



# Luke's Log

## Inside this issue:

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Treasurer's Report     | 2 |
| Special Dates & Events | 2 |
| Parish Notes           | 3 |
| A Prayer for Peace     | 3 |
| Birthdays              | 4 |
| Laughter Yoga          | 4 |
| Blessing of the Pets   | 4 |



## Stewardship: Talent, Time & Money

By Laurel Samson

Over the next couple of months, there will be a lot of talk about stewardship. But it will be a bit of a different conversation.

We know that Stewardship is our opportunity to give as Christ would have us give. And through this year, we have giving tremendous amount of time, we have used our skills and talents and we have generously given. And we have deepened our faith and we have served the poor. And that is what Stewardship is about.

would like to change the conversation. First, our primary goal is to have everyone pledge. Actually, I think it is our obligation to give everyone a chance to follow Christ's message. If it is giving \$1 or it is \$5,000, or it is giving one hour or 40 hours, our hope is the same: we want everyone to participate in this demonstration of charity.

Second, these couple of months will be a celebration. I want us to celebrate the results of our giving our time, our talents and our money. We have accomplished meaningful results. We have offered a variety of spiritual opportunities beyond Sunday service. And we should celebrate that. And we have reached out to the poor in our community. And we should celebrate that. Our congregation has given time and talents and funding and it is time to celebrate the ways we try to follow Christ's example.

Christ's message is about generosity and this is an opportunity for all of us. It impacts all of us in our church community of St. Luke's. We also have, and will have, an impact on the larger community in a number of ways. I am hoping that over the next two months, we can celebrate the ways in which we deepen our faith and ways we can serve the poor.

We will still pass out pledge cards as we have. We will have an image of a candle to "light" when we reach our goal of every member pledge. And we will have a celebration each week as we share the work we have done.

If you have questions about stewardship, you can call me or text: 541-787-9433 or email: [adrox1@gmail.com](mailto:adrox1@gmail.com).

Laurel Samson

So, this is what we



### Special points of interest:

- Parish Notes
- Pets Blessing

More information  
Inside!

---

## Treasurer's Report — by Myrna Rafalovich

**As of September 30, 2019**

Current Period:

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Pledge Payments | \$5,112.00            |
| Pledged Amount  | <u>\$7,667.00</u>     |
| Shortfall       | < <b>\$2,555.00</b> > |

Year to Date:

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Pledge Payments | \$67,107.00           |
| Pledged Amount  | <u>\$69,000.00</u>    |
| Shortfall       | < <b>\$1,894.00</b> > |



### Special Dates & Events

- Oct. 5** (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. Gardening Angels — general church grounds clean-up; no 1:00 p.m. Torah study
- Oct. 6** (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals — *one service only* — see article
- Oct. 7** (Mon.) 6-8 p.m. Book Discussion at Bethany Presbyterian (*Waking up White*)
- Oct. 9** (Wed.) 11:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- Oct. 10** (Thurs.) Rev. E. at Fresh Start, Wilsonville; 1:00 p.m. Torah starts again; 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Oct. 11** (Fri.) 11:30 a.m. Set-up for Rummage Sale
- Oct. 12** (Sat.) 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
- Oct. 13** (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. David Young: presentation on Poverty and Homelessness; 11:30 a.m. Fall Potluck
- Oct. 14** (Mon.) Columbus Day
- Oct. 18** (Fri.) St. Luke the Evangelist
- Oct. 20** (Sun.) St. Luke's Day — St. Luke the Physician; 11:30 a.m. Social Justice Committee
- Oct. 23** (Wed.) St. James of Jerusalem
- Oct. 24** (Thurs.) United Nations Day
- Oct. 25-26** (F-Sat) Diocesan Convention, Salem
- Oct. 26** (Sat.) Laughter Yoga Class — free and open to all — see posters on bulletin board
- Oct. 27** (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. David Young: presentation on Poverty & Homelessness; 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting; sandwich-making for Ministry in the Park
- Oct. 28** (Mon.) Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Oct. 31** (Thurs.) All Hallows Eve — **Happy Halloween**





## Parish Notes



Congratulations to Michele Kyle for receiving Best Director in the *Sneak Preview's* "Best of the Rogue Valley" for her work on *Bell, Book and Candle!*

The Social Justice Committee will meet every third Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. service. Sandwich-making continues for the Ministry in the park on the last Sunday of each month.

From Vestry member, Lee Smith: St. Luke's will start flying the American flag, possibly with illumination, no later than Veterans Day (Monday, Nov. 11) at St. Luke's. The flag was dry-cleaned and is ready for hanging.

A motion detector sensor is to be installed to activate a floodlight in outer stairwell by kitchen. This will aid in safety and building security.

Our very own Bridget Garvin will be in the musical *Quilters* at the Barnstormers Theatre in Grants Pass. The show runs from Oct. 18 through Nov. 10 and is part of the Storytellers Music Series. Tickets are \$18. Call for more information at: 541-479-3557. So, go and support the talented Bridget and cheer her on!

You may have noticed the tiny house sitting on the front church lawn— it's kind of hard to miss! This example of a tiny house is part of the vision to provide short-term housing for the homeless in the community. The facility is modeled on the successful Hope Village in Medford and is named Foundry Village. The idea is to provide short-term housing and case management for individuals and families to help move up from homelessness and ultimately into long-term housing. Property has been purchased near the corner of Foundry and Fry in Grants Pass and donations are needed to make the dream a reality. Please see more information on the bulletin board and in brochures.

### A Prayer for Peace



Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

— Attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, Friar 1226



- 6 Frances Osborne, Marybelle Hunt
- 24 Shirley Duewel
- 30 Avis McBee

*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.*



## Laughter Yoga!

**S**aturday, October 26 at St. Luke's — Come laugh along with certified laughter yoga leader Elea Carey (*Arvelle's Carey's daughter*). We'll spend a fun and rejuvenating hour participating in group exercises that help us breathe deeply, gently stretch our muscles and build a strong sense of well-being. All ages and fitness levels can participate— really! You can even play along while sitting down. This class is free of charge.



**O**n Sunday, October 6, there will be one service in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Eucharist and the Blessing of the Animals. This honors St. Francis of Assisi (1226) whose feast day is October 4. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier to get a special blessing, medal of St. Francis and a certificate. Treats will be provided for both people and pets (pet treats will be outside, weather permitting). So, bring your pet and come enjoy the service and fun and fellowship.

**Saint Luke's  
Episcopal Church**

224 NW D Street  
Grants Pass, OR 97526-2042

Phone: 541-476-2493

Fax: 541-476-9942

Email:

stlukesgrantspass@gmail.com



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.

**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

**THE REV. ERNESTEIN C. FLEMISTER, RECTOR**

(614) 599-0098

rectorstlukesgp@gmail.com

**ST. LUKE'S OFFICERS & VESTRY**

Jim Huber, Sr. Warden (2021)

Dennis James (2020) Jr. Warden

Myrna Rafalovich, Treasurer

Laurel Samson, Clerk of the Vestry

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)