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Luke's Log



Planting Seeds – October 2021

Dear St. Luke's Family:

I pray that you are all well and safe. We are still monitoring the Covid-19 situation with all its variants and thankfully, our numbers are going down. We hope to be able to gather in person soon. We will keep you updated.

Hana, our senior warden and I are members of the Diocese of Oregon Working Group to end Racial Inequity. As a part of our work, we are gathering information from congregations on the several issues. We have a question to ask and invite your prayerful and thoughtful feedback.

Here is the question:

If the Diocese of Oregon were to undergo a powerful transformation of racial reconciliation through the power of the Holy Spirit, what specific qualities and characteristics would we see? In answering this question think about things like programs, interactions, liturgy, stories, and foci.

Please send your responses to the office as soon as you can.

Thank you and be well,

Rev. Ernestein †

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Special Dates & Events

October 6 (Wed.)	8:30 Men's Breakfast at Herb's
October 9 (Sat.)	5:00 Baskets of Plenty Virtual Basket Raffle & Silent Auction
October 10 (Sun.)	9:00 Morning Prayer, Rite II (virtual only); Blessing of the Animals <u>outside</u> on church lawn after Announcements portion of service. Bring your pet on a leash or in a crate for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be pet treats, too!
October 11 (Mon)	Indigenous Peoples Day
October 16 (Sat.)	3-4 Panel discussion with Nik Grimsby on Understanding & Accepting the Needs of Trans Youth — at the Unitarian Fellowship, Grants Pass
October 18 (Mon.)	St. Luke the Evangelist
October 19 (Tues.)	4-5 Vestry Meeting
October 23 (Sat.)	St. James of Jerusalem
October 24 (Sun.)	United Nations Day; Discussion of What Does it Mean to be a Good Ancestor? (may be via Zoom; to be announced)
October 27 (Wed.)	B Street Food Pantry food distribution
October 28 (Thurs.)	St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
October 31 (Sun.)	All Hallows Eve — Happy Halloween

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 — on hiatus
Morning Prayer, Rite II — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday — no in-person service; live-streamed and available on church website and Facebook



Pam & Jim, Connie, Myrna, Vicky, Jennifer & John, Julia, Kali, Bruce & Juli, Spencer & Madison, Karen & Family, Hana

For those who have died: Shirley Duewel, Bill Menke



October 6

Frances Osborne

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, October 26th from 4-5 PM.

Our second group discussion was held on Sunday, August 29th 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, was anxious to meet again in the coming months. We welcome you to join us after the service on the fourth Sunday of each month. We are hopeful that our next meeting will be in person on **October 24th at 10:15th**.

Nik Grimsby will be participating in a panel discussion on “Understanding and Accepting the Needs of Trans Youth” on **Saturday, October 16th from 3-4** at the Unitarian Fellowship here in Grants Pass. St. Luke’s, Bethany Presbyterian, Newman United Methodist Church as well as the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship have joined to sponsor this event. It will be livestreamed, and we will keep you posted when it is determined if it will be on YouTube or Facebook.

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. So far, we have collected 2 quilts, 3 knitted Afghans and 1 crocheted Afghan. Thank you to all who have donated so far. It is our hope that the afghans/quilts can be part of a welcoming basket that might include towels and washcloths, warm socks, and hygiene products. This effort will be coordinated with groups from other churches in the area.

We will keep you updated regarding additional needs at Foundry Village, including work crew opportunities. Jim Huber remains active with the program and Dave Robertson has also been pitching in. Apparently large amounts of mulch were moved this past week and we thank them for their efforts in helping to create this resource in our community.

Hygiene products are still being accepted and can be placed in the Fish Donation Box in the hall. These items are placed in brown paper bags and distributed at the **Sunday in the Park Ministry**. 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). Contact Concetta if you need items picked up. A thank you goes out to Robin Griffiths, Nik Grimsby, Susan Hall, Karen Aber, Reverend Ernestine, Diana Robertson, Laurel Samson, Darrell Buckner and anyone who has donated or continues to support this ministry with their donations of supplies and time.

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.

We would particularly welcome anyone who has thoughts on how a **Land Acknowledgement** can be done that truly honors the Indigenous people of this land. If you would like to try your hand at one and share it with someone on the Committee, please let us know.

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The B Street Food Pantry at the Newman Methodist Church opened its doors on September 22nd and will initially be providing bags of dry and perishable foods on the last Wednesday of each month though there are plans to extend their services. Folks from several local churches are volunteering to support the pantry. Margaret James is part of the original planning and organizational group.

The **Sacred Ground Race Dialogue Series** will again be offered in January, and we would encourage parishioners to participate in this 10 lesson series. The educational materials and the opportunity to discuss racial justice while exploring the realities of our own racism in a safe environment have proven invaluable to me (Concetta) personally. I would recommend the two texts from the program, “Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race” by Debby Irving and “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman. Check out www.episcopalchurch.org for more information on this program.

All are invited to participate in Courageous Conversations on **October 26th at noon**. The conversation will focus on Sundowner Laws and Grants Pass.

Reverend Ernestine will be participating in a panel discussion in the diocese in November on Christian Nationalism. More information to follow in the weeks to come.

*“...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*

Thank you,
St. Luke’s Social Justice Committee
9/28/2021

Sr. Warden’s Report — by Hana Rubens

Dear St. Luke’s Family,

This a challenging time for us all. As I ponder on the last year, I can’t imagine what my life would have been without St. Luke’s... and I don’t want to.

As we begin our Stewardship campaign, let us all reflect on how important this church is to us and our community.

Grace & Peace,

Hana



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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 SERVICE
SUNDAY MORNING***

9:00 a.m. Morning
Prayer, Rite II

**On-line only — live-streamed and available on website and Facebook*

WEDNESDAY*

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

**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
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