



Luke's Log

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Sr. Warden's Report - by Jim Huber

November 24, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to talk to you about our yearly stewardship campaign, or pledge drive, which is currently underway. We have picked a theme of SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE and set a goal of \$80,000. It is a modest but reachable goal and it is actually less than last year's. In addition to some families moving away, which means fewer pledgers, we understand that these are difficult financial times for many people so we felt it was prudent to reduce the amount. Nevertheless, if enough parishioners pledge and honor their pledges throughout the year, we can reach our goal.

Money that is pledged goes into the yearly budget and it probably will cover less than 60% of our total expenses. As a refresher, expenses include a variety of things such as salaries and wages, insurance, utilities, repairs and maintenance, supplies and more. Without covering our expenses, we literally could not keep the doors of St. Luke's open.

This leads me to our theme of SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE. While it may sound strange at first, that theme reminds me of our downtown. Some people believe that a downtown represents the heart and soul of a community because it is often the oldest part of a city and full of so much activity concentrated into a relatively small, compact area. Here in Grants Pass we are fortunate to have old, historic buildings (for information, downtown is a National Historic District) and a variety of stores, restaurants and businesses, many of them owned by local people who employ other locals. Over the years my wife Alison and I have shopped and dined downtown as much as possible because we love it and we want to help downtown businesses thrive by supporting them.

While St. Luke's is not a business but a church, it still needs your financial support to continue to operate. I have heard many people say how much they love St. Luke's and others speak how they consider it family. Most people I know help their families and loved ones when needed. That is all we are asking you to do: help your St. Luke's family out as much as you can as we prepare for 2021 because we cannot continue without it. By doing so, you SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE!

Sincerely,

Jim Huber, Senior Warden



Special points of interest:

- Treasurer's Report
- Jr. Warden's Report
- *More information Inside!*

Treasurer's Report - by Myrna Rafalovich

As of November 29, 2020

Current Period

Pledge Payments \$4,913.00

Pledged Amount \$7,167.00

Shortfall \$2,254.00

Year to Date

Pledge Payments \$72,198.00

Pledged Amount \$78,833.00

Year to Date Shortfall <\$6,635.00>



4	Frances Widdison
6	Lee Smith, Janet O'Donovan
9	Jefferson Thompson
17	Beverly Eckman-Howell
21	Kevin Widdison
24	Mary Wineteer
27	Miriam Roberts



Junior Warden's Report - by Juli Mimnaugh

When the vacuum cleaner died and a plea was put out for a replacement before we considered purchasing one, Durfee Bedsole stepped up and donated a vacuum for Dave, our sexton, to use in his cleaning duties.

We looked into purchasing "air scrubbers" to be used in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. Some quotes were for air entering the church via the heat pump system while others were for free-standing units placed throughout the congregation. The cost and lack of proven effectiveness led to the decision to discard this idea. We would still be confined by the numbers and social distancing required by the state and Diocese.

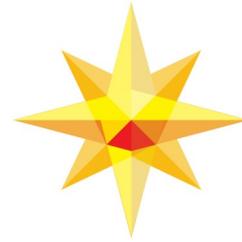
None of the systems we looked at appeared to deal with the large area and ceiling height we have. The Vestry felt that the air purifiers might give us an unwarranted sense of well-being that might lead to our becoming a bit lax in our preventive measures. There was also the question of what we would do with air purifiers after the pandemic had passed.

We are looking into reinstalling the removed ceiling fans in the ceiling of the sanctuary for increased air movement. We are seeking a grant from the Diocese to complete this project. The fans will be hardwired, reversing, and white with rods extending three feet down.

Dennis James is working with David Cook to get a bid for repair of the siding along the alley and a few other minor repairs.

Juli Mimnaugh

Special Dates & Events



Dec. 6 (Sun.) The Second Sunday of Advent; St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 7 (Mon.) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 9 (Wed.) 4:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom; 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (each Wednesday *except for December 30th*)

Dec. 10 (Thurs.) Hanukkah begins at sundown

Dec. 11 (Fri.) Hanukkah

Dec. 13 (Sun.) The Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 14 (Mon.) Last day to drop off items for Faith House Wreath

Dec. 15 (Tues.) Faith House Wreath presents picked up by Faith House



Dec. 20 (Sun.) The Fourth Sunday of Advent — Last day to order Christmas flowers; see special envelopes in pews

Dec. 24 (Thurs.) Christmas Eve service — 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 (Fri.) Christmas Day (no service)

Dec. 26 (Sat.) Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day

Dec. 27 (Sun.) The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Dec. 31 (Thurs.) New Year's Eve



Faith House Wreath Program

Choose a tag from the wreath. Purchase gift named on the tag. Attached the tag to the gift and return to St. Luke's. You may place the gift in the vestibule just inside the red doors. Last day to drop off gifts is Monday, Dec. 14th before 1:00 p.m. The wreath is picked up on Tuesday.

Faith House is a Christian-based transitional home which helps women with new beginnings to escape entrapment of drug/alcohol abuse, damaging relationships and poverty. Also provided: education, safety, personal support, and physical, emotional and spiritual guidance. For more information call: 541-862-3379.

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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**

9:00 a.m. Holy
Eucharist, Rite II
Nursery available

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist

**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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Juli Mimnaugh, Jr. Warden (2021)
Myrna Rafalovich, Treasurer
Laurel Samson, Co-Treasurer, Clerk of the Vestry
Concetta Buckner (2022)
Bridget Garvin (2021)
Susan Lee Hall (2023)
Juli Mimnaugh (2021)
Blenda Wingate (2023)