

July & August
2010

St. Luke's-by-the-Sea

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Vicar's Letter

Beloved of Christ,

At a recent conference there was quite a spirited discussion on being Apostles. The word apostle basically means one who is sent. I was sitting with members of our Shared Ministry Team and I commented that being sent is fine but being a follower of Jesus takes more than that. We need to be disciples, apostles and martyrs. So what did I mean? Let's look at the words:

D Disciple: one who receives instruction; a learner

A Apostle: one who is sent or is a messenger or envoy

M Martyr: one who bears witness (not necessarily with one's death!)

How are we **DAM Christians**? As **Disciples** we are lifelong learners. We learn every Sunday as we figuratively sit at the feet of Jesus to be nourished by Word and Sacrament. We hear major portions of scripture read and commented on; as we pray we are immersed in centuries of prayer, and we are blessed to be fed with Jesus' body and blood. We also learn more specifically as we join in community Bible Study, our individual study of scripture (take your insert home with you for reflection during the week), and as we pray, read Forward Day by Day, and regularly immerse ourselves in learning about Jesus.

Secondly as **Apostles** we are all sent. A huge part of our ministries at St. Stephen and St. Luke is hospitality. It is reflected in both mission statements. We state that: "we welcome all". Welcoming is a very good thing and both congregations do it very well. HOWEVER...welcoming means that people have to get there first in order to be welcomed. We need to remember that we are also sent out of the church and into our communities as instruments of God's love and grace.

That brings me to the third part of being a DAM Christian, **Martyrs**. Often we think of martyrs as either persons who died a horrible death in witness to their faith or as a derogatory phrase such as: "S/He is such a martyr"! In reality it simply means to witness, Our faith is meant to be **shared**. There is an old parable about the two seas in Israel, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. The Dead Sea is dead because it only receives water and none flows out of it. Water just evaporates and the sea becomes excessively salty so that it supports very little life. The Sea of Galilee both receives and gives water and is teeming with life. The same is true for our faith. It is something that is so much more vibrant when it is both received and shared.

May we all be "**DAM Christians**", acting as dams which produce energy, light and warmth as the water flows through them. So may we produce Gospel energy, light and warmth so that our lives and our churches will teem with Jesus life.

Faithfully,

Susan



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PEARCEJEANNE
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WESLEY**Bishop Hanley's First Visit**

Bishop Michael Hanley chats with **Lew Hageland** during the lunch gathering on June 23 following the Bishop's brief tour of Yachats and Waldport. He stopped at **Vicky & Derek Prince's** Yachats Video Store and at Waldport's Seashore Literacy Center where **Melaia Kilduff** told him about the summer program—and sent us back with great home-made rolls for lunch at St. Luke's

Bishop Hanley got a look at the new St. Luke's Ministries display board that **Sherri Fortmeyer** created and **Jim Mounce's** map showing where St. Luke's members are located.

During his first 100 days in office, the Bishop is visiting all 74 congregations in the Diocese to get acquainted with the programs and people he's serving. He spoke briefly then answered questions about changes we might see in the next

St. Luke's People

Joan Wesley just returned from a ten-day visit with her daughter's family in Florida. She got to spend time with her six-year old granddaughter, a real joy!

Susan's Vacation will be split this year. She'll be gone from July 25 to August 7, then will take more time off in September.

Health Updates

Nick Pearce is recovering from his recent back surgery at OHSU.

Jack Howell will have surgery on June 30 in Corvallis and appreciates the prayers of friends at St. Luke's.

Rest in Peace

Karin Bigler's mother-in-law, **Bobbie Bigler**, passed away on June 16 and was honored at a memorial service at St. Luke's on June 21.

David Jones, owner of Hilltop Market and neighbor of St. Luke's, passed away on June 20. His service was held at St. Luke's on June 26.

Episcopal Village West

Four members of the Shared Ministry Team recently attended this workshop in Portland with Episcopalians from several western states. Presenters shared their innovations in church liturgy, programs and community engagement. **Susan+, Joan, and Jeanne** from St. Luke's and **Jan Sedlacek** from St. Stephen's learned that our Shared Ministry team and mission focus places us in the midst of emerging church practices—we're a real model for many rural churches.

St. Luke's on Facebook!

If you're on Facebook, sign up to be a member of St. Luke's-by-the-Sea. Lots of photos, quotes, and info—and over 120 members already!

Latest Facebook notice is a reminder about **Saturday Breakfast at the Literacy Center on July 3**. It's St. Luke's turn to cook and serve breakfast. Come and cook, clean, or just show some great St. Luke's hospitality! And don't forget to bring your returnable cans and bottles!

St. Luke's PFLAG Ministry

In an after-church forum on May 16 **Jeanne and Kae** reported on their ministry with PFLAG (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays). They helped start the Oregon Coast chapter two years ago after another gay high school boy committed suicide as a result of bullying at school and lack of loving support at home.

The local chapter holds monthly educational and support meetings, staffs information tables at Lincoln County markets and events, and advocates to decision makers about issues facing gays. PFLAG was started over 30 years ago by the mother of a gay son and has grown to over 500 chapters and 250,000 members.

St. Luke's and St. Stephen's are among six area churches that are openly welcoming to LGBT Christians. PFLAG meetings are held at St. Stephen's and both churches include PFLAG as official ministries. **Kae and Jeanne** are speaking at several churches about their work as "Gay Church Ladies". Later this year PFLAG will work with the gay-friendly churches to plan an inter-faith service.

The local PFLAG chapter has partnered with LCSD, local donors, and a grant to provide a basic set of Rainbow-themed books for all schools in the district. PFLAG helped organize GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) clubs at high schools to build support for kids who are discovering (or questioning) if they are members of a sexual minority group.

If you'd like to read more about the local PFLAG activities and the national issues affecting our gay friends and neighbors, brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren, ask **Jeanne** to put you on the email list for their excellent newsletter.



Sundaes on Sunday

July 18
2-4 PM

St. Luke's own violinist, **Joanne Wieman Mounce** has arranged for the **Sea Strings Quartet** to play a variety of string music from the serious to the whimsical. All four musicians are members of the Newport Symphony Orchestra and are donating their services for this event.

Come and savor homemade lemon meringue pies and ice cream sundaes while enjoying delightful live music. Choose a flavor or two—a topping or two—add some fruit, nuts or other treats, take a seat and relax. Our meditation garden will also be available to enjoy this event in the fresh summer air.

Cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and includes your choice of drink and dessert. Children ages five and under are welcome at no cost. Just like the olden days—only better!! Save the date!!

Jr. Warden's Notes

Julie Pearce thanks all who worked hard in June to clean and freshen the look of St. Luke's. July Work Party cleanup for the church will be **Thursday, July 15 at 9 AM**. If you're available to work at another time, just ask Julie for an assignment

Saturday, July 10th is the next scheduled Highway Work Party—one of 2-4 cleanings a year. Please call Julie at 563-5809 if you can help so she will know that we have enough people that day—Eight is GREAT!

A list for needed supplies is just inside the kitchen door. If you can bring an item, put your name by that item and cross it off when you bring it. THANKS TO ALL!



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 July & August

July & August Celebrations

Birthdays

July

7 Karin Bigler
 20 Herk Martens
 29 Dorothy Nliddrie

August

8 Carolyn Ponce de Leon
 10 Joan Wesley
 11 Greg Covell
 14 David Bassett
 Luana Mckinley
 22 Martha Wenger
 26 Sherri Fortmeyer
 31 Donald Morrison

Anniversaries

July

25 Kae Bates & Jeanne St.John

August

8 Carolyn Ponce de Leon & Bob Nye
 Bunny & Patrick Wright
 10 Virginia & Donald Morrison
 17 David & Judy Bassett
 30 Fawn & Kempton Hewitt

7/3	8:30-10 AM	Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center
	10-Noon	Can Collection at Literacy Center
7/6	5:30 PM	First Tuesday Healing Service
	6:30 PM	Peace & Justice Committee at St. Luke's
7/10	9-Noon	Highway Clean-up Work Party
7/13	6:30 PM	BAC Meeting—Everyone's welcome
7/18	2-4 PM	Sundaes on Sunday Ice Cream Social & Concert
7/27	6:15 PM	Appreciation Barbecue & Community Dinner
8/1	10:00 AM	First Sunday Men's Breakfast
8/3	5:30 PM	First Tuesday Healing Service
8/7	8:30-10 AM	Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center
	10-Noon	Can Collection at Literacy Center
8/10	6:30 PM	BAC Meeting—Everyone's welcome
8/21	10:00 PM	Deadline for September Newsletter
8/22	11 PM	Annual Beach Eucharist at Ona Beach
8/24	6:15 PM	Community Dinner following Eucharist

Coffee Hour Hosts

July

4 Joan Wesley & Julie Pearce
 11 Martha Wenger & Anne Irving
 18 Joan Wesley & Julie Pearce
 25 S. Fortmeyer & Tiffany Miner

August

1 Men's Breakfast
 8 Bunny Wright & Linda Morrow
 15 Allie Moran & Vicky Prince
 22 Beach Eucharist
 29 Jeanne St.John & Kae Bates



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
Saturday	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting

Brian's Musings

Jeanne and Kae are two authentic, engaging, and rather determined gay Christians who see no good reason why they cannot be married. Frankly, neither do I.

What DO they see as the consequences of denying gays the right to marry? Through their involvement in PFLAG they are working with kids of same-sex parents who are being bullied by their schoolmates. Jeanne and Kae ask that their fellow Christians also stand up for those young people who sense that they may be gay themselves. Many just don't feel able to face a lifetime of dealing with what Shakespeare called 'the slings and arrows of their outrageous fortune' and are tempted to end it before the onslaught begins. Suicide is a high risk for gay teens and one of the reasons Jeanne and Kae helped start the local PFLAG chapter.

Why marriage as opposed to a civil union? My own take is that because conservative Christians of the more extreme type like to claim that only marriage sanctifies sexual activity, you can't let gays marry, because—like the Pope and condoms—you can't encourage conduct that you have been telling everybody is a really big sin. But Jeanne believes the important issue is that marriage provides many more rights than civil unions do. She described how dangerous it feels to travel to other states that don't have any protections for same-sex partners. Current laws essentially preserve the right of the judgmental to go on judging, without consequence, to continue the heartless absurdity that separates same-sex couples at the end of their lives, negating their rights to be with each other and to dispose of their jointly held home and property as they think fit. Family members who contributed nothing but the odd cluck of disapproval often show sudden interest. "Since Uncle can't marry, his same-sex "spouse" shouldn't inherit." It shouldn't surprise us that gays want to be able to assert their legal rights in these situations, and it should surprise us even less that they are determined that such laws be the same as those that govern the rest of us.

My own view of gays has evolved over the years. The suffering of gays has made me devoutly thankful that my own desires were thought of as being "normal" (whatever that means). No, my disapproval of prejudice against gays is not based on that any more than my disapproval of racism might be based on being Black, or my disgust at the Holocaust on being Jewish. I am neither gay, nor black, nor Jewish. I just happen to believe fairly passionately in justice and in the right of everyone to "pursue happiness."

My favorite horse in this race runs under the name Fair Play. The odds against it are fairly long, but then so is the race. It never gives up. Though it carries the weight of much desperate longing, I just know it will win in the end. This is America, right?

(Note from Fawn: Brian's passion was stimulated by an engaging discussion after Eucharist on May 16th. Having presented at various churches on their PFLAG work, Jeanne and Kae felt it was time to share their presentation with St. Luke's folks, and we're glad they did.)



Brian Hanna

AngelLillie is Baptized

Fawn Hewitt

A lively and joyous atmosphere prevailed at the Eucharist of Sunday, June 13, as two year-old **AngelLillie**, daughter of **Kristi Linton-Whiteman**, was welcomed into the family of God.

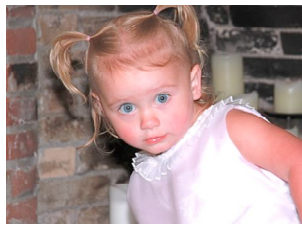


AngelLillie & Senitila

Prior to the baptism, AngelLillie did her share of exploring the church, climbing under the pews and over the pulpit and wriggling to be set free from the many hands that welcomed her—and squealing to remind us of her presence. As **Senitila** brought her to the font for the sprinkling of the waters, AngelLillie fell silent. Her mother had warned that she didn't like any water on her head, but AngelLillie lived up to her name and truly acted like an awe-struck Angel. When **Godfather Kempton** carried her down the aisle to introduce her to her new family, all of whom were clapping, there were a few tears noted as AngelLillie at first looked mystified, then smiled as she began to clap.

AngelLillie's entry into the family of God at St. Luke's is a beautiful example of the bridge between St. Luke's folks and the community. When asked, "Why St. Luke's?" Kristi responded that it was because of her acquaintance with both **Senitila** and **Kempton** that she knew she wanted our kind of community for her daughter. AngelLillie's eight year-old brother, **Tyler**, and other family and community members were also present for the service and for the baptism cake which followed.

We're so glad you're a part of God's family, AngelLillie, and St. Luke's family as well.



Are You Being Followed?

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence yet know that he was safe. So she asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance so he wouldn't notice her.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with a neighborhood girl. They did this for the whole week. As the two children walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them—as she had every day all week. She said, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is. That's Shirley Goodnest and her daughter, Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy follow you today and always.

Children's Service on May 30

Tiffany Miner



Ava, Madyson & Kimber

A hard boiled egg, a clover and steaming hot water aren't sights our congregation normally sees during **Susan's+** Sunday sermon. However, on Sunday May 30th creativity reigned as Susan+ used the above mentioned props to help explain the Holy Trinity to the children gathered around her at the front of the church. Adults and children alike benefited from this line of teaching. **Kimber Miner** especially liked the hardboiled egg as an example of the Trinity. Susan+ will conduct a children's service every month containing a fifth Sunday. Her sermon will be dedicated to teaching the congregation's children on that 5th Sunday. Enjoyed by children and adults the children's service is one more way St. Luke's furthers the congregation's children's religious education. Thanks **Susan+**!

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Meets at St. Luke's on July 6 at 6:30 PM

The first meeting of the new Peace and Justice Committee was held on June 14, with 13 members from both St. Stephen's and St. Luke's. Currently members from St. Luke's include **Brian Hanna, Senitila McKinley, Paula Ordiway, and Jeanne St.John**. At this first meeting the group discussed the effects of prejudice as well as cultural and language barriers on our community and the role of the church in healing division, given the commitment of our baptismal covenant. A list of recommendations for further discussion and action was compiled, many of which deal with Latino marginalization. We also discussed participation in the International Day of Prayer for Peace and other peace-oriented activities. If you are interested in serving on this committee, you will be welcome at the next meeting, on **Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30pm at St. Luke's**.
Darleen Searcy, Chair

Community Dinner & Appreciation Barbecue

July 27 at 6:15 PM

After last summer's successful Outreach Appreciation Barbecue, it was decided to combine the event with our new Community Dinners. We'll celebrate all the work done by St. Luke's members under the leadership of the Outreach Committee as we share another delicious meal with St. Luke's members and the South County Community. Be there—and be hungry and thankful for great food, great community, and great Outreach leadership—and that means you, **Vicky!**

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.

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.

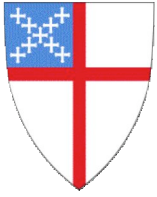
- ❖ Sign up to help with Literacy Center Breakfasts on 1st Saturdays
- ❖ Join the team of rotating Sunday School teachers
- ❖ Help with Community Dinners or Family Services
- ❖ Bring food and personal need items for the Food Pantry
- ❖ Be a phone buddy for St. Luke's folks who can't get to church

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



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



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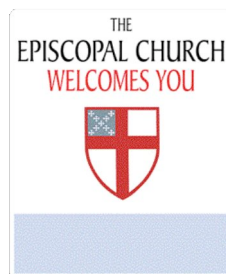
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