



Luke's Log

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From 1/2 of your Interim Rectors—Rev. Mary's turn

In addition to Valentine's Day and Presidents Day, February contains several holidays you may not have heard of... The 3rd is "Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day," Feb. 12 is a good one, "Clean out your Computer Day," Feb. 16- "Do a Grouch a Favor Day," Feb. 24- "International Sword Swallows Day"— the list goes on.

In our liturgical calendar we have Ash Wed. occurring on Feb. 14th and the start of Lent, a time of year where we invite all Christians to "the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word." (BCP p. 265)

It's a time when the liturgical colors in the church change to purple and we leave out the Gloria and put away the *alleluias* until Easter.

It's a time where we strip the frills (note we'll have no altar flowers and no weddings) and get to the basics of what being a Christian is.

This season of Lent began with the early Christians who observed a time of penance and fasting in preparation for Easter and baptism. It was a time of forgiveness and restoring people to each other and the life of the church. It eventually came to be called Lent. It's from an Old English word meaning *Spring*. Originally, the fast was 2 days, then lengthened to 6 and eventually became attached to a 40-day fast imitating Christ's fasting in the wilderness.

When we were young, many of us were told to give up our favorite dessert for Lent; as we got older maybe it was a bad habit or some indulgence we gave up during these 40 days.

But as we grow in our theology I hope we ask ourselves what Lenten tradition would be truly meaningful.

Giving up what for most is sheer luxury may not really be what Jesus meant by fast or what the churches original Lenten tradition was intended to be.

The fasting we might consider could be fasting from gossip, or all the extra stuff we accumulate and giving it to those who could desperately use it. Or fasting might mean using less energy so that the world's resources can be shared. Or giving more of our time to help others. Or spending time getting to know God better by reading something spiritual or sharing thanksgivings every evening. It might mean foregoing that daily latte and sending a check to a helping organization such as a veterans' organization or Episcopal Relief and Development, or St. Luke's for something needed here.

Something I've done in Lent that was very meaningful was to write a note of gratitude every day to someone different in my life who I haven't expressed appreciation for in a long time. The practice we choose, if we do it with mindfulness, can be life-altering.

Lent provides us with the opportunity to look seriously at our lives and to see if in fact

there are some things, some stuff, that get in the way of belonging to God and bringing Christ to each other, and actually acting on that. So, I invite you to walk the journey of Lent with a truly meaningful practice... and for those who DO decide to go ahead and give up chocolate... send it all my way.

Mary ✝

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Special Dates*
- ♦ *Jr. Warden's Report*
- ♦ *Pancake Supper*

More information Inside!

Senior Warden's Report — by John Barnard

In his book *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*, business researcher and best-selling author Jim Collins adapted and applied to non-profit organizations, including churches, many of the concepts introduced in his classic book *Good to Great*. One of those is the “Hedgehog Concept,” a hedgehog being a small, slow moving spiny animal that has quills that resemble those of a porcupine. Like all wild animals, a hedgehog’s major mission is to survive. If it cannot do that, it cannot reproduce and its species will disappear. Unlike, for example, a fox, a hedgehog does not have a variety of crafty methods for escaping predators. It can only protect itself by rolling its body into a ball, with all of its spines sticking out for protection. That’s all it can do for self-defense, but it does that very well and so it survives in many different places in the world. It has an unusually long average lifespan for a mammal its size and is believed to have existed in much the same form for the past 15 million years. Hedgehogs are small, but they endure. Small churches can endure and thrive also.

The animal serves as a metaphor for those successful organizations that thrive not by being the biggest, strongest, richest or fastest, but by understanding what they do best. Following the Hedgehog Concept, they accomplish their mission and survive and flourish by focusing on the things at which they are most competent and concentrating their efforts and activities in those areas. The corollary is not to spend time and effort on things which the organization does not do well. The hedgehog does not try to run from predators and, typically weighing only three or four pounds, does not fight them. The lesson is not only to have a “to do” list that is carefully chosen, but also to have a “don’t do” list and maybe a “stop doing” list.

What activities in furtherance of its mission do you think St. Luke’s does best? What things should it refrain from or stop doing?

Thank you for all that you do to serve God and St. Luke’s.

John Barnard



- 5 Mimi Johnston
- 11 Laura Dunwald Uhlig, Todd Calvert
- 13 Marlene Pryts
- 18 Starr Hungate
- 20 Gary Jordan
- 21 Fr. Morgan Silbaugh
- 23 Tim Roberts, Jim Huber
- 24 Vonnie Hardy

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

Special Dates & Events

- Feb. 2** (Fri.) The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple; Groundhog Day
- Feb. 7** (Wed.) 10:30 a.m. Book Study with Dcn. Joani
- Feb. 8** (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Feb. 13** (Tues.) 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (see article)
- Feb. 14** (Wed.) Ash Wednesday; St. Valentine's Day — 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday services
- Feb. 16** (Fri.) Lunar New Year
- Feb. 18** (Sun.) The First Sunday in Lent
- Feb. 19** (Mon.) Presidents Day — Parish Office closed
- Feb. 21** (Wed.) 10:30 a.m. Book Study with Dcn. Joani
- Feb. 24** (Sat.) St. Matthias the Apostle

Suggestions for Lent

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| Mend a quarrel. | Try to understand. |
| Seek out a forgotten friend. | Banish envy. |
| Dismiss suspicion and replace
with trust. | Ease your demands on others. |
| Write a letter of love. | Think first of someone else. |
| Share some treasure. | Appreciate. |
| Give a soft answer. | Be kind and gentle. |
| Encourage youth. | Laugh a little. |
| Manifest your loyalty in word
and deed. | Laugh a little more. |
| Keep a promise. | Deserve confidence. |
| Find the time. | Return charity for malice. |
| Forego a grudge. | Condemn complacency in yourself. |
| Forgive an enemy. | Express your gratitude. |
| Listen. | Go to church every day. |
| Apologize if you are wrong. | Welcome a stranger. |
| | Gladden the heart of a child. |
| | Take pleasure in the beauty and
and wonders of the earth. |

— From St. John's Abbey



Jr. Warden's Report — by Dennis James

Since August of 2017, when I agreed to act as Junior Warden with the co-sponsorship of David Robertson, who coordinates special projects, I have reviewed the deferred maintenance needs of St. Luke's.

David and I began with the clean-out of the pump and furnace rooms with the object of eliminating any rodents entering the basement. We hired an exterminator who, after several weeks, declared St. Luke's rodent-free. Truck loads of miscellaneous junk were removed, some found items going back to the 60's era. We sealed the basement to prevent future rodent problems. We also, with the help of the congregation, held a "Sparkle and Shine" cleaning day at the end of September.

We drew up a list of projects that should be attended to in 2018. Among the items we listed for update or replacement:

1. The porch railings to the Kitchen and Parish Administrator's office. This has been completed except for painting.
2. Replacement of the windows in the Rector's office.
3. Painting the interior window casements in the Parish Hall.
4. Replacement of the door facing the alley with one meeting the current fire code and ADA standards.
5. Replacement of the 30-year-old carpeting in the Parish Hall, hallways and offices.
6. Replace the window covers over stained-glass windows.
7. Retro-fit the steel railings on the handicapped access to stabilize them. Painting them may be required if the powder coating has failed.
8. Get bids on the windows of the choir areas facing the 4th Street side of the church.
9. Replace the current utility shed with a more secure unit protected from alley traffic.

I want to thank the Gardening Angels for all their help with maintaining the gardens, sprinkler system and yard.



On Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m., St. Luke's will have a Pancake Supper headed up by John Kirschner and crew. There will be pancakes and syrup, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. So, come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. It's free but you are welcome to make a donation to offset costs. If you can help set up, assist in the kitchen or have questions, please contact John at 541-474-2483.

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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

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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