



# Luke's Log

## Planting Seeds



October 2018

John 12:24 *Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

**A**s we change seasons once again, it's the time of year when many churches turn to their Stewardship Campaigns or other titled programs. What we are really talking about is asking for your support to carry out God's work in this part of God's kingdom. It seems as if we

Episcopalians and some other denominations hate to talk about money, one part of Stewardship. Whenever the subject is broached, eyes glazed over and are averted, palms become sweaty and attitudes change. It's as if someone is telling a "Yo mama" joke and it's about Yo mama!

Yet Stewardship is a key and integral part of our community. Stewardship is defined as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." ... Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." It's utilizing our time, talents and treasure to the honor and glory of God and to help one another on our journey. We are the stewards, and care-

takers of our earth, and our fellow creatures and we cannot do that without your help and support. God has blessed us with so much, from the very breath that we take, to our families, friends and loved ones. God has also blessed us with creation, joyful fellowship and communities within which we can share our lives. We can never repay God, but we can surely respond to God's love with gratitude.

I ask you to take the time to examine what your response should be to God's love, grace, compassion and mercy.

Peace and blessings to you all.

Much love,  
Rev. Ernestein †

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### Special points of interest:

- ♦ Teaching Eucharist
- ♦ Adult Formation

More information Inside!

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## Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich

As of September 30, 2018



Pledged Amount	\$68,211.00
Pledge Payments	<u>\$64,553.00</u>
Shortfall	< <b>\$3,658.00</b> >

### Convention News

The Commission on Poverty and Homelessness is once again sponsoring one of the highlights of the Diocesan Convention: The CPH Basket Raffle! Congregations are invited and encouraged to bring one or more filled gift baskets to be raffled off in support of programs funded through the Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness.

All donations including baskets are gratefully accepted. Please have them at St. Luke's by **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** so the baskets can be assembled. More information will be announced.

Many thanks in advance for your creativity and generosity!



### Sr. Warden's Report — by Juli Mimnaugh

I am honored to be chosen to serve as the Reverend Ernestein's Senior Warden to fill the remainder of John's term.

It is my hope to continue the good work begun by John Barnard during our trying last few years. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Autumn is a wonderful and busy time of change for us. We look forward to our annual Rummage Sale, Blessing of the Animals, All Saints' Day and our first Harvest Thanksgiving celebration.

I'm sure my dad who was Senior Warden for six rectors will be guiding me as we help the Rev. E. become comfortable in our parish and community.

Juli Mimnaugh

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## Special Dates & Events

- Oct. 4** (Thurs.) 6:00 p.m. “Pub Theology” at Climate City Brewery (“G” Street, Grants Pass)
- Oct. 7** (Sun.) Blessing of the Pets at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services
- Oct. 8** (Mon.) Columbus Day
- Oct. 11** (Thurs.) 5:30 p.m. Cursillo Meeting
- Oct. 15** (Mon.) 4-7 Rogue Indivisible post card writing party
- Oct. 18** (Thurs.) Saint Luke the Evangelist; 6:00 p.m. “Pub Theology” at Climate City
- Oct. 20** (Sat.) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rummage Sale (see article)
- Oct. 22** (Mon.) 4-7 Rogue Indivisible post card writing party
- Oct. 23** (Turs.) Saint James of Jerusalem
- Oct. 25** (Thurs.) 5:30 p.m. Cursillo Meeting
- Oct. 28** (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. one service -- Teaching Eucharist; donations due for gift baskets
- Oct. 29** (Mon.) Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
- Oct. 31** (Wed.) All Hallow’s Eve – Happy Halloween



## Teaching Eucharist

**M**ark your calendar: There will be a single 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist that is a “teaching eucharist” by the Rev. Ernestein C. Flemister on two upcoming dates: Sunday, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 25. Remember, there will be only *one* service on those dates.

## Adult Formation

There are two sign-up sheets at the back of the kitchen door. These are for those interested in Adult Formation classes which will consist of Bible Study and Book Study. One will be on Tues. at 5:00 p.m. and one will be on Wed. at 1:30 p.m. So, if you would like to attend these classes, please sign up to indicate your interest. If there are enough people signed up, the Rev. Ernestein will organize the classes and the official start dates of each will be announced.



6 Marybelle Hunt, France Osborne  
24 Shirley Duewel  
30 Avis McBee

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



**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**M**ark your calendar to bring items in the week prior. Please, no TV's, broken items or large furniture. Margaret James is heading it up this year.

## **Ft. Vannoy Elementary School**

**O**ngoing Needs: Don't forget that need knows no season. There are two barrels for Fort Vannoy Elementary School in the Parish Hall. One is for gently-used clothing and one is for new clothing for elementary school children. Please remember to donate to this worthy cause. And please only contribute clean, non-ripped clothing suitable for elementary-age school children. Your donation is appreciated and will be distributed when the barrels are full to the school for needy children. Thank you!



## **Calling All Creatures Great and Small!**

**J**oin us with your furry family on Oct. 7 for our annual Blessing of the Animals. The services at both 8 and 10 a.m. will be to bless and celebrate these animals and all of creation. We'll have a section set aside for those wanting to enjoy the service but not sit in rows with pets. Please bring your leashed or crated friendly pet of any kind, and if you have one that's not social, feel free to bring a photo for the blessing. Kids' stuffed animals welcome as well.

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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  
  
WEDNESDAY  
12:15 p.m. Mid-week Eucharist  
  
MONDAY—THURSDAY  
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
FRIDAY — 7:15 a.m.

**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**  
  
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Wed. 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Friday  
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