

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 and Pastor Beth Brashear at pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com.

For October 18-24, 2020

WORSHIP

Welcome New Members! We look forward to welcoming you into the St. Luke community officially during worship (Facebook at 9:30) and Coffee Time (Zoom at 10:30) today!

Join us for worship at 9:30am on Facebook. Go to St. Luke Lutheran Facebook page and look for the worship service there. You can also go to the Facebook page or to St. Luke's YouTube channel to watch the recording at a later time. There will be **no on-site worship** at St. Luke until further notice. A worship bulletin is available online at www.stlukechurch.com

New Worship Opportunity! Are you hungry to connect with each other around word and meal? Join us Sundays **beginning today at 5pm** as we begin to share in Agape Meals: 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 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: Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Prayer List: **Stephanie Halvorson** and family on the death of her mother, **Mary Baich, Bea Severson and family** on the death of son-in-law, Ramon Esquevel, **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, Gladys Johnson, Gary Hofsommer, Henry Heuer** (leukemia), **Will Heuer, Wendy Metz, Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Dottie Inman, Harry Flesher, Jeremy Eckhardt**, and those incarcerated.

CONNECT

Welcoming New Members and Celebrating St. Luke's 77th Birthday – Join us for our Zoom Coffee Time (October edition) at 10:30am as we celebrate by welcoming and greeting our new members: **Patty Farrell, Sandra and Lawrence (Larry) Carasco, Ashley Lindsay, Pastor Melissa Reed, Lee and Pastor Patti Welch!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89410016496?pwd=QWNGMytQUFIUQVdlMUw5a1NjQnJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1001 6496

Passcode: 712869

Call in phone #: 1 253 215 8782

Adult Education: "Here I Stand"

Learning from leaders who have taken a stand based on their faith and convictions.

Wednesdays, October 21, 28: 7-8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182942770?pwd=K3RiWlplkU0RiSEFIVmVqbGILZVMzZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 8294 2770

Passcode: 026638

Bible Studies - via Zoom

- **Men's Breakfast Bible Study: Mondays at 11am**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6169686873?pwd=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
- Every Women's Evening Bible Study Circle: Sunday, November 1st, 6:30-8:00pm
 Zoom link: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/8376302680>
All women are invited to attend. Please email laurepdx@gmail.com if you have questions or need information regarding the Bible verses we will discuss.

Community Conversations Around Race – facilitated by Bing Swigart
Saturday, October 24 at 10am on Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912685293?pwd=K3NzcTZKYUZyEx6M2xSRmxtbmsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293

Password: 983763

For preparation, please read: “Confronting Racism is Not About the Needs and Feelings of White People.” <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/28/confronting-racism-is-not-about-the-needs-and-feelings-of-white-people>

Anti-Racism Book Club: “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You”

A Remix of the National Book Award-winning: **“Stamped from the Beginning”**

by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 4:00-5:30pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84038221534?pwd=YkpDWXNXbE1VWVJITGhiN0kxQU5oQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 3822 1534

Passcode: 872270

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.

SERVE

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 for online giving, or text-to-give 844-909-2592!

Disaster Relief

On September 22, after a weekend vote of the Social Concerns Committee, a gift of \$5,000 was conveyed and a check sent by St. Luke Lutheran Church to ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, designated to assist those impacted by the wildfires in the State of Oregon. That gift was made possible by the continuing generous giving by our St. Luke congregation.

Thank you. **"God's Work. Our Hands"** - Michael Ford, Chair, Social Concerns Committee.

Help those who have been displaced by Wildfires! Give through Lutheran Disaster Response and 100% of your gift will go toward the need of your choice. Online giving is available via:

https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?_ga=2.177829413.1613707792.1599782393-1414100497.1599417881

Help Grow Food For Our Community – Thank you to those of you who are helping with Gladys's Garden and the potted garden! There are still opportunities for others to help. This is a great outside outlet for the whole household! Gladys's Garden is an organic, educational, garden on St. Luke property that supplies produce for St. Luke's food box distribution. Contact David Medford at parkereu@aol.com or (503)244-6615. Only one family will be scheduled per day.

Encourage people to vote! Write letters to unregistered and low-propensity voters encouraging them to participate in our democracy. The Vote Forward organization pre-prints letters with the name and address of each recipient and a space for a heartfelt note. Contact Cathy Spofford at cspof1@gmail.com for letters to send. If you are able, please provide your own stamps!

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!

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.

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