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FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

What does it mean to belong to the Order of Saint Luke?

One of the highlights of our retreat each October, is when we gather as a community to make an affirmation of their vows as members of the Order of Saint Luke. We welcome new members, we rejoice as those who are already members renew their vows, and sometimes we celebrate the decision of existing members to become life-vowed members. Of course, not everyone can attend the retreat, so our Chancellor-General sends out a reminder to complete and send in an Affirmation form. That Affirmation form is your declaration that you intend to remain a member of the Order. Whether you make this affirmation in public, or make it alone, you are declaring your intent to live by our Rule of Life and Service: You will affirm the apostolic hope. You will live for the Church of Jesus Christ. You will seek the sacramental life. You will promote the corporate worship of the Church. You will magnify the sacraments. You will accept the call to service. You will abide by the rules of the Order of Saint Luke and indicate your commitment by study, service, gifts, and practice.

Your affirmation of vows is the physical act that is required for membership in the Order. All that you need is a piece of paper, a pen, and a stamp. But that physical act is only the outward and visible sign of the spiritual commitment that we make as members of the Order of Saint Luke.

What that commitment look like? Let me suggest five things that mark our identity as members of this community:

We accept a responsibility to be a part of a community that will have expectations of us. We don't join the Order of Saint Luke to be observers; we join to be participants. We are making a commitment to let our lives be shaped by a discipline of prayer and worship and involvement in the life of the Order.

We will allow this community to hold us in love. A very important decision of the Order was that we would call one another Brother and Sister. The title that the world uses for us, and even that the church uses for us, is not important here. Our status does not depend on our rank, or on the degrees we have earned. We stand on equal ground as siblings in the Order, and as siblings in the family of God.

We will put our love for our brothers and sisters ahead of any theological or liturgical differences that we might have with one another. The Order does not expect uniformity of beliefs. We are an ecumenical community, even though our roots are in the Wesleyan tradition. We do not impose any single theological position on those who join us. Instead, we celebrate the things we hold in common: our intent to lead a sacramental life, our love of good liturgy and our commitment to magnifying the sacraments.

The following quote from our Customary is instructive and a witness to our unique way of hospitality to others, whether we agree with them or not: "All those who can affirm these vows, and who

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IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

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Faith communities have frequently kept necrologies of those saints who have gone before us. In this manner The Order of Saint Luke remembers these sisters and brothers:

September 7 Br. Hoyt Hickman (2016) California
September 9 Sr. Amy Beveridge (2015) Connecticut
September 11 Br. Bill Hunter (2011) Texas, New York
September 17 Br. Howard Sterling (2014) New Jersey
September 19 Br. Lindsay Churchman (2015) Illinois, previously Iowa and Texas
September 21 Br. James M. Ault (2008) Bishop, GBGM, Drew Theological Seminary
September 22 Sr. Christine Farrar (2011) Missouri
September 23 Br. Russell E. Sonafrank, II (2003) Indiana
October 5 Br. Robert E. Gordon (2002) Virginia

Lucile Beasley (2015) California

October 9 Br. Bob M. Fuqua (2004) West Virginia
October 11 Sr. Marjorie Erickson (2016) New Jersey
October 12 Br. Tom Beveridge (2014) Connecticut
October 16 Laurence Stookey (2016)
October 21 Sr. Jane Ferguson (2008) Illinois
October 22 Br. Robert Fletcher Thomas, Jr. (2005) South Carolina
October 31 Br. Arthur J. Landwehr (2003) Illinois
Br. James F. White (2004) Indiana

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send information to me at bhagwon@earthlink.net so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

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can accept all others who affirm these vows as their brothers and sisters, are welcome in The Order of Saint Luke.” (1.3.a) All these are our brothers and sisters.

We are part of a community that holds the sacramentality of all creation at the core of its identity. Most of us live in a culture that idolizes the individual. We are bombarded by messages that tell us that we deserve whatever we want without considering how our desires impact the rest of creation. As an Order, we vehemently reject such self-centeredness. We affirm that all people are children of God, but beyond that we affirm that this planet that sustains us and all creation beyond our earthly home are of God, and we stand before them

in awe. We accept our responsibility to speak for all of creation.

We accept a commitment to pray not just our own prayers, but the prayers of the Church for the sake of the world. Our commitment to praying the Daily Office goes beyond our personal need for prayer. The Daily Office is not another form of personal devotions, important as those are, but a commitment to pray as the Church for the world. It is a prayer we make in community, even when we are praying it alone. One of the strongest images of praying the Daily Office is found in the old hymn, “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ending.” In the second stanza, we sing:

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,

*While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is*

keeping,

And rests not now by day or night.

As the earth turns, our prayers join those of others, rolling onward in an unceasing voice of praise.

When you take your vows in October, or when you fill out your Affirmation form at home, I invite you to review the Rule of Life and Service, and also to consider beyond these brief statements what it means to you to be a member of the Order of Saint Luke. How will you let yourself be marked by this community? What new ways might you be involved? How will you hold in love those with whom you disagree? How can you be a voice for all Creation?

Under God's Mystery,
Sr. Abbot Elizabeth

FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL

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What's a Provincial Companion?

Some of us in the Order of Saint Luke may be familiar with our Provincial Companions, while others may find this term a new one. In the



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last edition of the Font, we discussed the role of chapters and associations in maintaining our communal life despite our nature as a dispersed Order.

In this edition, we'll explore what, and who, our Provincial Companions are, and how they can help those of us in the Order of Saint Luke.

Given the dispersed and global nature of our Order, most members don't know most other members. We know those who live closest to

us, or those who belong in our chapter (if we have one). We may know those who attend our October retreat (which I would highly encourage you to consider!). And those of us who have moved may have had the chance to encounter several subsets of OSL members. But we are dispersed, with members in the Philippines and in Pittsburgh, in Alabama and Australia.

According to our Constitution and By-Laws, Provincial Companions work together with the Provincial General to support local chapters and associations. They are also the primary means of communication to OSL members who do not have a chapter nearby. They support the spiritual formation of these individ-

uals and of the chapters. Finally, they participate in the work of the nominating committee when new officers are needed for the Order.

Currently, we have a number of wonderful sisters and brothers serving our Order as Provincial Companions. You can find that list below. If you have never contacted or been contacted by the Provincial Companion in your area, I'd encourage you to reach out and say "hi!"

You'll notice as well that not all locations where OSL members live are covered. If you live in an area without a Provincial Companion, and you have suggestions for who might serve well in that role, please contact me at hjosselyn@hotmail.com

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IN MEMORIAM

Br. David Bort, OSL (Dec. 19, 1926—Aug. 23, 2017)

By Br. Daniel Benedict, OSL

Br. David Bort heeded the call to service during some difficult days in our order's history, serving as newsletter editor and more recently as the first editor of *Doxology*, our scholarly journal. In the 1984 inaugural issue, Br. David wrote on the Editor's Page: "I look forward with eagerness to the contribution which the Order can continue to make during the coming years to the liturgical, sacramental and spiritual renewal..." He single-handedly included 34 book reviews in that volume! While not many of our current members knew him, we can all be grateful for his life, witness and service. You can access his obituary at goo.gl/EqH4TD. Br. David and his

wife and son, David, stopped to visit with me several times at my office in Nashville. It is a privilege to share this memorial statement with the Order.

Let's jump right in on Br. David's life with a remembrance by Br. Rich Wittig, OSL, who knew him as a colleague and chapter member.

"Dave was a faithful participant in the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Order of Saint Luke when I joined in the early 1970s. He was gracious and welcoming. However, I was initially a bit intimidated by the breadth of his knowledge, deep thinking and broad familiarity with many subjects, but especially church history, theology, worship and the sacraments. As we quickly became friends, his sense of humor and caring gained equal standing in my experience with his obvious intellectual capacity. He was often our "go to" person when questions arose around subjects we were studying. He was editor for the General Chapter for many years [of *The Versicle and Worship/Work* that preceded *Doxology*]. He ministered with great effectiveness to his congregation and to his brothers and sisters in the Order, while providing a presence of holiness, and joy.

"Here's an illustrative story about Dave: In 1974, our OSL Chapter was gathered for our annual Retreat at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. An evening program had been arranged by Dave to help us review [audio-visual] resources on worship. One of the resources Dave brought for us to review was a filmstrip.

"(Filmstrips were common in those

days—slides put together on a 2" wide roll of film and narrated from a printed script read by the leader. The strip or roll of film was fed through a projector by dual wheels moving the strip along as a knob was turned. I know this sounds impossible to anyone born in the last 30 years or so, but this was what we had to work with.)

"So, Dave had, as usual, prepared well, reviewed the filmstrip himself and was going to help us see its strengths and weaknesses. This was right up his alley. We were seated in a semi-circle facing a projector screen. With a very serious and well-informed introduction Dave began his program. He then began the filmstrip, doing the narration and his own commentary at his pace because he was the one who turned the filmstrip forward slide by slide.

"Suddenly, the strip got stuck in the projector. (This happened to anyone from time to time who was desperate enough to use a filmstrip.) Dave tried to free the filmstrip and did. It went a few frames as he was reading and then stuck again. He stopped and freed it again. It jammed again. He tried to free it again and said something like, "I got it." Unfortunately, it was only partially free as Dave advanced the frames. We all thought Dave would have to pause again because there was some grinding and shredding noise. Instead, Dave kept right on turning the knob as the filmstrip was forced forward accompanied by a tearing, shredding and grinding sound as each frame appeared on the screen more and more

FROM THE CHANCELLOR GENERAL

The Vote Is YES!

We have a new Constitution!

We have received 154 affirmative votes, achieving the necessary amount to ratify our new OSL Constitution.

Please look for your Affirmation forms for 2017-18 during the first two weeks of October. You may return them to me in the envelope that will be provided, or scan them to me at oslchancellor@gmail.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Br. Dwight Edward Conrad, OSL (1933-2017)

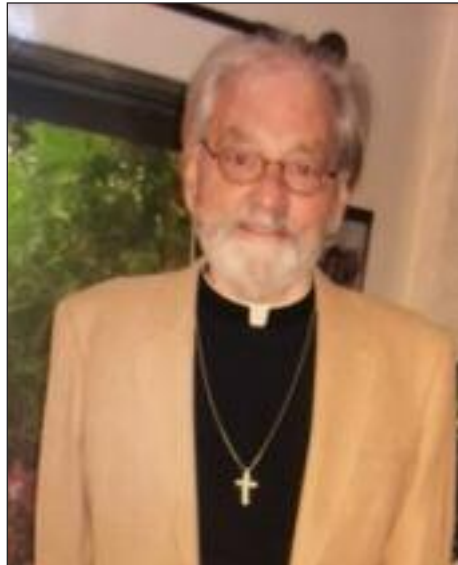
By Br. Daniel Benedict with the help of Kathleen Conrad

Many of our members live distinguished lives quietly and are little known to the members of the Order due to their life circumstances. One of those I had the privilege of getting to know very late in his life is Br. Dwight Conrad. While I was abbot of the Order, Br. Dwight contacted me, seeking to discern readiness for life-vowed membership. For health reasons, he was unable to continue that process and this May, he died. So, we commend him to God in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Here is something of the life and witness of Br. Dwight Edward Conrad, OSL.

Dwight was born August 12, 1933 in Akron, Ohio to Harreld George and Macil Naomi Stewart Conrad. He was especially proud of his Scots heritage with Clan Stewart on both sides of his family tree. From his early years it was apparent he was blessed by God with extraordinary gifts. At the age of 8 years, he began an apprenticeship with his fraternal grandfather in blacksmithing, and by age 21 he had achieved the title of Master Blacksmith, excelling in both industrial and artistic work. He excelled academically, athletically, and socially. He brought people together with his kindness and understanding.

He played football in high school and in college. After graduating from Kenmore High School in 1951 he attended Taylor /Indiana University graduating with a bachelor of arts in Philosophy.

He was ordained in 1956 by United Methodist Bishop Richard



Br. Dwight Conrad was a man of many gifts as a master blacksmith, a pastor, scholar, psychologist and an artist who painted the ship above.



Raines, and an Anglican bishop, whose name we don't know. That same year he professed vows in The Order of Saint Luke. Dwight served churches in the Indiana Conference including Wabash and Marion. He furthered his education at Boston University where he received a bachelor's and master's in Sacred Theology and subsequently pastored a church on Cape Cod, Mass. In 1969, his then wife filed for divorce and church polity dictated that divorced clergy were unable to be appointed to a local church.

This led him again to Boston University where he earned his doctorates in Clinical Psychology and Linguistics in the early 1970s. Dwight spoke 40 languages including: Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Hebrew, German, Yiddish, Mandarin, Hindi, and five Middle Eastern dialects, to name a few. Kathleen notes: "He was among the first group to travel to Israel to translate the Dead Sea

Scrolls."

Dwight worked with the Methodist ministry in Haiti to establish the feeding program Aide-en-Effants that I understand continues to this day and built a clinic in Port-O-Prince. He was active in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s when he marched with Martin Luther King in Selma.

From the early 1980s he served with the U.S. Navy, working in dolphin research and providing psychological assessments for the Navy. For a time, he served the spiritual needs of veterans as a Navy Chaplain at the Bedford, Mass., Veterans Administration and the Medical Center in Eugene, Ore. Additionally, he acted as a part time minister providing coverage in several Massachusetts churches and finally Oakridge, Ore., Methodist Church.

In my first conversation with Br. Dwight, he told me that he had

IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Keeping Our Vow to Promote Corporate Worship

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hurricane Harvey had a tremendous impact on the lives of so many. Here are some reflections from two of our life-vowed members of the Order. — *Sr. Abbot Elizabeth Moore.*

By Br. Frank Richard Coats

We promote the corporate worship of the Church.

This one, this vow, nagged at me in the first few years of joining the Order. I had begun seminary and was attempting to find joy in what had been described to me once as the “white bread” of Methodism with the weak liturgy and the lack of Biblical literacy I was finding.

Of course, I can be a pretentious, judgmental jerk. So there’s that...

I first heard a call to ministry when I was 26 years old, ignored it and went on my way. When the call came again with more force we worshiped at a Bible church which would not allow me to serve as a leader because by then I was divorced. I was hurt that it seemed I couldn’t even help serve the Communion elements. When I met Brenda I told her I thought I’d be in ministry one day, but I doubted it would be in a church.

I’m jumping forward several years, but in 2000 we started seminary. (I say “we” because most of you know it is a group effort. Brenda was and is my chief support and encourager.) At first I thought I’d be a chaplain or maybe an associate pastor. I had a wound from past church experiences that I liked to cling to. But all around the same time I



Photo by Kathleen Barry, United Methodist News Service

Br. Frank Richard Coats, pastor of Lake Houston United Methodist Church in Huffman, Texas, leads outdoor worship after Hurricane Harvey seriously damaged the church's building.

learned more of Methodist history, and of John Wesley, and Br. Don Brown introduced me to the Order of St. Luke and I made my first professions by mail each year, praying in the dispersed community. I framed my membership certificate, and kept looking at it and reading that we promoted the corporate worship of the Church. We joined St. John’s Downtown in Houston, where there we were part of a strong and vital homeless ministry. We were doing something for the Kingdom of God, and we loved it. We began to look forward to our worship times together, being with our brothers and sisters and praising God. Healing began.

Now, 14 years later, I am pastor of a church in Huffman, Texas, northeast of Houston, and Brenda and I were on a planned vacation to California when Harvey hit. Services were cancelled

all throughout the area. Many of our folk took on water and lost much. Some lost all. One family had water come up to the roofline, and her attic and ceiling collapsed upon the floor. Their home will be bulldozed.

Our Church, Lake Houston United Methodist Church, took on two inches of water throughout, and three inches in some of our offices. A team of 40-50 volunteers came up to the church with Wet Vacs and gloves and shovels to clean and pull carpet, remove floors and cut sheetrock. The repairs continue as of this writing.

I wrote letters to the congregation almost every day, trying to give hope, encouragement, and a Scriptural basis for that hope. We serve the One who rose from the dead, and God is with us all.

We needed to get back home, and

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IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Life's Lessons Help Us Cope After the Storm

By Br. Jack Womack

September 1, 1989 was Labor Day and a significant day for me. It was on that day that I decided to accept the advice of a friend and abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages “for a while.” My marriage was ending; I was a single dad with two teen boys and was having a difficult time sorting through what actions to take and when to begin. This month I celebrated 28 years of sobriety. The decision I made then changed the course of my history.

Currently my community is shuttering in the path of hurricane Harvey. Thousands of homes are flooded, and many are uninhabitable. Temporary housing is full. There are no rental cars, tow trucks are backlogged for weeks and the situation seems impossible. Faith communities and the general public are providing much needed help, but the destruction is overwhelming.

Thanks to my years in addiction recovery, I have learned lessons that apply to all of us in the process of restoration and recovery. Years ago, when I made that first decision, I had no idea what that would mean to me, my family or to God's Kingdom. Applying a principle learned from recovery groups, I have learned to do “first things first.” In this current situation the first thing we want to do is to look around and feel sorry for ourselves, our neighbors and our community, but when we can remember to put the most important things first, we are able to thank God for our safety and for life.



Logo Courtesy of Hope Community UMC

Br. Jack Womack's congregation, Hope Community United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Texas, escaped Harvey's wrath, but Br. Jack's home was seriously damaged.

We are tempted to become frantic in our response, but with God we find it possible to put things into a more useful perspective. Every trial in life also provides a challenge. Our relationship with God and our faith community can remind us that though we are bruised and battered, we have the future in front of us. Even though we may have been unprepared for the destructive force of the storm, we can prepare ourselves for the lengthy process of recovery.

For me, recovery from alcohol allowed me to more clearly hear God's voice. I answered the call to ministry, graduated from seminary and was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church and have the privilege of pastoring a church centered on the notion of recovery, from addiction and from the stresses and issues of life. It seems to me that we have that same opportunity with the recovery from our recent storm and its aftermath. A methodical approach, dealing with the most life-threatening thing first, demonstrating

the love, mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus in our daily lives, not only provides personal relief, but calls us from worry about what has happened to travel intentionally into the future.

We can share our common experience and strength to give hope to the hopeless, help to those in need and to have productive days. As with my own journey where one day sober led to two, then a week and eventually to many years, we can begin to stack one good and productive day upon another. We will get through what we may never get over. Then one day, weeks, months or years from now, we will celebrate the day that we decided to take deliberate and effective action to be the heart and hands and feet of Jesus for our families, our communities and for the world.

Br. Jack Womack serves as pastor of Hope Community United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Texas.

Invitation to the OSL/OSP — ‘The Our Story Project’

By Br. Mark W. Stamm, OSL

Sisters and Brothers:

At Council meeting in May, we established the Our Story Project (OSP), an attempt to gather and archive stories relating to the history of the Order. At this point, there is no plan to write a history of the Order, although we are aware that scholars may at some point use this archive in the writing of such histories. Here are some of the perspectives that the Council received and affirmed at the May meeting:

- 1 There's every reason to believe that this project will be great fun, with all of the positive dynamics of a family reunion, or even a scavenger hunt.
- 2 Almost any willing member or friend of the Order, from persons with little academic background to senior professors and researchers, should be able to make a contribution to the effort. Some will, of course, need more guidance than others. But, it is "Our Story Project" and so gathering is should be our work.
- 3 While I will do my part of this work from the sympathetic perspective of one who loves the Order and is committed to its Rule, I must also remain true to my scholarly integrity and the principles of academic freedom.
- 4 That is, we cannot explore the history of the Order, its positive witness and its many significant accomplishments without also exploring its conflicts and even its failures.

Given these perspectives, the proj-

ect us underway. I've decided on the following:

- We will collect information in various manners, and especially via direct written descriptions, audio testimonies and interviews. We are asking for that submitters and interviewees sign informed consent. For now, if you want to participate, please e-mail me so that I may send you the relatively simple consent form.
- I'll accept almost account related to the history of the Order, but I will announce particular

themes from time to time.

To that end, for now I am asking for submissions on the following:

- On the life and witness of David J. Bort, OSL
- On the convocation on The United Methodist Hymnal, held in Cleveland, Ohio in the fall of 1988.

There will, of course, be more later.

Br. Mark Stamm, Canon of the Order and Director, Our Story Project, serves as Professor of Christian Worship at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

Corporate Worship

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the church needed to get together.

Our return flights were cancelled. We flew into Dallas on the Thursday after the storm, and two of our members drove an 11 hour round trip to pick us up and bring us home so we could be in church on Sunday.

That beautiful morning we met outside in the parking lot at 9 a.m. We were unplugged, no sound system, acoustic guitars and loud voices. I told folks who received the taped sermon if it sounded like I was shouting, I was.

We needed to be together, to be the Body of Christ there at Lake Houston. Some of the 146 who showed that early morning had been rescued by boat from their homes earlier in the week; some of them had been the rescuers. Many had lost most of their belongings to flood waters, and their homes were not inhabitable. Our Sanctuary and our Christian Fellowship Center, where we would normally host the traditional and contemporary serv-

ices, respectively, were both unsuitable for worship that morning, and remain so as of this writing.

But it was important for us to meet, to be together, to hug and cry and share stories of rescues and victory and hear stories of need and be a place of prayer and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Stores were closed and out of supplies so we could not share the Eucharist that morning, but soon we will.

We will magnify the Sacraments as we go through our own baptism of water, and find the new life awaiting us. We'll meet outside again this week, and perhaps we'll be back inside our buildings soon and perhaps not. But our Church is doing great, and the buildings will be fine.

We promote the corporate worship of the Church.

Br. Frank Richard Coats serves as pastor of Lake Houston United Methodist Church in Huffman, Texas.

THE ORDO

Prepared by Br. Jack Fahey, OSL

SEPTEMBER

F	1	G
S	2	G
S	3	13th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	4	Albert Schweitzer G
T	5	G
W	6	James Bradley Finley G
T	7	G
F	8	G
S	9	Mary Bosanquet Fletcher G
S	10	14th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	11	Isabella Thoburn & Clara Swain G
T	12	Jesse Lee G
W	13	Anthony Bewley G
T	14	Holy Cross Day R
F	15	G
S	16	G
S	17	15th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	18	Dag Hammarskjöld G
T	19	G
W	20	G
T	21	Matthew R
F	22	G
S	23	G
S	24	16th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	25	Peter Cartwright G
T	26	Freeborn & Catherine Garrettson
W	27	John Dickens; Alejo Hernandez G
T	28	G
F	29	Michael and All Angels W
S	30	Jerome: George Whitefield G

OCTOBER

S	1	17th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	2	G
T	3	G
W	4	Francis of Assisi G
T	5	G
F	6	William Tyndale; Jennie Fowler Willing G
S	7	John Woolman G
S	8	18th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	9	G
T	10	G
W	11	G
T	12	G
F	13	Gilbert of Sempringham G
S	14	G
S	15	19th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	16	Thomas Cranmer G
T	17	Ignatius of Antioch G
		Eve of Luke R
W	18	Luke R
T	19	Jacob Arminius G
F	20	G
S	21	G
S	22	20th. Sunday after Pentecost G
M	23	James of Jerusalem R
T	24	Sarah Crosby G
W	25	G
T	26	G
F	27	G
S	28	Simon and Jude R; PM-G
S	29	21st Sunday after Pentecost G
M	30	G
T	31	G
		Eve of All Saints (traditional) W

Notes on The Ordo: 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.

REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I recently returned from travels through Virginia, West Virginia and central Pennsylvania. As I drove those many miles I was blessed to note the



Br. David
Eichelberger

beauty of the landscape. I was thrilled to see the signs that summer is concluding its productive season of growth. I was surprised to observe that autumn is sending its precursor

signs of the change of season in the Northern hemisphere. Corn was being harvested. Pumpkins were being gathered into rows to enable jack o' lantern carvers a good selection. Red maples and sumac trees were flaming into red and orange. With the approaching fall, my thoughts turn to our annual retreat.

A blessed small percentage of our Order will be gathering in Scottsdale, Ariz., in a lovely retreat center in the midst of the desert to worship, fellowship and explore Native American spirituality. The majority of us will join them in their prayers for the Order and look forward to the time when we might be able to share in a similar gathering. Our retreats are a great blessing to those who are able to attend.

We also remember the balance of our Order who are dispersed and unable to attend. We pray for all who are making their annual profession or renewal of profession on the Feast of St. Luke on Oct. 18. We welcome our new brothers and sisters and we are thankful for those who have gone before us, who shaped our Fellow-



Enjoying His Love for Books

There's hardly a member of the Order of Saint Luke who doesn't love books. Br. Gilmartin Guerrero recently had the opportunity to indulge his love of books thanks to the generosity of Br. Oliverio Pinero, prior of the Philippines Chapter. Br. Oliverio provided Br. Gil with admission to the 38th Manila International Book Fair, which resulted in this photo proving his attendance from Br. Gil's Facebook page.

– Sr. Cynthia Astle, Editor

ship into an Order.

This month we lift up a number of prayer requests:

Br. Frank Coats invites prayers for his congregation at Lake Houston UMC as they, like many in the Houston area recover from the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Sr. Meredith and Br. W. Brent Sturm ask for prayers on Sr. Meredith's behalf as she recuperates from bilateral pneumonia. They are happy to report that their son Daniel is recovering well from his encounter with an automobile while crossing a highway on foot. They are also celebrating the news that their anticipated first grand child will be a little girl.

Br. Daniel Benedict and family are mourning the loss of Br. Daniel's father due to congestive heart failure.

Sr. Nan Duerling has asked prayers for her mother who is dealing with medical challenges following a recent stroke. She also is requesting prayers for herself follow-

ing recent surgery for breast cancer.

Br. Michael Blackie asks for prayers for the community wherein he serves as they are in the midst of an area of widespread addiction.

Br. W. Brent Sturm likewise asks prayers for his city and state as they are leading the nation in the scourge of opioid addiction.

Sr. Elisabeth Moore asked for prayers for the family of Br. David Bort who recently died. Br. David had been the editor of "Doxology" for many years (see In Memoriam on Page 4).

Br. Jonathan Hehn recently began a new position as the Assistant Director of the Liturgical Choir at the Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN. He is also moving through the ordination process in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Br. Dwight Vogel is traveling with his family on an excursion to Alaska, having already enjoyed a rail trip to

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the Seattle region along the Pacific coast. He shared his concern for the changes happening to the environment as the glaciers they visited are in now in swift retreat.

Br. Blake Gulley shared the celebration which was held for his grandmother's 80th birthday. "Mamaw Harmon" arrived in a covered wagon for a frontier themed party.

Br. David Eichelberger's parents recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and his father's 94th birthday.

Sisters and Brothers, let us unite our hearts in prayer:

O blessed and Holy Trinity, we rejoice in your faithfulness and grace towards your creation. Out of the chaos of nothingness, you brought forth all that we see about us. We pray your blessing upon our world and its peoples who are suffering in so many places due to the unsettledness of our climate. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods due to forest fires, floods, tsunamis, droughts, hurricanes, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, famines, and earthquakes. Touch our hearts with your compassion so that we will reach out to those in grave need and peril. Awaken us to the perils we face and instruct us in how we may be used by you to restore your order and bring harmony to our world.

We lift up our prayers on behalf of the many who are suffering today. Where there is death, bring your consolation and compassion. Where there is hunger, bless all who are working to provide for the least and the lost. Where there are warfare and political

tensions, make us to be the instruments of your peace so that Your reign may be made manifest and all nations will beat their weapons into instruments for productivity.

We pray for all who are afraid because their livelihoods are threatened by the rapid pace of global trade and technological advance. Allow us to envision your economy where all are free to share their talents and to participate in the fruits of honest labor.

We pray that all peoples will be liberated from the bondage of racism, so that we may live freely and peacefully as brothers and sisters upon this tiny world afloat in the enormity of the universe.

We ask your blessing, O Blessed Trinity upon our Order of Saint Luke and all who are called into covenantal communities. Give inspiration to the elected leaders of our Order. Continue to bring others into fellowship with us. May we be guided and utilized by you to enable a deeper appreciation of the Apostolic Hope and the blessing of Sacramental Living.

We lift these and our private intercessions to you, O God, trusting in your grace and compassion; in the name of the Holy and Glorious Trinity. Amen.



IN MEMORIAM

Br. Dwight Conrad

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prayed "the Mass" and kept the canonical hours every day since his ordination! Kathleen says that he did this even during three hospitalizations, each lasting several months. He was most proud to wear his handmade vestments designed and lovingly sewn by his wife, Kathleen.

Dwight met and married Kathleen, whom he adored, in 1992. They served Christ as a team for 25 years, counseling clients at the Oakridge Counseling Center; he as a clinical psychologist and Kathleen as a registered nurse and Marriage and Family Therapist. This met a great need in an economically depressed area.

Br. Dwight's health had been deteriorating since 2003.

He was prolific in setting down his theological and psychological musings and poetry. As if that wasn't enough for expression, he was accomplished in the visual arts with oil, charcoal and colored pencil, as well as sculpting in metal and wood.

He was deeply devoted to Kathleen and often said that there was nothing he could not bear if it meant he could be with her. Br. Dwight walked through life quietly and humbly despite his brilliance and many talents. Dwight knew that to whom God had given much, much was expected and he was generous in in self-giving.

Kathleen asks for our prayers for her as she grieves his loss.

Requiescat in pace

IN MEMORIAM

Br. David Bort, OSL (1926—2017)

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“Still Dave continued reading and turning the knob as the visual disaster unfolded. Some of us began to laugh to ourselves and then out loud at Dave’s difficulties, his grinding up of the filmstrip and his continuing faithfully with his script. Finally, Dave stopped and said, ‘Well, that’s that.’ We laughed some more, but he settled us down and with a bit of smile, proceeded to point out the editorial weaknesses of the filmstrip, but never mentioned the reality that it was actually now largely torn to shreds! Dave cared deeply that we would learn something, despite the technical difficulties.

“Dave cared deeply about us, his ministry, his family and his world. He served all nobly and graciously and thoughtfully with gentle humor. We loved him. He made us all better, smarter and happier. He was a great blessing. Thanks be to God for Dave Bort.”

Br. Michael J. O’Donnell, OSL, former abbot of the Order, wrote of him, “I remember Br. David fondly. He was very dedicated to his work in the Order...he was truly one of the Old Guard that helped sustain the Order during the dark times. He was of the Thorwald Torgerson era. I recall Br Timothy [Crouch] working with him on Doxology, doing all the editing by hand rather than computer or word processor. He is one we should never forget for his loyalty and service.”

Br. David’s “Celebration of Life” took place on Sept. 1, 2017 at

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Sandgate United Methodist Church, Sandgate, Vt. While he was a member of the New Jersey Annual Conference, he and Joan, his wife of 61 years and the organist at most of the churches he served, bought an old farm house in Sunderland, Vt, as a summer home in 1970. In 1973, they moved to this house as their permanent home and David took appointments to churches in Vermont (West Arlington and Sandgate).

David was an unwavering advocate for social justice and non-violence, marching for civil rights in the ’50s and ’60s, working with organizations to help people rise out of poverty, supporting marriage equality and speaking out against war through his writings for the Bennington Banner column “Speaking of Religion.” He was a great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and participated in some of King’s marches. He was a world citizen and a global Christian. He attended the World Methodist Conferences in

Dublin, Nairobi, Denver, and Honolulu.

Considering Br. Rich’s story above, we should not be surprised that he led summer and winter film festivals for the Southern Vermont Art Center. David was a man of many talents and he performed magic shows at birthday parties, schools, and Mt. Snow ski resort – entertaining children and adults alike. He played violin in symphonies, clarinet in bands, and sang in local chorales.

Br. David was a collector of books. His daughter estimated that he had about 60,000 books and additional academic papers, many of which were copies of what he edited for the Order. Unfortunately, most of these were damaged by weather and disposed of.

Predeceased by his wife, Joan, David is survived by his daughter Susan and son-in-law Charles Debrot, son David, and grandson Jaxton. There will be an interment ceremony for both Joan and David in September 2018 in Succasunna, NJ. If you are interested to attend, they can inquire with me at stlukebysea@yahoo.com for details when available.

Requiescat in pace

Note: Susan, his daughter, is sending me his vestments. If any member of the order would like to obtain any or all of them, please contact me. Once I have them, I will take photos for you to view what is available.

FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL

There's Still Time to Register for Our Fall Retreat

2017 Annual Retreat

There's still time! Registrations for our 2017 Annual Retreat will be accepted until Sept. 22. Look for the 2017 Retreat Registration form elsewhere in this issue of *The Font*.

Our retreat is slated for Oct. 16-19, 2017 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona (5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, AZ). We are excited about the topic for this retreat – Native American / Desert Spirituality – taking advantage of the natural beauty of the Renewal Center, “a meeting place so serene that even the trees whisper.”

We are pleased that The Rev. Evelyn “Tweedy” Sombrero Navarete will be our guest presenter. Tweedy is a full-blooded Dine’ (Navajo) from Inscription House, Arizona. She attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver, was ordained Deacon in 1988 in the New Mexico Conference, and ordained Elder in 1992 in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. For many years she has been involved in Native American Ministries at various levels. Tweedy is currently serving at the Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Yuma, Ariz.

In preparation for the retreat, Tweedy suggests that members could read *God is Red* and *For This Land*, both by Vine Deloria, Jr., or *The Sacred: Ways of Knowledge, Sources of Life* by Peggy V. Beck, Anna Lee and Nia Francisco.

2017 Hickman Award Recipients

One photo of a 2017 Hickman Award recipient was not available



The chapel of the Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale, Ariz., where worship will take place during the 2017 Retreat of the Order of Saint Luke.

when we published the last *Font*. Our congratulations to John Patrick-Eugene Angiulo, a graduate of Iliff School of Theology.

In addition, I am trying to locate a post-graduate address from Constance Squire, a Hickman Award recipient from Drew Theological School. If anyone knows Connie, would you please ask her to get in touch with Br. George R. Crisp, Prior General. I'd like to send her a letter of congratulations and her award certificate.

See you at the retreat!



Hickman Award Winner John Patrick-Eugene Angiulo of Iliff School of Theology.

Join Your Brothers and Sisters at the 2017 OSL Retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale, Arizona!

Fill out the Registration Form on Page 14 and send to Br. George Crisp, OSL, as indicated on the form.



2017 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke

Native American / Desert Spirituality

October 16-19, 2017

Retreat Speaker: The Rev. Evelene "Tweedy" Sombrero Navarette

Franciscan Renewal Center

5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, AZ, 85253

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NAME: _____

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Are you an OSL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this your first time attending an OSL retreat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your first name as you'd like it to appear on your Nametag: _____

(Note: Nametags will use the title Sr. or Br. unless you request otherwise.)

☐ I have special dietary or mobility needs as noted in detail on the reverse.

☐ I need a ground floor room ☐ I am able use a second-floor room (no elevator)

☐ I prefer a single room ☐ I wish to share a room with _____

All rooms have private baths, and most are reserved as singles. If you want to room with someone, then please indicate that preference above.

☐ Please register me for the **2017 Retreat** – Arrive Monday, Oct. 16, leave Thursday, Oct. 19 (three nights) at a cost of \$370.00.

☐ Please register me for early arrival, **Council and 2017 Retreat** – Sunday, Oct. 15, leave Thursday, Oct. 19 (four nights) at a cost of \$460.00.

Note: Additional night for DORT members = add \$90.00 (leave Friday).

NOTE: Transportation will not be provided from the airport. A convenient way to get to the Renewal Center is by Super Shuttle. The cost is \$17 one way (the Renewal Center has a discount code that will be sent when you register). Additional passengers are \$9 so it pays to meet up with others at the airport if possible. Reservations must be made in advance at <https://reservations.supershuttle.com>.

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ My check is enclosed.

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Signature: _____

Registration deadline is September 22, 2017.

Please return a completed registration form to Br. George R. Crisp, OSL, Prior General
880 Joni Lane, Redlands, CA 92374-4953

You are welcome to send your information via email to revgrc@yahoo.com