

### LIVING INTO GOD'S WELCOME:

Living into God's Welcome: Welcoming What IS – By Dropping Unhelpful Expectations



#### Pastor's Corner

**<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 3:13-14**

This year has been HARD! Psychologists have labeled our experience “collective trauma.” We have found ourselves hard pressed to perform as individuals and as parents; we have found ourselves grief-ridden and fearful. And now, as we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season, we do so with a whole new round of disappointments: many of us will not be able to attend family gatherings or afford expensive gifts. Holiday traditions will be different.

And in this season, a season that has rested on heartwarming family and community traditions, we the Church get to practice a far older, deeper tradition, one that goes to our very roots as followers of Jesus: we get to practice letting go of our expectations about how our lives should be, and we get to seek the presence of the divine in what IS. Just as the risen Christ dumbfounded the Apostle Paul on that Damascus road, turning both his credentials and his expectations on their heads; just as Paul and Silas confounded the warden of the prison in Philippi when God dropped their chains, yet they chose to stay; we too find ourselves called to drop many of our old expectations in order to see Christ before us in the midst of the fatigue and fear and disappointment. We have the promise that the risen Christ IS with us always, “even to the end of the age.”

What are the expectations you have placed:

1. on yourself?
2. on your family?
3. on your community?
4. on the world?

What expectations do you need to drop in order to know freedom from self-judgment and peace? What can you yield into the mercy and grace of the God who loves us?

May we let go of our expectations so that we can recognize and give thanks for the God who is with us in surprising (and often surprisingly subtle) ways. In doing so, we can better be a source of peace and hope for the world around us.

**Pastor Beth**

# WORSHIP

(Facebook Live at 9:30am on Sundays)

**November 1 – All Saints Day**

**November 8 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 15 – Women’s Thankoffering**

**November 22 – Christ the King Sunday**

**November 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

## Agape Meals via Zoom at 5pm On Sundays

The practice of gathering in this way was begun when early Christian communities were being formed. This brief 30-minute gathering via Zoom is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our communal ties, offer thanks, and partake of bread and cup in remembrance of Jesus. Please join us:

**Zoom invite:** Join our Agape Meal Celebration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81851076251?pwd=VjdzYmJuNlFkEYnJUWllxTXNjU3Zhdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 5107 6251 Passcode: 765914

## Livestreaming Sunday Worship Services

During the 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, and individual musicians to assemble and edit pre-recorded 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.

**Thank you to 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. Our organist, **Tom Skyler**, has been 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 continue to create master DVD’s 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, contact the church office. We have them available for pick-up or delivery by our visitation team or pastors.

**Our third virtual choir project entitled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” will be included in our November 22 Sunday virtual service.** We continue to record and edit individual vocal tracks before sending them to **Jim Steele** 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 have been creating a virtual choir video once a month during our weekly Thursday night choir zoom meetings. **We welcomed two new members to St. Luke Lutheran on Sunday, October 18 who have also joined the Rejoice virtual choir!** We will continue to incorporate pre-recorded choir anthems from past “Musical Reflections” concerts and worship services as appropriate.

## St. Luke Ringers Are Back!

We held our first two handbell rehearsals in the narthex on the first two Wednesday nights in October, culminating in a videotaping session on Wednesday, October 14 to record the prelude for Reformation Sunday. The church 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. The members of the bell choir are thrilled to be back together again making music in the beautiful, resonant acoustics of the narthex.

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

► Join us on the St. Luke Facebook page.

## News From Women Of St. Luke

**The Women of St. Luke will again be celebrating Thankoffering Sunday November 15.** As in the past, we have arranged for a special speaker, **Julie Aageson**. She wrote as a resource specialist for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for almost 30 years, is a former public-school teacher and for a decade wrote a regular column for GATHER Magazine (the Women of the ELCA publication). She divides her time between Portland and Glacier, Montana.

**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, Arizona). 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 instead you send your check to our treasurer, Pat Juaire, 4460 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, #21-A, Portland, OR 97225. Make them payable to Women of St. Luke.

**AND.....upcoming: ★Circle Studies** from “**Gather**” magazine: “**Holy Time – Holy Future-Reimagining The Time To Come**” with a chance to connect with other women are planned for **Sunday evening November 1st, 6:30pm and Monday morning November 2nd, 9:30am.**

Check the Weekly Updates and Daily Devotions for Zoom links or the “Connecting Online” article in this issue of The Messenger.

# 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.*

*To my St. Luke Community of Friends,*

**Thanksgiving is my absolute favorite holiday.** I love the food, I won't deny it: fragrant roasted turkey, potatoes and gravy, beautiful bright cranberry sauce, apples and pears, warm buttered rolls, and of course the pie - I mean pies. (Plural, right?) When I close my eyes to visualize Thanksgiving, I see a table laden with rich food, prepared at home and shared with people I love. What a heavenly sight, and I use that description purposely. Thanksgiving embodies deep gratitude, deep appreciation of the many blessings in my life. I could substitute specific nouns and pronouns for which I am grateful with each and every cranberry, drop of gravy, or piece of apple in the pie(s). Without the commercialism of other holidays, I am free to just savor the beautiful aspects of life: leaves falling, the neighbor children laughing, and yes, very good food. I am grateful for so much, and gratefulness releases joy.

**I have been a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church** for about 55 years, and many of you know that I was an educator of various roles for more than 36 years. While I was a principal, Gratitude was a yearly theme that we would study school wide. In our Friday assemblies we would lift up why it is important to be grateful: When we focus on what's going well, negativity diminishes. In other words, being grateful actually helps us achieve happiness. When we express our gratitude and appreciation to others, we value, respect, and honor them - so we are helping others achieve happiness. Sometimes students would practice gratitude by merely saying "thank you" at appropriate times, and sometimes they would take the time to write notes of thanks to their teachers, friends or parents. Inevitably during our study of Gratitude, there would be a small group of students who came to me wanting to do something for people who had less than they did. Every year I could count on this happening - often through the suggestion of a food drive. Even very young children know that they have much and they want to share with others who have less. What joyful and inspiring moments these were for me, working side by side with nine and ten-year olds, planning gifts and contributions for others.

**But this letter to you isn't supposed to be about public school - we are a Christian congregation!**

Where's the connection? As the pastor of a church once said with whom my school district had a partnership, "We're all in the same work." Amen to that! Aren't we all about respecting and valuing each individual human in God's creation? I have received inspiration and support from myriads of teachers and students in the public-school system, as well as Christian knowledge and guidance from pastors, parishioners and teachers at St. Luke. Your modeling and guidance moved me toward that work in education and to the many leadership and committee roles I've experienced over my years with you at church.

**St. Luke was and is a vital component of my attitude of gratitude.** I especially remember the profound sense of community and "safe space" that I experienced at St. Luke when I was a teenager. We used to call our youth group The Luther League, and when I was with our pastors, youth leaders, and other students I truly did feel safe, included, and valued. Today, decades later, when I work through the doors, which have changed a few times over the years, I feel a deep sense of home and long-standing community, and for that I am truly grateful.

**I have not had huge life changing experiences that impact my sense of gratitude.** Instead, it is the continual river of small moments of learning, beauty, inspiration that guide me toward counting my blessings each day. "When we give thanks for every day things, we make them visible and at the forefront of our attention." (Greater Good Science Center, UC Berkeley) I am deeply grateful for the foundation of faith that you all provide and model for me each and every day. In these unusual times, I am grateful for the everyday blessings that I still enjoy: your faithfulness, music, and prayers, my daily walks, and soon, Thanksgiving Pies.

*Gratefully yours, Kristin LeMon*



## 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](#)

► 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](#)

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

[#GodsWorkOurHands](#)

[#WorshipConnectServe](#)

[#FindStLukeLutheranAndFollowUs2020](#)

## Coffee Time

Gather for fellowship and discussion related to the sermon or for a special update or event. Sundays at 10:30am

**November 8:** guest: Gabe Brannan

**November 15:** guest: Rev. Melissa Reed

*Zoom info*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89410016496?pwd=QWNGMytQUFIUQVdlMUw5a1NjQnJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1001 6496

Passcode: 712869

## Adult Education

**Join us on Wednesday evenings, November 4 and 18 from 7-8pm** on Zoom as we work to integrate our faith and our public life.

**November 4:** "Election, Now What?"

Gather to debrief the election experience and envision how we as followers of Christ – and as a community – can respond. **Pastor Patti will open our gathering** with a centering prayer, and Dr. Gilbert Carrasco, professor of Civil Rights and Constitutional Law at Willamette University will be present to answer questions about the legal processes involved with the election. For more info about Dr. Carrasco, here's his biography link from Willamette:

<https://willamette.edu/law/faculty/profiles/carrasco/index.html>

Please RSVP in order to attend this Zoom gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfuGsqTlrGtK-grGwfPEYbbY0OF2rXB-l>

**(November 11 – Buildings Closed)**

Thank you to all who have served in our armed forces.)

**November 18: Core Values as a Christ Follower.**

Come prepared to discuss the people who have shaped your core values.

**Facilitators: Paul Fauske & Pastor Beth.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86345966678?pwd=cVBuWjJGQlBzQ3o1dGV6MUI1a3BiZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 4596 6678

Passcode: 060465

**Looking forward to December: "What does it mean to prepare the way of the Lord?"**

## Community Conversations Around Race

**Join us on Saturday mornings, November 7th and 21st (note the date changes!) at 10:00am** to process current events and race. Facilitated by Bing Swigart, each session features a different, timely theme and creates a safe space for discussion and questions.

*For more information email:*

[communityconversationsaroundrace@stlukechurch.com](mailto:communityconversationsaroundrace@stlukechurch.com)

Zoom invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NzcTZKYUZyYdEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293

Passcode: 983763

**Anti-Racism Book Study** meets Tuesdays,

**November 10th and December 1st, 4:00 - 5:00 pm.**

The group is reading "**Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You**" by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi.

Contact Pastor Patti: [pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com)

## 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, November 1st, 6:30-8:00pm**

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

**Sarah Circle: Monday,**

**November 2, 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=N1RKSTRTRU96NDdzeE9Ga2ZDeUpMQT09>

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

**November 8, 10:45am**

"**Born a Crime**" by Trevor Noah

Contact: Caryl Walker

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88958687710?pwd=eHQ3bVNCK3NKS1JlVENlA2pNNEptdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 5868 7710

Password: 391236

# SERVE

## Social Concerns Update

This past month, the Social Concerns Committee allocated \$1000 of St. Luke benevolence offerings to Wilson High School for COVID-19 pandemic family emergency funds from our SC Family Emergency Fund. The check was written to the Wilson HS PTA and sent to Leanne Van Horn of our congregation who works at Wilson and is coordinating receipt of all gifts for Wilson HS families in need.

Because of continuing benevolence support through faithful and generous congregational giving, the Committee reaffirmed our \$3200 annual commitments to Letty Owings, NW Pilot Project, and the West Women's and Children's Shelter. The remaining balances of \$2,200 to each will be paid this quarter.

The Committee will meet in November to distribute the projected balance of 2020 congregational benevolence and in December to allocate Benson Family Foundation grant monies. We remain grateful that, through the generosity of the Benson family, excess Benson Scholarship funding (projected at \$60,000 this year) will be available for Social Concerns Committee disbursement this calendar year in a manner consistent with congregational benevolence guidelines and the Benson Family Trust provisions.

~ Michael Ford, Chair, Social Concerns Committee

## West Women and Children's Shelter

Contact Gerry Foote regarding donations.

[Peaceleaves@comcast.net](mailto:Peaceleaves@comcast.net)

Cell: 503-706-8736

Home: 503-245-3832

### Current needs:

Twin XL sheets, full size

Women's coats.

## GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE!

Our Grauer Back to School team has almost completed Phase 2 of our distribution. We reached out to the principals and counselors at our neighborhood schools and they responded by putting in orders for coats for their students in need. During the month of October, we have filled those order and then delivered them to the schools. We included a brand-new T-shirt as a bonus item to all those who ordered coats as long as our supplies lasted. Our team is thrilled that we were able to get warm winter coats into the hands of the students that need them most! The Grauer Ministry Team met at the end of October to reassess where we are and determine whether or not we can distribute any further items in a safe manner. Stay tuned!

## Giving Thanks Parade

**Sunday, Nov. 22 – 11am-12:30pm!**

First ever Giving Thanks Parade! Drive through the St. Luke property between 11am and 12:30pm on Sunday, November 22. Enter via our California Street entrance (across from Gabriel Park) and drive through the property to greet the staff and receive Advent items: an Advent Calendar from Lutheran World Relief, United Lutheran Seminary's Advent Star Devotions, and a DIY Advent Wreath to frame our season of waiting and preparation! As a bonus, bring a food item for Neighborhood House's food distribution:

## Giving Tree

Each year during the holiday season, St. Luke has a gift giving service event called The Giving Tree. Gift tags are created for individuals served by two different local agencies: refugee families served through Lutheran Community Services, as well the small children and babies who are residents of the Letty Owings Center.

We want to carry on this tradition – but this year it will look a little bit different. There will be a SignUp Genius link where members can log on and sign up to purchase one of the gifts listed. There will be requests for both gifts and gift cards. All gifts should be new. For those who do not have computers or do not feel comfortable with this signup method – there will be the option of emailing or calling Jeff Ross – the lay coordinator for this ministry. He will help you select a gift to purchase.

All gifts should be gift-wrapped and returned with a tag attached identifying what the gift is and who it is for. We will collect these gifts at St. Luke during the week of December 8-11. There will be a box outside the narthex doors from 9am-4pm where you can drop off your gift. Please watch the Weekly Updates mid-November for the link to SignUp Genius.

Questions about the Giving Tree, please contact Jeff Ross: [jeff@rossnation.com](mailto:jeff@rossnation.com) or 503-460-7503.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Priceless Company Quilters



Quilts for West Women's and Children's Shelter

## IN THE FAMILY

**PRAYERS:** Mary Thumma (hospice), Stephanie Halvorson and family on the death of her mother, Mary Baich, Bea Severson and family on the death of son-in-law, Ramon Esquevel, Dale Benson's brother Jordan Benson (cancer) and sister Carol and her husband (cancer), Becky Branson and family as they grieve the death of niece Jenny Branson and prayers of healing for husband George Branson as he recovers from hip replacement surgery, David Osenberg (cancer treatment), 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.

### 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.**

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who are continuing your work in the Telephone Barrage Ministry! Know that your work is an integral part of helping St. Luke to stay connected in ministry and relationship – and even when you leave a voicemail, you are reminding someone that they are remembered and loved by St. Luke and by God.

Thank you to Fred Greb, Jane Chan, and David Maier for coordinating Dan Hibbett's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! What a tribute to the incredible music ministry Dr. Hibbett spearheads and embodies!

Much thanks to Joan Snyder, whose diligent attention to detail and persuasive arguments cause the City of Portland to rework our LID assessment and decrease our total lump sum by \$100,000. Thanks to her work, our LID is paid in full!

Thank you, St. Luke Welcoming Committee for the Coffee Time Zoom gathering on October 25th. We gathered to "Meet and Greet" our new members Patty Farrell, Sandra and Larry Carasco, Ashley Lindsay Pastor Melissa Reed, Lee and Pastor Patti Welch! We celebrated seven new members and St Luke's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Susan Johnson	11/2	Oliver Shadbeh	11/16
Pamela Gillis	11/2	Janelle Miller	11/16
Tracy Petterson	11/2	Caryl Walker	11/17
Michael Stabeno	11/3	Clare Klein	11/17
Evan Niemeyer	11/3	James George	11/19
Harry Woodward	11/3	Yuen Chan	11/19
Emma Jo Butenhoff	11/3	Judy Selander	11/20
Lucy Fabbro	11/3	Christina Wood	11/20
Mija Drangstveit-Pacheco	11/3	Dan Gott	11/20
Karen Johnson	11/4	Greg Montplaisir	11/20
Rob Bremmer	11/4	Lauren Kerr	11/20
Brad Telyea	11/5	Loretta Jacobson	11/21
Richard Dreyer	11/5	Kent Dahlgren	11/22
Morgan Denning	11/5	Sarah Grabe	11/22
Jonah Ray	11/7	Madeleine Higgens	11/22
Connor Anderson	11/7	Cathy Spofford	11/22
Juliet Carpenter	11/7	Molly Sickler	11/23
Donald Munson	11/8	Avan Thornton	11/24
Sharon McCarthy	11/8	Rachel Chan	11/24
Arly Petterson	11/9	Noé Garnica	11/24
Kate Schweitzer	11/10	Mary Votava	11/25
Ron Johnson	11/10	Thomas Piwonka	11/25
Diana Collinson	11/10	Robert Piwonka	11/25
Michael Dinkel	11/11	David Reynolds	11/25
Sharrie Kitching	11/11	Anne Mileham	11/25
Elaine Nordin	11/13	Todd Severson	11/26
Abraham Shadbeh	11/13	Terry Kenny	11/26
Wendy Blum	11/14	Frances Daniels	11/28
Isaac Nelson	11/14	Tristan Drangstveit-Pacheco	11/28
John Eckhardt	11/14	Loren Delamarter	11/28
Sue Skinner	11/14	Dianna Schmid	11/29
Peter Kirchner	11/15	Dan Holmes	11/29
Benjamin LeBlanc	11/15	Mary Plothow	11/30
Craig Meuser	11/16	Kelli Evers	11/30
Lisa Ross	11/16	Jenna Fromme	11/30

### DIGITAL NEWSLETTER?

Each month, "The Messenger" (St. Luke newsletter), is posted to the church website, a link is sent via MailChimp directly to our members and papers copies are sent via the U.S. post office. If you are comfortable receiving the newsletter electronically please help us to save on paper, ink and postage costs. Contact the church office if we can sign you up for digital only. Thanks!

[office@stlukechurch.com](mailto:office@stlukechurch.com)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Four simple ways to practice faith formation at home:*

**Sunday morning Children's Zoom classes:**

**We'd love to have you!**

**10:15-11:00** ~ 5th grade

Leads: Ray and Carrie Laurence

**10:30-10:55** ~ Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup>

Leads: Kim Weber with support from Children's Ministry volunteers

**11:00-11:30** ~ 2nd - 4th t

Leads: Kim Weber and Children's Ministry volunteers

**View the Children's Sermons: St. Luke YouTube**

Extracted from the Worship recordings, the videos are under 10 minutes and a great way to virtually engage families with our Pastors Beth and Patti

**Beautiful, simple prayers to weave into each day created by Traci Smith**

Email Kim Weber: [childrensministry@stlukechurch.com](mailto:childrensministry@stlukechurch.com) to receive a digital copy of Faithful Families at Home and Back To School Prayers

**Recommended Children's Books:**

**Children of God Storybook Bible**

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**Desmond and the Very Mean Word**

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids**

## Upcoming holidays...

**Halloween:**

**Talk about Racial Appropriation**

With a Covid Halloween around the corner, costumes are still a fun way to celebrate! Let's remember though that other people's cultures are not our costumes.

**Advent Season is coming up!  
(and so is another parade!)**

This year, our first Sunday in Advent is actually November 29. We do not have children's classes on that day because it is the weekend of Thanksgiving. We'll get you Advent candles and Advent Calendars at our Drive By "Giving Thanks Parade!" on Sunday, November 22. Yes! Hot off the press! No class on Sunday, November 22! Instead, Come-and-Connect: bring food to donate, and we'll get you prepped and ready for our Advent Season.

**Children's Ministry Contact:**

Kim Weber: [childrensministry@stlukechurch.com](mailto:childrensministry@stlukechurch.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

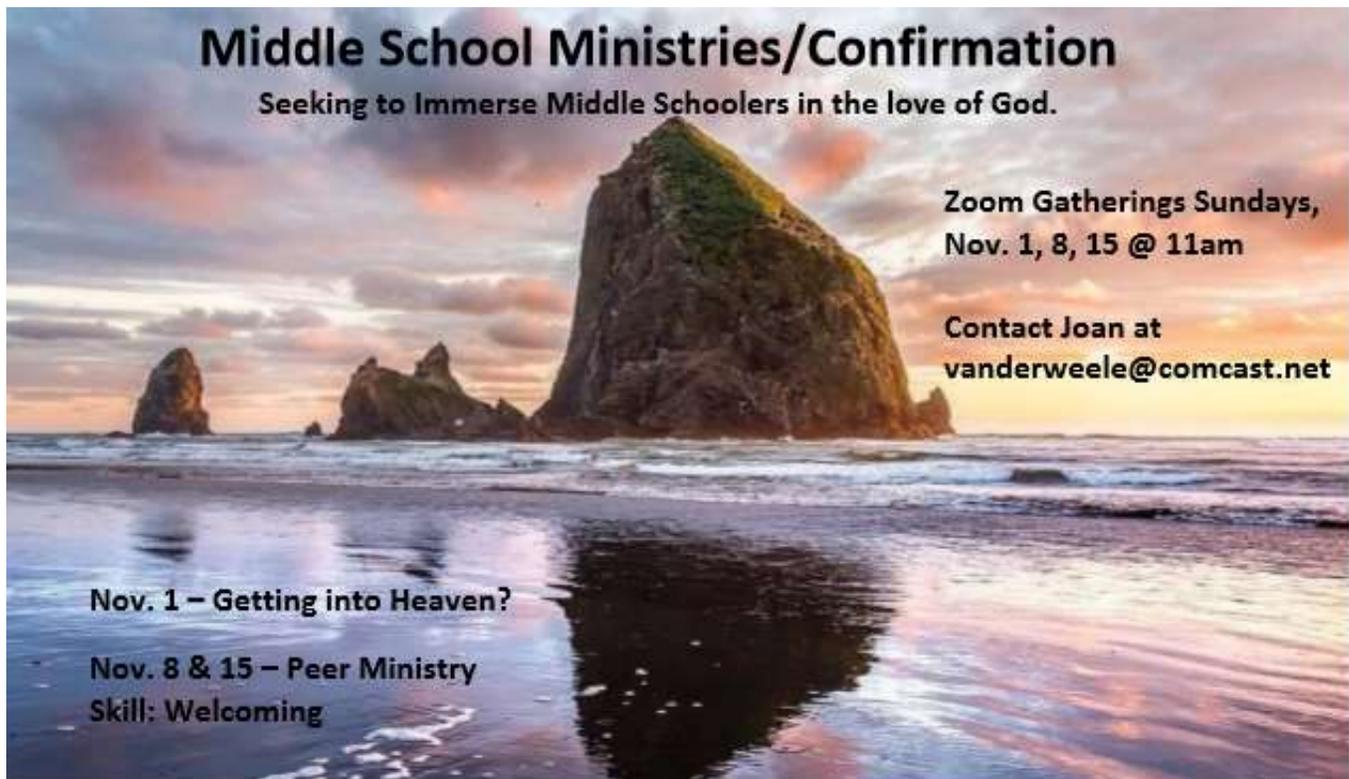
**No Sunday Classes:**

November 29

December 27

January 3

## Middle School NEWS



**Middle School Ministries/Confirmation**  
Seeking to Immerse Middle Schoolers in the love of God.

**Zoom Gatherings Sundays,  
Nov. 1, 8, 15 @ 11am**

**Contact Joan at  
[vanderweele@comcast.net](mailto:vanderweele@comcast.net)**

**Nov. 1 – Getting into Heaven?**

**Nov. 8 & 15 – Peer Ministry  
Skill: Welcoming**

# **St. Luke Youth NEWS**

## **SLY SUNDAY KICKS OFF! *SLY IN NOVEMBER***

Lots of cool things are happening in SLY during the month of November!

### **November 1**

**Pastor Patti joins us in SLY Sunday!!  
BE THERE!!**

### **November 8**

**SLY talks about the Reconciling in Christ designation for St. Luke and what that means.**

### **November 21**

**Saturday night ~ 7pm  
SLY Game Night!!!**

**Laurel Skinner is putting together an awesome Zoom game night for us!  
Don't miss the fun!**



## ***GIVE THANKS CAR PARADE!***

### **November 22**

**Drive by in your car or with your family between 11:00 and 12:30 to wave to us  
and receive a pre-Advent gift for your family!**

**It would be so great to see your faces!  
(NO Zoom SLY Sunday that morning)**

### **November 29**

**NO SLY Sunday ~ Thanksgiving Weekend**

**★SAVE THIS WEEK: June 20-26, 2021  
Probable Summer Service Trip Dates**



GIVE  
THANKS *Parade*

JOIN US FOR



*A St. Luke Drive By Parade*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00AM - NOON

ENTER AT SW CALIFORNIA ST

Bring food donations for Neighborhood House,  
Pick Up Advent Candle Kits, Wave & Say Hello!

BRING DONATIONS IN YOUR TRUNKS



## **BEATITUDE PANELS**

Gifted to St. Luke Lutheran Church

Woodcut (walnut) artist: Tim Sheie

Dedicated Saturday, October 24, 2020

**To the Glory of God and in Memory of Marion and Ernie Sheie**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1 style="color: red;">NOVEMBER 2020</h1> <p>PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS/EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL</p>						
<b>1</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 <sup>th</sup> grade 10:30am Coffee Time Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 <sup>st</sup> grade <b>Parent Group</b> 11:00am 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ 4 <sup>th</sup> grades MSM and SLY <b>5:00pm Agape Meal</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30am Sarah Circle  11:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:00am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting  4:00pm Anti-Racism Book Club 7:00pm Committee Night	<b>4</b> 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart  <b>7:00~8:00pm</b> <b>Adult Education:</b> <i>"Election, Now What?"</i> 7:30pm Bells	<b>5</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Communications Team</b>  7:30pm Choir Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Community Conversation Around Race  Synod Assembly
<b>8</b> <b>23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 <sup>th</sup> grade 10:30am Coffee Time Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 <sup>st</sup> grade <b>Parent Group</b> <b>10:45am Second Sunday Book Group</b> 11:00am: 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ 4 <sup>th</sup> grades MSM and SLY <b>5:00pm Agape Meal</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 8:00am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting  4:00pm Anti-Racism Book Club  6:00pm Finance Committee	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <i>(campus closed)</i>  4:00pm Prayer Pause	<b>12</b>  7:30pm Choir Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Women of the ELCA: Thankoffering 9:30am Worship 10:15am 5 <sup>th</sup> grade 10:30am Coffee Time Pre-K (3 years) ~ 1 <sup>st</sup> grade <b>Parent Group</b> 11:00am: 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ 4 <sup>th</sup> grades MSM and SLY <b>5:00pm Agape Meal</b>	<b>16</b> 11:00am Men's Bible Study  <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting  6:30pm Council Mtg.	<b>18</b> 4:00pm Prayer Pause 4:45pm Conversations from the Heart  <b>7:00~8:00pm</b> <b>Adult Education:</b> <i>"Core Values as a Christ Follower"</i> 7:30pm Bells	<b>19</b>  7:30pm Choir Mtg.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am Community Conversation Around Race
<b>22</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship <u>No Classes/Coffee Time</u> <b>11:00am ~ 12:30pm:</b> <b>"Give Thanks Drive By Parade"</b> <b>5:00pm Agape Meal</b>	<b>23</b> 11:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 8:00am Women's Bible Study  10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> 4:00pm Prayer Pause	<b>26</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>   (campus closed)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <u>2:00-3:30pm</u> Community Table Food Box Distribution
<b>29</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 9:30am Worship <u>No Classes</u> <b>10:30am Coffee Hour</b> <b>5:00pm Agape Meal</b>	<b>30</b> 11:00am Men's Bible Study  6:00pm Stephen's Ministry	 <b>St. Luke</b> LUTHERAN CHURCH  <b>Worship † Connect † Serve</b>				