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# Luke's Log

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## Sowing Seeds — April 2022

Dear St. Luke's Family:

We are coming to the close of the Lenten season 2022, we only have two more weeks to go. We began with the Invitation to a Holy Lent on Ash Wednesday and for five weeks we have been walking with Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem. During this time, we have been asked to examine our lives through prayer, fasting and self-denial by meditation on God's Word and to repent and seek forgiveness for our sins. Repentance requires acknowledgement that we have done something wrong and we want to make amends, we want to change our thinking and behavior and become better people— Christians.

In our lives, we sometimes ignore God because we think our way is better, we ease him out of our decision making and life choices. In Lent, we get a chance to rethink and reframe our relationship with God and one another. We get to make course corrections and truly move forward to become the people God created us to be.

A week from Sunday, we begin Holy Week where we get the privilege once again of walking with Jesus during the final week of his earthly life. We hear of Jesus' challenges and struggles; we read about his suffering and pain; we hear about his death, and we read about his body being placed in an empty tomb where he and we experience despair. Then we witness his ultimate triumph and victory over the world and death. Jesus experiences what we experience, pain, suffering, forsakenness and loss and he was able to overcome just as we are also able to overcome by through his witness and example.

We are an Easter people because we, like our Lord and Savior Jesus, overcame and live.

On Easter morning we affirm this loudly. Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Rev. Ernestein †



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## Special Dates & Events



<b>April 3</b> (Sun.)	Fifth Sunday in Lent
<b>April 7</b> (Th.)	5:30 p.m. Last of the Lenten <i>Lectio Divina</i> study
<b>April 10</b> (Sun.)	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday — Liturgy of the Palms at 9:00 a.m. service
<b>April 10-16</b> (Sun.-S)	Holy Week
<b>April 13</b> (Wed.)	Stations of the Cross — 3:00 p.m. The Migrant's Way of the Cross*
<b>April 14</b> (Thurs.)	Maundy Thursday — 4:00 p.m. Simple supper (Agapé Meal); 6:00 Maundy Thursday service (see article)
<b>April 15</b> (Fri.)	Good Friday — 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service
<b>April 16</b> (Sat.)	Holy Saturday — 10:00 a.m. service
<b>April 17</b> (Sun.)	Easter Sunday — 9:00 a.m. service; Flowering of the Cross
<b>April 18</b> (Mon.)	Parish Office closed
<b>April 17-23</b> (Sun.-S)	Easter Week
<b>April 19</b> (Tu.)	5:30 p.m. Vestry
<b>April 22</b> (Fri.)	Earth Day
<b>April 25</b> (Mon.)	Saint Mark the Evangelist
<b>April 28</b> (Th.)	Holocaust Remembrance Day

\* **The service and a Seder meal may be either Tu. 4/12 or Wed. 4/13. TBA.**

<b>Regularly Scheduled:</b>	Daughters of the King — 6:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mon.
All subject to change.	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.
<b>Services:</b>	12:15 p.m. Wednesday — Mid-week Holy Eucharist
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday

## Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee continues to organize our church's weekly donations to the Ministry in the Park, The Foundry Village, and the temporary Grants Pass Shelter. Lunches, meals, towels, and hygiene products have been donated and passed on to those in need. We want to thank all of you who continue to give so generously. Diana Robertson effectively ordered our thoughts and feedback to create a Land Acknowledgement that is now shared at our services. She has also created informative slides on the Indigenous people of Southern Oregon that will soon be available on our website and Facebook page. Claire Addison has been doing extensive research into our church archives to establish a history of our church's land acquisitions. Nikki Johnston has been putting together a booklist with the committee's feedback of books that focus on the Indigenous people of Southern Oregon. We will make the booklist available to the church and will work to make the books available to members of the church. Consideration is being given to a book discussion group and more on that to follow. The committee also recently hosted a speaker from the Grants Pass Remembrance Project, Gabrielle Johnsen. We learned that there is a growing coalition in the community to address the fact that Grants Pass was once one of many "Sundown" towns. The effort is to raise awareness while creating a community where all feel welcome despite our difference so that we can become a "Sunrise" town. If you need more information on these activities or wish to join the committee please speak to Concetta Buckner.

Thank you, Your Social Justice Committee 3/24/22



Frankie, Stan, David, Michael, Brandon, Evan, Jartu, Evelyn, Chrislyn & the daughter of Chris Kandakai, Bernadine, Gisela, Bob & Myrna, Michael

Rest in Peace: Chris Kandakai, Charles & Marlene Brown, victims of the war in Ukraine

## Sr. Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Can you believe this Sunday is Passion (Palm) Sunday? Together we will follow the Way of Jesus on the last days of his life on earth.

Rev. Ernestein and the Worship Advisory Committee had the joy of planning services which will be held in person for the first time in two years. (They will also be livestreamed thanks to the faithful service of Susan Lee Hall and Bridget Garvin.) We are also bringing back the Maundy Thursday Agape (Simple) Meal. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. but if you would like a plate kept for you because of work, etc. let us know when you sign up. The sign-up sheet for attendance and bringing food is on the kitchen door. The meal will go until 5:30 with the service beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Week Schedule will be available soon. Please let the church office know if you need a ride to the services.

We are also preparing for the Visitation of Bishop Diana and the reception of Nik Grimsby and Krista Meade into the Episcopal Church. Please keep Krista and Nik in your prayers. And SAVE May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunity for conversation with the Bishop at the reception following the service.

There are a few members of the parish who are looking for affordable rental housing as their current arrangements are ending. If you know of an available room for a single man, or a house for three, please let the church office know.

And I ask your prayers for our clergy, musicians, lay ministers, altar guild members, and all the helpers as they do the joyous and arduous work required for this demanding time of the church year.

See you in Jerusalem.

Grace & Peace, Hana



7	Robin Griffiths, Lucy Roberts
8	The Rev. Ernestein Flemister
11	Dennis James
14	Krista Meade
20	Phyllis McGill
24	Myrna Rafalovich

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



Thursday, April 14 is Maundy Thursday. There will be a Simple Supper, or Agapé Meal, at 4:00 p.m. followed at 6:00 p.m. by Maundy Thursday Liturgy, foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar. For the meal, please bring a dish to share as follows, per the Book of Occasional Services:

*The celebration of festal meals is not appropriate during Holy Week. In Christian tradition such festivities take place only after the Lenten fast has been completed by the celebration of the Great Vigil — which is the Passover Feast of Christians — and the reception of Easter Communion.*

*A meatless meal is to be preferred. The setting should be austere and the foods sparse and simple. Appropriate foods include soup, cheese, olives, dried fruit, bread, and wine.*

### **Worship Advisory Committee Report**

The Worship Advisory Committee has been planning to change the procedure for Prayers of the People. The purpose of the change is to reflect that the prayers truly come from the “congregation/the people.”

Initially there will be a prayer leader who will distribute prayers before the service to members of the congregation to read from their seats. These will be numbered to avoid any confusion. There will be opportunities for others to share their intentions and thanksgivings either out loud or silently. The person reading the prayer will pause to allow for this.

It is our hope that eventually there will be more spontaneous participation and the congregation will read aloud from their seats if so moved. Two people can even read a prayer together at the same time. There is no wrong way to do this. A group of church members also plan to meet soon to create more original and personal prayers of the people.

The Committee continues to work on changes to the music program as well as plans for Holy Week and the Bishop’s visit in May. The Migrant’s Way of the Cross will be used during our Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. This change is in response to the many who are seeking asylum from war, violence, and poverty throughout our world. A simple meal sharing is also planned for prior to our service on Maundy Thursday. Schedules for Holy Week services and the Bishop’s visit will soon be available.

*Lectio Divina* was initiated during Lent and has been met with increased participation and positive feedback. Please contact Merle for Zoom invite. Consideration is still being given to initiating a Taizé service after Lent. Thank you, Your Worship Advisory Committee

*Worship With Us  
This Easter*



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**IDENTITY STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S**

**S**t. 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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