



# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Weekly E-Newsletter

### for September 11, 2020

## Worship Notes

Zoom is a handy program that helps us to be together (virtually, that is), in real time. The program allows us to see each other and to chat before worship begins and afterward, as well

Just click on the link I will send via email each week, or copy and paste this link into your browser (the address line on your internet page): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393074728>. The link includes the Meeting ID. However, if you don't have access to a computer, you can always call in just before worship begins. You won't be able to see us, and we won't be able to see you, but we'll see your phone number and know you're connected. You can interact with everyone else who is logged into the worship service, and you can hear the worship service in real time.

All you need to do is to call **1 301-715-8592**, wait for the prompt, and enter this ID: **823 9307 4728** These numbers and links will work every single week for as long as we continue to worship this way.

If you happen to miss church at 10:00, Kallie Mill records the services each week and posts them on Gloria Dei's Facebook page, so you can always watch the service at your convenience, here: <https://www.facebook.com/gloria.dei.940/videos/965980630484659/>

We're also on YouTube at: **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Coos Bay** or follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-reAJS2qjBVzIBw5qNO2iA>

## A Message from Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar on the wildfires in Oregon

Siblings in Christ's Love,

If you haven't been evacuated yourself, I expect most of you have a personal connection to someone who has been affected by the wildfires in Oregon, California, Washington, and Idaho (not to mention the fires in the rest of our beloved West). Like you, I spent some of the day yesterday on the phone with colleagues and loved ones, checking in, scrutinizing fire maps, and asking, "Really? There's fire there?!" What a great and unfortunate reminder for us all to be always ready for disaster. Such an incredible example of our neighbors and communities looking to our church buildings and church people in time of real need!

Many of you know that one of our families in Oregon Synod key leadership, Pastor Christine Core and her husband John Core, lost their home along the McKenzie River Monday evening. Please hold them in the light of Christ as they move out of shock into the reality of all that this means, along with all others who are now displaced, on alert, fighting fires, sheltering and serving others, or at risk or at work in some related, life-giving way.

Whether or not we are directly affected, we are breathing the smoke, watching the strangely beautiful-terrible sunsets, or feeling the doom of a red sky. If you are not in harm's way, as you close your windows against the smoke, use it as a reminder of your connections to our loved ones in the midst of the fires. Or as you breathe in the smoky air, breathe in God's love and presence and as you breathe out, send that love to the world or to others you picture in your mind. We are all held in a lap of divine love that envelopes us like the atmosphere we can now clearly see.

If you are one who has been evacuated, please stay safe and feel our prayers and love holding you. We can't help but know we're in this together.

If you or your church are offering housing, parking lot space or direct service of any kind, please email Jan Wierma and the Oregon Synod Disaster Preparedness Team. They will be well served by learning what is the reality on the ground where you are, and how you are helping to meet the need. Even knowing a ballpark number of volunteer hours will help that team help Oregon access much needed funds with FEMA and elsewhere.

I've been asked by a few people where they should send money. Thank you so much for your generosity! Region One of the ELCA (cotinis creating a link to a direct support fund as we speak. You will receive more information on that very soon.

For now, I ask that you take collections in your home church, and hold onto the money until we can discern where it can be best used.

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# Around the Church



All worship services and meetings held via Zoom

## Children's Sunday School 9 am

Sunday, September 13, 10 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393074728>

same log-in as the church service!

## Adult Education Bible Study

Sunday, September 13, 9:00 am

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Meeting ID: 8997130571

## Sunday Worship service 10 am

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## "Faithful Conversations"

### Faith, Sexism, and Justice

Wednesday, September 16, 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81704947321>

Meeting ID: 817 0494 7321

## Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 18, 8:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186499965>

1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 821 8649 9965

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## Returns on Sunday, September 13 in an online version, featuring

- Lessons and Story Time with Lynn Danner
- Crafts
- Singing with Kallie Mill

## FaithFUL CONVERSATIONS

A weekly discussion group about how our faith informs what is happening in the world around us. Facilitated by Pastor Peggy Yingst.



Next Week: Sept. 16, 7pm via Zoom:

### Faith, Sexism, and Justice:

*A Lutheran Call to Action."*

The [ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice](#) began its work of listening, study, and resource development in 2012. Following its publication of a draft in November of 2017, it reviewed feedback to the "Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice." The link is to the final draft published in January of 2019.

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Your spirit of generosity and love matters tremendously in times like this. Your prayers are being felt by our loved ones throughout the synod. Your texts and phone calls and emails mean a lot. We are Light for one another in the smoky haze.

Stay safe. Stay strong.

The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
a loving Presence in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Psalm 46:1-3

Blessings,

*Laurie L. Caesar*

Bishop Laurie

# Around the Church



Each week, you can log into the class by pasting this link into your browser. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8997130571>  
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## News Briefs

- Bonnie Hribar was named Employee of the Month at Ocean Ridge Asst. Living
- Ray Robison has entered the Candidacy Process in the Oregon Synod and has begun attending Western Sem. in Portland
- Check out our website! Lots of changes!  
[www.gloriadeifamily.org](http://www.gloriadeifamily.org)

Intern Pastor

## Claire Ackleow's Ordination

Saturday, Sept. 19, 11am PDT



Log on to:

<https://facebook.com/HCLCRacine>

*If you'd like to send a card:*

**3905 Cobblestone Dr.,  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130**



## Remember in Prayer...

### FOR FIREFIGHTERS!

For Medical personnel, mail carriers, delivery drivers, first responders, police, food processors and restaurant and grocery workers, that they stay safe during this crisis.

**For the healing of this nation.** For those protesting unhealthy systems that perpetuate inequality and racism. For those whose lives and businesses that have been harmed by counter-protesters.

**Kay Hamilton** – general health issues

**Carol Foster** – recovering from successful surgery – now rehab!

**Earl "Butch" Jefferis** – recovering from successful surgery

**Dick Carter** – general concerns

**Don Bunyard** – recovering from procedure at OHSU.

Now rehab in Bandon, and eventual move to assisted care facility

**Christine Huffman** – recovering from a series of small strokes

**Becky Bell-Greenstreet** – chronic back pain

# Around the Church & Coos County

## Women's Text Study Every Friday at 8:30 am via Zoom



Join them online to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings. Call Pastor Peggy for details (802) 579-1948.

**Your consistent donations  
are important now more than ever.**

## Simply Giving®

### *A simple choice, a generous response*

Through Simply Giving®, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly—the option is yours. You don't need to worry about making your contribution while we're away or when you're on vacation.

To sign up, contact Violet in the church office.

**541-267-2347**



The next time you log onto amazon.com to order something, log onto smile.amazon.com instead. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase price to your selected charity. When you click on that link, you'll receive a pop-up dialog box that asks which charity you'd like to support.

If you enter, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Coos Bay, Oregon, your church will receive this dividend.

**We thank you for  
your support and  
thoughtfulness.**

## Mingus Park Worship Service - Sept. 20, 10 am



**To Attend Worship:  
Call the  
church office  
to reserve your  
place.  
Only 25 spaces  
available!**

- Mandatory wearing of masks
- Absolutely no contact with each other, which includes hugging ☹️
- Please bring your own chair. Chairs will be stationed 6+ feet apart.
- This will be a service of the Word. And there will be no singing of any kind.
- Gloria Dei will provide individual, pre-packaged, safe communion cups.
- Gloves will be encouraged
- The offering plate will not be passed, but will be stationed in the back.
- We won't be able to remain for a time of fellowship (so please, don't bring a box of donuts to share!)
- The bathrooms will not be available.
- Park in the lot by the swimming pool.

# King Lear

September 12 & 13  
4:00 pm on YouTube



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## YouTube Live! Free! THIS WEEKEND!

Sept. 12: <https://youtu.be/po9MHCqxu94>  
Sept. 13: <https://youtu.be/G2wBL8oGBvM>

As always, this show is presented to our community for free. If you feel inspired to make a donation to fund inclusive, accessible community theater, please feel free to give at our [GoFundMe!](#) All proceeds through the month of September will be split with the Dolphin Playhouse, our partners in producing this socially-distanced experience of live theater, directed by Jane Stebbins.

<https://www.coosbayshakespeare.com/>

# Transition Team News

Members of the Transition Team currently are editing and rewriting the answers to the Mission Site Profile questions about our church and our community based on your responses. They hope to review and finalize their first draft by their next meeting, Sept. 18.

## Team Members:

If you have any questions, please call the church office, Pastor, or one of the members on the Transition Team.

Don Blom: (541) 290-5317  
Lynn Danner: (541) 217-4655  
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## Gloria Dei's Work Day to Clean up the Woods

On both August 13 and August 19, youth work crews from AYA (*Alternative Youth Activities*) assisted in removing the accumulated debris left from a couple of camps.

And then on Saturday, Aug. 22, 26 families and friends from the congregation gathered to finish the job. Although, at times the work to be done was disgusting in nature, many hands made the work quick and fairly effortless. Lynn Danner and Susan Paterson worked in the kitchen to help serve lunch to the hungry crew. Angela McAlister and Richard Whitwer now walk the wood trail each week to ensure that more camps aren't being set up.



Ray Robison, Jeff Buskerud, Susan Bjorkquist Holmes, Barbara Bjorkquist, Bill Davis, and Don Blom.



Council President, Richard Whitwer

Next up, getting estimates on cutting the trees to discourage new camps. Thanks to all who helped and to Don Blom and Angela McAlister for spearheading this project.



Properly masked and socially-distanced: Susan Paterson, Al Johnson, Norma Davis, Norm Ludy, and Janet Tilton

## Gloria Dei Family's "God Bless Angela" Fund

Many of you know that South Coast Family Dentistry offers discounted dental service to Gloria Dei's staff in return for their use of our parking lot. Although the Dental practice is very generous, Angela faces a huge dental bill (\$4,000) which far exceeds the trade-off.

Cash or checks can be brought to our new locked mailbox. Please indicate if you wish the donation to be anonymous. Checks can be made out to Gloria Dei, however the donation can't be considered a charitable tax deduction; the funds will pass through to South Coast Family Dental to be applied to Angela's bill. So far, anonymous donors have contributed more than \$2,200 to this fund.



# Around the Oregon Synod

Gloria Dei's Church Council voted to offer up to 10 scholarships to attend this event. Call Violet for details.

## LIBERATING OUR HIDDEN STORIES

# SYNOD DAY OF LEARNING

## SEPTEMBER 19

**This one-day virtual event is for ALL of us, not just rostered leaders. This event will be:**

- A day of rest and learning
- A day of delighting in what God can do in us when we come together to take seriously Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves, and scripture's challenge to heed the wisdom of the eloquent and of the "least of these"

**September 19 - 9:00 am-5:30 pm**

**Session topics include:**

- Innovative and Online Worship Ideas
- Oregon Synod Horizon, Values, and Stepping Stones for the Future
- Health Care and Racial Equity: What COVID-19 has Revealed
- And more!

**Only \$25 per screen for adults over 21; under 21s are free!**

**Register by going to the synod website under Events.**

**Sign up to receive synod emails ([www.oregonsynod.org](http://www.oregonsynod.org)), so you can stay in loop on more coming events.**

## Oregon Synod

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**OREGON SYNOD**  
2020 ASSEMBLY

**Synod Assembly:**  
a two-day Zoom event!

**Friday, November 6:**  
3:00 pm-8:30 pm

**Saturday, November 7:**  
8:30 am-4:00 pm  
More details to come.

# Around the ELCA

## Life for Today and Hope for Tomorrow Hunger in the Time of COVID-19:



[Rick Steves](#), guidebook author and travel TV host; the Rev. [Elizabeth A. Eaton](#), presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and the Rev. [Shelley Bryan Wee](#), bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, invite you to an online benefit — the first of its kind — for ELCA World Hunger. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.

**When: Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:00 p.m. PDT**

**Where: Zoom virtual event**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

We are in a historic moment, facing a once-in-a-century pandemic and a global change in hunger unlike anything we have seen in our lifetimes. Domestically and internationally, hunger is increasing at alarming rates. At this event, you will learn about the unique ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. Our hosts will also discuss the ongoing root causes of hunger and poverty addressed in Rick Steves' recent special *Hunger and Hope: Lessons From Ethiopia and Guatemala*. And you will hear from ELCA World Hunger partners on the front lines of the current hunger crisis, who will tell you firsthand how your gifts make a difference.

We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. Join us to face this global hunger crisis head-on and to continue moving toward a just world where all are fed.