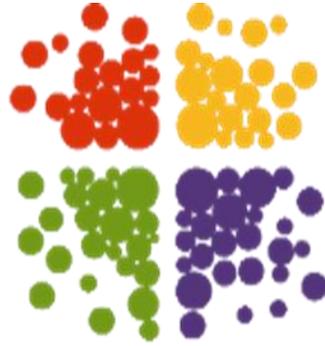


# Weekly Update



## St. Luke LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 18 – 24, 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 at [pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com) or Pastor Beth Brashear at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto: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** – Nursery Care, Children’s Ministries, Middle School Ministries, SLY (High School Ministries), and Exploring Scriptures Together resume September 18!

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)

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

**Prayers for the Departed:** Jane McKinney (sister of Bill Loehr), Ray Enquist, Pat Bremmer (Rob Bremmer’s mother), Sonja Perkins, Bonnie Brunk.

**Prayer List:** Pam Smith (Nancy Feldman's younger sister diagnosed with bone cancer), Meri Alrick (lung surgery on September 13<sup>th</sup>), Alessandra (Sarah Johnson's niece), Fraser Rasmussen (broken femur), Helen Petersen (Scott Petersen's mother), Patti Huntting, Holly Delaunay (Mark Dustan's sister), Mark Dustan (recovering after gallbladder surgery), Sue Enquist, Michael Stabeno, Gary Caster (Tremper family), Khaya Mahlangu (relative of Urah Boka), David Osenberg, Lawrence Carasco, Carolyn Jackson (hospice), Michael Butler (cancer and surgery), Lisa Ring (surgery for cancer), Elaine Woodward, Gary Hofsommer, John Jessen, Hal Yackley, Georgann Dustan, Henry Heuer, Will Heuer, Dee Mills, Jeremy Eckhardt and those incarcerated.

## CONNECT

**New! Grief Group** for all who are grieving the loss of an important relationship, whether due to divorce, death, dementia or other causes. **10am Fridays** Sept. 23 – Nov. 11 and co-facilitated by Marilyn Veden (long-time grief group facilitator) and Pr. Beth. We draw from the wonderful *Journeying Through Grief* series by Kenneth Haugk.

**Last chance: Get your photos taken** for our new congregational directory! Your last opportunity is **Sunday, Sept. 25!** Photos taken in the narthex between services or after the 10:30 service.

### **Sunday morning educational opportunities resume!**

9:15 – Children's Church (part of the Modern Service) Beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>!

9:30-10:30 – Exploring Scriptures Together (Conference Room & Zoom)

10:05 – Children's Ministry early drop off (Fellowship Hall Room 107)

10:30-11:30

- Children's Ministries – Godly Play
- Middle School Ministries – Lower Shalom
- SLY (High School Ministries) - Vermont House

**Lutheran 101 continues!** Join us for a 4-week series of building relationships while exploring some of our foundational, Lutheran understandings of the life of faith. We have two offerings that meet weekly in September:

All Are Welcome: **Wednesdays, September 21, and 28, 2022; 6:00-7:30pm**  
Fellowship Hall & Library.

Young Adults' Gathering: **Thursdays, September 22, and 29, 2022 – 6:00-7:30pm.**  
Please RSVP to [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com) for this gathering.

**In this series, we will meet together weekly**, share stories together using a mutual invitation model, provide safe and open-hearted space for one another, explore together central pieces of our faith and congregational life that bring us together as a community, share together in a simple meal. We will not assume that everyone has had similar experiences of God or religion, judge anyone's beliefs or life situation, or expect someone to conform in order to be fully welcomed. "Let us build a house where love can dwell." ~ *All Are Welcome* by Marty Haugen

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

**Study: "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi"** by Amy-Jill Levine

<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>

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## SERVE

**We are holding an All-Church Work Party on Saturday, September 17th from 9:30 am until noon, rain or shine.** We will be cleaning windows, cleaning some hard-to-get-at floors, moving and dumping wood chips, removing/repairing/tossing out some older folding tables, cleaning the junk out of certain closets, and moving lots of old cardboard to the cardboard dumpster.

And, of course, there is painting and weeding work to do, the weather allowing. Something available for everybody! Please bring work gloves; most everything else will be provided. (Coffee and donut holes will be there, of course!) See Dan Gott for any questions regarding this upcoming September Church event. (503) 750-5256.

**Christmas in September!** This month, bring food items to support the Northwest Emergency Food Program at Luther Memorial. Take a star from the tree in the narthex, purchase and return the item listed on it by Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Share an encouraging word of support** with St. Luke member Pat Huntting on her CaringBridge site. Pat is a long-time St. Luke member has been the shirt lead for Grauer for many years: she has recently been diagnosed with metastatic bone cancer, and she would love to hear from you. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pathuntting>

**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.

Contacts: Carolyn Hokanson Loch at [carolyn.s.hokanson@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.s.hokanson@gmail.com)

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!

**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 Sign-Up Genius. Make it easy and check the pantry when you are at Church on Sunday! Sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A5AA2CA7F9C70-stluke>

**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.