



# Luke's Log

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## From the shorter half of your M&M Interim Team ...

*It's almost alleluia time!*

This Sunday the flowers will return to the church and the *alleluias* will be back as we celebrate Easter and all it means in our lives as Christians.

And we have a lot to celebrate at St. Luke's!

Our new Vestry hit the ground running with a Vestry retreat and hard work on projects and ideas for ministry, we have a new safe door on the hallway with a window even!, the Gardening Angels' daffodils are up and shining, the altar guild and Merle are still standing after a very full Holy Week and the Search Committee has received two candidates who felt led by the Spirit to apply to be among you as rector. Lots of

*alleluias* there!

In addition, it's been impressive to see the work of both the choir and the Vestry in finding creative ways to meet our needs without a formal line in our budget—the first—for new carpet which by the looks of the board in the Parish hall, is getting filled in more each week!

Also, we are very blessed with Chris, our organist, and the small but mighty choir who have worked to fund this vital position by raising money for it. Thank you, all of you, for not only supporting this church through your pledges, but by contributing to the needs of this church so graciously.

So, let's continue filling in those carpet squares, and passing

along some of our abundance to help our music program survive and thrive.

Because of the creativity and generosity of this parish, we can continue to grow and deepen our walk with Christ.

*Alleluia!*

Mary ✠



### Special points of interest:

- ♦ Cursillo
- ♦ Jr. Warden's Report

*More information Inside!*

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## Cursillo — From Rev. Mary

Guess what? There's a Cursillo weekend coming up soon and I'd love to encourage you to think about attending. It's a weekend, described below, to deepen our lives of faith. I attended in the early 1980s and it continues to be a source of grace and learning in my life. Bishop Michael Hanley has praised the benefits of Cursillo, saying, "I made my Cursillo in 1981 in Oklahoma along with my wife, Marla. It was a powerful experience with the love of God in community. I recommend it to anyone interested in deepening their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Yes, God can be encountered in many places and in many ways, but God is often most powerfully experienced in community. Cursillo provides a wonderful experienced and the presence of God in community." Please feel free to talk with me, or Deacon Joani, or Harry or Laura, Claire, Marlene, Dan, Joan or others who have attended for more info. Registration is occurring right now. Here's a description from the Diocesan website:

Cursillo is a ministry in the Episcopal Church that helps Christians to deeply experience both the love of God and love of one another, in ways that empower them to share that love with the world. One estimate is that perhaps 1.5 million people have attended a Cursillo weekend in the USA and 8 to 10 Million worldwide, finding their faith nourished and expanded. A Cursillo weekend is designed to be a "short course" (cursillo in Spanish) of Christian life, giving participants the opportunity to experience what is basic to life as a Christian (prayer, worship, learning, and fellowship) and to help these same followers of Jesus discover and live out deeply satisfying lives of love and service to God. The original Cursillo program began in the Roman Catholic Church in Spain, and found such enthusiastic reception among members of other denominations that the "3 Day Weekend Movement" has expanded to include Episcopal Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus (Methodist), Via de Cristo (Lutheran), Tres Dias, and Kairos Prison Ministry, an ecumenical ministry that brings the Good News to those who are affected by incarceration.

A Cursillo weekend brings together a diverse group of participants and team members, from throughout the congregations of the Diocese of Oregon (and some from southwest Washington) for three days of listening, learning, singing, praying, sharing, eating, and laughing. What is experienced on the weekend then serves as a springboard to a life of ongoing spiritual development, in the company of others, and as an inspiration for a life of reaching out to the world with the love of Jesus Christ (known as the Fourth Day). Many are empowered to take on leadership roles in their congregations and ministry interests. Gatherings of Cursillo participants and friends are held around the Diocese, and are referred to as Group Reunions and Ultreyas (a Spanish term of encouragement).

What people take away from Cursillo weekends and group participation is often a new-found ability to talk openly and easily about what God is doing in their lives, and what they are doing to build up the Kingdom of God. And the confidence to share both the joys and the troubles of their lives. These are often made easier when people are actually experiencing being loved by God and by their fellow believers. As one participant put it, "Before my Cursillo, I was pretty sure God loved me, but I wasn't too sure about the rest of you. Now I know both for sure." And others find that Cursillo reminds them that God loves laughter, including one woman who exclaimed that she had more fun at Cursillo than she did on her honeymoon.

For more information, see [www.oregon-cursillo.org](http://www.oregon-cursillo.org). The next adult Cursillo is open to all genders and will take place Thursday, May 31 to Sunday, June 3, 2018, to be held at Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, just outside Salem. If you would like to attend, contact your clergy for more information, or email [oregoncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:oregoncursillo@gmail.com).

## A Note on FISH

Connie and Nick remove goods often from the FISH box. Once or twice a month we are able to deliver many bags of groceries to the Methodist Church that hosts FISH. Thanks for all donations. Bring a few cans when able, it all adds up. Nick & Connie Vagle

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## Special Dates & Events



**April 1** (Sun.) Easter — 7:00 a.m. Easter Vigil; 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. Easter Festal Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross; bring a bell or noisemaker for the 10:00 a.m. service and bring a flower to place on the cross.

**April 2** (Mon.) 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer; Parish Office closed

**April 12** (Thurs.) Holocaust Remembrance Day; 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**April 13** (Fri.) 4-7:00 p.m. PEO Bunco Party at St. Luke's

**April 14** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vestry/BAC & Treasurers Workshop: This workshop for congregational leaders such as vestry/BAC members, wardens, clergy and treasurers will be offered three times in 2018. There will be breakout sessions that focus on resources of interest to each group. There will be comprehensive discussions on roles and responsibilities for church governance, Parochial Report preparation, audit program/procedures, and liability insurance questions, contact information for assistance, as well as information on the many online and cost-free resources.

**April 21** (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Celtic Spirituality Day at Trinity, Ashland: Everyone is warmly invited to come for all or part of this special day for an immersion into Celtic dance, art, Celtic-style labyrinth walks, presentations on Celtic prayers and poetry, the Celtic year and spiritual practices, and a mini-concert of Celtic music with special Celtic musicians. This entire day includes lunch free of charge. Save the date!

**April 21 & 28** (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "Get Out the Vote" Rogue Indivisible phone bank

**April 22** (Sun.) Earth Day

**April 25** (Wed.) St. Mark the Evangelist

**April 27** (Fri.) Arbor Day

**Note:** Every Thursday at 7:45 a.m. at St. Luke's, the service is Celtic Morning Prayer in the chapel.



5	Deborah Crow		
7	Jack Allen, Barry Boston, Robin Griffiths, Lucy Roberts		
11	Dennis James		
16	Olivia Huber		
20	Phyllis McGill		
23	Michael Riding		
24	Myrna Rafalovich	27	Russ Sterling

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## Jr. Warden's Report — by Dennis James

As I outlined in the Annual Report for 2017 a list of project goals was drawn up for the current year. Of that reported list the following items have been addressed:

1. The porch railings to the kitchen and Parish Administrator's office have been completed. Painting of these improvements will be completed when two weeks of warm, dry weather arrive.
2. In connection with this painting, the exterior window casements of the church and parish hall will be painted. These areas are in great need of attention.
3. The window in the rector's office has now been installed.
4. The interior painting of the parish hall window casements is now complete.
5. The door to the alley on the north side of the church is now completed and in compliance with the ADA and city code.
6. Progress is being made in the selection of the new carpeting for the parish hall, offices, youth room, guild room and hallways, a total of 3,000 square feet of carpeting. In connection with this project, St. Luke's parishioners have given wide support with over 25 households contributing to the effort to raise \$5,000 towards the purchase and installation of new carpeting. To all who have contributed, thank you for your support.
7. The railing supports to the handicapped access are partially complete. The contractor installing the supports for the railing posts realized after starting the job that more supports would be necessary to complete the job. So, he is having more steel supports fabricated and will install them when fabrication is complete. If you are curious, the supports are now installed on both sides of the steel posts, instead of just one side of the steel posts. This makes for greater stability. Originally, the supports were fabricated to secure one side of each post

Projects that are still in the planning stages:

1. Replacement of coverings for the stained-glass windows
2. Painting the steel railings to the handicapped access and porch
3. Replacement of windows on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street side of the church that border the choir area
4. Replace the utility shed



Spring Cleaning:

It is my desire to have a work day for cleaning out the basement of the church. The pump room and furnace room are now in order and have remained tidy, except for an old Christmas tree. The children's classrooms need attention especially if the Vestry makes arrangements with Tinkerbelle Preschool for the Fall of 2018.

Carpet Installation:

I have asked Fashion Floors and its representative, Doug McBee, to give me a large carpet sample for style chosen by the committee on carpet color and design, better known as the "quilting group." Yes, the consultants did review other suggestions before making their selection. The larger sample will allow the parish to see what this might look like before installation. If this same choice has been installed locally, the committee members and I will send representatives to see it as installed.

I am attempting to arrange for carpet installation in June, 2018. Before this can occur, all carpeting now in place will be removed. It is my hope that a parish work group of the able and willing will paint all the woodwork in the parish hall, offices, hallways, guild room/library, lay readers lounge and choir room.

Thank you for your support. This is a parish family effort. No contribution is too small. Our tradition of "paint your heart out" will be given a new purpose.

Dennis James

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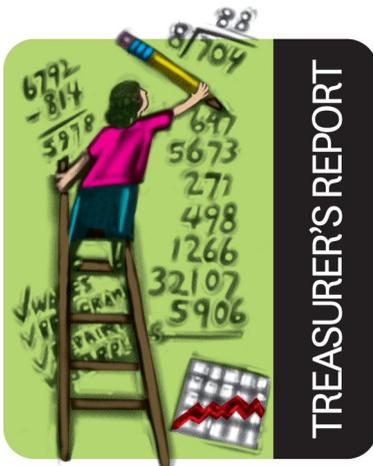
## Sr. Warden's Report — by John Barnard

On page 183 of the book *Christianity after Religion* (the book being studied now by the book group led by Deacon Joani), author Diana Butler Bass writes that “Churches need to ask the question ‘Who are we in God?’ to move ahead.” She then goes on to an interesting discussion of this at some length.

That inquiry is particularly timely for St. Luke's during this transition and for each of us individually. It is a question which becomes larger, but not easier, the longer one thinks about it. If we can figure this out as individuals and as a parish, a lot of things will fall into place for us.

So who are you and who are we in God?

John Barnard



### By Myrna Rafalovich

As of March 28, 2018

Pledges Made            \$7,579.00

Pledge Payments       \$5,540.00

**Shortfall            <\$2,039.00>**

## Truth

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

— Donald H. Tippet



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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—THURSDAY**  
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
**FRIDAY — 7:15 a.m.**  
  
**PASTORAL CARE**  
Dan & Joan Collins  
Lynn Hughes  
Frances Osborne  
Dave & Diana Robertson

**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  
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