

June 4 is Pentecost WEAR RED

June Creator Connection

All Are Welcome

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Meet the Pastoral Candidate!

Creator's Call committee has chosen a Pastoral Candidate and now the rest of the congregation will get a chance to meet them.

On Friday June 16, 6:30 p.m. we will be having our main get together. A potluck Meet and Greet and devotions at Creator.

On Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. we will be having Coffee and donuts at Creator and at 1 o'clock will meet at the Happy Valley Food Carts. These Saturday get togethers are informal meetings to get a chance to have more 1 on 1 time with our candidate.

Hopefully one of these times will work for you.

This is a chance for us to get to know our pastoral candidate and for him to get to know us. It is not a time to 'interview' the candidate, but to get to know him in a casual setting. It important to give him a chance to get to know us and to get the feel and 'flavor' of Creator.

It is essential that everyone come to meet the candidate. Please make an effort to come to one or both of these events.

Watch for sign-up sheets for the food for these events and plan on coming to meet our candidate.

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.

JUNE / JULY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
13th MONTH!

Pentecost (Wear Red)
Youth Sunday, Honoring our Graduates
Adult Forum: "Why do words and images of God matter?" led by Luka Staerk

Sunday, June 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
13th MONTH!

The Holy Trinity (First Sunday After Pentecost)
Adult Forum: Kelly Beane, from African Road will be speaking

Sunday, June 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
13th MONTH!

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Leave after worship for Pride Parade

Sunday, June 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
13th MONTH!

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration Meal

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Adult Forum: No Adult Forum

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

Fifth 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 " *

June 4 **"Why do words and images of God matter?" led by Luka Staerk

June 11 Speaker: Kelly Beane from African Road

** 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

13th Month Celebration

13th Month: Coming in June

Each Sunday in June we will be celebrating our life of ministry and stewardship and community. We voted to set aside the month of June to celebrate our stewardship by making an additional contribution to meet our budget. Our 13th month celebration will focus on 4 themes: Youth, Global Mission, Diversity and Music.

June 4: YOUTH	Celebration of Creator's Graduates, Youth Sunday
June 11: GLOBAL MISSION	Author Kelly Beane of African Road speaks at Adult Forum
June 18: DIVERSITY	Portland Pride Parade day: Join Creator's contingent (order your sack lunch by June 11)
June 25: MUSIC	Celebratory BBQ and Potluck meal following worship

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

The call committee has selected a candidate that they feel is a very good fit with Creator! Now you will get to meet them too. On June 16 and June 17 Pastor Ray will come to Creator for a 'meet and greet'. Please plan to come to Creator on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner or June 17 at 9:00 a.m. for brunch to meet the candidate. A June 17, 1:00 p.m. time at the food carts is also scheduled so there are many options for connection with our candidate.

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.

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.

From Pastor Michelle

June 2017

Dear partners in Christ's ministry,

June is shaping up to be an exciting month here at Creator! There are many wonderful events to be aware of, including some hellos and good-byes. In two weeks you'll get to meet the pastoral candidate your Call Committee is recommending to serve as your next pastor. This is an important step on the pathway toward a congregational vote to call the pastor, which will be scheduled in the near future. Your Call Committee is to be commended for their careful, prayerful work in laying a good foundation throughout the interview and discernment process.

This month your newly elected council members will meet with some of the outgoing members of council for an orientation. I hope you'll join me in thanking council members who are finishing their terms; they have given generously of their time and talents over the past years. Outgoing council members include Trish Voss, president; Eva Davis, vice-president; Gary Schulstad, secretary; and Heidi Steen, member. Pat Isaac will continue in her role as treasurer, and Deb Hibbs will continue to serve on council. We're delighted to welcome the following newly-elected members to Creator's leadership team: Chris Heard, Kim Mair, Annie Miles, Valentine Mungyeh, and Pat Salisbury.

This month also marks our celebration of 13th Month, a time when we'll be lifting up and celebrating some of Creator's ministries that are near and dear to our hearts. The goal of 13th Month is to inform and inspire: to make sure everyone knows the Good News of Christ's work in and through this community and to inspire generous support for the congregation's life-giving ministries. If you were present at the congregational meeting in late January, you will recall that the congregation voted to step up and support the congregation's budget by asking for an extra month's

offering from those who are financially able to help in this way. Of course, your congregational leadership recognizes that for each of us there are times when we're not able to give; those are the times when our sisters and brothers help to carry us. On the flip side, we who now find ourselves in a position to give may feel God calling us to help carry our sisters and brothers, just as they once carried us. As Scripture reminds us, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

I want to share with you another piece of exciting news: This month I'll be traveling to Poland with Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke and a small delegation from the Oregon Synod, as well as a staff member from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Global Mission team. This is part of an effort to revive our sister synod relationship with the Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland. The Polish church reached out to Bishop Dave and invited him to come as part of the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The Poles have generously offered to provide all meals and lodging for our group! Bishop Dave has said that this is an important opportunity for us to witness to the Polish church, as they are in the process of discerning whether to ordain women clergy!... Since the Polish bishop doesn't speak English, but does speak German, I suspect I may get the opportunity to do some translating! Please hold our group in prayer as we travel and engage with our Lutheran sisters and brothers in the global church. We leave on June 10th and return in the wee hours of the morning on the 19th. Pastor Ron Werner has graciously agreed to provide pulpit supply in my absence, so you'll be in good hands! I can't wait to go on this trip and then come back to tell you all about it!

As God has richly blessed us, let us go forth to be a blessing to others!

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Celebrate Creator's Graduates

High School Grads:

Amanda Haase Her activities were Drama with a play on May 5th. She was on the Robotics team and the only girl on the drive team for the robot. She was also in Volleyball.

Her favorite Creator memory was Easter service about 2012, her cousin Alleyah was visiting from Bend, Alleyah was just a baby and fell asleep in Amanda's arms. Amanda was the first person aside from Alleyah's Mom, Chelsay, that Alleyah had fallen asleep on. Made Chelsay cry and Amanda very proud. Future plans are to work for a year, save her pennies, then go to Community College, then Full College with the goal a degree in Social Work.

Kyrie Howarth One of Kyrie's favorite memories is when Pastor Dayle took them to the south coast of Oregon on a mission trip. She really enjoyed the churches, people and jet boat ride from that trip.

Kyrie will graduate from David Douglas high school on June 7. She plans to attend college but has not decided on a major or where she will be going yet. The plan right now is Clackamas Community college next fall. Besides the youth group at Creator, she was very involved with soccer during her high school years and also played on the school golf team. She also has worked part time during her senior year of high school.

Majax Nduta is graduating from Centennial High School and will be attending Concordia University in the fall.

Chris Hubbard is graduating from Clackamas High School .

Rakan Mawassi is leaving the US after a year here with the Kelly Family and attending Clackamas High School. He returns to his home in Israel.

College grads:

Damian Ntawumpora, Concordia University. Damian graduated on April 29 with a degree in Business administration and Sports Marketing

Mary Nolte, Concordia University. Mary graduated on April 29. Her Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies- Focusing on Psychology and Early Childhood Education. Mary is working as a Preschool Teacher at an In-Home preschool/daycare in West Linn, OR. My next steps are to continue working full-time and building my own business in Daycare/Preschool.

Emma Peterson California Lutheran University Emma graduated with an English Language and Literature major/legal studies minor (cum laude) degree. She plans to take a gap year then look for some sort of internship in either a law firm or a publishing company.

Katie Miles graduated from University of British Columbia on May 25th.

Joshua Stromberg, MDiv from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, part of Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, CA. Internship placement at United Lutheran in Eugene Oregon next year Sept-May, then he'll be seeking a pastoral call the following year!

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

KING'S CUPBOARD FOR JUNE PLEASE BRING

Canned fruit, fruit juice (not needing refrigeration)

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 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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On May 18 the congregation met for the second of two regularly scheduled meetings.

New council members were elected. They are:

Chris Heard

Kim Mair

Annie Miles

Valentine Mungyeh AND

Pat Sailsbury.

Many thanks to Trish Voss, Gary Schulstad who are leaving the council after more than one term of faithful service.

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, JUNE 5, 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 WEDNESDAY

Creator Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

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

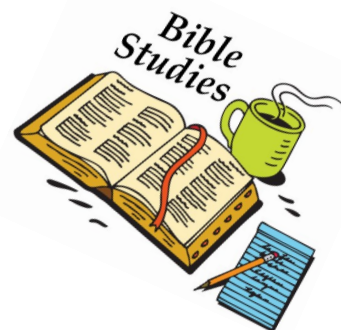
NO BIBLE STUDY ON MAY 24—PASTOR IS OUT OF TOWN

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. The next Sanctuary meeting will be on June 19.

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

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CALENDAR:

Creator High School Summer Youth Activities:

(summer: entering 9th – graduating 12th)

Sun 6/4

3:30-5:30pm Taborspace Collective Josh (Moreland Pres)

Fri 6/23

7-11pm Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center
w/ pizza Guiseppe (Waverly Hts UCC)

Sun 7/2

3:30-5:30pm Taborspace Collective
Guiseppe (Waverly Hts UCC)

Mon 7/17 -Fri 7/21,

8:15-3:30pm Day Camp serving @Creator Debi (Creator)

Thurs 7/27 to Fri 7/28 Beach Overnight in Lincoln City

Josh (Moreland Pres)

Sun 8/6

3:30-5:30pm Taborspace Collective Debi (Creator)

Mon 8/28

3:30 - 5:30 Pool party at Debi's Debi (Creator)

Creator Middle School Summer Activities:

(summer: entering 6th through finishing 8th)

Sun 6/11

5:45-7:45pm End of Year Party - Lasertag & Pizza at
Ultrazone Josh (Moreland Pres)

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Sun 6/25 to Fri 6/30	Confirmation Camp at Lutherwood Pastor Michelle (Creator)
Mon 7/16-Fri 7/21, 8:15-3:30pm	Day Camp serving @Creator Debi (Creator)
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

YOGA AT CREATOR

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.



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.

Creator helps provide the food for the backpacks and the Boy Scouts pack the bags at their Tuesday night meetings for weekly distribution to

60+ kids each week.

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

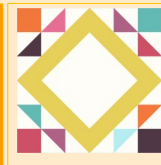
PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

Join the Creator contingent and other ELCA congregations to march in the Portland Pride Parade on June 18. Sack lunches will be waiting for you after worship*. Grab a sack lunch and head downtown to be part of the ELCA congregations marching in the Pride Parade. More about where the staging area will be is coming from the organizers. Watch this space.

****Sign up to receive a sack lunch on the sign-up sheet on the front doors.***



Creator Piecemakers Quilters Meet June 17



The Creator Piecemakers meet on **Saturday, May 20 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:
10602 SE Isaac Dr. Happy Valley*

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!

Steps to Calling a Pastor for Creator Lutheran Church

We are on the last four steps

Laying the Foundation

Six steps:

- ×Contacting the bishop*
- ×Exit interview and interim orientation*
- ×Review/clarify status of other staff (rostered and hired)*
- ×Appointment of the interim pastor*
- *Selection of the Transition Team*
- *Meeting with the bishop's assistant for further orientation to the call process*

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**

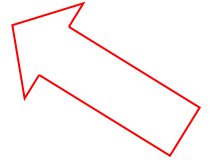
Note: Steps shown in blue have been completed.



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

May 26—June 1

\$1,784.00

(Weekly Giving needs to average \$5,408.50 to meet budget)

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