

March  
2010

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

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## Vicar's Letter

Beloved of Christ,

This month we continue our Lenten journey. I was just reading a blog as I was preparing my sermon for the second Sunday in Lent, when I came across the following quote by Dwight Zscheile:

“The Lenten image of the biblical wilderness has particular resonance for congregations this year. Not only has the Great Recession brought suffering and austerity to many communities, upending settled patterns of life and prosperity, but congregations are also wrestling with powerful currents of change sweeping through society and the wider church. This has brought conflict, displacement, and loss. Underneath it all is a deep and disquieting question: *who are we in this strange new landscape?*”

This is the question of the biblical wilderness and a key question to ask ourselves as the church in Lent. Biblically, the wilderness (or desert) represents a between-space, a space of testing, trial, learning, discovery, and transformation outside of the established rhythms and norms of community life. God knows it is not an easy place to be. The wilderness is where comforts are stripped away. It is where God's people come face to face with who they are and have become—and in the process, come to know God in deeper and surprising ways.”

So often we get caught up in what it means to be the “institution of the Church” rather than what it means to be the “Body of Christ's Church.” When we ask the question, “*Who are we in this strange new landscape?*” we worry about sustaining the institution that we know rather than asking the important questions: Who is God calling us to be in this strange new landscape? Where is God working in my life? What is God calling me to be and do?

May this time of Lent continue to be a time of discovery, renewal and encounter with God “in deeper and surprising ways.”

Faithfully,  
Susan+

P.S. On the last Sunday of Epiphany I preached about “This is my Son, my chosen, Listen to HIM,” and what it might be to listen for the voice of God/Jesus. I just found this great quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: “All of us are meant to be contemplatives. Frequently we assume that this is reserved for some rare monastic life, lived by special people who alone have been called by God. But the truth of the matter is that each one of us is meant to have that space inside where we can hear God's voice. God is available to all of us. God says, ‘Be still and know that I am God.’ Each one of us wants and needs to give ourselves space for quiet. We can hear God's voice most clearly when we are quiet, and then you begin to see with the eyes of the heart.”



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CHURCH

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## ST. LUKE'S

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## St. Luke's People

## Thank you from the Miners

A big thank you from the Miner Family to the congregation of St. Luke's. The many cards, offers of dinners made for **Ryan and Kimber**, and hospital visits made **Tiffany's** stay at the hospital away from her family much more bearable for all of us. We appreciated every kindness that was shown to us. St. Luke's really is our church family!

## Senior Idol Winner!

A talented Idol was chosen from the ranks of St. Luke's Saints! **Karin Bigler**, singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," was named "Senior Idol" in the recent Newport competition. Eleven finalists were chosen from two afternoons of auditions of senior participants. Now Karin sports the medal and even pocketed the cash prize! Congratulations, Karin--we're proud of you and so glad to have you singing with us on Sunday mornings!

**Paula Ordiway and Casey Peoples** from the **Prince Pew** represented St. Luke's at a recent Teens Encounter Christ (TEC). This weekend retreat for high school students is run by teen and adult volunteers to allow students to develop a stronger relationship with Christ and the Christian Community. The core activity is discussion and youth who have attended TECs before sign up to give talks on topics like "Who Am I?" and "Community." After each talk, discussion groups share their own thoughts on the topic. The weekend is full of faith, fun and surprises. One of the big surprises at **Paula and Casey's** TEC was that **Bishop-elect Michael Hanley** showed up for part of it!!!

## Health Updates

**Virginia Morrison** appreciates our prayers and cards now that she's home from her surgery for pancreatic cancer on Feb. 3. Keep 'em coming!

Keep **Allie Moran** in your prayers as she recovers from extensive and successful gastro-intestinal surgery for her long time esophagus problems. She'll be at OHSU for at least another week and would love to hear from us. Send mail to Kevin & Cindy's: 2036 Sunplace SE, Albany, OR 97322

**Angie Bassett** is recovering from brain surgery to remove the tumor that had again started to grow rapidly. Most of the tumor was removed successfully and her condition has already improved. **David and Judy** are very grateful for the care, concern, and prayers of their St. Luke's family.

We prayed for **Parvin Hamedani-zadeh**, who had surgery for brain cancer. She went for a check up this week and they found no trace of it! She wanted to thank all who prayed for her.

## From the Mailbag:

Thanks for the newsletters--it's been great to keep up to date with all the happenings on the coast! I will be shaving my head on March 5th to raise awareness and funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization dedicated to research that fights childhood cancer. See their main webpage at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) for more information. To donate to the cause you can use my website at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/363733> You can also send checks to me at 5821 S. Robertson St., New Orleans, LA 70115. Thanks for helping and love from **Larissa Thomas**.

### Building & Grounds Update from the Jr. Warden

1. We need helpers on March 15 from 9 AM to 12 or later for an outdoor spring clean-up work party. The chore list includes weeding, trimming, redo sign by front door, painting front cross, sweeping, and general cleaning. **Please call or email to let Julie know that you can help.**

2. ODOT cleanup is March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12. We need a crew of eight and we have three so far. We'll have a lunch at the end, so bring something to share. Please call or email **Julie** to participate

2. Thanks to **Jim and Joanne Mounce and Julie Pearce**, the carpet will be cleaned before Easter! Thanks so much!

### God is a Missionary God

Mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of God. God is a missionary God. It is not the church that has a mission of salvation to fulfill in the world; it is the mission of the Son and the Spirit through the Father that includes the church. There is church because there is mission, not vice versa.

The Church must not think its role is identical to the *missio Dei* [mission of God]; the Church is participating in the mission of God. The Church's mission is a subset of a larger whole mission. That is, it is part of God's mission to the world and not the entirety of God's work in the world.  
—Jürgen Moltmann

### God Talk at Grand Central Pizza

At 4 PM on March. 16 join Susan+ at Grand Central Pizza for an informal discussion of the role of God in current events.

### What We Saw & What We Heard in Israel & Palestine

Join Ginger Gouveia and Jessica Campbell, recent visitors to Israel and Palestine, to hear their personal stories and learn more about the perspectives of Palestinians and Israelis who are working for a just peace and end to the occupation.

Sat. March 6 at 1 PM at St. Luke's

### BAC Update

At the Feb.9 meeting the BAC worked on plans for the fundraisers necessary to meet our budget this year. Major events include Feb. 12 Spaghetti Dinner, May 29 Plant & Attic Sale, Summer Recital and Ice Cream Social, Oct. 9 Oktoberfest, and December Christmas Bazaar and Traditional Tea. .

The Jan. 31 Annual Meeting elections resulted in new BAC members **Jim & Joanne Mounce**, and new Convention Delegates, **Vicky Prince and Carrie Yano** with alternates **Ray & Jackie Winward**. Officers for 2010 include **Jeanne St.John**, Sr. Warden; **Julie Pearce**, Jr. Warden; **Vicky Prince**, Clerk; and **Ray Winward**, Treasurer. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

It was decided to dedicate the March Community Dinner in honor of incoming **Bishop Hanley** as a gift of service. The Shared Ministry Team continues to help coordinate plans, activities and committees between the two churches.

The next Community & Spirit seminar, Healing Touch, will be held at St. Luke's on April 23 & 24. Contact **Jeanne** for more information or to help with the food and planning.

Full BAC Minutes are posted on the bulletin board. **Thanks, Vicky!**



### 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 March

**March Celebrations**

**Birthdays**

2 Dutch Fortmeyer Julie Pearce

18 Allie Moran

23 Kimber Miner

27 Bob Nye

29 Virginia Morrison

**Anniversaries**

26 Nick & Julie Pearce

3/6	8:30-10 10-Noon 1 PM	Saturday Breakfast at Literacy Center Can Collection at Literacy Center Israel/Palestine—What We Saw & What We Heard
3/7	10 AM	First Sunday Men's Breakfast
3/12	6:00 PM	Joint BAC Retreat at St. Luke's
3/13	9:00 AM 5:30 PM	Joint BAC Retreat at St. Stephen's Young Family Service & Dinner
3/15	9 –12 PM	Outdoor Spring Clean-up Work Party
3/16	4:00 PM	God Talk at Grand Central Pizza
3/17	6:00 PM	Men's St. Patrick's Day Dinner
3/20	9 – 12 PM	ODOT Highway Clean-up Work Party
3/21	10:00 PM	Deadline for April Newsletter
3/23	6:15 PM	Community Dinner following Eucharist

### Coffee Hour Hosts

7	Men's Breakfast
14	Anne Irving & Martha Wenger
21	Julie Pearce & Joan Wesley
28	Fawn Hewitt & Valerie Patterson



### Regular Weekly Schedule in Lent

Sunday	9 AM	Holy Communion Sunday School
Monday	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Lenten Study Tuesday Writer's Group Holy Communion
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Holy Communion God Talk at Green Salmon
Friday	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Compline Service AA Women's Meeting
Saturday	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting

## Brian's Musings

I have never thought of myself as bipolar, but I'm starting to think that the world we are living in may be: These wild swings from the hope that all would be new, to the despair of discovering that human nature has struck again. It makes what we do here at St Luke's seem important and real. In the midst of a financial meltdown, the BAC felt able to help St. Stephen's with their share of **Susan's** salary, and we even found a few bucks for dental work for one of **Senitila's** charges? It has to be faith.

Here on the stormy coast some lovely things happened. Some sad ones too. There was **Eric Simpson** on the organ in "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." "Not if I have anything to say about it," said he. I tell him that all he needs for a stellar career is to master "The Lost Chord" by Sir Arthur Sullivan, invest in an outrageous wardrobe like Virgil Fox, and cultivate a more mysterious manner. It's like talking to a stone.

One of the delights of the excellent Bella Noche spaghetti fundraiser—which netted a pretty respectable \$1200--was to be serenaded by **Jim and Joanne Mounce**. I liked her setting of "Ruby" so much that I asked them to play it again.

Perhaps it was the music that contributed to memories of dinner with **Milica** on Amtrak's Starlight Express, the overnighter to San Francisco, with the two of us drifting in and out of sleep as moonlit snowdrifts in the Cascades flew by. Later we stood together in Grace Cathedral for the Sunday morning service as choir and organ made the dust dance in the shafts of sunlight from the stained glass windows.

These memories prepared me for all the musings about dust at **Peg's** memorial service. Dust, always to me a symbol of neglect, now became a metaphor for the liberated soul dancing towards the light. Wow! That is what I call positive thinking. **Susan and Peg** herself planned the service in wonderful detail. There was a heavy emphasis on the sort of poetry that **Peg** delivered better than any of us. Sometimes I thought she was almost too good, drawing out every syllable until you feared your head, or hers, might explode. Once, after she had tackled the story of The Passion with her usual intensity, I sidled up to her and said, "For Gods sake, Peg, try comedy for a change or you will do us all in." She snorted with laughter, the actress in her firmly back in the box. **Peg's** service included a sweet original poem by **Jackie Wolfe**, nicely read by its author. Thinking I might have to go to Canada, I said my good bye a few days before **Peg** died. "I'll try and hang in 'til you get back." "Hey, if it's a chore don't bother," I said. "RIGHT," she said and we laughed.

I have sometimes wished that **Peg's** life had been easier, and I particularly wish that those who handled the funding for the school-based clinic where she worked could have seen her plunking down her own Visa to buy supplies for the kids in her charge. They might have helped her a bit more to ensure that no child was left behind.

To leave you on a more cheerful note, I was discussing evolution with my ex's bright and spiritual current husband. He quoted approvingly from Carl Johan Calleman's book, "The Purposeful Universe," which asserts that the possibility of evolution without an underlying intelligence was as farfetched as "a gale force wind assembling a 747 jet simply by blowing through a junkyard." He's an engineer so such technicalities appeal. As a music lover, I prefer to consider the odds against King Kong conducting a coherent Gotterdammerung. Long, I admit, but I'd sure get a buzz out of watching him try it.



## Ministry Corner

by Fawn Hewitt



Joanne & Jim  
Mounce

Maybe it was because it was Valentine's Day when they were interviewed for this article, but **Jim and Joanne** thought they would begin their story by telling how they first got together. After hearing more about this gifted couple, it became clear that for them, life began in a positive and fulfilling way when **Jim** first spotted **Joanne** across the room at the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion of their Roosevelt High School class in 1985. There was a mutual chemistry occurring at that point, and even in a casual observation of the two of them at St. Luke's you, too, probably get the sense that these two people are completely devoted to one another...even when it's not Valentine's Day!

Yes, **Jim and Joanne** went to high school together, but report that their circles were so diverse that they never overlapped in their schools or North Portland neighborhood. While we've long suspected that **Joanne's** musical ability is longstanding, would you have guessed that she began the violin at age 8? Not only was she musical, but was, at age 16, the valedictorian of her Roosevelt graduating class. A high school music teacher "saved her life," and helped her to find her way to Mills College in Oakland, where she earned a B.A. in music. What you may not know about **Joanne** is that she's had a long (can we say 40-year?!) involvement in social work and child welfare, both in public systems and private clinics and hospitals. Over the years, she's put both her M.A. in music (University of Oregon) and her master's in social work (University of Southern California) to good work in positions in both of those states and in Washington.

**Jim—like Joanne—**was raised in the Methodist Church. His father died when he was young, and perhaps as a result, he decided his mission was to make people laugh, leading to a reputation for being the funny one at school. After graduation and two years based in San Diego with the Navy, as well as further education at the University of Portland, **Jim's** worked in various engineering and design positions in many types of industries in several states. He's had experience in contracting of insulation projects (including on ships), in sales and management in sugar beet mills and refineries, and as a contract draftsman (self-taught, he says). He designed a gypsum board dryer which received wide acclaim, has designed and hung marble and stone in and on buildings across the U.S., carved tombstones (by hand!), been an artist, designed campers and even professionally consulted on the Alsea Bay Bridge—just to give you an idea of the breadth of his creative talents.

But the **Mounces** are not reluctant to note that while life has taken a positive turn since their meeting in 1985, they both struggled in earlier marriages and with what an observer can only call trauma of various kinds, making their coming together, and their marriage at St. Luke's in April, 1996, only sweeter.

Although **Jim and Joanne** have been communicants with us since their marriage, their election to the St. Luke's BAC in January is their first formal church position. However, we have benefited from and will continue to be enriched as a parish from **Joanne's** compassion and her ministry of music, and from **Jim's** calling to solve problems and to make people happy. These are remarkable people we are proud to call St. Luke's Saints.

P.S. And speaking of creative: Don't be surprised if we are blessed with some violin-harmonica duets at St. Luke's in coming months!

## St. Luke's Young Family Valentine Party

Sherri Fortmeyer

We had yummy leftover spaghetti from the Bella Noche dinner and the kids decorated Valentine cookies. Later the kids colored the Alleuia's and gathered around Susan as she told stories from her beautiful new Bible Story Stole. There were 27 in attendance from both St. Luke's and St. Stephen.s. We were delighted to share the evening with **Kimber and RJ!** And of course **Mommy and Daddy Miner** were there too.



Bible Story Stole



Coloring the Alleuia Banners

### 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

### LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The daily services during Lent continue through Wednesday of Holy Week (March 31) when we move into the Easter Triduum (three days). The liturgy of Maundy Thursday reminds us of the first Passover meal as the Israelites prepared for their journey out of slavery in Egypt; recalls the institution of the Eucharist; and with Jesus washing his disciples' feet, reminds us of the mandate to follow his example. At the end of the service we are invited to "watch and pray" as Jesus' disciples tried but failed to do in the Garden of Gethsemene.

On Good Friday, we are drawn to Jesus' suffering and death through the passion story and prayer at the foot of the cross. In the evening, we gather for the Stations of the Cross, symbolically walking the last agonizing steps of Jesus.

This three-day liturgy concludes with the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and the Festival Eucharist of Easter Day. On Holy Saturday we wait at the sealed tomb, recalling the disciples' despair. That evening a fire is kindled, the new Easter candle is lit and the Easter Proclamation is chanted, proclaiming our redemption from darkness. The Festival Eucharist on Easter Day continues the celebration as we proclaim, "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our historical and metaphorical journeys through darkness and desert end and the promises of redemption and eternal life begin.

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Holy Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>9 AM</b>

## Want to Make a Difference?

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

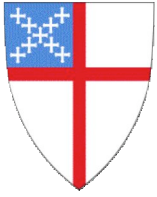
- ❖ Sign up to help with Literacy Center Breakfasts on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays
- ❖ Join the team of rotating Sunday School teachers
- ❖ Be a member of the Altar Guild
- ❖ Bring food and personal need items for the Food Pantry
- ❖ Be a phone buddy for St. Luke's folks who can't get to church

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



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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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