

This week at St. Luke: February 26 - March 3, 2024

Our dearest friend, The Reverend Deacon Penny Berktoed, past Dean of the diaconate in Oregon, Deacon of St. Mary's Parish in Eugene, died peacefully at her home in Eugene, surrounded by her Family.

Please pray for the soul of our dear Penny, for her beloved husband, Father , Ted Berktoed, and her children, Steven, Andy, and Julie, and their families.

Thank you,
Marilyn and Jim Murdock

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, February 26, 2024

- **Judith + is working at home this morning**
- 8:00 pm – **Compline**, live-streamed on Facebook

Tuesday, February 27

- 10:30 am – **Grist for the Mill**
- Noon-ish – **Holy Eucharist**, celebrating **George Herbert**
- 6:00 pm – **First meeting of the Tuesday class on racism**, via Zoom
- 8:00 pm – **Compline**, live-streamed on Facebook

Wednesday, February 28

- 10:30-12:30 – **Office hours for Judith+ and Gavin+ at St. Luke this week**
- 10:30 am – **Adult Discussion Group** continues their special Lenten series reading Amy Jill Levine's *The Gospel of Mark*, via Zoom
- 2:00 pm – **Centering Prayer** via Zoom
- 5:00 pm – **Taizé Evening Prayer**
- 8:00 – **Compline**, live-streamed on Facebook

Thursday, February 29

- 8:00 am – **Men's Breakfast** at Café Chill and via Zoom
- **Deacon Senitila** is available to visit shut-ins and to receive phone calls or emails
- 10:00 am – **Enneagram Study Group** via Zoom
- 8:00 pm – **Compline**, live-streamed on Facebook

Friday, March 1

- Noon – **Stations of the Cross** in person at the church
- 8:00 pm – **Compline**, live-streamed on Facebook

Saturday, March 2

- 9:30 am – **Community Breakfast** at Waldport Presbyterian Church (take-out only)

Sunday, March 3 – **The Third Sunday in Lent**

Judith+ will preside and preach

Usher: **Jackie**

Acolyte/EM: **Evelyn**

Lectors: **Curt / Marcia C.**

Coffee Hour: **Marcia C.**

- 9:00 am – **Holy Eucharist** in person, as well as live-streamed on Facebook (St. Luke-by-the-Sea) & YouTube – the channel is St Luke St Stephen at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxX8G3wYXzzi7YNtW4Z3Uyg>

NOTICES OF THE WEEK:

- **Mark your calendars!**

Taizé Evening Prayer:

THIS Wednesday, February 28 at 5:00 pm at St. Luke

Wednesday, March 20 at 5:00 pm at St. Luke

Study on Racism and Local Action, via Zoom:

Next Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 (session 2) *or*

This Tuesday, February 27, at 6:00 (session 1)

Lenten Retreat: Saturday, March 16 from 10:00–2:00 at St. Luke

Holy Week Services March 24–31

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: March 24, 9:00 am St. Luke; 11 am St. Stephen

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28, 5:00 pm St. Stephen; 7:00 pm St. Luke

Good Friday Liturgy: March 29, noon at St. Stephen; 5:30 pm at St. Luke

Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism: March 30 at 8:30 pm at St. Luke

Easter Day: March 31, 9:00 am at St. Luke; 11:00 am at St. Stephen

- **Your feedback is needed!** We have just completed a liturgical experiment, using a revised form of Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching Our Worship. Please share your impressions with Judith + and the Music and Liturgy Working Group by taking the survey here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSeZsAxcZI5Q-NLcxvZI_YIXWowhwhf1DP_4l1z9CiUbRf6AQ/viewform . **For a comparison of the original form and the revised form, see this link** (you'll need to scroll down a bit):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GNRsp38DP5Cit9DBvDJvx1XAfaKbR7At/view>

- In Lent we will **continue our study of racism. For our first session together, please explore this site and read the materials at this link:**
<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/pnw-history-culture/#title>
This conversation is open to anyone who is interested, not just to those who participated in Sacred Ground last year. We will have two groups, meeting every other week. One group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning on Tuesday, February 27. The other group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning this Wednesday, February 21. We will meet via Zoom. **Please let Judith + know if you would like to participate, and which group you want to attend so that she can send you a Zoom link.**

- We will be offering the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at noon throughout the Lenten season. Please join us for this short but meaningful service of reflection and prayer.

- If you are interested in Lenten meditations or resources for Black History Month, here are some suggestions:
- Lenten Meditations from Episcopal Relief and Development:
https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/?utm_source=ENS+Email+Blast&utm_medium=Websit

[e&utm_campaign=Lenten+Meditations&utm_id=Ads24&utm_content=Feb24](#)

- Black History Month Resources:
<https://www.centerforracialhealing.org>
<https://www.blackhistorymonth.gov>
- **Many thanks to those who signed up to be responsible for preparing coffee hour!** It is a fun ministry & so deeply appreciated by us all. The schedule has filled up for February and March, and even April is well on its way to being filled. Bless you, Kitchen Helpers!!
- At the **Annual Meeting**, we voted for **new BAC members and delegates to the Diocesan convention**. This year's BAC roster is:
 - Evelyn Archer, Senior Warden (2025)
 - Curt Werner, Junior Warden (2025)
 - Caroline Miller (2026)
 - Jeanne St John (2026)
 - Chris Chandler, Clerk (2027)
 - Eli Walters (2027)The BAC meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm this year, though our first meeting of the new BAC will be on Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 pm so as not to conflict with the Ash Wednesday service.

The delegates to the Diocesan convention this year are:
 - Eli Walters
 - Marcia Newberry
 - Jackie Wolfe (alternate)
- This Wednesday the **Adult Discussion Group** will continue our discussion with the third chapter of Amy-Jill Levine's *The Gospel of Mark*. **If you are interested in joining the group for the Lenten series or would like to know more information, let Brent Burford know** at brent.burford@gmail.com. The class meets by Zoom on Wednesdays from 10:30 until noon.

- The **Centering Prayer group** meets at **2:00 pm on Wednesdays**. It is currently meeting only via Zoom. If you'd like to join, please contact Dennis Moler (dmoler@charter.net).
- There is a **large box in the parish hall** ready to receive **donations of food items** through South Lincoln County Resources. They are **also seeking donations of warm blankets** for our unhoused neighbors as winter rages. Please donate what you can to help out those in need! Thank you so much!
- The **Lincoln County Winter Shelter** for unhoused people has now moved into its permanent location at **351 SW 7th Street in Newport!** Check-in for the Newport Shelter is from 6pm - 7pm each night. The Newport shelter is open seven days a week through March 31, 2024.

They still need volunteers—you can check out the Lincoln County Community Shelter website for more information and/or apply online to volunteer: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/1109/Community-Shelter-and-Resource-Center>

- In December we received a grant from the Diocese for \$16,000 for **replacement of our septic system**. That, plus \$5,000 that we already have earmarked for the project should take care of the cost. The final cost will be determined after Lincoln County Planning department visits St. Luke with Bales Brothers Excavation and Brian and Curt in attendance. Then we just need to be added into Bales Brothers schedule!
- St. Luke & St. Stephen have also received an almost **\$24,000 grant from the State of Oregon** to assist with **rapid rehousing of unhoused folks in Lincoln County!** Judith+ will be working with Gavin+ to support folks through Project Bravery, which works with LGBTQ+ youth; with Senitila to address the needs of the homeless folks in Waldport; and with St. Stephen's weekly Stone Soup Supper, which offers a weekly meal to hungry people in Newport.

- **Please continue to pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem as they seek to serve Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Palestine and Israel.** For a statement by the Church of England's House of Bishop regarding the war, see this link: <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/statement-house-bishops-war-gaza>. To learn more about Episcopal-approved advocacy organizations working for peace in Israel and Palestine, as well as what you can do to help, see this link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/resources-for-the-conflict-in-the-holy-land/>
- **Please also support those impacted by other recent disasters as you are able.** You may donate through Episcopal Relief & Development's Emergency Response Fund: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>. And please pray for all people in crisis!
- Please note: **If you arrive late for the service, please enter through the front door as the back door will be locked.**
- **Current weekly worship services:**
 - 1) **Holy Eucharist** will be held in person at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays** as well as live-streamed on St. Luke's Facebook page (St. Luke-by-the-Sea) & on our YouTube channel: StLukeStStephen (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxX8G3wYXzzi7YNtW4Z3Uyg>).
 - 2) **Holy Eucharist at noon-ish on Tuesdays**, following Grist for the Mill discussion group
 - 3) **Compline** is held Monday through Friday on Facebook livestream at 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

If you have requests for prayer:

- for **private** (Prayer Chain) prayers, please let Michele Hogan know (435-654-3845 or midwaymichele@hotmail.com)
- for **public** (Prayers of the People in Sunday service or Compline), please let Judith+ know (541-272-4939 or Judith.jones@wartburg.edu)

- *If you would like your prayer request included in This Week at St. Luke, please let Marcia Casey know (307-733-9296 or caseymarcia99@gmail.com)*
- Please keep **Lee, Karin Bigler's brother-in-law** in prayer as he was taken to the hospital on Feb. 25 for heart issues. Pray for comfort, excellent medical care and healing for him, and for comfort, peace and strength for his family and friends.
- Please also keep **Karin's husband Eric** in prayer as he prepares for back surgery on March 8th. Pray for guidance for his medical team and caregivers, for comfort, peace and healing for Eric, and for peace, strength and comfort for Karin as well as the rest of the family & his friends.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nancy**, dear friend and long-time neighbor of **Evelyn Archer**. She passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 5, at home. Pray for comfort and peace for all her family and friends, especially Evelyn.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Deanne Bishop**, beloved long-time member of the greater St. Luke and St. Stephen community. She died very unexpectedly on January 8 of a heart attack. Please pray for comfort and peace for her many grieving friends and family.
- Please pray for **Damian**, Lili Muñoz's cousin's baby. He has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Please pray for **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**, who underwent a second surgery for a recurrence of subdural hematoma on January 6. He has been released from the hospital & will continue his recovery at home. Please pray for Bishop Curry, his family, and his medical team. Updates will be provided as they become available at www.episcopalchurch.org
- **Ray Winward's** recent tests revealed that his lungs are stable & his two cancers are still in remission, though he's still suffering some aftereffects of the radiation therapy he received. He has been able to

reduce a couple of meds, though! Hallelujah! Please keep **Ray & Jackie** both in prayer for continued good health and peace of mind.

- Please keep **Ray Winward's daughter Shelley & her dear friend Rosie** in prayer: Shelley donated a kidney to her life-long friend a few years ago, but now Rosie has been diagnosed with cancer behind that kidney. Please keep Rosie in prayer for excellent medical care, complete healing, comfort, strength & peace as she faces this diagnosis; and pray also for her beloved friend Shelley, (who gave a precious part of herself to keep her friend alive & is deeply entwined in her friend's life & healing) for comfort, peace, and a strong & tender heart to help her friend through this crisis.
- Please pray for **Judy Bassett**: Fawn, who recently visited her in the memory care facility in Philomath, says she is very lonely & has few people to talk with there at the high level of intelligence & acuity Judy has. Please pray for quick progress on her physical & occupational therapies so that she may return to her daughter's house & a more fulfilling life. Judy asked Fawn to give her warm thoughts & wishes to everyone at St. Luke's. **She would greatly appreciate cards, calls, & visits from St. Luke members!** Please contact Judy's daughter Katy by email at Blondiekaty@gmail.com if you'd like to get instructions on how to schedule a visit at the memory care center. Judy's mailing address (at Katy's house) is:
24631 Daisy Drive
Philomath, OR 97370
- Please keep **Caroline Miller's dear friend Margie** in prayer as she has just been diagnosed with a rare & very aggressive form of breast cancer. Please pray for healing for Margie, & for comfort, strength & peace for Margie, her family, & her friends.
- Please keep **Winnie Greenshields** in prayer as she recently suffered a mild stroke. It has affected her memory somewhat but she is home from the hospital now & on her way to recovery. She really needs our prayers for healing, comfort, strength, & peace, as does Dick for his worsening COPD & in his support for his dearly beloved wife. If you'd like to send a card or letter, their new address is:
201 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg VA 22405-2107

- Please keep **Eli Walters** in prayer as he continues to work intensely with the disordered eating program in Eugene. Please pray for comfort, complete healing, strength, and deep peace for him. Eli's address is:
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939 Willagillespie Rd.
Eugene OR 97401
- Please keep **Joelden's mother Dorena** in prayer as she's been put on hospice. Please continue to pray for comfort, strength and peace for her, and pray, too, for comfort, peace, & strength for her daughter **Joelden**, the rest of her family, and her friends and community.
- Please continue to pray for healing for **Jen**, who had surgery to remove an Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma. She is now enduring an 8-week course of daily radiation. Jen is the **wife of Judith and Brian's nephew Josh**. Josh and Jen have three young children.
- Please keep **Jim & Marilyn Murdock's daughter Lynn Murdock & her husband Jeff Grote** in prayer for healing.
- Please pray for **Jaya Fever**, the 18-yr-old daughter of Brian and Judith's colleagues Kyle and Laura Fever, who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury. She is now continuing intensive therapy while she lives at home with her family. Please pray for her as she works to recover all of herself that she can and grieves what she has irretrievably lost. Pray for Jaya and her family as they learn who Jaya is now.
- Pray for long-time St. Stephen secretary **Jan Sedlacek**, who is still dealing with several health issues. Pray for complete healing for Jan, and for peace, strength, & comfort for both Jan & her husband **Oliver Johnson**.
- Please keep **Evelyn Archer** in prayer. Pray for healing, strength, comfort, & peace as she continues to recover from a stroke as well as seizures.

- Please pray for **Zach Barrett**, Pastor Bob Barrett's son, who had successful surgery for kidney cancer and is now receiving immunotherapy. Pray for complete healing for him, & for strength & comfort for him and his family.
- Please keep **Don & Bette Ashley** in prayer for their health challenges. If you'd like to send them a card, their address is:
Brookdale Grand Prairie
1929 Grand Prairie Rd. SE (Room 116)
Albany OR 97322
- Please pray for **Jim & Marilyn Murdock's dearest, near life-long friends, Deacon Penny Berktold and Father Ted Berktold** as they deal with severe illnesses. (If anyone wishes detail, you may contact Marilyn, not them).

Love, prayers and peace,
Marcia Casey

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