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Luke's Log

Planting Seeds — January 2023

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Let me begin by saying Happy New Years to you all. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones. As we end the season of Christmas, we move into Epiphany. Epiphany taken from the Greek word *epithaneia*, meaning "manifestation." Over the next few weeks, we will have lectionary readings that reveal who Jesus is. As we go through Epiphany, I invite each and every one of us to see how our Savior Jesus Christ is revealed and manifested in our lives and in the lives of our families, loved ones and communities.

May God bless us and keep us as we journey through Epiphany and seek to witness to his presence in our lives.

Peace & Blessings,

Rev. Ernestein †



Myrna & Bob, Frankie, Michael, Julia,
Rosemarie, Chris, Katherine, Frank, Jennifer,
Sandy, Nathan, Virginia & husband, Merle

Rest in Peace: Barbara Husband, Libby Hellman,
Dennis Duewel



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Special Dates & Events

Jan. 1 (Sun.) The Holy Name Day of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Jan. 6 (Fri.) The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Jan. 8 (Sun.) The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer service, Rite I (Rev. Ernestine out)

Jan. 15 (Sun.) Worship Advisory Committee Meeting after Coffee Hour; 3:00 p.m. MLK, Jr. Gathering at PAC

Jan. 16 (Mon.) MLK, Jr. Day — office closed; 5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Jan. 18 (Wed.) The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle

Jan. 21 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Barbara Husband at Stephens Family Chapel, 1629 Williams Highway, Grants Pass; 11-2 PEO meeting at St. Luke's

Jan. 24 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. Sandwich-making for UCAN event on 25th

Jan. 25 (Wed.) The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; 9:00 a.m. Set-up; 10-3 Staff St. Luke's table at "Point in Time Count" UCAN event at fairgrounds

Jan. 29 (Sun.) Annual Meeting following the service— try and attend this important meeting for a state of the parish report, various reports, and Officer and Vestry elections.

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

Senior Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

On behalf of your Vestry and myself, I wish you and yours a Happy New Year. We are at a time of new beginnings, possibilities, hopes... and also all the concerns that come with looking into the unknown. But what we do know is that we do not journey alone. We have one another. And God is with us all.

So let us listen to one another, to God who speaks to each of us as a beloved child, and to the many voices that call out, and— let us discern what we need to do in this Year of Our Lord, 2023.

Your voice needs to be heard at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th, after the service. Please save the date on your calendar.

And thank you for all the good— known and unknown— that you do.

Grace & Peace, Hana

Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee agreed to participate in the **Point in Time Count** on January 25th sponsored by UCAN at the fairgrounds.

Point in Time is a community wide effort to get the most accurate count of individuals in need of permanent housing. The ability to secure available resources for the future depends on an accurate count.

We plan on staffing a table representing the Saint Luke message of **“Providing Warmth for Our Neighbors Inside and Out.”** We hope to provide hot cocoa, take-away sandwich bags, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, and hand and foot warmers.

We will need your help in making this a success and ask for your help with the following:

1. Donations of packets of hot cocoa mix, hot drink cups, socks, gloves, hand and foot warmers, hats and scarves.
2. Volunteers to make sandwiches at 10 am on the morning of Wednesday the 24th. Each volunteer will be asked to bring a dozen hard boiled eggs, a dozen juice packs and a dozen snacks (i.e. apple sauce, pudding) and enough bread to make 12 sandwiches. The Buckners will provide the peanut butter and jelly as well as sandwich bags and brown bags. With just 5 volunteers we can provide 60 bagged lunches. All are welcome to participate.
3. Volunteers to set up and staff the table on the 25th. Set up at 9, the day will run from 10 -3.

Thank you to all for your continued support and donations.

St. Luke's Social Justice Committee

A Letter from John Duewel

To the congregation of St. Luke's: many of you know that our mother, Shirley Duewel, passed away in September of 2021. Recently, our father Dennis suffered a stroke and passed away quickly on December 13, 2022. The obituary ran in the Grants Pass newspaper not long ago. On behalf of my brothers, Steve, Alan, and Jeff— I would like to thank the kind people of St. Luke's for their friendship and fellowship with our parents over the years, since 1996, in fact. They loved Grants Pass and made many friends there at St. Luke's, and for the times we attended we found a caring group of people.

Take Care and God Bless,

John Duewel

A Reminder

The Bishop advised that whenever in church, parishioners should wear face masks. The uptick in COVID and flu cases has prompted this recommendation. St. Luke's has plenty of disposable masks for your convenience, if you don't have your own mask. So, let's all be mindful, mask up, and stay safe. Thank you!

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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
OFFICE HOURS**

M-Th 9 am-1 pm
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