

# Weekly Update



**August 7 – August 13, 2022**  
**Grauer Week!**

Pastors Patti and Beth are available to visit. Call the church office (503) 246-2325 to speak with them or email: Pastor Patti Welch, [pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com), will be back in the office on Monday, August 8, and Pastor Beth Brashear, [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com), will be in the office until Wednesday, August 10 and will be back the following week.

## WORSHIP

Join us Sunday mornings at **9:15am** for band-led worship, **10:30am** for organ-led worship.

- Our summer worship schedule remains the same!
  - Our 9:15 service now includes a Children's Message!
  - Educational offerings will resume with Rally Day, September 11, 2022.
- Masking during worship is encouraged, but optional.

Not able to join us in-person? **Worship with us online!** Our 10:30am service is livestreamed on Facebook and saved on YouTube and Facebook. Access St. Luke's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StLukeLuth> or via our website: [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com).

- For full participation online, you will want your bulletin!
- To download the Weekly Update and the Worship Bulletin go to [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com)

**Prayers for the Departed: Bonnie Brunk, Nora Christensen (sister to Cindy Gibbon) Bob Metz, Ray Enquist, Gay Brashear, Evelyn Bowlby and Kevin Fromm.**

**Prayer List:** Alessandra (Sarah Johnson's niece), **Fraser Rasmussen** (broken femur), **Pat Bremmer** (Rob Bremmer's mother), **Helen Petersen** (Scott Petersen's mother), **Patti Huntting**, **Holly Delaunay** (Mark Dustan's sister), **Mark Dustan** (gallbladder surgery), **Sue Enquist**, **Michael Stabeno**, **Gary Caster** (Tremper family), **Dave Reynolds**, **Khaya Mahlangu** (relative of Urah Boka), **David Osenberg**, **Meri Alrick** (foot surgery), **Lawrence Carasco**, **Erik Johnson** (son of Margaret and Vern Johnson), **Carolyn Jackson** (hospice), **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Lisa Ring** (surgery for cancer), **Elaine Woodward**, **Gary Hofsommer**, **Dave Simmons** (cancer), **John Jessen**, **Hal Yackley**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Henry Heuer**, **Will Heuer**, **Dee Mills**, **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

## CONNECT

**Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7am** via Zoom

Studying: "**The Universal Christ**" by Richard Rohr.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6169686873?pwd=V3J6c25tYjNKTUFWVktYd1UvK2NNdz09>

Meeting ID: 616 968 6873      Passcode: Sunshine      Contact: Michael Ford

**Friday Men's Breakfast Bible Study: Fridays at 7am at Miller's Homestead Restaurant.**

Join us to study the appointed Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

BYOB (Bring your own Bible). Masks required for entering and exiting the restaurant.

Contact Mark Dustan (503) 703-1872.

**Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8am** on Zoom. All are welcome!

Ever wonder how things in the Bible fit together? Join in and we will share the reading list!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/501766676?pwd=N1RKSTRTRU96NDdzeE9Ga2ZDeUpMQT09>

ID: 501 766 676      Passcode: 378366

## SERVE

**It's Grauer Week!**

**Sunday, August 7 - Grauer Moving Day:** Stay after second service worship and help move all Grauer inventory from Vermont House, Shalom and classrooms to where it needs to be staged for set up. Time approximately 11:30am.

**Tuesday-Thursday, August 9-11: Grauer set-up days** each morning from 9-11am. Meet in the narthex.

**GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT: Saturday, August 13**

Please follow the link below to sign up to serve a shift and help distribute school supplies, clothing and shoes to students in our neighborhood! We especially need people to help children get shoes: consider signing up to be their "sole" support! Questions: contact Julie Gaudette: [grauervol@gmail.com](mailto:grauervol@gmail.com)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aaad2ba2f8c61-grauer>

**West Women's & Children's Shelter** desperately needs strollers, car seats, even wagons for getting the kiddos around. Also, can use any infant/baby/toddler clothing and supplies including diapers and pull-ups up to the very large sizes. Items can be dropped in the West Women's box in the Ministry Center. Contact Gerry Foote about donations: [peaceleaves@comcast.net](mailto:peaceleaves@comcast.net).

**Support our Nasiri Afghan refugee family:** our refugee family is thriving! Their greatest need is transportation. Might you be able to help in either of the following ways?

- help with occasional transportation to doctor appointments or to parks or sightseeing
- donations appreciated to help cover purchase and insurance costs for a used vehicle.

Contact Carolyn Hokanson Loch at [carolyn.s.hokanson@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.s.hokanson@gmail.com) or Joan Snyder at [vanderweele@comcast.net](mailto:vanderweele@comcast.net).

**Serve in worship as an usher or greeter.**

Contact usher coordinator Tom Ludwig at [tom@twigconsulting.com](mailto:tom@twigconsulting.com).

**Read Scripture or lead the Prayers of the People in worship!** Sign up via "Sign-up Genius": Link through August: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A8AA2FA5FC1-layreaders> or contact Cindy Gibbon at (503) 880-5502.

**Communion set-up and clean-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aa9ac22a5fd0-communion1>

or Contact: Melody Drangstveit [melody.drangstveit@gmail.com](mailto:melody.drangstveit@gmail.com) Thanks in advance!

**Assist with Communion** – on the Sundays when only one pastor is leading our 10:30 service, we need lay leaders to help serve the bread. Please contact Pr. Beth at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com) if you are interested in doing so!

**St. Luke is Hiring:**

★ Piano Accompanist

*If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please direct them to*

**Job Opportunities on the St. Luke website:** <https://www.stlukechurch.com/list-of-job-opportunities.html>

**AV Techs needed for Worship!**

We gather to hear the Story of God's work in the world, and in order to do so well, we need to be able to hear and see! Do you like to serve behind the scenes? Do you have good attention to detail? Join our AV Team! We are scheduling training classes and would like your input as to which day – Saturday afternoons or Sunday afternoons – works better for you.

Sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/sNP9f1WjWlhnuVESA>

**MINI PANTRY**

We continue to stock the mini pantry for our neighbors in the community. And, we thank all members and our neighbors who are adding food this summer. Please select a week to mind the pantry -- it's an organizing and tidying task. Additional Fall weeks have been added to SignUp Genius. Make it easy and check the pantry when you are at Church on Sunday! Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A5AA2CA7F9C70-stluke>

## **SPONSOR**

Are you interested in learning more about other cultures? Have you ever thought about hosting an exchange student? Bringing a student into your home deepens cross-cultural understanding for both the student and the host family. The mission of AFS-USA is to advance world peace through global connections. Young people are prepared to be ambassadors for their countries and develop a love and appreciation for our country that they take back and share with their communities. Exchange students become global citizens and often international leaders thanks to time spent with you sharing your traditions and values. Visit [afsusa.org/host-family](https://www.afsusa.org/host-family) to learn more, including seeing locally available students arriving in August. Please reach out to Christina Wood with questions. ([cvmewood@hotmail.com](mailto:cvmewood@hotmail.com)).

**Write to Jeremy:** Jeremy Eckhardt is a St. Luke member serving time in Two Rivers Correctional Institution, which is currently having a COVID outbreak and power outages. We invite you to send Jeremy notes of encouragement. *(Note: please use regular paper or professionally printed greeting cards, as homemade cards and postcards are not permitted.)*

**Jeremy Eckhardt #15360866**  
**Two Rivers Correctional Institution**  
**82911 Beach Access Rd.**  
**Umatilla, OR 97882**

**Thank you** for your support of St. Luke ministries and care of each other throughout this year.

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**Alert:** During Covid-19, fraudsters are targeting members of faith communities. If you receive an email or text that claims to be from someone on staff from St. Luke who is in a difficult situation and needs gift cards, please take down the number, then call St. Luke at the number above.