

Weekly Update



January 22 – 28, 2023

The Weekly Update will be ending at the end of January! Highlights for the week will continue in the Weekly Press and will be added to our bulletin insert. Long-standing ministry areas will be featured on our website and on information pages available in the narthex beginning February.

Pastors Patti and Beth are available to visit. Call the church office (503) 246-2325 to speak with them or email pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com or pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com.

WORSHIP

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

Prayer Pause will resume **Wednesdays, February 1st at 4pm on Facebook Live.**

Prayers for the Departed:

Harold McCloud, Pam Smith, (Nancy Feldman's sister), **Asher** (nephew to Bill and Lori Loehr), **Pat Hunting, Messanvi Kpadenou** (cousin to Christophe Senah), **Craig O'Bryant, Jean Nichols, James Van Horn, Hal Yackley, Jerry Durgan.**

Prayer List:

Greg Knudson (cancer), **Donald Munson** (rehab), **Dave Simmons**, **Barb Dahlgren**, **Gloria Miniszewski**, **Bev Westlund** (knee surgery), **Jeff Ross** (healing from surgery), **Karyn O'Bryant** (death of her brother), **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer), **Jackie McQuiston** (surgery), **Freda Tremper** (hospice), **Fraser Rasmussen** (femur), **Meri Alrick** (lung surgery), **Helen Petersen**, Scott Petersen's mother and his friend **Brian Wallace**, **Georgann Dustan** post-surgery, **Khaya Mahlangu** (relative of Urah Boka), **Carolyn Jackson** (hospice), **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Lisa Ring** (surgery for cancer), **David Osenberg** (rectal cancer), **Elaine Woodward** (stroke), **John Jessen**, **Dee Mills**, **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

CONNECT

Annual Congregational Meeting dates:

- **Sunday, January 29 at 11:45am** – Annual Congregational Meeting (in-person only)

Wednesday Church Night is Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6pm!

- Chefs: Ray, Carrie, and Rachael Laurence – Cuban Cuisine!
- Presentation: reading of *God's Holy Darkness* by author Beckah Selnick

Exploring Scriptures Together: Study the Bible readings that we will hear in worship.

Gather on Zoom Sundays from 9-10am.

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041236770?pwd=a01xRmVUbxLcy9McjZZNkFVWHprZz09>
- Meeting ID: 860 4123 6770 Passcode: 015714

Change of time -- Men's Bible Study: Permanent change

Tuesday Men's Bible Study time is now **8AM**. *This is a change from our traditional 7am time.*

Men's Bible Study: via Zoom to 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: Dan Kidd

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.

Good Words Book Group: February 19 - Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow

March 19 - Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver

April 16 - Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley

SERVE

Communion set-up and clean-up:

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4AA9AC22A5FD0-stluke3>

Read Scripture or lead the Prayers of the People in worship!

Sign up via "Sign-up Genius": January-March, through the Sundays of Lent.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA9A72CA3FE3-layreaders>

or contact Cindy Gibbon at (503) 880-5502.

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.**

Mini Pantry: In these days of higher prices and the new year, please bring a can of food on Sunday for our mini pantry along the St. Luke driveway. We will collect cans in the ministry area - the hallway toward the staircase - in a marked clear bin and volunteers will get them out regularly through these cold winter months. If you want to help with replenishing the pantry or tidying/organizing the pantry during the week sign-up: <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

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>

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
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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.