

# Weekly Update



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).

## For November 22 - 28, 2020

### WORSHIP

**Coming Soon...Weeknight Advent Services – Livestream Holden Evening Prayer.**

Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22 on St. Luke's Facebook page.

**Agape Meals – tasting the love of God.** Are you hungry to connect with each other around word and meal? **Join us Sundays at 5pm** as we share an Agape Meal: bring bread and juice, prepare a sacred place at the table, and join us in a liturgy of prayer and remembrance via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81851076251?pwd=VjdzYmJuNlFEYnJUWllxTXNjU3Zhdz09>

*Meeting ID: 818 5107 6251      Passcode: 765914*

**Offerings**, which are part of our worship and thanks to God, are still needed and are being accepted electronically and by mail. Check our website [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com) for online giving. We have a new Text-To-Give Number: 844-909-2592! Note that credit card fees will apply with text-to-give.

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

**Prayer List:** *Prayers for the departed:* Beth Iverson, mother of **Marilyn Hudson**; Clara "Honey" Evans, mother of **Susan Grabe**; Brian, father of **Keith Cunningham-Parmeter**; the family of **Mary Thumma** (age 103); Mary Baich, mother of **Stephanie Halvorson**; Ramon Esquevel, son-in-law of **Bea Severson**.

**Lisa Lynham** (breast cancer surgery), **Carrie Laurence** (surgery), **Patty Farrell**, David Hayne's mother, **Priscilla** (stroke), **Joanne Haynes** (recovering from knee surgery), **Patricia Cupper**, (fall), Maripat Hensel's mother, **Jane Hensel** (home from hospital with new pacemaker!), Jim Hensel's mother; Dale Benson's brother **Jordan Benson** (cancer) and sister **Carol** and her husband (cancer), **Lawrence** and **Sandra Carasco**, **Becky Branson and family** as they grieve the death of niece Jenny Branson and prayers of healing for husband **George Branson** as he recovers from hip replacement surgery, **David Osenberg** (cancer treatment), **John Jessen**, **Barb Dahlgren**, **Annette** (stroke) and **Paul** (caregiver), parents of Kim Weber, **Hal Yackley**, **Daniel Alrick**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Gary Hofsommer**, **Henry Heuer** (leukemia), **Will Heuer**, **Wendy Metz**, **Bonnie Brunk**, **Dottie Inman**, **Dee Mills**, **Harry Flesher**, **Jeremy Eckhardt**, and those incarcerated.

## CONNECT

**St. Luke "Giving Thanks" Parade:** Join us for our Drive-By Parade! (*Enter at California Street.*)

**Sunday, November 22nd: 11am – 12noon.**

- The first 50 households to drive by will receive a bag containing Advent Candle Kits and an Advent Devotional booklet along with a hearty wave from Pastor Patti, Pastor Beth, Kim Weber, Judy Willis and members of the youth ministry teams.
- Please, bring non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House. Put them in your car trunk. When you come through pop the lid and the volunteers will unload. Thank you!

**Zoom classes PreK - High School resume (re-Zoom!) on Sunday, December 6th.**

### **Prepare the Way of the Lord: An Inner Approach – Befriending the Darkness**

This isn't the holiday season we'd wanted, but if we venture into the anxiety, grief, and shadows, we can level the mountains of expectation, and raise up the valleys of our suffering to prepare for God within. Guest facilitator Mark Lesniewski, MA in Contemplative Psychotherapy: Retreat Leader, Meditation Instructor and Spiritual Director at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, will lead us in guided reflections, silent meditation, sacred sharing of our journeys. Join us on Zoom from 7-8pm on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23.

## Bible Studies - via Zoom

- Men's Breakfast Bible Study: **Tuesdays at 7am**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6169686873pwd=V3J6c25tYjNKTUFWVktYd1UvK2NNdz09>  
Meeting ID: 616 968 6873  
Password: Sunshine
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: **Tuesdays at 8am**  
<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](mailto:kinsalaco@gmail.com) to check out some good reads.

### New in our Library: Children

"Worm Loves Worm", J. J. Austrian, Mike Curato/ Maria Mola

"Sparkle Boy", Leslea Newman/ Maria Mola

"Families, Families, Families", Suzanne Lang, Max Lang

"One Family" George Shannon, Blanca Gomez

### New in our Library: Adult

<b>Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor &amp; Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to The Supreme Court</b>	Linda Hirshman
<b>First: Sandra Day O'Connor: An Intimate Portrait of the First Woman Supreme Court Justice</b>	Evan Thomas
<b>How to Be an Antiracist</b>	Ibram X. Kendi
<b>Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America</b>	Ibram X. Kendi
<b>Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents</b>	Isabel Wilkerson
<b>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, And You: A remix of the National Book</b>	Jason Reynolds, Ibrah X. Kendi
<b>The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America</b>	Richard Rothstein
<b>White Fragility: Why It's so Har For White People to Talk About Racism</b>	Robin Diangelo

### A St. Luke Family Christmas:

During this unprecedented Advent and Christmas season, let's be family for one another! An Advent-long "Secret Santa" prayer and letter writing exchange that culminates with the reveal and a gift exchange all together (one BIG family) at **10:00am** on Zoom on Christmas Day! Check out our website and/or watch your email to learn more and to sign up:

<https://www.stlukechurch.com/christmas-with-st-luke.html>

## SERVE

**Write devotions for St. Luke's Daily Devotional.** A vital ministry of St. Luke is our Weekday Devotions written by members of the congregation. Please consider joining this ministry. When we are not able to gather in person the Weekday Devotions offer an opportunity to stay connected and bear witness with one another to God at work in our lives and our hearts. Please contact Pr. Patti or Pr. Beth for more information.

**West Women's and Children's Shelter:** Big need right now for women's coats!  
Contact: Gerry Foote [peaceleaves@comcast.net](mailto:peaceleaves@comcast.net) cell: 503-706-8736 or home: 503-245-3832

**Thank you** to everyone who is taking part in the St. Luke-wide phone call initiative: everyone who is in a small group/ministry area is connected through that group. Our **Telephone Barrage Ministry** continues to reach out to members who are not part of small group ministries. Much thanks for your work in helping us to stay connected!

### **Giving Tree:**

Each year during the holiday season, St. Luke has a gift giving service event called The Giving Tree. Gift tags are created for individuals served by two different local agencies: refugee families served through Lutheran Community Services, as well the small children and babies who are residents of the Letty Owings Center.

We want to carry on this tradition – but this year it will look a little bit different. There will be a SignUpGenius link where members can log on and sign up to purchase one of the gifts listed: visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4AAAA72EA0FBC61-christmas>

There will be requests for both gifts and gift cards. All gifts should be new. For those who do not have computers or do not feel comfortable with this signup method – there will be the option of emailing or calling Jeff Ross – the lay coordinator for this ministry. He will help you select a gift to purchase.

All gifts should be gift-wrapped and returned with a tag attached identifying what the gift is and who it is for. We will collect these gifts at St. Luke during the week of December 8-11. There will be a box outside the narthex doors from 9am-4pm where you can drop off your gift. Please watch the Weekly Updates mid-November for the link to SignUpGenius:

Thank you for your generosity!

Contact Jeff Ross: [jeffross12359@gmail.com](mailto:jeffross12359@gmail.com) or 503-460-7503.

**Give to the ministries of St. Luke!** Even though we cannot gather in person, we continue to grow Christian community and to share the love of God in Christ Jesus, both in Portland and beyond. This can only happen because we value the ministry that God does through us. We commit our lives to such ministry and community both through our time and actions – and through our giving. We invite you to give as you are able. Check our website [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com) for online giving, or text-to-give 844-909-2592!

**If you shop Amazon,** then shop [smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0493473](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0493473) and Amazon will donate to St. Luke on your behalf!

---

**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.

**Church Office: Phone (503) 246-2325  
4595 SW California St  
Portland OR 97219-1690**