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Luke's Log

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Planting Seeds – August 2021

Dear St. Luke's Family:

As we continue to battle Covid-19, we are once again called to show patience and love for one another as the more deadly Delta Variant of Covid-19 spreads. Because of the Delta Variant, we will be asking everyone to wear masks again as we gather for service. Yes, even if you are fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear your mask. I understand the many views on Covid-19 and how it reflects our faith and belief and how they are interconnected.

I also want to plead with anyone who has not taken their Covid-19 shot to please get their shot, not just for their protection but also for the protection of their loved ones and for the community. God gave the gifts, skills and talents to the scientist, researchers and doctors to provide the vaccines to protect us all, let's give thanks to God and make wise decisions for everyone. We want everyone to be as safe as possible.

We want to continue to care for and love one another.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Ernestein †



Special points of interest:

- *Sr. Warden's Report*
- *Funky Chicken Drop*
- *More information Inside!*

Special Dates & Events

August 6 (Fri.) The Transfiguration

August 7 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Dick Griffiths; 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Foundry Village Fundraiser at Newman UMC, 6th and B Streets, in the parking lot. **See poster on page 5!**

August 15-22 (Sun-Sun.) Sexton on vacation

August 16 (Mon.) St. Mary the Virgin

August 17 (Tues.) 4-5:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee meeting via Zoom

August 24 (Tues.) St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Regularly Scheduled:

Daughters of the King — 6:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mon.

Men's Breakfast at Herb's — 8:30 a.m. 1st and 3rd Wed. @ Herb's

Gardening Angels — 9-11:00 a.m. 1st Sat. unless otherwise noted

Needle & Thread — 9:00 a.m. every Mon.

Services:

Mid-week Holy Eucharist — 12:15 p.m. every Wed.

Holy Eucharist — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday

1 Dennis Duewel



9	Hana Rubens
12	Merle Berry
13	Janette Snow
17	Charles Brown, Connie Frum
21	Margaret James
24	Joani Bristol
29	Jim Boston, Helen McVay, Nick Vagle
30	Judy Anzalone

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



Darrell, Pam & Jim, Connie, Robin, Michael, Myrna, Vicky, Virginia, Willow, Jennifer & John, Julia, Kali

For those who have died: Dick Griffiths, Ray Holloman

Congregation Poll

Please email the Parish Office with your vote/opinion on keeping the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, with the exception of special or high holy day Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. (At present, the 9:00 a.m. single Sunday service will remain in place.) Thank you.

Help Needed – If you can help paint the tiny houses of Foundry Village in Grants Pass, please contact the Parish Office and let us know.



Margaret and Laurel are working on the Rummage Sale for this year. As those who have helped in the past know, it takes a lot of help to have a good rummage sale. If we do not have the help, we will need to take a pass on it this year.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up. Once we get a date, we will have a paper on the bulletin board. We will need help on Friday to set up. We work from about 11 am to 3:00. Then we need help on Saturday to sell and then clean up. We work from about 8 am to 4:00.

If we can do it this year, we will continue to have an evening for the congregation on Friday evening. It is an opportunity to take a look at the rummage and find gems that you would like to buy.

Give me a call or send an email if you have questions: adrox1@gmail.com. (Laurel)

Laurel and Margaret

Sr. Warden's Report — by Hana Rubens

Dear St. Luke's Family,

The summer that has blessedly brought us back together in worship has also brought some challenges:

In addition to heat, fires, and the pandemic, St Luke's has attracted the attention of the DEMONStrators who periodically show up at the Saturday Growers Market. Not only did they attempt to disrupt the worship service during our "Mass on the Grass" last month; this past Sunday, they positioned themselves on the sidewalk in front of St. Luke's in order to confront parishioners as they walked into the 9:00 Holy Eucharist service. Some of us invited them to attend the service and see for themselves who we are as a church, but that didn't happen. Rather, they shouted their messages of hate and discrimination. It also appears one of them walked around inside while we were at worship. (After discussion with Rev. Ernestein, I will be calling Public Safety to apprise them of the situation.)

It is a blessing to know that our Church's Witness of acceptance and inclusion has become known in the wider community. Thank you for your faithful witness. Let us continue as we have begun.

Grace & peace,
Hana

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, August 17th from 4-5 PM.

Our first **group discussion** was held on Sunday, July 25th after the 9:00 service in the Parish Hall. The discussion was facilitated by Susan Hall and Nik Grimsby on “What it Means to be a Good Ancestor.” Discussion was lively as we shared about the values and beliefs left to us by our own ancestors. We will continue to explore in the months ahead the influences of our ancestors and how we choose to live considering our histories. We also plan to talk about the ways we hope to influence change and the future. Everyone who attended this first meeting were anxious to meet again in the coming months and hope you will join us after the service on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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 welcoming and more of a home. Only newly knitted, crocheted, or quilted afghans are being requested at this time. **On August 7th** we will be participating in a fundraising event in our shared efforts to purchase one of the Foundry Village Houses. See Laurel and Alison about how you can get involved.

A team of four parishioners will be volunteering on July 31st to paint a house at Foundry Village. Listen for opportunities to get involved.

Hygiene products are still being accepted and can be placed in the FISH Donation Box in the front hall. These items are placed in brown paper bags and distributed at the **Sunday in the Park Ministry**. Thank you to the many parishioners who continue to support this ministry with their donations. We also continue to provide weekly take-away sandwich bags on Sundays. Parishioners have also been providing juice packs, applesauce packs, oranges, bananas, hard-boiled eggs and “soft “cookies (please have these already wrapped).

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 also 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 Land Acknowledgements of the Indigenous people of this land. We would also like to interview and collect information from you regarding the church’s history of social action in our community. So, we may be calling on you soon. Anyone having information on the local tribes or wishing to participate in the historical research of our church’s role in responding to social justice concerns please contact Claire or Concetta.

Thank you.

The Social Justice Committee of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church 8/21

*“...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*

BENEFIT FOR FOUNDRY VILLAGE TINY HOUSES



FUNKY CHICKEN Drop

AUGUST 7TH • 5 TO 7:30 PM

**Newman United Methodist Church
6th & B Street**

**Place your bets on where the funky
chicken lands. \$10 per ticket.**

**50% of sales to Foundry Village
50% to the lucky winner**
(need not be present to win)

**Silent Auction Items &
Celebrity Gift Baskets**

Raffle tickets for the special basket
are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets.

Drawing held August 7th

Presented by:
Newman United
Methodist Church
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Church
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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 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 -Th 8 am-1 pm
Closed Friday
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