



July Creator Connection

All Are Welcome

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Creator Lutheran Church

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Vote on Pastoral Candidate July 16

From the Council President and call committee:

A special congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, July 16, 2017. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to vote on calling Pastor Ray McKechnie to serve as the next pastor of Creator Lutheran Church.

Proxy voting is NOT allowed. It's very important that all members of Creator attend, if possible, in order to establish a quorum. As per the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a 2/3 majority vote of those members present and voting is required in order to call a pastor. If the vote to call passes, there will be a second vote to approve a financial package for the new pastor.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important congregational meeting!

Pat Salisbury and Paul Stromberg

Please keep the members of the call committee as well as the candidate in your prayers. Call Committee members are : Craig Edberg, Rick Hartung, Heidi Steen, Pat Salisbury, Luka Staerk, Paul Stromberg, Nate Hubbard, Eric Schulstad.

Creator Lutheran Church welcomes you to come – as you are, where you are, and who you are – and join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

The Gospel reveals God's astounding grace as an unconditional gift of love for all people, so ethnicity, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status are not barriers to our invitation. Instead, as an inclusive community grounded in God's love and following Jesus' example, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation.

JULY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship
Adult Forum: No Adult Forum**

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship
Adult Forum: Continuing Faith, Sexism and
Justice conversation**

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Congregational Meeting to vote on
Pastoral Candidate**

Sunday, July 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Adult Forum: Continuing Faith, Sexism and
Justice conversation**

**A D U L T F O R U M :
“ F A I T H S E X I S M , J U S T I C E :
C O N V E R S A T I O N S T O W A R D A S O C I A L
S T A T E M E N T ” ***

July 9: Adult Forum: Continuing Faith, Sexism and Justice conversation

July 23: Adult Forum: Continuing Faith, Sexism and Justice conversation

** From time to time, our national church leadership asks member congregations to engage in conversation around topics of importance to our life together as followers of Jesus Christ. Since its inception in 1988, the churchwide assemblies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have compiled a number of social statements articulating our church's position on various issues. This year the "ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ" is asking for congregational input on the topic of "Faith, Sexism, and Justice." All feedback will be analyzed, and this analysis will culminate in a social statement to be voted on at the Churchwide Assembly in 2019. The deadline for feedback is August 31, 2017

From Pastor Michelle

July 2017

Dear partners in Christ's ministry,

July marks the middle of summer, a time when many people go on vacation and the life of our congregation slows down a bit. But that's certainly NOT the case at Creator! July is shaping up to be a month chock full of exciting experiences.

On July 16th immediately following worship, there will be a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on extending a call to Pastor Ray McKechnie to serve as the next pastor of Creator Lutheran Church. It's very important that all members mark their calendars and plan to attend this meeting, as we need to establish a quorum in order to hold the vote. Once a quorum has been established, the vote will be taken by secret, written ballot, and the vote to call must succeed by at least a 2/3 majority of those present and voting. If the vote to call is successful, there will be a second vote on the proposed compensation package. Please continue to hold your church council, call committee, the candidate, and the whole process in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit's guidance in this time of discernment.

From July 17 through July 21, Creator's church building will be filled with the joyous sounds of children laughing, singing, and learning about God during Creator's annual day camp. On Sunday, July 16, we'll welcome the counselors from Camp Lutherwood, who will lead us through the week, along with a lot of help from Creator's awesome volunteers!

As I write this, it's June 28th and I'm sitting at a picnic table at Camp Lutherwood, where Creator's confirmation kids are having a great time exploring their faith and making new friends amidst of the beauty of God's good creation. Each mornings we've gathered for class time with other pastors from the Oregon Trail Cluster (our geographic group of Lutheran congregations), and we've also included kids and a leader from a couple of smaller Beaverton and Hillsboro congregations. We've been talking about some very important subjects that our kids are deeply concerned about: climate change, violence, sexual harassment, racism, sexism, bullying, homelessness, and suicide—to name just a few of the things our kids listed. I want to encourage all the adults in our congregation to make an effort to reach out and build relationships with these remarkable young people. They need our support, and we can learn a lot from them!

It's always a bittersweet time for me when the congregation I serve is on the threshold of calling a pastor. On the one hand, I feel a bit like a proud parent: It's wonderful to look back on all the work we've done together and see how the congregation has grown. (Of course, there's always room for more growth, since living out our faith is a lifelong challenge and our context is always changing!) On the other hand, I always feel some sadness when it's time to say good-bye, which is, of course, very normal! Most of all, though, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for bringing us together for this season of transition, and I'm confident that God has great things in store for all of you here at Creator!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Michelle Manicke

KING'S CUPBOARD IS A SATELLITE OF THE
OREGON FOOD BANK

KING'S CUPBOARD FOR JULY PLEASE BRING

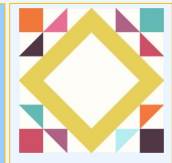
PAPER GOODS--TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS

Items Most Used at King's Cupboard: Tuna, Macaroni & cheese, Hearty soups, Cereal , Toilet paper, Peanut butter, Baking ingredients (flour, sugar, etc.) Laundry detergent and dish detergent are always welcome. They still are asking for re-usable bags as well.

Hunger knows no season.



Creator Piecemakers Quilters Meet July 15



The Creator Piecemakers meet on the third Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Pat Isaac's home. There is lots of fabric to work with and lots of creative ideas to match.

All are welcome!

Meetings are at Pat Isaac's home:

Y O G A A T C R E A T O R

On Thursday evenings, 6:00 p.m. join in yoga at Creator. This Class is for all abilities. Taya Gunsul will be instructing. Come and build strength, balance and flexibility, while relaxing the mind.



Creator Day Camp is coming!



Day Camp for Kids

July 17 through July 21, 2017

Kids grades K—6

It is time to register for Creator Day Camp!

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or on line.

Sign up for fun, music, stories, games and a great week of learning of God's love for his creation.

Cost is \$50 per child, \$110 per family

Register before June 1 to get the early-bird discount.

(\$45 per child, \$100 per family)

The counselors from Camp Lutherwood will lead the camp again this year. Don't miss out!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

New council officers:

The new church council met for the first time with the outgoing council on June 20. New council officers were elected:

Pat Salisbury, Council President

Deb Hibbs, Vice President

Chris Heard, Secretary

Pat Isaac, Treasurer

At Large members:

Valentine Mungyeh

Annie Miles

Kim Mair

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.
Isaiah 58:10

Serving Meals at the Clackamas Service Center:

NEXT SERVICE DAY AT CLACKAMAS SERVICE CENTER:

MONDAY, JULY 3, 4:00 P.M. is the next day that the Creator Crew will be serving at the Clackamas Service Center. If you are interested in becoming part of the crew, please e-mail Toni at toni.hartung@creatorlutheran.org

Creator volunteers serve on the first Monday each month from 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

CREATOR CHOIR REHEARSALS ON A BREAK FOR SUMMER EVENINGS

Choir will resume in the fall. All skill levels welcome-- don't hesitate to join us in making a joyful noise!

For more info, contact Matt Weiers at matt.weiers@gmail.com or 503-764-5351.



Make a joyful noise unto the lord, all ye lands.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come to Bible Study
on Thursdays at
10:00 a.m.

We will be meeting
at the church.
Current study is a

study of Revela-
tion, based on a
curriculum created
by theologian
Barbara Rossing.
Bring your Bible
and your questions.

All are welcome!



IMIRJ NEWS

A number of Creator members are meeting monthly with a group of faith leaders in the community as part of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice.

This is an ongoing process of finding our way, as faith communities to accompany our immigrant brothers and sisters and be there for them in ways that will help them navigate their way in today's America.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this group, please contact Toni.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.."

Matthew 25:35

Tues 7/25 to Weds 7/26 Waves & Wings Overnight in
 McMinnville Jeff (Methodist Home church)

Sun 8/13 to Fri 8/18 City Camp (Portland) w/L.A.S.T
 Jeff & Josh

What's a Youth Collective?

Ecumenical Youth Collectives are springing up all around Portland, and elsewhere around the state as well! Creator has been in conversation with Ecumenical partners (Presbyterian, UCC, Methodist, etc.) in SE Portland for most of the past year to explore the gift of radical welcome to young people that our traditions share.

These conversations with SE partners led to a high school "Race & Privilege" retreat last April with ELCA Glocal musicians, which was deeply meaningful for all and provided us with continued motivation to experiment together. We believe our welcome to young people regardless of sexual orientation, legal status, cultural background, etc. is unique and needed. We're currently asking parents and youth about

their deepest longing for what youth hope to 'be about' in 5-10+ years. What qualities do they hope define their life in the world? Further input has helped us prioritize the following characteristics about our local SE collective.

- *Create a safe space to struggle through tough questions, like who we are, and who God is.

- *Step out together for issues of justice

- *Include & develop loving, diverse young adult leadership

High Schoolers Welcome!!! We'll gather on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 twice a month for PIZZA and relationship building together!

LIFE PAX KITS AVAILABLE FROM CREATOR YOUTH

The Creator Youth are selling Life Pax at Creator for **\$3 each** (suggested donation).

These are packs to give to those in need that we meet along our way each day. They contain a Meal and Resource contacts.

Carry these in your car to give as needed. Pick up your packs in the narthex after worship.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Each year in our schools there are kids who live with food insecurity. During the school year they can get breakfasts and lunches at school, but they might not have enough to eat on the weekends.

Although BPB is finished for the summer it will soon begin to provide food for hungry kids again.

Your help is needed. If you would like to be a shopper and devote a couple of hours a month to shopping for the items, or if you would like to team up with those folks who deliver the food each week, please contact Toni at church:

Toni.hartung@creatorlutheran.org

503-698-8081.



*If we can conquer
space, we can
conquer childhood
hunger.*

Buzz Aldrin

Steps to Calling a Pastor for Creator Lutheran Church We are on the last four steps

Search Process

Eight steps:

- Determining ministry needs (preparation of the congregation's profile)
- Suggesting names to the bishop's office
- Selection of the Call Committee (in the process at this time)
- Receiving nominations from the bishop's office
- Preparing for mutual conversation
- Mutual conversation with nominee/s
- Decision to recommend one candidate
- Releasing other nominees

Calling the Candidate

Four steps:

- Preparing the call resolution
- The call meeting
- Issuing the call
- Completing the process

Note: Steps shown in blue have been completed.

July Anniversaries

Bruce and Suzanne Jaynes

July 14

July Birthdays

Greg Martin

July 7

Brielle Lowry

July 12

Mary Bennett

July 13

Janny Martin

July 14

Meiling Masterson

July 16

Cathy Shride

July 17

David Jaynes

July 19

Marilyn Carvell

July 20

Katie Kelly

July 22

Sherrie Clements

July 24

David Mair

July 25

McKenna Peterson

July 25

CONVERGENCE NETWORK NEWS

Creator recently joined the Convergence Network. Convergence Network is a collective of progressive faith leaders, congregations and organizations.

<http://convergenceus.org/>



Giving

June 9–22

*\$11,892 (this includes 13th Month giving for that period)
(Weekly Giving needs to average \$5,408.50 to meet budget)*

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Custodian:	Erik Edberg

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