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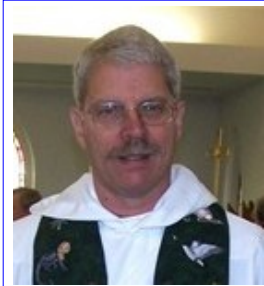
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Father Bob's Message



I love talking to newcomers. People who have recently moved to the area or decided to join the church are al-

ways interesting. They bring with them a new perspective and I always learn something about other places and past lives. Sequim is one of those out-of-the-way towns that you have to search for. Sometimes, folks end up here because they came for a vacation and discovered the area, but more often they had to do a bit of research and investigation. Most did not find themselves on the peninsula by accident. They made a very deliberate and well-thought-out choice. Occasionally, their arrival is the end result of long term plans that began years ago.

It is a privilege to hear of their impressions and new discoveries. I get to share in the things they are just learning about this remarkable and unique place. Invariably, through their experience I recognize how easy it is to take things for granted; how quickly we overlook the splendor that surrounds us.

Every once in awhile, we need to hear a different perspective that opens our eyes and awakens our awareness of things that we neglect to fully appreciate. The same thing can be true of people. It is just as easy to take others for granted, to make

assumptions, to focus on shortcomings, and neglect to celebrate their gifts.

Some times we need to be reminded how easy it can be to overlook what is obvious to others. That can also be the value of time away; solitude can go a long way toward our appreciation of the people who know, care for, and love us.

John Standerwick Appointed to Vestry

John was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Vestry at their June 15th meeting. He has served 5 vestry tours during his



past 21 years at St. Luke's. He managed the program for paying off the two mortgages for our present facilities.

Prior to arriving in Port Angeles John I served on vestries in Sitka, Cordova, Ketchikan, and Juneau, Alaska., and as a delegate from Alaska to the General Convention in 1979.

John feels strongly about St. Luke's, and would like to participate in guiding its future.

Stewardship—Care of God's Creation

As I wrote in last month's column "Making Stewardship Work," we have adopted our Diocese's holistic approach to stewardship — within ourselves and our church. As Christians we are called to be stewards of all resources — human, financial, material, and spiritual. Stewardship of all resources, living Christ's Gospel, is something we are called to do every day, throughout the year.

As parishioners of St. Luke's our resources include our wonderful church staff, our financial accounts, buildings, and grounds. Our financial contributions are critical to paying the staff's salaries and insurance; maintaining our buildings, equipment, and grounds; and supporting our worship and ministries. Our current financial status is not good, due to very significant upkeep expenses. The church, built in 1992, has reached the age where very large amounts of capital are required to maintain it. Recently, heating/cooling systems went out in both the sanctuary and parish hall. It's costing us tens of thousands of dollars to replace them. Additionally the siding of the church needs to be replaced, at considerable expense. The cost of the heating/cooling system replacement has depleted the Asset Replacement Fund to the point that our giving must increase for us to properly maintain our church buildings.

We usually do not think of ourselves as well off; but we are not like most people in the world who live in housing we would consider unacceptable and do not know when they can expect to eat another meal. Then there are the people in our country who were like us - the thousands of people who lost their homes and

belongings to tornados and floods in the past few months. While most of these disaster victims received immediate assistance with shelter and food, they now need help with housing. This part of making people whole again is where there is usually little aid. It's an area where perhaps there is something we can do help these people. As a church and as individuals Christ's Gospel call us to continually stretch ourselves to increase our Outreach Stewardship.

"At Creation, God gave us responsibility for the care of the Earth." These are words of our bishop; words that he takes to heart. He has charged the Bishop's Committee for the Environment (BCE) to assist churches in implementing the Genesis Covenant, adopted at the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The Covenant is "a public commitment by the Church to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from every facility by a minimum of 50% within ten years." The importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to prevent drastic changes in the planet's climate that will cause more frequent and more severe weather events has been established by credible science, (There are, of course, the naysayers; but science does not support their position.)

A workshop to help churches establish a baseline to measure greenhouse gas emissions was held by two members of the BCE at St. Andrew's in Port Angeles, on June 1st. With Diane's assistance, I dug out of the files the past 13 months (ending May 2011) of the church's electrical bills and went to the workshop. I loaded electrical usage data into the Environmental Protection Agency's program Portfolio Manager for Houses of Worship.

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Vestry Highlights and Recent Actions



July

Birthdays

- 1 Ron Raven
- 2 Bridget Moore
- 3 Jan Hintermayr
- 4 Evelyn Lyons
- 8 Kate Dean
- 9 Don Bridenbaugh
- 10 Jerome Oden
Mary Perry
- 12 Dottie Nicassio
Dan Michalski
- 13 Judith Palumbo-Gates
Don Freeman
Andrew Sharpe
Kyle Sharpe
- 16 William Evans
- 18 Don Newberg
Marilyn Freeman
Larry Martin
Robert Loeb
- 21 Candy Olmer
- 22 Robert Robie
- 24 Carla Morton
- 25 Dinah Tillotson
- 28 Richard Hempel

- The garden re-landscape, funded by Hardyn Soule's bequest and carried out by Richard Olmer, is in progress.
- The replacement heat pump for the church building was installed in late May. A contract was approved to replace all three parish hall heat pumps for approximately \$19,000 and to charge the cost to the Asset Replacement Fund. Parishioners will be given opportunity to make individual contributions to this project. Corrections of fire inspection deficiencies are pending.
- The Finance Committee is awaiting the 2010 audit report to make recommended changes in accounting procedures.
- Adopted a policy for removal of a Vestry member charged with a felony or gross misdemeanor.
- A Ministry Fair will be held on September 18, in conjunction with Homecoming Sunday.
- Vestry members will serve at the Sunday morning coffee hour on the third Sunday of each month beginning July 17.
- Approved a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club and the Light Lunch program called "Hilda's Harvest Baked Blessings." Volunteers would produce healthy bread and

muffins for sale at the church and elsewhere once a month, beginning in July.

- The Columbarium Committee recommended an increase in the niche fee to \$800 and brass nameplate fee to \$400, effective July 1st.
- A volunteer office coordinator has developed a plan for temporary coverage of the church office during absences of the Office Manager.
- Appointed John Standerwick to the Vestry complete the term of Peter Loeb through next year's annual Parish Meeting.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Vestry has scheduled a special meeting next month on Monday, July 18 at 3:00 to listen to input regarding the Office Manager's work days, hours, attendance at Vestry meetings and our personnel policy regarding vacation time for full time employees. If there is something you wish to share with the Vestry regarding these matters, please join us in the parish hall.

Announcements

Expressions of Thanks...



to Father Bob and anyone else involved for my new prayer book/hymnal. The old, battered one has been given a well deserved retirement and is resting comfortably on a shelf in my bedroom. THANK YOU, and God Bless.

Muriel Butler

Your prayers, cards, offerings of transportation and delicious food, and your visits helped my healing immensely after I fell and broke my arm. I thank you for these gifts of self and spirit. May God continue to richly bless your lives with grace and mercy, as you have blest mine. Faithfully,

Sue Clary

Ann and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns. Ann's recovery has been incredible, and we firmly believe that it was your prayers. There is still some weeks of therapy. Again, our thanks for all your support, prayers, thoughts, cards and offers of help. God's Love.

Ann and Dave Salmon

The Finance Committee is Looking for One More Member...

If you are willing to work with the Committee on financial management and have some knowledge in this area, we can probably use your expertise.

Our primary function is to provide advice to the Vestry on financial issues. More specifically, we are tasked with ensuring compliance with vestry approved financial policies and procedures, preparation of draft annual budgets, a multi-year strategic financial plan, and a number of other related actions.

If this sort of work interests you, please let me know by sending an email with a short statement of your finance experience at rekerjk@aol.com.

Jim Reker

Worship Leader Training...

On Saturday, October 1st, the Diocese of Olympia will offer Worship Leader Training at St. Luke's. Topics will include leading Morning and Evening Prayer, leading congregational singing, and a history of worship and the church. Applicants to be Worship Leaders are first approved by the Rector, and then are licensed by the Bishop.

The training session will run from 9am to 5pm, so that it can be completed in one day. All are welcome. See Father Bob if you'd like to apply, or call Ida Fintel at 775.4686 for more information.

Stewardship...

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So, St. Luke's now has a baseline or starting point from which to track changes in its greenhouse gas emissions. Achieving the goal to reduce our emissions by 50% in 10 years may not be possible; but, here again, we need to stretch ourselves to do all we can to reduce our greenhouse gas emission. It's about taking care of Creation.

Jim Aldrich

Santa Maria Barbeque

St. Luke's annual Santa Maria Barbeque will be on Sunday July 24 beginning at 1:00. There is a sign up list on the West wall of the parish hall for side dishes, finger food, and deserts. We will provide the beef, bread, beer, wine and soda. Donations will be taken during the barbeque. We encourage you to sign up so that we will know how much to prepare and how many are planning to attend.



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."

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

Vestry	Kara Selby	LeRoy Martin
	Candy Olmer	Ardyth Schaumburg
	Richard Hempel	Carol Francone
	John Standerwick	

Convention Delegates	John Junell	Lynn Cain
Alternate	Jean Hicks	

Acolytes	Candy Olmer	683-6861
Adult Education	Bob Rhoads	683-4938
Altar Guild	Karen Junell	683-6410
Bazaar Workshop	Robertta Grisett	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	Jean Hicks	681-3248
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	Roger Uhden	681-7450
Music Live with Lunch	Carolyn Braun	452-0495
Newcomers		
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
Sunday School	Ted Bedford	683-6376
Stewardship	Jim Aldrich	582-3038
Taize	Pam Bedford	683-6376
Ushers	8 am Jim Grau	683-3931
	10 am Rich Olmer	683-6861
Women's Spiritual Group	Sue Clary	683-3552
Worship	Janet Martin	683-5418

St Luke's Community Prayer Concerns...

For our Parishioners..

Maxwell Anderson	Carolyn Hempel
Don Freeman	Elsa McBride
Eleanor Cutsforth	Cathy Sneath
Don Newberg	Tom Santos
Ann Salmon	Nancy Carrere
Esther Round	Petie McCrudden

For Family and Friends...

Mary Marzke (Braun)	Ray & Jane Apple
Bea Jackson, Nancy, (Round)	Sasha Kelly (Bridget Moore)
Josh, Leslie, Erin, Rebekah (Schmidt)	Carl Pearson, Kathy Sands (Evans)
Paul Pederson, Mary Bgart,	Robert Sherrod
Dan & Jan Heming, Anne Kernott (MacDonald)	Katrina Howell (Slyh)
Kave & Joyce Sauers	Barbara Crandell
Bob (Jane)	Yolanda Brandon
Lorraine LeGlaire	Bob Rae
Kevin Neilson	Matt Neal
Harry & Mary Jo Goldsmith	Ann Hood
Kyla Burt	Ginger (Hicks)
Colin (McCrudden)	Judy Easley
Pam Sekaros & Bill Hoxsie; Bill and Sue Culver;	Deven (Chisham)
Chris Payne (Sell-Lee)	Suzanne Simmons, Ryan Carbon (Greenwell)
Kit Moore	Dean Fusco (Rocheleau)
Brigitte Buckley	Penelope, Jack & Louise (Cutsforth)
Arlene Brewer	Laura Schmucker (Anne Davis)
Randy and Tim (Sally Sue)	Terri Roberson (Bill Sell-Lee's daughter)
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	
Sue Petrie	
David Riley (P. Whisner)	
Elizabeth Cisneros	

To allow us to keep this list current, please let Diane know if there are names to add, or to be deleted.

Why I Love Being a Eucharistic Visitor

A Eucharistic Visitor is licensed by the Bishop and is trained to take Holy Communion to those who cannot come to church.

I first became acquainted with the Eucharistic Visitor ministry through Janet Martin, head of the Worship Committee. She told me about the work of a Eucharistic Visitor, and told me that no group committees were involved in this ministry. She knew already that my life pivoted around the liturgy and communion.

The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church and I liked the idea of taking supper to the "Family", for God has assured those of us who are baptized comprise the church. We first experience the communion and then go forth to share with our Brothers and Sisters. In reaching out, the Eucharistic Visitor receives an abundance of God's Grace and help in return. When I arrive at a person's house I am filled with a sense that I am doing God's will. Since it seems that God is driving me to do more and more, it is with great relief and accomplishment that I am pleasing God. During Eucharistic Visitor training, the other participants told much the same story.

The people that I visit are most appreciative and glad to see me, Some people have not been out and about to see other people. Remember we are trying to restore them to community. They have often gone from leading independent to dependent lives. They often are lonely so taking them communion is a way of reaching out and being supportive as a friend. I love the words of Thomas Whitcroft in his article *Communion Means Community*: "I am not taking communion to the sick; I am having communion with them." "We need to be attuned to know those times; to listen, to pray with them and to assure them of God's love. We must be ready to put aside our agendas for theirs".

And, this is why I love being a Eucharistic Visitor...COME JOIN US!!

Ida Fintel

VESTRY OUTREACH ...Campaign for Kids



In our continuing effort to support our local community, we would like to provide some school supplies for students who attend Greywolf and Helen Haller Elementary schools.

There will be baskets in the church office for the items. Thank you very much for your support.

These are items that the schools need:

- Crayons – box of 24 colors
- Glue sticks (No liquid glue)
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- #2 Ticonderoga or Dixon pencils
- Large pink erasers and pencil top erasers
- 70 page spiral notebooks
- Lined notebook paper
- Reams of white copy paper

Any questions may be directed to Candy Olmer at 683-6861 or email at rolmer1@olypen.com.

Special Events at St. Luke's for July 2011

Sundays:

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

Mondays:

8am Cursillo
10am Bazaar Workshop
3pm Service at the Lodge
3:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesdays:

8am Eucharist w/sermon
10am Staff Meeting

Wednesdays:

9am Cursillo Men's
Noon Mid-week Eucharist

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

9:00am Cursillo Women's

Saturdays:

11:30am Light Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>1am Little Sisters of St Claire</i>	2
3 <i>9am Pancake Breakfast</i>	4 <i>8am Men's spirituality</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Food Bank day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>3pm—Vestry Mtg</i>	21	22	23
24/31	25 <i>9:30am -Helping Hands</i>	26 <i>9am—Women's Spirituality</i>	27	28	29	30

You're Invited to a



With Bishop Greg!

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, will be coming to St. Luke's for a special dinner. "Barbeque with the Bishop" will include barbecued chicken, locally grown roasted vegetables, appetizers, grandma's peach cobbler and a talk by the Bishop on "God's Love; Our Choices." We are also welcoming folks from Port Angeles and Port Townsend who might wish to join us.

As we get closer to the event, we will be offering no cost tickets so we will know how much food to prepare. Donations will be accepted at the door.



Save the Date – Thursday, September 8th at 5PM

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