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Planting Seeds – June 2021

Dear People of St. Luke's:

We have come to the end of the Easter season, through Pentecost and Trinity, and onward to ordinary time.

Across the diocese, we have been engaged in a series of conversations about the church and race. I am a member of the Commission to End Racism (we are in the process of renaming the commission) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I have participated in Sacred Ground led by Deacon Meredith Pech of Trinity Episcopal in Ashland. I am a founding member of Courageous Conversations along with Pastors Ryan Scott of Newman United Methodist, Tom Berry of Bethany Presbyterian, and Sally Snyder and Jennifer Jackson of Rogue Community College. Trinity Episcopal is offering two more Sacred Ground sessions led by Rev. Mary Piper and Deacon Meredith Pech later this year. I would encourage you to participate in one of them—they take place on zoom. Please let me or the office know if you are interested.

Some churches in a variety of dioceses have begun searching to find out which native peoples resided on the land where their churches sit. Some members of the church have also begun the process of researching the native tribes that were on the land where St. Luke's sits to prepare a "Land Acknowledgement" to honor those who came before us. The Social Justice Committee has asked for help from anyone in the church who may have information on this matter.

During the course of the conversations, I have wondered where we, the people of St. Luke's, fit into these conversations. Are we interested in having these conversations and are we connecting the dots between these conversations and the gospel of Jesus Christ? This may require some soul-searching, as well as open and honest conversations. I wish I could tell you that it will be easy, but it won't. It will be hard and messy at times, but I believe it will be worth the spiritual growth and satisfaction we will share and experience as we continue becoming the beloved community, the body of Christ.

I extend this invitation and welcome to everyone to give feedback, to share their opinions and begin this conversation as we journey together.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. E.



Special points of interest:

- *Gardening Angels*
- *More information Inside!*

Special Dates & Events

June 9 (Wed.) 4:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

June 11 (Fri.) St. Barnabus the Apostle

June 13 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. "Mass on the Grass" at Reinhart Volunteer Park, BofA shelter

June 14 (Mon.) Flag Day

June 20 (Sun.) Father's Day

June 21 (Mon.) First Day of Summer

June 24 (Th.) The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 27 (Sun.) Organist & Choirmaster Janet O'Donovan's last Sunday at St. Luke's

June 29 (Tu.) The Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul



3	Pam Boston
13	Maria Jordan
15	Joe Hungate
16	Joan Dougherty
25	Chris Svendsen
27	Terry Calvert

If your birthday isn't listed please contact the office to be added in.



Claire, Pam & Jim, Connie, Dick & Robin, Michael, Myrna, Vicky, Virginia, Willow

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song.

Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee continues to meet on Zoom and would welcome you to join our meetings to share your thoughts and feedback. Please let Concetta know so that we can include you on our Zoom invitation. Our next meeting will be, Tuesday, June 17th from 4-5 PM.

In our continuing efforts to live into our Presiding Bishop's call to becoming a "Beloved Community" we are looking at ways to engage our brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community. We learned of a Pride event scheduled in June in Cave Junction. We are reaching out to Newman Methodist Church and Bethany Presbyterian to see if we can partner with them and have a table at this event to share information about our church.

We are looking for individuals who might wish to assist in our Church's Facebook Live Conversations regarding social justice issues. Folks with technical skills as well as group facilitators are needed.

Efforts to provide temporary shelter for the unhoused in our town have stalled. Anyone who has any updated information regarding temporary shelter please let someone on the committee know.

Foundry Village is moving ahead. We thought that providing each initial resident with a quilt or afghan might go a long way to making the houses feel like more of a home. Only newly knitted, crocheted, or quilted afghans are being requested at this time.

Hygiene products are still being accepted and can be placed in the old Fish Food Donation Box in the hall. These items are placed in brown paper bags and distributed at the Sunday in the Park Ministry.

We continue to provide weekly take away sandwich bags on Sundays and donations of juice packs, applesauce packs, oranges, bananas, and hard-boiled eggs and "soft" cookies (please have these already wrapped). See Concetta for more information and thank you to all in the parish who have continued to support this ministry.

The diocese continues to call for churches to explore their histories in confronting or failing to confront racial injustice in their home churches. Churches in the diocese are exploring the history of the lands they are built on and the people that first called this land home. Many churches are beginning services and meetings with the acknowledgement of the Indigenous people of this land. Anyone having information on the local tribes or wishing to participate in the historical research please contact Concetta, 908-601-2447.

Thank you.

The Social Justice Committee of St. Luke's Episcopal Church 5/22/2021

"...the poverty of the poor is not a call to generous relief action, but a demand that we go and build a different social order." Gustavo Gutierrez

*Real strength is neither male nor female but is, quite simply,
one of the finest characteristics that any human being can possess.*

— Fred Rogers

Getting to know... Claire Addison

Most of us know Claire as a generous person who is always available to help. Claire is an Usher, an Altar Altar Guild Member and a Daughter of the King. Read on to learn more...

Favorite Flower: Peony

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Ice-cream: Cherry Garcia

What Claire likes most about St. Luke's: The people and the music.

Favorite Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Favorite Hymn: #645 *The King of love my shepherd is*

Most Missed during the pandemic: In-person DOK meetings.



Favorite Quote: *Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold.*
— Zelda Fitzgerald

Sr. Warden's Report — by Hana Rubens

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Summer is almost upon us and we begin to have our Sunday worship Services outside. We are looking forward to our Mass on the Grass later this month and beginning Fellowship after the Sunday service with coffee hour. Stay tuned for more details. And have a great summer.

Grace & peace,

Hana

Gardening Angels — by Judy Anzalone

Saturday, June 5th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Church grounds clean-up. Bring pruners, rakes and clippers. Please note our summertime hours will now be 9-11 a.m.

We need volunteers to help with mowing. Now our Sunday Services will be on the grass, mowing will be necessary preferably every Saturday. We need parishioners to help out with this chore. Feel free to bring your own mower for this job. The church's mower is not self-propelled. Gas, too, is required. Volunteers are needed for June 12, 19 and 26 for this month. If you have any questions or can help on these days, please call Judy Anzalone at 41-955-9547

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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

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist in Chapel

**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
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Closed Friday
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