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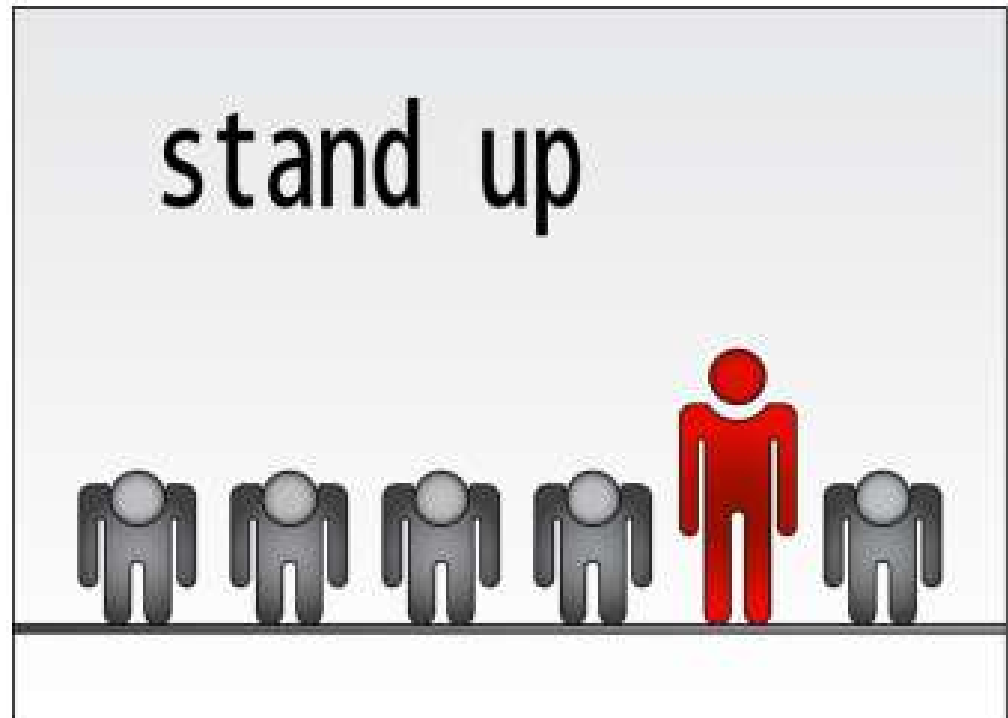
Office Hours: Monday ~ Friday: 8:30am ~ 4:30pm. Saturday: By Appointment.

<p>SUNDAY 12/02/18</p>	<p>1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10:00am Spiritual Life Hour: Sunday School, Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parents Faith Group 11am Modern Worship Communion Sunday School Opening 4:30pm Vespers 5:00pm Advent Festival</p>	<p>THURSDAY 12/06/18</p>	<p>10am FAB Planning Team Mtg. 12:30pm Mary Martha Circle 5:30pm Healthy Heart Talk Circle 6:00pm Communications Team 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsals 7:00pm AI-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir</p>
<p>MONDAY 12/03/18</p>	<p>9:30am Sarah Circle 10:30am Compassionate Communication 2:00pm Dorcas Circle 7:00pm Witcosky ChristCare 7:00pm Compassionate Communication</p>	<p>FRIDAY 12/07/18</p>	<p>7:00am Men's Bible Study: At Village Inn 6:00pm Interfaith Service <i>(Jewish/Dharma Centers)</i></p>
<p>TUESDAY 12/04/18</p>	<p>7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am Ruth Circle 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Committee Night</p>	<p>SATURDAY 12/08/18</p>	<p>9am~12noon SS Musical Dress Rehearsal 10:00am~12noon Riverwest Village 4-6pm Riverwest Christmas Party</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 12/05/18</p>	<p>7:00am Men's Bible Study: MARCO's 9:00am Librarians Wednesday Church Night: 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Timbrel Singers/Ringers House of Zion Shopping 6:15pm VESPERS 7:00pm Drama Rehearsal 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers 8:00PM Jumptown Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>SUNDAY 12/09/18</p>	<p>2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10am SS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parent Faith Group Welcoming Committee Mtg 11am SS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL Communion 1~7pm Swingen Music Recital</p>

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St. Luke Lutheran Church



Flowers at the altar are given by Haley and Jason Ellison in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary and by Dave and Nancy Scheele in anticipation of the birth of Jesus and in celebration our many family December birthdays.

Acolytes: 8:45 – Matthew Boka, Jackson Erwin; 11:00 – Nadege Adibonou
Communion: 8:45 – Dave and Sue Ramus; 11:00 – Ken and Kris Peirce
Greeters: 8:45 – Dale Vaughan; 11:00 – Dorene and Darryl Mollenhauer
Ushers: 8:45 – Laurence Beaudoin, Alice Mills, Bruce and Judy Bayley;
 11:00 – Krag and Tracy Petterson, Jeff and Gayla Ross

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 2, 2018



St. Luke Lutheran Church
Seeking The Heart Of Christ:
Prepare Our Hearts

DECEMBER 2, 2018

DARE WE STAND and look expectantly for Christ in our midst when the world is fearful?

WELCOME. Everyone is asked to fill out a worship card and send toward the center aisle. Child care is available in the nursery on the lower level. The library and narthex pews are also available for young children as needed. The ushers are helpful in answering your logistical questions.

PRAYERS: Mike Flegel and Carol Greene, Irv Nuss, Taylor Rethmeier (home), Donna Ause (hospice), Raymond Theobald (brother-in-law to Mary Kern), Victoria Meek and family at the loss of her brother, Justin. Beth Iverson (Marilyn Hudson's mother), Tim Grabe, Jeff Ross, for the family of Jaime Pacheco as they walk with his younger brother Omar Pacheco (cancer), Bill Loehr, Bonnie Brunk, Mike Dinkel, Lauren Patrick, Travis (friend of Elissa Baldwin), Christine Downey, Lori Meuser, Carol May, Harry Flesher, Virgil Anderson and those incarcerated.

IN MEMORIAM: Our love surrounds the family of St. Luke member, Donna Ause, age 90, who passed on November 28th. Donna's service is pending.

INTERFAITH SERVICE. St. Luke is hosting an Interfaith service put on by BBYO (Jewish youth) and the Dharma Center on **Friday, December 7th, 6-8pm.** You are welcome to join in!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS purchased from the Mujeres Luchaderas Progresistas (and sold by Social Concerns) are available for pick-up today.

THE GIVING TREE is up in the Narthex! There are gift tags on the tree for refugee families sponsored by Lutheran Community Services, as well as tags for the women, small children and babies who are residents of the Letty Owings Center. Requests are for both gifts (new) and gift cards. **Gift-wrap and return with the original tag, no later than Sunday, December 16th.** Contact: Jeff Ross at 503-460-7503.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT. December 5th: dinner begins at 5:30pm followed by Vespers at 6:15pm. Join us!

DECEMBER SERVICE EVENT: Our **SLY** (St Luke Youth) and **Confirmands** (Middle School Ministries) meet **Wednesday, December 5 at 6pm** to Christmas shop for House of Zion Lutheran Church children in need. On **Saturday, December 15 from 9am-1:15pm** they deliver their Christmas gifts to the children.

FAB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & SINGALONG. On **Tuesday, December 11th** our **Fifty And Beyond** fellowship group will enjoy a complimentary holiday luncheon at Courtyard Village Retirement Community in Raleigh Hills followed by a holiday singalong led by dan Hibbett. The lunch is served at 12noon. Due to restricted parking, it is strongly recommended that participants arrive in our church bus or carpools. **Meet at church for rides at 11:15am. Reservations Required to the church office by Monday, December 10th.**

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER was sent out last Wednesday. Please contact the church office you would prefer to receive "**The Messenger**" via email. It is also posted to our website.

FLOWER CHART 2019 is now posted in the Ministry Center on the bulletin board across from the elevator. **There are still a few openings for December 2018.** Lovely way to remember family or celebrate a special date. **Thanks up for signing-up!**

\$75 FOR 75 YEARS! We continue to welcome donations to celebrate St. Luke. Note: text donations are accepted as well.

YOU MAY NOTICE A STAND in the Ministry Center holding shoe holders with Middle Schoolers' names on them. **Today we are kicking off the 2018-2019 Middle School Ministries/Confirmation Christ Kin program that pairs a Middle Schooler with a caring adult mentor.** **How can you help?** Pray for our students and their Christ Kin mentors. You can also sneak candy or other small treats into the Christ Kin pouches – so long as there's enough for everybody.

SHARE A CHRISTMAS DINNER. Are you hosting a gathering on Christmas Day and have room at the table for more folks? Or is your Christmas Day gathering looking smaller this year and you would like to join others? Contact Gaile or Kristi Baack by December 17th if you would like to join others on Christmas Day or if you would welcome others to your home. Gaile Baack 503-246-2088; ebybaack@q.com Kristi Baack 503-246-0432; baackdeazley@q.com

NORTHEAST EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM: St. Luke provides volunteers for NEFP on the 3rd Saturday of each month. **We need more team members for both the morning shift (10:00-12:30) and the afternoon shift (1:00-4:15pm).** Contact: Judy Willis or sign up on the clipboard in the Ministry Center!

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 on **Thursday, December 13th, 2:30- 4pm.** Contact: Church office, 503-246-2325.

GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT. The 2019 date for the Grauer distribution is **Saturday, August 10th!** As we prepare for this event, we are currently in need of two new leads: 1) a lead grant writer for procuring additional funding for the Grauer Project and 2) An assistant shoe lead to help purchase for next year, as well as assist on the day of the event. Contact Judy Willis to volunteer!

COMING UP.....!

December 9	Sunday School Musical
December 11	FAB Holiday
December 12	Vespers at 6:15pm
December 19	Vespers at 6:15pm
December 16	"Gloria" ~ Rejoice Choir: 4pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Services" 3, 5, 7 and 10:30pm
December 30	Lessons & Carols Sunday 10am Brunch

HOSPITALITY TEAM. Sunday mornings we have a team set-up the hospitality bar in the narthex. A second team cleans up after the 11am service. A four-month schedule is created, and each team volunteers an average of once per month. We currently need a team member to prepare coffee before the first service on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Judy Willis: judy@stlukechurch.com.

ST. LUKE PHOTO DIRECTORY 2019: Thank you to all who have participated in the St. Luke photo directory and had your pictures taken during November. **The St. Luke Photo Directory will not be complete without you.**

January 8-12, 2019 dates are now open. You can schedule online at www.stlukechurch.com under What's New tab or follow instructions on your reminder email.

There is no cost to you or St. Luke for the directory or to have your photograph taken. **For participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a St. Luke photo directory. Our goal is 100% participation.**

Questions? Contact the church office at 503-246-2325.

The St. Luke Church directory will help all of us connect a name with a familiar face!

LIBRARY FOOTNOTE: New book Maryann Remsburg, "Chosen For Such A Time: Terrorism in the White House". Based on the biblical story of Esther but set in today's world. Told in 1st person by four people.