

# Weekly Update



## September 12 – 18, 2021

Pastor Patti and Pastor Beth are available to visit by phone or in person (both pastors are vaccinated and can meet outdoors or indoors). Contact the church office at 503.246.2325 to speak with them or request a visitation, or email them at Pastor Patti Welch at [pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com) and Pastor Beth Brashear at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com).

Stopping by St. Luke? Please wear your mask (regardless of your vaccination status)! Thank you -- and thank you for scheduling an appointment!

## WORSHIP

### Rally Day Sunday, September 12!

**Worship outside at 9:30am** (no seating limit). Bring your own chair(s)!

- 7 Children celebrate their First Communion!
- Livestreamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in person!

**Outdoor Ministry Fair begins at 10:30am!** Enjoy games, a drum circle, and other collaborative activities! Explore the different ministries that God does through the St. Luke community! Educational ministries – Children’s Ministry, Middle School Ministries, & SLY – gather for fellowship, games, and plans for the coming year!

## Sunday Schedule, begins September 19:

- 9:00 - 10:00: Adult Education: Exploring Sunday Scriptures Together (hybrid in-person and Zoom)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041236770pwd=a01xRmVUbUxLcy9McjZZNkFVWHprZz09>  
Meeting ID: 860 4123 6770  
Passcode: 015714
- 9:15 - 10:00: Modern Worship Service with Children's Church (details about Children's Church can be found in the September Messenger)
- 10:15 – 11:15: Education Hour for Children's Ministry, MSM, SLY & Parent Group
- 10:30 – 11:30: Traditional Worship (in- person and live-streamed)

**Please sign up for in-person worship!** In response to the increased COVID numbers in Oregon, we are again capping attendance at 60 people for each in-person service. Thank you for signing up on Sign-up Genius by 12noon the Friday before you attend in person! Thank you also for continuing to mask and to practice physical distancing.

*Sign-Up:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA9A72CA3FE3-sunday3>

or contact: Cindy Gibbon at 503-880-5502

**We continue livestreaming** (9:30am on Rally Day, and the 10:30am service beginning Sept. 19) on Facebook each Sunday, then later posting that service to YouTube – so whether in-person or online, you can worship with us!

- Find us on Facebook (go to St. Luke Lutheran Church's Facebook page) or via our website: [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com).
- Click on "Evolving Ministries" to download the Weekly Update and the Worship Bulletin for our Sunday service then scroll down for the link to our page.

**Prayer Pause:** Wednesdays at 4:00pm, livestreamed on Facebook.

**Prayers for the departed:** Rest in peace: Debora Babb's stepmother, **Yolanda Velarde**, died yesterday due to COVID. **Ken Kausch** (Jane Chan's father), **Bob Everhart** and **Dottie Inman**.

**Prayer List:** **George Crandall** (in hospice), **Cindy Williamson** (cancer treatment: niece to Louise Nuss), **Gary Hofsommer**, **David Osenberg** (brother of Jane Osenberg), **Dave Simmons** (cancer), **Bonnie Brunk**, **VonDean Mollenhauer** and her family, **Judy Sims**, **Ray Enquist** (mesothelioma), **Scott** (nephew of Jane Gott) home with caregivers, **Marlene Roth** (cancer), **Lisa Lynham** (post breast cancer surgery), **Patty Farrell's mother and family**, David Haynes' mother **Priscilla**, **Joanne Haynes**, **George Branson** (knee replacement surgery), **John Jessen**, **Hal Yackley**, **Daniel Alrick**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Henry Heuer** (in remission), **Will Heuer** (nursing home), **Wendy Metz**, **Dee Mills**, **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

## CONNECT

**Register your child or teen** for Children's Ministry, Middle School Ministry, or SLY! The fillable PDF form is available online at [stlukechurch.com](http://stlukechurch.com). Go to the "Learning" tab and to "Forms." [https://www.stlukechurch.com/uploads/1/0/2/2/102269046/2021\\_2022\\_medical\\_liability\\_release\\_form.pdf](https://www.stlukechurch.com/uploads/1/0/2/2/102269046/2021_2022_medical_liability_release_form.pdf)

Download the form, complete it, and email it back to us at one of the following email addresses:

- Children's Ministry: Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – [Childrensministry@stlukechurch.com](mailto:Childrensministry@stlukechurch.com)
- Middle School Ministry/Confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade – [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com)
- SLY (Saint Luke Youth): 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – [highschool@stlukechurch.com](mailto:highschool@stlukechurch.com)

### **Second Sunday Book Group**, September 12 - 10:45am

Join us for a discussion on **"The Midnight Library"** by Matt Haig

*Zoom Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82352428944?pwd=OWxyRTJiVTdDN0dxMWFhTWJLZDNNUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 5242 8944 Passcode: 850124

Dial in: 1(253)215-8782

## **Bible Studies**

**Men's Bible Study: Weekly - Tuesdays at 7:00am** on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79584872315?pwd=NDFwVFpXQ3dNR0U2Tnp4aINRaXRaZz09>

Meeting ID: 795 8487 2315 Passcode: 1bTcTb

The group is reading and discussing: ***"The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs"*** by Peter Enns. For more information, contact Michael Ford at [mford@lclark.edu](mailto:mford@lclark.edu) or simply join us on Zoom

**Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8am**

All are welcome! Ever wonder how things in the Bible fit together? We are "chronologically" reading the Bible, currently primarily in Ezekiel at about 570 BC. Join in and we will share the reading list! *Zoom Meeting:* ID: 501 766 676 Passcode: 378366

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

**Friday Men's Breakfast Bible Study:** 7am (in-person) 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. For more information, contact Mark Dustan (503) 703-1872.

## Adult Education

**Reckoning with Racism:** Fall 10-session series begins Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm.

Topic: **Critical Race Theory**

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836903733?pwd=U0xkWjE4aWZONkNNeTISZW51enJUUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3690 3733

Passcode: 163807

Planning to take part in **Sunday morning educational opportunities** this Fall, beginning September 19? Help us to know how best we can offer them. Complete the 2-minute (or shorter) survey: <https://forms.gle/az5ix9mj8WvWMgVC7>

**Community Conversations Around Race** Saturday, September 18, beginning at 10am. We discuss various current events and personal experiences in light of racism. For more information contact Bing Swigart at [bingswigart@gmail.com](mailto:bingswigart@gmail.com).

## SERVE

### Serve in worship!

As we re-gather for in-person worship there are many ways you and your household can be of service. St. Luke needs:

- **Ushers** - to assist people in getting signed in, help them find seating & maintain physical distancing, support people in following COVID protocols, and help guide them before, during, and after the service, to run air and surface sanitizing fogger after worship. Contact: Tom Ludwig (503) 522-6865 or [tom@twigconsulting.com](mailto:tom@twigconsulting.com)
- **Communion Set-up/Clean Up** – The link below will take you to the sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aa9ac22a5fd0-stluke> or Contact: Melody Drangstveit [melody.drangstveit@gmail.com](mailto:melody.drangstveit@gmail.com) Thanks in advance!
- **Readers:** read one of the Sunday scripture readings. Contact: Jan Peterson or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a8aa2fa5fc1-stluke3>

### CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!!

From Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>, we will collect food items for distribution in northeast Portland through Northeast Emergency Food Program at Luther Memorial. Please look for the “Christmas Tree” in the narthex. On it are stars with needed items. Choose a star and then purchase the item. Bring your purchased item back to the table and it will be delivered to the Food Program at the end of the month. **You may also bring your food donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.** There will be a large wooden box outside the narthex doors each day for you to drop your gifts. If you do not make it to church to take a star from the tree – here are some most needed items:

Macaroni and cheese	Tomato products
Canned meat	Canned fruit
Ramen noodles	Toilet paper
Hygiene products	Soups
Pet food	Bags of rice or beans

***Thank you for your compassionate giving to help those who are hungry in NE Portland!***

**Mini Pantry moves into Fall 2021:** Sign-up online to check the mini pantry along the St. Luke Driveway. As we complete the two additional pantries, we will add volunteer check-ins for the other sites. Volunteers are encouraged to check early in the week (Sunday – Tuesday). Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A5AA2CA7F9C70-mini>

**Support an Afghan refugee!**

**Stop by the Social Concerns table in a few minutes to learn more and to sign up!**

**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. In this difficult season, 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  
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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.