



Luke's Log

Planting Seeds



February 2019

The Real Work

by Wendell Berry

It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.

The hustle and bustle of preparing for our Annual Meeting has come and gone. The Annual Meeting was well attended, and we had fruitful

conversations about who we are, where we are and where we believe God is calling and challenging us to be and do. We elected three new vestry members, two delegates to diocesan convention and one alternate. A big thank you to all who volunteered to serve their fellow parishioners at St. Luke's. Now we begin the work of the discerning specifically how God wants us to show up and represent him at St. Luke's, in Grants Pass and in the wider church and world. It will require all our contributions and gifts both great and small. God does not challenge is to do for him without providing the spirit and tools to get his purpose accomplish. All we have to do is agree to show up for God. What we do is not dependent on what others do. Some projects may last a

short time while others a life time. We may complete some work and some will be completed by others. It's all about God, not us. We are God's vessels and God works through us. So, let's pray for guidance, open our hearts, roll up our sleeves and get to work. Together with faith and trust in God, we can do great things in his name.

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.

Ephesian 3:20-21

Rev. Ernestein †

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Teachers Needed — by Laurel Samson

We are getting ready to once again offer a program for young children. The room off the parish hall is just about ready. I am finishing up with four class lessons. The next step is getting teachers.

I am asking for help with the children. This is what it will require:

1. Taking an online class that the Diocese has created. There are about five lessons. You can do these one over a period of time. The classes will train us to ensure the children are safe in our church.
2. Signing up to be a teacher one Sunday a month. I am hoping it will be even less often. As you know, we have very few children come with their parents or grandparents. So, most of the time, you would spend that Sunday in church as you do other Sundays. But for those few times, we want to offer the class. And, hopefully, we will have more children in the program over time.
3. If a child comes to church, our greeters will get you and let you know that we will have a class that day. It will be important to be five or ten minutes early on your Sunday. The lessons for each class will be in the class room. I will have all of the supplies that are needed in the class room as well. They will be in a paper bag and marked. They are very simple and targeted at young children.
4. If the child is an infant, we have a crib in the classroom. I will show you how to set it up. It is super simple.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions. I will be taking the on-line class next week and will let you know how it worked. We hope to start the children's program in mid-March.

Thanks. Laurel



- 5 Karen Aber, Mimi Johnston
- 11 Todd Calvert, Laura Dunwald-Uhlig
- 13 Marlene Pryts
- 19 Starr Hungate
- 20 Gary Jordan
- 23 Jim Huber, Tim Roberts
- 24 Vonnie Hardy

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

Special Dates & Events

February — Black History Month

Knowing what must be done does away with fear. — Rosa Parks

Feb. 2 (Sat.) The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple; Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 (Sun.) Altar Guild Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service

Feb. 5 (Tues.) Lunar New Year

Feb. 7 (Thurs.) New Item: 1:00 p.m. Torah Study, Newman UMC (every Thursday); 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*note changed date*)

Feb. 8 (Fri.) No 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer today

Feb. 10 (Sun.) Valentine's Potluck Lunch — Please bring a dish to share (*see sign-up sheet*)

Feb. 12-14 (T-Th) The Rev. Ernestein at Fresh Start, Eagle Creek; no Adult Formation classes Tuesday or Wednesday, and no mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday

Feb. 14 (Thurs.) Valentine's Day

Love asks nothing in return but seeks those who need it. And who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love? —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Feb. 17 (Sun.) 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Feb. 18 (Mon) Presidents Day — Parish Office closed

Feb. 19 (Tues.) 11:30-1:30 Clericus at St. Luke's

Feb. 24 (Sun.) 2-4 Ultreya at Holy Spirit, Sutherlin (see poster at hallway bulletin board)

Feb. 25 (Mon.) St. Matthias the Apostle

Affectionately Yours

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred in 270 A.D. for loving Jesus. Some sources say he performed weddings after the emperor banned them; some say he rescued Christians from Roman prisons. Two centuries later, the pope declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day.

According to legend, the priest signed his letters "Your Valentine." Later, Christians followed suit to honor him. By the mid-1700's, friends and sweethearts exchanged heart-shaped trinkets or sent handwritten notes of affection on February 14.

Sr. Warden's Report — by Jim Huber

January 31, 2019

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As of writing this I have been Senior Warden for less than four days, nevertheless I feel compelled to say a few words. First, thank you for selecting me to serve on the Vestry and thank you, Reverend Ernestein, for picking me to serve in this position. I am committed to do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of these new roles.

While I cannot comment on everything I see, I do want to share a few observations that give me great hope. I thought the annual meeting we had on January 27 was very positive and the report we received is filled with so many of the good things that are occurring in our parish. I am particularly impressed by the efforts of Dennis James, as I experience the results of his excellent work when I visit St. Luke's. For example, I truly enjoy the "fresh" light that fills the chancel, the result of the installation of new windows at the northwestern corner of the church. Also, kudos to Reverend "E", who delivered a powerful and moving oration at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Newman United Methodist Church on January 21. Afterwards, I found myself gloating in a bit of selfish pride, thinking "She's our Rector!" We are so fortunate that she is now here with us.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the two most recent Senior Wardens who preceded me, John Barnard and Juli Mimnaugh, for all their dedication and hard work.

As you can see, there is ample reason to be thankful and optimistic. Of course, the work is never done! So, take good care of yourselves and be good to one other and to others you encounter.

Sincerely,

Jim Huber



Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich

As of January 31, 2019

Pledged Amount	\$7,666.00
Pledge Payments	<u>\$5,760.00</u>
Shortfall	<\$1,906.00>

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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

M, T, Th 9 am-1 pm
Wed. 9 am-5 pm
Closed Friday
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Concetta Buckner (2022)
Bridget Garvin (2021)
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Juli Mimnaugh (2021)
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Hana Rubens (2020)
Lee Smith (2022)
Scott Swindells (2020)