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FEBRUARY 2023

Reflections with Your Rector



A Church Regathering and Re-Energized

Excerpts from the Rector's Review In St. Luke's Annual Report

2022 was a year of regathering, resurgence, and re-energizing at St. Luke's. It has been wonderful to see folks in our congregation embrace our vision and mission statements —

Vision: To share, celebrate, and embody Jesus Christ's overflowing, unconditional love in North Idaho.

Mission: To cultivate life-giving relationships in Christ with all, through deliberate discipleship, courageous conversations, purposeful partnerships, and authentic action across North Idaho.

These statements capture how we at St. Luke's aim to be a witness to the boundless love of God and a faithful community that makes space for people to hear each other and to seek and find truth together.

Highlights of 2022

Worship. With steady return to in-person worship at our 8 & 10:30 a.m. services, but diminishing attendance at our 9:15 a.m. Well and Jordan service, the whole congregation offered input that resulted in a shift to two Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m., with a vigorous Children's Chapel during the later service that offers the strengths of what had been offered in the Well and Jordan services. This kind of shift is no small achievement for a church community, and speaks to St. Luke's spirit of adaptability.

We also bid farewell to our Music Director, Julie Heard, and entered once again into a music ministry search while I doubled as your Rector and your Organist/Music Director. We are grateful to have Ty Peterson with us now as Organist! I continue to enjoy directing our choir, which has grown in musicianship and instrumental additions of violin and bells.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO RATHDRUM FOOD BANK

- February 5—Parish Annual Meeting, after 10 a.m. service
- February 7—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.; Contemplative Prayer service on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.; Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
- February 9—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library; Food for Friends, 12:30 p.m.
- February 16—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- February 17-19—Winter Cross youth weekend, St. Luke's Wenatchee
- February 18—Facilities Committee Breakfast & Maintenance Morning
- February 19—Bishop's visit to St. Luke's
- February 21—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- February 22—Ash Wednesday
- March 16—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- March 25—Northeast Regional Gathering Day, St. David's, Spokane
- April 9—Easter

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Last year also began the seasonal migration of our deacon, Glenda Empsall, as she and her husband became “snowbirds” to enjoy Arizona warmth during the wintry months. Once again, St. Luke’s has shown its ability to adapt well as we have a growing number of acolytes, readers and prayer-leaders, and eucharistic servers.

St. Luke’s celebrated its 130th year with a special service that drew from the liturgy and music of the 1890s. We continued to hold some summer services in parks in our various cities and towns.

Christian Formation and Discipleship. Last year brought a fresh return to offerings for adult Christian formation and discipleship. A regular book group has met on Wednesdays. We also held “Episcopal 101” for folks wanting to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church (or just wanting to learn more about Episcopal Christian faith). More than 30 people have participated in these opportunities.

Our St. Luke’s documentary-and-discussion series ran twice in the last 15 months. The series, “Finding Our Place in the Inland Northwest,” launched in the fall of 2021 in a partnership we sought and formed with the Human Rights Education Institute and the Museum of North Idaho, and re-ran in fall of 2022 for the broader public. We created a safe space for thoughtful conversation that gained us a positive reputation in the wider community.

Children’s Chapel has provided wonderful learning opportunities for children with their parents, and discussions during lessons are helping parents carry conversation about Christian faith and life back with them into their homes. Children’s Chapel builds on the strengths of the Well and the Jordan services, and is prepared to divide by reading age once again when there are more children and more adult co-leaders.

Community Mission, Outreach, Engagement, and Partnership. In 2022, St. Luke’s stepped forward in significant new ways in its community engagement. Our vision and mission as a church propels us outward beyond ourselves to the communities around us, for us to share, celebrate, and show Jesus’ overflowing, unconditional love here in our region touching North Idaho and Eastern Washington.

St. Luke’s also stepped into the gap in our community in public ways. In response to notice of a white supremacy gathering in Hayden, St. Luke’s members joined with others to line Government Way in Hayden with “Love Lives Here” signs. At Pride in the Park, St. Luke’s was one of only four churches that had a booth present to offer spiritual encouragement, support, and welcome into our communities of faith. Many St. Luke’s members came to be present at the booth and to talk with people at Pride.

St. Luke’s continues to offer service and care. We provide food and goods to food banks around the county. We offer tutoring for adults and for some children. We work with homeless and financially challenged people. We provide space for recovery groups. This year brought the joyful return of the Snowflake Faire in our Parish Hall with items accessibly priced for those who otherwise may not be able to afford various household items or nice Christmas gifts.

The Vestry has been exploring our congregation’s “halo value” more closely, learning more about the many ways and places we touch in the world around us with love, truth, care, and grace. *The Fig Tree* and the Coeur d’Alene Press both featured our church’s 130th year anniversary with a focus on how we as a church community have had an impact in Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho for generations.

Financial Support. St. Luke’s has remained healthy financially through the pandemic and in this recent economic uncertainty with giving remaining steady. We continue to operate on a relatively tight budget, but faithful giving in our parish and some especially generous giving by a smaller number of households has shielded any need to draw funds from our long-term investment funds to cover basic operations.

Facilities. The St. Luke’s community leapt forward this past year in many improvements in our facilities, including completion of replacement of the Parish Hall exterior front doors, further refreshment and beautification of the Parish Hall, and refreshment of the office and reception area. We have a new camera ready for installation for livestreaming of our worship services, and we are awaiting help with installation of audio system improvements for internet

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Prayer & Worship

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Martha Vilandr�	18 The Rev. Dr. David Gortner
3 Nancy Rees	20 Lynn Oxner
3 Kennedy Wilson	22 Emma McAlpine
9 Reese Johnson	24 Nan Palmer
14 Pat Lund	25 Ern Warner
14 Paul Vilandr�	26 Charlotte Hennig
18 John Empsall	26 Joan Lewis



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 — Hilary Caisley, Claudia, Jo, Sean Whelan, Rae Jean Hennig, Daniel Brooks, Ward Stewart, Dan Dolan, Andre Smith, Julian Wheeler, John McTear, Michael Fain, John Albee, David Brooks, Jane Brooks, Lynn Curry, Kathie Wilson, Jim Miller, Eric Paavola, Ruth Ann Jones, Ann Presta, Beverly Jordan, Mary Kay Hanson, Martha Vilandre and Janet Crane.

Rest of the Soul — Robert Imperatrice, Cynthia Brooks Erler

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER



February 5: **Clergy Retreat** (February 7-10)

We give thanks for the variety of gifts within our Diocesan Clergy. Pray that the Clergy retreat is a time of refreshment and renewal. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Ellen Loposer (2/10), Vicki Johnson (2/10), and Dwight Brown (2/12).

February 12: **Youth and Children's Ministry**

We are blessed by their faith and ministry and we pray for their continued growth and witness to Jesus Christ within our community. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Jody Lediard (2/15) David Gortner (2/18) and John Empsall (2/18).

February 19: **Commission on Ministry, Formation and Christian Education**

We pray for ongoing formation within the Diocese. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Marjorie Stanley (2/20) and Steve Woolley (2/24).

February 26: **Diocesan Women**

We give thanks for all women in their many and diverse ministries in the church and the wider world. And for the diocesan women gathered on retreat this weekend. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Patton Boyle (3/3) and Fred Jessett(3/4).

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 on Zoom: This service is offered on Zoom the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. **NOTE:** This service will not be held on February 21 due to the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Check the weekly Friday Memo email for Zoom links.



<https://www.funclbirmingham.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. All ages are welcome.

Learning Opportunities

Diocesan Book Study on Zoom

The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity In Racism

You are invited to participate in The Color of Compromise, a six-part series on the Church's complicity in racism and our opportunity to establish racial equity. We'll watch and discuss brief documentaries on each chapter by Jemar Tisby, the author of *The Color of Compromise*. Simultaneously reading the book can enrich your experience but is not required.

Remaining sessions will take place from 1-3 p.m. via Zoom on the following dates: February 11 & 25, March 11 & 18. The series will be facilitated by The Rev. Rick Matters

(rickmatters@gmail.com). Register online at https://www.spokanediocese.org/digital_faith/events/3187448



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, *My Grandmother's Hands*.

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.

Learning Opportunities

Who Is This Jesus?

Biblical Windows for Followers and Seekers of Christ

Each month, we open a biblical window through which we see and come to know Jesus. Last month, we read and meditated on Jesus' declaration in the synagogue (from Luke 4) – his purpose to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, release to the captives, and news of God's favor to everyone. This month, moving from the season of Epiphany into the season of Lent, we see how Jesus speaks directly to the rulers of this world – and we gain insight into where he is focusing his attention and devoting his energy.

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 18:33-36 – Jesus speaks to the powers of this world

Here in the later chapters of the Gospel of John, Jesus has been forced before Pilate, the regional governor, by people who are calling for his death. So, Jesus is brought up before the political and governmental powers of this world. Listen to his response.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew*, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews*. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'*

* the Judeans / a Judean (see note)

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

- ◆ What kind of kingdom is Jesus' kingdom? What does he mean that it is "not from this world"? What does Jesus mean by this world, when talking to Pilate?
- ◆ If followers are not called to respond by fighting as Jesus says, how are they called to respond? What does this mean for followers of Jesus today?

[Note: Recent scholarship invites us to read "the Jews" as "the Judeans" when referring to the religious & political leaders and context of its day and history. "The Jews" does not refer to our current Jewish siblings, nor Jewish siblings after the year 150. Antisemitism is contrary to the Gospel and our relationship with Jesus.]

Examen Prayer – a prayer of daily review in conversation with God

Give yourself time and space for this practice – about 10-15 minutes in the morning and evening. Begin with a ritual that works for you, such as sitting quietly in a favorite space, lighting a candle, bringing attention to your breath, or wrapping yourself in a prayer shawl. You may want to have a journal and pen available for your time of prayer.

Morning Examen: As you begin your day, notice how you are feeling, offer gratitude to God for being present with you, and scan your day ahead. Use the following questions to discover where and how you would like to encounter God: What are you looking forward to? What are you dreading?

Then think about being a branch connected to Christ, the Vine. How is the Spirit inviting you to be connected to the Vine today?

Evening Examen: As you end your day, notice how you are feeling, offer gratitude to God for being with you today, and scan the day behind you. Use the following questions to reflect on where and how you encountered God today: What felt like growth? What felt like pruning?

As you ponder these things, pray to the Spirit for guidance about what you are called to plant, grow or strengthen in yourself and your congregation.

Learning Opportunities

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/tZYldu2sqTojGNQxthdmOla0wtX4NV8MOXZh%20>

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. The next session will be on Thursday, March 2, and the topic will be “Meeting Jesus with Hospitality.”

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760253562?pwd=bE5QdFBQWVJ3RGk3VXBNOmZlZ3BxZz09>. 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).



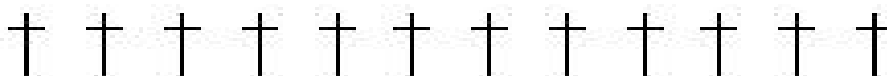
Youth Formation

Winter Cross Weekend for Youth in Grades 6-12, February 17-19 at St. Luke’s, Wenatchee



Winter Cross is a weekend-long opportunity for all youth in 6th-12th grades to experience the Camp Cross program and fellowship at a different location and to enjoy time in the snow together sledding and ice skating! Winter Cross will be at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Wenatchee, WA, February 17-19.

Registration is required and the cost is \$100 for the weekend. A camper will never be turned away because of inability to pay, so during the registration process please request a scholarship as needed. Please also connect with your congregation to see if they might be able to offer any additional financial support. To register, go to the diocesan CampDoc portal at <https://app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=episcopalspokane>, where you may either sign into your existing profile or create a new one.



Learning Opportunities

Book and Bible Studies at St. Luke's – Winter and Spring 2023

People have expressed hunger for more spiritual enrichment and education for faithful living. In response, Fr. David has chosen books for study groups. These books provide insights and tools for living in daily conversation with God and mindful reflection on one's life, reading the book of Revelation responsibly, and facing injustice and cruel prejudice in the world around us. The books can be read easily in chapter or two-chapter segments for weekly discussions in groups.

"I encourage folks to pick one of these books to read together in small groups, or in established church guilds and teams," says Fr. David. "Find a time to meet together – at the church, in someone's home, at a restaurant, or online. The open 'book group' that meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. has already chosen *The Ignatian Workout* as its next book. I will offer a study session on *Reading the Book of Revelation*, but another group can discuss that same book at a different time. These books are intended to build our spiritual muscles and bring us greater spiritual clarity."

In addition to choosing among the three books below, Fr. David is encouraging everyone to read from the diocese's scriptural meditations, "Who Is This Jesus?" (see p. 5 of this newsletter). Each St. Luke's newsletter will include a scripture excerpt and questions for personal reflection and conversation.

The Ignatian Workout: Daily Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Faith, by Tim Muldoon (2004).

"St. Ignatius of Loyola believed that we could know God better by paying attention to his work in our lives, our experiences, our imagination, and our feelings... *The Ignatian Workout* presents St. Ignatius's wisdom in today's language—as a daily program of "workouts" to achieve spiritual fitness, tailored to people with busy schedules. It 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).

"Let's face it: the book of Revelation is difficult to read. Many neglect it, leaving it to the experts or the obsessed. Others fixate on the details, focusing on current events but missing Christ in the process... In *Reading the Book of Revelation*, Alexander Stewart offers five simple keys that unlock this difficult book... This book will help you see that Revelation is not primarily about the future, but about how the future makes a difference for us today."

Hate Is My Neighbor, by Tom Alibrandi with Bill Wassmuth (1999).

"In the 1980s, a community in northern Idaho unwittingly became the home to the Aryan Nations, one of the most virulent white supremacist groups in the United States. After a number of threats against "non-whites," Father Bill Wassmuth and other local civil rights leaders banded together to shine light on the hateful and malicious acts of Aryan Nations members...and 20 years later saw the successful prosecution of the Aryan Nations leader, Richard Butler. Alibrandi helps Wassmuth tell this chilling story as a reminder that 'if you want peace, work for justice.'"

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



Life Together

Epiphany King Cake at January 8 Coffee Hours

This year's Epiphany celebration had more king cakes than ever before because the 8 a.m. coffee hour, the children, and the 10 a.m. coffee hour all enjoyed this delightful tradition.

After the 8 a.m. service, Marylin Otto found the little baby hiding in the pastry; Ella Wickham was the lucky "royalty" who found the baby in the kids' cake; then Nan Palmer had the honors after the 10 a.m. service. Each looked cute in her "genuine golden" crown; and was (we hope) bestowed with good luck in the New Year.



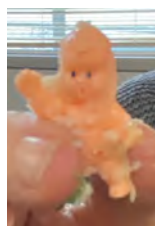
Lisa Nunlist made many King Cakes for the two celebratory Epiphany coffee hour on January 8.



Lisa Nunlist and Fr. David (left) enjoyed the King Cake coffee hour while Farley Green (right) helped serve cake and coffee to attendees.



Nan Palmer (left) found this adorable Baby Jesus figurine in her piece of the delicious King Cake.



Ella Wickham (left) found Baby Jesus in the kids' King Cake while Kennedy Wilson and Wesley Van Houten (right) enjoyed their own pieces of cake.



A Gentle Reminder for the Zoomers Out There

We love when you are able to join us online for worship. Just a gentle reminder of Zoom worship etiquette. It's important to remember that, even from the comfort of your own place, you are coming to worship with others.

You are certainly welcome and encouraged to join with your video on, and we love to see your faces! Just remember – you are coming to church. With video on, be present and in one place – it is a visual distraction if you are shifting your camera around a lot or moving yourself around your space and doing other activities. If you need to do something else while in church with us, please turn your video off and join back in when you are able to once again focus upon the worship. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

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

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023

Approved the draft 2023 budget as proposed by the Treasurer.

Thanked and bid farewell to Kate Dolan, Jill Kalberg and Clark Richman, whose three-year terms expired in January.

Good Stewards: Chris & Robbyn Thomas for their friendly welcomes to newcomers on Sundays; Ern Warner & David St. Amand for their hard work clearing snow; volunteers who helped with the greening of the church and with painting the office area and parish hall.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

“Sharing God’s Love” Stewardship Campaign Wrap-Up

Sharing

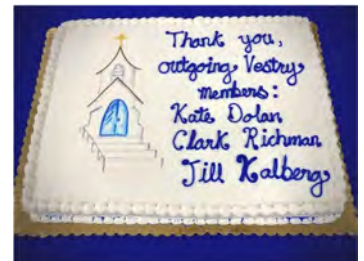
As of February 5, we had received 87 pledges totaling \$206,894. Thank you to all who pledged as an act of worshipful commitment to God and to the faithful work of this church.

God’s Love

Kristin Keyes, Senior Warden

Highlights of the Parish Annual Meeting of February

- Fifty-nine members attended the Annual Meeting.
- Fr. David highlighted his Rector’s 2022 Review, which was contained in the 2022 Annual Report.
- Andrea Partington, Clark Richman and Chris Thomas were elected to three-year vestry terms ending in 2026. Clark is continuing for a second term, having filled a vacancy that was created in 2020.
- Marty Gustafson and Nan Palmer were elected to serve as Delegates to Diocesan Convention in October. Christopher Wigley and Kay Lockhart were elected as first and second alternates, respectively.
- Fr. David and Senior Warden Kristin Keyes thanked outgoing vestry members Kate Dolan and Jill Kalberg. They also thanked Clark Richman for his past and continuing service.
- Fr. David presented the Treasurer’s Report, which foresees an eight percent reduction in annual giving and a five-and-one-half percent increase in expenses, which “will require a close monitoring of annual giving throughout the year as we endeavor to expand the ministry of St. Luke’s while maintaining fiscal responsibility.”



Facilities Committee To Host Breakfast & Maintenance Morning Saturday, February 18

On Saturday, February 18, the Facilities Committee is planning a maintenance morning, starting with breakfast. More details to come in future Friday Memo emails.

Come spend a couple hours working with others on our church and parish hall. Please let Debbie Lane (208-691-7428) or Ian Hicks (714-742-3412) know if you plan to come so they can plan accordingly for catering for the breakfast.

Life Together

The Bishop Is Coming!



Bishop Gretchen Rehberg returns to St. Luke's for her annual visit on Sunday, February 19.

We look forward to welcoming her, with several people being baptized, confirmed or received from other Christian traditions into the Episcopal Church. We will have opportunities to discuss our emerging sense of St. Luke's fresh mission and ministry in this part of North Idaho.

Women's Guild Meets next on Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

The next meeting of St. Luke's Women's Guild will be on Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. At the January meeting, Guild made a 2023 budget and discussed meeting and social activities from now until May, including another Ladies' Night Out in the spring. Guild also voted to make a \$2,500 donation to the Facilities Committee as a contribution toward the many ongoing projects at the church. During the February meeting, Guild members enjoyed a presentation by Steve Towles, a 73-year-old minister who has walked 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

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 Next Meets Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m.

St. Luke's Men's Group will next meet on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant. A special speaker will present at the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

The Chili Feed held January 28 was a great success! The event raised over \$600, including cash donations. Costs were reduced significantly by parishioners' generous donations of meat and wine. Funds raised at the chili feed paid for the delicious chicken that was served at the Annual Meeting potluck, and will be used to underwrite church facilities projects.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 21, for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. More information about this event is below.

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

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 21, 4:30–6:30 P.M.

Menu will be scrumptious pancakes paired with sausage links, meatballs, fruit, and ice cream.



Sponsored by St. Luke's Men

Adults — \$5.00
Children 12 & under — donations appreciated
Tickets available at Men's Group meetings or at church, or pay at the door.

Life Together

Children's Corner

On Sunday, January 8, during the 10 a.m. Epiphany Lessons & Carols service, the kids reprised their Wise Man skit. During Epiphany the kids will learn about the Apostle's Creed and will continue learning the Lord's Prayer.

Contact Barbara Webb (bjwebbwebb@gmail.com or 208-651-2405) or Kate Dolan (kfd819@gmail.com or 208-640-6522) for more information about Children's Chapel.



Back row, L-R: Nate Wickham, Ella Wickham, Kennedy Wilson, Kennedy Johnson, Reese Johnson.
Front row, L-R: Wallace Van Houten, Wesley Van Houten, Griffin Wilson. Not shown: Brian Kilmer.

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 (208-640-6522).

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).



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. Please contact Fr. David (priest@stlukesda.org or 208-664-5533) with any questions.

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@stlukesda.org.

Life Together

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/>.

Madeline has decided to extend her time in Rome for another year! After being in Rome for about six months, Madeline says she realized that a year was not enough time. "It took me six months to get my footing! I finally was comfortable with the city, the work, the culture, etc. I knew that I needed more time in order to fulfill my full potential here." Madeline will be home in Coeur d'Alene in February for a short visit and hopes to visit again during the summer.

St. Paul's had several events for Advent and Christmas including a Christmas Market and an Advent Lessons and Carols service. "It was a season full of events. Spending Christmas at the church was not a problem at all. I got to be with my Roman church family! I missed my family and St. Luke's, but it was the perfect place to be if not in Coeur d'Alene." Immediately after Christmas, Madeline and her hallmates Ken and Joris rented a car and drove around Southern Italy for the week, visiting the Amalfi Coast, Matera, and Puglia.

Madeline's 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!"



Madeline and her friends Joris & Ken.

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.



Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



December's offering provided a good amount of wish-list items to Kootenai Humane Society/Companion Animals Center. February's offering will go to Rathdrum Food Bank.

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

Food for Friends

For the past five years, St. Luke's has been putting together high calorie, nutritionally dense meal packets for the homeless. During this time, over 4,500 zip lock bags of canned chili, pasta or tuna, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, a drink with vitamin C, and a snack have been distributed through various food banks and programs. Recently most packets have been going to Heritage Health's Street Medicine program.



We also would like to have a few more volunteers to help put together packets on the second Thursday of any month at 12:30 p.m. If you are free for an hour, please join us. Donations of items to be used in the food packets are always welcome! Questions? Please call Barbara Webb (208-651-2405).

PLEASE NOTE: Though we love donations of granola or cereal bars for meal packets, we have been asked not to use bars with nuts as they are too hard to chew.

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broadcasting. Other technology improvements include a pending update of our phone system. Exterior improvements have included a resealing of the parking lot and Parish Hall cement entry, and wonderful work in the gardens.

There are some important bigger projects that St. Luke's will need to undertake in the next few years, such as Parish Hall windows and security doors, attention to exterior cement and concrete areas, replacement of the 60-year-old aluminum siding and a careful restorative treatment and weather-sealing of our stained glass windows. These are a few examples of projects we will undertake when we are ready to share together in some additional capital fundraising.

Goals for 2023

In order for us to continue to strengthen our mission and ministry, we have some internal goals for us as a church community. Consider this year an invitation to everyone at St. Luke's to participate, grow, and lead. This year, the Vestry and parish leadership will be inviting us all to help in meeting these goals:

1. Increasing **participation and leadership** in St. Luke's ministries
2. Strengthening **invitation, welcome, and connection**
3. Growing **families' involvement and steady investment** in St. Luke's worship and programs
4. **Knowing Christ** more clearly, **loving Christ** more dearly, and **following Christ** more nearly
5. Strengthening and deepening **meaningful community connections and partnerships**.

It takes a village. Everyone has a part to play in this body of Christ that we share and offer to the world around us. I want each of us to let our light shine brightly. I want each of us to find our place to share in all that we can offer at St. Luke's. And I trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us as we remain faithful and creative in nurturing faith, practicing love, and serving the world around us. Let us trust in the Light of Christ, and open ourselves to be light, seek light in others, and serve the light in each person. May the Light of Christ Jesus our Savior and the Lover of all humankind dawn brightly in this region, now and for years to come.

Fr. David



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