

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ JULY 1, 2022

There is an effort being made to make Oregon a safer place. Our Synod voted to support this effort at the recent Synod Assembly in Sunriver in May.

Here is part of an email from Pastor Melissa Reed, the Bishop's Associate for Vital Leadership and Sacrament Organizing, Oregon Synod:

"In the wake of devastating mass shootings killing Black elders in Buffalo, NY, children and teachers in Uvalde, TX and Taiwanese church goers in Laguna Woods, CA, our 2022 Oregon Synod Assembly adopted "[Lift Every Voice Oregon Synod Resolution in Support of IP 17 & IP 18](#)," following the invitation and lead of [Lift Every Voice](#) (LEVO), an interfaith coalition, and Augustana Lutheran, Portland, gathering signatures to put IP 17 on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot.

[IP 17](#) would ban the sale of large capacity magazines over 10; would require a permit and training to purchase any gun; and would require a completed background check before the gun is released, closing the Charleston loophole."

The Gloria Dei Council authorized sending a short blurb and the website link where you can learn more about the measure and, if you desire, download a petition that you can sign and return by JULY 5 (mail by July 1 or 2!) if you would like to see this measure on the ballot in November. Here is the link:

<https://www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com/>

Pastor Katherine Brick is a registered petition circulator, and she is available at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend if you would like to sign the petition that way instead of downloading and mailing it in yourself. Pastor Brick will be available today, Friday, July 1 from 9 am to 4 pm. You can call first to verify Pastor Brick is available if you wish. Her cell phone number is: 503-997-1994.

If you have questions about this issue, please check the website or contact Pastor Brick. Thank you!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!

We are asking that everyone wear a nametag while at church. There are many reasons to wear a nametag: it helps others remember your name and call you by it, it makes it easier for you to call others by name, knowing names makes fellowship more personal, nametags invite conversation, and nametags can make guests feel more welcome, as they don't have to ask people what their name is. If guests are wearing name tags, then we are able to greet them by name, as well. Our nametags are on the wall at the west end of the Narthex. If your nametag is not there, or you've never had one, please write your name on the list on the clipboard on the table in the Narthex. A nametag will be provided as soon as possible!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS is coming soon! We hope you'll spread the word for kids grade K - 5 to pre-register. (Registration forms are in the church office.)

The morning sessions will be the week of July 11 - 15, 9:30 - 11:30. We'll be following the ELCA World Hunger curriculum, "Tree of Healing". Each morning we'll have singing, Bible lesson, crafts, and games & simulation activities from other countries of the world served by ELCA World Hunger.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this fun ministry, even if you're not available to participate each day. We'll need teacher assistants, older youth assistants, help with snacks. Please let Pastor Alyssa know if you'd like to help.

MISSING!

Our carpet cleaning machine is missing! We have the box and attachments, but the machine itself is nowhere to be found. If you have borrowed the machine, please bring it back to we can clean some carpets in the church!



INTERN EMILY ARRIVES SOON!

Intern Emily will be arriving soon – sometime next week! Her first Sunday will be July 10. We are excited to meet Intern Emily and look forward to her arrival! Please pray for Emily as she prepares for the transition to being an intern to live and serve with us this coming year.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 43 in person, 20 online

Oregon Synod Reparations Team Hybrid Open House, July 13, 7-8 pm. [Register here](#) for the Zoom link.

The Oregon Synod Reparations Team is excited to share details about how you can become involved with their work which includes:

- Land Stories - Discovering and spreading stories like the synod's Emanuel Land Story and Peace First Lutheran in Astoria's Land Story. This work includes visits by some team members to congregations that invite us. (Unveiling the hidden histories of the land is enhanced with participation in the statewide Reckoning with Racism cohort.)
- Antiracism - This year's 2022 Synod Assembly passed a resolution to form an Oregon Synod Antiracism Network. The Reparations Team will be involved in helping to make that network a useful resource for all of us.
- Reparations - Working on passing resolutions and memorials defining current reparations work, building relationships and listening to communities who've been harmed, and listening for and assisting with ideas of how to determine appropriate reparations.
- Policies and procedures - Reviewing and making suggestions to the bishop and Oregon Synod Council.

If this work speaks to your heart, we'd love to have you join us! This is an exciting time to join as they actively determining next steps for each of the above categories. [Email the team](#) with questions.

STEWARDSHIP IS...Caring for each other.

Pray for others, and reach out in love when you are able!