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Spiritual Practice of Hospitality

Diana Butler Bass shares the findings of her three-year study of 50 mainline congregations in the United States from six different denominations. Here is an excerpt on the spiritual practice of hospitality.

"One of the oldest themes in Christian literature about hospitality is the deliberate confusion of the roles of host and guest. This role switching emphasizes an important point: as a pilgrim of Christ, you will sometimes be the host and sometimes the guest. The second-century writer Diognetus, reminding his readers about Christian identity, said that 'Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers.' Or, as the great early Christian preacher John Chrysostom put it, 'Don't you know that we live in a foreign land, as though strangers and sojourners?'

"Christians have always been hosts and guests, natives and strangers, citizens and sojourners. In our contemporary world of strangers, tourists, and nomads, Henri Nouwen proclaims, 'When hostility is converted into hospitality then fearful strangers can become guests. . . . Then, in fact, the distinction between host and guest proves to be artificial and evaporates in the recognition of newfound unity.' In a time of hate-filled extremism, some Christians still long for a world of nonviolent love, of reconciling peace. Of human wholeness, of true brother and sisterhood, in God's compassion. For them, hospitality opens the way to practicing peace, doing a tangible thing that can change the world.

"As Martin Marty, a noted Lutheran theologian, says, 'In a world where strangers meet strangers with gunfire, barrier walls, spiritually land-mined paths, the spirit of revenge, and the record of intransigence, it sounds almost dainty to come on the scene and urge that hospitality has a strong and promising place.' In every congregation I observed, hospitality ranked as one of the strongest practices. But it was not just tea and cakes. The churches I visited all demonstrated that hospitality is not dainty by practicing it as a way of overcoming fear and isolation. Although hospitality takes many forms, from the kiss of peace bestowed by a Goth teenager on an elderly woman, to offering bread to a stranger and thanking a homeless person for coming to breakfast, the core practice remains the same: Christian people, themselves wayfarers, welcome strangers into the heart of God's transformative love."

Let us grow together in our spiritual practice of hospitality.

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St. Luke's People

Fawn & Kempton Hewitt have returned from their rustic cabin in the Canadian wilderness. They got back in time to help with the Beach Eucharist, our Community Dinner, and creating this newsletter. Now they are back to work on CASA and other community service projects. Welcome home!!

Jackie & Ray have had a busy month moving from Tidewater to South Beach and are ready to take off for the East Coast. They will be visiting with family while Jackie has surgery for the melanoma on her cheek. Our prayers for a complete and speedy healing go with them.



St. Luke's Kids Outreach

St. Luke's Sunday School kids are shown with the bags they decorated for donation to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. The bags were filled with cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, and toys for the animals. **Ava** and **Azura** weren't available for picture on the last day that they worked on the bags but they each decorated a bag as well.

St. Luke's Mailbag

Bishop Hanley forwarded this email message from The **Rt. Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith**, Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona after his visit to St. Luke's in late July.

"Every summer Laura and I pay a visit to the Oregon coast, usually renting a house on the ocean at Yachats. If our time includes Sunday, we often stop in for worship at St. Luke's at Waldport.

"That was the case this Sunday, and I just wanted to share with you (and with **Susan**--if you could please forward this along to her), what a delightful experience it was. Would that all our smaller rural parishes were so vibrant and healthy.

"The liturgy was well planned, everyone clear on their assigned parts. The music thoughtfully chosen and nicely played, the congregational singing was great. It was clear to me that Susan has included some new music (from the Gather Hymnal) which was appreciated and embraced by the congregation. I especially liked singing the Creed. First time I have done that!

"The sermon was excellent. Delivered without notes (which is more than I can do) and a thoughtful invitation to the listeners to go deeper in their prayer lives. It was engaging and well delivered with the full attention of her listeners.

"Especially moving to me was the blessing at announcement time of a Lesbian couple celebrating their 31st anniversary. It was clear they had the support of all there."

Guest Chef for August Community Dinner



Gilbert Schramm, a dedicated peace and justice activist and member of ICPJ, was the guest chef for the recent Community Dinner. A feast of chicken curry and several side dishes delighted our guests and hosts alike. He's returning for the September dinner—think Mexican—and it will be another special treat. He served as the kitchen manager at Peace Village and even taught a couple cooking classes. Thanks to Gilbert for all his good work!

Columbarium Update

The Columbarium Committee (**Larry Hanks**, chair, **Emily Cunningham**, **Brian Hanna**, **Fawn Hewitt**, **Allie Moran**, and **Martha Wenger**) meets regularly to consider various locations and styles of columbaria and to choose a design appropriate for St. Luke's. They plan to present a design to the BAC soon to get feedback and approval. Then we will need Diocesan approval before continuing.

The columbarium is an option each of us might want to consider as we make end-of-life arrangements. Positive results from the committee's earlier poll allowed us to begin work on plans. You can still express your interest on a yellow card on the credenza, or talk to any member of the committee with questions or comments.

Summer BAC Notes

Stewardship: **Ruth Werner** has agreed to be the Stewardship Chair for St. Luke's. The campaign will kick-off on October 7 with a fun event for all and the weeks to come will include "Ministry Minutes" that members of our congregation will be sharing.

Sabbatical: The BAC agreed that even though we all love Susan and miss her, we are enjoying the visiting priests and learning what St. Luke's is really about. So far things have gone well with no major issues. The next BAC meeting is Sept. 16.

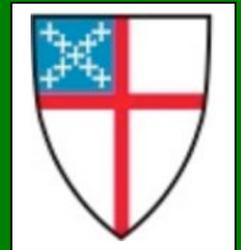
Coming Out as a Person of Faith



When **Dr. Caroline Spark** saw this exhibit at Trinity Cathedral, she decided that she wanted to participate as a trained facilitator for the events. Thirty people attended St. Luke's photo exhibit, video, and discussion about people of faith becoming supporters of the Freedom to Marry.

Jeanne and **Senitila** requested that St. Luke's host another showing of the video and further discussion on September 15th from 2-4 pm. The BAC agreed and **Larry** and **Liz** volunteered to help host the event.

PFLAG coordinated similar events at the Congregational Church in Lincoln City and Atonement Lutheran in Newport for over 100 church members in Lincoln County.



Sunshine Committee

Please call the members listed below about any needs for cards.

Birthdays
Barbara Smith-Huggins
563-2878

Get Well
Karin Bigler
563-7642

Hospitalization
Allie Moran
563-5591

Moving
Kempton Hewitt
563-6649

Thinking of You
Fawn Hewitt
563-6649

Special Occasions
Bunny Wright
528-3271

Deaths & Memorial Gifts
Julie Pearce
563-4881

What's Happening at St. Luke's in September

September Celebrations

Birthdays

5 Lois Berg

9 Susan Church

11 Larry Hanks

17 Tiffany Miner

Anniversaries

2 Don & Bette Ashley

- 9/1 10:00 AM First Sunday Men's Breakfast
- 9/7 8:30-10 AM Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center
- 12 - 3 PM Susan's Birthday Picnic -Newport's Big Creek Park
- 9/12 & 26 11 AM Kempton answers your Bible questions
- 9/15 2 - 4 PM Coming Out as a Person of Faith--Continues
- 9/17 6:15 PM BAC Meeting—Everyone's welcome
- 9/18 6:00 PM Men's Dinner
- 9/21 2:00 PM Kids Peace Celebration—Newport Library Park
- 10:00 PM Deadline for October Newsletter
- 9/24 6:15 PM Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner

October

- 10/6 Blessing of the Animals

September Coffee Hosts

- 1 Men's Breakfast
- 8 Tiffany Miner & Sherri Fortmeyer
- 15 Elizabeth Brown Fawn Hewitt
- 22 Carol Strauss & Bunny Wright
- 29 Dorothy Niddrie & Sue Wagner



Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9 AM	Holy Communion Sunday School
Tuesday	1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Tuesday Writer's Group Holy Communion
Thursday	7:30 AM 11 AM	Church open for prayer Morning Prayer
Friday	6:00 PM	AA Women's Meeting

Brian's Musings

I was in Barcelona just over a month ago to have another look at the architecture of Gaudi, one of the gods of my profession. Try Googleing Antoni Gaudi, architect. His astounding Basilica Sagrada Familia, started in the 1880s, is now almost finished. The sensuality of his forms and his devout Roman Catholicism apparently co-existed comfortably; there was room for both in his vast imagination.

He seemed to have none of that moral angst that afflicts more puritanical northern cultures like our own, the morbid fear that somewhere someone might be having a good time or, worse still, getting something for nothing.

Gaudi was referred to as God's architect in the 60 Minutes program on him. One fateful day in 1926, God must have suffered a momentary lapse of concentration for "his" architect was run over by a tram car while crossing a busy Barcelona street. Old Catalan peasants (Gaudi's description of himself) must have been pretty difficult to tell apart, for he received scant attention from the doctors. Three days later they realized that the old tramp on a cot in the corridor was no longer their greatest "living" architect, but was now in fact dead—a comment, surely, on the fallibility of human judgment.

As I grow older, having once mistaken a potential client's wife for his mother (which explains why, at her insistence, he had gone elsewhere for the design of his house), I realize that I too can get things wrong.

Gaudi's death does raise the issue that those perceived as rich and powerful, or at least insured, have vastly better access to health care than those, for instance, who must queue with a mouthful of cavities for the St Luke's dental van. Life at St. Luke's seems to be a much-needed crash course in how to become less obsessed with the industriousness or moral worth of those we try to help.

In your sweet company I have served enough breakfasts to transients in the gym to realize many couples with a family driving the highway on bald tires aren't doing that as a consequence of poor lifestyle choices, but because the company they worked for shipped their jobs to Mexico or the third world.



Brian Hanna

Feeling Old? Read this!

September 19th is the feast day of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), a German mystic. During her very full life as an Abbess, she produced major writings on theology, natural history and medicine, as well as composing music, including a symphony and many hymns. At the impressive age of 60, she set off on the first of four successful preaching tours. So the next time you think it's too late for you to reach for your dream or calling, consider Hildegard!

God's Soul is the wind rustling plants and leaves,
 the dew dancing on the grass,
 the rainy breezes making everything to grow.
 Just like this, the kindness of a person flows, touching
 those dragging burdens of longing.
 We should be a breeze helping the homeless,
 dew comforting those who are depressed,
 the cool, misty air refreshing the exhausted,
 and with God's teaching we have got to feed the hungry:

This is how we share God's soul.

- Hildegard of Bingen, Hymn

“Imagine Peace” Celebrates Season of Peace

The Interfaith Community for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) is preparing for the September 21 World Day of Peace which has been celebrated worldwide since first declared by the UN in 1982. ICPJ includes members from Atonement Lutheran, Toledo United Methodist, St. Luke & St. Stephen Episcopal, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bahai'i Fellowship, and the Sufi Tradition. “Imagine Peace” is again the theme for a series of community peace events from from June 21 to Sept. 21.

- Poetry for Peace at Don Davis Park on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 2 PM
- Universal Peace Dances at So. Beach Com. Center on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 PM
- Drumming for Peace at Don Davis Park on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 6-8 PM
- Kids Peace Celebration at Newport Library Park on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 PM

Please take part in this series, imagine peace, and add your voice, actions and prayers to this quest for peace and justice in our world.



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THANKS! to all who donated items over and above their potluck dish; to all who planned, shopped and organized; to all who transported barbeques, tables and chairs and, to all of you who had faith that the sun would come out (which it certainly did during the service) and arrived while the sky was still rather grey. Bishop Ladehoff sent an email the next morning saying what a wonderful event he thought we held—and we all loved his “silent sermon.”



Smoky Business!!



Family Fun!

Bed & Breakfast on the Coast? Request from Trinity Cathedral

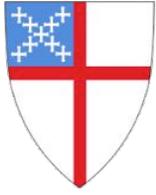
We've been asked if anyone from St. Luke's could offer a "Bed and Breakfast on the Coast Weekend" for the Party of Parties fundraiser for the Cathedral's Outreach program. In return, they would be happy to find a "Bed and Breakfast in the City" to help with one of our fundraisers in the future. Sounds like a great trade! If you are able to help with this request, please contact Connie Schroeder at anamcaris@hotmail.com or call her at 541-414-9638.

You're Welcome at St. Luke's!

St. Luke's expects guests—people of all faiths, races, nationalities, urban, suburban, rich, poor, gay and straight, families and singles; young, old, & in-between. Hospitality is an important part of our ministry, and we hope you will feel welcomed here.

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Want to Make a Difference?

At St. Luke's there are many ways to contribute.

- ❖ Sign up to help with Literacy Center Breakfasts on 1st Saturdays
- ❖ Join the team of rotating Sunday School teachers
- ❖ Help with Community Dinners or Family Services
- ❖ Bring food and personal need items for the Food Pantry
- ❖ Join the new Shared Ministry Peace & Justice Team

***To volunteer, call and leave a message
on the church phone 563-4812***



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Christ is the center of this community
which welcomes all
to worship, to serve, and to share.

