

Weekly Update



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 25 – October 1, 2022

Pastor Beth is available to visit this week while Pr. Patti is taking Continuing Education. Call the church office (503) 246-2325, or email pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com.

WORSHIP

This Sunday, Sept. 25 – Day of Remembrance, commemorating the First Nations' children who were sent to residential schools. Our Middle School Ministries students will help lead the 10:30 service.

Next Sunday, Oct. 2 – Care for Creation Sunday

- **Blessing of the Animals at 11:45am** on the Shalom Lawn!

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 –

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

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

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!
- To download the Weekly Update and the Worship Bulletin go to 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: **Jerry Durgan, Jane McKinney** (sister of Bill Loehr), **Pat Bremmer** (Rob Bremmer's mother), **Sonja Perkins**

Prayer List: **Donna and John Laughlin**, friends of Melody Drangstveit dealing with health concerns **Patti Huntting** (hospice care), **Pam Smith** (Nancy Feldman's younger sister diagnosed with bone cancer), **Meri Alrick** (lung surgery on September 13th), **Fraser Rasmussen** (broken femur), **Helen Petersen** (Scott Petersen's mother), **Holly Delaunay** (Mark Dustan's sister), **Mark Dustan** (post 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. Now running **10:00am Fridays**, September 30 – November 18: 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 week of **Lutheran 101!** Young Adults' Gathering: **Thursday, September 29th – 6:00-7:30pm.**

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=V3J6c25tYjNKTUFVWktYd1UvK2NNdz09>

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

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 25th.

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

Contacts: Carolyn Hokanson Loch at carolyn.s.hokanson@gmail.com

Joan Snyder at vanderweele@comcast.net.

Serve in worship as an usher or greeter.

Contact usher coordinator Gary Tremper at papaandsusu@yahoo.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 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 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.
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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.