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Worship God, Walk in the Spirit, & Witness to Christ

CPE

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) – usually a three-month stint at a hospital, retirement center, prison, or anywhere that employs a chaplain – is a required piece of seminary training in our denomination. Pr. Taran did his CPE at Sacred Heart Hospital years ago during his seminary training. This past winter Pr. Jim received an email from a Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS in Berkley, CA) student asking if we would be able to provide housing for the summer as she was accepted to the CPE program at Sacred Heart Hospital. Stefanie Reinke (our Love Thy Neighbor Coordinator) worked to find a small furnished apartment a mile from the hospital that St. Luke paid for out of our seminarian fund to house Jihong for the summer. Members of the congregation who live on the South Hill brought her to church every week, others helped get her settled. One provided her a bicycle to commute. She has been very grateful and wanted to share her gratitude with you all. Below is a letter she wrote to thank you.

Dear St. Luke family,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous financial support of my chaplain internship at Sacred Heart Medical Center and for the gracious hospitality that sustained me throughout these three months. I cannot believe that my CPE training has now come to an end. Your generosity gave me not only practical support, but also a home away from home and a community of care that helped me carry out the demanding work of hospital ministry with greater peace, focus, and strength.

Having a place to stay within walking distance of the hospital, receiving rides to Sunday worship, and being welcomed each week with fresh, home-grown vegetables were simple and meaningful expressions of your care. I especially treasured being with you each Sunday. Singing together, hearing Scripture read, listening to the sermon, praying together, and greeting one another with a warm smile nourished our common faith and enriched my own spiritual life. These Sundays became a place of renewal and encouragement during my chaplaincy.

I will carry your generosity, hospitality, and the warmth of your community with me as I continue my seminary journey toward ordained ministry. I will truly miss you all and the joy and fellowship we shared this summer.

With deep gratitude and blessings,

Jihong

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MISSION

At St. Luke we --

**Worship God, Walk in the Spirit and
Witness to Christ.**

VISION

We are --

**Revitalizing the Lutheran Church
and
Celebrating our Lutheran faith in Christ
in the community.**

PURPOSE

To accomplish this we --

Build Community

by

**Being passionate about
the message of grace,
Bringing Jesus to all ages,
Connecting people to God
and one another.**

St. Luke Church Council:

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Church Administrator: *Sandy Randolph*



To leave an offering, scan the
QR code and follow the
prompts. Thank you.



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Worship with us each Sunday

8:30, *10:00 & 11:15 am (Modern)

***Streamed on our Website**

For Prayer requests or any needs,

email Nikki Cerenzia at
Nikki@slcspokane.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Worship & Music

St. Luke Sunday Worship Schedule **8:30, 10:00 & 11:15-12:00 pm (Modern)**

To view our Livestream at 10:00 am or anytime afterward,
go to our website (slcspokane.org).

ALTAR GUILD CALENDAR

Date	8:30 am	10:00 am	11:15 am
September 6	Diane Blodnick Linda Carter	Kathy Perry Laurel Vitale	Mary Lutton
September 13	Mary Nyman Gretchen Weiss	Gay Baker Lori Fritz	Peggy Caprye
September 20	Phyllis Brownlee Sandra Orvik	Heidi Bollum Denise Banich	Torree Mitchell
September 27	Jane Bonogofski Carol Reeves Mary Ziegler	Denise Banich Grace Allen	Nori Beck
October 4	Mary Nyman Gretchen Weiss	Kathy Perry Bonnie Aagard	Mary Lutton

Worship Media Ministry

All are invited to worship and serve at the same time by volunteering in the technology booth. **Contact Charles** to set up a no-commitment observation training. Beginners can start out with the simple, but important task of advancing slides. More advanced roles are available for techies! All that is required to start is a willingness to learn and ability to focus. Open to middle school through all adult ages.



Sunday Readings

September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September: 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

ST. LUKE FINANCES: September 2026

OPERATING BUDGET

By mid-August, our Operating Budget was \$44,359 to the negative. Part of the increased deficit is due to closing for one Sunday during the Spokane fires and therefore showing no offering for that Sunday. Income by mid-August 2026 has been about \$781K, but expenses have been about \$844K.

To all who are supporting the ongoing expenses of the ministry (programmatic ministry, compensations, utilities and repair & maintenance expenses), thank you for your contributions. Every contribution is important and makes a difference as we strive to meet the financial needs of ministry at St. Luke. Great appreciation as well to all who give of their time and talents to our ministry. Please contact Sandy Randolph with any questions about the budget, cost of doing ministry or ways to support the ministry.

MORTGAGE CAMPAIGN: BUILT ON GRACE, CALLED TO SERVE

By mid-August, \$149,230 has been received for our mortgage campaign. With excess funds given in 2025, we have been able to pay our monthly mortgage payments of \$22,747 per month, but we are behind in receipts by about one mortgage payment. Please remember to contribute to our mortgage fund as you are able.

For the past four years of our mortgage campaigns, we have been able to accumulate excess funds for our mortgage payments and as a result have been able to contribute a larger principal payment toward our loan balance. We do not yet have excess funds in 2026 to make an extra principal payment but hope that sometime during 2026 giving will have exceeded our monthly payments enough to make an extra principal payment on our loan. This means we see additional savings in interest expense and a further reduction to the timeline of our loan. Thank you for your generous support!

Please note: Pledges can be made at any time. If you have not made a pledge and would like to do so, please contact Sandy Randolph, our Church Administrator. A pledge is not necessary, however, for you to contribute to our debt retirement campaign! If you have questions about our debt retirement or our campaign, please contact Sandy.

Gift Matching Opportunity

Your donation towards the much-needed SOLAR KITCHEN at Tumaini Lutheran Seminary in Tanzania will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor up to a cumulative total of \$20,000 through November 15, 2026. This will allow us to reach our original funding goal of \$75,000 well ahead of schedule. Donations can be made either online at www.nwimsynod.org (specify "Global Mission, UKD Solar Kitchen") or by US Mail to the Synod Office noting "UKD Solar Kitchen." Thanks to those who have already donated to this project!

What is 'Simply Giving'?

Is it a good choice for you?

- Simply Giving is a safe, dependable way to automatically & confidentially deposit your offering.
- You determine the frequency of your automatic gift: weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.
- You also determine how your offering is distributed between the Operating Budget, Mortgage and Building Improvement Projects.
- You have complete freedom to change the amount of your automatic deposit, change how your offering is distributed, or cease your automatic deposit arrangement as needed.
- With Simply Giving, you don't have to remember to bring your offering to worship... or to mail it when you're on vacation. You can plan toward your giving, knowing that it will be deposited for you on a regular basis.

Contact Sandy Randolph at the church office with questions. Complete the form below, attach your cancelled check or deposit slip and give it to Sandy to set up your 'Simply Giving' account!

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone Number – home:	work: cell:
Email Address:	
Check the appropriate box: ☐ New enrollment/authorization ☐ Change in authorized amount ☐ Change in account	
Gifts/payments should be taken from: ☐ Checking (attach voided check) ☐ Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)	
Routing Number _____ A valid routing number must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3. Account Number _____	
REQUIRED: I authorize Vanco Service, LLC to automatically withdraw contributions from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Account Holder Signature _____	
Frequency of Funds Transfer (Please check only one): ☐ Weekly on Monday ☐ Weekly on Friday ☐ Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 st & 15 th of each month) ☐ Monthly on the 1 st ☐ Monthly on the 15 th Start Date: _____	
Church Fund Designation*:	Amount:
☐ Operating Budget (General Fund)	\$ _____
☐ New Sanctuary Mortgage Payment	\$ _____
☐ Building Improvement Projects	\$ _____
☐ Seminarian Support Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____
*Please place your contributions to other funds in the offering plate on Sunday morning or give to Sandy Randolph, the Church Administrator.	



Sunday School RALLY DAY!

St. Luke Sunday School is ready for another fun-filled year! Sunday School kicks off **September 13** and meets every Sunday from **10:00–11:00 AM** (with a few exceptions throughout the school year).

From **age 3 through 6th grade** (preschoolers must be potty trained), we meet downstairs and there's a place for everyone:

- **Preschool:** Their very own special room
- **Kindergarten–5th Grade:** Meet in the Main Room
- **6th Grade:** Meets in **The Den**

Each week, kids will enjoy a Bible story, music, games, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun while learning about God and growing together!

Please register on the church website—even if you registered last year.

<https://slcspokane.org/register/>

Wednesday Night YOUTH GROUP

Calling all **5th & 6th graders!** Youth Group begins **Wednesday, September 16**, and meets every Wednesday from **6:30–8:00 PM in The Den**.

Our leader, **Shalena Wylie**, is excited to kick off another year of friendship, faith, and FUN! Come for games, snacks, Bible centered discussions, and lots of laughs! It's FREE and friends are always welcome!

Save the Date!

Little Voices, Big Praise! The kids in preschool through 5th grade will sing for the congregation during the 10:00 service on Sunday, October 4.

1st Communion Class is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Pr. Taran will be leading a class for 1st and 2nd graders who have not yet received Holy Communion. Watch for invitations and more information coming soon.

HarvestFest is coming! The tradition continues on Sunday October 18 from 4:00-6:00 pm. There will be carnival games and Candy Crawl in the basement; games, crafts, raffle items and photo opportunities in the Fellowship Hall; handmade items to buy in the hallway; dinner and trivia in the Multipurpose Room. Costumes are welcome and it is sure to be a fun evening for the entire family!

This year, the **Candy Crawl is replacing Trunk-or-Treat**. Instead of decorating your car trunk, you can decorate a **table, wall, or bench** and hand out candy to the kids as they walk—or “crawl”—by! Watch for information and the sign-up sheet on the Info Tower.



September 9, 7:00 pm – Confirmand & Parent Meeting

Calling all those getting confirmed this October (typically incoming 9th graders) & their parent/guardians: Please join us at this Confirmation meeting to get all the information you'll need to prepare for Confirmation weekend, plus there will be a few fun treats for you! The Confirmand faith statement prompt will be assigned, we'll discuss the events surrounding Confirmation Sunday (Oct. 25), and Confirmands will sign-up for individual meetings with Pastor Taran or Pastor Jim. Please plan on attending! If you're unable to attend, please contact Jacque asap.

September 13 @ 10:00 am – Rally Sunday + Youth Breakfast

We're kicking off the Sunday School year with breakfast & activities! All 7th-12th grade youth are invited to meet in the Loft at 10:00 am.

September 16 @ 6:30-8:00 pm – Youth Group Begins!

Renew + Middle School Meeting

This evening will be our first Youth Group of the school year! We'll gather for Renew worship at 6:30 pm. Following worship, at 7:15 pm. high school youth will meet in the Loft and 7th & 8th grade youth & parent/guardians will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The middle school meeting will cover Youth Ministry at St. Luke and the basics of Confirmation.

September 20 @ 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 am – Youth Mission Trip Reflection Sunday

Mission Trip Youth and Chaperones who traveled to Asheville, North Carolina in July will share their experiences and reflections from their mission trip. Come listen to the ways God was at work as they aided in the long-term recovery of the communities of Asheville, Lake Lure, and Chimney Rock following the flooding caused by Hurricane Helene in fall 2024. For Sunday School today, 7th-12th grade youth will attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service together.

2026 Youth Ministry Registration – Visit <https://slcspokane.org/register/> to register your 7th-12th grader for the 2026-2027 school year of youth ministry! Jacque will have QR codes and computers available to register and hard copies of permission forms, liability releases, and media releases available to sign on the Sundays and Wednesdays in September (we're still 'old-school' when it comes to permissions & releases). Youth 7th-12th grade MUST be registered and fill out liability release forms to participate in Youth Ministry events!

Friday, October 2 @ 6:00 p.m.-12:00 am – Scarywood

All 7th-12th grade youth are invited to the annual trip to Scarywood. This anticipated youth event is always a good time! The youth come home with stories that they share all year long. Adult drivers are needed to make this trip happen. **Please RSVP to Jacque by Sept. 24.**

Mission

Environmental Stewardship Group

The Environmental Stewardship Group would like to thank all who came to the campus cleanup August 22 to prune, weed, and pick up trash. It was a hot morning and all the work was much appreciated.

Our monthly meetings will begin Sunday, September 13, at 7:00 pm at the church or on Google Meet ([REDACTED]). If you haven't joined us before, we hope you will consider coming to share your thoughts about the ways our group can be effective this year. All members and ideas are welcome!!

We will have **2 more campus cleanups** before winter, one in Oct., the other in Nov. Look for our announcements and please plan to help us keep our campus looking beautiful.

Young Adult Ministry (18-32 y/o)

Sunday, September 6 @ 1:00 pm – Wildland Cooperative

Join your fellow young adults at Wildland Cooperative (8022 E Greenbluff Rd, Colbert, WA 99005) for a relaxing afternoon in Greenbluff! We'll catch up after the summer, you can order food or a drink, and/or we can play games. Please RSVP to Jacque by September 3.

St. Luke Woodworking

The woodworkers have finished and installed a built-in shelving unit for the Mead Foodbank collection area in the Fellowship Hall. Come check it out. We continue to build wine caddies, intricate crosses and trivets, washer games, Advent Wreaths and more. All of which will be sold at HarvestFest! We meet on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am**. Join us, we'd love to have you!

Patchwork Quilters

This ministry assembles quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for gifting to our Christmas basket recipients. We meet in the Quilting House at St. Luke on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am**. If you have extra cotton fabric we'll take it off your hands. **We have also scheduled a quilting Saturday on Sept. 12 from 9:00-11:30am**. All are invited to join us.

Yarn Work-A Knitting & Crocheting Group

YARN WORK has generated 5 afghans that will be distributed by Stefanie Reinke through Family Promise! And, at each of our monthly meetings, we have new members coming—toting their current projects for all to enjoy. We still have room for many more knitters & crocheters at our **2nd Tuesday of the month meetings at 1:00 pm**. Conversation centers around community possibilities! We are still in our infancy, so come along and inspire us with your hopes. Oh! We'll even help others learn the crafts! If you too, would like to knit and crochet a little happiness for others., our next meeting is **September 8, 2026**.

SPOKANE URBAN MINISTRIES – WALNUT CORNERS

Mission: Loving Our Neighbors Through Person-Focused Sustainable Housing

Spokane Urban Ministries (SUM) owns and operates Walnut Corners, 47 units of mostly subsidized, permanent rental housing on Broadway and Mallon, adjacent to Salem Lutheran Church. SUM is an independent corporation with four Member Lutheran congregations: Salem, St. Luke, and Advent, which each elect representatives to serve on the SUM Board of Directors. At-large representatives on the SUM Board are elected by vote of the Directors of the Members. Board President Becky Dickerhoof, Esther Larsen, and Anna McKinney represent St. Luke.

With school starting a successful "End of the Summer" barbecue with food, music, and games for the Walnut Corners' residents was held on Wed, Aug. 19, from 4 to 6 pm at Salem Lutheran Church, 1428 West Broadway Avenue. SUM Board members assisted with turning the Salem gym into the venue for the event with a game area for the children; music; and tables filled with food prepared for the meal, Thrivent T-shirts, and school supplies. Becky was the "BBQ Chef", Anna was the "Event Photographer", and Esther was the "Event Coordinator" along with Walnut Corners Apts Manager Tami Thomas. SUM thanks the St Luke congregation for its generous contribution of three boxes of school supplies.

SUM welcomes donations of local stores' gift cards for the residents to purchase groceries and other basic needs during the coming months. Please contact Becky Dickerhoof at (419) 606-0493 if interested in learning more about SUM or helping these residents with various needs.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Save the Date and Register for "Gathered for Good" Luncheon

"Gathered for Good", a fundraising luncheon benefitting the programs and services of Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at The Boxcar Room, 116 West Pacific Avenue, Spokane from 11 am until 1:30 pm with a meal and program. There is no fee to attend; however, LCSNW does request attendees to register in advance via the registration link: <https://conta.cc/4q7oFVH>.

Among the programs and services provided by LCSNW are the following:

Refugee Foster Care

Each month, LCSNW offers a virtual information session to learn more about becoming a foster parent for an Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM), a youth who traveled to the US to seek safety without relatives or a sponsor to provide care. To register for an information session, please visit [Refugee Foster Care Info Session – Fill out form.](#)

Crisis Response Advocates

LCSNW provides free and confidential advocacy services to victims, survivors, loved ones, and witnesses of traumatic events. LCSNW is in need of Crisis Response Advocate (CRA) volunteers. Learn more about this program and when the next training session will take place at this link.

https://www.volunteerspokane.org/need/detail/?need_id=136179

At LCS Northwest, our mission is to partner with individuals, families, and communities to foster health, justice, and hope. We envision a Northwest where everyone has the support they need to overcome life's challenges and thrive in healthy, just, and hopeful communities. Our core values guide our efforts in providing essential services. We believe that service is the foundation of our work, and we are dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

FAMILY PROMISE

SEPTEMBER



Volunteer Opportunities

MONTHLY BBQ, Tuesday, September 15th, 5-6pm. Help St. Luke host the monthly BBQ at the Emergency Shelter. We'll need in-person party attendees as well as help purchasing items for the party. Please see the info tower for supply donations needed.

TRUNK OR TREAT, Tentative Date is October 30th. We'll serve a soup supper followed by Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the Emergency Shelter at Family Promise. We need crockpots of soups, volunteers, and volunteers to decorate their trunks! We're also collecting Halloween Accessories for the kids.

Support Opportunities

SUPPLIES NEEDED: It takes a lot of supplies to host the kids & families and we greatly appreciate your help with donations! To see a master list please visit to Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall. Highest needs:

- Frozen burger patties
- Chips
- Popsicles

HALLOWEEN COSTUME ACCESSORIES, Help us offer Costume Accessories for kids at the shelter who are in need this Halloween. Not full dress-up costumes because of sizing issues, but accessories to accommodate a wider need. For example, Cat Ears, Headbands, Capes, Hats, Tails, Tu-tus, Face Masks. Last year at the Trunk or Treat it was so special to be able to help kids dress up who didn't have costumes!

MILK DONATIONS, We are collecting milk and egg donations as well as looking for volunteers to deliver from church to the shelter. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Information Tower to donate & drop off milk by Tuesday of each week OR sign up to deliver the milk to the Emergency Shelter on Wednesdays. *We also collect & donate eggs.

Save the Date

UNGALA, October 6th at 4:30pm, Spokane Convention Center. Tickets will be available soon. If you'd like to attend or volunteer to help with set up, please reach out to Stefanie@slcspokane.org

WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP TO VOLUNTEER?

Schedule a "COME & SEE" at the Shelter!

Group Volunteers are suggested to attend a Come & See. All individual volunteer roles MUST attend a Come & See before volunteer event.

COME & SEE
SIGN UP



Email Stefanie Reinke about what role/shift you're interested in.

stefanie
@slcspokane.org

Fill out your volunteer registration.

FOR
VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION
please email,
stefanie
@slcspokane.org

step 1

step 2

step 3

THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATION for your generous support of the birthday parties and monthly BBQ's! These events have been wonderful and greatly appreciated by Family Promise. Together, we are helping bring hope and support to Spokane families and children in meaningful ways.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER

Our next monthly LTN Committee meeting, where we plan and prep for the needs in the months ahead, will be Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm, please join us!

MISSION COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, Donations can be placed in the blue barrel in Fellowship Hall. Mission Community Outreach Center is a free clothing, housewares, hygiene, and diaper bank serving many in our Spokane community. Items most needed after the fires:

- Gently used or new clothing, shoes, coats, and socks for all ages.
*men's clothing highest needs
- New underwear & socks for school aged kids
- Bed & Bath Linens: bath towels, pillows, blankets, comforters
- Diapers, especially size 5 & 6, and wipes
- NEW Personal Care Items: Shampoo, lotion, women's hygiene products, toothpaste/brushes, razors, deodorant, bar soap, and toilet paper.
- Small kitchen items: dinnerware, silverware, pots & pans, small appliances

The need now is greater than ever, on a recent Monday, MCOC served 135 individuals, giving out 1,000 clothing items, 100 person hygiene items and 600 diapers, all in one day of serving!

NORTHWOOD TEEN & KID CLOSET, The Mead School District, in partnership with Teen & Kid Closet, operates a free clothing and school supply resource in North Spokane for local students and families in need. The closet is in need of new Socks & Underwear. All sizes are appreciated but kids sizes 4-10 are especially needed.

BIRTHDAY IN A BOX, assemble a birthday box for the Mead Food Bank to give to families celebrating a birthday in their home that week. Cake mix, frosting tub, can of Sprite, candles, bag of balloons, and a small token inside a disposable cake pan with lid.

* see Love Thy Neighbor side of the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall for shopping list & to sign up

MEAD FOOD BANK, The Mead Food Bank serves over 100 families in a typical week and greatly appreciates St. Luke's generous support! You can donate food anytime to the church during office hours and on Sunday mornings. The food bank also accepts expired canned food items and have been short on canned fruits lately. Thank you for your support of this vital program in our community!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: NUTS, FLOUR & SUGAR, TOILET PAPER & BAR SOAP, CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES, CEREAL, CANNED PROTEINS.

Look for more information on the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall. Questions?! Email Stefanie Reinke stefanie@slcspokane.org

JESUS CALLS US
TO LOVE OUR
NEIGHBOR AS
OURSELVES, AS
HE HAS LOVED US.

OUR "LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR"
MINISTRY IS HOW
WE LIVE THIS OUT,
INSIDE OUR
CHURCH
AND OUT IN
OUR COMMUNITY.

WE'RE CALLED
TO LOVE.
TO SERVE.
TO SHOW UP.

WE INVITE YOU TO
STEP INTO THE
JOY OF SERVING
YOUR NEIGHBOR.

LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR, IT
STARTS WITH YOU.

*Please reach
out to
Stefanie Reinke
about what
role/shift you're
interested in,
feel called to
serve in, or with
questions.*

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[@slcspokane.org](mailto:stefanie@slcspokane.org)

Announcements & Events

Pinochle

Do you enjoy playing pinochle and meeting new people? This group meets once a month, on a Sunday evening, and takes turns hosting and sharing something to snack on. They are looking for a few more players to join. Contact the church office if you are interested and to leave your contact information. **Sunday once a month, 5:30 pm.**

Join St Luke's 2027 Paraguay Mission Trip for grownups!

During this 10-day journey, our team will partner with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a family in need. This is a unique opportunity to serve, grow, and witness firsthand the impact of compassion and teamwork. No construction experience is required—just a willing heart and a desire to serve!

Trip Details:

- Dates: March 12–21, 2027
- Location: Paraguay
- Project: Home building with Habitat for Humanity
- Cost: \$1786 plus airfare
\$1336 plus airfare for benefit members of Thrivent



Interested or have questions?

Alan Harbine – 509-939-3979 | alanpharbine@gmail.com

Eric Ellefsen – 425-786-6908 | er.ellefsen@gmail.com

TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN

KARATE MINISTRY

Weekly on Tuesdays @ 4:30 - 5:30 PM @ St Luke Lutheran Church

Practice traditional GoJu Ryu karate in a Christian environment to improve self-confidence, self-respect, discipline, balance, positive attitude, and physical fitness. Learn traditional Jundokan International GoJu Ryu Karate, Self-Defense, grappling, arm bars, and other control techniques, as well as Kata, stick fighting, etc.

NO COST FOR THE TRAINING. TRAINING IS FOR ALL AGES.



INSTRUCTOR:

Sensei Mark Byrnes, San Dan
(3rd Degree) Black Belt,
GoJu Ryu

TEXT (509) 396-1766
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND



**Dance
with Debby!
Tuesdays at 8:15
am at St. Luke.**

Perfect for active older adults looking for a fun workout! Easy to follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance and range of motion.

Welcome Back OWLs

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 10th at 12:30pm for our first OWLs meeting of the year. We'll have chicken, salads, and a dessert bar. The Tap Dancing Grandma's will entertain us. Using their talents to help others.

Please RSVP to Nikki Cerenzia at 509-467-5256 or nikki@slcspokane.org



Interested in a Unique Dinner for 8 Group?

Have you wanted to join a Dinner for 8 group but you are vegan and/or gluten/dairy free and that held you back? We are looking to form a Dinner for 8 group just for you. If you are interested please contact Nikki Cerenzia at nikki@slcspokane.org or 509-467-5256.

Pickleball

Pickleball meets on Monday nights from 5:00-7:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12-3 pm (12-1:00 is set aside for beginners on both Tuesday and Thurs).

If you are not on the email list please let the office know and we'll add you. This is how we communicate cancellations.

Pickleball is cancelled in September on the following dates:

Monday, Sept. 7
Thursday, Sept. 10
Monday, Sept. 28

SUP

College Students You're Invited

Sick of the dining hall already? This is your chance to enjoy a homemade meal with other college students in our area. There are no expectations, grab a plate, hang out, and find out what's up with each other.

Thursday, Sept. 24 @ 5:30 pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church

Solo Souls Small Group

Solo Souls is a welcoming group for widowed individuals who are ready for friendship, connection, and enjoying life alongside others who understand this season of life. If you're tired of feeling like the "third wheel," this is a place to relax, belong, and build new friendships. We gather once a month for social activities and shared experiences.

We will meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 11:00 am to plan our monthly events for the fall.

Bible/Book Studies

Adult Education Hour

Sundays beginning Sept. 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Steve Zemke will start the year leading this Adult Education Hour that is held in the Genesis room. Participants will discuss the Sunday lectionary and as always, strive for an engaging discussion. Leaders and topics may change throughout the year.

Acts Adult Study

Mondays beginning Sept. 14, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

This is a discussion based class that will meet in the St. Luke conference room. Participants will read a chapter of Acts each week and bring topics for discussion. This study will continue through the programmatic year and will wrap up in May.

Greek 201

Tuesday beginning Sept. 8, 4:30 pm

We invite you to join us in reading Greek at St. Luke. If you have ever studied Greek, this is a great opportunity to build on that in a friendly group. We will begin reading the Gospel of Mark this fall.

Men's Morning Breakfast & Book Study

Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16, 6:30 am

Steve Zemke will facilitate this discussion on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. As always the men will strive for engaging conversation. As we proceed through the year, leaders and topics will change. The monthly newsletter and weekly announcement sheet will have more information when that happens. Breakfast and coffee are served at 6:00 am.

Looking for Lovely Women's Book Study

Wednesday, beginning Sept. 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

We will begin the year doing the study "Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that Matter" by Annie F. Downs. In this 7 - session Bible study, with an accompanying video. We'll examine the ordinary people of the Bible to reveal the moments they found beauty in everyday circumstances and hope in God's timing.

Adult Bible Study

Thursdays beginning Sept. 24, 10:00 am

Mark Anderson leads this adult Bible study that meets in the conference room at St. Luke. This year we will study the Gospel of John. All are welcome! There is no need to read ahead, just show up with your Bible.

Martha Circle

Sunday, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 11:10 am

The Women of Martha Circle meet the second Sunday of the month in the St. Luke library. We read the Bible study out of the "Gather" Magazine. This fall the study is "Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey". We will be journeying with Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene in this fall study. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and study.

Monthly Women's Book Study

Thursday, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 11:30 am

We meet the first Thursday of the month beginning in October in the St. Luke conference room. New women are always welcome! We'll begin the video based study "The Epic of Eden: Psalms" by Sandra L. Richter. The book of Psalms is well-known and well-loved. Come to truly understand this beloved hymnal with Sandra doing the heavy lifting of research and translation. This allows you to engage in the Bible more deeply than you thought possible. You can get the accompanying paperback or e-book on Amazon. Contact Nikki Cerenzia with any questions at nikki@slcspokane.org

Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Liturgist	Readers	Ushers	Communion Asst.
9/6	8:30	Kevin Peterson	Richard Strauch	Bill & Joyce Miller	Amber Lenz Kathy Danforth
9/6	10:00	Kevin Peterson	Maclynn Gentry	Dan & Jody Harris	Judy McMillian Janice Lahde
9/6	11:15		Jody Holmes		
9/13	8:30	Tim Engh	Gretchen Weiss	Denny & Genia Denholm	Diane Zemke Dale Fitch?
9/13	10:00	Tim Engh	Nick McKinney	Steve & Jalane Johnson	Kathy Perry Diane Blodnick
9/13	11:15		Dean Lenz		
9/20	8:30	Rob McKinney	MT Youth	Bruce & Ann Dentler	Mission Trip Youth
9/20	10:00	Rob McKinney	MT Youth	Joyce Skovran Ellen Imsland	Mission Trip Youth
9/20	11:15		MT Youth		
9/27	8:30	Keely Leim	Amber Lenz	Don & Debi Kaufman	Paul & Deanna Ojennus
9/27	10:00	Keely Leim	Rachael Heupel	Pat Ritter Greg Orwig	Jeff & Cindy Rask
9/27	11:15		Amy Corsini		
10/4	8:30	Pete Butler	Melody Gartrell	Mark & Cindy Thompson	Edward Hiler & Melody Gartrell
10/4	10:00	Pete Butler	Mary Spain	Mike & Sheryl Terris	Dan & Jody Harris
10/4	11:15		Karlene Beaumont		

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The deadline to get information into October's newsletter is **Sept 21**.
Please email your submissions to secretary@slcspokane.org.