

# St. John's Journal

## February 2024



### *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

What is happening in the month of February?

We are currently using a **different form of the Eucharistic Prayer** than what is found in the Prayer Book. We will be using it through February 11<sup>th</sup> and then you will have the opportunity to offer feedback to the Diocesan Task Force on Music and Liturgy. This is a modest beginning to what may become part of a revision of the Prayer Book.

Currently the Thursday Morning **Conversation Group** is reflecting on this Eucharistic Prayer and the ones in the Prayer Book. You are welcome to join us at 10:30.

On Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, hopefully a few members of the BAC will be traveling to Eugene for the **Diocesan Vestry/BAC Day**. This is a day-long training to help the members of the BAC be the best members of the BAC they can be. Because of this event, the February BAC meeting will be postponed to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a **Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Dinner** on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a rumor that it may involve waffles, among other food groups.

We will then have **Ash Wednesday Service** the next day, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon. It seems a little unfortunate that it is falling on Valentine's Day. Hopefully St. Valentine will not object.

The Season of Lent is an important time for self-reflection. It is a time for us to reflect upon how we live our lives and how God calls upon us to have higher standards. It is a time to seek out the Wisdom of God and at the same time the strength which the Holy Spirit can give us.

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This Lent can also be a time for us to reflect upon the life of our church. We have been through a lot in these four years that I have been your Vicar. We have negotiated some challenging times. This past year we began to get our feet back on somewhat familiar ground and are energized by the new people who have been added to our family. It is important for us to now take look at what new things God may be calling us to do and be.

Lent can also be a time for us to reflect upon the life of the community in which we live. The **Bandon City Council has scheduled a Work Session on Homelessness** in our community and has invited residents, business, community groups, and religious group to come together for a constructive discussion on how to address the rising number of homeless people in our community. The meeting will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Council Chambers. Please consider participating in this discussion.

Slipping into March, Emmanuel Parish in Coos Bay will be hosting a screening of the documentary ***The Philadelphia Eleven***. This is about the First women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 1977. The screening will happen on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00pm.

Fr. Doug



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### **February Birthdays And Anniversaries**

#### **Birthdays**

**1: Leland Pestana**

**6: Maggie Lowery**

**19: Ivy Wagner**

**20: Ann Sandstrom**

**22: Braydon Wagner**

**26: Denise Skillman**

#### **Anniversaries**

**13: Helen & Eddie Miller**

**15: Lara & Dave Mickle**



*Musings from Denise***WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE**

Pop music was banned in my house as I was growing up, but on February 9, 1964, my parents dragged me out of bed to watch the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show because they recognized it was an historic event I shouldn't miss. I did hear a few hit songs away from home, but it was years later before I understood their cultural context. For instance, the 1965 Hal David-Burt Bacharach collaboration that lent its title to this column became popular in the midst of the Vietnam War and the Cold War that swirled around it.

The world we live in today is still at war and still in need of love. The battlegrounds may have shifted, but the major belligerents are the same. When the headlines get me down, I turn off the news, knowing that whatever is happening in the world will continue to happen, whether or not I am watching and listening, and I begin to pray – usually beginning with this prayer (BCP page 815) that asks God to **unite us in bonds of love:**

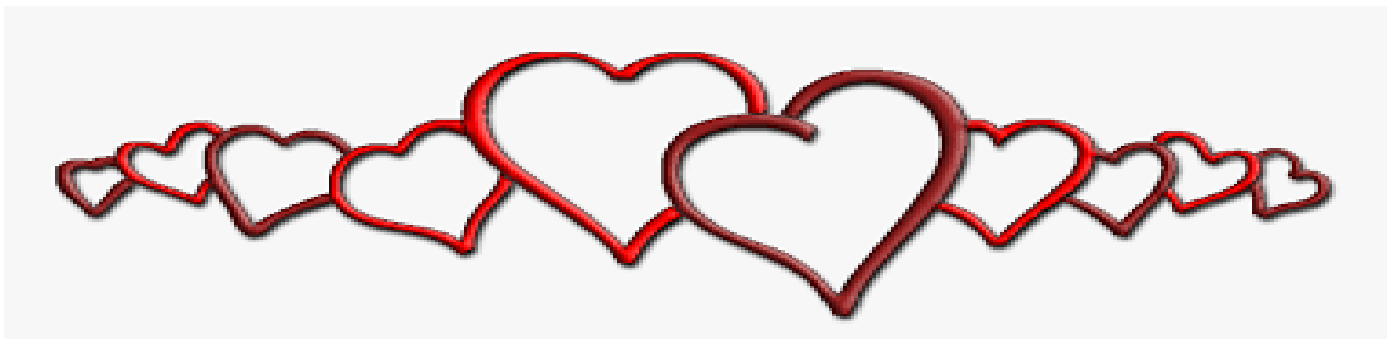
O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An offertory sentence that frequently precedes the Eucharist and also seems a perfect introduction to the Season of Lent is from Ephesians (5:2): "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God."

**Shrove Tuesday** is the last day of the Epiphany season. In the Middle Ages, Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (pardoned for their sins) in preparation for Lent. Meat and dairy were not allowed during Lent, so to use them up, the Pancake Supper was born. (We at St. John's prefer waffles.) The penitential Season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, a day of penitence and fasting.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls somewhat awkwardly on Valentine's Day, when children exchange greeting cards and lovers celebrate with flowers, chocolates, and a romantic meal. People frequently choose to give up something they like for Lent (like chocolate), though the trend in recent years has been to add something to their routine. A recently released film, "A Case for Love," suggests a daily practice of unselfish love to counteract the negative forces of anger, fear, hate, and injustice in the world. This Lenten season we could all try a little harder to spread some love.

**"What the world needs now is love, sweet love – No, not just for some but for everyone."**



## So Noted!

Has everyone recovered from the Annual Meeting? Good! Here we go:

At our last BAC Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, we approved the Financial Report. We also identified possible future reductions.

Following the congregation's approval of the Annual Report, we can finish the Trustees' Grant Request and send that to the Diocese. This may not completely cover all costs pertaining to the roof contract that is chosen.

Raise the Roof Capital Campaign will then commence. We have multiple capital concerns in our future this year.

On Shrove Tuesday (February 13th) a Waffle Supper will be served from 4-6pm. This is traditionally a pancake supper, however-we found that we could produce waffles faster.

## Calendar

Feb. 10 Vestry/BAC Day, St. Thomas, Eugene  
Feb. 13-Shrove Waffle Supper  
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 18 BAC

Respectfully submitted,

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden

## PRAYER MINISTRY

We are all familiar with the part of the Sunday service known as the Prayers of the People. There are several forms printed in the Book of Common Prayer (pages 383-393) which can be adapted for local use, and there are other resources available. Each Sunday there is a list of names of friends and family for whom we pray for comfort and healing.

Not everyone knows prayers for those individuals continue to be offered throughout the week. That is the ministry of St. John's "Prayer Chain," a small group of volunteers linked by email that independently carries the congregation's Sunday intercessions into the other six days of the week. When someone is ill or otherwise in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain is notified, and we begin to pray. It is a ministry individuals can conduct wherever they are, at whatever time of day they choose. In 2023, members included: Ginny Hall, Robin Hanna, Maggie Lowery, Kay Marino, Denise Skillman, and Kathy Webb. Additional members are always welcome. (Just contact Denise at [deniseskillman@gmail.com](mailto:deniseskillman@gmail.com).)

If there is a name you wish to have added to the prayer list, please write it on the clipboard outside the church office or contact Denise, our group leader, or Ginger, our Church Administrator.

# February 2024

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

				1 10:30 Con- versations/ Healing 6:30 Choir	2	3
4 5th Sun. of Epiphany HE II	5 7:30 AA	6 8:00 AA	7 8:00 AA	8 10:30 Con- versations/ Healing 6:30 Choir	9	10 Diocesan Vestry/ BAC Event - Eugene
11 Last- Sun, of Epiphany HE II	12 7:30 AA	13 Mardi Gras Dinner 4:00-6:00 8:00 AA	14 Noon Ash Wednes- day Service 8:00 AA	15 10:30 Conversa- tions/ Healing 6:30 Choir	16 15th: 3:30 BIG book discussions	17
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### **The St. John's Medical Loan Closet - 2023 By the Numbers**

The MLC, now 6.8 years old, continues to grow and we continue to help our clients stay mobile.

The following statistics illustrate how busy our very busy year was.

- 482 pieces of durable medical equipment were loaned - a 15% increase over 2022.

- 231 clients were served. This is 14% more than in 2022.

*(984 total clients have been served since we opened for business in 2017.)*

- 970 calls were received - up 31% from 2022.

*(3,500 total calls have come in to us since 2017.)*

But also impressive is that our volunteers Kathy Webb, Bobbi Neason, Sally Glunt and Lani Reynolds dedicate countless hours to this outreach ministry and selflessly give over, and over, and over.

Thank you team.

Walk and Roll!

Submitted by,

Judy Jackson

MLC Coordinator

### **Elected at Annual Meeting**

Elected to the Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC) for terms of two years: Jennifer Mello and Michelle Felkins.

Elected as delegated to convocation and diocesan convention: Jeffrey Clark and Laurea Arnoldt. Alternates elected were Kay Marino and Denise Skillman.

We are truly well-represented, thanks to those who elected them.



## 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT ROOF REPLACEMENT

**WHY NOW?** The current roof has exceeded its life expectancy and has begun to fail. Last winter it lost numerous shingles during high winds, and water damage was found in the sanctuary. Simple patching is no longer an option. In addition, the brick chimney (unused for decades) poses an earthquake and high wind hazard and should be removed.

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Tear off all existing roofing materials; patch leaks; repair any dry rot; remove and cap off the chimney; and install a new composite shingle roof similar in style and color to the current one.

**ESTIMATED COST: \$75,000** (give or take, depending upon the extent of damages and any change in the cost of labor and materials since bids were received last year.)

**WHEN WOULD THE PROJECT BEGIN?** With full funding in place by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the project can begin in May or June.

**FUNDING THE PROJECT:** St. John has a Money Market account dedicated to projects such as this one. Currently, we have \$17,260 available. We are applying to the Diocesan Board of Trustees for a \$48,000 grant. If fully granted, this would raise our available assets to \$65,260 for this project and would leave an estimated \$9,740 to be raised by our congregation (or more if the grant is only partially funded). This contribution will demonstrate to the Trustees our commitment to keeping our church campus safe and well-maintained.

**TIMELINE:** This capital fundraising campaign begins with the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024, and ends on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. The grant application will be filed in February. Pledges should be submitted by Easter, but the cash can arrive as late as May 1<sup>st</sup> for the project to begin that month.

### WILL YOU HELP US "RAISE THE ROOF"?

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one:*

\_\_\_\_ **YES! I wish to help "raise the roof."** My contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_ **YES! I wish to help "raise the roof."** I pledge to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ **by EASTER**  
(3/31/24)

\_\_\_\_ I wish to help but need more time to gather funds. *(Please tell Denise how much more time you need.)*

\_\_\_\_ I need more information before deciding to contribute to the new roof. *(Please see Fr. Doug or Denise)*

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**A Believe Out Loud  
Congregation**

**W H O W E A R E**

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.

**BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

**Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt**

**Junior Warden: Sally Glunt**

**Treasurer: Denise Skillman**

**Clerk: Ginny Hall**

**Members at large: Gail Pray, Kathy Webb,**

**Jennifer Mello, & Michelle Felkins**

**Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Jeffrey Clark**

**Alternates: Kay Marino & Denise Skillman**

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale**

**Music Director: Cynthia M0horko**

**Administrator: Virginia MacCallum**

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.

**FEED MY SHEEP**

So Jesus asked us to do. We can respond by our donations to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, which assists those who are hungry and in need.

A basket in the narthex is there for your donations. In addition to food, things like tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and shaving needs are welcome.

**"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."**