

November
2014

St. Luke-by-the-Sea

Waldport, Oregon 541-563-4812



ST. LUKE'S BY-THE-SEA

VICAR

SUSAN
CHURCH

DEACON

SENITILA
MCKINLEY

BISHOP

MICHAEL
HANLEY

PRESIDING BISHOP

KATHARINE
JEFFERTS-
SCHORI

MINISTERS

ALL THE
PEOPLE OF
ST. LUKE'S

Vicar's Letter

Beloved of Jesus,

I don't know about you but I have been profoundly moved by the "Ministry Minute" testimonies of our parishioners both this year and last year. This is the question that they have been asked to reflect on: "Ministry Minutes" are presented as part of the services during the campaign. "These Ministry Minutes are personal testimonies of how the parish has helped them in their life and Christian walk." On the surface it seems like a simple thing, but what has been shared is so important and personal and precious. These stories of faith have strengthened my faith. They have encouraged me in my journey and they have reminded me of my story of faith.

Our stories of our journey in faith, though intimate and personal, need to be shared. Why? To fill the pews... To fill the coffers... To be important? NO, though all of that would be nice. They are important to share so that others may share in the riches of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and joy. They strengthen us when we face challenges and sorrow. They remind us of our common life in Jesus.

What is your story? How will you share it? With whom will you share it? What stories will be shared with you in response to your openness?

May God bless you in the sharing and may those who are recipients of your generosity be blessed in the hearing.

Faithfully,

Susan

ST. LUKE'S

2014
BISHOP'S
ADVISORY
COMMITTEELARRY
HANKSTIFFANY
MINERJEANNE
ST. JOHNBARBARA
SMITH-
HUGGINSELIZABETH
WALTERS-
BROWNCURT
WERNER

St. Luke's People

St. Luke's Girl Scouts

Led by Tiffany Miner and Sherri Fortmeyer, our own Girl Scout Troop served refreshments on Sunday, Oct. 26. They did a beautiful job of serving tasty and healthy treats in their Girl Scout and Brownie Scout regalia. Thanks for being part of our St. Luke's community!



Kimber Miner & Madyson Fortmeyer



St. Luke's Girl Scout Troop

Carmella Hilliard Please pray for the repose of the soul of former St. Luke's member, Carmella Hilliard. Her memorial service will be held on Nov. 6 at 1pm at St. Mary Eugene on 13th between Oak and Pearl streets. Susan will be preaching.

Holiday Bazaar
December 6

Calling all you crafters, bakers, jelly makers, knitters, weavers, and ornament makers! Now is the time to be creating those extraordinary and beautiful Christmas and holiday items for the bigger-and-better-than-ever Christmas Bazaar and Tea. **Sherri Fortmeyer** is heading the Bazaar from 10 AM to 3 PM

Please let Sherri know what you are planning to make, or if you have some Christmas items to donate—and let her know that you can be there on Friday for set-up or Saturday for the sale and tea. With your help we can make this another successful year! Part of the proceeds from this event will be a gift to South Lincoln County Holiday Food Baskets. Thanks so much! Call **Sherri** at (541) 563-5356.

All Saints Sunday Nov. 2

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 2. As we did last year, you are invited to bring a photo or photos of saint(s) you are remembering, to be placed on a table at the front of the church. We will again have candles to light in memory of our saints. The memory book will be available on a table by the entrance into the church and you are encouraged to write in names of your saints. It's okay to write in a name of someone you have entered in the book in the past – we will have a page headed "All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2014." The book will be taken to the altar during the offertory and a prayer offered for the saints remembered.

October BAC Meeting Highlights

Community Dinners will continue with Senitila and Seashore folks cooking while St. Luke's members will help with desserts, serving, clean-up, and stories or projects with the children and parents. Please sign up for a task and join us for a fun evening every fourth Tuesday.

Stewardship Update included great appreciation for the Ministry Minutes which are telling the St. Luke's story from the hearts of our members. Thanks to **Ruth Werner** and team for the hard work!

The **Joint BAC Retreat** is scheduled for Feb. 27-28 and will be led by Neysa Elgren, the Diocesan staffer responsible for helping our churches through the transition process following Susan's retirement.

The BAC reviewed the **Bishop's Visit** and outlined a message to be sent to the Bishop. All agreed that it had been a very good day at St. Luke's with the confirmations, blessing of the Columbarium, and the celebration of St. Luke's Feast Day.

Fall into Winter Fundraising Dinner is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 8 and will be prepared by the chefs from Ona Restaurant in Yachats. Dutch Fortmeyer reported on the progress and the BAC agreed to having wine at the dinner if the legal requirements can be met.

Please God, bless all those who have been so hurt by their community of faith that they feel they can never return; bless those who have been so steadfast in their faith that we would call them saints; bless the doubters who are not sure they can commit to a belief; bless the activists who are so motivated by what they believe that they take risks in your holy name; bless those who have just stepped over the threshold of faith for the first time; bless the wise elders of our communities who keep wisdom alive; bless the musicians and the singers who grace our worship. Please God, bless all your people, wherever they may be along the Way.

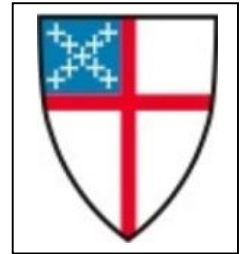
BAC (continued)

Card Shop Update was provided by Jeanne and Senitila. They recommend that we continue a small-scale card shop at St. Luke's coordinated by **Julie Pearce**. Then St. Luke's will contribute the start-up for a card shop to Seashore for the JOY (Job Opportunity for Youth) program. This will provide Seashore with needed community support while St. Luke's is able to contribute to this Outreach project. JOY will report their income to St. Luke's.

Diocesan Convention

November 13-15 is the annual convention of the Diocese of Oregon, held this year in Salem. **Brian Hanna and Elizabeth Walters-Brown** will represent St. Luke's as delegates. Please keep them and all attending in your prayers as they grapple with issues significant in the life of our diocese.

Susan Church will be the guest speaker at the ECW Celebration of Women's Ministry (2000 years, 40 years ordained) at the Annual Diocesan Convention on Nov. 14. Her topic is "Mary Magdalene, Julia Chester Emory, and 40 Years of Affirmation."



Sunshine Committee

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

Birthdays
Barbara Smith-Huggins
563-5677

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

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw

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

- 11/1 9 AM First Saturday Breakfast--Seashore
- 11/2 9 AM All Saints Day Service
- 10 AM First Sunday Men's Breakfast
- 11/4 5:30 PM First Tuesday Healing Service
- 11/8 5 PM Fall into Winter Dinner & Silent Auction
- 11/18 3:30 PM BAC Meeting All are Welcome
- 11/21 10:00 PM Deadline for November Newsletter
- 11/25 6:15 PM Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner
- 12/6 10AM – 3 PM Holiday Bazaar at St. Luke's

November Celebrations

Birthdays

- 5 Carol Strauss
- 11 Elizabeth Walters-Brown
- 14 Fawn Hewitt
- 15 Melaia Kilduff
- Doug Yunker
- 29 Lou Mensing

Anniversaries

- 2 Elizabeth & Steve Brown

Coffee Hour Schedule

- 2 First Sunday Men's Breakfast
- 9 Martha Wenger & Joan Wesley
- 16 Julie Pearce & Larry Hanks
- 23 Barbara Smith-Huggins & Virginia Morrison
- 30 Jackie Wolfe & Herk Martens



Regular Weekly Schedule

- Sunday 9 AM Holy Communion
Sunday School
- Tuesday 1:30 PM Tuesday Writer's Group
5:30 PM Holy Communion
- Thursday 7:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM God Talk at Alder Bistro
11:00 AM Adult Study
1:30 PM Thursday Writer's Group
- Friday 6:00 PM AA Women's Meeting

Brian's Musings

I have been a part of many stewardship campaigns over a lifetime in the Church. The professionally run ones have mostly been nightmares. They get paid a percentage so they really ARE all about money.

Our **Ruth Werner**, bless her, is of a different breed. She is efficient and focused and gets the job done but always with class, She had the good sense to call on **Jackie Wolfe** and **Julie Pearce** to do stewardship minutes. **Jackie and Ray** are original, brave, and business- like, when it comes to playing the game of life. It struck me that her and Ray's responses to her recent health issues could not have been bettered. Their fearless readiness to downsize I found exemplary. **Julie** I suspect takes a mischievous delight in offering glimpses of the sophisticated mind beneath the apparently innocent surface. Her talk wove heartfelt personal observations and biblical quotations together into a delicate and intricate structure. Both these gifted women touched my heart in their telling of what St Luke's had come to mean to them,

Which brings me to the Bishop's visit and the extraordinarily moving service this morning. Inevitably one can't cover everything, but a couple of things really got to me. One was **Madyson** dancing with the Elements down the aisle in a dance she had choreographed herself--past one of our most talented kids now grown up to be the dancing Doctor, **Larissa Thomas, MD**. Long ago when she was a child I remember her fixing me with those great wise eyes and telling me she would really like it if I came to see her dancing at the PAC. I was always glad I went. To see her evolution into a doctor who can be entrusted with human vulnerability, being commissioned for her life's work by **Bishop Michael Hanley**, and her passing the dancing torch onto **Madyson** was something I will remember as long as I live. Equally durable I think will be the memory the sight of Steve Brown answering I suspect more than a few prayers from his ever-loving Liz, and my fellow writer, and dear friend, **Doug Yunker**, at the lectern speaking from the heart. Some heart, Doug.

I said two things to the Bishop while we were propping up the Columbarium. First, that St Luke's was a place where a great variety of people had made their spiritual home because they felt they were loved and accepted precisely as they were. He said he had sort of deduced that already. Secondly I said that I was grateful that the atmosphere in the diocese was so much better and I thought that was greatly to his credit. Notoriously unable to resist a pun, I said he had succeeded in fact in pouring oil on an angry See. He immediately gave most of the credit to the Interim Bishop, Sandy Hampson who he said had fixed a lot of our problems before he ever got here. All in all a thoroughly nice, and totally unpretentious man who I sense enjoyed being with us.

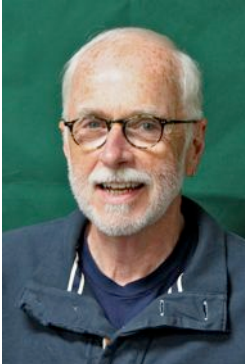
But what a service. So much going on, visible and unseen. St Luke's did itself proud.



Brian Hanna

Why I Value the St. Luke's Community

Doug Yunker



Doug Yunker

I drove past St. Luke's for thirty-five years before I stepped inside the door, even though the sign reads, "All Are Welcome." I come from generations of super active Christians, and I continued that responsibility, beginning in childhood, through university days in the Wesley Foundation and completing a minor in theology. I was married in the church and we raised our two children in the church. The church is an important part of my personal history.

Even so, my church experiences became, increasingly, a job—always doing something at the church. It was difficult to worship amidst the Cathedral of the Rockies grandeur, television cameras, and the tasks involved there—choirs, men's groups, special programs. I stepped out of that busy-ness and into meditation with my Buddhist Priest. After three years, the act of sitting in meditation degraded into individual isolation.

Some of you know I have a house south of Yachats. One of many Winedays with **Carrie Yano** at her Wine Lady's Store, she invited me to St. Luke's and I joined her here the next Sunday. I kept coming back to St. Luke's when visiting the coast. Susan came down for a visit, then **Jeanne and Kae**, came to dinner one night when I lost power and had to complete cooking on a relative's gas stove. Later I met **Larry and Dutch**; then **Ray and Curt**. I kept coming back to St. Luke's when I was on the coast. I liked all the folks I met: in church, the Thursday Study Group, and the Sunday coffee hour.

After attending here for about three years, I tearfully asked **Susan+**, "Can I continue attending St. Luke's if I do **nothing** but show up?" She said, "Yes, we all have different needs during different seasons of our lives." St. Luke's became a safe place to worship. I wasn't immediately lobbed a job.

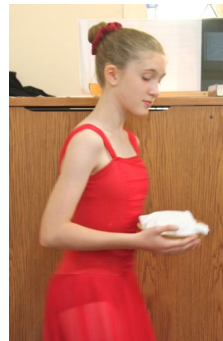
Now, I feel I'm in a community of, not always like-minded, but truly like-intentioned believers. You have been welcoming without over-zealous expectations or demands. Here I felt a **shift**, from the heavy burden of 'inherited' Christian responsibility to a renewed personal faith shared within the arms of this community. For example, when I went to Bogota on the medical mission your prayers and Allie's twelve pairs of eyeglasses carried my brother and me on our way. My tasks at the Yachats Food Pantry are really our tasks—our groceries, money and prayers.

I like the image of a scallop shell, with tracery lines from the outer edges that come closer and closer together, finally meeting at the hinge as one. At St. Luke's we've all traveled different paths, are respectful of our differences, with an eye on the importance of the Christians' challenges.

We hear God's call, or at least finally recognize it, and living our faith sends us out into the world as well as within the church in faithful response. St. Luke's gave me time, space, and inspiration. An opportunity to be responsive rather than driven by expectation. I thank you for everything.

St. Luke's Feast Day 2014

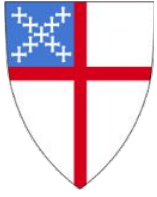
October 19 was a grand celebration at St. Luke's with an official visit from Bishop Hanley that included the blessing of our new Columbarium, confirmation of **Steve Brown, Ruth Werner, and Doug Yunker**, the blessing of **Dr. Larissa Thomas**, and Sacred Dance choreographed and performed by **Madyson Fortmeyer**. It was truly a very special day at St. Luke's!



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?

- ❖ Help with Literacy Center Breakfasts on 1st Saturdays—
Sign up for one Saturday a year.
- ❖ Join the Highway Clean-Up Crew.
- ❖ Join the team of rotating Sunday School teachers/helpers
- ❖ Help with Community Dinners or Family Services
- ❖ Bring food and personal need items for the Food Pantry
- ❖ Help with St. Luke's Card Shop

***To volunteer, call and leave a message
on the church phone 541-563-4812***



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

