

## Weekly Press



Rally Day visitation from the Portland Fire Department!

### ***Plans for the 2024 Benson Family Foundation Grant Process***

For more information please read [here](#).

### ***Contemplative Prayer***

"Take my life, and let it be a living prayer, my God to thee." ~ Alison Kraus

Meets every Wednesday, 10:30am - 11:30am in Upper Shalom. Dates are: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16. Facilitated by Lisa Knudsen and Pr. Beth. For more information please refer to St. Luke website [here](#).

***Transforming; Welcoming our LGBTQIA2S+ Siblings***  
Tuesday, September 17 & 24, October 1, 8, 15 & 22

### ***Memorial Service***

Service will be held for St. Luke member Dave Simmons Saturday, September 14 at 11am.

### ***Education Hour - Youth/Parents***

Starts Sunday, September 15 Children's Church at 9:15am service.

Youth/Parents at 10:30am

- MSM Lower Shalom
- SLY Vermont House
- Adults Upper Shalom

### ***The Good Words Book Group***

Resumes September 15 at 9:15 in Conference Room. Our book is Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. New members are always welcome! Contact Caryl Walker at [cawpdx@icloud.com](mailto:cawpdx@icloud.com) if you

### ***Save-the-Date***

#### ***Fantastic Fun Night***

Saturday, September 21 from 7pm - 9:30pm. MSL & SLY meet monthly in Fellowship Hall.

#### ***Fall Christmas Retreat & Potluck***

Saturday, September 21, 9am - 2pm in Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary for feasting, bonding & music rehearsals as we prepare for upcoming Christmas Season. Potluck sign up will follow soon. For more information please contact Steven Schaefer at [steven@stlukechurch.com](mailto:steven@stlukechurch.com).

#### ***Table Talks***

Rev. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence will lead monthly Table Talks again Wednesday, September 25, 7-8pm via

**from 7pm—8pm on Zoom.**  
As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, this is a great opportunity for our St. Luke community to better welcome the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

The zoom forum/class will use the book, ***Transforming, The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians***, by **Austen Hartley**. It will be a resource to further our understanding of transgender people.

We will cover:

- A review of LGBTQIA2S+ terminology as it relates to gender and orientation.
- What does scriptural creation say about transgender individuals?
- How does the cultural Christian leadership deal with transgender?

This zoom class will have 6 sessions, with 3-4 guests who are part of the LGBTQIA2S+ that can provide an opportunity for candid discussion. Join us as we learn to be better allies and welcomers even if we don't have all the answers. For more information, please contact Dean Gustafson at [deangustafson@mac.com](mailto:deangustafson@mac.com).

Meeting ID: 864 1226 2541  
Passcode: 898367  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86412262541?pwd=vP7i8X8VlqttbhLkX6BLiHMpg25nOz.1>

have questions.

### ***Men's Bible Study - Explore Holy Scriptures using WorkingPreacher.org***

Tuesday Men's Bible Study invites St. Luke members of all ages to join every Tuesday, 8am - 9am starting September 17 on [Zoom](#). Please read [here](#) for more information.

### ***FAB Willamette Heritage Center Outing***

Wednesday, September 18, 9:30am-3:00pm. Pls. RSVP by noon Monday, September 16. For more information, pls contact Marsha Swantz at [dls-mls@hotmail.com](mailto:dls-mls@hotmail.com).

### ***Christmas in September Food Drive***

Bring your bagged items to church any day, (except Monday) from 9:30 - 4pm. For more information, please see [flyer](#).

### ***Out of Office***

Pr. Patti - Monday, September 23 - Wednesday 25. She will be available via email.

[Zoom](#) and Saturday, September 28, 11am in Conference Room. Please read Table Talk article "[The Political Responsibility of the Church](#)".

### ***Middle School Fall Retreat***

Saturday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 29.

Parent helper signup. Your leadership is both a witness to your student, and it is necessary to make this retreat happen!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49ACAE22A5FE3-50756280-msmretreat>

Student RSVP signup [here](#).



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