



Luke's Log

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From the Father Morgan half of the M&M Interim Ministry Team

To the Gentlefolk of St. Luke's,

We sing at this season, "God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day...O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy." After that, how can I admit to being dismayed? But I am—dismayed to see Christmas trees out at the curb within a day or two of Christmas, as if to say, "Been there, done that, Christmas is over." Once again, we are out of sync with much of the world around us because for us Christmas emphatically is not over. Tradition marks Epiphany as the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Twelve, perhaps for the twelve tribes of Israel, or the twelve Apostles, or better yet, for the twelve months of the year because now that God has chosen

to come and live among us, Christmas never does end. The traditional time to take down Christmas decorations is after Twelfth Night, the Eve of the Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men, the Three Kings. Whatever and however many these strange visitors bearing gifts to the Christ child were, what matters about them is what they were NOT. They were not Jews, but outsiders, foreigners, Others. The star leading them to Bethlehem acts out that God's Good News is not just for one tribe or another, but for all people. The season of Epiphany reminds the church of its call to reveal and proclaim the good news to all: joining Tiny Tim in singing out, "God Bless us, every one," and joining whatever sage said, "God bless us all, no exceptions." So, for

us Christmas does not end, but morphs into a missionary season in which, following St. Francis, we "preach the Good News at all times, if necessary use words."

That wonderful resource, A New Zealand Prayer Book, offers us this prayer asking God to enable us to not merely celebrate, but to live Christmas:

Welcome Jesus, our humble gentle Savior. welcome to Bethlehem, where we have loved and fought and longed for the peace the world can never give. We ask for your peace, your love, your gentleness, and the courage to live that way. Amen



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Senior Warden's Report — by John Barnard

Right! It's *not* the beginning of a new year. For ecclesiastical purposes, that was December 3, the First Sunday of Advent. Because of the anticipation that is at the core of the Advent season, I prefer to regard that as the annual milestone.

Two parishes in the Diocese of Oregon have called new rectors recently and we will do the same in God's good time. The process takes longer now for many reasons, but it happens. St. Luke's is growing in strength and numbers with the addition of new members and the return of some who have been apart from us. People are joining our various ministries and contributing their spirit and energy. The faith, community and spirit of this parish endure and will always do so. Sometimes we must adapt and improvise, but with the help of God and each other St. Luke's addresses the challenges it faces and overcomes them. We are incredibly blessed to have Mary and Morgan with us at this time of transition.

The Annual Meeting this year will take place after the 10:00 service (the only one that day) on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Please make it a point to attend. Three Vestry members will be elected, as is the normal practice, and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and say what is on your mind.

Thank you for all that you do for God and St. Luke's.

John Barnard

Kindness is like snow— it beautifies everything it covers.

— Kahlil Gibran

Special Dates & Events

Jan. 1 (Mon.) New Year's Day — No 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer; Parish Office closed

Jan. 6 (Sat.) The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ (no service)

Jan. 7 (Sun.) The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Jan. 10 (Wed.) 10:30 a.m. Book Study with Dcn. Joani begins (see article)

Jan. 11 (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Jan. 15 (Mon.) Martin Luther King , Jr. Day (Parish Office open)

Jan. 18 (Thurs.) The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle; 7:00 p.m. Special Vestry Meeting on Budget (tentative)

Jan. 20 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon PEO Founders Day at St. Luke's in Parish Hall

Jan. 24 (Wed.) 10:30 a.m. Second session of Book Study with Dcn. Joani

Jan. 25 (Thurs.) The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Jan. (Sun.) No 8:00 a.m. service; a single service at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Meeting & Vestry nominations and elections. Please try and attend this important event. Will have simple finger foods for coffee hour after the service— please bring a simple finger food to share.

The Rev. Mary & Harry Piper's New Quilt— sewn with love by Needle & Thread Sewing Group



Jr. Warden's Report — by Dennis James

Since August of 2017 I have taken an inventory of delayed maintenance and rehab projects for St. Luke's. With the co-sponsorship of David Robertson we have:

- Cleaned out the furnace room and pump room
- Sealed entries to deal with rodent problems
- Drawn up a list of improvements
- Hired Dave Cooke, a contractor, to begin replacing the bannisters to the two porches at the rear of the parish center, and windows to the Rector's Office

Future Projects include:

- Replacement of the door facing the alley on the north side of the church
- Finishing the window casements in the Parish Hall
- Replacing the protective covering to the stained-glass windows
- Replacing the carpeting in the Parish Hall and adjacent hallways and rooms
- Making the "Children's Room" more accommodating for children

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle — by Margaret James



One easy way to reduce excess waste is to buy bulk food. It eliminates most of the packaging and you're able to buy the quantity that you will actually use. I find this especially true with herbs and spices; why buy a whole ton of cloves if the recipe calls for one-half teaspoon? I go to the Farmer's Market for spices. For a larger selection of bulk foods, try Winco and *reduce*.



2018 Book Study: *Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass

Led by Deacon Joani Bristol

From Diana Butler Bass' website:

“Offering direction and hope to individuals and churches, *Christianity After Religion* is Bass’s call to approach faith with a newfound freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. And it is a hope-filled plea to see and participate in creating a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.”

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. in Library/Guild Room

Paperbacks available through Amazon - \$10.48 or Barnes and Noble - \$10.74

Perhaps Oregon Books can get it for you as well.

Kindle and Nook books also available - \$8.49

iBooks - \$8.99.

Begins: January 10, 2018 (If you can read chapter 1 by this date that would be lovely....)

Tentative schedule:

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 7

March 21

April 4

April 18

May 2



Questions, please see Dcn. Joani.

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.*

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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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
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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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