June 2012

St. Luke's-by-the-Sea

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Vicar's Letter

Beloved of Christ,

Summer is almost here with its wonderful weather (maybe) and its time of refreshment for many. (Not to mention the traffic jams on Highway 101 and the fog in Bayshore!)

For me it is a time to go east to "dry out!" I suppose that I am a creature of habit for I always go to Eastern Oregon for part or all of my vacation time. I go to my Holy Places where I can be quiet and enter into the astounding beauty and complexity of God's creation.

My time resonates with this prayer/poem called "How Filled With Awe" by Rachel Naomi Remen:

Days pass and the years vanish and we walk sightless among miracles.
Oh Holy One, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing.
Let there be moments when your Presence, like lightning illumines the darkness in which we walk.
Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns, unconsumed.
And we, clay touched by Thee, will reach out for holiness and exclaim in wonder,
"How filled with awe is this place and we did not know it."

My vacation is a time for me to not only connect with the beauty of a different landscape, but it is also a time for me to reflect on how privileged I am to "walk among the miracles" EVERY DAY! Thank you all for being a part of God's miracles in my life.

May we all be blessed with time to slow down and reflect and "be" so that all of our eyes and hearts may be open to exclaim with wonder, "How filled with awe is this place."

May God bless you all with time for refreshment and awe and may your eyes and hearts be ready to receive that blessing.

Faithfully,

Susan +

St. Luke's by-the-Sea

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St. Luke's

2012 Bishop's Advisory Committee

Dutch Fortmeyer

Larry Hanks

Fawn Hewitt

Anne Smith

Elizabeth Walters-Brown

Curt Werner

St. Luke's People

Dr. Larissa Thomas with Proud Parents, Paul & Lynda

Dr. Thomas is one of our own St. Luke's Kids, newly graduated from Tulane University's School of Medicine in New Orleans. Larissa will be interning in Klamath Falls beginning this summer. Hope we'll get to see her more often! CONGRATULATIONS!

From the Mailbag: Wendy Williams, St. Luke's Alum returned home to England, writes about "Sweet Grief"…. "The book arrived this week, and I have kept it on my dining room table to dip into throughout the day. I remain amazed at the capacity of this lady to reach the heart of any situation she finds herself in, and to develop so many talents. Who knew that her artistry would one day provide a window into grief, and that her initial difficulty with expressing herself in English would result in so much wisdom."

Hewitt Sighting!

Fawn & Kempton are back here briefly after trips to Edmonds and to Chicago for a family wedding and before they head for the Canadian Wilderness for their Summer Sojourn. They have another church family there, you know, but they do come back home to us year after year! They manage to get in a lot of community and church work while they're in Waldport! We appreciate you two!! Safe travels wherever you may roam!

Spring Tea Party

The women of St. Luke's and St. Stephen's gathered for a spring tea party on May 30, the anniversary of **Susan's** ordination. These tea parties for the women and girls of both churches have developed quite a following—and it's rumored that another is planned at St. Luke's in December.

Madison & Kimber at the PAC

Two of our little angels, **Madison Fortmeyer and Kimber Miner** were at Newport's Performing Arts Center for Madison's recent dance recital. They have had a busy season of dance, soccer, 4-H, and school activities, but they make time to be crucifers (cross bearers) at St. Luke's on a regular basis.

Back from Panama Canal

Joan & Herk are back from their second annual tour of the Panama Canal! They joined other family members for a relaxing and warm cruise and tour of equatorial climes. Glad to have you home!

Fortmeyers off to Seattle

The Fortmeyer Family will soon be on the road to celebrate the graduation of Dutch's nephew in the Seattle area. Sending you off with love and hopes for a blessed time with family.

Joint Liturgy Guild

Although not very well-attended, our Taize services which alternated between the two congregations were well-like. In September we will initiate a series of monthly Taize services and encourage young families to invite their friends to join the experience. St. Stephen will have a Rogation Service (blessing of the land and farm animals) with a pumpkin planting for families.

For June to mid-July we will be using the supplementary worship form in our booklets and rotating prayers 1, 2 and 3, and using largely Gospel hymns. From mid-July through August, we'll use the prayer book and alternating prayers A, B, and C. Our Beach Eucharist will be August 26, 2012.

Peace Village Plans July 16-20

This week-long day camp for 6-13 year-olds will again be held at Newport's Presbyterian Church where six churches will co-sponsor this week of fun and learning. Daily sessions will include conflict resolution, media literacy, and ecology. Each day's program will also include music, muliticultural speakers, and outdoor time.

The cost for the program is $50 and some partial scholarships are available. Each church is helping raise funds to support this important experience for our young people.

St. Luke's and St. Stephen's will be responsible for providing lunch for staff on Wednesday, July 18. If you are able to help on this day, or able to contribute toward student scholarships, please contact our representative, **Jeanne St. John**, at 541-265-7194.

BAC Update

Dutch opened the May 8 BAC meeting by asking each of us to reflect and share on the ways we perceive God. What is the character of our God? What images come to mind?

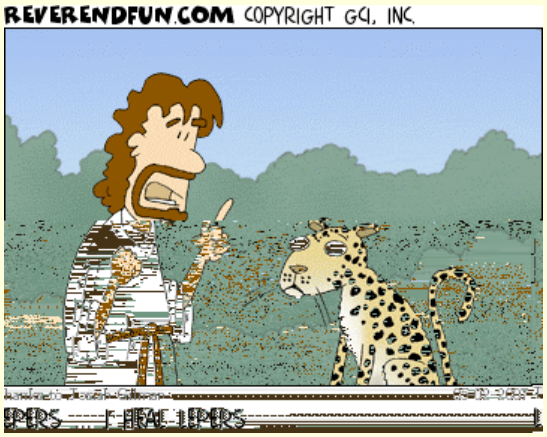
The Yachats food pantry is in need of shelving, and Larry will be working on it. The Columbarium Committee has a trip to Portland planned for May 10, with stops at five church columbaria along the way.

We have had difficulty finding leadership for the Plant and Attic Sale, and it will likely be necessary to cancel it for this year. We will begin planning for future events, perhaps a community barbecue or ice cream social.

One or more of our members may be attending the Stewardship University in Salem on May 19, in order to be ready for leadership of the St. Luke's efforts in the fall.

The Beach Eucharist has been set for Sunday, August 26th. All BAC members are to review the Gift Policy for discussion at the next meeting, which has been set for Tuesday, June 12, following 5:30 Eucharist.

All are invited to check BAC and church committee minutes and other announcements on the bulletin board.



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 June

6/2	8:30-10 AM	We host Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center
	10-Noon	Can Collection at Literacy Center
	4:30 PM	Family Service at Pavitt/Ryan Farm
6/3	10 AM	First Sunday Men's Breakfast
6/5	5:30 PM	First Tuesday Healing Service
6/7	10 AM	Columbarium Committee Meeting
6/12	6:15 PM	BAC Meeting—Everyone Welcome!
6/20	6:00 PM	Men's Dinner
6/21	10:00 PM	Deadline for July/August Newsletter
6/26	6:15 PM	Community Dinner following Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD

7/10	6:15 PM	BAC Meeting—Everyone is welcome
8/26	11 AM	Annual Ona Beach Eucharist & Picnic

June Celebrations

Birthdays

6 Steve Brown

15 Bunny Wright

23 John Kellner

25 Jeff Wagner

27 Lew Hageland

Anniversaries

12 Karin & Eric Bigler

14 Tom & Jean Rodda

26 Jennifer & Phil Olson

3	Men's Breakfast
10	Elizabeth Brown & Larry Hanks
17	Dorothy Niddrie & Sue Wagner
26	Martha Wenger & Anne Irving

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 Green Salmon
	11 AM	Living the Questions Discussion
Friday	6:00 PM	AA Women's Meeting

Brian's Musings

Brian Hanna

Thanks to a number of you who said nice things in notes or in person about my last month's Musings on **Senitila McKinley and Drew Myron's** exhibition, Sweet Grief, at the Triad Gallery. Full disclosure: I had written something in a jocular vein, but at the last minute, **Jeanne St John**, who had shared my delight in Sweet Grief, asked if I could do something on it instead. She was right as usual. All you missed was an account of an all-girl birthday party in LA. Neighbors complained, the LAPD were summoned, and the ladies were under the distinct impression that the young officers had arrived for the sole purpose of dancing for them. Story ends on a high moral plane, of course.

But getting back to death, or the related question of the disposal of remains. **Susan, Fawn, Martha, Larry,** and I crammed into Larry's van and toured parishes in Portland, Salem and Corvallis, looking at columbaria and memorial gardens. Fawn had organized the trip using the diplomatic skills she acquired over a lifetime of dealing with obstreperous Christians of all ages. Despite the underlying solemnity of our quest, it was a magical day and a load of laughs. Susan and Martha particularly were in a frivolous mood, causing Larry to narrowly avoid driving into a ditch more than once.

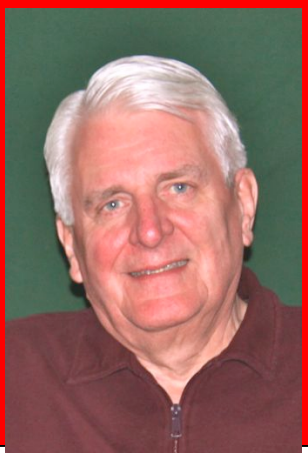
We broke for lunch in the exquisite grounds of the Bishop's Close in Lake Oswego. One felt a momentary twinge for better days when the church had more "pomp" and better financial "circumstances." Edouard Manet famously captured a similar scene of friends picnicking in a Parisian park in his famous painting Dejeuner sur l'herbe (Luncheon on the Grass). I hope that **Susan** got a photo of us. Even if it never hangs in the Louvre, at least it will show that we, unlike one of Monsieur Manet's guests. tried to set a good example and kept ALL our clothes on.

It is too soon to know what, if anything, the Columbarium Committee will end up proposing to you all, but one interesting idea we came upon would have the columbarium indoors where it is protected from the weather and have a memorial garden as well, with low brick walls surrounding raised flower beds and small brass plaques secured to the bricks for the names of the people whose remains were buried there. One rather well-off church had recently spent $70,000 for their columbarium and garden, but plans at St. Luke's are far more modest. We got some startled looks when we asked about accommodation for remains of pets, but that question will indeed figure in the St. Luke's deliberations. I'm not sure what I feel about dogs and cats, but I guess worms would have to get in free, since keeping them out is just not practical.

Summer of Peace June 21 – Sept. 21

The Interfaith Community for Peace & Justice (ICPJ) is promoting an entire season devoted to peaceful events, activities, church services, songfests, and labyrinth walks. Join us to help plan and promote this focus on peace throughout Lincoln County. Next meeting is Thursday, June 21 at 1:30 PM at Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport.

Ministry Corner
Fawn Hewitt



John Smith

Last month we wrote about the Mrs. and this month it's the Mr.: **John Smith** to be exact (yes, you're almost tempted to ask, "What's his REAL name?"). The Smiths have such different backgrounds (being raised about 4,000 miles apart), that it seems best to consider them separately.

John's roots are in Port Arthur, near Thunder Bay, Ontario, where he recalls that he wasn't highly motivated in school. A friend of his father's became John's benefactor, encouraging John and making it possible for him to further his education, which finally led him via a circuitous route to Lakehead College of Science and Technology, right in his backyard. Finding his niche there and becoming first in his class, John learned of Michigan College of Mining and Technology (now Michigan Technological University) and earned his degree in civil and structural engineering at their branch in Sault Ste. Marie—and also began his U.S. connections.

John moved back and forth across the border for a while, working as a professional engineer in Ohio, Ontario, and finally Michigan. John had married and had three sons during these years, but in 1979 found himself divorced and a single parent to boys 9, 14, and 16, so he also "worked" at other than engineering! A few years later, he met **Anne,** and both recall that their first date was spent babysitting together, learning that they'd lived one mile apart in Toledo, Ohio, years earlier and even had had the same family doctor—so the die was cast.

John completed his working years within a company he co-owned and ran, Sterling Systems, a supplier to Caterpillar, from which he retired in 2004, allowing their move to Waldport. (And if you want more details about John's expertise in heat-treat furnaces, you can get that information directly from him!) Yes, he "retired," but he's remained involved in his field through John W. Smith Engineering Services, his consulting firm through which he continues to work on Caterpillar and other projects. From a poor-as-church-mice background comes a patent holder and author, with a listing in Who's Who in America in the World of Engineering! But those three sons, now in Texas, California, and Seattle, continue to be a focus of John and Anne's travels.

While John's upbringing took place in a Presbyterian context (his grandfather was an Elder at their church in Port Arthur), he's glad he and Anne found St. Luke's, where he values the Jesus-based nature of our community. His ministry has been in the context of an area dear to the hearts of St. Luke's folks, as he's guided and served many individuals as sponsor in their sobriety journeys.

What he looks forward to next is the joint 75th birthday party the Men's Group is considering holding for **John, Kempton, and Jim Mounce**, who all turn the same age within four days of one another in October. Keep your eyes pealed for this event—at which even Canadians and British folks will be welcomed! We're glad John and Anne contribute to St. Luke's international flavor.

Mounces & Hewitts in Gig Harbor

You can tell from the smiles all around that it was a happy reunion when the Hewitts traveled to Gig Harbor to visit the Mounces in mid-May. **Jim and Joanne** were glad to see faces from their old home in their new home—and what a nice place it is! They reside at Peninsula Retirement Community in a one-bedroom apartment overlooking woods. From the friendly greetings we heard them exchange with others, it sounds as if they've been very warmly received and are making friends. They love the high-quality meals (and we can vouch for that, having enjoyed lunch with them), and the opportunities they've had to offer their musical talents in a variety of settings. We assured them that we continue to miss them at St. Luke's.

Diocesan Doings

We've noted in earlier newsletters the links St. Luke's has with the Diocese of Oregon through Susan's leadership in the Central Convocation, **Florette's** history with various boards, our revolving delegates to Convention, and **Karin's** participation on the Commission on Ministry.

There's one more connection: **Fawn Hewitt** has served for several years on the diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission (EIC). You may recall that in the 1960s, ecumenicity was all the rage, with Catholic-Protestant and other conversations taking center stage. There is, however, still need to be in communication with sisters and brothers of other faiths, now including the Muslim faith. The EIC seeks to bring to the diocese information on interfaith activities and events, and foster communication across faith groups. Of course, St. Luke's is in itself an interfaith community, since we have so many denominations represented among our communicants! We're also part of the Interfaith Community for Peace & Justice which sponsors Peace Village and many other interfaith events.

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

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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