



# Luke's Log

## Planting Seeds



### January 2019

*I no longer ask, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to hang on to?" Instead I ask, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to give myself to?"*

Parker Palmer

Take a deep breath. Shopping all done, trips to and from the airport done, meals done, gifts unwrapped... just take a moment to relax and refresh yourself. In the quiet moments, let's remember that Christ comes to us in human form and once again and what an amazing gift that is for us.

We now prepare to begin a new secular year and with that comes our annual meeting. We prepare reports from all the church's organizations and activities. We also prepare the budget to support the activities of St. Luke's and determine where we believe God is calling us to do as the community in Grants Pass.

As Parker Palmer says,

*"What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to give myself to?"*

Are we doing what God wants us to do or behaving in ways that reflect his plan for us at St. Luke's? Are we individually and as a community supporting one another in love and honesty? Are we supporting and lifting each other up when we fall? What are our priorities?

Are we prepared to do things and go places that God might be

sending us? Are we prepared to welcome all those who God sends our way? Are we willing to trust God and let God have his way in our lives, and the life of all those we love?

As our Baptismal Covenant says when the questions are asked of us, I will with God's help. We can accomplish these things but we only do them with God's help.

Let's pray for our annual meeting and for us to fulfill God's plan for us in 2019.

May God bless you and the work you do for him in 2019.

Happy New Year!

Rev. Ernestein †

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

What a pleasure it has been to serve as Reverend Ernestein's first Senior Warden. Watching the dynamics of church life change and evolve has been such a pleasure.

Please continue to count your blessings and contribute to the UTO boxes. Remember we have more boxes if you are so blessed that yours is already full and you need another. This UTO appeal will end at Lent when we will empty the boxes joining all our blessings together.

We are approaching Epiphany and this year it falls on a Sunday so I'm assuming we will have a celebration during the coffee hour. Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the Magi twelve days after Christmas, January 6th.

Reverend Ernestein's sermon on the meaning of the twelve days of Christmas was so interesting that I looked it up online. I encourage you to do the same if you missed it or just want a reminder. It gave me a new meaning to the song, The Twelve Days of Christmas.

May the New Year bring you good health and happiness and may we continue our journey through Christ. I pray daily to be the person my dog thinks I am and whom God wants me to be.

Juli Mimnaugh



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- 3 Darrell Buckner
- 18 Beverly Sterling
- 21 Marilyn Merritt Delp, Dave Robertson
- 24 Tom Taxelius
- 25 Brent Howell
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## Special Dates & Events

**Jan. 6** (Sun.) The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Jan. 10** (Thurs.) 5:30 Cursillo; 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Jan. 11** (Fri.) 3-5 Rogue Indivisible post card writing party

**Jan. 12** (Sat.) 10-12 noon Gardening Angels General Clean-up (also on the 19th if needed)

**Jan. 13** (Sun.) The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Jan. 15** (Tues.) 11:30-1:30 Clericus at St. Luke's

**Jan. 17** (Thurs.) 6:00 p.m. Pub Theology, Climate City

**Jan. 18** (Fri.) The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle

**Jan. 21** (Mon) Martin Luther King Day; Parish Office closed; 6:00 p.m. Celebration of MLK at Newman United Methodist Church — Rev. Ernestein keynote speaker

**Jan. 24** (Thurs.) 5:30 p.m. Cursillo

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

**Jan. 26** (Sat.) 11-1 Oregon Via de Cristo (Cursillo), Calvary Lutheran Church

**Jan. 27** (Sun.) *One service only* at 10:00 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting & Vestry Elections; this is an important meeting and event, so try and attend if possible. The church will provide sandwiches/wraps and the congregation is asked to bring finger foods.

## Epiphany News

**O**n Epiphany Sunday, Juli Mimnaugh served mini cupcakes at the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour. This is an old Epiphany “King’s Cake” tradition. Inside the cake, or in this case, cupcakes, are baked a dime, a thimble and a ring. Whoever gets the dime must bring in prosperity to St. Luke’s in 2019. The person who gets the thimble must craft something or create a project. The person who gets the ring must make the cake(s) for next Epiphany. The people are: Juli Mimnaugh — **dime**; Hana Rubens — **thimble**; Susan Lee Hall — **ring**. Congratulations to these recipients and good luck and have fun with this in 2019!

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

During the month of December 2018 progress was still being made in the overall maintenance and restoration of the church:

- Painting of the kitchen windows was completed. This was a particularly tricky project because of the location of the windows above the basement stairwell.
- The sign over the alley bordering the north side of the church has been restored.
- Vandalism damage has been corrected.
- Bark was spread to the border area of the front to the church and hall.
- New windows to the sanctuary are here and due to be installed in January 2019.
- New doors to the entrance to the church are due and will also be installed.
- Painting was completed on the windows to the Parish Administrator's office.



## Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich



**As of December 31, 2018**

Pledged Amount	\$90,948.00
Pledge Payments	<u>\$81,856.00</u>
Shortfall	<\$9,092.00>

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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 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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Bridget Garvin (2021)  
Susan Lee Hall (2020)  
Alison Huber (2019)  
Juli Mimnaugh (2021)  
Michael Riding (2021)  
Hana Rubens (2019)  
Scott Swindells (2020)