of mission called “accompaniment.” *It is the act of walking and working together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality.*

Accompaniment affords us an opportunity to redefine the word missionary. There is no proselytizing; each country program has been established through *invitation* from our Global companions; and the focus of the work is not on ‘doing,’ but on ‘being,’ specifically, being in relationship.

As a young adult taking a year to focus on relationship was a gift that I continue to receive even ten years after my return Stateside. My expectation was that the obvious adventure of traveling to new places and experiencing new things would be the most transformative, but in reality, it was in the vulnerability of being at the mercy of others. Of course, I should have seen it coming because we Lutherans have a different word for “mercy.” We call it grace. The Holy Spirit had moved me into the world to be held in closer relationship with new people, and with myself, and with God.

Before COVID changed our lives, it was harder to find ways to just ‘be’ instead of ‘do,’ but as we continue to move down this new path, I am so often reminded of my time as an ELCA missionary. The expectations of what our year would look like have changed.

We have been left vulnerable but working together and walking together in socially-distanced accompaniment, the grace of God is abundant. ~ Rebeckah Selnick

Connecting Online

As we continue to worship remotely and utilize tools to enhance our communications, such as Facebook and our St. Luke website, we call your attention to our Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Twitter - Follow St. Luke: [@StLuke_Church](https://twitter.com/StLuke_Church)

► Right now, you may amplify our daily devotions with the links that are provided in our Twitter feed. It's easy and it shows more about who we are as a congregation with daily lay and pastoral messages we can share.

Instagram - Find us at [st_luke_portland](https://www.instagram.com/st_luke_portland)

► This is a wonderful way to share photos and comment on them, as well as share photos as part of your story.

[#GodsWorkOurHands](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/GodsWorkOurHands)

[#WorshipConnectServe](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/WorshipConnectServe)

[#FindStLukeLutheranAndFollowUs2020](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/FindStLukeLutheranAndFollowUs2020)

Reconciling In Christ

A Deeper, Intentional Welcome – We as St. Luke are working to deepen our practice of welcome, especially for members of the LGBTQ+ community, so that people who have experienced suffering at the hands of the church may feel safe with us and together we may more fully live God's welcome. **For more information, join us at our October 11 Coffee Time.**

Welcoming New Members

We are a community rooted in the love of Christ for all people. Interested in becoming an official part of the St. Luke community? We would love to have you. We will receive new members on Sunday, October 18. Here's the schedule:

- **Wednesday, 10/7** – New member information due. To learn more, contact the St. Luke office office@stlukechurch.com or 503-246-2325
- **Sunday, 10/11 – 6pm.** New members' Zoom dinner with our Council President, New Member Sponsors, and our Pastors
- **Wednesday, 10/14, 6 ~ 7pm.** Record welcoming of new members, in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, 10/18** – Welcome New Members in worship, and reception/get to know each other during the Coffee Time.

Coffee Time (October Edition)

Gather for fellowship and discussion related to the sermon or for a special update or event.

Special Coffee Time Dates: 10:30am

October 4 – Celebrate Dan Hibbett and his 20 years as our Minister of Music

October 11 – Reconciling in Christ

October 18 – Welcoming New Members

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89410016496?pwd=QWNGMytQUFIUQVdIMUw5a1NjQnJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1001 6496

Passcode: 712869

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 7pm, October 7, 14, 21, 28

“Here I Stand” Why and when do we take a stand? Join us as we explore those forces that compel and those forces that impede us, drawing from the stories and examples of leaders whose faithful convictions caused them to take unpopular and challenging stands: Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Fr. Greg Boyle, Bp. Oscar Romera, Maggy Barankitse.

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182942770?pwd=K3RiWlpkU0RiSEFIVmVqbGILZVMzZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 8294 2770

Passcode: 026638

Community Conversations Around Race

Saturdays, October 10, 24 at 10am

Facilitated by Bing Swigart, we gather as a safe space to process current events and experiences around race and to explore different aspects of how racism impacts our daily lives.

Zoom: [mhttps://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NcTZKYUZyYdEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NcTZKYUZyYdEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09)

Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293

Passcode: 983763

► **Anti-Racism Book Study:** Now meeting monthly, next meeting date and book TBD. Stay tuned via the Weekly Update!

► **Women of the ELCA: Circle Studies** - Pastor Patti leads our Women of the ELCA Gather Magazine Studies this month! Come and get to know her as we explore Holy Time.

● Every Women's Bible Study Circle

Sunday, October 4th, 6:30-8:00pm

Zoom link: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/8376302680>

● Sarah Circle: Monday,

October 5, 9:30~11:00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4386280314?pwd=TWkzWkFMalhFc3JiUmpVcFQzYkZhdz09>

Meeting ID: 438 628 0314

Passcode: Sarah

By phone:

253 215 8782 USM

Meeting ID: 438 628 0314

Passcode: 365531

► **Women's Bible Study ~ Tuesdays at 8am**

<https://zoom.us/j/501766676?pwd=N1RKSTRTRU96NDdzE9Ga2ZDeUpMQT09>

Meeting ID: 501 766 676

Password: 378366

► **Men's Breakfast Bible Study~ Mondays at 11am!**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6169686873?pwd=V3J6c25tYjNKTUFWVktYd1UvK2NNdz09>

Meeting ID: 616 968 6873

Password: Sunshine

► **Second Sunday Book Group October 11, 10:45am**

“Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah

Contact: Caryl Walker <cawpdx@icloud.com [Join us!](#)

Here I Stand — Taking a Stand in 2020

Role Models from our past and present

Wednesday evenings October 7, 14, 21, 28 7-8pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182942770?pwd=K3RiWlpkUORiSEFIVmVqbGILZVMzZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 8294 2770

Passcode: 026638



Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) - Here I Stand

"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures and my conscience is captive to the World of God... I cannot do otherwise, here I stand; may God help me. Amen."

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (his statements of belief) on the chapel door of the University of Wittenberg. Primarily a critique of specific Church practices such as the sale of indulgences by Pope Leo X that would cancel out penance for sins, Luther disagreed and felt that they were instead corrupting people's faith. The Pope then excommunicated Luther from the Roman Catholic Church in 1520.

In 1521 he was summoned before the Diet of Worms (a general assembly of secular authorities) who, in agreement with Pope Leo X, demanded that he recant the Theses. As the quote above states, he refused and was found guilty of heresy which made him a condemned and wanted man. Friends hid him from the authorities at Wartburg Castle and while in seclusion he translated the New Testament into German which would give ordinary people the opportunity to read God's word for themselves—without a priest.

<https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/martin-luther>



Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 — 1945) — Speaking Truth to Power

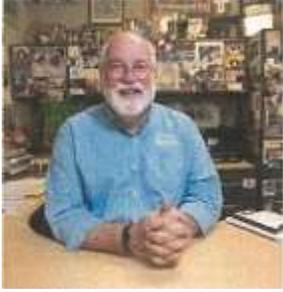
"There remains an experience of incomparable value. We for once learned to see the great events of world history from below, from the perspective of the outcasts, the suspects, the maltreated—in short, from the perspective of those who suffer. Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and to action."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was ordained a Pastor in the Evangelical Church in Germany in 1931. Just two years later in 1933, shortly after Hitler and the Nazis came to power, he began writing powerful pieces in opposition to the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis and argued that the church had a responsibility to act against this policy. He joined with other Germans who were deeply opposed to Hitler and the Nazis, and who later attempted to kill Hitler. In 1943 he was arrested by the Gestapo for helping Jews escape to Switzerland. He was summarily executed by the Nazis on April 8, 1945.

<http://tdbi.org/dietrich-bonhoeffer/biography>

Here I Stand — Taking a Stand in 2020

Role Models from our past and present



Father Greg Boyle (b. 1954) — Belonging in Community

"We work with the population that nobody desires to work with, and it's a principle of this place that we stand with them."

For the last 30 years, Fr. Boyd has ministered to the poorest Catholic Church in LA, Delores Mission Church. He created Homeboys Industries. While others saw only criminals, he saw people in need. Today, Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, welcoming thousands through their doors each year.

<https://homeboyindustries.org/our-story/our-mission/>



Archbishop Oscar Romero — El Salvador (1917-1980) **Speaking Truth to Power**

"In the name of God, and in the name of this suffering people whose cries rise to heaven more loudly each day, I beg you, I implore you, I order you, in the name of God, stop the repression!"

Archbishop Romero was assassinated in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, in March 1980 by a right-wing death squad because he refused to be silenced in condemning the murder and torture of the people by the country's regime as well as the poverty and injustices being inflicted on them.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Oscar-Romero-life-timeline>



Marguerite "Maggy" Barankitse — Burundi & Rwanda (b. 1957) **— Love for Others**

"Life always has the last word over death. I opened Maison Shalom not for the victims, but for killers to stop them from killing...the criminals are also our brothers."

Maggy Barankitse survived the Hutu/Tutsi genocide and convinced the killers to spare the lives of 25 children. From this came her life's work: Maison Shalom. Supported by national bishops and international NGOs, Maggy took in war orphans from all of the different tribes — Hutu, Tutsi, Twas, Congolese, and Rwandese — treating them as one family and seeking to raise them with love.

Over 20,000 children, including war victims, HIV/AIDS orphans, street children, and child soldiers, have found refuge and a new beginning through Maison Shalom. Maggy has been dubbed "the Mother Teresa of Africa" for her work.

<https://www.maisonshalom.org/en/about-us/maggy-barankitse> <https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/events/2017/04/10/the-courage-of-giving-refuge-marguerite-barankitse/>

SERVE



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

PARTNERSHIPS PLUS: Oregon Synod Creative Ministry Grant Awarded to St. Luke

St. Luke applied for a 2020-2021 Oregon Synod Creative Ministry Grant in August and received news that this \$1,500 grant was awarded to St. Luke for a **Mini Pantry Movement Pilot Project**. St. Luke Pastors, staff and members will be working through the fall to pull together resources for this ministry.

We will need your help as households to manage various elements of this ministry, including the building and painting of pantries, setting them up and filling them regularly. We will be reaching out to local organizations and groups and to other nearby congregations. We recently visited Stephens Creek Crossing when we learned that the property manager supports a mini pantry and believes residents would find value in the pantry and any other support St. Luke would like to offer their youth residents.

Our goal is to have 75 St. Luke households involved in some way from now until July 2021. We believe we can do this work by creating kits that are made for households to use during social distancing and coronavirus safety. Let us know if you like to build things or, if your St. Luke group wants to help with this project.

Questions may be directed to Pr. Patti, Maripat Hensel or Ryan Carpenter. Here's a website link for you to see a variety of mini pantries: www.littlefreepantry.org/new-gallery. Coming soon: More info about getting involved in our weekly updates.



Pr. Patti, Jessica Arnold, Property Manager, Maripat Hensel, Pr. Beth

PRICELESS COMPANY QUILTERS

Dave and Nancy Scheele took 37 quilts and 4 tied fleece blankets (**tied by the Confirmation students last spring**) to a group who is taking things south to help those from Talent and Phoenix who have lost everything. The quilters were alerted to the Flash Assistance Network by one of our Confirmation students, **Max Borgmeier**. His basketball team is collecting items for those in need. So far, a couple of trucks have taken items down to a church in Ashland who is helping the evacuated families. **Thank you quilters, thank you Max for helping others!**



Scripture Readers Welcome!

Looking for a way to worship, serve, and connect at the same time? Sign up to read a Scripture passage for one of our worship services. In order to make our volunteer movie editors' work easier, we appreciate your taking time on Wednesday evening to prerecord your lesson in the church sanctuary.

Contact: Jan Peterson: jmp77.peterson@gmail.com!

Sign up online:

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

Our Telephone Barrage Ministry continues to reach out to members who are not part of small group ministries. Thanks to everyone taking part in the St. Luke-wide phone call initiative: anyone who is in a small group/ministry area is connected through that group. **Much thanks for your work in helping us to stay connected!**

Encourage people to vote!

Write letters to unregistered and low-propensity voters encouraging them to participate in our democracy. The Vote Forward organization pre-prints letters with the name and address of each recipient and a space for a heartfelt note. Contact Cathy Spofford at cspof1@gmail.com for letters to send. If you are able, please provide your own stamps

GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE!

After distributing 375 backpacks filled with school supplies, the Grauer Team met and launched Phase Two of our 2020 distribution! Thanks to several St. Luke members who helped out by preparing and hanging over 400 coats! On October 1 we will once again reach out to Wilson cluster principals and counselors and take orders for winter coats to be distributed to students in need at each school. We are hopeful to complete this process by the end of October so students who need one will have a coat to wear once the colder weather arrives. We plan to include a new T-shirt for students as well, as we distribute each coat. Many thanks and hats off to the Grauer Team that continues to meet monthly to determine ways to meet the needs of students in our area! ~ Judy Willis, Service Coordinator



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June Bremmer

Backpacks ready for delivery!



RHYTHM AND REFRAIN: Your Trust Fund Committee Working To Support Our St. Luke Ministries

The St Luke Trust Fund provides an opportunity for St Luke members to leave a lasting legacy for ministry.

The Trust Fund Committee receives funds from wills, estates and memorial gifts. Each year a percentage of these funds is used for specific ministry projects through requests that have been made for the funds by our pastors, staff members, council, lay leaders and members. There is a rhythm and a cycle that begins with accepting funds and continues through management and use for ministry needs.

The year begins with a review of the investment accounts that are managed by the committee with analysis on changes that have occurred in the value of the accounts. The committee then determines how much money to allocate to an annual budget for special ministry projects and requests in the given year. These funds and requests may not be used for annual operating budget items. This year the committee allocated a \$35,000 budget. \$13,500 of this budget has been earmarked as of September 1, 2020 for the Capital Campaign LID, Reach Out ministry, Confirmation Program and the Nordic House.

The Trust Fund committee members will be working with our pastors this fall to determine key priorities for the funds that are still available through the remainder of this year and will also look at priorities that may be established for 2021. If you have an idea for a program or project, please consider proposing your idea for review.

Another important program that the Trust Fund manages each year is The Benson Family Foundation Scholarships. This work creates a refrain to go with the rhythm: *St. Luke members are blessed!* Students apply for a scholarship, provide letters of reference and an essay. Eleven students will receive generous scholarships to attend Lutheran Colleges and Universities this year and they may apply for each of their four years. Funds that are not used from the yearly scholarship allocation are provided to the St. Luke Social Concerns Committee in early November for distribution to 501 (c) 3 organizations in the community. This year we anticipate over \$50,000 being passed along through Social Concern's ministry for support in the community.

If you are not as familiar as you'd like to be with the workings of St. Luke Trust Fund and want more information, please email trust@stlukechurch.com or contact Craig Christensen for additional information. The Trust Fund also has a flier that can be emailed to you as a pdf or sent by mail.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Disaster Relief

On September 22, after a weekend vote of the Social Concerns Committee, a gift of \$5,000 was conveyed and a check sent by St. Luke Lutheran Church to ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, designated to assist those impacted by the wildfires in the State of Oregon. That gift was made possible by the continuing generous giving by our St. Luke congregation. Thank you.

"God's Work. Our Hands"

~ Michael Ford, Chair, Social Concerns Committee.

NEWS FROM WOMEN OF ST. LUKE

We Women of St. Luke will again be celebrating Thankoffering Sunday November 15.

Thankoffering is an opportunity (not just for women but all who are interested) to support our churchwide Women of the ELCA with a special offering over and above your regular offering to St. Luke. These funds support programs of education, such as our *Gather* magazine and the online publication *Café*, and anti-racism and cross-cultural information. They support training for churchwide and synodical leaders and for gatherings like Triennial conventions and gatherings (which this year was postponed until 2021 in Phoenix, AZ). And the churchwide staff of 11 and all that goes with operating an office is paid in part from this offering.

Since we are not worshipping in our building to receive these offerings, we would ask that you instead send your check to our treasurer, Pat Juare, 4460 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, #21-A, Portland, OR 97225. Make them out to Women of St. Luke.

AND.....watch for information on upcoming circle studies from *Gather* and just plain connecting with other women.

Help Grow Food For Our Community

Glady's Garden could use some helping hands. This is a great outside outlet for the whole household! Glady's Garden is an organic, educational, garden on St. Luke property that provides produce for St. Luke's food box distribution. Only one family scheduled per day.

David Medford: parkereu@aol.com or (503)244-6615

Bring your produce to share!

If you have extra garden produce, we would love for you to share it with our Community Table guests! Our next drive through distribution is Saturday, October 31st. If you have produce you would like to contribute, please contact Judy Willis to coordinate a time to drop it off at St. Luke before Saturday judy@stlukechurch.com

"FOREMOTHERS OF MISSION"

(by Suzan Farley, St. Luke member)

Pick up your October 2020 "Living Lutheran" and read this article about "18 young single women who received letters of call to be domestic missionaries for the Augustana Lutheran Synod (predecessor to the LCA and ELCA)". One of the 18 ladies is own St. Luke member, **Bea Severson**



(or contact the church office for a copy of her story!)

PREPARING FOR RALLY DAY!



Dan Gott and Gerry Reese risk life and limb to spruce up our house and make ready for Rally Day!!



RALLY DAY: Drive-Thru Parade!



IN THE FAMILY

PRAYERS: **Bea Severson and family** on the death of her son-in-law, **Ramon Esquevel, David Osenberg** (cancer treatment), **Jill Rowland** (post-surgery), **John Jessen, Barb Dahlgren, Annette** (stroke) and **Paul** (caregiver), parents of **Kim Weber, Hal Yackley, Daniel Alrick, Georgann Dustan, Gary Hofsommer, Henry Heuer** (leukemia), **Will Heuer, Wendy Metz, Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Dottie Inman, Harry Flesher, Jeremy Eckhardt**, and those incarcerated.

IN MEMORIAM:

Merlin Wilmer White

6/6/1928 ~ 3/4/2020

Graveside: 9/4/20 ~ Willamette National Cemetery

Frank Ellis Kloster

12/27/1929 ~ 9/1/2020

Service: 9/11/20 ~ Willamette National Cemetery

ST. LUKE MEMBERS IN ARIZONA:

Dan and Mary Kidd

10705 W Sequoia Drive

Sun City, AZ 85373

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.



Courtney Duke	10/1	Kelvin Snyder	10/1
Heidi Draheim-Shadbeh	10/1	Kate Prentice	10/1
Debra Curran	10/1	Oliver Deazley	10/1
Kevin Shelly	10/2	Michael Feldman	10/1
Abigail Judah	10/2	Lynda Pujado	10/1
Dan Swan	10/2	Craig Weeks	10/1
Jim Hensel	10/2	Liam Dustan	10/1
Peter Mastic	10/2	Harry Flesher	10/1
Asha Chesnutt	10/3	Katharine Piwonka	10/1
Georgiana Garnica	10/3	Barbara Dahlgren	10/1
Laurie Hanley	10/3	Kara Van Horn	10/1
Lisa Powell	10/4	Kris Peirce	10/1
Eric Lammerman	10/5	Payton Pinnell	10/1
Dean Gustafson	10/6	Alisa Benson	10/1
Mitchell Barclay	10/6	Katie Markusen-Carkin	10/1
Cindy Gibbon	10/6	Patrick Butenhoff	10/1
Daniel Blume	10/7	Mike Curran	10/1
William Frasier	10/8	Mark Chesnutt	10/1
Leah Gibbon	10/8	Deborah Dang	10/1
Ethan Volk	10/8	David Martinson	10/1
Grace Novack	10/9	Patricia Wilder	10/1
Michael Arthur	10/9	Jamie Kresl	10/1
Jeffery Spalding	10/10	Aidan LeBlanc	10/1
Jerome Adibonou	10/10	Ben DeSanno	10/1
Roy Schwabauer	10/10	Reese Jeffcoat	10/1
Brock Jacobson	10/11	Sara Votava	10/1
Merrill Watry	10/11	Paul Farnstrom	10/1
Jacob Lairson	10/11	Robert Everhart	10/1
Jean Kerr	10/11	Cora Maier	10/1
Catherine Swigart	10/11	Maeve Jeffcoat	10/1
Carol Adams	10/12	Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter	10/1
Emma Koontz	10/12	Brad Johnson	10/1
Diane Allen	10/12	Bryan Neyman	10/1
Kim Weber	10/12	Haley Anderson	10/1
Emily Engle	10/13	Roger Vorderstrasse	10/1
Alan Christensen	10/13	Hunter DeSanno	10/1
Alex Lungershausen	10/14	Jim Sandau	10/1
Earl Cahoe	10/14	Katrina Swope	10/1
Matthew Roe	10/14	Tasha Miniszewski	10/1
Jan Mitchell	10/14	John Goggins	10/1
Melody Drangstveit	10/15	Alissa Le Mon	10/1
Chad Nelson	10/15	Noah Koontz	10/1
Leon Stock	10/15	Austin Arthur	10/1

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"YOU ARE LOVED"



Let us start today off with reminding you why we're here. God loves you, Your Family and Friends love you, AND St. Luke loves you!

Kick-Off

We miss you and look forward to growing our faith together in Children's Ministry!

Weekly Sunday Morning

Classes begin Sunday, October 4th:

Times:

Pre-K (ages 3+) – 1st grade: 10:30 – 10:50am

2nd – 4th grade: 11:00 – 11:30am

5th grade: 10:15 -11:00am

What will we do in class? Pray, Share, Storytell, Bless



REMINDER

**CLASS
REGISTRATION**

Is due by October 4th!
Will be sent via Google docs

Pre-K ~ 1st Grade Teachers!

Susan Tremper



Sarah Snowden, Carver & Calla's mom



Lisa Sickler



2ND ~ 4TH Grade Teachers!

Judy Sims



Rina Harvieux (Girard's mom)



Lisa Lynham (Lucy's mom)



5th Grade Teachers: Ray and Carrie Laurence

5TH GRADE

**2020-2021
WHO WE ARE!**

**MEET
Teacher Ray**

#WELCOMEDTOIM

#CONTACT

#FAVORITES

**MEET
Teacher Carrie**

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Hello, I'm Kim! I am your lead teacher for Prek-1st & 2nd-4th.

About Me We have lived in Oregon for 14 years, and LOVE it here! We used to live in Maryland which is wayyyy on the other side of our country. See?

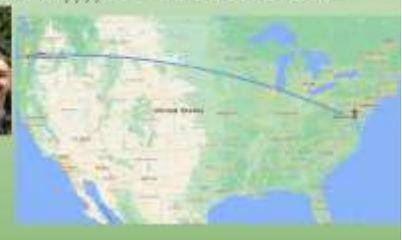
We love to explore!

My family = 4+2

Paul, Zoe, Lucy

Tigerlily

Mac



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PLEASE NOTE:

No Sunday Classes:

November 29

December 27

January 3

Middle School NEWS

Middle School Ministries/Confirmation

Seeking to immerse Middle Schoolers in the love of God.

Everyday Samaritans & Tough Questions

- Oct. 4 – Is it the End of the World?
- Oct. 11 – Samaritan Skills, part 1
- Oct. 18 – Can I believe in evolution and still be a Christian?
- Oct. 25 – How do I take a stand in our crazy world?

Zoom gatherings Sundays @ 11am.

For the link, please contact Joan Snyder at vanderweele@comcast.net



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RALLY DAY WELCOME!



Judy Willis Pastor Patti Kim Weber Pastor Beth



St. Luke Youth NEWS



SLY SUNDAY KICKS OFF!

We are so excited about the year ahead for SLY Sunday! During our time together each week we will pursue the theme for this year – Life Hacks for Challenging Times. We will look at all kinds of tools for living our lives in ways that help us cope with the unpredictability of life. And along the way we will discover that most all wisdom for living a life that is successful and happy – no matter the circumstances – has its roots in Scripture. Our faith is what can help make us strong and resilient.

Joining Judy and Lisa as a part of the SLY Sunday team, we welcome two new adult leaders that will share from their own faith and experiences: Laurel Skinner (pictured above top right) and Beckah Selnick (pictured about bottom right). There are other guest teachers as well that will be popping in now and then to share their wisdom with us.

SLY meets via Zoom each Sunday morning at 11am. Roll out of bed and come as you are! We want to help you start off each week with something positive that will make a difference to the rest of your week!



★June 20-26, 2021
Probable Summer Service Trip Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2020 PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS/EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL						
 Worship † Connect † Serve				1 6pm Communications Team 7:30pm Choir Mtg.	2	3
4 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 th grade 10:30am Celebrate Dan Hibbett! Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 st grade 11:00am 2 nd ~ 4 th grades MSM and SLY Parent Group 6:30pm Every Women's Bible Study	5 8:30am Sarah Circle 11:00am Men's Bible Study	6 8:00am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Anti-Racism Book Club 7:00pm Committee Night	7 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart 7:00~8:00pm <u>Adult Education:</u> "Here I Stand – Taking a Stand in 2020)"	8 7:30pm Choir Mtg.	9	10 10:00am Community Conversation Around Race
11 19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 th grade 10:30am Coffee Time: RIC Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 st grade 10:45am Second Sunday Book Group 11:00am: 2 nd ~ 4 th grades MSM and SLY Parent Group	12 11:00am Men's Bible Study	13 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Finance Committee	14 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart 7:00~8:00pm <u>Adult Education:</u> "Here I Stand – Taking a Stand in 2020)"	15 7:30pm Choir Mtg.	16	17
18 20 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30am Worship Receive New Members 10:15am 5 th grade (10:30am Happy 77 th Birthday SLLC! Welcome New Members Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 st grade 11am: 2 nd ~ 4 th grades MSM and SLY Parent Group 5:00pm Agape Meal	19 11:00am Men's Bible Study NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	20 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg.	21 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart 7:00~8:00pm <u>Adult Education:</u> "Here I Stand – Taking a Stand in 2020)"	22 4:00pm 7:30pm Choir Mtg.	23	24 8:30~11:30am Storm Water Stars Workshop: Shalom Lawn 10:00am Community Conversation Around Race
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 th grade 10:30am Coffee Hour Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 st grade 11am: 2 nd ~ 4 th grades MSM and SLY Parent Group 5:00pm Agape Meal	26 11:00am Men's Bible Study	27 8:00am Women's Bible Study	28 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart 7:00~8:00pm <u>Adult Education:</u> "Here I Stand – Taking a Stand in 2020)"	10/29	10/30	10/31 2:00-3:30pm Community Table Food Box Distribution