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Dear St. Luke's Family,

Happy Feast of All Saints!

It is 28 degrees this morning and the glistening frost ushers us into the seasons of stillness and celebration. Also, we will be turning back our clocks this weekend; enjoy your extra hour. We hope to see your rested face on Sunday.

As you are aware, the Episcopal Church of Western Oregon held the Annual Meeting of Convention yesterday. The video is available on YouTube and also on the ECWO website. I encourage you to watch the Bishop's Address (even if you don't want to watch the entire 6.5 hours of the proceedings.) Our own Nik Grimsby was elected to Diocesan Council. (Again, I refer you to the website to see a description of the work of the Council.) I was elected to the Cathedral Chapter. The Chapter assists Trinity Cathedral in its service to the entire diocese.

After the Service, on Sunday, Nov. 5, we will be watching the (humble) video on pledging that the Vestry made for you. We would like to follow it with some good conversation. There will be lots of Halloween candy, popcorn, and cider as well as the traditional coffee and munchies. You are welcome to bring any leftover candy to share.

Your prayers are bid for Scott as he continues his recovery from surgery and for Claire who is having knee replacement surgery.

And remember to be careful as you navigate the icy, early mornings. No more falls please.

Grace & peace (and yes, pumpkin spice),

Hana



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Special Dates & Events

November is Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month.

Nov. 1 (Wed.) All Saints

Nov. 2 (Th.) All Souls

Nov. 4 (Sat.) Fall Back — Turn clocks back 1 hour tonight.

Nov. 5 (Sun.) Daylight Saving Time ends; Vestry showing Stewardship video after the service; popcorn, cider, and goodies will be served, and 2024 Pledge Cards will be available.

Nov. 7 (Tu.) Election Day

Nov. 11 (Sat.) Veterans Day

Nov. 14 (Tu.) 4:00 p.m. Zoom presentation of “The Complexity of Indian Country;” See Concetta Buckner for registration information.

Nov. 19 (Sun.) Thanksgiving Sunday; Worship Advisory Committee meeting after the service

Nov. 21 (Tu.) 5:30 p.m. Vestry meeting

Nov. 23 (Th.) Thanksgiving Day (office closed)

Nov. 26 (Sun.) Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 28 (Tu.) 4-5 p.m. Social Justice Committee meeting

Nov. 30 (Th.) Saint 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.

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, Ariel, Claire, Dennis

Rest in Peace: Evan Vajnovich

Social Justice Committee Report

There seems to be ongoing discussion in the diocese regarding the performative nature of a weekly reading of the Land Acknowledgement. In response to this feedback, the Social Justice Committee invites you to join them at any time in reading “Native” (Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God) by Kaitlin Curtis. The book seems especially relevant as the diocese has joined other dioceses throughout the country in adopting the **Resolution to Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery**. The book group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30. You are invited to bring your lunch and join our lively discussion.

We are also considering how our church can raise funds to donate to a scholarship fund for Indigenous youth attending SOU. We are still exploring the options available to Indigenous youth at SOU and will keep you posted.

We want to remind you that November is Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month. All are invited to join the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing as they celebrate Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month with a discussion by The Reverend Isaiah “Shaneequa” Brokenleg. The topic is “The Complexity of Indian Country” and you can participate by Zoom on November 14th, 2023 at 4 PM. See Concetta for more registration information.

The committee showed a short video “The Lunch Date” on October 29th at 11:00 and discussion followed during coffee hour. A book list compiled by Reverend Ernestein on racial justice is available. (Reverend Ernestein will be periodically updating the list.) Please let Concetta know if you cannot locate a copy.

The Point in Time Count is scheduled for January 24th. **The Point in Time** is sponsored by the Federal Government and takes place throughout the country. A count of the unhoused in our community (that takes place on that day) will impact funding and resources for the coming year. This has been a great 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, scarves, socks, jackets and coats. Everyone will be invited to join us on the 23rd to make up sandwich bags to be distributed on the following day. (Each volunteer will be asked to bring enough supplies to make up 12 bags each.) We will also be needing other donations of hot chocolate packets, hot cups, and napkins. More information to follow in early January.

Thank you, Saint Luke’s Social Justice Committee/November 2023



6	Eileen Widdison
8	Louis Delp
9	Nancy Murray
10	Ben Widdison
16	Scott Swindells
25	Joan Collins
27	Dan Collins

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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

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
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