

February  
2012

# St. Luke's-by-the-Sea

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## Vicar's Letter

Beloved of Christ,

I was reading a blog by The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi that caught my attention, so much so that I sent it to our BAC for their consideration. Now I am sharing it with all of you. In this blog the following questions were asked:

1. What would be lost, and how would the world be worse off, if our church ceased to exist?
2. How does our church add value to people's lives that they cannot live without—whether they know it or not?
3. What challenges in the fulfillment of mission does our church face and what can we do to bring about that new thing God wants our church to be?
4. What are the barriers to seeing reality that our church needs to move beyond?
5. What issues does our church need to face within the next year so that five years from now, we won't have to say, "We wish we had..."
6. If money were not an issue, where would you like your church to be five years from now?
7. In what ways can we affirm "Jesus is Lord" without appearing to be bigots?

These are challenging questions. I invite you to ponder them. Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup> and it marks the beginning of Lent. I would invite all of you to prayerfully consider these questions during the 40 days of Lent. Write down your reflections and at the end of the 40 days share them with me and with the BAC. I also invite you to participate in one or more of the Lenten Study and Worship opportunities.

Blessings,

Susan+

### 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

ST. LUKE'S

2012  
BISHOP'S  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

LARRY  
HANKS

FAWN  
HEWITT

DUTCH  
FORTMEYER

JIM  
MOUNCE

JOANNE  
MOUNCE

CURT  
WERNER

**St. Luke's People**

**Ruth Werner** is back from Arizona where she stayed with her mother through her final weeks. She has appreciated our prayers and cards.

**Larry Hanks** was deeply touched by the love and support of his new St. Luke's family at the memorial service for his wife, Sheila, on the first anniversary of her passing. A number of the Hanks' friends from Eugene attended the service. At the reception Larry's old and new friends shared abundant food beautifully served. "...Seeing both sets of friends celebrating the life of the person that I loved so much--even though most did not have the opportunity to know her--is one day I will never forget!"

**Kimber Miner** had three poems listed in her school's Fall Poetry Book. She is pretty excited that her work is in print.



Here's an example of her poem illustrating alliteration using the K sound:

Kimber is caring concerning cats.  
She consumes carrots and cucumbers.

Kimber's mouth crackles when she eats crackers.

She calls Clare to capture her cat.



Bella Noche Spaghetti Dinner  
Fri. Feb. 17 5:30-7:00 PM

St. Luke's Fourth Annual Evening of Romance, is just around the corner. Chef **Ray Winward** is leading the kitchen team while our well-trained and experienced wait staff serve these delightful meals. **Joanne Mounce** will make beautiful music on her violin, and you might even hear a harmonica.

There will be a Silent Auction with lots of tempting goods and services available. If you have items or services for the auction, contact **Dutch Fortmeyer** at 541- 563-5356

**Wear RED on Feb. 12  
Bishop Hanley will visit and  
confirm at St. Luke's that day!**

**Calling Community Dinner Cooks**

Our wonderful Community Dinners have been a great success and we want to continue this monthly outreach to the community. But we need MORE COOKS!

Please call Joanne Mounce at 541-563-7699 to get more information or to volunteer. Joanne has created a great guide for Community Dinners that will answer your questions and she'll help pair you with an experienced partner. Let's keep these dinners going!



Feb 11 2-4 pm

You are invited to PFLAG's Second Annual LOVE IS LOVE Valentine Party at Oregon Coast Community College in South Beach. Words and music by local artists will celebrate the power of love in all its surprising forms—young and old, gay and straight. Delightful Valentine's desserts from five area churches (including St. Luke's) will be served along with musical performances including our own **Brian Hanna** from the Tuesday Writer's group. Guests can make their own Valentine cards and sweetheart photos will be available.

### Quantum Grace for Lent

**Julie Pearce** will lead discussions on Quantum Grace, compelling Lenten reflections by Judy Cannato, on Sundays at 2 pm beginning on Feb. 26.

"We are one--not just all human beings, but all creation, the entire universe. We live in and through a complex set of relationships we hardly notice. These insights--affirmed by new physics and old mystics alike--provide the foundation for this book of daily Lenten reflections.

"Remaining vulnerable to the divine presence, allowing God to expose the places in our hearts that suffer from the illusion that we are separate and apart--this is the real work of Lent, and it is a co-creative activity that requires us to be honest with God so that God can be honest with us."

You can order the book from Trinity Bookstore @ 1-800-739-6629 for \$9.95 or from Amazon.com. Call **Julie Pearce** at 541- 541-563-5809 for more information.

### St. Luke's Annual Meeting

Good spirits and optimism prevailed at the St. Luke's Annual Meeting following a delicious brunch prepared by Chef Ray and helpers. **Senior Warden Dutch** expressed gratitude (or was it relief?) as his first year in office came to a close. He noted that we have faced a significant issue in the pending receipt of **Peg Fulkerson's** bequest and expressed thanks to the Outreach Committee for their assistance.

**Junior Warden Jim** commended his "Magnificent 15," the dependable cadre of helpers assisting him in this past year's building and grounds challenges.

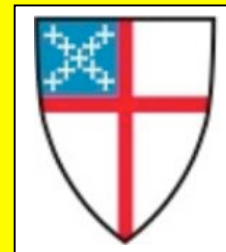
**Deacon Senitila** noted the ways in which St. Luke's involvement in Literacy Center programs has inspired other churches to do the same. She will be using a two-month leave to care for a friend who is ill, but will maintain contact at St. Luke's and within the community.

**Jim and Joanne Mounce** were awarded Service Crosses for all the contributions they have made to the life of St. Luke's.

**Larry Hanks** and **Curt Werner** were elected to three-year terms on the BAC. **Larry Hanks** and **Karin Bigler** were elected Convention delegates, and **Jackie Wolfe** and **Ray Winward** were named as alternates.

Those assembled were encouraged to read the Annual Report document, compiled and distributed by **Jeanne St. John**. It's quite a testament to the contributions of a core of about 35 hardy St. Luke's souls!

Comments from those attending noted gratitude for the warmth and support generated by the St. Luke's family, and for the presence and service of **Susan+ and Senitila**.



### Sunshine Committee

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

#### Birthdays

**Sue Wagner**  
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

## What's Happening at St. Luke's in February

**February Celebrations**

**Birthdays**

6 Jeanne St.John

18 Don Ashley

19 Bette Ashley  
Jesse Treon

26 Fred Strauss

**Anniversaries**

12 Barbara &  
Greg Covell

2/4	8:30-10 10-Noon	Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center Can Collection at Literacy Center
2/5	10 AM	First Sunday Men's Breakfast
2/9	1 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting
2/11	2-4 PM 12:30 PM	Love is Love Valentine Party – Community College Family Service Pizza Lunch & Oceanview Visit
<b>2/12</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Bishop Hanley Confirmation Eucharist</b>
2/14	6:15 PM	BAC Meeting following Eucharist
2/15	6:00 PM	Men's Dinner
2/17	5:30 PM	Bella Noche Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
2/21	10:00 PM	Deadline for March Newsletter
2/22	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
2/26	2 PM	Quantum Grace Lenten Study begins
2/28	6:15 PM	Community Dinner following Eucharist
2/29	7:00 PM	Lenten Taize Service at St. Stephen's

### Coffee Hour Hosts

- 5 Men's Breakfast
- 12 Sherri Fortmeyer & Tiffany Miner
- 19 Virginia Morrison & Anne Smith
- 26 Kae Bates & Jeanne St.John



### 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 9:30 AM	Holy Communion God Talk at Green Salmon
Friday	6:00 PM	AA Women's Meeting

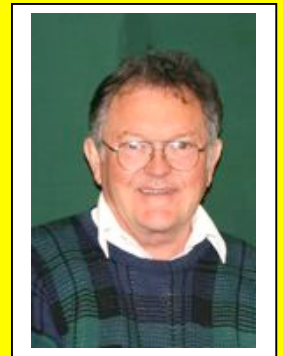
## Brian's Musings

The recent baptism of **RJ Miner**, who was busy charming the ladies in nearby pews, prompted me to some meditative speculation about what actually occurs on occasions like these. I admit freely to the fact that most of what I hold to be true about God and baptism, or even RJ himself, is inevitably based on speculation and incomplete data. But if I am speculating when it comes to spiritual matters, then so is the Pope, and, from what I see on the telly, so are most of the current aspirants to a certain high office. I alone, among these supposedly devout worthies, however, admit that it's really too soon to tell what the ultimate truth is about anything this side of the Pearly Gates.

But I have long felt that something strange and rather wonderful must happen at baptisms. An old sepia snap of mine taken 74 years ago with an ancient box Brownie tells me that my ceremony took place in a house designed by my architect father, and built next to a golf course in the hills above Belfast. Below in the distance stood the Harland and Wolff Shipyard, famous for building the ill-fated Titanic, which, about a hundred years ago, on its maiden voyage, ran full tilt into an Atlantic iceberg, and sank with hideous loss of life--an ominous metaphor, perhaps, for my own voyage through the storm-tossed and frigid waters of world? Not in the least. Both of my wives (married one at a time, in case you were wondering) would assure you that my voyage has never involved anything as tragic, heroic, and pointless as it's turned out to be.

But marital or maritime disasters aside: Could being baptized explain how I grew up firmly believing that there IS a force of love and creativity in the universe? Or could it just have been confusion in my tiny mind between God and my endlessly forgiving parents...a lasting confusion that has ever since made me prefer their sweetness and decency to any nonsense about "eternal punishment" on a mass scale, which, if real, would simply advance the unthinkable proposition that most of us are morally superior to, or at the very least, less vindictive than, God,.

Was baptism the reason that more than once in my life I could sit amid the debris of shattered hopes and laugh at the folly of human connivance? One thing I can say for sure: at my brief christening it was holy water on my brow. The Titanic endured interminable speeches and then had a bottle of champagne broken over its nose--which could help explain why it is sitting mad as hell on the ocean floor, while I, like young RJ, am safely on land, and still very much alive.



### Lenten Programs

**Quantum Grace** series of six discussions begins on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 PM led by Julie Pearce. (See page 3 for details)

**Weekly Lenten Taize Services** alternating St. Luke's on Tues. 3/6, 3/20 & 4/3 and St. Stephen's on Wed., 2/29, 3/14 & 3/28.

**Our Lenten Journey** sessions on Prayer, Forgiveness & Sharing our Faith Stories will be announced.

## St. Luke's Reaches Out

St. Luke's Outreach programs and donations are remarkable for a small church. In January this team held the first of two Review & Renew meetings to clarify the responsibilities for different projects we're leading.

### Current Local Outreach projects

St. Luke's Community Dinners

Seashore Family Literacy Center

First Saturday Breakfasts

Teen Writers Group

Can Collection

South Lincoln Resources

Waldport Food Share

Yachats Food Pantry

### Current International Outreach projects

Haiti Relief Fund

Diocesan collections

Episcopal Relief and Development

We're looking forward to a busy and productive year of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in South County and throughout the world. Please join us for planning if you're the meeting type—or for working on one or more of these projects. We now have detailed shopping lists for the foods needed in Waldport (odd months) and Yachats (even months). Pick up a few items when you're at the store, or ask **Vicky, Larry or Jeanne** to do a little shopping for you!

**Outreach Planning Meeting Thurs., Feb. 9**

**1:30 PM**



### St. Luke's Cards

**\$3 or 2 for \$5**

**They make  
great little gifts!**



### Family Service Update

by **Tiffany Miner**



January's Family Service was held on January 7th at St. Luke's. We had a fun Epiphany Celebration.... family style! The evening started out with a burning of the greens out in St. Luke's parking lot. The kids (and parents) watched with wide-eyed awe as the sparks flew and flames grew. After the fire died down the kids went inside to work with **Joyce Atchley** and made King crowns. Stickers and jewels were placed with care as each child made their individual masterpiece to wear. Next, everyone sat down for a yummy chili dinner and then the kids, led by Joyce, entertained all with a creative reenactment of the Kings being led by a star to Baby Jesus. The next Family Service will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Families will meet at Abby's Pizza in Newport for lunch at 12:30 PM and then a trip to Oceanview will follow.

## Ministry Corner

by Fawn Hewitt

Have we ever had a newsletter published without Ray's name somewhere in it? He wears and has worn so many hats within our fellowship, and it's about time we recognize him in this column.

St. Luke's treasurer, lector, Men's Group coordinator, usher, chef *par excellence*, be it burgers or gourmet food. Vice President of South Lincoln Resources, the Waldport Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year for 2011 (and our Senitila, you recall, was Woman of the Year), cook for the Literacy Center Saturday Breakfasts, Kettle Korn preparer for Food Share. All of these are his ministries, both within our church and in the wider community.

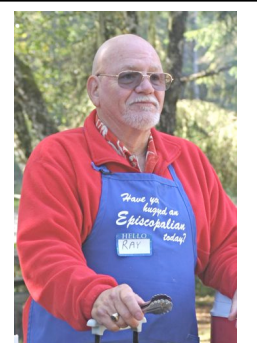
It was Ray's idea that the participants in the Men's Group share their life stories with each other, and now we can give his story a wider audience.

Ray was born in Philadelphia. When he was 13, his father died unexpectedly and his mother, who had MS and was wheelchair-bound, needed to go into a care facility. The family's Lutheran pastor knew about the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Ray qualified to be admitted there. Going to the Hershey School was the best thing that could have happened to him, Ray states. He recently went to his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion (he graduated as class valedictorian!), and continues to be impressed with the impact the institution makes. Ray's sensitivity to the needs of dependent children led to his serving for many years as a member of the Lincoln County Citizen Review Board, which focuses on children in foster care.

Ray's education took place at Hershey Junior College, at Penn State, and at UCLA, but his life took off (no pun intended) when he joined the Air Force and was assigned to Edwards Air Force Base where he worked under Chuck Yeager on redesigning and maintaining high altitude pressure suits, the forerunners to space suits. He's spent years in aerospace engineering, in the trucking business, as a manufacturer's rep, and in a furniture store partnership.

One day a good-looking woman came into the furniture store in New York...and you know the rest of the story. **Jackie** had just joined the Episcopal Church on Staten Island, where they lived, and Ray did the same. Retiring shortly after their marriage, Ray and Jackie followed their dream and moved in 2002 to the Oregon Coast, thus ending up in our midst.

Ray has three daughters from his first marriage, all in Philly, and nine grandkids, but for the most part he's an Oregonian now, and most importantly, a minister—in the best sense of the word—at St. Luke's and in the South Lincoln community. We're sure glad Jackie joined the Episcopal Church, Ray, and that you ended up with us! Thanks for all you do for St. Luke's and the wider community.



**Ray Winward**

### You're Welcome!

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.

### Newsletter Team

Fawn Hewitt  
Tiffany Miner  
Jeanne St. John  
Ray Winward

## Want to Make a Difference?

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

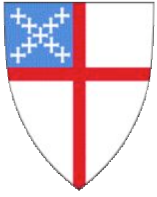
- ❖ Sign up to help with Literacy Center Breakfasts on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays
- ❖ Join the team of rotating Sunday School teachers
- ❖ Be a member of the Altar Guild
- ❖ Bring food and personal need items for the Food Pantry
- ❖ Be a phone buddy for St. Luke's folks who can't get to church

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



### **St. Luke's-by-the-Sea**

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



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