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Luke's Log

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Planting Seeds — September, 2023

Dear St. Luke's Family,

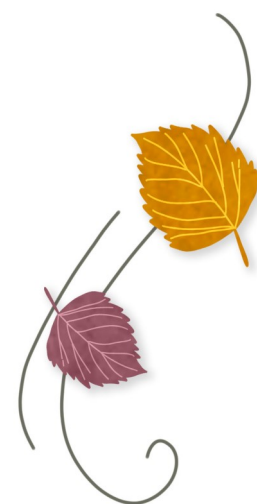
Changes are constant as we approach Labor Day, marking the unofficial end of summer. We have been blessed to have a relatively smoke-free summer in our neck of the woods and for that I am grateful. The rest of the world was not so fortunate with catastrophic weather conditions across the globe. We have had a break-in, a breakdown of our A/C. but time waits for no one, so we move on. Labor Day is a time to celebrate the labors of our life, and retirement does not end our labor. We are still in God's vineyard.

I am scheduled to retire next year as I will be at the mandatory retirement age. With the bishop's permission, I can continue to work and I plan to. I have been in a time of deep discernment as to where God is calling me to. I made the commitment that I would meet with you all to discuss if we would move forward together. I think we can pick a Sunday to have a talk after church and share ideas. I am looking at the 3rd or 4th Sunday of September, the 17th or 24th, to have the meeting.

I wish you all a safe and happy Labor Day!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. E.



Special points of interest:

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Special Dates & Events

Sept. 4 (Mon.) Labor Day — Office closed

Sept. 9 (Sat.) Coos Bay Days hosted by the Diocese at their new location (see information on diocesan website)

Sept. 10 (Sun.) 2:00 p.m. Southern Convocation Annual Picnic & Prayer Service hosted by St. Mark's, Medford at TouVelle State Park, Central Point. Location: 8601 Table Rock Rd. See map and sign-up sheet to carpool at back of kitchen door. (Parking fee: \$5) Please bring a side dish to share.

Sept. 11 (Mon.) Patriot Day

Sept. 12 (Tu.) 4-5:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee meeting via Zoom

Sept. 14 (Th.) Holy Cross Day

Sept. 15-16 (F-S) 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Tentative** Yard Sale at Laurel & Scott's house at 1432 NW Lawnridge, GP. **Laurel will update us on this event as smoke may be an issue. Stay tuned.**

Sept. 17 (Sun.) Constitution Day

Sept. 19 (Tu.) 5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Sept. 20 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. Book Group at St. Luke's: *Native* by Kaitlin B. Curtis; read the intro and the 1st chapter and bring a brown bag lunch.

Sept. 21 (Th.) St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; 2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist at Countryside Village chapel with Rev. Ernestine. Address: 1700 Kellenbeck Ave., GP; all are welcome and invited.

Sept. 23 (Sat.) First Day of Autumn

Sept. 29 (Fri.) St. Michael and All Angels

Regularly Scheduled:

All subject to change.

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.

Gardening Angels — 10-12 noon 1st Sat

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.

Worship Advisory Committee — Every 4th Sunday after the service, every other month

Services:

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

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

8:00 p.m. Compline every Wednesday

New: 2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist every 3rd Thursday at Countryside Village



Andy, Anne, Mardia, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Frankie, Jay, John, Nyla,

Rest in Peace: Laura Dunwald Uhlig

Sr. Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Greetings as we look forward to the approach of autumn and the beginning of Pumpkin Spice Season. (Yes, I know it isn't in the Liturgical Calendar... yet.)

Although the school buses are winding their way about town we are still in the midst of a smokey fire season. Your prayers are asked for the First Responders and all who are suffering from the fires.

I'd like to call your attention to some upcoming events:

On Saturday, September 9, Bishop Akiyama and her staff are hosting Coos Bay Days at the new Diocesan Offices in Coos Bay. All are invited. For directions, please check the diocesan website or talk with Rev. Ernestine.

On Sunday, September 10, the Southern Convocation Annual Picnic and Prayer Service will take place in Central Point, hosted by St. Mark's, Medford. Directions to the park and a sign-up list for carpooling will be available in the Parish Hall. (There is a parking fee of \$5.00 per vehicle.) St. Luke's parishioners are asked to bring side dishes.

Dates are also being scheduled for resuming Book Discussions and other opportunities for ongoing formation. They will be scheduled by mid-September so please keep your calendar open.

On another note, we have received the check from the insurance company and Junior Warden Dennis James has arranged for the siding repair to take place this month. Thank you, Dennis.

And FYI: I caught a glimpse of the exquisite quilt the Needle & Thread quilting group is working on for their raffle. Trust me, you want this.

Grace & Peace, Hana

Update on Peace — by Juli Mimnaugh

While trying to fulfill all the requirements to go into assisted living it was found that Peace needed a doctor. He went to the Siskiyou walk-in clinic and it was determined that he had a heart murmur that required an echocardiogram. The echocardiogram showed a narrowed aortic valve, and Peace panicked when he was advised to check into the hospital. He went back to Motel 6 for the night.

After we discussed talking to the cardiologist to learn about his condition and options, I took him to Asante Rogue Regional in Medford. I was with him while the cardiologist explained what was going to happen in the next few days during his hospital stay. Peace then tested positive for COVID, and those plans had to be postponed for two weeks. His doctor called and doesn't think he is able to give informed consent for any procedure, so he has been referred to a social worker to help him for now.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Bruce Mimnaugh |
| 13 | Durfee Bedsole |
| 15 | Blenda Wingate |
| 22 | Joanne Taxelius |

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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. Holy
Eucharist, 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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