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# Luke's Log

***Sowing Seeds***



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## **Black History Month**

Dear St. Luke's Family:

**F**ebruary is Black History Month! I'm writing to you about it and I'm sure some will ask why I'm doing that to my all European and Asian congregation. Well, I'm doing so in the hope that together we can celebrate the diversity and ingenuity of God's creation. So, what is the history of Black History Month? It began with the need and desire to share the many contributions of African Americans that were often ignored in the teaching of American History. "There is no American history without African American history," says Sara Clarke Kaplan, the executive director of the Antiracist Research & Policy Center at American University in Washington, D.C.

It all began with Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "father of Black history." In 1926 he decided to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black history and culture. His intention was to make the celebration of Black history a "serious area of study." The idea grew mainly in African American colleges and gained interest so that by the 1960's Negro History Week became Black History Month. Kent State University was one of the first mainline universities to celebrate it. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month during the bicentennial in 1976, fifty years after Dr. Woodson put forth the idea.

I kiddingly say that February was chosen because it's the shortest month on the calendar, but it was actually because it's the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Both men were very important, Lincoln because of the Emancipation Proclamation and Douglass, a former slave himself and leader in the abolitionist movement.

In February 2016, President Barack Obama said, "So we are so proud to honor this rich heritage. But Black History Month shouldn't be treated as

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though it is somehow separate from our collective American history— (*applause*)— or somehow just boiled down to a compilation of greatest hits from the March on Washington, or from some of our sports heroes. There are well-meaning attempts to do that all around us, from classrooms to corporate ad campaigns. But we know that this should be more than just a commemoration of particular events. It's about the lived, shared experience of all African Americans, high and low, famous and obscure, and how those experiences have shaped and challenged and ultimately strengthened America. It's about taking an unvarnished look at the past so we can create a better future. It's a reminder of where we are as a country have been, so that we know where we need to go."

So, that's a brief history of why I think we should all acknowledge Black History Month, Peace and blessings to you all.

Rev. Ernestein †

## **Special Dates & Events**

### **February is Black History Month**

**February 21** (Mon.) Presidents' Day — office closed

**February 22** (Tu.) Washington's Birthday

**February 24** (Th.) St. Matthias, 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 — 10-noon 1st Sat. unless otherwise noted

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

### **Services:**

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

Holy Eucharist, Rite II — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday



5	Karen Aber, Mimi Johnston
11	Todd Calvert, Laura Dunwald-Uhlig
19	Starr Hungate
23	Jim Huber, Tim Roberts
24	Vonnie Hardy

*If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the parish office to be added.*

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## St. Luke's Land Acknowledgment

*For non-Indigenous communities, land acknowledgment is **a powerful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live.** Acknowledgment is a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth.*

The Land Acknowledgement is as follows:

**T**he people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Grants Pass, Oregon, acknowledge the original caretakers of the land on which we reside. The Rogue River Tribes included the Takelma, Athapaskans, the Shas-tas and Umpquas. In the 1850's, these Tribes were displaced when colonization and the Gold Rush brought Euro-Americans to their lands. They endured persecution, starvation, epidemics, warfare and were forcibly removed to reservations in Western Oregon.

Today, living descendants of these people are a part of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. We honor these Indigenous people who have lived and worked on this land historically and presently.

## Thank You & Welcome!

**T**hank you to Vestry member, Bridget Garvin, who rotated off the Vestry. Welcome to new Vestry member, Krista Meade. Thank you also to Concetta Buckner for agreeing to serve on the Vestry another year.



Pam & Jim, Connie, Myrna, Vicky, Stan, Frankie, Benjamin,  
the Rt. Rev. Robert Ladehoff

## Coffee Hour

**P**lease team up with another and sign up for simple refreshments and to clean up afterward. A sign-up sheet is at the kitchen door.

## Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp

**A**ltar Flowers are \$25 if you wish to remember someone or celebrate a special event or date. The Sanctuary Lamp is \$5. Sign-up sheets are at the back of kitchen door. Please note in memo portion of your check.

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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 SERVICE  
SUNDAY MORNING\***

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

**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  
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