

St. Luke Lutheran Church – Just the facts

Where: St. Luke Lutheran Church is located at 4595 SW California Street, Portland Oregon 97219, which is in a largely residential neighborhood.

What: Since 1943 we have been a welcoming ELCA congregation with an emphasis on personal spiritual growth and serving our neighbors. With approximately 1,200 members, we are one of the larger Portland-area Lutheran churches. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and affirm the dignity and worth of all persons regardless of gender identity, race, or sexual orientation. As a majority-white community of faith we are committed to critical learning and reflection about racism. We share our gifts with the world through various outreach projects.

Who: Our leaders are lead pastor Patti Welch and associate pastor Beth Brashear, both of whom work with the church council. Our staff includes a current music director, a pianist, an organist, children's and high-school youth coordinators, a service coordinator, an office manager, a finance manager, and assorted other musicians and volunteers.

When: A modern and family-oriented worship service happens at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays, followed by a more traditional worship service at 10:30 a.m. In addition, numerous study groups, youth groups, music groups and volunteer activities occur throughout the week. During the season of Lent and Advent, we provide mid-week services.

More about music: Music is a strong and vital component of worship at St. Luke. Currently we make a joyful noise with groups including a traditional choir, a handbell ensemble, a modern worship team featuring instruments and drums, children's choirs, a beginner's handbell group, and occasional music selections from a marimba ensemble. An organist, a pianist, and others contribute to worship.

Health and safety: We follow Oregon Health Authority and Center for Disease Control guidelines on COVID safety measures. Our council and advisors track the science; we encourage vaccinations and boosters, and we require indoor masking at this time.

Trivia: St. Luke's geographical distance from:

- a funky coffee shop – 100 feet.
- a City of Portland community center, workout facility, pool, and 100 acre park: 100 yards.
- a vegan restaurant and a yogurt shop: 200 yards.

- a Catholic church with whom we celebrate Thanksgiving and Palm Sunday: 50 feet.
- downtown Portland: 5 miles.
- a food-cart pod: 1 mile.
- an independent bookstore in a pedestrian-oriented shopping village: 2 miles.
- skiing and hiking at Mt. Hood: 70 miles.
- the Oregon coast: 80 miles.