

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

COVID 19 UPDATES

The Church Council 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 23, 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.

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 (until you hear a second click), hopefully we'll have fewer unlatched doors in the building. Thank you!

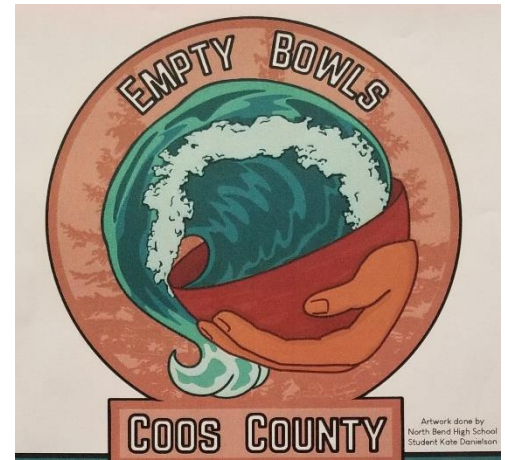
GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, TECH HELPERS, AND FLOWERS NEEDED!

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, ushers, a couple more people to help with broadcasting the service*, and flowers! Please sign up to help as you are able!

*Please contact Richard Whitwer at 541-756-4255 to volunteer to help with broadcasting the service.

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.



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:

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. Thursday, September 29, 2022, 7 pm.

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](#).

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: 45 in person, 16 online



STEWARDSHIP IS...sharing our resources.
Please prayerfully consider your giving as we enter the season of fall!