

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ OCTOBER 21, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
OCTOBER 21, 2022:
OPTIONAL**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY—NEXT WEEK!

Two of our young people will be Affirming their Baptism next Sunday, October 30. Please join us in celebrating this commitment of their faith!

REFORMATION SUNDAY—NEXT WEEK!

Next week, October 30, 2022, is Reformation Sunday. Please wear red if you wish to help commemorate Reformation Sunday.

There will be NO Confirmation class after church next Sunday.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERING

*Do you like crafts? Recent cleaning of Sunday School rooms has netted volumes of craft supplies! We would like a person who can organize a craft event for the Sunday School children to do occasionally according to the church calendar (like Reformation Sunday and of course Christmas and Easter).

*A second adult is needed in the room for Sunday School hour at 9 am. We have 3 volunteers who rotate and are looking for more to rotate in, so the commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks. No teaching needed, just be present in the room.

*We need help with streaming the service on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary – we train! We are hoping to have enough people to work in teams so that each team's commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks.

*Altar Guild could use one or two more people to help prepare for and clean up after the service each week. This will include setting up for Communion, and changing paraments when the church seasons change. Again, if we find enough help, the commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks.

*We are trying to establish a Funeral Reception Committee. This committee would provide the food after any funeral or memorial service, along with the set up and clean up. Much like simple coffee hour duties, but dishwashing may be included.

Please call Lynn Danner (541-267-0693), Kathy Whitwer (541-756-4255), or the church office (541-267-2347) if you would like to volunteer for any of the above!

CELEBRATING PASTOR ALYSSA'S BELATED INSTALLATION SOCIAL PARTY AND HER ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COOS BAY – NORTH BEND FOR THOSE WHO WEREN'T WITH US LAST SUNDAY:

We had a wonderful party for Pastor Alyssa! Hamburgers were grilled by Ken Denton and Tom Foster. A crew including Cathy Denton, Lynn Danner, Kathy Jacobson, Carol Foster, Leslie Green, Barbara Stevenson, and myself facilitated decorations, food service, and clean-up. Some of the same people, with valuable input from Intern Emily, planned the event. Many baseball caps were seen bobbing around the room, and we thank everyone who participated. We had record numbers of people attend, and many thanks to those who brought chocolate desserts with accompanying recipes. I talked for a few minutes and for those who weren't there, or couldn't hear, I'm paraphrasing it here. "Blessed is the church where there's a pastor whose faith shines bright, who guides and serves, who encourages and prays, and whose life is a blessing in big and small ways." Anonymous "A little over a year ago, we were searching for a Pastor. Pastor Alyssa was out in Texas looking for a congregation to call home. After much prayer on both sides --- the way I look at it, we found each other! When Alyssa finally arrived, we welcomed her as best we could with the Covid restrictions that were in place at that time. Unfortunately, Covid kept us from having a social celebration of her Installation. We welcome that opportunity today! She arrived to a whole new staff in the church including an Office Manager, and new custodian, a new Council, and a new President of Council. She also arrived to the reality of only being able to have church services over Zoom for many months. Many of us didn't meet her in person for months, making it very difficult for her and us. I want to thank you Pastor Alyssa for this year of learning for us all. You've been patient, adaptable, have brought new ideas with you from your past experiences, and have accepted ideas presented by others. We thank you for serving communion today in a way that brings us closer together and gives us hope for future changes....not going back to the "normal" we had before Covid, but going forward and doing better than we did because we appreciate everything, and each other, so much more. On behalf of the Council and the whole Congregation we welcome you, we feel blessed by you, and we Celebrate you as you lead us to continue spreading God's Word!" "So thankful for you, Pastor – for your ministry, your care, and for the Good work God is doing in and through our church." Anonymous

Linda Strine

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE!

Gloria Dei's Firewood Ministry is alive and well! There is about a cord and a half of dry firewood available. If you or someone you know is in NEED of firewood, please contact the church office. The firewood is free with free delivery.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Christ in Our Home for October, November, and December has arrived and is available on the table in the Narthex.

GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, AND FLOWERS NEEDED!

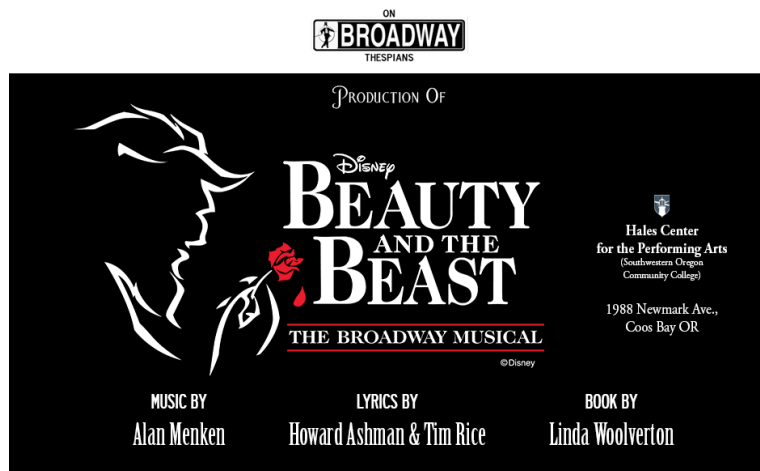
Sign up sheets from October through the end of the year are available in the Narthex. We need greeters, readers, ushers, and flowers! Please sign up to help as you are able!

MEAL IN A BAG AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

There are Meal in a Bag packages available for you to carry with you to give to those in need. They are on the table in the Narthex today if you'd like to pick some up.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

On Broadway Thespians presents *Beauty and the Beast* at the Hales Center at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Some Gloria Dei members are involved in the production! Tickets are for sale on [EventBrite](#) or at Books by the Bay (Adults \$15, seniors \$12, children \$10). Please support our efforts to bring theater back to SWOCC's campus by coming to see a Disney favorite! Bring your family & invite your friends! If you want more information, here is the link to the [On Broadway Thespians FaceBook page](#).



OCTOBER 7TH THRU 23RD Fri & Sat @ 7pm, Sun @ 2pm

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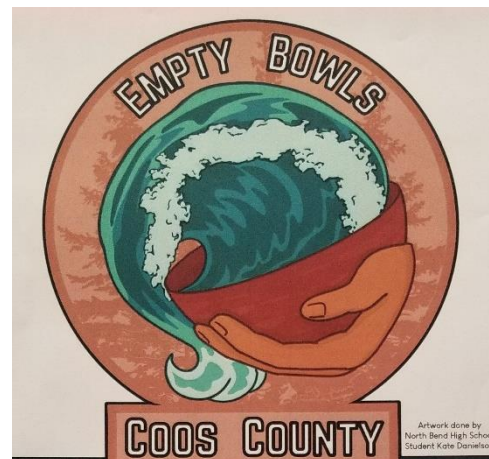
Disney's *Beauty and the Beast: The Musical* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

MORE THEATER!

The Savannah Sipping Society is being presented by the Dolphin Players at the Dolphin Playhouse at 580 Newmark, Coos Bay. Brenda Sund is in this production! Opening night is Oct. 14, and the play runs through Oct. 30. Friday and Saturday at 7 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. See the website for more information: <https://thedolphinplayhouse.com/>

EMPTY BOWLS COOS COUNTY!

One of Coos County's favorite fundraisers returns! Empty Bowls Coos County is your once a year opportunity to buy a "handmade" bowl of soup to fight hunger in our community. Tickets are \$20 for your choice of handmade pottery bowl, soup, bread, cookies, and soda pop. The event takes place October 29th from noon to 3 pm at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute at Southwestern Oregon Community College.



NEWS FROM CAMP LUTHERWOOD

Camp Lutherwood's summer schedule is set for next year. If you're interested in camp for your kids, family, or yourself, check it out here: <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/> In addition, each summer, Camp Lutherwood Oregon hires a cohort of young adults to bring summer programs to life. These summer staffers spend two months playing, leading, and living in the outdoors. Know a good candidate for 2023 summer staff?

[Click here for more information about summer employment.](#)

Online applications open Nov. 1, 2022. Contact jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org with questions.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON VOTER'S GUIDE

Here's a link to the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Voter's Guide. For nearly 50 years, EMO has used our voice to advocate for policies and legislation that help create an Oregon that works for everyone, not just those at the top. Releasing our biannual "Voters' Guide to 2022 Oregon Ballot Measures" is an important part of this work. We're privileged to provide thoughtful guidance to people of faith and goodwill and help connect current ballot initiatives to deeper values.

We hope our discussion of the state-wide four ballot measures in the Voters' Guide will provide valuable insights for Oregon voters. <https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/>



Join Interfaith Power & Light for their webinar on the upcoming 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27). The webinar will be held on Zoom Tuesday, October 25 at 4 pm PT. Come to learn more about their goals at COP27 (happening in Egypt November 6-18) and how you can support the faith voice from home. [Register here.](#)

LUTHERANS RESTORING CREATION

Upcoming Connections Call

October 25, 5 pm PT. "[Doctrine of Discovery's Roots in Climate Injustice.](#)" Watch the 30 min documentary "Are We There Yet?" and hear from film's creators, Calvin Lee and Marisa Prince. The film chronicles their cross-country road trip to better understand the Doctrine of Discovery, its connection to contemporary Christian Nationalism, and if it's possible to chart a new course for the American Christian Church. [Register here.](#)

FROM THE ELCA:



Public response period: social message on climate care. A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring. To read the draft and provide your input through our online form, go to elca.org/climatecare.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 67 in person, 11 online

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STEWARDSHIP IS...being thankful.  
Please thank someone who has done something nice!