



BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

DECEMBER 2022

Reflections with Your Rector

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)*

*Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means,
"God is with us." (Matt. 1:23)*

A Blessed and Joyful Advent to you all! And may you all have a very merry Christmas. I hope that this holy season brings you many moments of joy, peace, wonder and quiet gratitude. Even as we are busy, we take time to wonder, prepare ourselves, and give thanks for the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

During Advent, we open ourselves to the yearning we have – and the whole world has – for Christ's return. And we prepare for Christ's return. We hope in the vision of God's light and wisdom for the whole world. We rise in the promise of each day, put on Light. We live, with a capital "L," with all we have to give and share. We watch for signs of the One who loves us so much. All so that we are ready, in our bodies, minds, and hearts, to see and welcome Christ the Light.

One of the ways we prepare for and celebrate the coming of Jesus is by singing. St. Augustine said, "The one who sings prays twice." We sing with yearning, wonder and joy – Light is dawning! God is coming among us! So, we sing a lot in our services of Lessons and Carols, as we hear scriptures leading us through the ages of hope, and then through the birth and early life of Jesus. I love these services! I'd say, "We who sing are preaching!" Which means that my sermons will be shorter those days. Join us for **Lessons and Carols for Advent** (December 4), the **first Christmas Sunday** of the twelve days of Christmas (January 1), and **Epiphany** (January 8). And join us for our festive Christmas Eve services at 5 & 7:30 p.m. and simple Christmas Day service at 10 a.m.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom. 15:7)

We also prepare for and celebrate Christ's coming by decorating our homes and churches – making them extra-



COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
COMPANIONS ANIMAL CENTER
(FKA KOOTENAI HUMANE SOCIETY)

- December 3—Snowflake Faire, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- December 4—Advent Lessons & Carols
- December 6—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.; Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
- December 8—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library; Documentary & Discussion Series, 6 p.m. at St. Luke's
- December 10—St. Lukangelo's Italian Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.
- December 15—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- December 17—Greening of the Church & Many C's of Christmas, 10 a.m.
- December 20—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- December 21—Blue Christmas service. time and location TBA
- December 24— Christmas Eve services, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
- December 25—Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.
- January 1—Christmas Lessons & Carols
- January 8—Epiphany Lessons & Carols; Coffee Hour with King Cake after 8 & 10 a.m. services

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beautiful and festive – and by sharing activities and meals together. We go see Christmas lights on the lake. We go to the woods or farms to cut trees. We drink hot cocoa and eat cookies while we make our homes and churches festive. We volunteer to help feed and give warm clothes to folks.

Join us for the **Greening of the Church** and **“The Many C’s of Christmas”** (December 17, starting at 10 am) – two wonderful St. Luke’s traditions when we come together to “deck the halls” with boughs and branches, hang the stars, decorate the trees, make cards to send to people in their homes, decorate cookies, do some Christmas crafts, and sing some carols – all while eating soup, chili and cookies.

Our outreach during Advent includes the return of the **Snowflake Faire** (hooray!) on December 3, our last documentary-and-discussion session (**“Who Is My Neighbor?”**, on civil discourse in an age of mean-spirited confrontational politics) on December 8 in our parish hall, and our sharing with other churches in the **“Longest Night” / Blue Christmas** service on December 21 (time and location to be determined).

A big part of how we prepare and celebrate is our time of prayer and reading in our homes. St. Luke’s is providing Advent devotional booklets for families and for seniors.

“Light Shines in the Darkness” – a Scripture verse each day, plus prayer, conversation and activities for families, exploring God’s light shining through the ages, and how we can share God’s light with others.

“Season of Peace” – readings each day for seniors to reflect on spiritual experiences of Advents gone by, and on how to share faithfully with younger generations the reason for our peace, who is Jesus.

*“The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” (Matt. 11:5-6)
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Matt. 3:11)*

We are Christ’s body, here and now. How can we support and strengthen St. Luke’s ministry and mission in 2023? St. Luke’s continues beyond its first 130 years because of you – because of all of us together. We contribute with our financial gifts, and even more importantly with our contributions of time and talents – all to be Christ’s healing and invigorating presence to the world around us.

As we look toward the new year, **I ask you all to plan and pledge your support for St. Luke’s in 2023.** We are still reaching for our goal of 100 individuals and households to pledge financial giving, and for our financial goal of \$225,000. I am encouraged by the generosity of those who have already pledged.

Here are important reasons to pledge a promise of giving:

Your pledge is a sign of “skin in the game” – participating in this church’s ministry and mission.

Your pledge entrusts part of yourself to a body of folks following Jesus together, sharing in our vision to share, celebrate, and embody the love of Jesus here in North Idaho.

Your pledge helps us plan responsibly for what can be possible for us to do in Christian formation, fellowship and care, and impact in our wider community.

Please be sure to respond to **the survey from the Vestry**, asking about the ways you participate and help lead in various ways at St. Luke’s and in the wider community. We have long been known as a modestly-sized church with a generously-sized and big-hearted impact in Coeur d’Alene and surrounding communities. This is what we hope to continue and grow.

We are delighted with so many new and returning folks coming to St. Luke’s! Welcome to this warm, gentle, spirited Christian community! You will be part of what St. Luke’s becomes, now and into years ahead. Thank you for the many ways you are already diving into full participation.

Everyone – we want you to get involved in making the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s happen! You are part of

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Prayer & Worship



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Josh Johnson	15 Ian Hicks
4 Kinzo Mihara	16 Bill Cook
5 Ann Donaldson	17 Dianne Pratt
7 Nathaniel Ludlow	18 David Brooks
9 Jonathan Sedgwick	20 Christopher Wigley
10 Noah D'Alessandro	22 Ed Kerns
10 Kate Khorsand	22 Jennifer Parzanici
10 Gwen Letson	27 Cora Mihara
11 Jenna Schultz	28 Lynn Curry
14 Donna Kalberg	28 Daniel Dolan
14 Pat Lund	

ANNIVERSARIES

15 Judy & Nathaniel Ludlow
18 Gretchen & Jim Curtis
28 Janet & Al Anderson
28 Marcia & Walt Siring
28 Nancy Sue & Marc Wallace
29 Jo & Gayne Clifford

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.

PRAYERS

Healing, Strength and Peace — Rae Jean Hennig, Dan Dolan, Daniel Brooks, Ward Stewart, Andre Smith, Julian Wheeler, John McTear, Michael Fain, David Brooks, Jane Brooks, Mary Kay Hanson, Lynn Curry, Gary Craft, Mary Schmidt, Kathie, Pete Flood, Jim Miller, Eric Paavola, and Ruth Ann Jones.

Inurnment of Ashes — Russell Minter

Baptism — Rowan Joanna Knadler

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

December 4: **Episcopal Migration Ministries**

We pray for those without house or home, those on the road or living in-between, those seeking refuge, and for those helping the stranger on their journey through a strange land. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Peter Kalunian (12/4), Ellie Shapton (12/6), Ginny Krekling (12/8), Rick Matters (12/9), and Ann Howard (12/10).



December 11: **Grace Church**, Dayton and Ellensburg

We pray for the mission and ministry of Grace Church of Dayton and Ellensburg. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Kay Totten (12/15).

December 18: **St. Stephen's**, Spokane

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Jeff Neuberger (12/20).

December 25: **Church of the Nativity**, Lewiston

We pray for the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity in Lewiston.

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

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.

Check the weekly Friday Memo email for Zoom links.



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

Praise Dance



Praise Dance, taught by Lyndi Phifer, is offered at church on Wednesdays at 2 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.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21, time and location TBA

Advent often is a time of joy, anticipation, excitement and happiness, but for many, this is NOT the “most wonderful time of the year.”

Blue Christmas is a service that offers comfort, hope and healing for anyone struggling with loss, depression, isolation or grief during the Advent season. This service also may comfort persons separated from loved ones by distance, military deployment, the break-up of a family, and even those who are displeased with the commercialization of Christmas.



This service will take place on the evening of the winter solstice, Wednesday, December 21. The time and location will be announced soon. Check the upcoming Friday emails for updates.

Learning Opportunities

**“Finding Our Place in the Inland Northwest” Documentary & Discussion Series
FINAL SESSION Thursday, December 8, 6-8 p.m. at St. Luke’s: “Who Is My Neighbor?”**

Sign up at Humantix to reserve a spot!
<https://events.humantix.com/finding-our-place-in-the-inland-northwest>



*Funding for this series is
provided by the
Project Neighborly Grant through
the Idaho Community Foundation.*



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FOUNDATION**



Learning Opportunities

Book Study Group, Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.



The book study group is reading the book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr. Drawing on scripture, history and spiritual practice, Rohr presents a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a model of God's constant, unfolding work in the world.

Questions? Contact Jill Kalberg (406-587-5393 or jill.kalberg@gmail.com).

From the Diocese: "Episcopal 101" — Zooms for Lay People

Sessions contain a short teaching, time for small group sharing, large group reflection, and any diocesan and congregational updates needed at the time. Sessions occur on the first and third Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The upcoming topics are:

- December 1 - Evangelism (to be led by Fr. David)
- December 15 - Lessons and Carols

The Zoom link for these meetings is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760253562?pwd=bE5QdFBQWVJ3RGk3VXBnQnZlZ3BxZz09>

Feast of the Holy Cross Sacred Ground Circle for Late Pentecost Continues through February

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in Christian faith. Circles will be offered on Zoom. To learn more about Sacred Ground, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.



Documentaries, as well as selections from books and articles, are available free of charge. The course itself is free, but you will need to purchase (at a cost of approximately \$35) or borrow two paperback books. The schedule for the current session is as follows:

Feast of the Holy Cross Sacred Ground Circle: Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldu2sqTojGNQxthdmOlaOwtX4NV8M0XZh%20>

A Journey to the Holy Land

Travel to the Holy Land with the Diocese's own Jeopardy champion, the Rev. David Sibley, from May 12-23, 2023. Housing is at St. George's College in East Jerusalem and the Sisters of Nazareth in Galilee, both lovely places. The cost is \$2,500 plus airfare. Contact Rev. Sibley at dauids@stpaulsww.org for more information.

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@stlukescd.org.

Life Together

St. Luke's Has a New Organist!



Ty Peterson

Ty Peterson served for a number of years at All Saints Lutheran Church in Spokane as Assistant/Substitute organist. Ty was responsible for hymns, church liturgies and all of the special music selections. He also substituted at St. Luke's in the past.

Ty studied organ under Dr. Janet Ahrend, the former renowned organist at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane, Washington. He has also served for other churches in the Spokane area.

Ty enjoys spending time with his children, Devon, Rachelle and Alyia, and is an avid Mustang Mach-1 fan.

Welcome, Ty!

"Sharing God's Love" Stewardship Campaign Update

Now is the time to submit your pledge card so that your Vestry can make financial decisions for the coming year. We are hoping to receive 100 pledges this year from individuals, couples and families. Join us in sharing from God's gifts in our lives to support St. Luke's in 2023. Please prayerfully consider what financial commitment you can make, fill in the pledge card, and return it to St. Luke's as soon as possible.

As of November 23 we have received just under \$100,000 of our \$225,000 goal, which is the same goal we set and achieved last year. A big thank you goes to all who have pledged so far! We hope as many people as possible who attend St. Luke's will participate in pledging as an act of worshipful commitment to God and to the faithful work of this church.

Please remember that if your circumstances change next year, your pledge can be modified. Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

Kristin Keyes, Senior Warden

Sharing

God's Love

St. Luke's Is Hiring!



St. Luke's is hiring for a new part-time Director of Music Ministry and a part-time Minister for Christian formation and Discipleship.

Read more about these positions on the St. Luke's homepage, www.stlukesda.org. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions or have questions, please contact Fr. David (priest@stlukesda.org or 208-664-5533).

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).



Life Together

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Approved salary increases and bonuses for Rector, Deacon and Parish Administrator, and housing stipend for Rector.

Approved \$1,000 expenditure for facilities projects

Good Stewards: Ian Hicks and Debbie Lane for doing housekeeping; Janet Hicks for raking leaves; Barbara Webb, Kristin Keyes and Glenda Empsall for their work with Children's Chapel; Fr. David for leading music ministry; David St. Amand for electrical work.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Snowflake Faire

Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.-3p.m.

Women's Guild is thrilled to announce the return of Snowflake Faire! Come enjoy crafts and gifts, the Treasure Trove, gift basket raffles, homemade goodies at The Pantry, and lunch at Maggie's Café. This parish favorite event will have something for everyone.

About half the money raised from Snowflake Fiare goes to church needs. The other half goes to outreach in the local community and beyond, such as local food banks, Safe Passage, St. Vincent de Paul programs, Trinity Group Homes, Village of Hope, Family Promise, Companions Animal Center, The Village at Orchard Ridge, Episcopal Relief & Development, the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, Camp Cross, Doctors Without Borders - Ukraine, KIVA Loans (international microloans), and Heifer International.

We hope to see you there!

ST. MARY'S ALTAR GUILD

Advent has begun and soon we will celebrate our Lord's birth. We hope many of you will consider making Christmas donations for memorials and in thanksgiving. Your gifts will be used to decorate St. Luke's for Christmas and provide needed supplies in the coming months.



An offering envelope is enclosed with this newsletter. We hope to acknowledge all gifts in the Christmas bulletin. Due to publishing deadlines, please have your donations in by December 20 so that your name can be included in the Christmas service bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support, and may your Christmas be blessed.

In love and service,

Jo Clifford and Debbie Lane
Co-Directresses

Our passion statement:
Quietly serving Christ while caring for
the beauty of the Sanctuary.

Life Together

Women's Guild — No December Meeting

The next meeting of St. Luke's Women's Guild will be on Tuesday, January 3, at 1 p.m.

Women's Guild meets every first Tuesday, September through May, at 1 p.m. for a short business meeting to plan community outreach and church events. Occasionally we have speakers, who will be announced in advance (all are welcome), and we follow the meeting with a scripture discussion for those who wish to stay.

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).

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

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

Please plan to join us on Saturday, December 10, for St. Lukangelo's Italian Dinner. More information about this annual favorite event is below.

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

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



ST. LUKANGELO'S RISTORANTE

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
5:00-6:30 P.M.**

Seating is limited, so purchase tickets now!

Menu includes meatball or sausage over linguine with marinara, garlic toast, salad bar & spumoni ice cream

Wine will be available for purchase

Cost: \$10.00 Bambini under 12: gratuito (free*)!

***donations welcomed!**

Life Together

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 concerns 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.

Greening of the Church & the Many C's of Christmas Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m.

Join us on Saturday, December 17, for an event for families and folks of all ages!

We'll start our morning with *coffee*, *cocoa* and a few *Christmas Carols*. Adults will then work with the evergreen boughs to ready them for the "greening of the church."

Meanwhile, the kids will participate in the "*Many C's of Christmas*" with lots of activities of their own. They'll decorate the Parish Hall Christmas tree, then make *Christmas cards*, *Christmas crafts* and ornaments, and *Christmas cookies*. They'll also be *collecting canned goods* for those people in our community who are hungry this Christmas. Finally, we'll all enjoy a *chili* lunch together.

We hope to "*C*" you there!

St. Luke's Impact Survey

Your Vestry is working to develop a better understanding of St. Luke's impact in our church and in our community. We are hoping to gather information about what each of us does individually, and from there determine the impact of these activities as a whole. In other words, we want to explore how the mission and ministry of St. Luke's impacts our church, community and region.

We have sent a survey via email, and have posted an in-person survey in the Parish Hall. We ask that you please take a moment to either respond to the email or respond to the in-person survey in the Parish Hall. You won't need to do both.

We will be collecting data during Advent and hope to have information collated and ready to share at our annual meeting in early February. Thank you in advance for your help with this important survey. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristin Keyes (kkeyes@gmail.com or 208-260-2683).

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Christ's body, here. And your contribution is important. I invite you all to reach out to each other, get to know each other better, encourage one another in your life and faith, and invite each other into ways of offering yourselves here at St. Luke's and in the wider community.

We are Christ's body today – the channels for Emmanuel, God-with-us. So come, friends, let us be the Light as we seek and serve Christ the Light in all people.

Advent and Christmas blessings!

Fr. David



Life Together

St. Luke's Equips Us To Witness for God's Love of All People

I have loved the close-knit fellowship at St. Luke's since I came to worship here in 2013. Belonging here becomes increasingly important to me with every passing year. It deepens my closeness to God as I contribute my time, talent, and treasure. What I especially love is our commitment to following Jesus through serving one another and our wider community. He told us to love one another as He loved us, to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have begun to take more time to share our stories, listening closely, in empathy, understanding and support of one another. This is equipping us to witness for God's love of all people, both within our church family and into the wider community. We stand firm for equality and justice, in contrast to the contention, fear, judgment and violence threatening the common good in these perplexing times.

Jill Kalberg

Madeline Hennig Serving in Rome with Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps

Parishioner Madeline Hennig is serving in Rome, Italy with the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), a ministry of the Episcopal Church, 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/>.

The Convention for the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe was held in Clermont-Ferrand, France, in late October. All of the Episcopal churches in Europe were invited to attend either as guests or delegates. As "YASCers," Madeline and her friend Joris were invited to attend and help with running the event and the technology and helped film the breakout sessions and guest speakers. The theme was "welcoming and walking with refugees." Some staff from JNRC at St. Paul's attended to lead workshops and inform others about what they do for refugees in Rome. Madeline also met and networked with people from the Convocation and the Episcopal Church, including someone from Virginia Theological Seminary who knows Fr. David! It was another reminder to Madeline of how small the church is and that she will always have a home in the church.

Madeline has been doing behind-the-scenes work with JNRC and helping with communications. With new female leadership for JNRC, there have been lots of new women's programs, including yoga and sewing classes. Madeline reports that the center is a safe space for women and children to spend time.

Madeline enjoyed a visit from her Dad, Jeff, in November.



Madeline (second from left) and her group at the Convention of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.



Madeline and her dad, Jeff, during Jeff's visit in November.

Life Together

An Epiphany Treat at Coffee Hour on January 8

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when we honor the Magi who “traveled afar” to see the baby Jesus at Bethlehem. King Cake will be served at coffee hour after the 8 & 10 a.m. services to celebrate this special day on the Church calendar.



The custom of the King Cake was brought from France to New Orleans in the 1800s. It evolved from the Twelfth A dried bean was hidden inside the cake. Whoever found it received a year of good luck and was treated as royalty. Later, a tiny plastic baby was used to represent the baby Jesus . . . because Twelfth Night is when the Magi found the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.”

The frostings or sugars decorating this symbolic dessert are: purple (royalty), green (the growth of the Church to the Gentiles — out to the world beyond the Jewish community), and gold (one of the precious gifts).

Come into the Parish Hall on January 8 to enjoy this Epiphany treat and perhaps find the little surprise inside.

Lisa Nunlist

God's Love Truly Inhabits Every Nook and Cranny of St. Luke's

Even before I walked through the uncharacteristically blue doors to this new-to-me church (“Where’s the *red* door?”, I thought....), I knew this was going to be different. Gwen Letson greeted me warmly, introduced herself, and made sure I felt welcome and comfortable in a church full of strangers. John Albee handed me my bulletin and continued to exude the warmth around me. During the service, I could absolutely feel God’s presence in this place, and listened intently to His word in Fr. David’s beautiful message. The experience felt like putting on an old favorite sweater. The fit was good, not too tight and not too loose, the yarn soft and cozy. After the service, Gwen made a beeline to me, wrapped her arm around my shoulder, and, just like that best girlfriend in high school who made sure you didn’t have to eat alone at lunch, walked with me to the Parish Hall where I met others who were just as welcoming. I could tell on that first visit: this is the place for me, I want to know these people better, and God’s love truly inhabits every nook and cranny of St. Luke’s.

I’ve moved around quite a bit, entering a new church in each new town, and while all were hospitable, St. Luke’s was different. The parishioners here walk the talk. They share their stories, their faith; they don’t hide their light under a bush. And they have become my extended family. Fr. David’s passion for spreading the good news of Jesus’ pure love for *all* of us, and in turn, encouraging and equipping us to do the same, is infectious. And we are spreading the message near and far as the church’s visibility as a valued community leader is on the rise! These are just a few of the reasons I choose to support the work of St. Luke’s, blue doors and all. (I’m sure there’s a very good reason for the blue doors — let me in on the story if you know it!)

Annette Knapp

Become an Acolyte!



Adults and children ages six and older are welcome to become acolytes. Training is provided. 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.

If you or your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Kate Dolan (208-640-

Life Together

Children's Corner

Our children are enjoying the new Children's Chapel that they attend as part of the 10 a.m. Sunday service. The kids learn Bible stories or scripture, songs, prayers and activities that help them learn about Jesus' teachings and God's Word. In November they built a Jewish temple, acted out the story of Zacchaeus, made bracelets to help them learn the words of the Lord's Prayer, and decorated crowns to show that they are "Christ's Kids."

We have some special lessons planned for the four Sundays of Advent as well as other events, such as The Many C's of Christmas on December 17 (crafts, cookies, carols and a chili lunch), which will take place while adults decorate the church for Christmas, and the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with the children telling the Christmas story on a felt board.

On January 1 we hope to present a very simple Christmas story pageant for ALL children (costumes provided and no rehearsal needed). Then on January 8, to celebrate Epiphany, we would like to bring back our Wise Man skit with a part for anyone who wants one (unlimited angels and shepherds). Contact Barbara Webb (bjwebbwebb@gmail.com or 208-651-2405) or Kate Dolan (kfd819@gmail.com or 208-640-6522) for more information about any of these activities.



Fr. David baptized Rowan Joanna Knadler on Sunday, November 6. Rowan, who is early 6 months old, is the daughter of parishioners Maria Naccarato and Corey Knadler.



Introducing new acolyte Reese Johnson. Reese, 11, is the daughter of parishioners Michelle and Ryan Johnson.



After a brief Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 23, folks enjoyed pie and the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving movie together.

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



In October, we gathered items worth about \$100 needed by Safe Passage. They were so pleased, especially since they get a matching grant.

We will be collecting for Companion Animals Center (formerly Kootenai Humane Society) in December.

Questions? Call Daughters of the King member Jill Kalberg (805-551-4048).

The Giving Tree

This December we will again have a Giving Tree in the reception area to help St. Vincent de Paul make Christmas just a bit merrier for those in need. Ornaments on the tree will give you ideas of gift cards that are needed, and a box under the tree will receive your gifts.

Thank you all for your generosity.



Heritage Health Winter Supply Drive

St. Luke's is supporting Heritage Health's Winter Supply Drive, which is collecting sleeping bags and winter clothing for the homeless. With rising rents, we have more and more individuals and even families who are living out of their cars, and with cold weather quickly approaching, these items are much needed. Please consider if you can contribute new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, heavy shirts, sweatshirts, warm socks or boots, along with hand and foot warmers (sold with hunting and camping supplies).



Items can be put in the box under the coat rack or delivered directly to one of the locations listed on the flyer on p. 8 of this newsletter. Your donations will save lives.

St. Luke's Reverse Advent Calendar

Use the calendar on p. 14 of this newsletter to help those in need this Christmas season. Set aside one item a day in a box, then on Christmas Eve donate the box to a local program. Below are some places to take your items. The smaller food banks, though further away, tend to have more need. For all, call first for hours and directions.

- Athol Food Bank - 30355 3rd St., Athol 208-683-3244 (serves Athol, Bayview and Careywood)
- Coeur d'Alene Food Bank - 4942 Industrial Ave., Coeur d'Alene, 208-664-8757 ext. 3015
- Post Falls Food Bank - 415 E 3rd St., Post Falls, 208-773-0139
- Rathdrum Food Bank - 8027 W Main St., Rathdrum, 208-687-3696
- Safe Passage - 850 N 4th St., Coeur d'Alene, 208-664-9303
- Spirit Valley Food Bank - 82 Industrial Park, Spirit Valley, 208-623-3107



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Engaging Community



Messiah
by G. F. Handel
A SING-A-LONG WITH
ORCHESTRA, CHORUS, AND SOLOISTS

December 4, 2022 | Sunday, 3:00pm
Schuler Performing Arts Center
North Idaho College
FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

FEATURING
Amy Porter - SOPRANO Amanda Glover - ALTO Jadd Davis - TENOR
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Chorale Coeur d'Alene Brings You COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS A Christmas Concert

Chorale Coeur d'Alene invites you to be part of a full house for our "COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS" concerts — the ideal way to enter into a joyous Christmas Season. We bring you a wide range of musical delights from chant, to Randol Alan Bass' *Symphony of Carols* and John Rutter's "Angels' Carol," to selections of J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn. And as always — a highlight for many in our audiences — the Chorale leads a sing-along of familiar and beloved carols.

Concerts are at Trinity Lutheran Church in Coeur d'Alene on Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m..

Tickets are available online at www.ChoraleCdA.com, with a limited number also available at the door. Adults \$25, seniors & military \$20, students \$15, and free admission to children 6 years old and under.





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Matthew 5:14

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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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