



St. Luke  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Thank You for joining us in Worship!

*If you are new or visiting today, welcome! We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here. Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.*

*Today's flowers are given by the Nordquist family in loving memory of Marian Throne.*

**Worship:** In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion bread. Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the tray by the pastors.

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship:** Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30pm. Please join us for a quiet service of prayer, song, and message on this Thanksgiving Eve. *St. Luke's office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. The office will reopen Friday, November 24.*
- **Holden Evening Prayer:** Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, 13, 20 from 6:30-7pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **Fourth Sunday in Advent:** Sunday, December 24, *one service only* at 10:30am.
- **Christmas Eve Services:** Sunday, December 24 - 3pm, 5pm, & 10:30pm. *No service on December 25.*
- **Sunday, December 31:** *One service only* at 10:30am.

**St. Luke's Nursery:** The nursery is open offering care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10-15-11:45am). *The nursery will be closed Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**Prayers for the Departed:** **Wilbur Menicosy; Carolyn Jackson; Joan Rohrer & Lisa Boylan** (Joan's daughter); **Marian Throne, Louise Grande, Gene Maier** (father of Jonathan & David Maier), **Carl Eckerle** (Joan Frazer's brother-in-law); **Bill Davidson** (Joan Frazer's brother), **Betty Koester, Robin Dustan** (Mark Dustan's sister), **Tom Lahiff** (Carolyn and Jim Loch's brother-in-law).

**Prayer List:** **Craig Brustad** (Janet Salvador's brother); **Cindy Gibbon** (cancer treatment); **Mary Bocker** (breast cancer surgery/Mark and Donna Bocker's daughter); **Marleen Roth** (fractured pelvic bone); **Don Alrick** (triple bypass surgery); **Barbara Bocker** (stepmother of Mark Bocker - recovering after fall); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma), **John Jackson** (recovering from a fall), **John Chesnutt** (post-hospitalization), **Dale Vaughan** (healing from fall), **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery), **Bill Loehr** (surgery), **Sue Seiffert** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Carter West** (neurological disease), **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (hospice/Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998), **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer surgery #2), **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law), **Dave Simmons, Bev Westlund** (knee surgery), **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer), **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Elaine Woodward** (stroke), **John Jessen, Dee Mills, Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

### PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

9am-5pm, Monday-Friday:

Church Office (503) 246-2325

9am-5pm any day: RuJeanne Anderson (503) 297-2246

5pm-10pm any day: Carol Greene, 503-245-4189



**Connect:** **Today's Thankoffering Services:** We are excited to welcome LuAnn Aakhus as our guest speaker. Beginning with her attendance at Augustana University (along with Marilyn Hudson), she has always been involved in the church and in the work of women in the ELCA. Her career as an executive in health care organizations involved work in the US and globally, and she now works with an organization helping address the opioid crisis. "Thankoffering" envelopes will be available today for special offerings for the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) where, among other things, they are used to support online and printed communications of WELCA, justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization and the administration of WELCA grants and scholarship programs.

**Modern Worship Sing Today!** Get ready for an uplifting and contemporary worship experience! Join us for a "Modern Worship Sing-Through" today at noon led by our Director of Music, Gerry Brenes, where we'll dive into an array of inspiring songs that will be a part of our upcoming worship services. Connect with God through the power of music, and feel the spirit move as we share the songs that will lead us in worship through Advent. Come and let your spirit soar with us! All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration.

**Advent Festival:** Come for holiday crafting and hot chocolate Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 pm. This fun, beloved traditional "Advent Festival" is always the first weekend in December. This event is free and open to all - great especially for kids as our crafts are simple so many can enjoy rotating through completing several projects. Kick off the season with crafting items that can be enjoyed in your homes or gifted to someone you love: decorating cedar branches, decorating advent candles, gum drop snowflakes, giftbag decorating (and more)!

**Serve:** **Grateful Generosity:** It is the generosity of God that makes possible all that we have and all that we are. The generosity of the Holy Spirit's presence makes it possible for us to perceive and interpret our lives and our possessions through the eyes of faith and gratitude. In response you are invited to act with grateful generosity. Consider and pray about how you will respond. Today we will invite members to bring their statement of intent cards forward where we will have a basket for them to be blessed. You may also return a digital card by going to [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com) and clicking "Give" (or scan QR code).



**Council Meeting:** St. Luke's Council will meet at 11:45am today in the Conference Room.

**Communion Help - Table Setup, Cleaning, or Assisting/Serving Sign-Ups:**



➤ Would you like to contribute to the communion service by serving during the services? If so, we would greatly appreciate your help! Scan the QR code to sign up!



➤ Another way to support the communion service is by preparing the table. You can help by setting the table and/or cleaning afterward. If you're interested in lending a hand, please scan the QR code to sign up for a Sunday (or Sundays) after a service of your choice. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Melody: [Melody.Drangstveit@gmail.com](mailto:Melody.Drangstveit@gmail.com); (503) 312-7785.

St. Luke Staff  
**Blessings in the journey of faith!**

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