



Luke's Log

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From 1/2 of your Interim Rectors

The Lord's Prayer-God's Swiss Army Knife

In the late 1940's an innovative upstate New York elementary school teacher asked her students to undertake an honest-to-goodness research project. I was one of those students. For some reason I chose to explore the development of anesthesia. I remember being fascinated to learn that TWO people in two different parts of the United States worked out at the same time the use of ether to anesthetize patients. I've since seen this sort of thing happens relatively often in many fields: an idea whose time has come bears fruit in more than one place. The insight that the Lord's Prayer can serve as a tool for Christian formation is one of those ideas.

The Lord's Prayer is a tool God gives us to help us grow into becoming the kind of people He wants us to be. I first found this in Roberta Bondi's *A Place to Pray, Reflections on the*

Lord's Prayer, which I will be using to lead Lenten Studies in Hawai'i. She wrote "Christians are called to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and the Lord's Prayer, prayed honestly from the places in which we really are, is a basic tool to help us do it." She also speaks of the Prayer as "a means for healing our abilities to love God, the neighbor, and ourselves." Finding this new way of seeing an old and familiar prayer exciting and powerful, I was intrigued to find someone else expressing it in different words, and in a different context. In *Amazing Grace*, Kathleen Norris observes that monks and nuns make deliberate and repeated use of "tools that they believe Jesus Christ has given them to overcome the temptation to condemn another." St. Benedict's rule requires that the Prayer be said at least three times a day, because of the "thorns of contention" that arise daily when we try to live in community. Asking God to forgive us as

we forgive others, Benedict indicates, steers us away from "the vice of self-righteousness and also lack of love."

Still the little kid on a research trail, I looked to see whether Bondi or Norris lead the way in this revelation. I can almost see God smiling. Sure enough, their books were both published in 1998! So, we receive the recognition of the Lord's Prayer as much more than something we say by rote so swiftly and routinely that it barely touches our hearts. I like to call it not just a tool, but "God's Swiss Army Knife." I'll bet somebody else is making that connection right now.

Fr. Morgan



Special points of interest:

- ♦ *A Note from the Choir Committee*
- ♦ *Pizza & Palm Crosses*

More information Inside!

Senior Warden's Report — by John Barnard

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

It has been said that if all a parish does is meet for a worship service and then socialize afterward, then it is a club, not a church. St. Luke's is in much danger of that. Many of you have expressed an interest in doing more parish outreach ministries and the Vestry addressed the subject at length during the planning session earlier this month. Moreover, one of the characteristics desired in the next permanent rector is talent and enthusiasm for outreach. Some of you are doing outreach already, in some cases so quietly that we only learn of it by accident. St. Luke's is a parish that wants to do more outreach work.

Outreach should have multiple leaders. It is good for those who conduct the ministry. A survey made of Episcopal leaders in Minnesota some years ago led to the conclusion that those who engage in outreach are much more hopeful about the state of the church, more likely to know their spiritual gifts and to use them, and more confident in proclaiming the good news of God in Christ.

The following words, more a call to service than a prayer, are famously attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582); although apparently they do not appear in her writings:

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

This parallels the Great Commission. Christ left us with the instruction “Go forth and make disciples of all nations,” but we do not need to be missionaries in distant places to do that. Faith is best and most authentically spread by those who are examples of living Christian lives, however imperfectly. That is what outreach fundamentally is.

Remember, you may well be the only authentic contact someone has with Jesus Christ because they will not come to church but you can bring the church to them.

— Attributed to former U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson

The most effective programs are not imposed by authority, they emerge from those in the pews. We will be talking more about outreach in the near future, so please start thinking about what you would like to do, personally and as a parish.

“They will know we are Christians by our love.”

John Barnard

“211-Info” — by Laurel Samson

I just discovered a really valuable resource and want to share it with you. It's called “211-Info.” They have information on resources that we may need at some time in our life. They have a list of organizations that help us figure out how to deal with problems. The range of problems includes the need to find a place to live, the need for food, help getting a job, help for some emotional problems and so many more. You can reach 211-Info by phone (dial 211); text (send your zip code to 898211); or computer (211info.org). Please share with your friends. You never know what kind of help someone might need.

Special Dates & Events



Mar. 2 (Fri.) World Day of Prayer

Mar. 4 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m. Commissioning of the Choir & Organist, Choir Committee

Mar. 8 (Thurs.) 7:45 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer (see article); 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Mar. 10 (Sat.) Turn clocks ahead one hour tonight — “spring forward.”

Mar. 11 (Sun.) Daylight-Saving Time begins; no 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum today; we welcome Fr. Tom Murphy as celebrant and preacher today.

Mar. 17 (Sat.) St. Patrick’s Day

Mar. 18 (Sun) Celtic Service at Trinity, Ashland — 6:30 p.m. harp music; 7:00 p.m. service begins

Mar. 19 (Mon.) St. Joseph

Mar. 24 (Sat.) 12:00 noon Pizza & Palm Crosses at Phyllis McGill’s house (see article)

Mar. 25 (Sun.) Palm Sunday — Liturgy of the Palms at 8 and 10:00 a.m. services

Mar. 29 (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Mar. 30 (Fri.) Good Friday — 12:00 noon Good Friday service; 7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Mar. 31 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m. Holy Saturday liturgy (lay led)



A Note from the Choir Committee

Just a quick note from the St. Luke's Choir Committee: As most of you already know, we here at St. Luke's Church recently procured a new organist and choir director, Chris Bingham. Have you enjoyed listening to and singing with the Choir under Chris' direction? Isn't it great to have the Allan Organ that Shirley Copeland so generously gifted to St. Luke's being put through its paces? We've been getting positive feedback from the congregation and are excited about the new music and anthems we're learning under Chris' direction.

As we all know, the Music Ministry is not part of St. Luke's budget. It is necessary to fund-raise all associated costs. The congregation has been very helpful and supportive in donating and fundraising for the music ministry. We, as a congregation, need to continue giving to the music ministry so that we may have beautiful music. Please keep this ministry in mind when you hear the music at St. Luke's. If you make a donation, please write “Choir Fund” in the memo portion of your check; if you donate cash, please place it in an envelope marked “Choir Fund.” All donations are greatly appreciated and will help keep our music ministry alive and thriving— and sounding wonderful!

Come and meet Chris Bingham after the service on March 4th. The Choir is hosting Coffee Hour!

Alison Huber and Bridget Garvin and St. Luke's Choir Committee (Michele Kyle, Merle Berry, Alison Huber, Bridget Garvin, Susan Lee Hall, Robin Griffiths, Hana Rubens)



Dear Vestry, church leaders and all interested...

We are blessed to have two major Diocesan trainings offered right here at home in April and May! No driving to Portland or Ashland or anywhere but St. Luke's! This is very exciting. The Rev. Mary Piper ☩

April 14

Vestry/BAC & Treasurers Workshops

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.

May 19

Especially now, work on justice and inclusion presents itself as an imperative to communities of faith. In the Episcopal Church, one of the ways we live into this mandate to “strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being” (BCP p.305) is through General Convention resolutions requiring anti-racism training for those in positions of leadership. On May 19 at St. Luke's the Diocesan Diversity Training will be held. All interested persons are welcome. In addition, In the Diocese of Oregon, all persons serving in the following capacities are required to take anti-racism training sponsored by the Episcopal Church:

Clergy in any form of church ministry

Diocesan Council

Standing Committee

Board of Trustees

Diocesan Staff

Leaders of key committees and commissions

Convocations deans and presidents

Deputies to General Convention

Training is \$25 (need based scholarships available) and includes lunch. All trainings start at 8:30 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM. Please note that this training is mandatory for all of those elected and serving in any of the above diocesan capacities.



Message from your Morning Prayer team

There have been a few changes to the Morning Prayer schedule. We meet at 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. on Fridays. One of us will always be there. Use the front Red doors to enter. The back door will be locked. When Kathleen and/or I arrive we always unlock the front door and we turn on the porch light. This is our way of signaling that someone is there. If you don't see the light on, please wait a couple minutes as we might be running a little late. Another change is that on *every Thursday* we will be doing a **Celtic Morning Prayer service**. By the time you read this we will be about halfway through Lent. As part of your Lenten practice, try joining us a couple of times a week. It is a true joy to start your day off with Morning Prayer!

Marlene Pryts & Kathleen Peters

Palm Cross Get-together at Phyllis McGill's

The Daughters of the King invite you for "Pizza and Palm Crosses" at Phyllis McGill's house at noon (or whenever you can get there) at: 730 NW Midland, Grants Pass 97526, on Saturday, March 24th. The pizza will be already made and we will make palm crosses for the Palm Sunday Services. No experience necessary. Mimi Johnston will be our expert and there are instructions and a video. Come, bring a friend and make this a part of your Lenten giving.

Please let Marlene Pryts know if you think you will be able to attend: marlenepryts@gmail.com or 707-287-5251. We need to estimate the amount of pizza to order. (But if you want to come and don't let us know, we want you anyways!)

Your DOK Sisters



EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for Easter Flowers are in the pews. Please place your check in the envelope and note "Easter Flowers" in the memo portion of the check. The cut-off date to order is Palm Sunday, March 25.



- 3 Laurel Samson
- 4 Simon Calvert, Dan McVay
- 7 Tatiana Kelly
- 17 John Kirschner
- 18 Helen Vanard
- 19 Juli Mimnaugh
- 20 Annalise Kelly
- 21 Patricia Hayes



Palm Sunday — March 25

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms

Maundy Thursday — March 29

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Good Friday — March 30

12:00 noon Good Friday service — Dennis James officiant

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross — Dcn. Joani Bristol officiant

Holy Saturday — March 31

11:00 a.m. Holy Saturday service (lay led) by Lynn Hughes

Easter Day — April 1 — 6:00 a.m. Easter Vigil (no 8:00 a.m. service)

10:00 a.m. Easter Day Festal service — The Rev. Mary Piper

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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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