



# Luke's Log

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### A Message from 1/2 of your Interim Rectors

You may have noticed—the M & M Team is back together! Morgan and I are excited to continue to serve the amazing St. Luke's for awhile, God willing, as you begin to receive names for your new rector.

We will join you each Sunday and Wednesday as we have been, with alternating schedules that really make sense only to us. But *one* of us will be here!

We both continue to be amazed at how God is working in this place, and at the love and care you have for each other and for God.

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you in all you

do both for the church and in sending God's love into this community.

And, wow, what a busy month we've had— a hugely successful clean-up day thanks to Dennis' leadership, an amazing rummage sale offering us lots of goodies to shop for, and a great contribution to the parish needs thanks to Margaret and Laurel's organization and the hard work of many; a wild and crazy pet blessing Sunday with over forty animals blessed, a dog that howled with the choir, special dog, cat and people treats and lots of chaos and joy; our Name Day celebration, the Feast Day of Saint Luke, with the added bonus of

finding old photos, stories from our years as a parish and reading a bit of our early history as a mission church at coffee hour. We also had a great crowd up front at church to receive blessings and gratitude for their healing ministries in the world. Thank you, healers!

Blessings! Mary ☩



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## Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich

As of October 2017

Pledged Amount	\$80,180.00
Pledge Payments	<u>\$69,309.00</u>
Shortfall	<b>&lt;\$10,871.00&gt;</b>



Our Library has been transformed!

Thanks to the hard work of Lynne Hughes, Diana Robertson, Margaret James and Dennis James, books have been sorted and categorized into a very useable Library with great reads! Check out the new white bookshelf in the Parish Hall, thanks to Laurel Samson and Scott Swindells. Bibles of various versions are on the shelves near the piano for your use as well. Enjoy!



You're invited! All women are invited to the annual Quiet Day sponsored by the Daughters of the King on Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please bring a sack lunch.

The theme is: "God Danced the Day You Were Born— Being the Beloved" led by the Rev. Mary Piper.

Hope to see you there! (Please RSVP to Rev. Mary so she can plan accordingly.)

## Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Luke's will again be having a Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be at the church at 2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. Please sign up at the back of the kitchen door. Turkey and gravy as well as drinks will be provided.

Connie Vagle



## Special Dates & Events



**Nov. 1** (Wed.) All Saints' Day

**Nov. 2** (Thurs.) All Souls' Day

**Nov. 4** (Sat.) 10-2 Daughters of the King Quiet Day at St. Luke's; turn clocks back one hour tonight: "Fall Back"

**Nov. 5** (Sun.) All Saint's Sunday; Daylight-Saving Time ends; 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch— please bring a loved one's favorite recipe or a family favorite dish to share: A-I Entrée, J-R Side/Salad, S-Z Dessert. Proceeds benefit Ft. Vannoy School.

**Nov. 7** (Tues.) Election Day

**Nov. 9** (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Nov. 11** (Sat.) Veterans Day

**Nov. 18** (Sat.) 5:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner to benefit the Choir

**Nov. 22** (Wed.) No 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer; no 12:15 p.m. Wed. Holy Eucharist

**Nov. 23** (Thurs.) Thanksgiving Day— 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist; 2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner in Parish Hall; Parish Office closed

**Nov. 24** (Fri.) Parish Office closed

## Looking Ahead: Needle & Thread News!



**S**t. Luke's Needle & Thread sewing and quilting group will have a sale on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All proceeds go to finance the St. Luke's quilting ministry.

Raffle tickets for the Christmas quilt on display in the Parish Hall will be available for sale starting this Sunday: 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

The quilt drawing will be December 2 at the "Stitchery Witchery Sale" at 2:30 p.m.



6	Eileen Widdison	23	Noah Calvert
8	Louis Delp	24	Lorry Polen
9	Nancy Murray	25	Joan Collins
10	Ben Widdison	27	Dan Collins
16	Scott Swindells		

## Morning Prayer

**Scheduling Note:** All Mon-Fri Morning Prayer services are now at **7:45 a.m.** Please note this latest scheduling change.



Love our choir? *Of course.*

**Come and Support the Choir at a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 18.**

Join our progressive dinner at three homes in Grants Pass:

First Stop: Mimi and John for appetizers and beverage

Second Stop: Laurel and Scott for a Turkish dinner

Third Stop: Sharon for desserts and coffee/tea

The dinner is Saturday, November 18 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 to \$25 per person (you pick the price that works for you).

Seating is limited so get your reservation in soon (list on kitchen door).

All proceeds support the Choir.

## A Note of Gratitude — From Rev. Mary ☩

**A** special thanks to those who donated to disaster relief in the Diocese of Cuernavaca. Also, thanks to all who contributed to the beautiful baskets for the Poverty and Homelessness Commission's fundraiser at convention. They raised over \$4,00 which is given back in grants to churches in our Diocese for projects helping those in need.

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## **Pledge Letter — by Scott Swindells**

**T**his is the time, actually it's a month late, for the annual pledge drive. It's my duty as the Vestry member in charge of Stewardship and my pleasure as a member of the congregation to write the stewardship letter for the bulletin.

We all know there is more to stewardship than just money and we all know money is a handy and necessary tool for getting things done like keeping the lights on and heater running and paying for a supply, and eventually a regular, priest.

Pledges allow us to create a budget and plan for the next year. Please get yours in soon so our Treasurer, Myrna, can sleep more easily.

"Treasure" being out of the way, the nicer part of the letter is talking about "time and talent." Part of it is obvious; the grounds look good, the altar looks good, the choir sounds good and will doubtless continue to sound good despite losing organist Chris, and the parish hall gets straightened up after pot lucks. There's more and describing all that the congregation does becomes quite a run-on sentence.

We live our lives sheltered by God; a cool breeze in the summer, the sun's warming rays in the winter. We give back to God by caring for one another, both in the congregation and in the greater world beyond.

Scott Swindells, Vestry member, congregation member, pledger

## **Sr. Warden's Report — by John Barnard**

**I** don't know how much any member of St. Luke's pledges or gives. I don't want to know and it is none of my business. What *is* my business is the aggregate amount pledged by the whole parish, because that determines in substantial part what St. Luke's can do for each of us. Money alone cannot make great faith community, but a lack of funds can limit what any faith community can accomplish. Contributions of time and talents are vital also, but the church also needs some of your treasure. Only to the extent we can pay the cost can we have a rector, maintain and insure the building and grounds, keep the water, heat and air-conditioning running and the telephone and internet connected and have adequate supplies available to operate.

The reason Episcopalians and some other denominations have a pledge system is because the governing board, in our case the Vestry, must have a fairly accurate forecast of income in order to create a realistic budget. To my knowledge, St. Luke's is very good at living within its means, but we must know what those means are.

Financial giving also is a spiritual practice. It reminds us that all we have originates with God and belongs to God. We are just the caretakers of God's property. As we give from what has been entrusted to us, we learn more how to rely on God for all that we need. In addition, we give to keep parish ministries free to all from a sense of generosity.

If you do not presently pledge, I encourage you to do so this year. If you pledge already, thank you and please consider increasing the amount this year if you can, because the expenses of operating the parish are increased a little each year by inflation of the cost of everything.

St. Paul had things to say about operating churches that still apply. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thank you all for what you do to keep our church and community strong and effective. John Barnard.

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**IDENTITY STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a community of diverse and unique individuals and families, joined together in the Body of Christ. We are a family united by worship, discovering God's purpose in our lives and using our gifts in service to him, to one another, and to the world.

We believe the historic Christian creeds. We carry on the heritage of Christian worship, celebrating the biblical faith with traditional and contemporary forms. We encounter God in word and sacrament, in music and prayer, and in one another.

We offer opportunities for education, spiritual growth, service, fellowship, and the giving and receiving of pastoral care

We seek, through worship and service, to show forth in the world the healing love of Jesus.



**ST. LUKE'S SERVICES  
SUNDAY MORNING**

8:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
Nursery available

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**

7:45 a.m. Morning  
Prayer

**WEDNESDAY**

12:15 Holy Eucharist

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*Love. Faith. Reason.  
Community.*

*We reach out in joy and  
in Christ's name to one  
another, our community,  
and the world.*

**ST. LUKE'S  
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
541-476-2493

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John Barnard (2020) Senior Warden  
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Myrna Rafalovich, Treasurer  
Mary Wineteer, Clerk of the Vestry  
David Robertson, Project Manager  
Marcus Allen (2018)  
Susan Lee Hall (2020)  
Alison Huber (2019)  
Bill McBee (2018)  
Juli Mimnaugh (2018)  
Hana Rubens (2019)  
Scott Swindells (2020)