

The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

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From the Abbot's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen!

We've come through another Lent and Holy Week to Easter and the Great Fifty Days. Once again, we rejoice in the Good News, yet this Good News does not proclaim, "and they lived happily ever after," neither to the disciples of the first century, nor to those of the twenty-first.

I'm writing this on the day after the Virginia Tech massacre, still stunned by the sight of all that violence, and realizing how vulnerable we are. As a professor at another large university (Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX), I'm aware that college and university campuses are quite vulnerable places, even though significant security measures are in place, along with police protection. We don't want to turn universities into fortresses. Plus, there is precious little one can do to stop a young man on a deadly rampage, short of inflicting more violence. As I ponder the Virginia Tech tragedy, along with other people I remember other senseless violence that has occurred during recent Aprils, all of it in the first weeks of Eastertide: Waco (April 19, 1993), Oklahoma City (April 19, 1995), and Columbine (April 20, 1999). What can we say about it?

Again, the Easter Gospel is not "and they lived happily ever after," but it is, rather, "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mk. 16:8). In the face of a violent world, we may be tempted to huddle with the disciples in the Upper Room, with the doors locked (Jn. 20:19), yet Jesus intrudes on our secure place, speaks a word of peace, and sends us out in mission. I can't make sense of these tragedies, although I can observe that the world is full of them. They remind me that Easter is not about security and safety, but it's about a call to mission even to a violent world. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on us and he sends us out to resist evil, not with more violence, but with the forgiveness of sins (Jn. 20: 22-23).

Your brother,

Mark W. Stamm, O.S.L.

From the Office of the Prior General

Br. Stanley Tanner, O.S.L. stanols@aol.com

The 2007 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke will be held **15-18 October**, at the **El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California**. A **registration form** for the Retreat is on **page 9** of this issue of the Font. (For more information about this retreat house, go to <http://www.elcarmelo.org/>)



The topic for our presentations will be "**Worship in the Emerging Church**" and will utilize the wisdom of four resource people: Rev. Daniel Benedict, O.S.L., Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, O.S.L., Rev. Dr. Mark Stamm, O.S.L., and the Rev. Karen Ward, Abbess of The Church of the Apostles.

Their presentations will consider the nature and impact of the Emerging Church on The United Methodist Church, within the large Christian community, and the theological import of this movement.

- **Karen Ward** will bring the perspective of a practitioner leading an emerging church congregation.
- **Br. Mark Stamm** will be offering reflections throughout the retreat, as well as giving a formal presentation. We want to know what needs the worship of emerging churches is addressing and how or if this can be echoed in established congregations.
- **Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards** will be considering this from a United Methodist perspective.
- **Br. Dan Benedict** will share his thoughts from a broader range of concern.

The Retreat will unfold around the times for daily prayer and the Eucharist, a pattern that speaks to the heart and soul of our identity as members of The Order. Our corporate worship is the occasion of healing, praising, renewing, uplifting us, and is as essential to our gatherings as the content on which we focus.

Grace and peace from StLukesintheWood
Stanley Tanner, O.S.L.

A Challenge from the Editor

Sr. Sue Moore (esmoore@alum.mit.edu)

Many of you who are reading this have attended an O.S.L. Retreat – but there are also many of our readers have not! If you have attended a retreat, I challenge you to send me a *very brief* (50 words or less) email (esmoore@alum.mit.edu) about your experience. California is far away for many of us – and attending takes time and money. Is there something that has convinced you that attending an O.S.L. retreat is worth every minute and every penny? Would you be willing to share that with your sisters and brothers? Your responses will appear in the next issue of the Font.

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR THE 2007 OSL RETREAT IN REDLANDS



Are you coming to Redlands for the Retreat in October?
Here are some helpful travel hints from Br. Bob Davis
(cumc@tstonramp.com):

It is preferred that you fly into Ontario International Airport. (ONT) with it's two state-of-the-art terminals provides over 200 daily flights to every major city in the U.S. and has capacity to accommodate 10 million passengers a year. This is the quickest and easiest way to get to get picked up and taken to Redlands. Of course, rental cars are available if that is your desire.

If you fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) you will want to use the non-stop FlyAway bus service between LAX and Los Angeles Union Station. The 20-mile ride takes less than 45 minutes even during peak traffic periods because the bus uses high-occupancy-vehicle lanes. FlyAway buses pick up at every LAX terminal on the Arrival/Lower level under the green signs indicating "FlyAway, Buses and Long-Distance Vans." These pickups between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. are every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour of every day. (Every hour on the hour between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.)

Passengers traveling from LAX to Union Station must pay bus fare upon arrival at the ticket kiosk adjacent to LAX FlyAway stop at Berth 9 on the Transit Plaza at Union Station. Payment for tickets is with cash only. No personal checks, credit or debit cards accepted for purchases. A one-way adult ticket is \$3.00. FlyAway air-conditioned buses carry 55 passengers, are designed with luggage bays, and feature cushioned seats. Luggage is loaded and unloaded by a baggage handler.

After paying for your FlyAway bus ticket you will need to purchase a one-way ticket to board a Metrolink train going to San Bernardino. Machines do take certain credit cards. The proposed fare after July 1 would make a one-way ticket for the 58 mile trip cost approximately \$10.00 during the week (\$5.00 for seniors). On the weekend the regular rate would be \$7.50.

Directions for making the return trip will be available at the Retreat.

If, by chance, you should fly into the Burbank-Bob Hope Airport (BUR), there are numerous Metrolink trains that will take you from the airport to L. A. Union Station. It is only a 25 minute ride on the train. There is a free shuttle from the terminal to trackside. From Union Station take the Metrolink to San Bernardino.

[Union Station was built in 1939 and was considered the last great train station built in the U.S. Just its architecture makes it a stunning piece of Los Angeles history.]

If you should fly into the Orange County-John Wayne Airport (SNA), you will need to make your own arrangements.

From the Provincial General

Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L., Provincial General revgrc@prodigy.net

The letter requesting updates on recent activities has been sent to each Chapter and Association. This information will be reported at the Spring Council meeting in Chicago next month.

On a rotation basis, these summarized chapter reports are prepared from information shared at the most recent Council meeting. 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, submit an article to *The Font*.

A Reminder: If you are the primary contact person for your chapter or association, and if you move or change your internet service provider, please update your contact information with me.

– Br. George R. Crisp, Provincial General
revgrc@prodigy.net

Chapter News

The **California-Pacific Chapter** meets eight times a year, including an overnight convocation in January. We met with Dr. Jerry Campbell, Claremont School of Theology President, in March, and Chaplain John Walsh of the University of Redlands in May. At Annual Conference, we hold a chapter meeting and invite inquirers to learn about the Order. Br. Andrew J. Welch is Prior.

The **Estonia Association** meets twice a year, and they have been actively “spreading *This Holy Mystery* among pastors and laity.” Br. Priit Gregorios Tamm, who teaches Liturgics at Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary (in Tallinn, Estonia), remains the primary contact person.

The 24 members of the **New Jersey Chapter** meet monthly, September-May. This year they are discussing the theological underpinnings of United Methodist liturgy and how we take seriously our commitment to faithfully use this liturgy. Chapter officers are Sr. Sue Moore, Prior and Sr. Hazel Thomas Shue, Chancellor.

At last report (Fall 2005), the **St. Stephen Chapter**, based in Abilene & Northwest Texas, was meeting for Sunday evening Eucharist once a month and Wednesday morning worship each week at Griswold Chapel, St. Paul UMC, Abilene. In September, 2005, Br. Jon Simms, of St. Paul UMC, Abilene, was installed as the chapter's Prior.

A new faculty advisor is needed for the **Wesley Theological Seminary Chapter**. This chapter has not functioned for some time now, and “it will take an effort from the organization to revive interest here,” according to the recently retired Diedra Kriewald.

The **Middle Tennessee Chapter** (a chapter in formation) has been meeting quarterly. Among their topics for discussion was the interaction between science and theology. As a provisional chapter they have no officers. Br. Gary Smith serves as the convener.

– April 20, 2007

OSL Constitution and By-Laws – SECOND REMINDER

Br. Canon French fball@bright.net

In the year 2000 the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order were extensively revised. During the recent meeting of the Council of the Order in October, 2006, it was determined that this might be a good time to re-open the discussion on these documents. The documents can be found on the Order's web site using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/y5pmh2> or on the Cyber Chapter documents site: <http://tinyurl.com/ybmbo3> . Note that clicking either link requires signing in with your user account(s).

Send your suggestions directly to fball@bright.net . Please *do not* use the Cyber Chapter for this purpose.

Br. Dan Benedict publishes new book

Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us, by Br. Daniel Benedict is just off the press and is commended to your attention.

Br. Dan writes, "I think that *Patterned by Grace* will help to take "liturgy" and "ritual practice"-realities that much of late 1990s and early 2000s worship gurus and practitioners have shunned and shelved-out of the box. The book will resonate well with *Sacramental Life* readers because it connects liturgy and daily life and is set up to be used for group study in enriching understandings of the core dimensions of the liturgical renewal movement."

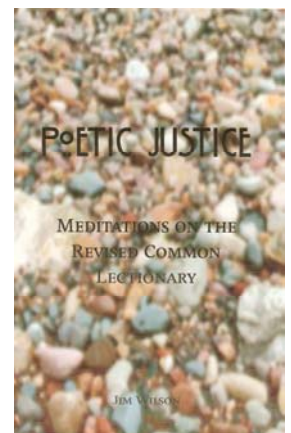
Br. Dan will lead an online workshop reading and discussion of "Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us" through the Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship. The online workshop will be held May 14 through June 3, 2007. Enrollment is now being accepted for the workshop at www.beadisciple.com . The cost is \$20, plus the purchase of the book.

Br. Dan can be contacted at: Email: stlukebysea@yahoo.com

Website: www.strongcenteropendoors.com

New from OSL Publications!

"Poetic Justice: Reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C" is a volume of poetry written in response to the year's lections. Jim Wilson invites us to see the scriptures in fresh ways, as he ruminates on each week's readings. Poetic Justice offers opportunities for individual prayer and reflection, small group lectionary study and homily preparation. ISBN 978-1-878009-56-2; \$24.95 retail. Available through the Order's website or from fine booksellers everywhere.



From the Officer for Pastoral Care
Br. Tom Beveridge, O.S.L. ta891josl@aol.com

Sisters and Brothers:

As Lent has given way to Eastertide, I continue to give thanks for the caring community which is The Order of Saint Luke. We are scattered. Except for chapter meetings and the fall retreat, seldom do we see each other face-to-face. But there is a network among us that has its roots in our Baptism. As others have already pointed out, that is why we address one another the way we do, not by various titles but simply as Brother or Sister.

Though it may seem invisible sometimes, our kinship is strong. Recently, our Brother Jim Denton suffered a devastating, shattering blow and wrote to the Cyber Chapter asking for prayer. The outpouring of love, concern and prayer was simply stunning. Something like twenty-five messages poured forth in response within less than twenty-four hours. Most were quite brief. Many acknowledged that they were without words but just wanted to be present for support. Some wrote brief prayers. The impression was of a sheltering quilt of godly love.

With Brother Jim's permission, I share with you the following: "I am overwhelmed with your love and concern, I have never felt so much a part of this community as I do now ... I felt wrapped in a shroud of pain and laid in a tomb of despair, but you, angels, have rolled away the stone."



Brothers and sisters, never doubt how much our prayers for one another can mean!

Some news of our community follows. You'll see that there are fewer items there this time – possibly because of the demands of the Season; possibly due to my own preoccupations. My apologies if I have left anything out that should have been included. (As of this writing, I am still waiting on test results. But I'm feeling quite fit and fairly up-beat. Amy and I do thank you all for your prayers.)

As always, do be in touch with me if you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. Contact me at ta891josl@aol.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, items are read and OK'd for publication by each brother or sister concerned.

Peace,

Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care.

News:

Br. Dan Benedict's new book, *[Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us](#)*, has just been published. He writes that this book is "designed to be a personal introduction to an aspect of church life that in many circles has been boxed up and put on a high and seldom visited shelf" and that his intent is "to take liturgy out of the box for ordinary worshipers." For further information, see the article about Br. Dan's book in this issue.

Please hold **Br. Tom & Sr. Joyce Trainor** in your prayers. Br. Tom was recently hospitalized for heart surgery, followed by a number of complications including a fall. He is now at home (and happy to be there!), and is recuperating well.

Br. Todd Stepp has successfully defended his dissertation for the D.Min. degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. His topic was: "Scriptural and Rational Piety: The Development and Use of a Curriculum for Teaching Authentic Wesleyan Worship" and his advisor was Dr. Lester Ruth. He is to receive his degree on May 19th. Br. Todd is pastor of Grace Church of the Nazarene in Evansville, Indiana. tastepp@insightbb.com

Br. Forrest Shue, a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church and a long-time member of the Order, died on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. A Service of Death and Resurrection took place on Sunday, March 4, 2007, led by members of the Order. Condolence messages may be sent to **Sr, Hazel Shue**, Dunellen United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812. two2riteshues@aol.com

Br. Mark Parsons and his family have many transitions before them – a new baby in early May, graduation from seminary in mid-May, commissioning in mid-June and moving home to West Virginia to start a new appointment in late June. They welcome and give thanks for our prayers. umcpastormark@gmail.com

Br. Jerry Wilson continues his treatment for Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, begun last summer. He spent most of the fall and winter in the hospital; is on an upslope most of the time now, with occasional bumps to get across. Please keep him and his wife Sr. Ruth in your prayers. njwil@suddenlink.net

As of this writing, **Sr. Karen Chrisley** is critically ill with yet another episode of pneumonia and fighting for her life. Please pray for her and her husband, **Br. David Yingling**. Revdavid247@earthlink.net

Our circle of concern is wider than the circle of our membership in the Order. **Br. Ken Van** wrote recently to the Cyber Chapter list that his friend Sam Owen was killed recently in a motorcycle accident. Sam was a UM pastor, as is his wife Nilla. Br. Ken writes, "It especially hits hard since I am also a biker." Please keep Nilla and Ken, and all those who mourn Sam's death, in your prayers. kvan403@sbcglobal.net

Finally, speaking of our wider circle of concern, may we reach out to join hands as we surely would if we could all be in the same room at once, praying for all those caught up in the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech – students, faculty, administrators, students' families, the townspeople of Blacksburg, VA. And in our prayers may we be faithful in embracing the family of Cho Seung-Hui. Should you wish to express your condolences directly, the school has established a web site for that purpose at: http://rosa.hosting.vt.edu/index.php/memorial/share/april_16_2007/

Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

MAY

T	1	Philip and James the Less R
W	2	Athanasius W
T	3	Thomas Coke W
F	4	Monica W
S	5	Olof Gustav Hedstrom W
S	6	5th Sunday of Easter W
M	7	W
T	8	Julian of Norwich W
W	9	Gregory of Nazianzus W
T	10	W
F	11	W
S	12	W
S	13	6th Sunday of Easter W
M	14	W
T	15	W
W	16	William Nast W
		Eve of Ascension W
T	17	Ascension Day W
F	18	Jacob Albright
		Mary McLeod Bethune W
S	19	W
S	20	7th Sunday of Easter W
		Ascension Sunday W (optional)
M	21	W
T	22	W
W	23	W
T	24	William Edwin Robert Sangster W
F	25	The Venerable Bede W
S	26	W
		Eve of Pentecost R
S	27	Pentecost R
M	28	G
T	29	G
W	30	G
T	31	The Visitation 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.

JUNE

F	1	Justin G
S	2	The Martyrs of Lyons G
		Eve of Trinity Sunday W
S	3	Trinity Sunday W
M	4	G
T	5	Boniface G
W	6	G
		Eve of Thanksgiving
		for Holy Eucharist W
T	7	Thanksgiving
		for the Holy Eucharist W
F	8	G
S	9	Columba and Aidan G
S	10	2nd Sunday After Pentecost G
M	11	Barnabas R
T	12	G
W	13	G
T	14	Basil the Great G
F	15	Evelyn Underhill G
S	16	G
S	17	3rd Sunday after Pentecost G
M	18	Matthew Simpson G
T	19	G
W	20	G
T	21	Thomas Bowman Stephenson
G		
F	22	Alban G
S	23	G
S	24	4th Sunday after Pentecost
G		
M	25	Nativity of John the Baptist W
		(transferred)
T	26	G
W	27	G
T	28	Irenaeus
		Peter Jones or Kahkewaquonaby G
F	29	Peter and Paul R
S	30	G

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

*ORDO prepared by Br. John P. Fahey, Prior
New York Conference Chapter*



Worship in the Emerging Church

The 2007 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke

El Carmelo Retreat Center; Redlands, CA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nickname/First Name (for name badge) _____

OSL Member? ☐ yes ☐ no

First time attendee? ☐ yes ☐ no

Please indicate whether you are registering for the **Retreat only** (5pm on Monday, October 15th, through lunch on Thursday, October 18th) or for the **Council Meeting and Retreat** (1pm on Monday October 15th, through breakfast on Friday, October 19th).

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Retreat only	Private room		\$ 410.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Council and Retreat	Semi-private room		\$ 365.00
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Grace and Peace,
Sr. Sue Moore

Deadline for submissions for the July/August issue of <i>The Font</i> is June 17, 2006.
