



The Bellringer



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*Sunday, June 12th
is Pentecost and
Ministry Sunday.*

*Wear red
to cele-
brate the
coming of
the Holy
Spirit.*



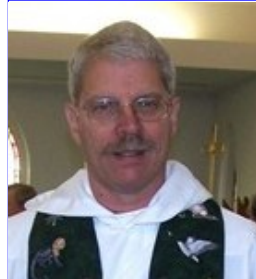
Father Bob's Message

I am writing this article on the day that Harold Camping, founder of "Family Radio" has predicted that an event he refers to as the "rapture" will occur.

Invented in the early 1800's by John Darby, the concept of a "rapture" is part of a theological belief known as Dispensationalism in which there are a series of "dispensations" or periods of history in which God relates to human beings in different ways. Darby then divided the Bible, human history, and the future into these different and exclusive chapters. Depending upon the form of Dispensationalism there are at least 3 or as many as 8 such segments. One branch of this teaching asserted that prior to Jesus second coming, Christians will be taken up into heaven (or raptured) and this will be followed by a time of horrific tribulation for those remaining.

While it seems to me that his assertion contradicts much of what Jesus taught his disciples, the theory has since become very popular in evangelical novels and in some Christian churches as a basis and reason for immediate conversion.

According to Camping, the foundation for his prediction is based on some type of numerical calculation which is hidden in the Bible. Having spent my adult life reading, teaching and preaching on the text of Scripture, I have never found this kind of mathematics imbedded or implied in either Old or New Testaments. In fact, such a prediction would defy Jesus ad-



monition that we will know "neither the time nor the day" of His coming. Everything Jesus said about this entire subject would indicate the folly of future catastrophic predictions, yet they persist.

I remember Harold Camping from my days in California. He was very popular with evangelical conservative Christians, has maintained a large listening audience, generated millions in income to cover his operating costs, and enjoyed a very comfortable standard of living. This latest prediction is itself predictable based upon his past performance.

What is astonishing to me is how some people seem to be willing to suspend common sense, logic, past experience, and reason in the name of faith. It is almost as if belief is disconnected from the rest of our existence. Most people would never make a major decision or express an opinion without the support of logic. It may not be the most highly developed logic, it may be flawed; but it is critical.

I believe that reason is a gift. It is an essential part of who we are as human beings. It should also be at the center of our faith. If it doesn't make sense, it should be rejected. What we believe about God should always be reasonable.

If, on the other hand Harold is right....you may not be here to read this.

Recent Vestry Actions

The Vestry discussed disposition of the recent \$5,000 bequest from deceased parishioner Hardyn Soule. In accordance with financial policy D-6-1, fifty percent of the unrestricted bequest went into the Endowment Fund. By unanimous vote, up to \$2,500 of the remaining Hardyn Soule bequest was authorized for purchase of landscape materials to refurbish the deteriorated area between the west wall of parish hall and the parking lot.

Dean Kennedy and Jeff Kenyon were appointed the Columbarium Committee. Junior Warden Bill Chisham is ex officio committee chair. The price of Columbarium niches will increase to \$800 and the brass name plate to \$400.

The Chet Miller Fund is receiving scholarship applications until the June 15 close date. The Scholarship Committee will award scholarship money after June 15.

There is a new Policy regarding incoming correspondence to the Vestry:

- 1) Unsigned letters will not be considered;
- 2) Letters addressed to individual Vestry members will be delivered to the addressee for consideration and response.

- 3) Letters addressed to the Vestry as a whole will be considered at the next Vestry meeting.

Procedures for rental or free use of parish facilities will be revised to comply with Diocesan policy:

- 1) Execute our standard agreement form;
- 2) Provide evidence of non-profit status; and
- 3) Provide evidence of liability insurance protecting the church.

The Personnel Committee has completed formal job descriptions for Office Manager, Bell Choir Director, Music Director, Kitchen Dishwasher, and Nursery/Child Care Provider. More job descriptions are being developed.

St. Luke's Altar Guild Meeting



Tuesday, June 28th
at 1:30pm

St. Luke's Parish Hall

This meeting is open to anyone in our Parish who is interested in the work of the Altar Guild



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."

New Vestry Member Needed

We are close to completing another fun Sunday school season learning about God's love and compassion for all. We started in

Sunday School Wrap-Up

early September and will complete our studies on Sunday June 12th.

During the summer months, several vacation bible schools are offered in our community for the kids to attend, and many go on vacation with their families.

We will continue on our journey with the Lord again in early September. Child care will continue during the summer months.

Ted



June

Birthdays

- 1 Jean Hicks
- 4 Karen Williamson
- 10 Sam Sutherland
- 12 June Gibson
- 13 Linda Neal
- 16 Paula Slyh
- 17 Bob McCauley
- 19 Chloe Martin
- 20 Paul Slyh
- 21 June Shell
- 24 Jim Reker
Linda Emond
- 25 Carolyn Braun
- 27 Charlie Johnson
- 30 Barbara Van Vorst
Andrew Davis

Due to a resignation from the Vestry, we are looking for people who would be interested in serving until our Annual Meeting in February when new members will be elected. If appointed, it is possible for the replacement member to run for a full 3 year term at that time.

According to our bylaws,

"The Vestry may, at a meeting duly called, fill a vacancy in its own membership until the next Annual Meeting of the Parish, at which time a Communicant in Good Standing shall be elected for the remaining portion of the unexpired term."

Vestry Members are required to be "Communicants in Good Standing," which is defined as:

... a baptized person who is faithful in corporate worship and has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding 12 months (unless good cause prevented).

It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism and will have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church.

Communicants 16 years of age and older are to be considered adult Communicants. A Communicant in Good Standing is a Communicant who is a recorded contributor to the support of the Church with money or with personal service, as determined by the Rector"

If you would be interested in serving on the Vestry, please email me, or give me your name along with a short biography regarding your experience in the church.

Thank you so much,

Fr. Bob

Ministry Sunday — Pentecost, June 12, 2011

St. Luke's will host a Ministry Sunday event following the 8:00 and 10:00 o'clock services on Pentecost. You will be asked to spend time at each ministry table, where seating will be available. Announcements will be made as to when you need to move to another ministry group, thereby ensuring that you will have time to visit them all.

Some of the ministries will have short questionnaires that they will ask you to fill out to provide them with input for planning activities and actions.

This is an opportunity for each of us to learn more about St. Luke's ministries and provide our thoughts on what we would like to see our various ministries do. Please help make Ministry Sunday a success by actively participating in the event. If you think you might like to assist a particular ministry, please let the table host know of your interest.

Making Stewardship Work

The Problem

St. Luke's approach to stewardship has been to compartmentalize it under separate committees: Environmental Care (formerly called "Environmental Study and Action"), Stewardship (limited to the fall pledge drive), and Outreach. This arrangement has, unfortunately, caused most of us to view "stewardship" as solely a financial matter, or even less positively, as the annual request for money. This, in turn, has always made it a challenge to find someone to chair the Stewardship Committee, and there is rarely anyone else serving on the committee. So the chair ends up acting alone.

The Outreach and Environmental Care committees have also had problems. One has struggled from not having any members to work with the chair, and both have had difficulties identifying actions to take. This has left the committees' participants feeling less than satisfied.

"Stewardship:" What It Is

Having separate committees reaching out to people in need, the spiritual discipline of giving from our resources, and taking care of our planet has resulted in us not recognizing and appreciating that they are all connected. They are all part of stewardship. Bishop Rickel, asking congregations to focus on "Stewardship of All Our Resources", expressed it this way:

"We believe Christianity is a faith of abundance and blessing. Becoming a people truly in touch with this reality makes us stewards of all our resources – human, financial, material, and spiritual. At Creation, God gave us responsibility for care of the Earth. More than ever before, we are aware that what we do affects those in the next generations."

A New Vision of Stewardship

God calls us to be stewards of all his creation: his people, our "Island Home" Earth, and his material gifts which include our church facilities and grounds. Stated simply: Stewardship is living our faith in the management of life and all its resources for God and for the good of all.

Implementing The New Vision

We have brought together what were separate "committees" under the Stewardship umbrella and modified the names. The former "Stewardship Committee" is now "Resources (i.e. finances, facilities, furnishings, equipment, and staff) Stewardship", the "Outreach Committee" is now "Outreach Stewardship", and the "Environmental Care Committee" is now "Environmental Care Stewardship". Each is a focus area of the Stewardship Ministry, and the people involved with each ministry now have others to work with them.

The term "committee" is typically used though out the secular world to denote a group of people that conducts business functions. We are all members of St. Luke's, not because we want to conduct business but because we are on a faith journey. As journeying pilgrims we seek to give back to God in thanksgiving for all we have received, and part of this giving back may be serving (alone or with others) to move St. Luke's toward greater fulfillment of its mission statement. Some of this is done by various groups sometimes referred to as "committees". Yet everyone helping out is, in fact, performing a ministry as part of his or her faith journey; and therefore, it seems more appropriate to refer to these Parish groups as "ministries".

People who have joined the first meetings of the Stewardship Ministry include our rector Bob Rhoads; Vestry members Bill Chisham, Richard Hempel, Peter Loeb, LeRoy Martin, and Candy Olmer; Jim and Linda Aldrich, Muriel Butler, and Pamela Godsey. If you are interested in being actively involved with the Stewardship Ministry, please contact Jim Aldrich (582-3038).

The next meeting of the Stewardship Ministry is scheduled for Wednesday June 8th, 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our agenda will deal with each of three stewardship focus areas: Environmental Care Stewardship, Outreach Stewardship, and Resources Stewardship.

Jim Aldrich

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

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 Griset	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		
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
Sheila Cope	Elsa McBride
Eleanor Cutsforth	Cathy Sneath
Don Newberg	Tom Santos
Janet Martin	Nancy Carrere
Esther Round	Petie McCrudden

For Family and Friends...

Mary Marzke (Braun)	Ray & Jane Apple
Bea Jackson, Nancye, (Round)	Sasha Kelly (Bridget Moore)
Josh, Leslie, Erin, Rebelah (Schmidt)	Malcolm & Priscilla Dunn
Paul Pederson, Mary Bogaert,	Carl Pearson, Kathy Sands (Evans)
Dan & Jan Heming, Anne Kernott (MacDonald)	Robert Sherrrod
Kave & Joyce Sauers	Katrina Howell (Slyh)
Bob (Jane)	Barbara Crandell
Lorraine LeGlaire	Yolanda Brandon
Kevin Neilson	Bob Rae
Harry & Mary Jo Goldsmith	Matt Neal
Kyla Burt	Ann Hood
Colin (McCrudden)	Ginger (Hicks)
Pam Sekaros & Bill Hoxsie;	Judy Easley
Bill and Sue Culver;	Deven (Chisham)
Chris Payne (Sell-Lee)	Suzanne Simmons (Greenwell)
Kit Moore	Dean Fusco (Rocheleau)
Brigitte Buckley	Penelope, Jack & Louise (Cutsforth)
Arlene Brewer	Laura Schmucker (Anne Davis)
Randy and Tim (Sally Sue)	Betty Krollpiffer (McCauley)
Shirley Kitpatrick	Terri Roberson (Bill Sell-Lee's daughter)
Vicki Rynd & family	
Melinda Nobe	
Charla Sowden	
Mary Waite	
Holly Pierce	
Phyllis Bailey	
Edith & Susan (Godsey)	
Larry Watters	
Penny Tremlin (J Shell)	
Pari Gill	
Sue Petrie	
David Riley (P. Whisner)	
Elizabeth Cisneros	

If there are names that can be taken off this list, or added to it, please let Diane know. We would like to keep it up to date

Vestry Dialogue

Since our last communication in the May Bellringer, the Vestry has conducted two monthly meetings and been ever active in trying to carry out its leadership responsibilities. LeRoy Martin and I have been very involved, under the fine tutelage of Committee Chair Jim Aldrich, in getting the Stewardship Program of St. Luke's stoked-up and steaming ahead to the glory of God. Other members on the Finance committee, under the watchful eye of your Treasurer, Jim Reker, have been busy facilitating and monitoring the conduct of the Certified Audit of St. Luke's 2010 Financial Statements. And, kudos go out to Allison Philips and Diane Bergsland for their very fine efforts on this important task.

Many other Vestry members continue to make excellent progress in achieving the major goal of preparing and issuing Job Descriptions and Employment Agreements for each of the employees of the Church. As well, they are negotiating and completing written contracts with each of our outside contractors. A very big THANKYOU needs to go out to them and to Rob Onnen, your Parish Counsel, for their tenacity and dedication to completing a daunting assignment of paperwork.

All of the Vestry members have been focusing on ways to achieve the second major goal of better communication by your leadership team with the entire Congregation, and to foster an overall environment of Christian reconciliation and compassion among all in the St. Luke's family! Father Bob's Sermon on May 1st was requested by the Vestry, and certainly provided much thought for each of us to consider and ponder in regard to our own attitudes and behaviors towards each other. It is important to remember at all times that as Episcopalians and disciples of Jesus Christ, that we share much more in common, that whatever differences of opinion we may have on any particular issue confronting us as a Church Family!!

Finally, I would be remiss in failing to acknowledge the spectacular efforts of our new Junior Warden, Bill Chisham. He has been super busy accomplishing many needed chores. Among them: (1) Oversight of the installation of a new furnace and heat pump for the Fellowship Hall; (2) Conducting a fire safety inspection and review with a representative of the Fire Department of St. Luke's entire buildings and facilities; (3) Coordinating the efforts of the Men's Club in re-furbishing and relandscaping the flower and shrub beds at the rear of the Fellowship Hall, and the installation of a tribute to Hardyn Soule, who so gener-

ously had created and constructed the original beds, and who provided a donation upon his passing, which the Men's Club (As represented by Rich Olmer) will use to fund the relandscaping; (4) Numerous fix-it and repair projects to virtually every aspect of our facilities (with the assistance of willing helpers); and (5) The creation of an Asset Inventory &

Running Maintenance Document for all significant assets and systems. When you see him around the Church, tell Bill how much you appreciate his wonderful go-get-em attitude and hard work!

Let's close this edition of the Vestry Dialogue with a quote from the poet Robert Alden: "There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle." May all of us at St. Luke's Church aspire to be a lighted candle to each other, so that the Church will shine brightly in the world!

Regards & Blessings

Richard Hempel

From the Bazaar Workshop

The Ladies and Gentleman at the workshop have been busy, and the projects are flowing fast and furious. We are seeing a renewed energy and a great surge of activity, fellowship and camaraderie. It is heartwarming.

If you wish to join us, you are most welcome! We enjoy new ideas and welcome everyone. This is one of St. Luke's long established groups and we really would like to see it continue and grow from strength to strength. Join us on Mondays (or work at home), as we look forward to our annual Holiday Bazaar Sale in November. Keep in mind too, that at that time we ask for volunteer help. Its a big undertaking and all your help and support is much appreciated.

Due to the Greenwell memorial Service on June 6th, the Bazaar Workshop will NOT meet.

Any questions? - ask Roberta Griset #681-0962 or Kay Schiller #683-0972

Special Events at St. Luke's for June 2011

Sundays:

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

Saturdays:

11:30am Light Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>1am Little Sisters of St Claire</i>	4
5 <i>9am Pancake Breakfast</i>	6 <i>8am Men's spirituality</i>	7 <i>1pm Daughters of the King</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Food Bank day Ministry Sunday</i>	13	14	15 <i>3pm—Vestry Mtg</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>4pm—Taize Srvc.</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>9am—Women's Spirituality 9:30am - Helping Hands</i>	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 to prepare. Donations will be accepted at the door.



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

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April 4, 2011

BEELY TO
ATTENTION OF
Strategic Communication Office

St. Luke's Episcopal Military Quilt Group
c/o Ms. Barbara McCauley
1039 Old Gardiner Rd.
Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Thank you for your generous donation to Madigan's patients. The items were distributed and appreciated by those who enjoyed the warmth they provided during their stay at the hospital.

Donations, like yours, remind our patients that generosity exists and our community continues to support their sacrifices to defend our country.

Again, I thank you for your selfless donation, and extend my deepest gratitude for your kindness in supporting our military members.

Sincerely,

Dallas W. Homas
Colonel, US Army
Commanding

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