



The Dragon Scoop

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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

Welcome!

ELCA Lutheran Pastors Matthew and Janine Goodrich have accepted the call from Faith Lutheran and St. George Episcopal Churches to serve both congregations in Roseburg. 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. The couple will be 3/4 time at Faith and 1/4 time here. They will begin their time with us at the end of November. They sent this letter to be published in the Dragon Scoop:

Janine and Matt are excited to join the ministry at St. George's Episcopal church in Roseburg. We are moving to Roseburg after 28 years serving as pastors in Eastern Washington. Both of us grew up in Minnesota and attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, but have found our home in the Pacific Northwest. We have two fabulous children —Kari and Lee. Kari is a recent graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and plans to be a Kindergarten teacher and Lee is studying at WWU in Bellingham.

Matt is an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoys the outdoors and cooking and spending time with family and friends. He is always up for a game of cribbage! His motto is “It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.”

Janine loves to read and go for walks with the dogs and play pinochle and Dominion and other games. She has also enjoyed being involved in the theater and singing and playing piano. Lately, she's been hooked on Korean television, for some odd reason.



Pastor Matt and Pastor Janine Goodrich

We are both convinced that God's grace is absolute and Jesus' love is unshakeable. And you will hear us say, more often than you can imagine, that “God has you and holds you and will never let you go.”

Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . .

In Western Christianity, All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1. This includes many Protestant churches, including the Episcopal and the Lutheran churches, as well as the Roman Catholic Church. In the Western Christian practice, the liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of October 31, All Hallows' Eve, and ends at the close of November 1. In places where All Saints' Day is observed as a public holiday, cemetery and grave rituals such as offerings of flowers, candles, and prayers or blessings for the graves of loved ones often take place. In Austria and Germany, godparents gift their godchildren *Allerheiligen Striezel* (All Saints' Braid) on All Saints' Day, while the practice of making Soul Bread remains popular in Portugal. It is a national holiday in many Christian countries.

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church Triumphant"), and the living (the "Church on Earth"). In mainline Christian theology, All Saints' Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of God's saints", including those who are "famous or obscure." As such, individuals throughout the Church Universal are honored, such as the Gospel writers, Paul the Apostle, Augustine of Hippo, St Francis of Assisi, and Martin Luther, in addition to individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's parents, grandmother, or a friend. The festival was retained after the Reformation in the calendar of the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches.

Protestants generally commemorate all Christians, living and deceased, on All Saints' Day—they use it to remember all Christians both past and present. Prayers and responsive readings may accompany the event. In most congregations, the festival is marked as an occasion to remember the dead. The names of those who have died from the congregation within the last year are read during worship and a bell is tolled. While the dead are solemnly remembered during worship on All Saints'

Sunday, the festival is ultimately a celebration of Christ's victory over death. It seems fitting that we remember all those that have gone before us in "so great a cloud of witnesses," as Paul describes it in Hebrews 12:1-3.

All Saints' Day 2023 will bring us to the cusp of new beginnings for Faith Lutheran and St. George Episcopal Churches. In November, an ELCA Lutheran clergy couple, Pastors Matt and Janine Goodrich will be moving to Roseburg to begin their call. They have faithfully served the congregation in Newport, WA, for 18 years. They will serve our congregations with both churches receiving Word and Sacrament (Holy Eucharist) on every Sunday. Faith Lutheran will continue to meet at 9:30 on Sundays and St. George's will change their worship time to 10:30 a.m. to accommodate the pastors. My last Sunday at Faith will be Nov. 12 and at St. George's will be on Nov. 19. I want to thank everyone who has opened your heart, mind, and spirit to me during these last 3½ years. You ALL have made our return to Roseburg a blessing from God.

Shalom,
Pastor Gail



Almighty God,
You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

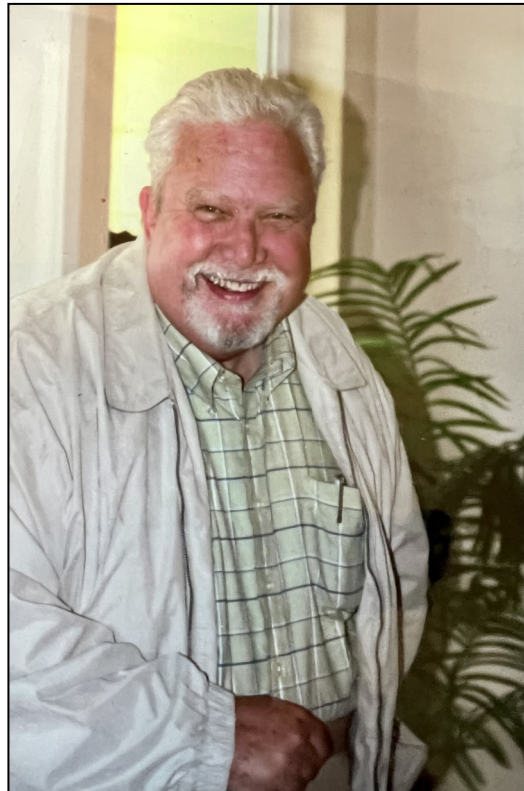
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(from the BCP)

In Memoriam

Charles J. Wilkins

October 1, 1939 — September 30, 2023



Charles Wilkins passed away on Sept. 30, 2023, in Roseburg, OR, after a lengthy illness. He and his wife, Margo, retired in Roseburg from the San Francisco Bay area in the early 2000s and found St. George's soon after.

Charles grew up in Fresno, CA, where he was an acolyte in the local Episcopal church. After graduation from Bullard High School he attended Menlo College in Menlo, CA, where he graduated in 1962 with a B.S. in accounting.

After graduation he worked in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, San Jose, and San Francisco as a computer programmer while serving in the Air National Guard.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge as well as Indian Guides and Boy Scouts with his sons Eric and Kevin.

He is survived by his wife, Margo, his two sons, his stepdaughter Valerie Renggli, and his stepson Todd Pirlot.

In the spring of 2024 there will be a ceremony at the Roseburg VA with Masonic and military funeral honors for Charles.

~ Obituary by Margo Wilkins

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW met on Oct. 19 with great food from Sue Phelps. Since Thelma Sayers was not with us for this meeting, Jean Bowden gave us the Thought for the Day—

*“There are two ways to live in this world:
As if everything were enchanted or nothing
at all.”*

She found it in our own *Dragon Scoop*.

We decided to change the way we help the children in need with our "Giving Tree." We will be asking for monetary donations which will be converted to gift cards to be given to the people who help those children. More information will come at the November ECW meeting.

The Jacksons brought another box of potatoes for ECW to possibly have a baked potato feed. We decided to do that on Sunday, Nov. 26, when the Pastors Goodrich come.

Kathy Glockner reviewed how to use the Emergency Resuscitator that sits in the white box on the wall just inside the parish hall doors.

Join us for our next meeting Nov. 16 when Matthew Jackson will talk with us about genealogy.

It's That Time of Year.....

If you would like to donate towards the Christmas **poinsettias and wreaths**, please make the check out to St. George and write flowers, wreaths, or poinsettias in the memo line. If you prefer to donate cash, be sure to put your name on the envelope and what it is for. If you would rather donate an actual poinsettia, bring it in the week before Christmas so we know how many we need to purchase.

Thank you and have a blessed holiday season which goes clear through Jan. 6, 2024!!!

Rummage Sale Results

Our rummage sale has of this date brought in \$1292.53 with an IOU still outstanding. We talked about changing next year's fall sale to November and advertising it as being open starting Tuesday to let people shop while we are putting out donations. Then maybe open 4-6 on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you for all your donations that resulted in another successful sale. Donations from you and your friends, neighbors, and relatives really made this sale fun as well as successful. The donation of your time is also important and appreciated; and our potluck was really great.

We had fun watching and listening to customers, especially grandparents making purchases for current and future grandchildren. One man has a grandson due at Christmas and he came in three times.

It seems each sale is another experience. It was great to see some new faces setting up and buying. Thank-yous go to the Roseburg Senior Center for picking up leftover items. Thanks to Karla Roady and Robin Artac for taking the children's clothing to Douglas Children's Services and the toys and furniture to a Peppypotamus, a "pre-loved children's mercantile" at One Champion Plaza.

As you bring out your winter clothes and Christmas decorations, set aside the items you are not so excited about for the next November sale.

*Right:
Jean babysitting
while Mom shopped.*



Photo by Sue Phelps.

Lots more sale photos and stories on the next two pages!

More on the Rummage Sale

by Karla Roady

Mike and Susan Brossia needed to clear out an extra bedroom. In the bedroom were antique twin beds and mattresses. Pete Benham and Steve Thomas dismantled them and loaded them into Pete's truck. (Not an easy task.) Magnificent beds, they are true antiques. From about 1860, of an unknown type of wood. What they did know was the wood was stained by using tobacco! They were gorgeous.

When Pete and Steve got them unloaded and in the Parish Hall, (not an easy task) we soon got the first potential customer. The Parking Enforcement man got out of his car and asked if we had any twin beds. "As it so happens, we do," said our salespeople. He has two tall teen-age boys and we thought we had a sale. However, as so often happens, the wife felt differently.



The next day the beds were still there and the thought of loading them up again and taking them somewhere (not an easy task) was not what Pete and Steve wanted to consider. The price was going down significantly. From "priceless" to whatever we could hope to get offered. Little did we know a much better offer was in store.

Friday a young-ish couple walked in, having driven down from Salem looking for furniture. They got very excited about the beds. We became excited and thrilled when they told us how they would be used. They are starting a Foster Home for the elderly. When they asked the price our salesperson timidly said "\$100?" Their response was, "For each bed?" Our salesperson not so timidly responded, "Yes, that's right."

They went to get their truck, Pete and Steve standing by. When they pulled up we saw the

truck was very large with a long bed. The young-ish couple loaded up beds and mattresses, very easily it might be said.

A cynic might say "foster home—ha." So if you're a cynic, watch Antiques Roadshow and look for those beds. If not and even if you are, be happy that this church family helped out the Brossias, and the ECW women worked hard (not an easy task) to put on the Rummage Sale Fall 2023.

Last Friday, with the great help of Robin Artac (pictured below), she and I delivered children's equipment from the Rummage Sale. Kathy Glockner had brought boxes and boxes of children's clothing, toys, beds, and other equipment. It was decided to donate what was left of the equipment to Peppypotamus; it is in Champion Plaza and a great resource for children's goods that you might want to "buy, sell, trade." They attach a value to what you bring in; since ours is donated that value will be transferred on to needy parents. They were thrilled with everything we brought in. It took my truck and Robin's Suburban to take it all!



I also delivered all the leftover children's clothing to DHS as well as a suitcase they were happy to take. The donated suitcases are used by foster children.

Photos by Karla Roady

Still More Rummage Sale!

Right: Sue Phelps sent in this photo with the tongue-in-cheek comment that it's "a glimpse of the grueling work of the rummage sale."

Pretty sure it's the first time staff had a chance to sit down!



Above: The soon-to-be granddad mentioned on page 4. He gave permission for his photo to be used here.

Photos by Sue Phelps

Financial Report by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2023

	September	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,055	\$ 5,338	\$ 58,879	\$ 48,041
Other Income	3,397	3,783	43,088	34,050
Total Income	8,452	9,121	101,967	82,091
Expenses	5,773	12,393	84,876	111,538
	<u>\$ 2,679</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 17,092</u>	<u>\$ (29,447)</u>

Hi all! We have good news and bad news. The pledges received were below our budgeted amount, but our actual year-to-date pledge is still above what we budgeted. Summer is usually when people leave on vacation and incoming pledges decrease. Our expenses were more than what our pledge receipts were for the month. Fortunately our expenses were way down for the month, so we still came out in the black by a good amount. We still have to get all the kinks worked out on how the finances will be worked out with the new pastor(s). We look forward to having a steady person in the rector's position.

The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpts from 1951

Episcopalians in the southern part of Douglas County were beginning to get organized and things were happening at the Church in Riddle. With Rob Burton's help, attendance grew. But with his plans to go to seminary, others help became needed. At this point in time, there were two sons of Episcopal priests living and working in Roseburg, Perry Smith, Jr., and Eric Robathan, son of the rector of the Episcopal Church in Pendleton. These two young men were recruited and helped out with the services in Riddle of a short period of time. So there was enough momentum now that after having been in existence for some thirty years or more, the congregation of the Church of the Ascension voted on April 10, 1951, to seek admission into the Diocese as an "Organized Mission." (They had previously been an "unorganized mission" in more ways than one!) Ascension Guild, which had pretty much been the "church" up to this point, met that Spring at Mrs. Hillabold's home in Myrtle Creek and began what was to blossom into the neighboring congregation of St. Anne's Church. Unfortunately, it grew rapidly, blossomed beautifully, and then died almost as quickly. More of that later.

We will have to wait until 1956 to learn more about St. Anne's!

In September 1951 an event took place that was to be of tremendous help to St. George's for at least thirty-five years. A young man and his bride moved to Oakland, Oregon, to take the position as music director for the Oakland High School, with the name of Robert E. Robins. Bob had grown up in St. Paul's Church, Salem, under Father Swift, and was an exemplary Christian and a dedicated Episcopalian. His wife Margaret, better known from the name of a pet dog she once had, Jeffie, sang soprano in the choir. And Bob took on the job as choir director, where he combined musical ability with a great knowledge of church music, and we produced a joyful and pleasant sounding "noise to the Lord" for the rest of the years I was rector and into Father Falby's time.

The parish certainly owes a big debt of gratitude to Bob for all his work with the choir, through good times and times when there were not too many singers. And, in addition, he read the lessons, became a licensed Lay Reader, and probably the first licensed chalice bearer St. George's ever had. After two years at the Oakland High School, Harry Jacoby, who was the principal of the Roseburg High School, secured Bob as choral director there, assuring us of having him for many years to come.

Bob Robins was with St. George's until his death in 2016, a total of 65 years! He was vital to the church's music ministry as well as being a lay minister.

All in all, St. George's ended 1951, two and a half years after I became rector, with a new rectory, and new parish house almost completed, and with 424 communicants, up from the 275 that were on the parish list when I arrived in July 1949. And the momentum was still building!

From The Preacher & the Teacher: the story of our years at St. George's as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson.



Parish News



Top Left:
The Rev. Dr. Tony Petrotta

Top Right: **Birthday Blessings for Margaret Thomas**

Center:
The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond

Right: **Anniversary Blessings for Pastor Gail and Dr. David Duba**

Parish News



Bob Spielman refinished the bench in the Columbarium and purchased this memorial plaque for it.



Sad News

Bill Riley received the sad news that former longtime parishioner Roger Helliwell passed away on Oct. 27. Roger was on St. George's Vestry for years and he and his brother were acolytes when they were young.

The *Dragon Scoop* plans to have a full memorial page in the December issue.



Birthday Blessings for Karla Roady



Advent Decorating Schedule

Thurs., Nov. 30, or Fri. or Sat., Dec. 1 or 2—
Put the greens up around the rafters.

Sat., Dec. 16—
Complete the decorating of the church.

Vestry Nominations

Submissions for nominations to the Vestry must be made in writing by Jan 7, 2024. There are three openings. Detailed instructions will be in the December *Dragon Scoop*.

Not Just for Thanksgiving

How to PRACTICE gratitude

BY SALLY CHUNG

Start a GRATITUDE Journal

- 1. my bed
- 2. today's breakfast
- 3. the sunshine

• jot 3 things you're thankful for before sleeping. zzzz

Make a FAMILY (or) PERSONAL gratitude JAR

- decorate any sized jar
- place jar in a noticeable/common area w/papers, pen
- read notes on hard days

thankful for ...

Say "thank you" more!

- it can STRENGTHEN relationships
- it can make someone's DAY!
- it reminds people they are → IMPORTANT ←

SMILE 😊

- proven to strengthen immune system ← GASP!
- makes you more confident! yas
- doesn't cost \$\$\$

thank you for trying ❤️

Spend TIME with LOVED ones

- make intentional time
- be thankful for the opportunities you have to grow closer
- remind them you care about them

thank u for being there ❤️

thank u for listening ❤️

volunteer

- provides a bigger perspective on life
- studies show → boost well-being, greater functionality
- helping others can help you!
- make impact in local community



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Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the November Stamp of the Month

November is National Raptor Month

The American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk) is the
● smallest cousin of the Bald Eagle and is
found in most of North America. It usually
makes its home in hollowed out trees or
nests deserted by other birds. The stamp
features the Kestrel in it's normal hunting
position perched on a limb.



Scott catalog #2476, issued on
June 22, 1991, at Aurora, CO

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December.
Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

FISH

In October Ingram Book's crew donated over 866 pounds of food, enough to help over 200 people in need who come to the FISH pantry.



Get this on your calendar! Red Robin is hosting a fund raiser. Grab a friend or bring the family on Thurs., Nov. 9, and mention the FISH food drive to get 20% of your purchase donated to the FISH! If ordering online there is a special Fundraiser button.





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10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10:30 am
Sundays
and
10 am
Wednesdays

