



# Luke's Log

## Planting Seeds



April 2019

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more*

*than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-20*

**W**e are past the halfway point as we travel with Jesus on his journey toward Jerusalem. Jesus knew as we know now what awaited him there but he did not turn back. Jesus was on an appointed task assigned to him by God. We, like Jesus, also had an assigned task during the season of Lent and we are heading towards Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Have we had a Holy Lent as we were asked to do on Ash Wednesday? Have we examined ourselves, repented of our sins, prayed, fasted, practiced self-denial and read and meditated on God's Holy Word? What we're asked to do is challenging and in reality cannot be accomplished without faith and trust in God. Have we faced the challenges as Jesus did in spite of some doubt in the garden of Gethsemane? Have we

given up because it's too hard or requires us to do some soul-searching and really take a look at ourselves in the light of day? God is able to accomplish his purpose through us.

As we look toward Jerusalem and Holy Week, we will be crucified with Jesus and rise as Jesus did as the resurrected people of God. Have we prepared ourselves; mind, body and soul to live as the risen Body of Jesus? As resurrected and risen people, we live in love and hope, peace and joy, mercy and compassion looking to our final journey where we will die in Christ and rise in Glory. Let us then put our trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ as we move these final weeks of Lent and know that God is able to do all things. Amen

Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

Rev. Ernestein †

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## Sr. Warden's Report - by Jim Huber

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

3/25/19

I thought I would write to you on the topic of communication, conveying information and staying informed. Excellent communication is vital to the success of most endeavors, including those of St. Luke's Parish. It is important that people feel they are informed about what is occurring and that they have a means of seeking information and conveying their ideas and concerns.

While I hesitate to even write this word because it is so overused, I do want you to know that Reverend E. and the Vestry strive to be as – here comes the word – “transparent” as possible! Basically, barring some legal or other reason that would prevent us from doing so, we will share with you what we know and what we are working on. In other words, we don't have any secrets to hide!

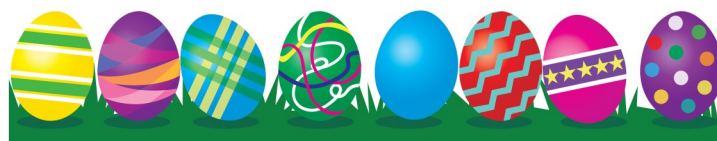
In practical terms, how does this work? First, Vestry Meetings are held at the Church on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00. You are invited to attend. Second, afterwards, Minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the entryway to the church. They provide a good summary of what occurred and take only a few minutes to read. Third, we decided to try something new. On the first Sunday after a Vestry meeting during the announcements part of the service, we will provide a brief report on what occurred at the meeting. While who does this may vary on occasion, I will report at the 8:00 a.m. service and Dennis James will report at the 10:00 a.m. service. This is something new that we want to try so please provide feedback and let us know what you think.

Finally, you are welcome to contact Vestry members and communicate directly with us. We have not listed the numbers of each individual but you can call the Parish Office (541-476-2493) or e-mail at [stlukegrantspass@gmail.com](mailto:stlukegrantspass@gmail.com) for contact information. Also, check the Parish Directory for information. My number is 541-226-8181 if I can be of assistance.

I hope this helps. Also, please do not forget that communication is a two-way street. We are trying to do our part to be good communicators, but you must do your part as well: listen carefully, seek clarification, ask questions and share what is on your mind.

Sincerely,

Jim Huber, Senior Warden



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## Special Dates & Events

**April 4** (Thurs.) 11:30 Lenten Lunch & Bible study at St. Luke's

**April 5** (Fri.) 5-9:00 p.m. First Friday Art Show followed by Artist Reception in Parish Hall

**April 13** (Sat.) 10-12 noon Rogue Indivisible post card writing party; 11:30 a.m. Cross-making & Pizza at Phyllis McGill's house (730 NW Midland, GP — 541-476-3232)

**April 14** (Sun.) Palm Sunday — 8 and 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday liturgy and Procession of the Palms; 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch

**April 16** (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**April 17** (Wed.) 5:30-7:00 p.m. Seder Meal at St. Luke's — sign up sheet at kitchen door

**April 18** (Thurs.) Maundy Thursday — 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

**April 19** (Fri.) Good Friday — Passover begins at dawn; 12 noon-1:00 p.m. Community Worship at St. Anne's Catholic Church

**April 20** (Sat.) Holy Saturday — 11:00 a.m. Lay-led Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

**April 21** (Sun.) **EASTER SUNDAY** — 8-9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. Easter Festal service with incense, music and choir; Flowering of the Cross

**April 22** (Mon.) Monday in Easter Week; Earth Day; Parish Office closed; 4-6:00 p.m. Rogue Indivisible "Get Out the Vote"

**April 23** (Tues.) Tuesday in Easter Week; 1:30-3:00 p.m. Rev. Ernestein in online conference

**April 24** (Wed.) Wednesday in Easter Week

**April 25** (Thurs.) Thursday in Easter Week; 6:00 p.m. Brewing Theology

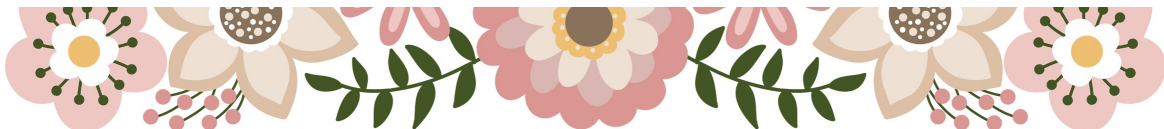
**April 26** (Fri.) Friday in Easter Week; Arbor Day

**April 27** (Sat.) Saturday in Easter Week; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vestry/BAC/Treasurer Workshop at St. Luke's

**April 29** (Mon.) St. Mark the Evangelist; 1-8:10 p.m. Photo Session in Parish Hall

**April 30** (Tues.) 12 noon to 7:10 p.m. Photo Session in Parish Hall

**Note:** April Gardening Angels dates will be announced at the 10:00 a.m. service.



# Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich



## Year to Date March 31, 2019

2019 Pledge Budget	\$23,000.00
Paid Pledges	<u>\$18,599.00</u>
Shortfall	<\$4,401.00>

## Photography Sessions

Lifetouch Studios photography sessions for St. Luke's Parish Directory; family photo package also offered for purchase.

**Photography sessions will be Monday, April 29th — 1:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. and Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 7:10 p.m. in the parish hall.**

Sign-up schedule available during coffee hour after the 8:00 a.m. service and after the 10:00 a.m. service; please see Merle Berry, Juli Mimnaugh or Concetta Buckner to sign up. Information packets are available when you sign up. Sign-up may continue up until the day of the photo session, as long as there are open slots. Questions, please contact Merle Berry.

**Lenten Lunches** -- 11:30-1:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Lunch following by a Bible study on Colossians. When St. Luke's hosts, we ask for volunteers to bring soup, and the church will provide the bread. so mark your calendar for these dates:

Apr. 4            St. Luke's  
Apr. 11          Newman UMC



5	Deborah Crow
7	Barry Boston, Robin Griffiths, Lucy Roberts
8	Rev. Ernestein Flemister
11	Dennis James
14	Krista Meade
16	Olivia Huber
20	Phyllis McGill
23	Michael Riding
24	Myrna Rafalovich

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## Holy Week

Tuesday, April 16th	Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17th	Seder Meal — 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 18th	Maundy Thursday with foot-washing & Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 19th	Good Friday Community Worship — St. Anne Catholic Church 12-1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 20th	Lay-led Holy Saturday Morning Prayer service — 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 21st	8:00-9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast; all are welcome Flowering of the Cross 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Festal service with incense, music & choir



**E**nvelopes for Easter Lilies are in the pews. Fill out and note “Easter Lilies” in the memo portion of your check. No set cost. Please print. Thank you.

## Art Show — by Juli Mimnaugh

**S**t. Luke’s Episcopal Church will be holding its first Art Show featuring works by church members past and present as part of the Grants Pass First Friday Art Night. We hope to have a little reception and some music that night. We would like to have some of our artists present to talk with others about what they have done but it’s not necessary.

The title of our show is, *Gifts from God: The Artist Within*. As part of our attempt to reach out to the community around us we want to share a little bit of who we are.

We are defining “art” as something we have made that gives you joy or something someone from our past has made that pleases you.

Please share a little bit of yourself so we can better get to know you. Everything is welcome and we will try to tastefully display all work.

We will be setting up our little gallery on Thursday afternoon, April 4 for Friday’s event.

For more information talk to Juli Mimnaugh (541-479-8435) or Peace.

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## Anamchara Fellowship — by Marlene Pryts

**O**n April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service Marlene Pryts will become a Novice in the Anamchara Fellowship. This ceremony is when she receives her habit and takes her vows.

**What's Anamchara Fellowship?** Anamchara is a lay monastic order with a Celtic spirit. Founded in the tradition of the Episcopal Church, Anamchara Fellowship has received canonical recognition by the House of Bishops' Committee on the Religious Life. We strive to be an inclusive monastic community, welcoming men and women, clergy and lay, married, single, or partners in a committed relationship. Members of the fellowship may live in their own homes or in groups as the ability for that arises. Anamchara is a Gaelic word for "soul friend." It was the style of formation given to a new monk or nun in a Celtic monastery, whereby the new member would be paired up with an older, more experienced monk. In this way the new Religious would have a more personal mentoring in the monastic tradition.

Marlene was assigned her "Soul Friend" when she became an Aspirant. Sr. Barbara Jean Brown (co-founder of AF) Sr. BJ will be flying out from Delaware for the ceremony. Marlene was in discernment to almost 2 years, a Seeker for 6 months, an Aspirant for 10 months, and now she is becoming a Novice. This stage will be 18 months to 3 years. Then she will become Professed. She has chosen the name Sister Marlene Ita. This is the prayer of our community:

*Bless and enlighten our journeys, O Lord. May the triune of our strength lead us deeper into the heart of your perfect will. Grant us grace as we grow in the spirit of hospitality, generosity, compassion, and love. May our vows of simplicity, fidelity, and obedience draw us ever closer to you and to each other, and may our lives bear witness to the Kingdom of God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

For more information please go to: [anamcharafellowship.org](http://anamcharafellowship.org)

## Jr. Warden's Report - by Dennis James

**P**rogress on window tinting: "Pristine Window Covers" has installed new reflective window tinting in the chancel of the church and to the south-facing windows in the parish hall.

Windows in the Library/Guild Room will be added to the tinting process at a later date.

Tinting with reflective material allows for natural light while reflecting back 60-68% of the heat from direct sunlight. This should provide relief from summer's sun exposure.

Doors: A door had been installed to the main entrance of the parish hall. A search of the available resources is in progress to find the least expensive locks and ADA approved exist push bar for the new door. This replaces the former door system of two lattice window doors that go back to the 1940's.

The red doors are ready to be hung as soon as there is determination of the use of old hardware in the new doors. IF the old hardware cannot be used, then the purchase of new locks and handles will proceed. The old hardware goes back to the 1960's and parts are hard to find.

Shed: It is proposed to move the location of our outdoor storage shed from its current location in the alley. The "old shed" will be replaced with a new shed located in front of the kitchen window and in front of the downstairs entrance to the basement. The schedule for this is Spring 2019.

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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

**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**

M, T, Th 9 am-1 pm

Wed. 9 am-5 pm

Closed Friday

541-476-2493

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Dennis James (2020) Jr. Warden  
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Concetta Buckner (2022)  
Bridget Garvin (2021)  
Susan Lee Hall (2020)  
Juli Mimnaugh (2021)  
Michael Riding (2021)  
Hana Rubens (2020)  
Lee Smith (2022)  
Scott Swindells (2020)