

# Weekly Update



**May 2 – 8, 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](mailto:pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com) and Pastor Beth Brashear at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com).

## **WORSHIP**

**RE-OPENING NEXT STEPS** (based on decisions by our St. Luke Council and Staff)

On April 20, the Church Council unanimously approved in-person Sunday worship with Communion to begin on May 9th. At this time attendance is limited to 50 people in the sanctuary. Masks are required and we ask that 6 feet physical distance between households be maintained.

If you would like to attend, please sign-up by 12noon the Friday before the service that you plan to attend.

**SIGN-UP FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP:**

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

For assistance, you may call Cindy Gibbon: 503-452-8514

Please join us for our livestreamed **Service** on **Sundays, 9:30 am**. 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 "St. Luke at Home" then scroll down for the link to our page. You can also view the service on YouTube.

**Agape Meal: Sundays at 5pm on Zoom** "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. *Zoom Invite:* Register in advance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtd-Cqrj4oEtCiWTHNgNxzkrl1ojmPe4kP>

**Prayers for the departed:** We hold in prayer **Sonja Fromme** on the death of her brother, David Erickson; **Karen Stabeno** and family on the death of her brother, **Ed Nelson**; **Dale Benson** and family with the passing of his brother-in-law, Chris; **Elise Moentmann** on the death of her father, Carl; **Ronda Reynolds and family** at the death of her brother, Randy; the family of **Jim Fauske** (wife, Janice and brother, Paul Fauske) on Jim's death; prayers of peace for Orvin Drangstveit and family on the death of (sister) **Marlys**; we keep in prayer the family of **Harry Flesher**.

**Prayer List:** **Ray Enquist** (mesothelioma), **Margrethe Farnstrom**, **Bea Severson** (recovering from a fall), **Scott** (nephew of Jane Gott) out of hospital and in rehab, **Dave Simmons**, **Dennis Williamson** (in remission), Louise Nuss' nephew; **Jim Seiffert** (tested positive for COVID), father of Sue Seiffert; **Marlene Roth** (cancer); **Lisa Lynham** (breast cancer); **Carrie Laurence**; **Patty Farrell's mother and family**; David Hayne's mother, **Priscilla**; **Joanne Haynes**; **Lawrence** and **Sandra Carasco**; **George Branson** (knee replacement surgery); **David Osenberg** (cancer treatment); **John Jessen**; Kim Weber's parents: **Annette** and **Paul** ; **Hal Yackley**; **Daniel Alrick**; **Georgann Dustan**; **Gary Hofsommer**; **Henry Heuer** (in remission); **Will Heuer** (nursing home); **Wendy Metz** (moved again); **Bonnie Brunk**; **Dottie Inman**; **Dee Mills**; **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

## CONNECT:

**Coffee Time:** Sundays at **10:30am**

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

Meeting ID: 894 1001 6496      Passcode: 712869

**May 2:** Rachel's Day, where the Women of St. Luke lead us in lamenting and working to stop violence against children.

Panel:

**Dr Sue Skinner**, MD, FAAP – Child Abuse Pediatrician

**Karen Stabeno**, BA, MSC, CEP – Certified Educational Consultant

**Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter**, BA, MAT, MSC - School Counselor at Portland Public Schools

## **Bible Studies** (via Zoom)

Women of St. Luke **Gather Magazine Bible Studies**. Copies of the magazine are available outside of the St. Luke office door.

- Every Women's Evening – **Sunday, May 2 at 6:30pm**

<https://pdx.zoom.us/j/8376302680>

- All Circles' Study – **Monday, May 3 at 9:30am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4386280314?pwd=TWkzWkFMalhFc3JiUmpVcFQzYkjhZ09>

Meeting ID: 438 628 0314

Passcode: Sarah

## **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

## **Study Groups** (via Zoom)

### **Adult Education: Wednesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

#### **"Caring for Creation"**

#### **May 5: "Why are faith communities becoming active in environmental advocacy?"**

The Environmental Stewardship Team will be presenting four sessions in the month of May covering a wide scope of environmental issues. We will look at Bishop Eaton's recent Earth Day message and the ELCA's Social Statement on Caring for Creation. Come prepared to share your personal story on what Creation Care means to you. - Vern Johnson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82405228109?pwd=M3Z1dVlyRE1JOWJheGRUL3k2NWxJQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 0522 8109

Passcode: 135354

### **Anti-Racism Book Group: May 4, 18 - 4:00pm**

**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent**, Isabel Wilkerson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86404396867?pwd=Q3VnNjA4V2Z4RXkydi9qeDB2Z1hxUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 0439 6867

Passcode: 329768

### **Community Conversation Around Race: Saturdays, May 8, 22 at 10:00am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NzcTZKYUZYdEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293

Passcode: 983763

**Connect Through Books:** The public libraries are closed, but St. Luke's is up for business: contact Katie Insalaco: [kinsalaco@gmail.com](mailto:kinsalaco@gmail.com) to check out some good reads.

## 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 is in need of:

- **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 & surface sanitizing fogger after worship. Contact: Tom Ludwig (503) 522-6865 or [tom@twigconsulting.com](mailto:tom@twigconsulting.com)
- **Sanitation Attendants** – wipe restroom sink handles and doorknobs immediately before worship & after worship. Contact: St. Luke office (503) 246-2325 or office [@stlukechurch.com](mailto:@stlukechurch.com)
- **Communion Set-up/Clean Up** – Contact: Melody Drangstveit at [melody.drangstveit@gmail.com](mailto:melody.drangstveit@gmail.com).
- **Readers:** read one of the Sunday scripture readings. Contact: Jan Peterson or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a8aa2fa5fc1-stluke3>

Please note that if you sign up to participate in a leadership role in worship, you still need to sign up on the attendance signup itself. Thank you!

Worship sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA9A72CA3FE3-sunday>

**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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**DIGITAL NEWSLETTER?**

Each month, “The Messenger” (St. Luke newsletter), is posted to the church website. A link is sent via MailChimp directly to our members and papers copies are sent via the U.S. post office. If you are comfortable receiving the newsletter electronically, please help us to save on paper, ink and postage costs.

**Please, Contact The Church Office If We Can Sign You Up For Digital Only.**

**THANKS!**

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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.