



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

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Luke's Log

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Sr. Warden's Report

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year together, I share with you:

A Blessing

*As you step over the threshold of time into a
New year, receive this blessing:
May health return to you if it has been absent
And abide with you if it is present;
May the challenges you face be easier than you imagined
And the surprises you discover more joyful than you expected;
May your love touch many lives
And your compassion offer hope to even more;
May peace surround you like the hours of a day
And wisdom guide you with eyes that never close.*

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston
Ret. Episcopal Bishop of Alaska



The new year brings us the responsibility of preparing for the Annual Meeting which is on Jan. 28, 2024, following the 9:00 Holy Eucharist. Please be there. Your voice and your vote matter. This year we will be electing new Vestry members who will share the important task of leading St. Luke's during the time of transition.

Merle is in the process of preparing the Annual report so if you are responsible for a Ministry Report, we would appreciate it sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your kindness and support these past three years. I am blessed in you, my church family.

Grace & peace,

Hana

Special points of interest:

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Special Dates & Events

Jan. 1 (Mon.) The Holy Name Day of Our Lord Jesus Christ; New Year's Day — Office closed

Jan. 15 (Mon.) MLK, Jr. Day — Office closed

Jan. 16 (Tu.) 5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

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

Jan. 23 (Tu.) 11:00 a.m. Sandwich-making at St. Luke's for the Point in Time event the 24th

Jan. 24 (Wed.) 8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Point in Time event at the JoCo Fairgrounds; please see the sign-up sheet at the kitchen door bulletin board. Volunteers needed, so please sign up to help out!

Jan. 25 (Thurs.) The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Jan. 28 (Sun.) Annual Meeting after the service; please attend this important annual meeting for various Vestry and Ministry Reports and for Vestry and Officers elections. See you there!

Jan. 30 (Tu.) Rev. Ernestine out through Feb. 8th

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, Clara, Frankie, Nyla, Scott, Preside Bishop Michael Murry, Dennis, Michael, Rich, Scott

Rest in Peace: David Samson, Lydia Olasupo Cassell



3 Darrell Buckner

7 Patti Elliott

21 Marilyn Merritt Delp

25 Brent Howell

27 Bill Cowell

POINT IN TIME COUNT

January 24th at the Josephine County Fairgrounds

We are still taking donations for the theme of “Keeping Our Neighbors Warm”. They can be dropped off at the church or brought to the fairgrounds on the 24th. A Volunteer **sign-up sheet** for that day is available in the church hall and set up for the event begins at 8:30 am the morning of the 24th.

We will meet on January 23rd at 11:00 am in the church kitchen to make sandwiches to give away on the 24th. Everyone is asked to bring enough bread to make 12 sandwiches, 12 hard boiled eggs, a juice pack and a snack for each bag (pudding or applesauce are preferred to difficult to chew protein bars). Brown bags, sandwich bags and PB&J will be provided.

Additional donations of napkins and/or cups for hot drinks also appreciated.

Grants Pass Remembrance Project — still in need of volunteers on January 13th for MLK Community Gathering at GPHS Performing Arts Center. Assistance needed with set up, ushering and clean up.

Green Bag donations will be due for pick-up on February 9th. If you cannot fill a bag yourself, individual donations of dry goods are still appreciated.

Thank you, Concetta Buckner

Annual Report & Meeting

The Annual Report will be available shortly before the Annual Meeting on Jan. 28th. If you have a ministry or Vestry report to be included in the printed report, please get it to the parish office as soon as possible. If a written report isn't received, an oral report is acceptable at the meeting following the service. If you have a preference, please let the office know. 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. 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
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Dennis James, Jr. Warden (2026)
Laurel Samson, Treasurer
Clerk of the Vestry — position open
Darrell Buckner (2024)
Louis Delp (2026)
Alison Huber (2026)
Krista Meade (2024)