

The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

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Dear sisters and brothers:

Thanks for your many well wishes and prayers during my recent bout with pneumonia, and around the time of my father's death. It has been quite a month. I have felt your support,, and am grateful to you. I'm feeling considerably better and have returned to work, but recovery from illness takes some time, and movement through grief much longer. So, I will appreciate your continued prayers.

I missed seeing many of you at retreat, but look forward to seeing you again, some at Council Meeting in May, and others next October in Pittsburgh.

Peace,

Br. Mark W. Stamm, Abbot, Order of Saint Luke.

From the Editor's Desk

Sr. Sue Moore, esmoore@alum.mit.edu

Whenever I talk to people about evangelism, I say quite insistently, "There is nothing more effective than a personal invitation!" As several of us chatted about the Order on the Cyber Chapter a few weeks ago, I realized that I need to listen to the same advise that I am so quick to give to others: "There is nothing more effective than a personal invitation!" Inspired by that conversation, I wrote the following testimonial about the Order of Saint Luke. I invite you to read it, consider how you might adapt it to fit your *own* story – and then share it with others.

"I'm a member of The Order of Saint Luke. It is an important part of my life – and I appreciate this opportunity to tell you a bit about the Order, and to invite you to consider whether it might be of interest to you, too.

"The Order of Saint Luke is a group of men and women, some of whom are clergy and some of whom are not, who have come together as a religious order because of their shared passion for the Church of Jesus Christ, and who gain strength to serve that Church through prayer and worship – and especially through the gift of the sacraments.

"The Order of Saint Luke has been around for over 50 years. Originally it was all men, all clergy, and all Methodist. All those "all"'s have changed with time. Although we are an affiliate member of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, the Order has members from many denominations. We are all ages. We are from all places on the theological spectrum.

"Although most of us are from the United States, we are blessed with an increasing number of members from other countries.

"As you can tell, we are a very diverse group, but there are some important things that we hold in common:

- ◆ We are committed to pray for one another, for the Church and for the world, using the Daily Office. Some of us use the form of the Daily Office that has been developed by the Order, some of us use the Book of Common Prayer, some other forms – but we covenant to pray the Office as a way of being together in spirit while we are dispersed in the world.

- ◆ We are committed to taking liturgy very seriously. That doesn't mean we have a common view of the "one and only right way" to do things. Good liturgy comes in many forms. We do have a common view that doing liturgy with care and excellence is important. God should receive our best!
- ◆ We are convinced that the sacraments have been given to us as a means of grace, and that we are to lift them up within the Church - to be celebrated reverently and frequently!

"In my personal spiritual development, the things we share within the Order have fed my soul. I have felt the support of my brothers and sisters in the Order in times of crisis. I have been challenged to think theologically about everything I do in worship – and to learn to lead worship with a new confidence as well as a new humility. I have been encouraged, and educated, and led to both laughter and tears by the people I have met, and the passion with which they serve God.

"The Order of Saint Luke is an important part of my life. Perhaps it could be the same for you. Let's talk!"

NOTE: The General Council of the Order of Saint Luke voted at the October meeting to have this statement put on our website, formatted as a tri-fold brochure. You are invited to copy it from there, adapt it, and use it as an invitation to others to consider participation in the Order.

The web site address is : <http://www.Saint-Luke.org>

2008 Election of General Officers

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Abbot Mark has appointed me to oversee the work of the nominating committee for the 2008 election of the Order's four elected general officers: Abbot, Prior General, Chancellor General, and Provincial General. The OSL constitution describes the process as follows:

Section 7 - Election of Officers

Nomination for the four elected general offices will be made by a Nominating Committee composed of the Priors or representatives of Chapters and Associations in attendance at the Spring meeting of the Council prior to the General Convocation. The Nominating committee shall prepare a slate that will be mailed to the membership. All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote. Unless otherwise determined by the Council, the officers shall be invested at the next General Convocation.

The nominating committee will do its work at the Council meeting in Charlotte, NC, May 19-21, 2008. In preparation for that, I invite all members of the Order to prayerful consideration of each of the offices, its responsibilities, and the gifts and graces that might suit individual persons to particular offices. As in the past, members of the Order will have the opportunity to submit names to the Nominating Committee for its deliberations. There are two ways for you to do this if you wish:

- Give the information to your Prior or representative, to bring to the Nominating Committee for you, or
- Send the information to me, via email or USPS, and I will bring it to the Nominating Committee for you.

It would be most helpful to the Nominating Committee if you would (1) check with persons about their willingness *before* you submit their names for the Committee's consideration, and (2) send information about the person's gifts and graces and how they are suited to the office for which you believe they should be considered a nominee.

The chart below, listing the officers and their job descriptions from the OSL Bylaws, may assist you in this process. More information about the process, including a prayer vigil surrounding the work of the Nominating Committee, will be in future issues of *The Font*.

Office (support provided by the Order)	Responsibilities
Abbot (\$250.00 for expenses)	The Abbot is the spiritual and temporal leader of The Order. In carrying out these duties, the Abbot shall: a) Perform such liturgical duties as specified in The Book of Offices and Services; and b) Preside at all meetings of the Convocation and Council, and shall be a member Ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee, and c) Have authority to grant approval of formation of Chapters and Associations, in accordance with "Guidelines for Relationship with The Order of Saint Luke"; d) Delegate responsibility and authority and appoint as needed to meet the needs of The Order, and e) May initiate and terminate appointments of editors of publications, in consultation with the Director of Publications, and the approval of the Council, and f) In concert with the Council, interpret the Rule of Life and Service for the good of The Order.
Prior General (\$800.00 for Hickman Awards)	The Prior General shall a) Perform the duties of the Abbot in the Abbot's absence or inability to serve; and b) Support the work of the appointed officers; and c) Administer the Hoyt Hickman Award; and d) Undertake such other mutually agreed responsibilities as are designated by the Abbot or the Council.
Chancellor General (\$2000.00 for expenses \$500.00 for membership services)	The Chancellor General is the secretary, treasurer, and statutory agent of The Order, and custodian of the financial and historical documents. In carrying out these duties, the Chancellor General shall: a) Conduct the official correspondence of the General Chapter, keep the minutes of the Council, maintain financial and membership records for the Order, and attend to the legal matters of The Order. Financial records of The Order shall be available for annual audit by designation of the Council. b) Maintain the official mailing list of members of the General Chapter and, as specified in "Guidelines for Relationship with The Order of Saint Luke," notify the appropriate Provincial Companion of new members, and c) Make semi-annual reports of financial and membership data to the Council.
Provincial General (\$125.00 for expenses)	The Provincial General shall: a) Provide spiritual support to the Provincial Companions; and b) Publish and distribute recruitment and formation materials; and c) As specified in Guidelines for Relationship with The Order of Saint Luke, work with the Abbot, Council, and Provincial Companions for the application, recognition, and change of status of Chapters and Associations, d) Receive and maintain copies of appropriate documents concerning the life and conduct of Chapters and Associations; and e) Provide semi-annual reports to the Council regarding matters of Chapter and Association formation; and f) Undertake such other mutually agreed responsibilities as are delegated by the Abbot or Council.

From Community of Saint Luke

Br. David Eichelberger DavidEOSL@yahoo.com

The Community met at the Redlands Retreat to review plans for our winter retreat. Due to the schedule of Ash Wednesday in 2008 we moved the date back to February 9-16, 2008. We will be hosted by Br. Stephen McGucken and his wife Betsy at their home outside of Auburn, AL. Those who are interested in learning more about the Community and are interested in attending should contact Br. David Eichelberger at DavidEOSL@aol.com so that you can be added to the Community group to receive directions and details.

From the Historical Task Force

We would like to remind our members that you should please send archival materials to the OSL collection at the General Commission of Archives and History, Drew University Campus, Madison, NJ. Let the archivists there sort through your materials so that we can achieve the most complete collection of OSL memorabilia.

From the Office of the Prior General

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We are pleased to announce that the October 2008 convocation of the Order of Saint Luke will be held at **St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**, 148 Monastery Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA on **October 13-16**. Our convocation leader will be Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey, who will lead us through an examination of the Great Fifty Days.

Put this on your calendar now – and join us for a time of great worship and conversation.

Editor's Note: If you have some spare time for reading (she says with a grin) , you might want to read Larry Stuckey's book "Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church" in preparation for the convocation.

From the Chancellor-General

Br. Brent Sturm, O.S.L., Chancellor-General chancellor@saint-luke.org

The only word from my office is - "Get those Re-Affirmation Forms In!"

A few more words added by the Editor:

Membership in The Order of Saint Luke requires that one reaffirm the Rule of Life and Service in writing to the Chancellor General at least annually. You can get a copy of the recently updated form at:

<http://www.saint-luke.org/documents/affirmation.pdf>

The payment of "dues" or other financial support of The Order, while greatly appreciated and necessary for our financial survival, is not the basis of membership. Even if you can't afford to send a financial gift, please return the form - you'll remain fully a member of The Order in good standing. (If you're able to send more than the "Basic" level of financial support, you'll be helping your Order and those who are unable to give.)

From the Provincial General

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We've just had a stimulating Retreat and Council meeting. If you missed it, start your planning for next year's event in Pittsburgh. We currently have 45 active chapters and associations in the Order, eight of them on seminary campuses. Another eleven chapters are in the inactive status as of this report (including three of our eleven seminary chapters).

The Council also acted to discontinue two more chapters, **North Georgia** and **Western New York**, because of inactivity within those chapters for two or more years. If these chapters are viable, a chapter may ask the Council for a review of this decision, may petition to be re-chartered, or petition to be reconstituted as an association. If you are (or have been) a part of these discontinued chapters, and wish to comment or express your concern about this decision, please feel free to communicate with me. Furthermore, if your dissolved chapter has any remaining financial assets, our By-Laws state that they are to be remitted promptly to the General Chapter through our Chancellor General. [See By-Laws, section 5i.]

A friendly, perpetual reminder: If you are the primary contact person for your chapter or association, please remember to update your contact information with me when you move or change your internet service provider.

Chapter activity reports are published in *The Font* on a rotation basis, culled from chapter reports that were shared at the most recent Council meeting (spring or fall). With this issue, the reports continue. This process helps your national officers know what effect the Order is having on a regional basis, and your group may be inspired to try a new activity. To provide the latest information (or corrections) about your chapter's events, you are welcome to submit an article to *The Font*.

Chapter News

The **Drew Theological School Chapter** meets once a week for Communion and Morning Prayer, taken from the OSL service book. As we are still in our nascent stages, we have no officers. Currently, we only have two official "members," Benjamin Davis and Christopher Haynes, but there are several others attending.

When they last reported, in October 2006, the **Houston Chapter** said they meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, except for May when we have a Compline prayer service/meeting during Annual Conference. We spend a half hour gathering and checking in with each other. We allow an hour for worship including the Eucharist. Prayer services from a variety of sources are used in order to expose the membership to numerous possibilities. Officers are Sr. Cheryl Smith, Prior and Sr. Ann Arnett, Sub_Prior.

The **Memphis_Memphis Theological Seminary Chapter** has been struggling over the past few months. There has never been much support from the seminary and attendance at gatherings has been virtually nonexistent. Conversations around merging with the Memphis Conference North Chapter have taken place, but that does not appear to be a feasible option at this time. Now, perhaps, is a time for the chapter to be in a mode of re-formation to even include a name change. However, in doing this, it would be helpful for us to consider questions around desire, needs, and leadership. It could also be that we simply be listed as inactive for a period of time, allowing the Holy Spirit room for movement. The prayers of the General Chapter are appreciated.

The **North Indiana Chapter** was inactive when last they reported (October 2006), indicating that they were reorganizing. Was Br. Tom Ream, Prior, able to schedule a planned meeting for last November for the renewal of vows? Anyone who is a part of this chapter is encouraged to update the provincial General on the chapter's status.

Sr. Kathy Haley reported that the **Rocky Mountain/Iliff Seminary Chapter** is in "an inactive period because of lack of members, a lack of interest, and my own disability with no one willing to take up the reigns of leadership behind me. We are not totally defunct yet but we have nothing to report except that we are providing communion services for the Annual Conference in the morning before the work of the conference begins."

Sr. Ann Morris Allred reports that in the wake of Br. Mark Mashburn's illness and recent death, the **Sarum Chapter** is inactive and "has become defunct." She adds: "It was Br. Mark Mashburn who welcomed me so warmly into OSL in 1988. For that, I shall ever be grateful. We all miss him terribly." Br. Chris Wilson also checked in saying, "I have been a member of the Order and of Sarum Chapter for the last two and half years. I have not been made aware of any meetings or other chapter activities. I'm uncertain as to whether the chapter is active. I would be happy and blessed to be involved in any chapter activities."

Br. Gilmatrin Guerrero, Convener of the **Philippines Association** reported that an opportune time to meet in February allowed them the opportunity to spend a little time together. However, no formal report was filed this fall because the group had not met.

"We have been working hard to form an OSL Chapter in Puerto Rico . . ." and this group was granted a charter as the **Puerto Rico Chapter** by the Council on May 21, 2007. Sr. Sheni Martinez reported: "We have had various informal meetings to organize the chapter. We have been able to select the principal officers of the chapter. The service of profession has already been fully translated to Spanish by Br. Julio. At this point we are organizing the content of our meetings and discussing future plans if the chapter is finally formed."

From the Prior of the Cyber Chapter

Br. Taylor Burton Edwards, burtoneidwards@gmail.com

Sisters and brothers,

For any of you, or others you know, who may be on Facebook, Br Scot Bontrager has started a Facebook "chapter" of the Order. So if you're on Facebook, look up The Order of Saint Luke under groups, and consider joining if that is helpful for you.

For those who don't know what Facebook is, it's a social networking website that allows you to connect with friends from your college, grad school, high school and a good number of workplaces around the country, as well as meet new friends who share similar interests from around the world. It's pretty self-explanatory if you go there-- so I won't try to explain how it works here... just encourage you, if you're interested, to give it a spin at <http://www.facebook.com>

And if you don't do this sort of thing, or don't want to-- that's fine, too. But for those who want to try, come on in-- the font is full of water.

Peace in Christ,
Br Taylor

From the Chaplain General

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My dearest friends,

Greetings from northern Illinois, and from the cluttered office of your Chaplain General. It was glorious to see so many of you at our annual Retreat, and to share together with you in singing God's praises during our times of worship and prayer. Our dispersion as an Order is a continuing challenge to many of us. Being unable to gather regularly for worship, prayer and fellowship can easily lead to a sense of isolation and disconnection. The fellowship of our local Chapters and the online fellowship of the cyber-chapter help many sisters and brothers to construct community among themselves. The annual gathering for Retreat is another means by which we can remind ourselves that we are not alone in our quest to seek the sacramental life.

Our worship together this year was enhanced by contributions to the "Holy Hardware Acquisition Project" about which I wrote in the last issue of *The Font*. The project is the result of recent changes in policy which effect many of the Retreat Houses that we use for our annual gathering. In some places, we are welcome to use the altar, the vessels and the linens that belong to the Retreat House for our Order's common worship. In other places, we are unable to do so. Given this situation, it seemed good to me that the Order should have it's own "Holy Hardware" for use in places where we are expected to provide for our own worship needs.

Br. Dan Benedict made a portable communion table for us to use in venues where we cannot use the altar, and he also made a bookstand to hold the presider's text for the service. Br. Bill & Sr. Mabel Doser made paraments to fit Br. Dan's communion table and donated them to the Order as well. The previous set of paraments, which the Dosers made to adorn pulpit and lectern were located, and were also used at this year's Retreat.

Several brothers and sisters have promised future contributions to the project as well: a set of candlesticks, a stand for our icon of St. Luke and a processional cross and stand are all "in the works" to one degree or another. But the Order still has need of some items of Holy Hardware. If you have any of the following items, the Order would be happy to receive them, and to use them in our worship at our annual Retreat and at our annual Spring meeting of the Council. If you'd like to help out with the project, but don't happen to have any of the needed items, I have permission from our Chancellor General, Br. Brent, to receive cash donations. Just write a check to the Order, put "Holy Hardware" in the memo space, and send it on to Br. Brent at 25 Tressel Street, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia 24986-2568

Here are the things we're still looking for:

- Candle-lighter doohickey (the short kind, if possible)
- Thurible (incense swingy-thingy) and incense boat
- Aspergilum (the bucket-and-flinger set for sprinkling holy water on people)
- Pyxes (Oil stocks for use in anointing and healing services)
- Accompaniment editions of *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing*
- Basin & ewer (for hand washing)

Grace and Peace to you all.

Sr. Anne Ferguson, OSL
Chaplain General

From the Officer for Pastoral Care

Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL tandaosl@yahoo.com

Sisters and Brothers:

All of us in the Order of Saint Luke have vowed to affirm the Apostolic hope, live for the Church of Jesus Christ, seek the sacramental life, promote the corporate worship of the Church, accept the call to service according to the Rule of the Order and manifest those commitments by study, service, gifts and practice.

But living that way is not a simple matter. As one of the morning prayers offered recently at our retreat acknowledged, sometimes our commitment grows “thin” and at such times we need God’s grace to remind us of it and renew our strength to carry on. So that raises a question:

Who is your Lukan companion along the way? Who in the Order are you in contact with on a regular basis? Who partners with you on a regular basis to help you and receive help from you?

I can testify from my own experience to how important that kind of companionship can be. I know the times come when my own commitment “thins.” I know that sometimes my companion helps me rediscover how that can become a “thin place” – a place where God is reaching out to me.

Such mutual pastoral care is not magic. It doesn’t always result in instant solutions to the sacramental life’s most persistent questions; however, with persistence it can become a regular, reliable source of encouragement. It can be a great comfort in the crunch times of your life. More often, if you make it a regular routine it can carry the reassurance of having another member of the Order with whom you share and talk about the life we Lukans have all undertaken.

I do hope that you have a Lukan companion on your way. If not, you might check with one of the priors of the Order or the nearest provincial companion for suggestions. You might check the geographical listings on the membership list available via the web site for someone you might approach about becoming companions. And if there is anything I can do to help you with this, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Once established in a Lukan companionship, you will likely find the telephone and email to be important links. But I think you will also come to look forward to those times when you can meet face to face even if that is only once or twice a year.

Some news of our community follows. As always, do be in touch with me if you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. Write me at tandaosl@yahoo.com Call me at (860) 243-3388. Or write me at PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, it’s my practice to check all items ahead of time. That’s slipped a little this time because the usual deadline fell right in the middle of the time we were on retreat. But know that any items here not directly cleared by the brother or sister concerned are already public knowledge. And I’ve done my best to get it all spelled correctly, too! ;-))

Peace,

Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care.

News:

Best wishes for a lifetime of blessings to the following brothers and sister who made their first public profession of vows in The Order of Saint Luke at our retreat in Redlands, CA:

Br. Mark Parsons, pastor in the Canaan UMC Charge, Charleston WV umcpastormark@gmail.com

Br. Jim Denton, member of First UMC in Crown Point, IN girthdenton@comcast.net

Sr. Lucinda Holmes, pastor of the Shawnee UMC, Shawnee, KS revlucy@kc.rr.com

And to **Sr. Sue Moore**, pastor of the Frenchtown and Kingwood UMCs in New Jersey, and Prior of the New Jersey Chapter, who made her life vows in the Order at the Redlands retreat.

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Br. Jeffrey Cox was instrumental in arranging a "healing retreat" weekend in October to help soldiers returning from war adapt to life back home and reconnect with their faith. The retreat was offered at an Episcopal monastery in Cambridge, MA by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. Br. Jeffrey, who is studying for the priesthood, was a social worker for troops in Iraq. He is a contractor for the Army's Wounded Warrior program, which assists severely injured or disabled soldiers. (Condensed by an AP story, published 8/18/2007) jeffrey.cox2@comcast.net

Prayers, please, for **Betsy McGucken** and **Br. Stephen McGucken** in the death of her mother Mrs. Phyllis Tyson on September 9, 2007 in Florence, SC. OSLGUCK@aol.com

Sr. Cindy Loomis-Torvi has earned a class grade 4.0 and has two more classes to go towards graduation next March. Her course of study is nonprofit management and her class project involved preparing a nonprofit employee/volunteer manual. All this is in pursuit of her dream of founding "Huldah's House," organized to meet the needs of women from all walks of life and their families. Congratulations, Sr. Cindy, and Godspeed for your continuing journey in the Way. loomistorvic@gmail.com

Br. Gil Guerrero (Philippines) would like to hear from those who are taking up a "bi-vocational ministry" where one earns one's bread and butter during the week and serves in pastoral ministry on weekends. gtguerrero2001@yahoo.com

Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson and husband Matthew Cranson are joyously awaiting the birth of their first child in the Spring. They invite you to rejoice with them and pray for safe passage in this new chapter of their lives. hjosselyn@hotmail.com

Br. Abbot Mark Stamm was hospitalized with pneumonia in October. Then upon returning home to recuperate he learned of the death of his father The Rev. John Stamm after a long illness. Around the same time, his wife **Sr. Margy Stamm** was concerned for her father who was needing surgery. Please keep Br. Mark, Sr. Margy and all their family in your prayers. mwstamm@tx.rr.com

Br. Hoyt Hickman celebrated his 80th birthday on May 22, 2007. Then at the retreat in Redlands, there was a surprise birthday party for him. (And we really did manage to keep it a surprise!) Festivities included the singing of a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday (Transferred). There were many cards and Br. Hoyt said he spent the evening afterward reading every one; also, many warm tributes including one that hailed Br. Hoyt as "United Methodism's Thomas Cranmer." hlhickman@aol.com

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Sr. Cynthia Astle, a religion journalist and a Certified Lay Speaker in the North Texas Annual Conference, is the editor of an online weekly newsletter called United Methodist NeXus, accessed at www.umnexus.org and associate editor of a bimonthly magazine, The Progressive Christian, accessed at www.tpcmagazine.org Previously she was with The United Methodist Reporter. cbastle@as-tex.net

A Beginner's Start-up Glossary for Social Networking Websites

As requested at the Redlands Retreat in October 2007. Here are some very basic terms to help you get started with social networking sites that became a "subplot" in our discussions on the Emerging Missional Church. The websites listed are free to use and extremely user friendly. Try them. Poke around and see what you can come up with. A couple of the sites will even look through your email addressbook and let you know who in your list has a site with that company. If you are moderately competent with basic email sending and receiving, you can use one of these sites. Good luck and happy networking.

CAVEAT EMPTOR: These are most widely used by young women and men in their teens and twenties, and I am in my mid-40s.

DANGER, WILL ROBINSON: Signing onto any one of these sites will generate a whole new batch of SPAM (see below for definition) emails. My recommendation: get a separate, free email account (from yahoo or gmail) that will collect all of your unwanted emails and then check once a month for anything you may need. Only use this email address for free sites.

MySpace: www.myspace.com, a social networking site with major emphasis on meeting new people based on education, lifestyle, music preferences, etc.

Facebook: www.facebook.com, a social networking site with major emphasis on a person's ability and desire for connecting and reconnecting based on similar groups (OSL, for example). This has become more popular than MySpace within the past couple of years.

Other social networking sites that have a great deal less of the market share: www.linkedin.com, www.yahoogroups.com, www.librarything.com, www.ebay.com (the online auction company), and others.

Email: electronic mail, sent and received from one computer to another. Most people now use this. To teens and young twenty-somethings, email is considered old-fashioned, slow, and ineffective.

IM: Instant Messaging--the granddaddy of IM is AOL Instant Messenger, www.aim.com. This is a generation older than text messaging, but still widely used. (n.b.: at my church, the professional staff uses instant messaging, rather than the intercom to communicate quickly with each other.

Texting: the process of sending a text message, usually from one cell phone to another. This is the primary method of communication and networking with teens and younger twenties. If someone says, "Send me a text," they are usually implying that you should send a text message from your phone to theirs.

Search Engine: a free web-based utility that allows you to search for anything. See, www.yahoo.com, www.google.com, www.ask.com, along with many others.

BLOG: shortened from Web Log, is an online journaling website. It is a public forum for posting your writings for others to read and then make comments. MySpace and Facebook each have "blogging" capabilities. See also, www.blogspot.com, and others.

SPAM: named for the canned, processed meat. This is unwanted, unsolicited email. Usually SPAM emails want you to buy something. Occasionally, they want to point you toward other sites where you might buy something. Infrequently, they will contain viruses of varying degrees of destructibility. Senders of SPAM are clever enough to write subjects on email that appear to come from someone you may know. Beware!

If you have any questions, or want to know a little more, ask a teenager at your church. Or, send me a text. :-)

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Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
T	1	All Saint's Day W (traditional) or G (optional)	S	1	Nicholas Ferrar G, B/P - pm
F	2	Phoebe Palmer G	S	2	1st Sunday of Advent B/P
S	3	Richard Hooker G Eve of All Saints W (optional)	M	3	B/P
S	4	23rd Sunday after Pentecost G All Saint's Day W (optional)	T	4	B/P
M	5	G	W	5	Clement of Alexandria B/P
T	6	G	T	6	Nicholas B/P
W	7	G	F	7	Ambrose of Milan B/P
T	8	G	S	8	B/P
F	9	G	S	9	2nd Sunday of Advent B/P
S	10	Leo the Great G	M	10	B/P
S	11	24th Sunday after Pentecost G	T	11	B/P
M	12	G	W	12	B/P
T	13	Sarah Peters G	T	13	B/P
W	14	G	F	14	John of the Cross B/P
T	15	G	S	15	B/P
F	16	Margaret, Queen of Scotland G	S	16	3rd Sunday of Advent B/P
S	17	Philip William Otterbein G	M	17	John Stewart B/P
S	18	25 th Sunday after Pentecost G	T	18	Thelma Stevens B/P
M	19	G	W	19	William Wesley Van Orsdel (Brother Van) B/P
T	20	G	T	20	Captain Thomas Webb B/P
W	21	Anna Oliver G	F	21	Thomas R
T	22	G	S	22	B/P
F	23	Thanksgiving Day W (optional) Clement of Rome G	S	23	4th Sunday of Advent B/P
S	24	Eliza Garrett G Eve of Christ the King W	M	24	B/P
S	25	Christ the King W	T	25	Christmas Eve W
M	26	Sojourner Truth G	T	26	Christmas Day W
T	27	G	W	26	Stephen R
W	28	John Dempster and James Mills Thoburn G	T	27	John W
T	29	G	F	28	The Holy Innocents R
F	30	Andrew R	S	29	W
			S	30	1st Sunday after Christmas W
			M	31	W

Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

- The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

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