

Weekly Update



November 28 – December 4

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 and Pastor Beth Brashear at 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

Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 - 10:00: Adult Education: Exploring Sunday Scriptures Together (hybrid in-person and Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041236770pwd=a01xRmVUbxLcy9McjZZNkFVWHprZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 4123 6770 Passcode: 015714

- 9:15 - 10:00: Modern Worship Service with Children's Church
- 10:00 – 11:30am Church Nursery available
- 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)

Worship in-person: no Sign-up Genius or Worship Capacity Limits...for now! At our November meeting, upon reviewing health authority guidelines and COVID and vaccination trends in Oregon, Council voted to lift our attendance cap and remove the physical distancing requirements! We will reserve several pews for physical distancing, and we thank you for continuing to mask.

- St. Luke STRONGLY encourages that all who are eligible be vaccinated – or be in the process of getting vaccinated – if they choose to participate in St. Luke activities in-person. (We appreciate that some people cannot, for health reasons, be vaccinated.)

Worship online at 10:30am on Facebook (livestreamed) each Sunday, or later on Facebook or YouTube!

- Find us on Facebook (go to St. Luke Lutheran Church's Facebook page) or via our website: www.stlukechurch.com.
- **For full participation, you will want your bulletin!** 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.

AV Techs needed for worship! We gather to hear the Story of God's work in the world, and in order to do so well, we need to be able to hear and see! Do you like to serve behind the scenes? Do you have good attention to detail? Join our AV Team! We are scheduling training classes, and would like your input as to which day – Saturday afternoons or Sunday afternoons – works better for you. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/sNP9f1WjWLhnuVESA>

Prayers for the departed: Rest in peace: **Amy Farrell** (sister to Jay Farrell and Susan Johnson) **Cindy Williamson** (niece to Louise Nuss), **George Crandall**, **Yolanda Velarde** (Debora Babb's stepmother, **Ken Kausch** (Jane Chan's father), **Bob Everhart** and **Dottie Inman**.

Prayer List: **Sue Googins and brother** on the death of their mother, **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Sue Enquist** (biopsy of possible cancer), **Carolyn Jackson** (memory care), **Lisa Ring** (surgery for cancer), **Gerry Foote** (surgery), **Gloria Miniszewski**, **Susan Johnson** (post gall bladder surgery), **Bonnie Brunk** (pneumonia), **Elaine Woodward** (home), **Susan Farley** (hip replacement surgery), our father's partner, **Nancy Catlin**, for successful recovery from her surgery (Jonathan and David Maier), **Gary Hofsommer**, **David Osenberg** (brother of Jane Osenberg), **Dave Simmons** (cancer), **Bonnie Brunk**, **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**, **John Jessen**, **Hal Yackley**, **Daniel Alrick**, **Georgann Dustan**, **Henry Heuer** (in remission), **Will Heuer** (nursing home), **Dee Mills**, **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

CONNECT

St. Luke Drama Club is a new venture this year that aims to teach kids theater skills through fun, student-centered, organic play. This is NOT the Christmas program. Instead, it's a way for a small group of middle grade kids to build a community and learn theater basics, such as: how to create a character, how to move onstage, how to engage with other actors, how to honor a story.

- **WHO:** Open to St. Luke kids in **4th, 5th and 6th grades**. We are aiming for about 10 kids.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm from September 28*- December 14, 2021
- **WHERE:** Fellowship Hall Stage
- **HOW:** Email Katie Insalaco at ktinsalaco@gmail.com to sign up and learn more.

Katie Insalaco will lead the class but we will need another parent to stay each week in order to meet St. Luke's requirements for our children's safety. Katie has a theater degree from Northwestern University, which she frequently uses to act like she knows what she's doing.

Sunday's educational ministries will resume next Sunday, Dec. 5!

Midweek Advent Series "Symbols of Presence: Preparing to Receive the Best Gift Ever"

created and facilitated by Sheri Brown will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays in Advent, beginning **December 1st at 7pm**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81390494047?pwd=TTdNdmxHa3VMNG83STlkNWRPZ2dIQOT09>

Meeting ID: 813 9049 4047 Passcode: 097376

Bible Studies

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6169686873?pwd=V3J6c25tYjNKTUFWVktYd1UvK2NNdz09>

Meeting ID: 616 968 6873 Passcode: Sunshine

Contact: Dan Kidd danielakidd@gmail.com or 503 709 3921 (cell)

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 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 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. Contact Mark Dustan (503) 703-1872.

Anti-Racism

Fieldtrip: Nelson Mandela at OMSI. Join other St. Luke members for this powerful 2-hr exhibit chronicling this powerful leader's life and work. Let us know what days/times work for you!

<https://forms.gle/DoaVUuyaFdfyNN426>

- Adult tickets are \$15 + \$1 online service charge
- Senior tickets are \$12 + \$1 online service charge.

Community Conversations Around Race Saturday, November 27, 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.

Second Sunday Book Group: December 12th, 10:15am hybrid meeting to discuss **Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell. *Zoom invite:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041236770pwd=a01xRmVUUbUxLcy9McjZZNkFVWHprZz09>

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The 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. Some ask for gifts, others gift cards. All gifts should be new, wrapped, and returned with a tag that identifies what the gift is and who it is for. Sign up via

Sign-up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EACAE29AAFA7-thegiving>

or contact Julie Gaudette at 503-830-0472 or juliegaud@gmail.com.

We collect these gifts on Sundays at St. Luke as well as the week of December 12-19. There will be a box outside the narthex doors between 10am-4pm where you can drop off your gifts.

Holiday Neighborhood Bazaar at St. Luke on Sunday, December 5th from 3-5pm! Calling all artists, crafters and bakers! St. Luke needs your gifts to be part of an outdoor Christmas Market-themed festival, on the second Sunday of Advent. If you are interested in selling your wares or baked goods, contact Dorene Mollenhauer at (503) 475-6701 or

dorenem29@gmail.com

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** - Help people find seating and guide them before, during, and after the service.
Contact: Tom Ludwig (503) 522-6865 or 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 Thanks in advance!
- **Readers:** read one of the Sunday scripture readings.
Contact: Cindy Gibbons, 503-880-502 or sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a8aa2fa5fc1-stluke3>
- **AV Tech** – training interest/availability sign up: <https://forms.gle/sNP9f1WjWLhnuVESA>
- **Altar Flowers!** Contact Sue Ramus: sueramus@comcast.net or 503-244-0923

Director of Music Search Committee: To prepare for the upcoming retirement of our Minister of Music, Dan Hibbett, St. Luke has formed a committee that includes Dave Maier and Kristin LeMon as co-chairs as well as seven members who represent the Personnel Committee, the youth of our church, music program participants, and congregational members who appreciate music. The seven members are: Judy Christensen, Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter, Jonathan Gantt, Tim Grabe, Gloria Miniszewski, Rob Skinner and Molly Wheeler. We will be reaching out to you, offering multiple ways and opportunities for the congregation to provide input and opinions about your hopes for the Director of Music position. Look for updates soon!

Let's Do Windows! Saturday, December 4th from 9:30am – 12noon.

Please Come! Window Washing Party, Inside and Out! Cleaner and rags will be provided but if you have a favorite squeegee, bring it! Dan Gott: (503) 750-5256 or Three_Dot_Dan@hotmail.com if you have questions. "It's Good to See You!"

Christmas Wreaths

Thank you for supporting **Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas**. All 35 Christmas Wreaths have been sold! **Pick-up is Sunday, December 5 between 9am and 12noon** with a check to St. Luke Social Concerns (wreaths) for \$35.00 or cash.

Scout Troops 229 and 5229 are selling Christmas wreaths for their annual fundraiser. The funds help with costs for equipment and renting campsites. The troops are sponsored by West Portland United Methodist Church. There will be a table in the narthex on Sunday, November 28th to take orders or contact Michael Singrey: michaelsingrey@gmail.com. Noble Fir, Incense Cedar, and Oregon Juniper accented with Ponderosa cones and berries and a bow. Wreaths are 26 inches in diameter.

\$25 per wreath. Delivery: Sunday, December 5th.

Tell Congress to establish Indian Boarding School Study Commission

ELCA Advocacy is asking congregations across the country to join religious and Indigenous leaders' call for Congress to advance a new commission and study on the devastating legacy of Indian Boarding Schools and develop meaningful steps to heal moving forward. *Live-link:* Indian Boarding School truth and healing needed - ELCA

<https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1444>

Mini Pantry: 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-stluke>

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
Two Rivers Correctional
Institution 82911 Beach Access
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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.