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# *The Bellringer*



St. Luke's Episcopal Church    Sequim WA    December 2011

## From Father Bob



**A**s I sit and write this newsletter article, it seems as if Christmas is right around the corner. The Christmas lights and tree are almost up, and the shopping rush is on. The fact of the matter is however, that despite all our preparations, we are waiting.... In one sense,

this kind of waiting and more importantly hoping, is what the season of Advent is all about. We are all waiting on the Lord. Just as Israel was waiting for the promised Messiah, so today over 2,000 years later, we wait for Him. Though the wait is different. To the first century Israelite, the wait was for a promised Messiah who would free the people from oppression and raise them up as the chosen nation. Though He would come as a lamb, He would triumph over and

conquer their enemies. Our experience of waiting upon God is perhaps more personal and individual. We wait not only for His coming again, we wait on Him every day. We experience this waiting in many different ways. We wait upon Him for guidance and direction. We wait upon the Holy Spirit to empower us and as a personal expression of His presence. We wait for healing and strength. Both this time of Advent

and the 12 days during which we celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation are seasons of hope and expectation. They remind us of two very important things. God

is always in the process of working His purpose out. We look to the future with optimism which is based in faith. Even more importantly, we remember that God is with us, sharing in the human experience as a companion, redeemer, and the giver of life itself. At this time of year, we

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*The height of our Christmas season at St Luke's will be celebrated with Evensong on Sunday, December 18th at 5PM followed by hors d'ouvres and wine in the parish hall.*

*Please mark this date and time on your calendar as we hope to see everyone for this exquisite celebration.*

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## Vestry Dialogue



The holidays are upon us for 2011, and your Vestry looks back over a very busy and challenging year. We are aware that not all of our decisions and actions were met with universal approval among the congregation; but, I assure you that on each issue, every Vestry member tried to do what he or she believed was in the best interests of the Church. We are encouraged by the support and efforts shown to us by numerous parishioners. We wish to thank everyone who has shared their views, ideas and visions with us during 2011, and especially all of you who have prayed for wisdom and discernment for us as your leaders.



May all in the wonderful St. Luke's family enjoy a happy, peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Richard Hempel

## Father Bob...

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find ourselves waiting at the manger; as witnesses of a miracle which has forever changed the world and the people in it. The joy of the Incarnation and the celebration of Christmas is not a surprise party, it is a blessed event for which we prepare our hearts by waiting and watching and contemplating the mystery of God who has come among us.

## The Holidays ...at St. Luke's

### December 18th

5PM Evensong/reception

### Christmas Eve

5PM Family Service followed by potluck

7PM Eucharist

11PM Midnight Mass

### Christmas

### Day

9AM Eucharist



## December Birthdays



- 1 Anne Davis
- 6 Charlotte Rocheleau  
Janet MacDonald
- 7 Jeanne Fisher  
Diane Zipser
- 14 Robert Golwas
- 15 Jack Fintel
- 21 Kathryn Smith  
Muriel Butler  
Jim Chestnut
- 22 Lynn Cain  
George McBride
- 24 April Uhden
- 26 Bob Haick
- 28 Rosalie McTaggart

## Our Mission Statement

*"St. Luke's is an inclusive Christian community dedicated to spiritual growth, healing and compassion through our worship, hospitality and ministry to the larger community."*





# Helping Hands RESOURCES

Do you need a ride or a meal? Are you the 24-hour caretaker of a loved one, and in need of a respite to do an errand? Or would you like to offer this sort of help to a parishioner in need? The HELPING HANDS RESOURCE BOARD on the wall next to the little sink in the Parish Hall will answer your need.



To find help, these sign up sheets are there for your use. If you cannot get to church to find the help you need, call the Helping Hands co-coordinator for the week (found in the Sunday service bulletin), the parish office (683-4862), or Barbara Carl at 477-4600 and ask for help. We are eager to be there for you.

If you have a desire to BE a Helping Hand, please feel free to contact me. We are a committee of eight or ten recently reduced to four due to attrition, illness and snow-birding. We act to assist those in gentle need for a short while, working in week long assignments every two months. We are always willing to accept more volunteers. To offer help, just sign your name on the appropriate sheet.

Also on the same bulletin board is the Prayer Chain list. If your needs are for prayer, the appropriate phone numbers are on this list. The Chairman is Dottie Nicassio.

Barbara Carl

## Ministries & Ministers of St. Luke's

Rector	Rev. Robert Rhoads
Assisting Clergy	Rev. Maggie Bourne-Raiswell
	Rev. Bridget Moore
	Rev. Jayne Gott
	Rev. Diane Moore
Senior Warden	Virginia Reker
Junior Warden	Bill Chisham
Clerk	George Alkire
Treasurer	Jim Reker
Parish Counsel	Rob Onnen

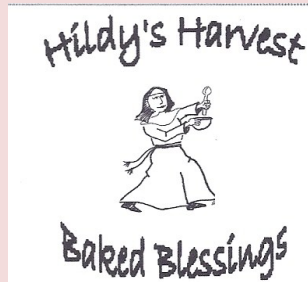
<b>Vestry</b>	Kara Selby	LeRoy Martin
	Candy Olmer	Ardyth Schaumburg
	Richard Hempel	Carol Francone
	John Standerwick	

<b>Convention Delegates</b>	John Junell	Lynn Cain
	Rich Olmer	Candy Olmer
<b>Alternate</b>	Jean Hicks	

Acolytes	Candy Olmer	683-6861
Adult Education	Bob Rhoads	683-4938
Altar Guild	Karen Junell	683-6410
Bazaar Workshop	Roberta Grisette	681-0962
	Kay Schiller	683-0972
Bell Choir	Valerie Lape	582-9003
Boar's Head	Valerie Lape	
Choir	Lorraine Martin	417-6898
Columbarium	Bill Chisham	582-1598
Cursillo	Christine Hill	582-0989
	Roger Uhden	681-7450
Daughters of the King	Janet Martin	683-5418
Flower Ministry	Susan Ayer	681-8528
Foyer Groups	Ardyth Schaumburg	681-7560
Garden Project	Rich Olmer	683-6861
Helping Hands	Barbara Carl	477-4600
Light Lunch	Kara Selby	683-2895
Library	Nancy Jones	582-0900
Little Sisters of St. Clare	Sister Mary Agnes	683-7048
Military Quilts	Barbara McCauley	797-2106
Men's Club		
Men's Spirituality	Rich Olmer	683-6861
Music Live with Lunch	Carolyn Braun	452-0495
Newcomers	Art & Diane Moore	683-5936
Office Volunteers	Christine Hill	582-0989
Organist	Lorraine Martin	417-6898
Outreach	Candy Olmer	683-6861
Prayer Chain	Dottie Nicassio	681-8048
Publicity	Candy Olmer	683-6861
Quilt Ministry	Tracy Williams	461-1483
Receptions	Claire Alkire	683-8874
	Pamela Godsey	681-3921
	Suzi Schmidt	683-4215
Sunday School	Sandy Holbrook	681-4769
Stewardship	Jim Aldrich	582-3038
Taize	Karen Williamson	681-7915
Ushers	8 am	Jim Grau
	10 am	Rich Olmer
Women's Spiritual Group	Sue Clary	683-3552
Worship	Janet Martin	683-5418



## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



**Thanks to the support of our parishioners, Hildy's Harvest added \$200 to the contribution to the Boy's and Girl's Club with the sale of specialty breads in October. Thank you very much!**

**The week of December 4th, we will start taking orders for our Christmas breads so watch for a flier in your church Bulletin. We appreciate your support in this endeavor and we know the Boy's and Girl's Club are very appreciative. Keep it up, folks; we're gaining on the Methodist's efforts! YES!**

**God's Blessings!**

*Your Hildy's Helpers  
(683-2895 for questions)*

**S**t. Luke's the third Episcopal Church in which I have been a member for a significant length of time. In each of the first two churches (St. Mark's in Raleigh, North Carolina and Trinity-on-the-Hill in Los Alamos, New Mexico) it was always a bit of a problem finding someone to lead the annual giving part of the Stewardship Ministry. The typical response I heard from people when asked if they would take on the responsibility was something like "It's not my thing." Well as the lead on St. Luke's 2012 giving campaign I can also say "It's not my thing", but because no one else came forward to assume the role I decided I had to step in to fill the breach. That said, I'd be most pleased for someone else to take the lead on the 2013 giving campaign. Please let me know if you're interested.



The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States (informally referred to as the "National Church") put out an excellent 6-week giving program "Feasting on Gratitude" that we used for our annual giving campaign. So, fortunately for me, I did not have to create a program. During the six Sundays the program covered, from November 2nd to All Saints Sunday on November 6th, presenters spoke to us about why they give to St. Luke's. I am most grateful to those who were willing to take on this important role. They did a great job!

I understand that not everyone liked the proportional giving chart on the bottom half of the pledge form (provided by the

National Church). I found it useful and liked having the numbers there even though I could have easily calculated them myself. Because the chart is an issue with some parishioners, I will ensure it is not on the 2013 pledge form whether or not I am responsible for the 2013 giving program.

Writing this column in November, when we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, reminds me of the many, many things for which I am thankful. In the past couple of weeks I have been quite busy with our annual giving campaign and am very thankful for the wonderful assistance I have had from Richard Hempel, LeRoy Martin, and Candy Olmer making numerous phone calls to parishioners regarding pledging in 2012. And I want to thank the many parishioners who have quickly and graciously responded to requests for their pledge forms. Your help getting the campaign completed is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

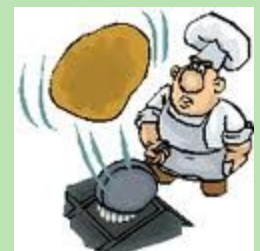
*Jim Aldrich*

### **Pancake Breakfasts...**

## ***On Hold!***

***The Men's Club has cancelled the pancake breakfasts in December and January. The***

***breakfasts will resume on the first Sunday in February.***





## Food Bank Deliveries...

### Can You Help?



Jeff and I have collected and delivered your contributions to the Sequim Food Bank for the past few years, and now it is time to hand it on to someone else.

It involves putting the bags out on the first Sunday of the month and picking up the food after the 10 AM service on the second Sunday of the month.

On the following Monday we deliver it to the Food Bank at 8:30 AM, before the clients begin to arrive. Delivery can be whenever you choose to do it, we have just gotten into the habit of doing it then.

We will do it for December but the new people will need to take it over for January. It is not difficult and you get all the thanks when you deliver. Call the office if you are interested in taking over this ministry.

*Jeff and Judy Kenyon*

## Expressions of Thanks...

Dear St. Luke's Family,

I want to thank you all for the lovely Prayer quilt, your cards, kind thoughts and prayers. They mean so much. Being a Fourth of July baby, I especially love the colors of the quilt.

The pneumonia I have apparently had since early in August turned into a rare and virulent form of pneumonia. It has cleared up now, but the recovery from the damage to my lungs and system will be long (3-6 months) and requires continued treatment. I still need your prayers.

Thanks to God's grace, my doctors, along with your prayers and support, I am making a good recovery.

God's Blessings and Peace,

*Donna*



## St Luke's Community Prayer Concerns...

### For our Parishioners..

Don Freeman  
Klaus Hintermayer  
Cybil Carrere  
Nancy Carrere  
Bonnie Collins  
June Powers

Elsa McBride  
Jean Hicks  
Tom Santos  
Esther Round  
Bill McCorkle  
Bridget Moore

### For Family and Friends

Mary Marzke (*Braun*)  
Bea Jackson, Nancye, (*Round*)  
Josh, Leslie, Erin, Rebeleh (*Schmidt*)  
Paul Pederson, Mary Bogaert,  
Dan & Jan Heming, Anne Kernott (*MacDonald*)  
Kave & Joyce Sauers  
Bob (*Jane*)  
Lorraine LeGlaire  
Kevin Neilson  
Harry & Mary Jo Goldsmith  
Kyla Burt  
Pam Sekaros Sue Culver;  
Chris Payne (*Sell-Lee*)  
Kit Moore  
Brigitte Buckley  
Arlene Brewer  
Tim, Pete & Sue (*Sally Sue*)  
Shirley Kitpatrick  
Vicki Rynd & family  
Melinda Nobe  
Charla Sowden  
Mary Waite  
Holly Pierce  
Phyllis Bailey  
Susan and Mark (*Godsey*)  
Larry Watters  
Penny Tremlin (*J. Shell*)  
Pari Gill  
David Riley (*P. Whisner*)  
Elizabeth Cisneros  
Sasha Kelly (*B. Moore*)  
Robert Sherrod  
Kristen Scott

Barbara Crandell  
Yolanda Brandon  
Bob Rae  
Matt Neal  
Ann Hood  
Ginger (*Hicks*)  
Judy Easley  
Deven (*Chisham*)  
Ryan & Elisha Carbon (*Greenwell*)  
Dean Fusco (*Rocheleau*)  
Penelope, Jack & Louise (*Cutsforth*)  
Laura Schmucker (*A. Davis*)  
Chip & Terri Roberson (*Sell-Lee*)  
Terry McCauley  
Sherri Champeau  
Shirley Bolon (*Slyh*)

*Please let the church office staff know if there are names to add, or to be deleted so that we can keep this list current.*



# Special Events at St. Luke's for December 2011

## Every Week...

### Sundays:

8am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Mondays:

8am Cursillo  
3pm Service at the Lodge  
3:45pm Bell Choir

### Tuesdays:

8am Eucharist w/sermon  
10am Staff Meeting  
3:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesdays:

9am Cursillo Men's  
Noon Mid-week Eucharist

### Thursdays:

8am Bible Study  
10:30am Bible Study  
11:30am Centering Prayer

### Fridays:

9:30am Cursillo Women's

### Saturdays:

11:30am Light Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>8am — Men's spirituality</i>	6	7 <i>11am--Daughters of the King</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>5pm—Evensong and reception</i>	19	20	21 <i>3pm—Vestry Mtg</i>	22	23	24 <i>5pm—Family service/potluck 7pm Eucharist 11pm Mass</i>
25 <i>9am—Eucharist</i>	26 <i>9:30am --Helping Hands</i>	27 <i>9am—Women's spirituality</i>	28	29	30	31

## Important Announcement...

The Church office will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd through December 29th.



*To all parishioners and friends of St. Lukes*

We wish to thank you for the wonderful support you have given the Bazaar workshop throughout the year and during the event. The Bazaar was a success due to your efforts. Our thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who made the items we sold; to the wonderful kitchen crew that provided a tasty lunch; to the workers who set up and took down the tables boxes, etc.; those who worked during the event; and, those of you who did a bit (or a lot) of shopping! It truly was an "all-parish" endeavor, and we couldn't have done it without you.

The money we earned will go toward maintenance of the Parish Hall, and the outreach it provides to so many different groups in our community. We are so grateful that we are able to continue the tradition of having a Christmas Bazaar and the fellowship it has brought to those coming to the workshop throughout the year.

Blessings to all of you -- and thank you again.

*the Monday Bazaar workshop workers*



## Holiday Notices ... *from the Altar Guild*



### Let's Deck the Halls at St Lukes!

Join the Altar Guild on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am in the Parish Hall.

**No experience necessary.**

Bring thin, flexible work gloves, garden clippers, scissors, and your willing hands. Instruction in wreath-making, garland construction, and bow making provided.

This is a joyous activity and there will be pizza for lunch when we are finished.

### Christmas Flower Memorials



You will find flower memorial envelopes in the pews throughout Advent. Please place your donation envelope in the offering plate. Don't forget the names of those for whom the flowers are dedicated. You may also leave your flower donations at the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

### Bring us your Greens!

*Evergreens, that is.*

We need a large quantity of cedar, fir, juniper, holly, and pine for our Christmas wreaths and garlands.

Bring your cut boughs to the area south of the church "garage" storage building. There will be tarps there to spread the greens on. The Altar Guild will need the greens by December 22nd so that helpers can cut them to the correct length for wreath-making.

*Thank you for helping us deck the halls!*