

Weekly Update



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 4 – December 10, 2022

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 or Pastor Beth Brashear: pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com to connect with them.

WORSHIP

Sunday morning services: band-led worship at **9:15am**, and choir-led worship at **10:30am**.

- Masking during worship is encouraged, but optional.

Sunday Educational Opportunities –

9:00-10:00am – Exploring Scriptures Together – on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041236770?pwd=a01xRmVUbUxLcy9McjZZNkFVWHprZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 4123 6770 Passcode: 015714

9:15am Children's Church – During the 9:15am service

10:15-11:30 – Nursery open (birth - 3 years)

10:30am:

- **Children's Ministries** (3 yrs-5th Grade).
Early drop off at 10:05am in Fellowship Hall Room 107
- **Middle School Ministries** (6th-8th Grades) Lower Shalom
- **SLY High School Ministries** (9th-12th Grades) Vermont House
- **Parent Group** – Upper Shalom

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.

- For full participation online, you will want your bulletin!
- Download the Weekly Update and the Worship Bulletin: www.stlukechurch.com

Holden Evening Prayer: a brief and hauntingly beautiful Vespers service, from **6:30-7:00pm** on our Wednesdays in Advent: **December 7, 14, and 21.**

Prayer Pause: Wednesdays at 4pm! Join Pastor Beth on St. Luke's Facebook page for this livestreamed prayer time.

Prayers for the Departed: **Patti Hunting, Messanvi Kpadenou** (cousin to Christophe Senah), **Craig O'Bryant, Jean Nichols, James Van Horn, Hal Yackley, Jerry Durgan, Jane McKinney** (sister to Bill Loehr), **Pat Bremmer** (Rob Bremmer's mother), **Sonja Perkins.**

Prayer List: **Dave Simmons, Barb Dahlgren, Gloria Miniszewski, Bev Westlund** (knee replacement surgery), **Jeff Ross** (healing from surgery), **Karyn O'Bryant** (death of her brother), **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer), sister of Jackie McQuiston, **Freda Tremper** (hospice), **Sue Linke** (Andrew Watson's mother), **Doug and Joyce Parmeter** (Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter's parents), **Fraser Rasmussen** (femur), **Meri Alrick** (lung surgery), **Helen Petersen** (Scott Petersen's mother), **Georgann Dustan** post-surgery, **Mark Dustan** (post-gallbladder surgery), **Holly Delaunay** (Mark Dustan's sister), **Khaya Mahlangu** (relative of Urah Boka), **Lawrence Carasco, Carolyn Jackson** (hospice), **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Lisa Ring** (surgery for cancer), **Joan Fraser**, knee replacement, **David Osenberg** (rectal cancer), **Elaine Woodward, John Jessen, Dee Mills, Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

CONNECT

Exploring Scriptures Together resumes! Study the Bible readings that we will hear in worship. Gather on Zoom Sundays from 9-10am.

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Advent Festival! Join us for a time of fellowship and fun **THIS SUNDAY, December 4: 4-6pm!** Craft activities, Food, Fun!

Enjoy Sarah Bellum Cupcakes, holiday crafts, favorite carols, and much more!

FREE ADMISSION

Advent Wednesday offerings – December 7, 14, and 21

Tidings of Comfort and Joy: An Advent of Making ~ 5:00-6:00pm – written and led by Sheri Brown
Join facilitator Sheri Brown this Advent to explore what faith is making of you this Advent season ... and to practice making a few gifts for the world in response. Our Advent of Making will be a season of making peace, making hope, making comfort, and making joy.

Each session will focus on a specific gift, with participants expected to design and commit to their own gift-making practice for the coming week.

“Be not just hearers of the word,” counsels James 1:22, **“but also makers of the word.”**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84858090697?pwd=V3dudnpjVlQ3OU8rNzk4ZU1XVC8zUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 5809 0697 Passcode: 958617

- **Advent Soup Suppers ~ 6:00-6:30pm**
- **Holden Evening Prayer ~ 6:30 - 7:00pm.**

FAB Holiday Luncheon

On **Tuesday, December 6th**, Fifty And Beyond fellowship group will enjoy a complimentary luncheon at Courtyard Village Senior Living in Raleigh Hills, followed by holiday songs with our Director of Music Gerry Brenes. We will meet at the church at **11:15am** for bus rides or to carpool. **Reservation required.** Call the church office 503-246-2325 **by 12noon on Wednesday, November 30.**

Monthly Memory Cafe

Thursday, December 8th, 2:30 - 4:00pm.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the next monthly social time for people with memory loss and their family/friend care partners. Contact Marsha Swantz: DLS-MLS@HOTMAIL.COM

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

Each Tuesday in December we will discuss the Old Testament and Gospel lessons for the coming Sunday. The lessons can be accessed using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxzezzc>

Beginning Tuesday, January 3, we will read and discuss *A New Kind of Christianity – “Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith”* by Brian McLaren.

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

Meeting ID: 616 968 6873 Passcode: Sunshine Contact: Jim Steele

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). 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>

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Good Words Book Group

Our next meeting is November 20 at 9:15 in the Library. We will discuss “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson. I hope you can be there.

Coming up:

*December -- No Meeting

*January 15 - “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles (this is a big book so don't put off getting a library copy or starting it)

* February 19 - Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow

See you then, Caryl Walker

SERVE

Thanks to St. Luke Middle School Ministry student's hands that selected the food for our neighborhood mini pantry and for the lay leaders who orchestrated a wonderful Bible based inventory shopping trip and care for the mini pantry along the St. Luke Driveway.

- If you want to help with this project, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a5aa2ca7f9c70-stluke>
- If you are called to co-lead this community project for 2023, please contact: Maripat Hensel, henselresearch@gmail.com.

House of Zion (Casa de Zion) service opportunities for youth!

MSM and SLY provide Christmas gifts for children of low-income families.

- **Wednesday, December 7 – Shop for House of Zion – 6:20pm.**
- **(Join us for dinner at 5:45. Join us at 6:15 in the narthex to go shopping.)**
- **Saturday, December 17 – Distribute gifts at House of Zion – 8:00am-1:00pm.**

Do you love children? Want a simple and meaningful way to support their faith? Become a **Godly Play Door Keeper!** Door keepers greet children by the door to Room 109 (south entrance) as the children enter into the sacred Godly Play space.

- Time commitment: 10:20-10:35am on Sundays
- We prefer Door Keepers are NOT parents of kids currently enrolled in our classes. (We want to give them the opportunity to worship or partake in the Parent Group).
- Easy instructions are posted by the Door Keeper chair.
- Sign up at the link below, or on the paper form in the Ministry Center Main Floor St. Luke.

Thank you for investing in our children! Questions welcome. Contact Kim anytime:

childrensministry@stlukechurch.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448aea92f4-sunday1>

The West Women and Children's Shelter has put out the call for large size clothing for women: up to sizes 2x, 3x, 4x including **sweaters and coats in XXL and up-sizes.**

Joyfully Announcing Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas (MLP) Christmas Wreath Sales

Purchase beautiful wreaths from farm working women as they work towards economic and leadership development. Each Handmade wreath of Noble fern bows, pinecones, and holly measures 24-26 inches in diameter. A large red bow is included. Wreaths are \$40 dollars each. Only 35 are available. Please sign up fast. **Wreaths will be delivered to St. Luke and ready for pickup Sunday, December 4.** The MLP are grateful for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0444aea72ba1fb6-christmas>

The Giving Tree

We support Letty Owings and Lutheran Community Services. You can sign up to purchase a gift through our Sign-Up Genius. The Sign-Up will be active through December 18. All gifts must be returned by December 18. Thank you to everyone who is making this another successful year for the Giving Tree:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EACAE29AAFA7-giving>

Communion set-up and clean-up:

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

or Contact: Melody Drangstveit melody.drangstveit@gmail.com Thanks in advance!

Write to Jeremy:

Jeremy Eckhardt is a St. Luke member serving time in Two Rivers Correctional Institution.

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.