

Weekly Update



January 10 - 16, 2021

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic all St. Luke buildings are closed. St. Luke leadership continues to follow the directives of our state and local authorities.

Pastors Patti and Beth are available to visit by phone, email, or in person (outside; physically distanced and wearing masks). Contact the church office to speak with them. Emergency situations will receive the needed response. Both pastors can be reached directly via email: Pastor Patti Welch at pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com and Pastor Beth Brashear at pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com.

WORSHIP

Worship: Sundays at 9:30am on St. Luke's Facebook page. Also available on YouTube.

Agape Meal: Sundays at 5:00pm. "Agape" is the New Testament Greek work for "self-giving love". In the Christian tradition an "Agape" is also the name for informal meals when Christians gather in prayer and share a simple meal reminding us that we are one in the Spirit. Bring bread, drink, and an open heart. **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81795477679?pwd=UXdyUWQ5K3VWQmdsOUphODZwak5lZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 9547 7679 Passcode: 368954

Prayer Pause: Live on Wednesdays at 4:00pm on St. Luke's Facebook page.

Prayer List: We hold in prayer: Kim Weber (gall bladder), **Jim Seiffert** (tested positive for COVID): father of Sue Seiffert, **Marlene Roth** (cancer), **Lisa Lynham** (breast cancer), **Carrie Laurence** (surgery), **Patty Farrell's mother and family**, David Hayne's mother, **Priscilla, Joanne Haynes**, Dale Benson's brother **Jordan Benson** (cancer) and sister **Carol** and her husband (cancer), **Lawrence** and **Sandra Carasco**, **George Branson** (knee replacement surgery), **David Osenberg** (cancer treatment), **John Jessen**, **Barb Dahlgren**, **Annette** and **Paul** parents of Kim Weber, **Hal Yackley**, **Daniel Alrick**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Gary Hofsommer**, **Henry Heuer** (in remission), **Will Heuer** (nursing home), **Wendy Metz**, **Bonnie Brunk**, **Dottie Inman**, **Dee Mills**, **Harry Flesher**, **Jeremy Eckhardt**, and those incarcerated.

CONNECT

Annual Meeting Mail-in Ballots! We encourage all voting members to join us via Zoom on Sunday, January 31, if you are unable to do so due to lack of technology or technical ability, call or email us at (503)246-2325 or office@stlukechurch.com by **this Thursday, January 14** for a mail-in ballot. Ballots will be counted on Sunday morning, January 31, and will need to be returned to the office by Friday, January 29, 2021.

How are you doing in this pandemic winter? How can we best support you? We would like to know! If you haven't done so already, please follow the link to complete the short survey. <https://forms.gle/4DkbHkXeJLCjwY4AA>

(Although the link looks different, this is the same survey as in the January Messenger!)

Join us this morning for our Zoom **Coffee Time** at 10:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89410016496pwd=QWNGMytQUFIUQVdIMUw5a1NjQnJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1001 6496

Passcode: 712869

Call in phone #: 1 253 215 8782

Adult Education: Wednesday 7-8pm on Zoom.

Mindfulness Epiphanies in the Journey. Centering Prayer and Mindfulness deepen our understanding of self and open us to encounter the divine. Such practices in community grow our experiences of God -- creating sacred space for discomfort and for peace, for emptiness and for fullness. Each week we explore a different Christ-centered approach to meditation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908981072?pwd=Tk44RUw5dkxDeXB3bDVYTkxpeVdwZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 0898 1072

Passcode: 657085

Bible Studies – via Zoom

Men's Breakfast Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79584872315?pwd=NDFwVFpXQ3dNR0U2Tnp4alNRaXRaZz09>

Meeting ID: 795 8487 2315 Passcode: 1bTcTb

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:00am

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

Meeting ID: 501 766 676 Password: 378366

Connect Through Books

The public libraries are closed, but St. Luke's is up for business: contact Katie Insalaco: kinsalaco@gmail.com to check out some good reads.

For more opportunities visit our St. Luke website and check out the monthly newsletter.

SERVE

Cards for 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 Two Rivers Correctional Institution 82911 Beach Access Rd. Umatilla, OR 97882

Mini-Pantry Update

Our winning design for the first mini pantry is Deschutes! The wood has been cut and is ready to paint with thanks to Ryan Carpenter, Tom Lynham, and John Kresl. We can invite up to 17 households to help paint the different parts of our pantry! If you are interested in joining in the fun and goodness of this project, please contact Ryan Carpenter at rcarpenter05@gmail.com. All members are invited to participate!

Thank you for your support of St. Luke ministries and care of each throughout this year.

- ▶ **"Christ In Our Home"** pocket-size edition has arrived and is now available for pick-up in the clear tote outside the church office door!

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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 below.