

# *The Font*

*Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke*

*November/December 2008*



From the Abbot's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am grateful for your confidence in me and the God who upholds us in our life together. Collectively you have chosen me to serve as your abbot. We are a strange bird among communities living by a rule: inclusive, dispersed, eclectic, and apostolic. Like asking what kind of God would create a giraffe, many will ask what kind of proper God would have anything to do with the Order of Saint Luke. Those of us who are living our way into and out of the Rule of Life and Service are discovering the unique spirituality that goes with this Lukan community. If we are idiosyncratic in conception and practice it is because we are a pilgrim people evolving from a society in 1946 to a community ordered by a unique sense of vocation and discipline that pulls us together in companionship and love. In short, as your abbot, I can tell you that I see us as a beloved community. That will be, I sense now (six days as abbot), central to my work of loving and leading among you.

At the same time, I come to the abbatial office in a very specific context. As I met with the General Chapter of the Order last Wednesday fresh from the service of investiture, I shared the following joys and questions:

**“We rejoice in our life together and living out our charism as an Order:** We continue our life together and live out our charism of proclaiming the Apostolic Hope, magnifying the sacraments, seeking the sacramental life and heeding the call to service in the church and the world.

- Sr. Heather Josselyn Cranson, new mother, musician, scholar and teacher, has accepted a call to serve on the committee for the revision of the new United Methodist hymnal.
- Br. Taylor Burton Edwards continues to serve as director of worship resources at the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.
- Br. Mark Stamm, Sr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, Br. E. Byron (Ron) Anderson, Sr. Susan Smith, and others continue to teach liturgy and sacramental spirituality at Perkins, Boston University, Garrett-Evangelical and St. Paul School of Theology. There are others I am may have missed (please correct the list).
- And you—you and all of the brothers and sisters in the Order—continue to love God in the liturgy, both in “full, active and conscious” participation and in planning and leading through music, preaching, presiding and assisting, and enacting the grace of God in bath, story, and meal. Some of our Order accept the call to service in their districts, annual conferences or dioceses as Worship Directors or service on worship committees helping local church leaders grow in knowledge and skills around liturgy and sacramental spirituality.
- In chapters, associations, and general retreat settings, we continue “to devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...with glad and generous hearts.” (Acts 2:42, 47 adapted)

- In the round of the daily office of the church we pray for one another, especially those who face life crises and life opportunities.

Certainly each of you would add specific joys to this list.

**“And we face opportunities and challenges:** We are living in a time of deep societal, cultural, environmental and economic change. How shall we, the Order of Saint Luke, live out our charism as an Order and out of our Rule of Life and Service? Here I raise some fairly pointed questions, and invite your responses:

- What do you seek from the Order and our life together?
- What is most needed in strengthening our communal life in our chapters? With those as yet not in chapters? Our *diaspora* in national and international apostolicity?
- What do you seek from your abbot?
- What do you sense to be the prompting of the Spirit in forming inquirers and new members in the life of the community and in our RLS? What do you recall from your own formation that was significant and worthy of enacting for the sake of inquirers and new members?
- As stewards of God’s manifold grace, are you willing to take real, meaningful and communal steps to reduce the Order’s carbon footprint? What specific changes in practice in family, church and Order should we embrace? (This question grows out of a real conviction in my own life and one that intensifies as I think about flying from distant Hawaii to participate in the life and work of the Order.)
- In a time when economics are pinching ever more tightly, how shall we go about conducting our spring council meeting? [The Council adopted a revised plan which will be shared in a future issue of the Font.]
- What is your sense of the Order’s place in your finances? Are you willing and able to make a regular donation to the work of the Order?
- What shall our publishing ministry be? Do we see it as a continuing and important aspect of our charism as an Order?
- How will we seek to reflect more fully the inclusiveness of Christ’s church in the membership of the Order? Will we (you) reach out to younger generations, racial/ethnic persons—in short all who may be yearning for such a community?”

I would like to hear from you. You may email me at [stlukebysea@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukebysea@yahoo.com). If you would prefer to talk by phone, you are welcome to set a time to talk by using email. In time I may set office hours when I will be available for direct calls.

Pray for me along with Sr. Sue Moore, and Brs. Brent Sturm and George Crisp as we seek to discern the Cloud and Fire that goes ahead of us. Love and pray for each other and “be there” for each other to the glory of God and the building up of the community.

Under the Mystery,  
Br. Daniel, Abbot

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## Abbatial Appointments

According to the Constitution the Abbot in consultation with the Council may appoint persons to fulfill a number of roles in the Order. They are working roles, not honorific positions. The abbot has made the following appointments and they are to be affirmed at the spring council meeting. If you have a suggestion or are prompted to consider one the positions not yet filled, please contact Abbot Daniel. If the abbot has forgotten a post that needs filling please contact him at [stlukebysea@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukebysea@yahoo.com). (TBA=to be appointed)

- *Chaplain*—Anne Ferguson
- *Canons*—Dwight Vogel, Michael O'Donnell, French Ball, Stanley Tanner (Nominated by the Abbot and confirmed by the Council)
- *Pastor Care Director*—Tom Beveridge
- *Coordinator of Laity Concerns*—Barbara Lee
- *Historical Records*--David Eichelberger
- *Webscribe*—Stephen Ball
- *Publisher*—Sue Moore (*pro tem*)
- *Publication editors*—*The Font*: Sue Moore (*pro tem*), *Sacramental Life* (Nancy Crouch), and *Doxology* (E. Byron “Ron” Anderson), book review editor for *Sacramental Life* (TBA)
- *Board of Publications*—Ron Anderson, Todd Johnson, Mark Stamm, Susan Smith, Susan White, Sky Lowe-McCracken. We have one vacancy for Marjorie Proctor Smith whose term in completed (TBA)
- *Provincial Companions*—
  - Br. Tom Beveridge    New England [Interim]
  - Sr. Jeanette Block New Jersey
  - Br. Guy Camp Pennsylvania (2 chapters), Drew
  - Br. J. David Roberts    Maryland, Delaware, Washington D. C.
  - Br. Steve Sullivan Ohio (3 chapters)
  - Br. Bob Jarboe    Michigan (currently there are no active chapters) Indiana
  - Br. Ted Mitchell    Illinois (3 chapters), Minnesota
  - Br. Jonathan Jeffords    Kentucky, Tennessee (western; 2 chapters)
  - Sr. Nancy Bryan Crouch    Tennessee (eastern; currently no chapters, but there are members)
  - Br. Jason Constantine    North Carolina (3 chapters)
  - Sr. Mabel Doser    South Carolina, Georgia (2 chapters)
  - Br. Steve McGucken    Alabama, Mississippi (currently no chapters)
  - Br. Bill Olewiler    Florida (currently no chapters)
  - Br. John Taylor    Louisiana, Texas (northern)
  - Br. John Caro Russell    New Mexico, Texas (western)
  - Br. Mark Parsons    Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas (southern)
  - Sr. Julie Nygaard    North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska
  - Sr. Kathy Haley    Colorado, Wyoming, Montana
  - Sr. Mary Beth Benedict    Arizona, Utah, Nevada (southern)
  - Br. Perry Polk California (northern), Nevada (northern)
  - Br. Gilbert Stones California (southern), Hawaii
  - Br. Roger Carlson Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho
  - Br. Doug Morrison-Cleary    Pacific Rim, Philippines, Singapore

*Need Provincial Companions for these areas:*

Iowa, Virginia, West Virginia, Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and Africa

- *Companion to New Members*: TBA—a new position
- *Investment officer*—Dick Santella
- *Agent of Incorporation state of New Jersey*) – Ken Smith
- *Audit Committee*—TBA

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**A message from Abbot Mark Stamm**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for blessing me with a gift, along with many well-wishes, as I ended my term as Abbot of the Order and passed the Abbot's scapular and cathedra to Brother Daniel Benedict on October 15.

I am honored by the gift, a signed copy of Eric Walker's book *The Sinister First Baseman, and Other Observations*. It is a used book, yes, and thus the gift may seem puzzling to some, but it's not just any used book. It has been long out of print, yet is much sought after by a particular variety of nerd, such as I, who reside within the Society for American Baseball Research. I have been looking for a copy for several years, and thus am absolutely delighted. Your gift was a particularly wonderful joining of my two realms of nerdiness, my baseball friends and my liturgical friends. May both tribes increase.

Many blessings to all of you.

Brother Mark W. Stamm

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**A message from Br. Stan Tanner**

Sisters and Brothers:

Thanks to all who were a part of the surprise gift that I was given at the end of the General Chapter meeting in Pittsburgh on 15v October 2008. Your expressions of appreciation mean a great deal to me, and the chasubles that I was given will be a tangible reminder of all that was said and written. Thanks for the opportunity to be the Prior General, and best wishes to all our officers in the years to come.

Stan Tanner, O.S.L.

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**OSL Publications**

*Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L. - Publisher Pro Tem*

As many of you know, we have entered into a contract with Discipleship Resources (DR) to provide marketing and order fulfillment services for our publications. They will stock our books, take and mail orders, and handle payments. Our books will appear in their catalogs and on their website. Our publications can now be ordered from Discipleship Resources by calling 1-800-972-0433 or on the internet at [www.upperroom.org/bookstore](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore)

We are presently in transition to DR, and sales are beginning to flow through this channel (thanks be to God), but this way of doing business requires higher levels of inventory than we needed when we did all these functions ourselves. That means a short-term rise in expenses.

At our October Council meeting, this news resulted in a challenge from one of our brothers to put our wallet where our hearts are. He offered to match the first \$1000 that those of us on the Council would give. (It was a familiar feeling for those of us who listen to Public Radio!) Within 15 minutes, we had contributions totaling almost \$3000.

If our Publications ministry is as dear to you as it is to those of us who wrote out our checks on that day, I ask you to consider sending a gift to add to the money we raised in Pittsburgh. A gift of any size will help us build the inventory we need and bring our books (which are truly an amazing resource for the whole church) to a wider audience. Please send checks to

Brother W. Brent Sturm, O.S.L., Chancellor General  
The Order of Saint Luke  
25 Tressel Street  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986-2568 U.S.A.

Please indicate "Publications" on the memo line of your check.

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***From the Provincial General***

*Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L., [revgrc@yahoo.com](mailto:revgrc@yahoo.com)*

At the 2008 General Chapter meeting, held during our annual retreat in Pittsburgh, we recognized three newly formed chapters and presented their representatives with Chartering Certificates. We welcome the following chapters to our family:

The Northern New England Chapter will meet five times a year, and have begun with a discussion of the rule of Life and Service. Br. Stanley Tanner will serve as Prior. Other chapter officers, elected September 27, are: Br. Thomas Blackstone, Sub-Prior; Sr. Amy Sawtelle, Chaplain; Karen Munson, Formation Officer.

As previously announced, the Southeastern Ohio Chapter, held its organizational meeting July 19 and continues to meet monthly. Chapter officers are: Br. Brian McKee, Prior; Br. Robert Howell, Sub-Prior; Br. Farris Wilhite, Chancellor, Sr. Elissa Wilhite, Spiritual Formation

Officer. Br. Steve Sullivan, Provincial Companion for Ohio, will meet with this chapter in December.

Br. John Taylor, Prior, received the Chartering Certificate for the Trinity Chapter of north Texas, whose formation was reported in the last issue of *The Font*. This diverse group of women, men, laity and clergy representing two annual conferences will meet on the first Monday of each month. Sr. Rebecca Grogan will serve as Sub-Prior.

Two chapters were discontinued at our fall gathering. The Wesley-Allen Chapter (Detroit area) and the Wyoming Conference Chapter are no longer meeting and have no members to draw on for future leadership. Should renewed interest in the Order surface in these geographic areas these chapters could be reinstated, or a new chapter or association formed.

We have three chapters and two associations whose status is unknown because they did not file a report this fall. If anyone has information about the activities of the Northern Indiana, Northern Oasis, or Puerto Rico chapters please contact the Provincial General. I'd also like to receive a status report on the Middle Tennessee Association. In addition, unless someone can tell me otherwise, the Hiwassee Association is presumed to be defunct.

Beginning with the January/February 2009 issue of *The Font*, a new rotating pattern for sharing chapter news will be used, incorporating the new chapters and considering the changed status of other groups within the Order. Reports will continue to be drawn from reports made to the Provincial General but chapters are always welcome to provide the latest information (or corrections) about their events by directly submitting an article to *The Font*. The full Provincial General's Report, as amended following the Fall Council meeting, will be posted on the OSL website in the "Members Only" section.

Perpetual Reminder: If the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, or if you are the contact person and you move to a new assignment or change your internet service provider, please be sure to provide the Provincial General with updated contact information.

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#### ***Historical Task Force***

*Br. David Eichelberger, O.S.L.*

Historical Task Force:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I was recently reminded of how important it is to make appropriate preparations for important papers and resources. Many of our members have been active in OSL from the earliest times and may well have important information about our life as an Order in their personal collections of materials. We would like you to make a notation in your will or other records that your OSL related files and publications be sent to the General Commission on Archives and History at Drew University, 36 Madison Avenue, Madison NJ 07940.

It would also be good stewardship to remember the Order in your will so that a portion of your assets is also planned for in your estate so that our ministry might be strengthened for the work ahead. Please contact our Chancellor General Br. Brent Sturm for assistance with those arrangements.

Many of us take good care of memorabilia and always mean for them to get to the right people at the right time. If you find that you are moving, or have decided to down-size your possessions, please do not hesitate to send your OSL materials to the Archives. In time we will be able to collate all the materials we assemble into a more complete collection. You may have an item that has been missed by others. Even if it is a duplicate, it is good to have a complete run in reserve. The Archives are proving to be a valuable resource for researchers. We hope that the work of the Order will one day be the subject of such research as well, since it ties in with the Liturgical Studies program at Drew University and Seminary.

If you are friends with anyone whom you know who was formerly active in the Order, spread the word. They may have some significant items to add to the history of our Order.

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***From the Prior General***

*Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L.,*

Mark your calendars now for the **2009 Retreat** which will be held on **October 12-15** at St. Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA. More information will be in the next Font about the program for this retreat.

Those attending the Council Meeting (Elected officers, appointed officers, chapter priors, and provincial companions) should plan to arrive by noon on Monday. Those just attending the retreat should arrive in time for dinner on Monday. The retreat will end with lunch on Thursday. Those staying on for the remaining session of the Council meeting should plan to leave on Friday morning.

We are beginning to plan now for the next four years of retreats. If you have suggestions for locations or topics, please share those with me at [esmoore@alum.mit.edu](mailto:esmoore@alum.mit.edu). Since we place a high priority on keeping the cost low so that our retreats remain affordable to all, it is essential that the locations we choose be close to transportation hubs. (I know that this eliminates some very lovely spots – but airfare is often a significant portion of the cost of making a retreat.)

If you were able to attend the Convocation in Pittsburgh last month, you will know why I want to take this opportunity to thank Br. Stanley Tanner, our former Prior General, and Sr. Colleen Gilrane, who has served so very ably as our retreat hospitality coordinator, for all they have done for the Order in the past few years. Sr. Colleen has a wonderful ability to see just what is needed so all that the rest of us need to do when we are together is to enjoy ourselves. My gratitude to you both for your service on our behalf!

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***From the Officer for Pastoral Care***

*Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL* [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Sisters and Brothers:

As Br. Abbott Dan Benedict convened our Council meeting following the close of the retreat in Pittsburgh, he asked for some reflections on holy moments during the service of profession of vows that had just taken place. The time of sharing in response to that was, in itself, a holy moment.

As I look back on our time together in Pittsburgh, many such moments come to mind, but one in particular stands out for me. It happened as Br. Mark Stamm presided at the Table for the last time before Br. Dan would be installed to succeed him in the office of Abbott. Ever alert to the needs of others, Br. Dan noticed that Br. Mark needed the service book with the text of the Great Thanksgiving elevated for easier reading. So it was that two brothers stood at the Table, the one to preside, the other to provide his support. I took a mental snapshot of this, so eloquently did it speak to me of the spirit of servant-leadership that lives in The Order of Saint Luke. What a picture! It speaks a thousand words and more to me still. I will treasure it always.

I especially prize the way in which this picture captures the coming together of a pastoral spirit and a sacramental one. So often since Br. Mark asked me to serve as your Officer for Pastoral Care have I found multiplying examples of how ours is not just an Order that has such an officer, but that we are a pastoral community. We care for one another. We pray for one another. We don't always agree on everything but we certainly do practice the art of "active listening" as we think and talk together. My job, as I understand it, is not to try to do all the pastoral care for us (which would be impossible, anyway), but to encourage and celebrate that as I see it happening among us, and to foster the kind of communication needed to help it happen.

So, I write this to celebrate the pastoral spirit I saw in that holy moment at the Table in Pittsburgh, but more for what it represents to me; to say thanks to all of you. Your sacramental living is so wonderfully pastoral and kind.

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. I am especially interested in hearing from those of you who do not participate in the Cyber Chapter, as that has been my major , but incomplete, source for hearing from folk. Write me at [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com) or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, it's my practice to check all items ahead of time with the brother or sister concerned.

Peace,  
Br. Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care

### News

**Br. John Earl Taylor** has been elected Prior of the newly formed Trinity Chapter in Dallas, TX. Since early September he has also been serving as the interim pastor for a local congregation whose pastor suddenly died. To the point that Br. John arrived they had not had the opportunity to experience their own grief. He has asked for your prayerful support. [jetvct@att.net](mailto:jetvct@att.net)

**Br. Jeff Wells** was ordained in June, this year, as an Elder in The New York Annual Conference. He has been an OSL member for over seven years, and for the past three years has been appointed as pastor of The Community UMC in Massapequa, NY. Hearty congratulations, Br. Jeff! [jeffry.wells@aya.yale.edu](mailto:jeffry.wells@aya.yale.edu)



**Br. Mark Stamm** continues to live out The Rule of Life and Service in a myriad of ways including various teaching and preaching duties beyond his work at Perkins; a consultation in August on "The United Methodist Church at Forty;" speaking to the North Texas Annual Conference Order of Deacons, on "The Deacon and Sacraments;" a retreat at St. Paul School of Theology on "The Daily Office and Sacramental Spirituality" and, while he is at St. Paul's, a chapel sermon and a lecture on "Open Table? Sacramental Hospitality and Sacramental Discipline." [mwstamm@tx.rr.com](mailto:mwstamm@tx.rr.com)

**Sr. Rebecca Grogan** is a member of the newly-formed Trinity Chapter in Texas. She has recently taken on duties as Youth Director at the First UMC, The Colony (Texas), where she has been the Associate Pastor for two years. She has introduced Evening Prayer from The Daily Office as a way of worshipping at the end of youth group meetings. She writes that, "The kids love it and look forward to worship each week. Ritual speaks to their need for order and reliability. It frees them to begin to ask questions and to enjoy the MYSTERY." [crumybeck@aol.com](mailto:crumybeck@aol.com)

**Br. Gill Gurrero** is a Probationary Deacon in the Philippines Annual Conference. He is now teaching college English at Cavite State University, and serving as a youth pastor at the Mt. Pisgah UMC in Cavite. Cavite is about 30 km south of Manila. [Br.gil\\_osl@yahoo.com](mailto:Br.gil_osl@yahoo.com)

**Sr. Virginia Ford** underwent surgery for cancer at the UCLA Medical Center on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This involved removal of half her tongue, her jaw and other tissue, plus bone and muscle grafts to reconstruct her jaw. This surgery, which took eleven hours, is far more radical than surgery she already underwent in July which was not sufficient. Prayers have already been offered by members of the Cyber Chapter and by those who gathered at Pittsburgh the week prior to her surgery. Please be in continuing prayer for Sr. Virginia. [VirginiaAF@aol.com](mailto:VirginiaAF@aol.com)

**Br. Ronal Freyer-Nicholas** has received Privilege of Call and Ministerial Standing in the UCC and has moved from Supply to Pastor at the Pilgrims' UCC in Fruitland Park, FL. His Installation was on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Order was represented by **Br. Bill Owlewiler** who made the 2 hour (each way) round trip in order to be present for the installation. **Sr. Inga Freyer-Nicholas** has been in and out of hospital several times since July. Of course, the hope was that she would be sufficiently recovered to be present for Br. Ron's installation, but that was not to be. Please keep them both in your prayers. And there is still more news: Br. Ron writes that on Sunday, November 16, there will be a celebration of five ordination anniversaries -- of two retired clergy members of Pilgrims' UCC, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> anniversaries; the associate pastor, celebrating 35 years; and Sr. Inga and Br. Ron at 20 years each. That's a total of 172 years! Congratulations to all. And please pray that Sr. Inga will be strong enough to be present on that day. [ron.freyer.nicholas@gmail.com](mailto:ron.freyer.nicholas@gmail.com) [inga@freyer-nicholas.net](mailto:inga@freyer-nicholas.net)

**Br. Raymond Conatser** is recovering well from recent hip surgery. His wife *Lu* is dealing with back pain, undergoing medical tests, and she is currently hospitalized. Br. Ray is a retired school psychologist; *Lu* is a retired elementary school teacher. Please keep them both in your prayers. No e-mail; address is: 405 Country Drive, Nashville, TN 37211-4505

**Br. Matthew Charlton** had the privilege of writing several pastoral reflections for the Psalms, for the Wesley Study Bible, which will be available from Cokesbury soon. You can get a sample of the content (the Letter of James) on Cokesbury's website. [mwcharlton@yahoo.com](mailto:mwcharlton@yahoo.com)

**Br. Roger "Rog" Baker** recently moved to Burke, VA where he is taking a year of leave to be a fulltime homemaker and affiliate minister at St. Stephen's UMC. And he has found a way to connect with his new neighborhood. He devotes each Thursday afternoon to the baking of chocolate-chip cookies. He delivers these to his neighbors along with a card and an introduction. He writes, "After living in my bit of suburbia only a few weeks, the entire neighborhood knows me and my children - we have knit ourselves into the social fabric." Right on, Br. Rog! Finally, Br. Roger professed his vows as a life member of OSL at our retreat in Pittsburgh. [bypass@rogerbaker.net](mailto:bypass@rogerbaker.net)

In November, **Br. Guy Camp** will play the role of Kris Kringle in a local theater production of *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, a play based on the novel of that name by *Valentine Davies*. Break a leg, Br. Gooley (in the metaphorical sense, of course)! [Gooleycamp3@yahoo.com](mailto:Gooleycamp3@yahoo.com)

Please keep our Chaplain General **Sr. Anne Ferguson** and her family in your prayers. We have just learned that, after several years' struggle with Alzheimer's Disease, her mother *Jane Ferguson* died within the week following our retreat in Pittsburgh. Or as Sr. Anne puts it so much better, "On Tuesday, October 21, 2008, death found that it had no dominion over her." Br. Rusty Beals has known both Jane and Sr. Anne since both were his fellow students at Christian Theological Seminary, where they became fast friends. He writes that "Jane was not only a good friend and colleague, but she was also 'mom' to us in many ways." Sr. Anne says that her mother was a member of the Order for just one year, many years ago, but that her passion was Social Justice ministry. A Service of Death and Resurrection took place on Monday, October 27, noon, at Grace UMC in Urbana, IL. [anne.ferguson@garrett.edu](mailto:anne.ferguson@garrett.edu)

The following brothers and sisters were remembered at our retreat our retreat in Pittsburg, on Wednesday evening at Compline:

<b>Sr. Louise Schmittle</b>	-	February 3, 2007
<b>Br. Richard Lyddon</b>	November 28, 1947 -	December 20, 2007
<b>Sr. Karen Crisley</b>	October 22, 1940 -	June 20, 2007
<b>Br. Marsden Kitley</b>	May 12, 1933 -	March 11, 2008
<b>Br. Richard M. Hoffman</b>	February 17, 1936 -	June 19, 2008

Death has found that it has no dominion over them.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

#### **A Tribute to Br. Richard M. Hoffman from Br. Ted Hoffmann, OSL**

On June 19, 2008 my brother died. Richard (Dick) M. Hoffmann was born on February 17, 1936 in Dunbar, WV. He was a member of The Order of Saint Luke.

Thus, as some of you know, he and I became Br. Br. to each other. Every email that we exchanged was addressed to Br. Br. and signed Br. Br.

Br. Br.'s health was such that he never was able to attend an annual retreat or in any other way get to meet in person a fellow member of OSL. There was not a local chapter near him for him to attend.

Br. Dick did meet many of you on the Cyber Chapter which was his link, except through me, to the Order.

He occasionally corresponded with Br. Taylor and Br Brent by email.

I am writing this, which I said to the General Chapter, that he would have you know that he loved the Order and he loved each of you. He prayed for you and with you each day through the Daily Office. I think it is significant that, even though he was a Marine, he was buried in his alb and scapular.

## Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

### NOVEMBER

<b>S</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>All Saint's Day W (traditional)</b> <b>or Eve of All Saints W (optional)</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b> <b>or All Saint's Day W (Optional)</b>
M	3	Richard Hooker G
T	4	G
W	5	G
T	6	G
F	7	G
S	8	G
<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	10	Leo the Great G
T	11	Martin of Tours, Soren Kierkegaard G
W	12	G
T	13	Sarah Peters G
F	14	G
S	15	G
<b>S</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G M</b>
	17	Philip William Otterbein G
T	18	Hilda G
W	19	G
T	20	G
F	21	Anna Oliver G
S	22	G
		<b>Eve of Christ the King W</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Christ the King W</b>
M	24	Eliza Garrett G
T	25	Isaac Watts G
W	26	Sojourner Truth G
T	27	<b>Thanksgiving Day W (optional)</b>
F	28	John Dempster and James Mills Thoburn G
S	29	G
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P</b>

### DECEMBER

<b>M</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Andrew (transferred) R</b>
T	2	B/P
W	3	B/P
T	4	B/P
F	5	Clement of Alexandria B/P
S	6	Nicholas B/P
<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P</b>
M	8	B/P
T	9	B/P
W	10	B/P
T	11	B/P
F	12	B/P
S	13	B/P
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P</b>
M	15	B/P
T	16	B/P
W	17	John Stewart B/P
T	18	Thelma Stevens B/P
F	19	William Wesley Van Orsdel (Brother Van) B/P
S	20	Captain Thomas Webb B/P
<b>S</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Thomas (transferred) R</b>
T	23	B/P
W	24	B/P
		<b>Christmas Eve W</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Christmas Day W</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Stephen R</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>John W</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas W</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents (transferred) R</b>
T	30	W
W	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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