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Dear St. Luke's, as my contribution to Luke's Log, I am sharing with all of you the article that I wrote for the Diocesan Digest.

Missioner for Racial Reconciliation Diocese of Oregon

I have accepted the role as the Missioner for Racial Reconciliation for the Diocese of Oregon. Why? Well, I feel this work desperately needs to be done and I want to help begin the ongoing process. It is a process not an event and we need to recommit to getting this meaningful work done. I believe that reconciliation is the work of the People of God, and we are God's people.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

So, our work of reconciliation is tied to our Baptismal Covenant, which can be found on page 402 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The five questions that we are asked each time a person is baptized, confirmed or received into our community as we recommit to our promise with the response, "I will with God's help" are:

1. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
2. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
3. Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
4. Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
5. Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I do not believe that the journey to reconciliation is an intellectual one—it is a journey of the heart that needs to be done by each person in each congregation. It must be by and with the people on a regular basis not simply when it's convenient for us. Do I expect this to be easy? Absolutely not! I expect resistance, I expect anger and resentment, I expect indifference, but I also expect welcome and embrace for many who have waited a long time to begin this work in earnest.

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My approach will be two-fold; one for clergy and the other for lay persons. Together, we make up the Body of Christ. I expect the conflict of resistance and welcome from both parts of the body. I want to invite and challenge each one of us to prayerfully consider our role in this process. I ask and challenge lay persons to let their clergy preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ without repercussions: the fear of losing members or their financial support. I ask and challenge my colleagues to preach and teach real reconciliation with truth and honesty. We—the church—need to stop conflating issues of justice with politics. Who benefits when the church is silent in the face of injustice against God's people that include the unhoused, the hungry, the sick, and those unjustly imprisoned in our society? Reconciliation must happen between us and God, as well as with one another regardless of differences in ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, or political preferences. We are all created in the image and likeness of God, that is our true identity and comes before all other identities we may claim.

Please invite me to come to your congregations, email, call, snail mail, however you feel comfortable in reaching out. I want to visit and connect with each of you and invite you to begin or continue reconciliation together. I also encourage congregation members who want to lead this work to form small groups and to begin by participating in Sacred Ground, a very good introduction. I have asked deacons who have been trained as facilitators to lead Sacred Ground throughout the Diocese with members from several congregations participating together. The body of Christ needs healing and renewal. It is work that I feel is long overdue—not just with words but with practice and behavior. We are the ones to be the example, to make change possible, to reconcile the world to God.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Ernestine C. Flemister, Missioner for Racial Reconciliation

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Social Justice Committee Report

A sign-up sheet and instructions are available in the Parish Hall for anyone interested in providing sandwich bags to the Ministry in the Park. See committee members for any questions you might have.

The sandwiches are a great take away and often supplement an individual or family's meals for the week. Thank you to all who continue to donate supplies and time to this Ministry.

Committee members and other parishioners participated in the educational forum sponsored by the Grants Pass Remembrance Project in July. Reverend Ernestine was interviewed and recorded for the GP Remembrance Project Oral History program. The Project continues to research and gather information about Southern Oregon in an effort of Truth telling that will, it is hoped, lead to reconciliation and healing relationships. Gabi Johnson from the GP Remembrance Project spoke at church and feedback was positive. The Committee will not be meeting during August but new members are always welcome. 8/2/2022



Frankie, Bob & Myrna, Dennis, Michael, Laura

Rest in Peace: victims of the war in Ukraine, those lost in recent mass shootings, Stan Buckner



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

Special Dates & Events

August 6 (Sat.)	The Transfiguration
August 15 & 29 (Mon.)	(Aug. 15) St. Mary the Virgin; 5-7 p.m. <i>On Sacred Ground</i> (Zoom)
August 16 (Tues.)	5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
August 24 (Wed.)	St. Bartholomew the Apostle
August 27 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Minister Training — open to all
August 29 (Mon.)	The beheading of St. John the Baptist
Regularly Scheduled:	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.
	Vestry — 5:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday
	Social Justice Committee — 4:00 p.m. 4th Tues.
	Book Discussion — most Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. service
	Worship Advisory Committee — Sunday after the service, every other month
Services:	12:15 p.m. Wednesday — Mid-week Holy Eucharist
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II — 9:00 a.m. every Sunday

Worship Advisory Committee Report

The committee continues to work on revising a Prayers for the People that would be unique to St. Luke's and shared one Sunday a month. The Committee agreed that the leader for Prayers of the People should start from the lectern and then move back into the congregation. Prayers shall be shared from the congregation and the hope is that this will eventually become a spontaneous process. Leaders are encouraged to give time for Silence between the prayers and members of the parish will feel encouraged to add their own intentions, thanksgivings, and prayers.

A Taizé service will begin again on the second Sunday of September at 4 PM. All are encouraged to attend and participate in a brief time of meditation and chanting.

Dear Church will be the next book we discuss as a group with the dates, and time yet to be determined. It will alternate on Sundays with Bible Study.

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Sr. Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

As I write this, we are in our third day of triple digit temperatures. It's a tangible reminder of how what affects one, affects all.

The life of our parish continues on in our slower, summer days.

The Book Group finished reading "Braiding Sweet Grass" and will celebrate with a meal together featuring native foods; thank you Diana Robertson.

In the fall the group will resume with a new book; also Rev. Ernestein will begin a Bible Study on Luke/Acts.

A training for lectors, lay readers, and any who would be interested will be held in August. Please see the Bulletin for details.

And speaking of the Bulletin; thank you Merle Berry for the care you take with what could be a "routine" task. You always give us a bit of beauty to start our week.

And life goes on in other ways:

Congratulations to Laurel Samson and Scott Swindells on the birth of Two Granddaughters within Two Weeks to Two Daughters. We look forward to meeting Addie and Wren. (In the meantime, Laurel has pictures!)

Please keep the Bishops of the Anglican Communion in your prayers as they meet at the Lambeth Conference... and pray for our Bishop Diana, as she recovers from illness... and as always, pray for one another and our faith 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 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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