



# Luke's Log

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## Sr. Warden's Report

By Jim Huber

October 31, 2019

Hello Fellow Parishioners— It is Halloween and I write to you as I await the first of the Trick-or-Treaters. Sadly, the numbers have declined over time, but we are always hopeful for a bumper crop year with a great number of kids out on the streets! Will this be the big one?

While Halloween is fun, there are two other things I'd like to discuss. One is our annual stewardship campaign, which we are in the midst of right now, and the other is our ongoing work with Fort Vannoy Elementary School, thanks primarily to the extraordinary efforts of Laurel Samson.

Regarding stewardship, remember that a large part of next year's fiscal budget, which begins on January 1, is determined by the amount of money pledged and given by all of us. Our goal is to finish the

pledge drive on Harvest Sunday, November 24, and start on the budget shortly after that.

If you haven't made a pledge yet, please do so by Harvest Sunday. While how much to pledge is a deeply personal decision, we hope you keep the word "celebration" in your thoughts as you decide. For me, that means I have much to be thankful for, I can celebrate by sharing, and that I am joyful in my giving back to St. Luke's. What does it mean to you?

Regarding Fort Vannoy, which entails another kind of giving, I thought it would be a good idea to provide some background information about how we got involved and what we actually do there. From my understanding, our involvement began with Missy Bear who visited the school and saw great need, resulting in our efforts to help support the children.

Here is what we do. There is a cycle of giving that starts with the beginning of school and continues to the spring. When the school year starts, we provide back packs filled with school supplies, one

for each classroom. In the fall, we provide jackets and, something new this year, shoes. To underscore the importance of this, the Principal spoke to Laurel about some children who have nothing other than flip flops to wear throughout the winter. Can you imagine getting through winter wearing flip flops? The donation of shoes makes a significant difference in the lives of these children who desperately need them.

We also support a family at Christmas time with a box of food for the holiday and gifts for the children. Additionally, we send snacks and used clothing to the school three or four times during the year. Finally, in the late spring, we provide some clothing for the summer months.

Laurel, who deserves so much of the credit for this important work, talks with the staff whenever she makes a delivery. She also keeps in touch with the Principal to learn what the needs are and if they have changed from before.

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## Sr. Warden's Report (continued)

The goal is to be as helpful and effective as possible with the donations that we make.

The Principal and staff are very grateful for the food, clothes and supplies that we provide. We do not expect to receive letters of appreciation from the children however, because only those in need receive what we give. It could be awkward and probably embarrassing for a student to be singled out by a teacher and asked to write a letter of thanks while their classmates are doing other things.

I hope this letter has given you something to ponder. First, think of pledging to St. Luke's as an act of joyful celebration of something you love and believe in. Next, try to dig a little deeper to help support our work with the children of Ft. Vannoy. I don't know all the people who deserve our thanks, but I do know Laurel deserves it. Knowing her however, she doesn't expect a pat on the back or even a word of thanks, but she would be thrilled if we simply keep adding to the barrels of food and clothing in the rear of the Parish Hall so that she can continue to make her visits to Ft. Vannoy with donations from St. Luke's.

As it turns out, this has taken longer to write than I expected because we got a pretty good number of Trick-or-Treaters. I am glad to report that the costumes were great and that the kids seemed happy and were very polite. More to be thankful for on this fine night!

Jim Huber, Senior Warden



6	Eileen Widdison
8	Louis Delp
9	Nancy Murray
16	Scott Swindells
18	Carolyn Roark
23	Noah Calvert
25	Joan Collins
27	Dan Collins

*If your name isn't listed and you would like to be added, please contact the parish office and we'll be happy to get you on the list.*

## HARVEST SUNDAY

In lieu of a service on Thanksgiving Day, St. Luke's will celebrate Thanksgiving on the Sunday prior, November 24. This will be "Harvest Sunday," with special liturgy for the occasion. Following the 10:00 a.m. service, there will be a Thanksgiving Potluck at 11:30 a.m. The ham and turkey will be provided by the church. Please bring a side dish, green vegetable or beverage to share. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the kitchen door. Questions, please see Juli Mimnaugh.



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## Special Dates & Events

- Nov. 6** (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. Adult Forum — please join us for a study let by Rev. Ernestein starting with Romans.
- Nov. 7** (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Nov. 11** (Mon.) Veterans Day — Parish Office closed
- Nov. 12** (Tues.) 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bishops' Meeting & Lunch at St. Luke's
- Nov. 13** (Wed.) 11:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- Nov. 14** (Thurs.) Rev. Ernestein at Fresh Start, Wilsonville
- Nov. 16** (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Daughters of the King Diocesan Assembly, St. Thomas, Eugene
- Nov. 17** (Sun.) 11:30 a.m. Social Justice Committee Meeting
- Nov. 21** (Thurs.) Faith House Wreath dropped off at St. Luke's
- Nov. 24** (Sun.) Harvest Sunday with Thanksgiving Liturgy; Harvest Potluck at 11:30 a.m. (see article); sandwich-making for Ministry in the Park
- Nov. 25** (Mon.) Rev. Ernestein on vacation through Thursday, Dec. 5
- Nov. 28** (Thurs.) Thanksgiving Day — Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 30** (Sat.) St. Andrew the Apostle

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

**D**uring October 2019 the outer door to the Guild Room/Library was replaced with a solid-core exterior door. This should create a safer room for all people using this space.

The exterior door to the kitchen should be replaced with a solid-core door as well. So far during 2019, we have spent over \$40,000 on physical improvements. This has included the new utility shed and the new doors and windows to the church and hall.

The church should budget at least \$3,000 per year for improvement and maintenance. There was no budget before.

In addition, the budget should include money for new yard equipment since the yard equipment we have is worn out. I propose a \$1,000 budget for new equipment. Again there was little money budgeted.

Thank you for your attention.

Dennis James, Junior Warden

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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.*

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