



## NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity  
Blog & News

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## Feature Article

### Season of Creation

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As you may recall, last year we ushered in a new liturgical season - the Season of Creation. Do you remember? That was the time when we had the Tree of Life in the playground and talked about all the animals that live in the woods of Ithaca...even the giraffes?

Well, it is that time again. The Season of Creation is described by the Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Moe-Lobeda of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary as "...a splendid opportunity for Christians around the world to embody the communion for which we human earthlings are created, and to do so in the quest for lifeways that build justice among people and allow Earth's web of life to flourish."

The Season begins on September 1 and ends on the Feast of St. Francis on October 6. The liturgical color for the season is orange and we will slowly introduce vestments and paraments over time (perhaps next year) as we celebrate.

Here is the outline for the upcoming Sundays:

Planet Earth Sunday - September 1  
Humanity Sunday - September 8  
Sky Sunday - September 15  
Mountain Sunday - September 22  
St. Francis Sunday - October 6

Each Sunday will focus on a bit of the way our scripture connects to the world in which we live. If you noticed that there is a Sunday missing in the list above, September 29 will be a celebration of Michael and All Angels. More on that as we get closer to the 29th.

In peace,  
Pr. Jason

## This Sunday is Labor Day Sunday!

In addition to the start of this year's Season of Creation, we will also commemorate Labor Day. Please join us in prayer:

*O God, the heavens declare your glory and tell of your work in creation. From you come the gifts of our bodies and minds, our skills and abilities, and the opportunities to use these gifts in sustaining our lives and in helping our neighbors. We pray for those whose livelihood is insecure; for those who are bearing heavy burdens and stressful times at work; for those whose work is tedious or dangerous; for those who have experienced failures at work; for those who have lost a job; and for all who face any difficulty in their lives of labor. Surround them with your never-failing love; free them from restlessness and anxiety; keep them in every perplexity and distress; and renew them in facing the opportunities and challenges of daily life and work; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## Sunday, September 29 at 4:00

Jeffrey Snedeker's annual recital will celebrate the centennial of the dedication of the first organ to serve St. Luke with much of the music from the dedication recital of that organ in October 1924. In addition, a few selections will be played by Erik Kibelsbeck, pre-recorded, on that first organ, which is now in Bellingham, WA. This will be livestreamed [here](#).



**New Fence and Sunday access!** The back parking area has a new fence and the overgrown tree has been removed. Thanks to our neighbors (Ithaca Renting) for their part in this. If you park over Dryden Road way, know that you can come down the little alley (Dryden Court) and come through the gate, which we'll leave open on Sunday mornings!

*The "permit only parking" signs really mean "parking for church business," so all St. Luke community members are welcome to use it, with priority on Sundays for those who need a short walk.*

*From Diane Wheatley, who was on the pastoral staff here at St. Luke from 1991 to 1996:*

"I have been writing a weekly inspiration column for the local newspaper since January 2017. My daughter Susan has selected some to publish. We have edited them, she designed the cover, and we added her art work and mine to the interior along with our poetry."

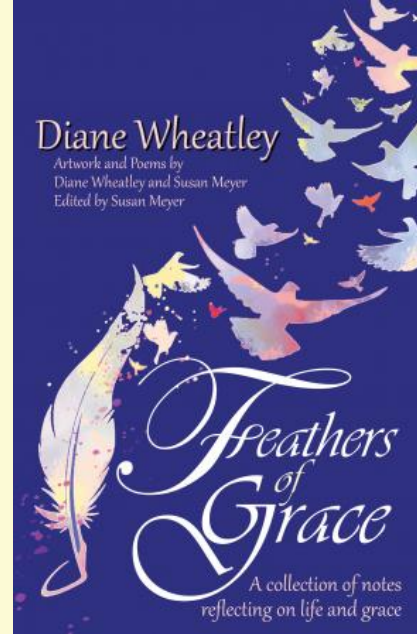
### Feathers of Grace

By Pastor Diane Wheatley

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*Feathers of Grace* offers a collection of articles published by Diane in the Fulton Valley Newspaper from 2017 to the present. The comments on faith, grace, life, and God's great love for us are designed to

- Encourage people of all faiths (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc.) to enter into dialogue with God and each other about faith journey
- Provide tools for opening conversations on God and faith with others
- Comment on how Jesus is a part of the dialogue.
- Rather than giving answers, it is designed to open conversation even with those who would not call themselves "religious."



## Prayers and Commemorations

**Your Prayers are Requested For:** PB, Marjorie, Eckhart, Christine, Debbie and Ron and Lu Poley.

**This week we commemorate:**

**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872 | September 2**  
Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

## Celebrate with Us

Pastor Wheatley's book is published! See above for information and to order.

*Please remember, if you wish to have something added about yourself or someone else at the church (please get their permission before submitting), let Erik know by Monday morning to be included in the NuHu Weekly.*

## Calendar

**Sunday, September 1**

**Season of Creation: Earth Sunday**

Welcome back students coffee hour after the service.

**Tuesday, September 3**

12:15 Bible Study

**Thursday, September 5**

9:00 Quilters

**Friday, September 6**

10:30 Campus Ministry Tea and Tarot (Anabel Taylor Hall 114)

6:00 Campus Ministry First Friday Spaghetti Dinner at St. Luke

**Sunday, September 8**

**Season of Creation: Humanity Sunday**

**Potluck Lunch and Ministry Fair after the service.** Bring a dish to pass and come learn about the ministries and committees of your church.

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**Sunday 10:00 am  
Service of Holy Communion**

St. Luke is a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation** of the **ELCA**. As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community of Christians, a part of the body of Christ. Because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation. We are called to follow God's mission of reconciliation and justice with all humanity, and we celebrate our journey of discipleship with a special appreciation for the privileged responsibility of our campus related ministry.

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