



*Saint Luke's Episcopal Church*

*Volume 113 Issue 113*

*October 2023*

# Luke's Log



## Planting Seeds — October, 2023

Dear St. Luke's Members,

**A**s we begin Fall, we are faced with some new challenges. Covid-19 has been on the rise again so I want to urge everyone to take the necessary precautions to stay protected and safe. We are coming to the end of church year A, with readings from the gospel of Matthew and will begin Year B, reading from the Gospel of Mark at the end of November.

There are many in our congregation that are going through a period of transition: accidents, moving, surgery, and deaths. I'm very proud of the care that you have shown to one another. I thank you all for your love, support and encouragement that has been shown to each other during this time. This is what community looks like. While caring for others, please make sure to take care of yourselves. In her book, *Real Self-Care*, author Pooja Lakshmin urges us to move beyond the superficialities of self-care commodities. She says that authentic self-care is deeply transformational. It requires serious inner work.

Please continue to take care, look out for one another and make sure to take care of yourselves.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. E.

### Inside this issue:

Special Dates & Events 2

In Our Hearts & Prayers 2

Book Group 2

Sr. Warden's Report 3

Social Justice Committee Report 3



### Special points of interest:

- *Special Dates & Events*
- *Sr. Warden's Report*
- *More information inside!*

---

## Special Dates & Events

- Oct. 1** (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Pets
- Oct. 5-7** (F-Sat) 8:30-1:30 Yard Sale at Laurel and Scott's house; set-up on Thursday, sale starts Friday.
- Oct. 8** (Sun.) 9:00 Holy Eucharist & Taizé service; parishioner meeting at Coffee Hour with Rev. Ernestein
- Oct. 15** (Sun.) Rev. Ernestein out; Fr. Jim Boston guest priest and celebrant
- Oct. 17** (Tu.) 5:30 p.m. **In-person** Vestry meeting
- Oct. 18** (Wed.) St. Luke the Evangelist
- Oct. 22** (Sun.) Rev. Ernestein out for a pulpit exchange; Rev. Janell Monk is guest priest and celebrant.
- Oct. 23** (Mon.) St. James of Jerusalem
- Oct. 24** (Tu.) United Nations Day
- Oct. 28** (Sat.) Annual Diocesan Convention via Zoom; St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
- Oct. 29** (Sun.) All Saints' Sunday with reading of the Necrology at the 9:00 a.m. service; 11:00 a.m. video following the service, on racism, with discussion afterward.
- Oct. 31** (Tu.) All Hallows Eve — Happy Halloween

### **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

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



Anne, Mardia, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Myrna & Bob, Frankie,, John, Nyla, Scott, Juli, Greg, Beverly, Ruth, Mike

Rest in Peace: Laura Dunwald Uhlig

**Don't Forget:** Book Group every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall; come join the fun and lively discussion, and bring a brown bag lunch.

---

## Sr. Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Greetings from the land of Pumpkin Spice: I hope you are enjoying our Oregon Fall. The fresh air and harvest colors are a gift.

Yes, it is Fall and that means we must talk of Stewardship. The Vestry decided to make a video about Stewardship which we can watch together in the parish hall in the not-too-distant future. (It will also be available on our website and Facebook after it is first shown.) Popcorn and cider will be served.

I am working on the script and so asking that you email me any questions you would like addressed. Hoping to get the script done by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, so please don't hesitate, and I promise the video will not be like those boring films we had to watch in school.

Alas, "Fall" has taken on another meaning for some of our beloved parishioners. Your prayers are asked for Mike Anzalone, Juli Mimnaugh, and Scott Swindells, all of whom suffered falls recently.

We are happy that James Peace and Edla Stephenson both found new homes and support in Assisted Living this past month. Also, Durfee Bedsole and Odile have sold their home and moved into a Senior Living Community. And Rev. Ernestein has begun a monthly Eucharist at the Countryside Senior Living Community where many of our parishioners live: Very good news.

Please remember to send in the list of your beloved dead for All Saints' Sunday. The forms are in the church bulletins. And bring that pet for a blessing.

Grace & peace (and pumpkin spice), Hana

## Social Justice Committee Report

Concerns have been raised that it is quite easy for the weekly reading of the Land Acknowledgement to become simply performative. In response to this feedback, the Social Justice Committee invites you to join them in reading "Native" (Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God) by Kaitlin Curtis. The book group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30. You are invited to bring your lunch.

We are also considering how our church can raise funds to donate to a scholarship fund for Indigenous youth attending SOU. We would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions. A bake sale and craft sale are being discussed.

The committee will also be showing a short video "The Lunch Date" on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the parish hall after the service. We hope you will join us during the coffee hour for the video and discussion of how we are all impacted by racism. Reverend Ernestein has a booklist that will be available in the parish hall on racial justice.

The Point in Time Count is scheduled for January. This has been a great community service activity for our church community in the past. Everyone has been able to get involved in a variety of ways. We will again focus on keeping our neighbors warm and will provide hot cocoa and sandwich bags as well as hats, gloves, and scarves. It has also been suggested that we collect warm coats that can be distributed that day.

Saint Luke's Social Justice Committee/October 2023

**Saint Luke's  
Episcopal Church**

224 NW D Street  
Grants Pass, OR 97526-2042

Phone: 541-476-2493

Fax: 541-476-9942

Email:

stlukesgrantspass@gmail.com



St. Luke's Episcopal Church publishes Luke's Log monthly. **Submit articles to our email address or to the parish office by the 20th of the month.** For more information, visit our website above.

**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. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II

**WEDNESDAY**

12:15 p.m. Mid-week  
Eucharist in Chapel

8:00 p.m. Compline via  
Zoom

**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  
Closed Friday  
541-476-2493

**THE REV. ERNESTEIN C. FLEMISTER, RECTOR**  
(614) 599-0098

rectorstlukesgp@gmail.com

**ST. LUKE'S OFFICERS & VESTRY**

Hana Rubens, Sr. Warden (2024)  
Dennis James, Jr. Warden (2026)  
Laurel Samson, Treasurer  
Nik Grimsby, Clerk of the Vestry  
Darrell Buckner (2024)  
Louis Delp (2026)  
Alison Huber (2026)  
Krista Meade (2024)