

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

COVID 19 UPDATES

The Church Council has decided to update the mask regulation weekly, based on the Friday update from CovidActNow, which uses CDC guidelines and data to provide up-to-date information about the status of Covid by county. The results will be emailed with the ZOOM link and bulletin on Fridays. The signs on the doors will show whether masks are required or optional. RED means masks are required. GREEN means masks are optional. Here's the website link if you'd like to check it out: <https://covidactnow.org/?s=39052653>

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022:
OPTIONAL**

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. Plenty of copies of the booklet for July, August, and September are available there, as well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

Sunday School classes will resume for the 2022-23 school year on Sunday, September 18. All children from Kindergarteners through 6th graders are warmly welcome. Older students are welcome, also, either as classroom aides or for a separate class. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 for some fun singing then proceed to the Logos Room for our multi-age lesson and special Rally Day activities and snacks.

We will be following the lectionary throughout the year, reinforcing the lessons read in the worship service. Our theme this year is "God's Work Our Hands", emphasizing stewardship of our gifts and service to Gloria Dei and our community. Our key Bible verse is Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

We look forward to a wonderful year of growing in our faith together!

**CONFIRMATION BEGINS SUNDAY! 11:15 AM IN THE ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL ROOM!**

Parents please come with your student this Sunday.

PLEASE CHECK THE DOORS!

Please make sure to check the doors when you are leaving the building! Several doors have been found not quite shut tight in the last couple of weeks. Many of our doors click and look shut when they really are not latched, so if you could give a pull or even just lean hard on the door after it shuts, hopefully we'll have fewer unlatched doors in the building. Thank you!

SIGN UP SHEETS

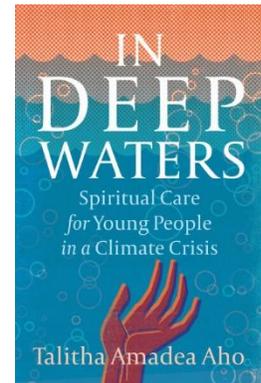
Sign up sheets from October through the end of the year are available in the Narthex. We would really like to have greeters again – if you feel like greeting people as they arrive for the service is something you are called to do, please sign up (or let Barbara know so she can schedule you in)! We also need readers and ushers. Please sign up to help out on Sunday mornings as you are able!

QUILT EXHIBIT

Coos Sand 'n Sea Quilters Guild is having their annual Quilt Exhibit at Gloria Dei this year! One day only, Saturday, September 17, from 10 am – 4 pm – come see the beautiful quilts that have been made! Raffle tickets available for a gorgeous 80x80 quilt – drawing will be in September 2023! No food, drink, or other vendors – just gorgeous quilts!

POSSIBLE NEW BOOK STUDY/SUPPORT GROUP

Wondering how to better walk alongside youth growing up with extreme weather and ecological crises, to provide spiritual and emotional support? Let's find out together using the new book from Fortress Press, In Deep Waters: Spiritual Care for Young People in a Climate Crisis. Take this survey to tell us the best days/times to meet! <https://forms.gle/EpkPAyWbCBZUDHhQ9>



HUNGER SUNDAY/WORLD FOOD DAY

Gloria Dei will be having a special service on October 16 for Hunger Sunday, as designated by the Oregon Synod. Service materials will be provided by the Oregon Synod Hunger Team and the sermon provided by Bishop Laurie.

World Food Day Celebration

Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day, hosted by Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This special event will be streamed online so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are!

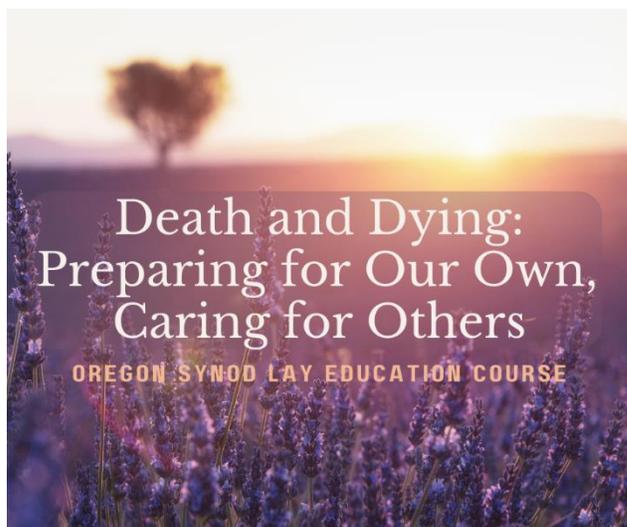
When: Sunday, Oct. 16, 4 p.m. Central time

Where: [ELCA Facebook page](#) and [ELCA YouTube channel](#)

RSVP not required; simply visit our Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Facebook and YouTube accounts are not required. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.

Questions? Contact hunger@elca.org.

FROM THE SYNOD:



Join with others from around the Oregon Synod as we learn more about the dying process itself, what happens shortly after death, and advance planning. We'll also explore the legacies we want to leave, knowing our own grief, being present for others' grief, and related rituals. This on-line course will meet on eight Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm (Pacific Time) beginning September 20, with each session focused on a different topic.

<http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/calendar/death-and-dying-preparing-for-our-own-caring-for-others/>

Resisting an Ancient Hatred: Antisemitism in Church and Society, the 12th Annual Lutheran Studies Conference. This year's conference is animated by the sharp increase in Antisemitic hate speech and crimes since the fall of 2016 and the rise of white "Christian nationalism." [Learn more and register here.](#) The conference is free and open to the public.

FROM THE SYNOD, continued:

September Advocacy Cafe: With stories from faithful advocacy leaders and one another, we'll reflect on barriers to voting and what we can do to keep the right to vote protected and within reach. Tue. Sept. 27.

- Day Session: 1 p.m. ET. [Register here](#)
- Evening Session: 8 p.m. ET. [Register here](#)

Oregon Synod Holy Land Pilgrimage for November, 2023. Contact Nick Doversberger directly for more information, either by email at ndoversb@gmail.com or by phone at 503-956-4666.

LUTHERANS RESTORING CREATION

Upcoming Connections Calls

September 27, 5 pm PT. Conversation with H. Paul Santmire author of *EcoActivist Testament: Faith Explorations for Fellow Travelers*. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Fall session has begun! California Lutheran University offers Fifty and Better. Fifty and Better is designed for people who are 50 years of age or older and want to continue learning. They offer interactive courses and extracurricular activities for the pure enjoyment of pursuing knowledge and stimulating social engagement. All classes are virtual. [Click here to learn more.](#)

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 48 in person, 15 online

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STEWARDSHIP IS...sharing our knowledge.

Please pray for and thank our Sunday School teachers as the new educational year begins!