



# Luke's Log

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July 24, 2018

Vestry and Members of the Parish

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
224 NW D Street  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Dear Friends:

Since the scope of the position expanded radically almost two years ago, there has never been enough time for me to carry out the duties of Senior Warden in the way I wished to and, because of personal business, I expect to have even less time available for at least the rest of this year.

Therefore, I am resigning as Senior Warden and a member of the Vestry as of 5:00 PM this Friday, July 27, 2018. This is a good time for a change. The interim period is concluding happily and three and one-half years was a long time for me to be Senior Warden under the circumstances which existed.

I enthusiastically support the call of the Reverend Ernestein Flemister to be the next rector and I know that you will also. I am not angry at anyone and I feel fully appreciated to the point of sometimes blushing.

It was a privilege to serve as your Senior Warden and I do not have enough words (Imagine that!) to express how grateful I am for the support

of Parish Administrator Merle Berry over the past twenty-two months during which St. Luke's has not had a permanent rector.

God bless you all and God bless St. Luke's and shine grace on its future.

Respectfully submitted,

John Barnard



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## Introduction Letter — from St. Luke's Vestry

Dear Family and Friends of St. Luke's,

As you many of you know, we have joyful news to share! God has blessed us and a new rector has been called with the unanimous approval of the Search Committee and the Vestry. On July 19, 2018, Bishop Michael J. Hanley signed the Covenant of Ministry that had been submitted by St. Luke's, and the Reverend Ernstein C. Flemister is now Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church!

You will all have many questions about Rev. E and there is information about her on our website: [stlukesgrantspass.org](http://stlukesgrantspass.org).

Rev. E's first Sunday at St. Luke's will be August 26th. Prior to that time all of us will be planning ways to welcome her to St. Luke's and Grants Pass. Please pass on your ideas to any Vestry members or leave a note in our Vestry mail boxes near the Choir Room.

God is good, all the time.

The Vestry of St. Lukes

John Barnard, Senior Warden, Dennis James, Junior Warden, Bridget Garvin, Susan Lee Hall, Alison Huber, Juli Mimnaugh, Michael Riding, Hana Rubens, Scott Swindells.



## Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich

As of July 31, 2018

Pledged Amount	\$53,053
Pledge Payments	<u>\$51,800</u>
Shortfall	< <b>\$8,452.00</b> >

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## Special Dates & Events

**August 1** (Wed.) Last of carpeting installation

**August 2** (Thurs.) 5:30 p.m. Cursillo Gathering

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

**August 11** (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Connected Church" at St. Luke's

**August 15** (Wed.) St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**August 22** (Wed.) The Rev. Ernestein C. Flemister at St. Luke's

**August 24** (Fri.) St. Bartholomew, the Apostle

**August 26** (Sun.) First Sunday Holy Eucharist with the Rev. E.



1	Dennis Duewel
9	Hana Rubens
12	Merle Berry
13	Janette Snow
17	Connie Frum, Charles Brown
21	Margaret James
24	Dcn. Joani Bristol
26	Candice Beatty
29	Nick Vagle, Helen McVay, Fr. Jim Boston
30	Judy Anzalone

*If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the parish office to get added on.*

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

**I**n keeping with the Annual Report of 2017 the parish is steadily repairing or replacing sites around the church.

The most current projects accomplished:

1. Re-painting the woodwork in the Parish Hall, Library/Guild Room, "D" Street entry, hallways on June 29 and 30, 2018.
2. Re-carpeting the Parish Hall, hallways, Choir Room, Lay Readers Lounge, Rector's Office on July 30, 2018.

Future Projects:

1. I met with a contractor, Dave Cooke, to review the condition of exterior window casements. Mr. Cooke will give us an evaluation and recommendations on all window casements including cost estimates.
2. The doors to the side entrance, from "D" Street, to the Parish Hall should be re-built or replaced.
3. Our lawn irrigation system will be repaired.
4. The storage shed will be replaced and re-situated.
5. Replace the church windows in the chancel.

Thank you for all of your help and enthusiasm for this great work. The physical structures of the parish church are an outward sign of its inner vitality!

Dennis James

## **A Note from the Rev. Dcn. Joani Bristol**

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the lovely celebration honoring my retirement from active ministry. You brought me great joy as I watched you all enjoying one another's company.

After almost 30 years as a Deacon at St. Luke's and in the Diocese of Oregon, I have retired from active ministry, but not from the joy of being part of the St. Luke's family.

While I will be taking some time away, I do not plan to leave St. Luke's, but hope to return to be worshipping with you and enjoying your company on this journey of faith we share.

Faithfully, Deacon Joani

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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 Episcopal Church publishes Luke's Log monthly. Submit articles to our email address or to the parish office by the 20th of the month. For more information, visit our website above.



**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  
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  
OFFICE HOURS**

M, T, Th 9 am-1 pm  
Wed. 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Friday  
541-476-2493

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**ST. LUKE'S OFFICERS & VESTRY**

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Myrna Rafalovich, Treasurer  
Bridget Garvin (2021)  
Susan Lee Hall (2020)  
Alison Huber (2019)  
Juli Mimnaugh (2021)  
Michael Riding (2021)  
Hana Rubens (2019)  
Scott Swindells (2020)

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