

# 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), Pastor Beth Brashear at [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com).

## For September 13-19, 2020

### WORSHIP

Join us for worship at 9:30 am on Facebook Live. 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](http://www.stlukechurch.com)

**Note: Today Sunday, September 13 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday!**

Want to weigh in on in-person worship? **Complete the Worship Survey** either online or with the paper copy found in The Messenger by September 15. (If you choose to complete a paper copy, please drop it in the dropbox outside the office door by September 15.) Here's the online link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GJSLF5>. We appreciate your input!

**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:** Wednesdays at 4:00pm

**Prayer List:** Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for **John and Arlys Chesnutt** as they celebrate the birth of their first great grandchild, **Elaina Rose** born Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to their first granddaughter Erika and Keith Moreira in Fort Worth, Texas. **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), **Jill Rowland** (post-surgery), **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

**Rally Day Drive-By Parade – Sunday, September 20** from 11-12:30am! Come and see your beloved St. Luke campus! Even more, come and see members of your beloved St. Luke community! Teachers, staff, and pastors will be there to greet you with a wave – and our marimbas will serenade you. Enter on the SW 45<sup>th</sup> and SW California entrance (by Gabriel Park) and follow the directions of the traffic team. **Service bonus: bring your Christmas In September items in your trunk and we will collect them there!** See you Sunday!

Join us **Coffee Time** (September Edition) **Sunday, September 13** at 10:30 via Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81004702265?pwd=b0daM2c3OWJpOSttUE1CUDhOV0tSUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 0470 2265

Passcode: 712207

Call in phone #: 1 253 215 8782

### Second Sunday Book Group

Time: **10:45am** Sunday, September 13

We will discuss ***Educated*** by Tara Westover. Join Zoom Meeting hosted by Jan Petersen:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88958687710?pwd=eHQ3bVNCK3NKs1JIVENIa2pNNEptdz09>

### Meeting

ID: **889 5868 7710**

Password: **391236**

## Adult Ed: Spiritual Grounding in Chaotic Times

Wednesday, 9/16/20: 7-8pm

### Zoom Invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81904360635pwd=SStwYUxyN1Z1QlgwTXRzMkwzeXVSUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 0436 0635

Passcode: 736785

### Bible Studies - via Zoom

- Men's Breakfast Bible Study has moved online: **Mondays at 11am!**

<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

### Community Conversations Around Race – facilitated by Bing Swigart

**Saturdays, September 12 & 26 at 10am!**

Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 859 1268 5293

Password: 983763

Pre-gathering homework for Sept. 12:

<https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/politics/a22717725/what-is-toxic-white-feminism/>

### Anti-Racism Book Study: *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo

Tuesday, September 15 at 4:00pm.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86994610260?pwd=VnRMRmluWHI2cDAwd2RxOVNxUENPUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9461 0260

Password: 750263

### 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.

Looking ahead - you are invited to participate in a regional Church event: **The Synod Day of Learning, Saturday, Sept. 19!** For more info, see: <http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/calendar/synod-learning-day/>

## SERVE

**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 through this link:

[https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?\\_ga=2.177829413.1613707792.1599782393-1414100497.1599417881](https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?_ga=2.177829413.1613707792.1599782393-1414100497.1599417881)

**Grauer Opportunity – Volunteers to hang coats!** We are doing Grauer delivery style – bringing supplies to Wilson-area schools. Backpacks are distributed, and now it's time to provide coats. If you have a few hours to help sort and hang coats, we need you! Please contact Judy Willis [judy@stlukechurch.com](mailto:judy@stlukechurch.com) to set up a time to help.

**Christmas in September – Join** us in supporting the Northeast Emergency Food Program! Bring food items to the church **Tuesday-Friday between 9:30 & 4pm**: there will be a crate outside of the narthex doors.

- **Most needed canned items are:** vegetables, fruits, salmon, tuna, and chili. Also needed: ramen, mac n cheese, personal hygiene items for men, women, and children, baby food and disposable diapers. Soaps, both laundry and hand, vegetable oil, beans, and rice. Checks made out to NEFP and cash (in an envelope labeled NEFP) are also welcome: they can be placed in the secure drop box outside of the church office.
- **Rally Day Special: load items in your trunk and bring them with you to the Rally Day parade on September 20th! Let's see how much love we can provide in one single day!**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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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.

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