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## FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

Sisters and Brothers:

Early in July you received a letter from me concerning the spring 2018 Council meeting. At that meeting we discussed our desire to improve the process by which we invite, welcome, and admit new members of the Order of Saint Luke. We decided that it was time to move from a “membership on demand” approach



Sr. Abbot  
Elizabeth Moore

(i.e., find the form on the internet, fill it out, and send it in) to a process of formation over a period of time. A team was established under the leadership of our former abbot, Br. Daniel Benedict, to define and implement such a process.

Why did we consider these changes to be important? For some time we have been sensing promptings to allow those who seek to be members to gain a fuller understanding of the purpose and expectations of being a part of the Order of Saint Luke. This will help people discern if they are indeed called to be a part of this community. Taking a vow of membership in the Order involves making a covenant to live by the Rule of Life and Service in relationship to all others in the Order, and making a decision to join the Order should involve more than merely sending in an affirmation form with little or no knowledge of our common practices, customs and history.

One component of our new process is education about the Order (our history, our commitment to the daily office, our customs, etc.), but that is only part of what is

needed. “Head knowledge” needs to be combined with spirit knowledge, i.e., does my spirituality match this community? Am I willing to conform my life to this particular rule? How will that look in my daily life?

For some people, the result of such discernment will be an enthusiastic, “Yes, I want to be part of this,” for others it will be a realization that this particular Order is not for them. Both of these are good outcomes, because they come from an informed perspective.

The process that Br. Daniel and his team have developed consists of the following steps:

- Inquiry (a time of exploration and mutual discernment of call to “initial membership”)
- Initial Membership (leading toward discernment of readiness for “first public profession of annual vows”)
- Full membership (continuing membership making annual affirmation)

A fourth category of membership, taking life-vows, is already defined within the Order. It is not a “higher” form of membership, but a discernment by some who have been members at least three years (but more commonly after many years) to affirm that they intend to live by their vows for the rest of their lives. (Note: A request to discern taking life vows is made in writing to the Abbot, and the process usually takes a year.)

We are also formally recognizing a relationship that we are currently calling

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## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Br. Robert Schall, OSL [bhagwon@earthlink.net](mailto:bhagwon@earthlink.net)

### Br. Mark Dwight Mashburn (1961-2007)

Br. Mark Dwight Mashburn was a native of Forsyth County, North Carolina, where he was born on December 15, 1961, to the late Reverend Dwight W. and Esther Coltrane Mashburn. He and his sister, Jan, grew up in parsonages across Western North Carolina Annual Conference. At High Point College, God interrupted Mark's pursuit of a degree in business with a call to ministry. Mark graduated with a degree in religion and entered Duke Divinity School, where he earned the master of divinity degree in 1988. He was admitted to the annual conference as a probationary member and ordained deacon in 1986 and ordained elder and admitted to full connection in 1990.

Br. Mark served appointments at Stem, in the North Carolina Conference, 1986-88, while in school; Prospect-Pleasant Hill, 1988-92; Asheboro: Brower's Chapel, 1992-94; Ramseur: Jordan Memorial, 1994-98; King: Trinity, 1998-2003; and, after a year on incapacity leave, Thomasville: First, 2004-07. He was regarded as a

gifted worship leader, insightful preacher and teacher, and devoted pastor throughout his years in ministry.

Mark served with distinction as chairperson of the Western North Carolina Conference Committee on Annual Conference Worship, maintaining a high degree of liturgical integrity, while incorporating contemporary and ethnic influences into the worship life of the annual conference. In 2005, he designed the three-sided symbol now in use to express our quadrennial theme: "Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World." Mark's influence and activity in ministry reached far beyond this annual conference in his work with the Order of Saint Luke, a religious order within The United Methodist Church dedicated to liturgical and sacramental scholarship, education, and practice and the living of the sacramental life. He served a term as national forma-



Br. Mark David Mashburn

tion officer for the order and was responsible for its growth and influence in our own and other annual conferences.

Br. Mark's loves and interests ranged far and wide, from his British and Celtic heritage to his near fanatical support of Duke basketball, to his addiction to A Prairie Home Companion. Nothing else in Mark's life, however, could compete with his love

for and devotion to his family. He and Neil Teague were married on June 16, 1984. Their sons, Zachary Adam, born on July 26, 1988, and Seth Andrew, born on April 22, 1996, were Mark's greatest joy. Mark and Neil renewed their marriage vows in a bedside ceremony in June of 2007 in the intensive care unit at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, where Mark was recovering from a long-awaited kidney-pancreas transplant made necessary by his long, difficult struggle with diabetes. The transplant was performed on February

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## IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Br. Robert Schall, OSL [bhagwon@earthlink.net](mailto:bhagwon@earthlink.net)

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:

July 5	Br. Thomas Davis (2005) Texas
July 18	Sr. Linda Murry (2015) Missouri
July 19	Br. Ted Hoffmann (2013) North Carolina
July 24	Br. Jerry Allen Smith (2003) Kentucky
July 26	Br. Mark Dwight Mashburn (2007) Western North Carolina
July 27	Br. Tom Hill (2003) West Virginia
August 12	Br. John C. Hope, Sr. (2009) Florida

August 17	Br. Eugene Covington Holmes (2016) South Carolina
August 19	Br. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr. (2006) Bishop of Dallas, Texas, Area
August 21	Br. David J. Bort (2017) Bennington, Vermont
August 24	Br. Ken Buth (2014) Louisiana, Florida

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](mailto:bhagwon@earthlink.net) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

## FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL

Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson  
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In the Intercessions for the Order of Saint Luke, which you can find in our Book of Offices and Services as well as the Lukan Book of Hours, we pray "for our priors, [and] for our brothers and sisters in the Order." At each of these points, we may lift up

the names of particular priors and OSL members.

I encourage you to join me in praying for the priors and provincial companions of our Order. These sisters and brothers give of their time and energy to support all of us as we seek to live the Rule of Life and Service. If



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Josselyn-  
Cranson

you're not sure if there is a prior in your area, or you don't know who your provincial companion is, please contact me and I'll be happy to put you in touch with these people.

If you can support the work of the priors by attending chapter meetings and helping to further the life of the chapter, please do so! But we all can pray for those who serve us as provincial companions and priors. Doing so, in fact, is one way that we "accept the call to service."

## REQUIESCAT

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28, 2007 and was successful. Multiple complications ensued, however, confining Mark to the hospital until his death on July 26, 2007.

A beautiful service of death and resurrection of Br. Mark's own design was held at his final appointment, First Church, Thomasville, with members of the Order of Saint Luke, Mark's closest friends in life and ministry, and his district superintendent presiding. Hundreds of worshipers received Holy Communion and celebrated Mark's life and ministry and his having moved from life with us into larger life with God. His ashes were later scattered at a private family ceremony in Edinburgh, Scotland, in accordance with his wishes.

Son, brother, husband, father, friend: Mark was all of these. Above all, though, he was a faithful and effective servant of God. All of us are richer for his having been among us and poorer for his having gone from us so soon.

Requiescat in pace, Br. Mark Mashburn, as we remember you this day.

Source: The 2007 Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC. Author: Glenn Sherer Griffiths. (If you would like to make any further additions to this obituary, please contact Br. Bob Schall, OSL Necrologist, at: Bhagwon@earthlink.net)

## FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

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"Friends of the Order". These are people who might come to a local chapter meeting or retreat/convocation or have heard about the Order by a member, and who support our work but are not interested in inquiring about membership and the whole process that will now involve. The Spirit may move some Friends to eventually seek membership, but that is not the intent of this relationship. The intent is to be welcoming to those who support us and want to journey with us, but who do not discern a call to live by our Rule of Life and Service.

Br. Daniel is now reaching out to our brothers and sisters outside the United States to determine if modifications to this new process are needed to be sensitive to the different cultural environments where the Order is active.

Br. Daniel and Sr. Carol Gathagan are committed to make the new process a valuable one to both new and existing members. I deeply ap-

preciate the work that they and other members of the team have put in since our May meeting.

I hope this explanation has been helpful to you. If you have concerns or questions about this new process, I urge you to be in touch with Br. Daniel Benedict (stlukeybysea@yahoo.com), who is the team leader for inquiry and initial members.

If you know anyone who would be interested in more information about the Order or is interested in possible admission as an Inquirer, please have them contact Sr. Carol Gathagan at sr.carollynn@gmail.com. She is our Companion for Inquirers and Initial Members and serves as the first point of contact for those seeking information about the Order.

Please pray for those who come to us seeking discernment of a vocation to religious life as embodied in the Order of Saint Luke.

+ Peace,

Sr. Abbot Elizabeth



# FROM THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

Br. David Eichelberger, OSL  
daveosl@yahoo.com

Dear Friends, Sisters, and Brothers:

The summer is racing by and it is time for us to write. Thanks to all who have submitted prayer requests.

**Br. Blake Gulley** has asked for continuing prayers for his daughter Saydie.



Br. David  
Eichelberger

**Br. Neil Gastonguay** is celebrating the good news of his and his wife Lisa's 40th wedding anniversary. They are hoping to continue the celebration on a cruise in Hawaii where they hope to see Sr. Cardy Hallett who lives there.

**Br. Alan Brown** and Jennifer Bordner were married in June at Hayes Memorial UMC in Fremont, OH. **Br. Shawn Morris** gave the

homily. **Sr. Alice Kay Lovelace, Sr. Barbara Lee, and Br. Tom Rand** were also in attendance.

**Br. Ron Bogart** asked for prayers on the occasion of his brother Gary's death in July. He was unable to attend but was able to participate via computer link to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

**Br. J Howard Cherry** and **Sr. Sarah Flynn** celebrated significant birthdays on the same day in July. Br. J. Howard was thrilled to celebrate his 80th and Sr. Sarah was delighted to celebrate her 39th birthday yet again!

**Br. David Eichelberger** asks for prayers for his father Donald who will reach 95 on August 23. His parents will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on August 29.

**Br. Michael Blackie** shared the news that his ministry of outreach in Philadelphia will be joining with a new church start by the Disciples in Christ. His ministry will become the Saint Luke Chapel.

**Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson** has asked for prayers for the college where she is currently in ministry. They and many others are wrestling with the direction they should take in these challenging times.

**Br. Dwight Vogel** and family traveled to his retreat in South Dakota to spread the ashes of **Sr. Linda Vogel**. We join in celebrating her life and ministry and their

many years of blessed union with one another. Br. Dwight has moved into a new apartment at Pilgrim Place and is settling in on the odd day when he is at home.

**Sr. Jeanette Block's** sister Jody is continuing to recover from her time in the hospital and asks for continuing prayers for recuperation.

We continue to keep all parishes who have received new pastors and all pastors who are in new locations of ministry in our prayers.

Gracious God: you who are the life giving force for all that dwell in the universe, we come to you in these trying times and ask for your assistance. We weep with those who have been displaced by forest fires, floods, hurricanes, typhoons, wars, and earthquakes. We mourn with those who have lost loved ones. We rejoice with those who have welcomed new family members through birth and adoption. Give to us all a rich sense of your presence in these very trying times.

We ask your blessing upon the members of the Order of Saint Luke that we may become apostles of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Renew us through the Holy Sacraments so that we may declare our unity even though there is much brokenness in our churches, nations, and the world. Bind us together with the many cords of your love. We pray for all members of the Christian family that we may discern the best ways to live out our calling as disciples of our Lord and Savior.

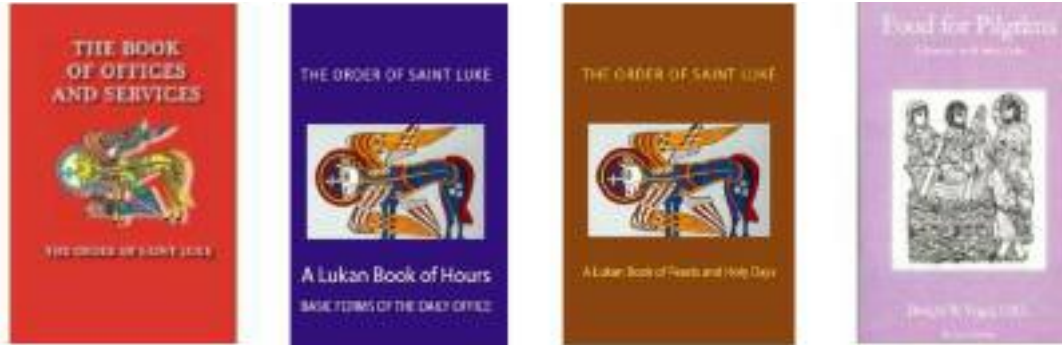
We invite your blessing upon us as we anticipate our Retreat this year. May we hear echoes of the music that surrounds your throne of grace. Bring to us those who need to be present. Comfort those who will not be able to participate. Sustain us all in this year as brothers and sisters in the Order of Saint Luke. In the name of the blessed and holy Trinity we pray this. Amen.



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## FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL

Br. George Crisp, OSL  
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It's not too late, dear brothers and sisters!

Yes, there is still time for you to register for our 2018 Retreat, scheduled for October 15-18, 2018 at St. Paul of the Cross in Pittsburgh, 148 Monastery Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1498 (<http://stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org>).

Our guest speaker will be Heather Josselyn-Cranson, the Sister Mar-

garet William McCarthy Endowed Chair of Music at Regis College in Weston, MA, and our own Provincial General. Sr. Heather will help us explore "Hymns Arising: Music & Healing in Worship." Parts of the retreat will be drawn from her 2016 book *The Rea-*



Br. George Crisp

*son Why We Sing* (published by OSL Publications).

The retreat will also celebrate the publication of *The Lukan Book of Feasts and Holy Days*. Br. Dwight Vogel will provide us with an introduction to this new OSL resource.

A REVISED registration form for the retreat is included in this edition of *The Font*. The registration deadline is Friday, September 21, 2018.

## FROM THE COMPANION FOR INQUIRERS & INITIAL MEMBERS

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

What is a CIIN? That's me, Sr. Carol. My office changed Aug. 1 from Sr. Carol OSL CIN to Sr. Carol CIIN. Along with the name change came new responsibilities and new adventures in my role as the Companion for Seekers, Inquirers and Initial Members of The Order of Saint Luke.

Abbot Elizabeth has written a wonderful article about the changes in the process for becoming a member of The Order in her article in this newsletter. Please take time to read it. Br. Dan Benedict has been the team leader for this change in process while Sr. Alice Kay Lovelace (AK) and I have chimed in with a thought or two along the way.

Now that it is down on paper, it is my calling to be advised by Br. Dan and Sr. AK to move forward from my side of the desk. I am delighted to report that all seekers since August 1 who have been able to join the Order of Saint Luke Seekers, Inquirers and Initial Members Closed Facebook page are happily reading the resources found there that explain the history

and what The Order is all about. They are very interested and asking questions. How refreshing! Br. Dan has written and posted most of these documents after consulting with Sr. AK and me while several others, including Abbot Elizabeth, have worked to edit and make suggestions. This has been a real team effort for The Order. Thank you everyone who has taken the time to offer input.

At the time of this writing, three seekers have completed the readings and filled out the Application for Inquiry and one has been assigned a companion who will walk with him as he discerns his next step. Others are in the process.

As for me, I am an early riser and at the computer usually by 5:30am with coffee in hand checking email. I am no longer surprised to hear from people from all parts of the world who are seeking to know about The Order of Saint Luke. They come



Sr. Carol Gathagan

from the USA, Philippines, Singapore, Russia, New Zealand, Africa, Great Britain and beyond. While the world seems to be coming apart at the seams the Holy Spirit is at work planting people all over creation who are ready and willing to live The Rule of Life and Service and who are "dedicated to sacramental, and liturgical scholarship, education and practice." [www.saint-luke.net](http://www.saint-luke.net).

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (NRSV)

That is the call for The Order of Saint Luke 2018.

Let us continue on the journey together!

– Sr. Carol Gathagan, OSL, Companion for Inquirers and Initial Members





**2018 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke**  
**"Hymns Arising: Music & Healing in Worship"**

**October 15-18, 2018**

**Retreat Speaker: Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson**

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center  
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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 prefer a single room ☐ I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Please register me for the **2018 Retreat** – Arrive Monday, Oct. 15, leave Thursday, Oct. 18 (three nights) at a cost of \$360.00. The retreat begins at 3:00 p.m. on Monday.

☐ Please register me for early arrival, **Council and 2018 Retreat** – Sunday, Oct. 14, leave Thursday, Oct. 18 (four nights) at a cost of \$405.00. The Council meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday.

Note: Additional night for DORT members = add \$45.00 (five nights, leave Friday).

**NOTE:** Transportation will not be provided from the airport. A convenient way to get to the Retreat Center is by SuperShuttle. The cost is approx. \$25 one way for a shared ride (\$56 for non-stop ride). Additional passengers may reduce the rate, so it pays to meet up with others at the airport if possible. Reservations must be made in advance at <https://reservations.supershuttle.com>.

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**Registration deadline is September 21, 2018.**

Please return a completed registration form and payment to Order of Saint Luke  
 Br. George R. Crisp, OSL, 880 Joni Lane, Redlands, CA 92374-4953

You are welcome to send your registration form (scan or PDF) via email  
 to [revgrc@yahoo.com](mailto:revgrc@yahoo.com) if you are not attaching a check.

# THE ORDO

Prepared by Br. Jack Fahey, OSL

## SEPTEMBER

S	1	G
<b>S</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	3	Samuel Checote G
T	4	Albert Schweitzer G
W	5	G
T	6	James Bradley Finley G
F	7	G
S	8	G
<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	10	G
T	11	Isabella Thoburn & Clara Swain G
W	12	Jesse Lee G
T	13	Anthony Bewley G
<b>F</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Holy Cross Day R</b>
S	15	G
<b>S</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	17	Hildegard of Bingen G
T	18	Dag Hammarskjold G
W	19	G
T	20	G
<b>F</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Matthew R</b>
S	22	G
<b>S</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	24	G
T	25	Peter Cartwright G
W	26	Freeborn & Catherine Garrettson G
T	27	John Dickens, Alejo Hernandez G
F	28	G
<b>S</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Michael and All Angels W; PM – G</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>

## OCTOBER

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

**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.