



BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

APRIL 2023

Reflections with Your Rector



God bless you all this Spring! Bless the Lord for sunshine, and for rain, and for the greening of things again.

It will be wonderful to gather together with you in worship through Holy Week and Easter.

I invite you to walk with deep intention with our Savior Christ Jesus through the mysteries and sorrows of Holy Week, and onward as we cross through the great gate of Easter resurrection. As I said in 2022, "As Christians, we claim more certainties than just death and taxes (don't forget April 15!) – we claim the certainties of death and resurrection and return. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

Bring your hearts, minds, and imaginations opened wide into the journey of Holy Week. Come to as many services as you are able – and if you can't come to St. Luke's on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, go to another church that has a service that day. The point of Holy Week is immersion in the story of the self-giving love of God through Jesus. In these days of eagerness for power among some Christians, it is vitally important for us to immerse ourselves in who Jesus truly is – not a warrior-god or empire-builder, but one who becomes a servant for all, calling us to join in serving one another and the world around us.

† Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** – when we move quickly like fickle political crowds from greeting Jesus as Prince of Peace with palm branches and "Hosannas" to betraying, denying, mocking, and condemning Jesus, crying "Crucify him."

† Holy Week continues with **Maundy Thursday** (6:30 p.m.) – when Jesus invites his disciples into an intimate time of intentional vulnerability and self-emptying, washing their feet, sharing himself with them through bread and wine, and inviting them into his hours of anguished prayer in a public garden area.

† Next is **Good Friday** (12:00 noon) – a day of fasting when we follow Jesus through his trial, torture, mockery, condemnation, crucifixion, and death, and we pray for



COMING EVENTS

APRIL'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO SAFE PASSAGE

- April 2—Palm Sunday
- April 4—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.;
Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.; Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
- April 6—Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 p.m.
- April 7—Good Friday service, noon
- April 8—Great Vigil of Easter, 6:30 p.m.
- April 9—Easter services, 8 & 10 a.m.
- April 15—Orchard Ridge Afternoon Tea, 2-3:30 p.m.
- April 16—Easter Egg Hunt, after 10 a.m. service
- April 18—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- April 20—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library; Food for Friends, noon; Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- April 29—Memorial service for Robert Imperatrice, 11 a.m.
- May 9—Ladies' Night Out, 5 p.m. social time; 6 p.m. movie

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God's mercy for us and all the world.

† **Holy Saturday** is a very short, somber, meditative service you can pray in the morning in your own home, perhaps outdoors (BCP, p. 283). We remember the silence and cold of the grave, and the "harrowing of hell" during this time of death when Christ Jesus came among the dead proclaiming the good news of release, even for the dead (I Peter 4:6).

† After the quiet of the grave through the night and Holy Saturday, we gather on Saturday evening for **the Great Vigil of Easter** (6:30 p.m.) – when we light new fire that points to the dawning of Jesus Christ's resurrection, when we walk together through the history of God's promises and gifts of new life, when we baptize and renew our own baptismal promises, when we greet Easter with our "Alleluias," and we share in joyful celebration of Holy Eucharist. Adults will be baptized at this service, and possibly some children.

† On **Easter Sunday**, we continue our full celebration of Jesus' arising from the dead and of God's boundless, overflowing love that even death cannot contain.

I invite you all to participate fully in this great journey of our Christian faith! Let your senses come alive, let yourself enter the scenes. See the people and buildings and dry landscape, breathe the air, smell the smells, feel the ground and hot air, hear the voices. Be in the room, in the city, in the judgment hall, on the streets, on the hill of killing, at the tomb. Who are you on this journey, as you follow Christ?

Let this Holy Week bring us closer and deeper in our encounter with Jesus. And let us all allow the possibility of resurrection to open new space within us.

Last year, we read the call to **Return, Revive, Arise**. And St. Luke's has responded. People have been returning, energy has been revived, and the church community of St. Luke's has arisen in care of each other, outreach and witness in the world around us, prayer and study and seeking of deeper relationships with Christ, and celebration and adoration of God every Sunday. I am grateful to be among you, walking with you in faith, learning to seek and serve Christ in all persons, proclaiming God's good news of boundless love in our words and actions. Thank you.

This year, what might we hear as God's call as we cross over the threshold from the Way of the Cross to the Way of Resurrection and New Life? What is the risen Jesus calling forth in each of us?

I hope that in this year of restored energy and strength at St. Luke's, we continue a pattern that is already in motion – a pattern where we **Prepare, Invite, and Share**. We are preparing and will continue to prepare ourselves for God's wisdom and lovingkindness to flow through us, as we study together and pray together with openness to the enlightening and stirring movement of the Holy Spirit. Just as we continue to prepare our wonderful church building as a place of warm welcome, safety, care, truth, and growth, we also prepare ourselves as temples of the Lord that are on the move! We have been inviting people to share in our life of faith, and we can do even more now to invite friends, families, neighbors, and people we meet into deeper conversation about and participation in the love of God. We invite others into our own lives, and into our shared life as followers of Jesus. We invite partnerships with other churches and organizations as we seek to take our share in caring for people around us. We are sharing and will continue to share generously and purposefully with each other and with our surrounding neighborhoods and communities – to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and help bring release to those who are captive in any way.

I love this resurrection life. I don't always feel it. But I trust it. And I seek to give myself to it. The path into resurrection life, as Christ Jesus has made for us, is through self-giving. It all begins with and is totally rooted in how Jesus gave himself for us all, because Christ Jesus is the Lover of All Humankind, including each and every one of us. Christ gave himself for you, for me, for each and every person. You are loved that much. That much.

May Christ fill you with this love that cannot be contained or shut down. May your hearts overflow this Easter and through the days and years to come.

Fr. David

Prayer & Worship

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Mike Siemers	16 Art Boysen
3 Andrea Partington	21 Jill Kalberg
5 Judi Horton	22 Marc Wallace
5 Mary Beth Jorgensen	25 Georgianne Jessen
9 Clare Dolan	26 Joan Mael
9 Nathan Empsall	26 Virginia O'Connor
12 Casey Campbell	28 Robert Hoffman
12 Karen Olson	29 Janet Crane
14 Beverly Jordan	29 Robin Van Houten



If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or does not appear, please notify the office so it can be corrected or added to the parish records.

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Lisa Nunlist & Steve Flory
10 Lynn & David Brooks
21 Mary & Bill Robinette
26 Phyllis & John Albee
26 Janet & Ian Hicks
26 Debbie & Ed Kerns
27 Laurie & Bill Cook
29 Kate & Mike Dolan

PRAYERS

Healing, Strength and Peace — Hilary Caisley, Claudia, Jo, Sean Whelan, Daniel Brooks, Ward Stewart, Dan Dolan, Andre Smith, Julian Wheeler, John McTear, Michael Fain, John Albee, David Brooks, Jane Brooks, Lynn Curry, Jim Miller, Eric Paavola, Ruth Ann Jones, Beverly Jordan, Mary Kay Hanson, Martha Vilandré, Janet Crane, Hal Worth, Erin Moore, Bill Watt, Debbie Lane, Kenneth Smith

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

April 2: **Daughters of the King**

We pray for their selfless dedication to ministry in their communities. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Kathy Prehm (4/4), and Mark Sluss (4/5).



April 9: **Church of the Resurrection**, Roslyn and Spokane Valley

We pray for the mission and ministry of Church of the Resurrection in Roslyn and Spokane Valley. We also give thanks for the birthday of Rev. Nathan Empsall (4/9).

April 16: **Environmental Sustainability - Earth Ministry**

We give thanks for the gift of Creation, the diversity and beauty God's systems created to regenerate, heal and sustain. Pray with us as we continue to discover and lift up the ways in which we are able to explore, teach and model Creation Care and Life. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Carol Forhan (4/18).

April 23: **St. Mark's**, Moscow

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mark's, Moscow. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Mary Johnson (4/24) and David Walker (4/27).

April 30: **New communities of faith emerging in our midst**

Gracious and loving God: You call us to set a table in the wilderness, offering nourishment to all who desire it. Give us warm hearts and creative spirits as we seek to gather new communities of faith with your welcoming table at their center and your generous love as their mission. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and our Brother. Amen. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Gayle Gaither (5/1), Beverly Hosea (5/5) and The Ven. Ted Nitz (5/6).

World Council of Churches' ecumenical prayer cycle: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

Worldwide Anglican Church prayer cycle: https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/422641/acp_from-aba-to-zululand-2021-to-2023_web.pdf

Prayer & Worship

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday, April 2 at 8 & 10 a.m.
 Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Good Friday, April 7 at Noon
 Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 9 at 8 & 10 a.m.



Services will also be streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Children's Activities

At the beginning of the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, the children will be invited to come to the front of the nave and flower the cross, a St. Luke's tradition. There will not be Children's Chapel on Easter Sunday.



Then on Sunday, April 16, after the 10 a.m. service there will be an Easter egg hunt for kids. The hunt is being planned to be held outdoors, so bring rainy/cold weather gear. If any older children would like to help fill the Easter eggs or help hide them prior to the Easter Sunday service, please contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405 or bjwebbwebb@gmail.com).



Please also note that we now have activity baskets for young ones to use during services. The baskets contain age-appropriate books, toys and drawing/coloring activities to keep kids busy. These baskets will be kept at the back of the nave and will be available at all services. Please ask an usher for a basket.

Midweek Worship Opportunities

Noonday Intercessory Prayer: The service, found on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer, is offered weekly on Wednesdays in person in the sanctuary and on Zoom. A brown bag lunch and open conversation follows the service.

Contemplative Prayer Service: This service is offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. by Zoom only.



<https://www.funbirmingham.org/midweek-prayer-on-zoom/>

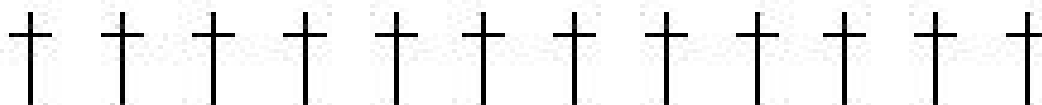
Check the weekly Friday Memo email for Zoom links.

Praise Dance



Praise Dance, taught by Lyndi Phifer, is offered at church on Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m.

You can direct questions to Lyndi at lyndiphifer@icloud.com, but don't need to notify her ahead of time that you are coming. All ages are welcome.



Learning Opportunities

Who Is This Jesus?

Biblical Windows for Followers and Seekers of Christ

For Holy Week especially, and even into the joyful season of Easter, let us take time to meditate on this text that reveals so much to us about who Jesus truly is — and what he is trying to show us about God's deepest nature. To prepare yourself, set some time aside, quiet yourself, and pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, as I read and listen to these beloved sacred texts, open my mind and heart to see you more clearly and come to know you more deeply, that I may love and adore you more and more, and follow where you lead me and walk with me each day. AMEN.

John 13:1-20, 33-35 – Jesus becomes a servant for us, calls us to love

We join Jesus in the upper floor of a home where he shared the Passover meal with his disciples, only hours before he was betrayed and seized. Jesus does something to show us something about himself and about what he wants us to become in ourselves for each other. Listen to his example.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. . . .'

'Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Take a few minutes to let this text sink into your heart and mind. Then consider one or more of these questions:

- ◆ Who is Jesus in this scene? What does Jesus show of himself to us?
- ◆ How do you respond to Jesus wanting to wash your feet? Are you squeamish? Can you imagine opening yourself up to this tender care? Can you imagine letting someone you admire and adore bend down to wash your feet?
- ◆ In yourself, and as a faith community together, what are you willing to open of yourself to serve and be served in this way? What barriers are in the way that deserve attention in prayer and gentle correction?

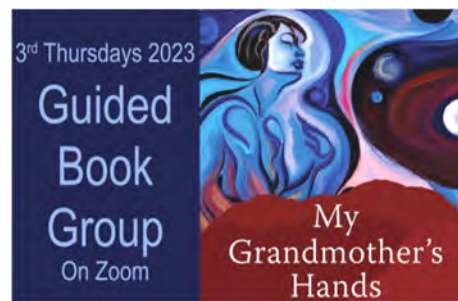
Learning Opportunities

Diocesan Guided Book Group: *My Grandmother's Hands* An In-Depth Exploration of Healing Racialized Trauma

This series is designed to help us love our neighbor and ourselves better by being trauma-informed as part of a group committed to read and inwardly digest the book.

Meetings will take place on Zoom from 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month throughout 2023, thus allowing plenty of time to process the material between sessions. Conversations will be led by Michaela Brown, a professional facilitator of color and Spokane resident, who will be assisted by The Rev. Rick Matters. A donation of \$100 is requested. Space is limited.

For more information and to register, visit https://www.spokanediocese.org/digital_faith/events/3187499.



Tending the Vine Monthly Zoom Series from the Diocese



The Diocese's monthly Zooms focus on its strategic plan and reflect the diocesan theme. Tending the Vine is a 12-part monthly series to grow, strengthen and plant our congregations. All are invited to attend this free series, which will take place on the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. **NOTE: There will not be a session in April due to Holy Week.** The next session will be on Thursday, May 4, and the topic will be "Listening for Jesus in Non-Dominant Voices."

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760253562?pwd=bE5QdFBQWVJ3RGk3VXBnQnZlZ3BxZz09>. Use the same link to log in each month. You may also obtain the link by calling the diocesan office (509-624-3191) or emailing Administrative Assistant Jeremy Armstrong (jeremya@spokanediocese.org).

Sacred Ground Series Begins Again in April

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

All are welcome, whether you're an Episcopalian or not. Although the curriculum has white Euro-Americans in mind, Sacred Ground is for every individual and for the Church as a whole, because we have all been impacted by caste systems of race.

Sessions will take place on Zoom on the following Saturdays from 10a.m. to noon: April 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, September 2 & 16. Register online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdeCvpjMoHNlg6nMPv33P7wk3BNP2eQ5y>

If you would like general information about the Sacred Ground program, find information and video summaries at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.



Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's – Spring 2023

The Ignatian Workout: Daily Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Faith, by Tim Muldoon (2004), Tuesdays at 1 p.m. “*The Ignatian Workout*...is a program that shows us how to recognize and respond to a God who is *already* at work in us, inviting us into a deeper relationship and into richer lives of love and service.”



Reading the Book of Revelation: Five Principles for Interpretation, by Alexander Stewart (2021), Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m. “In *Reading the Book of Revelation*, Alexander Stewart offers five simple keys that unlock this difficult book...and will help you see that Revelation is not primarily about the future, but about how the future makes a difference for us today.”

A book study group on the book ***Hate Is My Neighbor***, by Tom Alibrandi with Bill Wassmuth (1999), will begin after Easter. This book tells the story of the courage of Father Bill Wassmuth and other civil rights leaders in North Idaho who banded together to shine light on the hateful and malicious acts of Aryan Nations members. This chilling story is a reminder that “if you want peace, work for justice.” Sign ups are going on now.

Fr. David also encourages everyone to read from the diocese’s scriptural meditations, “Who Is This Jesus?” (see p. 5).

If you are interested in being part of a book study, sign up at church or contact Fr. David (priest@stlukesca.org).

Life Together

Madeline Hennig Returns to Rome for Second Year of Service with Episcopal Church’s Young Adult Service Corps

Parishioner Madeline Hennig returned to Rome, Italy on March 15 for a second year of service with the Episcopal Church’s Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) at St. Paul’s Within the Walls Church and its mission, the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center (JNRC). Madeline has created a blog about her YASC service and periodically shares her experiences there at <https://madelineinrome.wordpress.com/>.

Madeline was home for about a month prior to her return to Rome and visited St. Luke’s several times. On Sunday, March 5, Madeline preached the sermon and shared with us her wonderful, spiritual experience at St. Paul’s. Her goals for 2023 are to be more involved with the refugee center as well as improve her Italian. “Now that I have many more Italian friends, it will be much easier to learn Italian, and I will be much more motivated. Learning in the classroom has been helpful, but I could definitely use some more practice. Here’s to an enriching second year in Rome!”



On Sunday, March 12, Fr. David blessed Madeline and her continuing mission with YASC and St. Paul’s. Best wishes, Madeline!



EDITORIAL POLICY

The newsletter contains articles of interest to members and friends of the congregation of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. The Newsletter Editor (alone or in cooperation with the Communications Ministry team) reserves the right to set submission deadlines, edit material for length or grammatical, punctuation or spelling errors, and decline material that is not in keeping with this policy. Every effort will be made to be inclusive. Any member is invited to submit story material directly to the Newsletter Editor at kfd819@gmail.com.

DEADLINES: Newsletter – 10th of each month to Kate Dolan—kfd819@gmail.com; Sunday bulletin & Friday Memo – Tuesdays by noon to parish office—office@stlukesca.org.

Life Together

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2023

- Endorsed a letter stating that all St. Luke's groups and organizations must come into compliance with the canons (ecclesiastical laws and codes) governing our diocese and its congregations, in regard to their finances. The Bishop affirmed with the Vestry that all funds held by any groups must be under the direct oversight and management of the St. Luke's staff and financial managers. Groups and organizations must be in compliance no later than May 1, 2023.

All of Canon 9.7 regarding "Congregational Organizations" are quoted below and can be found in the full Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane at https://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3303240/C_C_2021.pdf

9.7 Congregational Organizations:

- 9.7.1 Voluntary organizations within any parish or mission, whose object is to promote the work of the Church and which report to the congregations on their work, by whatever name or title known and whether or not affiliated with any supra-parochial organization, shall be considered congregational organizations within the meaning of this Canon.
 - 9.7.2 The Rector of every parish and the Vicar of every mission shall be the visitor and advisor of all congregational organizations within the congregation.
 - 9.7.3 The presiding officer of every congregational organization shall be a communicant in good standing.
 - 9.7.4 Congregational organizations may adopt rules of procedure consistent with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese and subject to the approval of the Rector or Vicar.
 - 9.7.5 The property and funds held by or administered by every congregational organization are assets of the congregation under the authority of the Vestry or Bishop's Committee.
- Adopted the document "Formal Recognitions and Appointments to Various Committees and Teams, and their Leadership" as corrected (see p. 9 of this newsletter).

Good Stewards: Jo Clifford, Debbie Lane and other members of the Altar Guild; Patti Pell, Bill & Karen Skelton, Jo & Gayne Clifford, Rod & Donna Kalberg, Lumarie Lovey, and Pattie Walentiny of the newsletter assembly team.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, April 4, at 1 p.m.

The next meeting of St. Luke's Women's Guild will be on Tuesday, April 4, at 1 p.m. Ladies' Night Out has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 9. More information to come in the May newsletter.

At our March meeting we agreed to donate \$150 to make a silent auction basket for Family Promise's Cinco de Mayo fundraiser in May. Debbie Lane has offered to put it together. Then on March 23 we visited Temple Beth Shalom in Spokane for a tour and talk with Rabbi Tamar Molina about the Jewish faith and culture. It was interesting to hear about their Shabbat services, to see their Old Testament prayer books written in Hebrew, and to hear that women began to be rabbis at almost exactly the same time that women became Episcopal priests.

All women of St. Luke's are always welcome to attend any Guild meeting. If you have any questions or need a ride, you can contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405 or bjwebbwebb@gmail.com).

COVID Protocols for In-Person Worship and Outside Groups

At all services, please use your judgment regarding masking or not, in keeping with your own health and concern for others. Please practice COVID etiquette, respecting those exercising caution. If you have symptoms or have tested positive, please wait until you are healthy again to come to church – join us online. Zoom links are shared in the weekly Friday memo email.

Life Together

Men's Group Meets Tuesday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

St. Luke's Men's Group will next meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

We are contemplating having a crab feed in the fall. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about this idea, please contact any member of Men's Group.

John Albee, Co-Chair (208-755-2296)

Paul Vilandr , Co-Chair (208-651-0990)

Formal Recognitions and Appointments to Various Committees and Teams, and Their Leadership, as Adopted by the Vestry on March 16, 2023

There are an array of committees, groups and teams making possible the flow of ministry and mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. From time to time, the Vestry of St. Luke's will recognize and endorse the membership and leadership of these organized groups. Participation in these groups is fluid, and so it is understood that membership and leadership will change. By diocesan canons, the Rector is a visiting and *de facto* member of every group.

There are three committees required in St. Luke's By-Laws. These are as follows, with their current members:

- ◆ Formation (Christian formation, education, and discipleship) – Jill Kalberg, Dave and Lyndi Phifer, Kristin Keyes
- ◆ Finance – Dave Phifer, Kristin Keyes, Annette Knapp, Ian Hicks, Lumarie Lovey, John Empsall, Ann Rule
- ◆ Facilities – Ian Hicks, Debbie Lane, David St. Amand, Ern Warner, Michelle Johnson, John Albee

The following are organized groups and teams that are directly involved in the life, ministry and mission of St. Luke's.

- ◆ Altar Guild – Jo Clifford and Debbie Lane, co-directors
- ◆ Ushers – Ann Rule, 8 a.m. organizer; Chris Thomas, 10 a.m. organizer
- ◆ Children's Chapel – Barbara Webb, organizer
- ◆ Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – Lisa Nunlist, organizer
- ◆ Welcoming Team – Cary Miller, acting organizer
- ◆ Music Ministry – David Gortner, director
- ◆ Acolytes – Kate Dolan, organizer
- ◆ Pastoral Care Team – Jill Kalberg, Dave and Lyndi Phifer, Nan Palmer, Kay Lockhart, Ern Warner
- ◆ Daughters of the King – Jill Kalberg, president
- ◆ Women's Guild / Episcopal Church Women – Barbara Webb, acting president
- ◆ Omega Guild (for receptions, especially at funerals) – Robbyn Thomas, Barbara Webb, Brooke Dunton, Kara Kral
- ◆ Men's Group – John Albee, Paul Vilandr , Al Anderson, Ian Hicks, Chris Thomas, Clark Richman
- ◆ Community Engagement & Outreach – Barbara Webb, current organizer
- ◆ Prayer Chain – Jill Kalberg and Marty Gustafson, coordinators
- ◆ Mid-Week Worship/Prayer – Ern Warner, Jill Kalberg and Lyndi Phifer, co-leaders
- ◆ Endowment & Planned Giving – Ann Rule, Marc Wallace, John Empsall, Lumarie Lovey, Dave Phifer
- ◆ Counters – Karen Skelton, organizer
- ◆ Columbarium – Bill Skelton, Gayne Clifford, Jeff Wickham

Leadership in all organized groups of St. Luke's should cycle and shift periodically. No one should end up locked into a "life term" of leadership in any group. It is important for each group to set a standard for term of leadership, and time between terms of any re-appointment or re-election. It is important as well to describe pathways for developing leadership.

Life Together

THANK YOU!!!



Special thanks to Janet and Al Anderson for their contributions that made possible the renovation of our bathroom on the main floor of the parish hall – and for all who helped in making it happen!

Many thanks to our pastoral care team who continue to visit with our folks who are not able to come to our church services as often as they would like.

Many thanks to our team that prepares the newsletter for mailing every month.

Great gratitude for our welcoming team that has brought fresh energy to how we welcome people to St. Luke's.

Become an Acolyte!

Adults and children ages six and older are welcome to become acolytes. Serving as an acolyte is a very visible and important ministry in our parish. An acolyte is a servant who assists the deacon and priest to help celebrate liturgies. We would especially love to add a few more adults to our roster! Training is provided.

If you or your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Kate Dolan (208-640-6522 or kfd819@gmail.com).



Become a Greeter



The Welcome Committee is still looking for greeters. The goal is to have 2-3 greeters each Sunday, either singles, couples or families.

Job Description:

- * Arrive at church by 9:40-45 a.m. WEAR NAMETAG.
- * Stand outside by the street or on the steps, or inside in the vestibule or in the reception area.
- * Cheerfully welcome people to St. Luke's.
- * Give them a bulletin and a blue pew card (inside greeters).
- * Invite them to coffee hour.
- * Try to greet them during the Peace.

Contact Cary Miller (208-661-6606 or cjmiller19666@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.

Coffee Hour Signups

Please add your name to the Coffee Hour host list for after either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. services. The lists are located on the bulletin board in the reception area. Keep it small. Keep it simple. Enjoy each other!

For questions or to have your name put on the list, please call Marcia Siring (208-712-3326 or 360-929-1515).



Did You Know...?



If you are at least 70½ years old, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) each year directly from your traditional or Roth IRA to St. Luke's. The QCD can be used to satisfy your annual required minimum distribution without having the distribution included in your income. Consult with your tax professional for details.

Life Together

SCAM ALERT!



We have learned of a new scam whereby parishioners receive an email from a scammer asking for a copy of the church directory. Scammers use email addresses that look like they could be real, but will not match up precisely to the true email address of the person they impersonate. They then use that personal information to contact church members for gift cards and money.

Before responding to any such email, please first contact Senior Warden Kristin Keyes (kkeyes@gmail.com or 208-260-2683), Parish Administrator Ann Cotroneo (administrator@stlukesda.org or 208-664-5533), or Fr. David (priest@stlukesda.org) to determine if the email is valid.

Anyone who needs a new directory should contact the parish office. Directories are not to be shared by email.

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering

Our many contributions for February went to the Rathdrum Food Bank. They were so pleased to have the variety of staples we provided. March offerings will go to the Spirit Valley Food Bank, followed by Safe Passage in April.



Questions? Call Jill Kalberg (805-551-4048).

Food for Friends



St. Luke's puts together high calorie, nutritionally dense meal packets for the homeless consisting of canned chili, pasta or tuna, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, a drink with vitamin C, and a snack for various food banks and programs.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at noon. Please join us. Donations (nut-free, please) are always welcome! Questions? Please call Barbara Webb (208-651-2405).

Family Promise of North Idaho's Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Family Promise of North Idaho is having a Mexican fiesta dinner fundraiser benefiting homeless families in North Idaho. There will also be silent and live auctions. The event will be at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave., on Friday, May 5, from 5:30-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 each. Buy tickets online at www.FamilyPromiseNI.org or call 208-777-4190.



Engaging Community

St Luke's Contributes Again to Kiva Micro Loans



Kiva is an international non-profit organization with a mission to provide loans to people in parts of the world with limited access to banking services. They do this by crowd-funding loans with different organizations contributing small amounts to one larger loan. Through Kiva's work, students can pay for tuition, women can start businesses, farmers are able to invest in equipment or livestock, and families can afford needed emergency care.

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St. Luke's recently contributed to two new Kiva loans. The original \$200 we donated to Kiva over 15 years ago, has been loaned out again and again, 53 times in 19 different countries. Our two newest loans are going to Maribeth in the Philippines to buy feed and other supplies to feed her livestock, and to John in Kenya, who is a foreman in the construction industry.

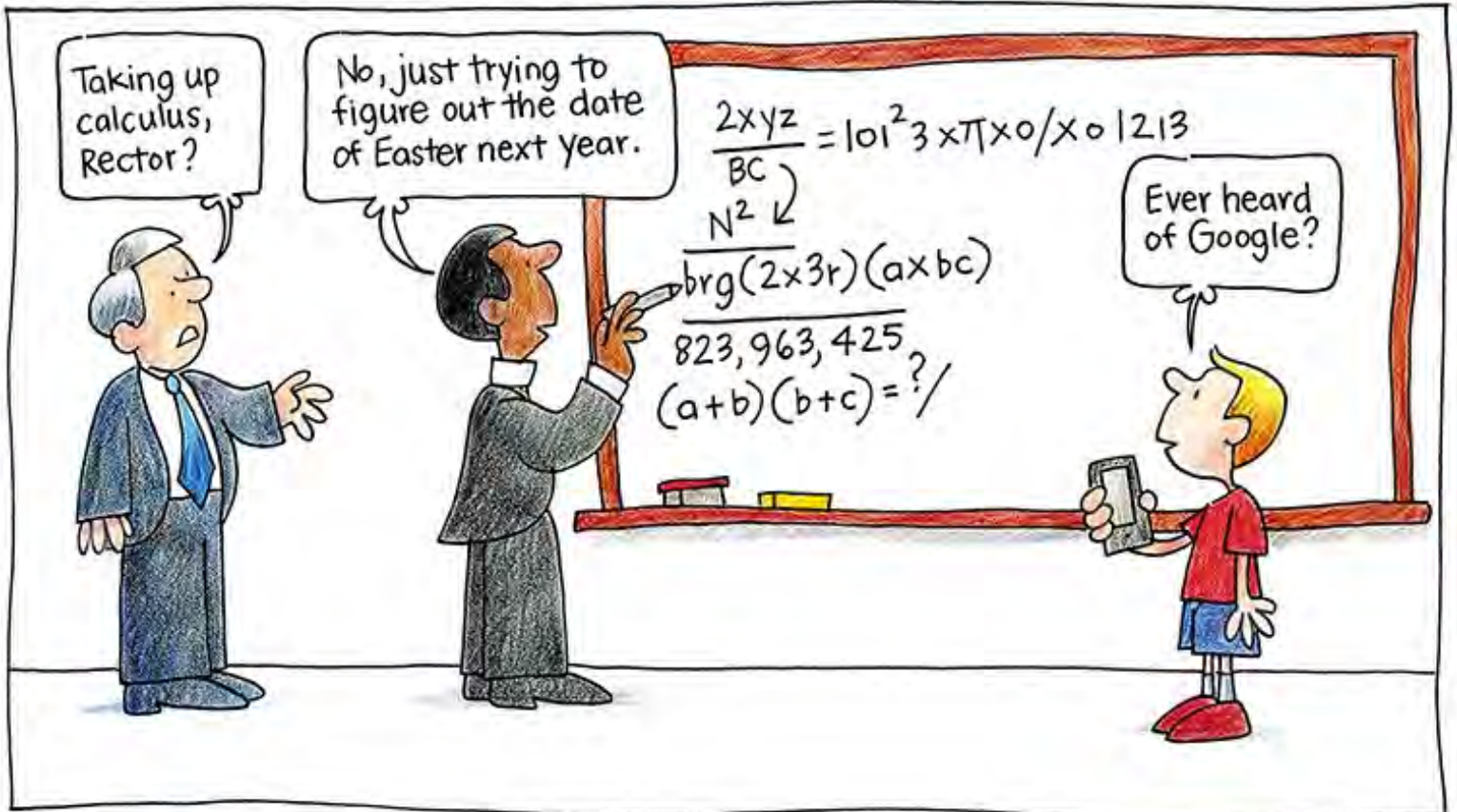
We encourage members of Saint Luke's to participate in the Kiva loan program. You may make a donation to St. Luke's and designate it to Kiva. You may also go to www.kiva.org and make your own loan with as little as \$25. You and your family will enjoy selecting a special person for your donation. If anyone would ever like to make a contribution to our Kiva fund, see Ann in the office.



Maribeth with her livestock.



John on a construction site.



Engaging Community

You are invited!



Please join Orchard Ridge Senior Living for our Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser complete with refreshments, entertainment, and silent auction baskets!

Saturday,
April 15, 2023

2-3:30pm
Independent Living
702 W. Walnut,
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Cost: \$35 per person
Or 2 tickets for \$60 if you invite
someone new to Orchard Ridge

RSVP to Holly at 208-664-8119
or email at
hjohnson@theorchardcda.org

*All proceeds help sustain Orchard
Ridge's compassionate care for
residents who have exhausted
their resources.

Chorale Coeur d'Alene Presents "Critical Mass: Fusing Hearts, Minds and Voices"

You are cordially invited to Chorale Coeur d'Alene's Spring 2023 concerts, Critical Mass. The name may at first glance be a bit curious for a musical endeavor, but the theme and its music demonstrate the intimate relationship between art and community, voices and praise. The Chorale's new Artistic Director, Dr. Joshua Chism, has woven these ideas into a cohesive whole that will delight and offer food for thought.

The concert will include works of familiar names such as Joseph Haydn [*Missa Brevis*], Gabriel Fauré [*Requiem*] and Keith Hampton [Praise His Holy Name] and some not so familiar, such as Mark Miller [*I Believe*] and A. Avalos's *Mariachi Mass*, making its debut in the Northwest.

Concerts are at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N 5th St. in Coeur d'Alene, on Friday April 21, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets (\$25 adults/\$20 seniors and military/\$15 students/6 and under are free) are available at www.ChoraleCdA.com, with a limited number also available at the door. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet and welcome Dr. Josh, and to share in music of the ages.

Judi Horton & Tom Bacon





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Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Sunday Service Times—Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel 10 a.m.

10 a.m. services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook Live.

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