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Luke's Log

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Easter Flowers — by Maria Jordan

Although we do not know yet if we will be able to worship together on Easter Sunday, it would still be nice to adorn our altar with the Spring flowers that have made it beautiful in the past!

If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers, please do so **no later than Palm Sunday, March 28th**. You are welcome to mail or drop off your donations to the church office. If writing a check, please indicate *Easter Flowers* in the memo section. Thank you so much!

Senior Warden's Report — by Hana Rubens

Dear St. Luke's Family,

The beginning of March finds us well into Lent and experiencing some lovely spring weather. I pray that your Lent is blessed and that we will all experience a springtime of the soul as we move toward Holy Week and Easter.

Your Vestry is preparing for the Vestry Retreat and the annual training the Diocese provides for us. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of Laurel and Merle, we have been approved for a second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, which becomes a grant when we follow the guidelines.

I am looking forward to gathering with you all again as warmer weather and a more open time approaches.

Grace and peace,

Hana

Jr. Warden Needed

The position of Junior Warden is currently open. St. Luke's needs a Jr. Warden, so if you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office (541-476-2493 or stlukesgrantspass@gmail.com) or speak to Rev. Ernestein. Thank you.



Special points of interest:

- *Treasurer's Report*
- *Shoe Donations*
- *More information Inside!*

Treasurer's Report — by Laurel Samson

February Period 2021

Pledge Payments	\$10,715.00
Pledged Amount	\$6,458.00

Year to Date

Pledge Payments	\$17,360.00
Pledged Amount	\$12,917.00

Note: The reason the pledges are so high is that families have contributed all of their pledge amount in one payment.

Good financial news: St. Luke's has received a loan of \$16,025 to assist us through the pandemic.



Special Dates & Events

Mar. 1 (Mon.) 5-7 *Sacred Ground*

Mar. 5 (Fri.) World Day of Prayer

Mar. 6 (Sat.) 10-noon Gardening Angels — general yard maintenance

Mar. 10 (Wed.) 4:00 p.m. Vestry

Mar. 11 (Thurs.) 3:00 p.m. Lenten Adult Formation : *The Wisdom of Jesus* (please contact the Parish Office if you wish to participate)

Mar. 13 (Sat.) Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour tonight — “Spring forward.”

Mar. 14 (Sun.) Daylight Saving Time begins; 5-7 p.m. *Sacred Ground*

Mar. 17 (Wed.) St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 18 (Thurs.) 11-3 Vestry Retreat

Mar. 20 (Sat.) Spring begins

Mar. 23 (Tues.) 12-1 Courageous Conversations

Mar. 27 (Sat.) Passover begins at sundown

Mar. 28 (Sun.) Palm Sunday; Passover; 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms

Mar. 29 (Mon.) 5-7 *Sacred Ground*



No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. — William Penn

Shoe Donations — by Laurel Samson

One of our programs is support for Fort Vannoy Elementary School. This is a school for students, Kindergarten to fifth grade. A large number of the children need financial support. In the past we have helped with school supplies at the first of the school year and with healthy snacks throughout the year.

A couple of years ago, I met with the principal to make sure we were making the right donations. She talked about children coming to school in flip-flops during winter and asked if we could provide shoes for them.

I sent out a notice to see if our church wanted to support the purchase of shoes and what a response! I am so grateful that our church sent money in for shoes. So far I have purchased 22 pairs of shoes, most of which are winter boots.

Thank you to our congregation and especially Dave, Karen, Myrna, Joan, Claire, Joani, Concetta, Pam, Bill, Robin, Jim and Alison.

Laurel

Social Justice Committee Notes

COVID-19 has created challenges for our committee and the ways we engage with our community. We are reasserting our presence here with our agreement to meet monthly on Zoom. We continue to support the Ministry in the Park on a weekly basis with sandwich bags, other food items, clothes, and hygiene products. We are asking church members to create small bags of hygiene items that can be provided to those who are homeless and in need of things such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shavers, foot powder, shampoo, feminine hygiene products etc. These can be brought to the church in small bags and committee members will distribute them at the park. These will be a great take away for people who come to the park each Sunday for food and other items that help them get through the week. (Many of us leave our dentist's office with small items that can be passed along.) Please join us in this activity.

We as a committee are looking to identify other ways our church can assist with change in the larger community. We want to volunteer for City Council task forces on housing and climate. We want to raise our voices in letters to the Courier and the City Council in support of shelter and affordable housing for those who are homeless or are in vulnerable housing situations. We want to explore the history of St. Luke's in Grants Pass and how it has been influenced or influenced issues of racial and social justice. We want to explore the history of the land our church is built on and honor the history of the indigenous people of our area. Finally, we plan to start Facebook Live conversations to involve all our parishioners in discussion of the social justice issues that are of concern to them. Our committee wants to hear from all of you and shape the direction of our activities with your input. (More to follows on this.)

These and other ideas are now being generated by your Social Justice Committee. Our Presiding Bishop Michael speaks of the Beloved Community and we all wish to deepen our understanding and participation in what that means for us as individuals and a church.

St. Luke's Social Justice Committee

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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 are committed to be welcoming and open to all, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability or genetic information.

We are the people of God and a community seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves. We want to build collaborative and creative partnerships with our community to truly make it the beloved community of God. 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 power of Jesus's love.



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**

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

*Currently livestreamed
only and posted on
Facebook and website.*

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist

Currently on hiatus.

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION
STATEMENT**

*To do God's work, we
extend ourselves joyfully
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
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541-476-2493

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Susan Lee Hall (2023)
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