



# The Dragon Scoop

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“Loving God, Loving Our  
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## The Rector Search

Good news! Rector Candidate the Rev. Dr. Gail Duba will be in Roseburg the last week in February to meet the Vestry and congregation. She will participate in the Ash Wednesday services at noon on February 26 and she will be available for a question-and-answer session afterwards.

Pastor Gail is a Lutheran minister. The Episcopal Church is in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) since 2000, and both recognize the validity of each other's baptisms and ordinations. Read Pastor Gail's own story of her call to St. George's in her November 1 letter to the Search Committee. It's found on pages 3-4 of the *Dragon Scoop*.



Pastor Gail

Photo by Sam Riddlesberger

# Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

In the weeks of the season of Epiphany, we are invited to consider ways in which the work and mission of Jesus are made manifest.

The first Sunday in the month, February 2, lands on the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, are privileged to recognize in the infant Jesus, the promised Messiah.

On the next Sunday, we are challenged to be salt and light to the world, flavor and illumination. On February 16, we are challenged to act and speak both honorably and truthfully as those who follow Jesus. It is easier said than done. Jesus did it. Does it.

The last Sunday before Lent, this year on February 23, speaks of the Transfiguration of Christ on a mountaintop. Peter, James, and John see Jesus glowing with the "uncreated light," and hear the heavenly Father once again call Jesus his beloved Son, to whom we must listen. Moses and Elijah stand with Jesus, representing the Law and the Prophets, which Christ fulfills.

Three days later it is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. We consider, and lament, our sins, and those of all humanity. We are marked with ashes. The ashes are a sign of both sorrow for sin and hope for new life. Then we are reassured in the Holy Eucharist, taking once more the Body and Blood of Jesus under the forms of bread and wine.

Throughout Lent we will try, as we are able, to reflect on God's love for us and for all humanity, to practice such generosity and self-denial as we feel able, to reflect on the meaning of our Lord's incarnation and cross. Sunday and Wednesday worship are good times to start. I can make more suggestions on an individual basis, in person or by telephone.

Eucharist on Ash Wednesday will be at noon, followed by a simple meal. (It is one of the two official days for fasting in the Episcopal Church.) Pastor Gail Duba will be with us that day. She will probably be our preacher. We will also hear from her, and ask questions of her, after the service. I look forward to sharing the day with you.

It will be a day to look forward to new beginnings, new opportunities, for our parish. Perhaps with Pastor Duba, perhaps with a different rector, St. George's will have a leader and partner who lives in your midst. One who will lead you from strength to strength, who will help each one of you to become more Christ-like, more joyful, more effective in the service of both our neighbors and our God.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim+



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## Pastor Gail Duba

November 1, 2019

Dear Search Committee of St. George's Parish,



I learned about your need for a part-time rector in a most unusual way. In fact, I'd call it a "God thing." My husband and I were in Roseburg to visit our home that we've owned for 26 years. My husband, Dr. David Duba, had taken a job at Douglas Community Hospital right after he finished his residency at U. of Minnesota in 1992. We were thrilled to be returning to the western part of the U.S. where we'd both grown up. We bought a house and traveled by car to Roseburg with our three sons. The house we bought is on Summit Drive, just on the edge of town.

Unfortunately, David's job as Medical Director for the Rehabilitation Unit at Douglas Community proved to be way more than a full-time job. He was working approximately 70 hours/week and had few weekends off. This was not good for his health or our sons. When he was doing his job search he had also been offered a position at a 3-person practice at a Rehab Hospital in Spokane. David called them up and they still

had an opening. We came to Spokane for me to see the city and decided this would be the best move for us as a family. But we liked our house and the area so much, we kept the house and it has been rented almost continuously ever since, sometimes to one family for 4-5 years at a time.

On Wednesday, October 23, we walked into St. George's Church, as we'd seen it and it looked like a lovely church and we knew church secretaries to be honest about a community. Jean [Bowden] met us at the door, but had to finish her phone call, so we picked up the newsletter. We looked at each other when we read that St. George's was looking for a part-time rector. Although I am a Lutheran pastor, I have several Lutheran pastor friends who are serving Episcopal parishes. When I introduced myself as a pastor who was thinking about moving back to Roseburg, Jean asked if she could put us in touch with the chair of the call committee, Warden Steve Thomas. We met back at St. George's with Steve and Pete Benham for over an hour.

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## Pastor Gail, continued

While no pastor can be responsible for the growth of a church, I have numerous ideas on ways to enliven the parish. I would like to add a nursery in one of the rooms used for storage off the fellowship hall. The adage "If you build it they will come" has worked before and the "Welcome Room" could be used by grandchildren, as well as visitors. I would continue the cooperation with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox worshipping community and the AA group that meets upstairs. I would love to see the congregation grow through invitation to friends to come to meet the new rector. My background in forestry would enable me to hear the issues of the community with open ears.

There are many reasons I am interested in this call. I feel that I am well-qualified to serve your church. I have been ordained since 2002 and have served both part time and full time in churches. I served Central Lutheran Church in Spokane which is in the middle of the city with some of the issues you have due to your location. I have served as pastor and chaplain to a retirement community with over 400 residents, from the active 65-80 year olds to the less active 80+ seniors. And most recently I served as Interim Minister to two rural churches on the Palouse, south of Spokane. Peace Lutheran in Colfax reminds me of your church.



I will close this letter of introduction with the words of Jesus, "Welcome the little children to come unto me for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." I believe that we are all children of God and all are welcome to God's table of grace. I would be glad to come to preach at your parish, if that would be desirable for all of you.

In Christ's name,

Rev. Gail Duba+



*Above: Pastor Gail at the summit of the Oregon Matterhorn in the Wallowas. She is an enthusiastic walker, hiker, and backpacker.*

*Thanks to Sam Riddlesberger for many of the photos in the article.*

# Episcopal Church Women

## by Sue Phelps

ECW met Jan. 2 and planned the delicious soup luncheon held in celebration of Epiphany. It was decided that we will have a "Sock It To Me" Sunday once a quarter with the socks going to the Dream Center and the Mission. We also agreed to an "Undie Sunday" to collect personal items for the women of Samaritan Inn. These collections events will alternate each quarter.

Our speaker was Kimber Nutter, the Outreach Supervisor for CHI Mercy Health, directing the home health and hospice programs for the hospital. We learned that qualifying for services begins with a physician's referral. Eligible patients are assigned an interdisciplinary team headed by a nurse who serves as the case manager. Services may include routine daily care, physical therapists, speech and occupational

therapists, medication management, a chaplain's support, any equipment a patient needs, and educating the family about what to expect as their loved one's condition progresses. Help is also available with necessary paperwork for insurance claims. Nearly 50 volunteers support the program and help in any way needed, from socialization to housework and respite for the caretakers. There is much more information about the home health and hospice services which can be accessed through Kimber Nutter. Her card is in the office.

Our next meeting is Feb. 6. Karla Roady and a friend will share a program about the churches they visited in England.

# Flowers and Thanks

## by BJ Hoffman

### SAVE YOUR DATES

The 2020 Altar Flower Donation Schedule is now posted. Now is the time to sign up for those special dates you would like to celebrate with flowers on the altar. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, special people in your life—past and present, or special events, or just because you would like to share your own flowers with the congregation.

You can donate money and have someone else buy and arrange the flowers. You can bring flowers from the store and have someone else arrange them. You can bring and arrange your own flowers from your garden.

The schedule is still above the drinking fountain and looks very bleak; so, please sign up before you forget.

### THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU

Thank you to everyone who had any part in decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas season. And a special one for those who helped put it all away. If I were to name them, I know I would forget someone or miss someone who prefers to stay in the background. So please know you are all such a special blessing to the whole congregation.





## Parish News



*Left: Birthday Blessings for David Jackson and Marcia Jackson*

*Below: Birthday Blessings for Peggy Reiter and Anniversary Blessings for her and her husband, Eddie, for their 35th year of marriage*



*Below: Karla Roady arranged for Eric and Diane Warner to remove the bushes at the southwest corner of the church,*





# Parish and Community News



## Valentine Bingo at Holy Spirit

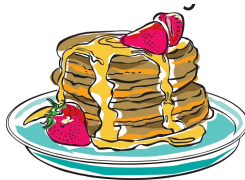
**Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-3 pm—**  
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church at 120 S. Umatilla St. in Sutherlin will host Valentine Bingo. There will be prizes and refreshments.

## Annual Parish Meeting

**Sunday, Feb. 16 after worship—**  
A soup luncheon will be served. Don't miss it!

## Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Tuesday, February 25, 4-6 pm—**  
On Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday, we will serve a wonderful meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea. The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Please sign up in the Parish Hall ahead of time so we know how many to prepare for.



## Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

**Wednesday, February 26, TBA—**  
After the Ash Wednesday service, the congregation is invited to meet with Rector Candidate Pastor Gail Duba.



## COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster)

The Douglas County chapter of COAD assists local residents with disaster-caused recovery needs. St. George's is one of many churches and businesses registered to be able to help. In case of a disaster, church members could help by assembling or registering people who are made homeless or are unable to travel to return to their homes, by manning phone lines supplied by the emergency services, by storing donated supplies, or just by having the church available for those in need.

Any members who possibly would like to be on call to assist in a time of emergency are asked to contact Doug Holloway. Of course, in any disaster the member's immediate personal and family safety concerns come first.

~ Doug Holloway

## New Community Art Center

Wonderland is a new community art center at 1022 SE Oak Ave. in Roseburg. There are several free art classes at Wonderland every week for people and children of all ages and skill levels. (See calendar on Facebook.)

Wonderland is also a creative reuse store. People from the community donate craft supplies and art materials which we sell at a fraction of the original cost. We also accept and sell office and school supplies. The free classes are made possible by the sales from the creative reuse store. We also do birthday and private parties for only \$50.

Please contact us if you have any questions about our classes or about making a donation: <https://www.facebook.com/wonderlandreuse/> or (541) 423-7945.

~ Magnus Johannesson



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date is February 15  
Have your filled  
Green Bag ready!***



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Junior Warden: Steve Thomas  
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

**OFFICE HOURS  
10:00 am—2:00 pm  
Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**Sundays**  
**10 am—Holy Eucharist**  
**Wednesdays**  
**10 am—Morning Prayer**

