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# Luke's Log

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## **Sr. Warden's Report — November 2022**

**D**ear St. Luke's Family,

Greetings to you on the Feast of All Saints. This Sunday we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday as we remember those who have gone before us.

As we enter into the days of November with All Saints' at the beginning of the month and Thanksgiving at the end, we also enter into the time when we focus on Stewardship. The new Pledge Cards are in the pews and in the vestibule inside the red doors. Please take one and fill it out. The gift of your presence among us is treasured.

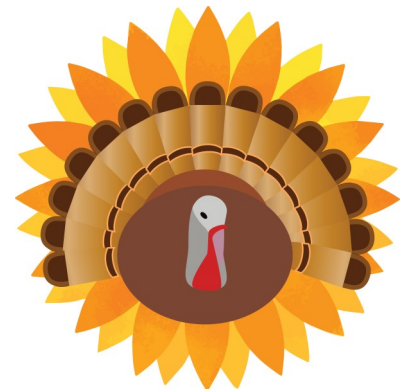
We have been informed by the Diocesan Board of Trustees that our grant application for \$3,500 to replace the ceiling fans in the church has been approved. These new fans will be silent, operate with a remote, and go in both directions in order to circulate the heat more efficiently in the winter. They will be installed this month. We have also received a generous gift from two parishioners to cover the cost of cleaning our gutters. May God bless them for their generosity. This is also scheduled for November.

We have one more Sunday to purchase the jewelry and crafts which support the African Team Ministries. Please enjoy the display and choose a gift or two for family or friend. (Cash or checks, please.)

Looking ahead to December, the Quilting Guild will have their first holiday sale in two years. The funds they raise supports their ministry among us.

And yes, still, Pumpkin Spice is breaking out all over. Enjoy!

Grace & Peace, Hana



### **Special points of interest:**

- *Special Dates & Events*
- *More information inside!*

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## Special Dates & Events

- Nov. 1** (Tues.) All Saints' Day  
**Nov. 2** (Wed.) All Souls' Day  
**Nov. 5** (Sat.) 10-12 Gardening Angels; "Fall Back" — turn your clocks back one hour tonight  
**Nov. 6** (Sun.) All Saints' Sunday (moved from Nov. 1) — The Necrology will be read at the 9:00 a.m. service in memory of those who are gone; Daylight Saving Time ends; African Team Ministries sale during Coffee Hour  
**Nov. 7** (Mon.) 5-7:00 p.m. *On Sacred Ground*  
**Nov. 8** (Tues.) Election Day  
**Nov. 11** (Fri.) Veterans Day  
**Nov. 15** (Tues.) 5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting  
**Nov. 16** (Wed.) Gospel Rescue Mission/Faith House Christmas Wreath drop-off at St. Luke's  
**Nov. 20** (Sun.) Christ the King Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday service with meal following the service; Celtic Service at Trinity, Ashland— 6:30 music, 7:00 p.m. service; theme: *Radiant Hospitality*  
**Nov. 21** (Mon) 5-7:00 p.m. *On Sacred Ground*  
**Nov. 22** (Tues.) 4:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee meeting  
**Nov. 24** (Thurs.) Thanksgiving Day — Thanksgiving Dinner (time TBA)  
**Nov. 27** (Sun.) First Sunday of Advent  
**Nov. 30** (Wed.) St. Andrew the Apostle



- 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



Myrna & Bob, Deb, Frankie, Michael, Midge, Peace, Julia, Rosemarie,  
Chris, Katherine

Rest in Peace: Lawrie Harnden

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## Social Justice Committee Report

We continue to confirm our commitment to educating ourselves about the Indigenous People who were the original caretakers of our land. All agreed that the 'Braiding Sweetgrass' book group was educational and filled with wisdom that we are bringing into our daily lives. The committee plans on leading another group in the spring and will be reading "Native" by Kaitlin Curtice. Dates to follow.

Our church and our community are calling us to listen, gather and record the stories of the elders in our church. The process can indeed be difficult as we look at the truth of the role of our church in the challenging and/or the sustaining of Sundown Laws. "The stories become a journey to the truth and so even the way they are told and what is said or not said becomes quite powerful".

There continue to be many opportunities for us to look at the history of the Episcopal Church around social and racial justice. The Sacred Ground series will again be available to start in January. Other opportunities through the Absalom Jones Center and our own diocese continue to be made available to us. Our church will be holding a book group on the book, "Dear Church" (A Love letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US) by Lenny Duncan. Copies are available for you to borrow and we will be meeting on the first Sunday in January after church.

Rogue Retreat here in Grants Pass continues to need paper towels, toilet paper and nightly meals for residents. You can sign up on Meal train though we all agree that it is easier to put together a meal for 25 people when more than one family is involved. Contact Concetta if you are interested.

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the Ministry in the Park. Your donations are also appreciated as we average 20 to 25 lunch bags a week. Needs include jam or jelly, applesauce or other soft snack, hard-boiled eggs, sandwich bags, small juice, or water. We are also going to start collecting hats, gloves, hand, and foot warmers as well as socks for the folks at the park.

Thank you, St. Luke's Social Justice Committee



6	Eileen Widdison
8	Louis Delp
9	Nancy Murray
10	Ben Widdison
16	Scott Swindells
17	Parker Richardson
23	Noah Calvert
25	Joan Collins
27	Dan Collins

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## **Worship Advisory Committee Report**

The committee continues to look at various resources for our Prayers of the People and would appreciate your suggestions. Alison Huber has been exploring music options in the community while continuing to work with Elizabeth our organist. The committee is still interested in holding a Taize service on the second Sunday of each month at 4 PM. The hope is to begin this in January.

Bishop Akiyama has asked churches in the diocese to consider doing a Lectio Divina on one Sunday a month instead of a Sermon. The hope is that the parishioners will become more engaged in the Gospel Reading and share their thoughts and feelings about the gospel with each other. Reverend Ernestein will prepare parishioners with the process before we begin. A Thanksgiving Service will be held the Sunday (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) before Thanksgiving with a shared meal to follow. This meal is open to the public and all are welcome. Susan Hall will also be asking if any parishioners are interested in sharing a meal on Thanksgiving Day at the church. Please let Sue know if you wish to organize this event. Finally, we wanted to remind you that there are New Pledge cards in the pews.

Thank you St. Luke's Worship Advisory Committee



**Coming Soon...**

### **Quilting News!**

We are having our annual Quilt Sale on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Our raffle quilt is now hanging in the Parish Hall, and tickets will be on sale starting on Sunday the 13th and at the sale. The drawing will be held on the 3rd at 2:30 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Proceeds from our sale are used to purchase supplies needed to make the comfort quilts that we create during the year.

Needle & Thread Quilters

### **The ECW Tea is Back!**

After several years' hiatus, there will once again be an ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Advent Tea. The date is December 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will have a variety of teas and snacks. Please bring your favorite teacup and snack, if you so desire, and come to enjoy time with the ladies of St. Luke's.

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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.*

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