



BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

JULY-AUGUST 2022

Reflections with Your Rector

"Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." [from II Kings 2]



God be with you, friends! Thank the Lord for the warmth and beauty of summertime! I pray for Christ's peace, strength, and love to be present with each of you.

Summer feels to me like a time for unplugging a bit, a time for letting the pace slow down a bit. The space of summer opens up mental and spiritual space, and I find myself taking stock of life. What is behind me? Where am I now? What lies ahead?

This summer and fall, our Sunday Old Testament readings will walk us through the age of the prophets, during the decline of Israel and Judah into decadence, injustice and unfaithfulness. We have already heard stories of the powerful prophet, Elijah. Along with Moses, Elijah is regarded as one of the greatest and most important anchors of faithful leadership in Old Testament history. Elijah dared to speak against the sinful policies of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, and against the waywardness of the people of Israel who wandered away from God to worshipping the Assyrian god, Baal. He announced a coming famine. He challenged the priests of Baal to a contest, each calling to Baal or God to bring down fire from heaven to consume their sacrifice. And his time of leadership came to an end. Last week, we heard of Elijah's disciple Elisha watching as Elijah was taken by fiery horses to heaven. Right before this, Elisha asked for a double-portion of God's spirit that had filled and directed Elijah. And power and responsibility were transferred to the next prophet, the next generation.

There have been powerful heroes – men and women alike – who have gone before us and who have led powerfully in our own lifetimes. Who are these heroes for us, who have made a difference in life in our worlds? Who will carry on in their place?

The mantle of leadership passes to us. Do we dare to ask for a double-portion of their spirit? Do we dare to ask God to take us, direct us, and empower us with twice the power that it did for our heroes?

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COMING EVENTS

JULY'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO THE ATHOL FOOD BANK

AUGUST'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO THE RATHDRUM FOOD BANK

- July 3—Church in the Park, 10:30 a.m., Majestic Park in Rathdrum
July 5—Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
July 8-11—80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD
July 14—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library
July 21—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
July 24—Church in the Park, 10:30 a.m., City Park Pavilion, Coeur d'Alene
August 2—Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
August 11—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library
August 18—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
September 4—Church in the Park, 10:30 a.m., Riverside Harbor neighborhood gazebo, Post Falls

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I think of those who have given of their lives and selves in our own little faith community of St. Luke's. Over this last year, we have said farewell to some of our own St. Luke's heroes who have died. On July 8, we will gather to remember Bob Lee, who like others in this church gave of himself in military and civilian service, who sought to follow God, and who with his wife Barbara has been part of this church community for many years. This last week, we received a final gift from Lucie Maier, who left a portion of her final estate to St. Luke's. Her generosity of spirit will continue to bless St. Luke's for many years to come.

As I watch folks continue to live their lives, and as I see some of our wonderful elders cross the threshold of death, I can get to feeling insecure for the long-term life of St. Luke's. Who will step forward into fuller ministry and leadership for our faith community? Who among our younger families will help lead new initiatives that nurture our own people and that speak directly to the needs and yearnings of the world around us?

We have returned to summer worship gatherings in parks around Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Rathdrum, and Hayden. Will you come and share in our fellowship out in public places?

We are showing up as a church at public events like Pride in the Park and the upcoming Housing Resource Festival. Will you help us find places to a witness for Christ's love, and will you offer your own support and presence?

We are continuing to gather for mid-week prayer and study. Can you join us from time to time, or find other ways to come together for prayer and spiritual growth? Would you like to lead or help shape a gathering for growth?

We worship faithfully week after week, and depend on folks in our congregation to make Sunday worship a welcoming and enriching experience. Will you come and be part of our regular life together, and dive in more fully?

We are continuing our series of courageous conversations, "Finding Our Place in the Inland Northwest," with an even wider audience and more partnering organizations, to enrich civil discourse about challenging subjects in our wider community. Will you help bring people into these conversations, and participate yourselves in them?

We will decide either to continue with three services and resume with the Well and Jordan at its usual time in the fall, or to shift to two services and hold a Well and Jordan children's chapel during the first part of the later service. Regardless of our decision, will you support these efforts? Will you bring your families? Will you help offer leadership and assistance so that our services can thrive?

So much in our shared life depends on people stepping in and taking up their own place in shaping a community and its mission. This is true for our cities. And it is true for our church. What will Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Hayden, Rathdrum, Plummer, and Otis Orchards become? What will St. Luke's become? Oh God, give us each a double-portion of your Holy Spirit as we saw it in our heroes who have inspired us and brought us all this far. May we be sources of life, light, and love for others around us now.

Like last summer, I encourage some simple daily prayer for all of us. The Noonday and night-time (Compline) services in our prayer book are gems – and they have a way of resetting us and recentering us. Consider also spending a bit of time with Jesus each day using the Ignatian Examen as a way to reflect prayerfully on each day. There are five parts of the Ignatian Examen prayer—

Light: Inviting God's presence and illuminating light

Gratitude: Reviewing with God the day that has passed, noting moments you are grateful for, including when you sensed God's presence

Feelings: Reviewing the day again with God, noting your feelings and motivations in different situations through the day

Focus: Picking one moment to pray specifically about, seeking God's wisdom, asking forgiveness, or celebrating joy

Future: Thinking with God about the day ahead of you, noting what you anticipate experiencing and feeling, and praying for God's guidance and presence with you

End this time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer, another favorite prayer, the sign of the cross, a verse of a favorite hymn,

Prayer & Worship

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Lisa Nunlist	19 David Samuel
6 Chris Empsall	20 Wesley Van Houten
7 John Albee	24 Mitch McAlpine
8 Sue Lee	24 Martha West
11 Roberta Bozarth	27 Ann Rule
11 Bob Gustafson	29 Kennedy Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Holladay & Sandy Sanderson
18 Deborah & Bob Douglas
19 Marty & Bob Gustafson
22 Nan & Dave Palmer
24 José & Howard Keller

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1 Melinda Hennig	17 Robin Rutherford
2 Hilary Caisley	19 Kate Dolan
3 Debbie Lane	19 Wyatt Hartzell
6 Bob Douglas	22 Chris Jessen
10 Gordon Radford	23 Art Flagan
15 Lennox Ryan	29 Becca Siemers
17 Farley Green	31 Tom Bacon

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Hilary & Bill Caisley
13 Cary & Jim Miller
20 Dianne & David Pratt
20 Wanda & Tim Quinn
25 Becca & John Siemers
26 Martha & Paul Vilandr�
31 Nancy & Art Flagan

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.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER



July 3: **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

We give thanks for the many ways that UTO grants significantly impact our lives. We pray that more will be encouraged in daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

July 10: **Bishops and deputies**

For all bishops and deputies, that the work done at General Convention further the Gospel of Jesus Christ and build up the Church.

July 17: **St. Anne's, Omak**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Anne's, Omak.

July 24: **St. James', Cashmere & Pullman**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. James', Cashmere and St. James', Pullman.

July 31: **College for Congregational Development**

We give thanks for faithful people willing to attend the College for Congregational Development, to learn new tools to sustain and strengthen their congregations. We pray with the CCD staff and graduates for continued participation in the College as the diocese grows in its creative, effective witness to Jesus Christ.

August 7: **Deacons of the diocese**

We give thanks for the Deacons of our diocese, for their ministry and for being a visible symbol and reminder of the life of faith we are all invited into.

August 14: **St. Mary's, Bonner's Ferry**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mary's, Bonner's Ferry.

August 21: **Men's Ministries**

We give thanks to the ministry of the men in our diocese, and for the men who gather together for Men's Weekend at Camp Cross.

August 28: **Discipleship**

Gracious God, we give thanks for growing minds and hearts, and for the courage to answer your call. We pray that we may listen deeply, that we may learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest and turn our hearts and feet toward you, together on a sacred journey.

Prayer & Worship

PRAYERS

Healing, Strength and Peace — Beverly Jordan, Ward Stewart, Steve West, Andre Smith, Peggy Lembeck, Jo Clifford, Tim and Kathryn Hunt, Julian, John McTear, Michael Fain, David Brooks, Jane Brooks, Mary Kay Hanson, Lynn Curry, Gary Craft, Ed Griswold, Jack Schnabl, Mary Schmidt, and José Keller.

Marriage — Jennifer Vernon & Kinzo Mihara

Memorial Service — Carol Harrison

Repose of the Soul — Bob Lee

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. Check the weekly Friday Memo email for Zoom links.

NOTE: The Zoom Contemplative Prayer Service is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.



Church in the Park 2022



Mark your calendars for St. Luke's 10:30 a.m. Church in the Park services! We are asking parishioners to help with set-up on each of these dates and to possibly provide coffee and/or a light snack.

July 3 — Majestic Park, 5499 W, Majestic Ave. in Rathdrum

July 24 — City Park Gazebo, downtown Coeur d'Alene with potluck lunch to follow

September 4 — Riverside Harbor neighborhood park, 905 S. Riverside Harbor Dr. in Post Falls

October 2 — Pet Blessing (location TBA)

On Sundays when there is Church in the Park, the 8 a.m. service will take place in the nave as usual. Please plan to bring your own chair to park locations unless instructed otherwise. We look forward to seeing you at Church in the Park!

New at Church: Praise Dance

Praise Dance, taught by Lyndi Phifer, is now being offered at church on Mondays from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. "Our Scriptures speak of praising with processions and dancing (Psalm 149, 150, 42)," says Lyndi. "The praise dance I teach is simply praise augmented by movement. It is circle dance based on Israeli folk dance."

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.

To view YouTube videos of praise dance, visit <https://youtu.be/30cb08-li1Q> or <https://youtu.be/fHkdckwvPE>.



Prayer & Worship

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Rev. Bill Osborne, rector of St. Stephen's in Spokane, is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year at the start of Lent, from February 28-March 11, 2023. This trip is run by Lightline Pilgrimages, a Christian tour company that is the "preferred partner" of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

The tour group will be accompanied by Palestinian Christian guides and bus drivers whose ancestors were among the first Christians and who represent the "living stones" of the faith. In addition to visiting the places where Jesus lived and ministered, they will see the difficult circumstances of the lives of Palestinian Christians today.

The total cost is \$5195. To reserve a place on the trip, a deposit of \$500 must be received by September 2. For more information and to sign up visit Lightline Pilgrimages at <https://lightlinena.com/pilgrimage/come-and-see-a-pilgrimage-following-the-footsteps-of-jesus/>.

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.

Learning Opportunities

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

The book study group that meets on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. (immediately following the noonday intercessory prayer service and brown bag lunch) is starting a new book, so now would be a great time to join. The new book is *Listening for God*, a collection of short contemporary pieces edited by Paula Carlson and Peter Hawkins (Augsburg Fortress publisher). Authors include Flannery O'Connor, Frederick Buechner, Annie Dillard, and Garrison Keillor.

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



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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.

Learning Opportunities

Sacred Ground Circles for Early Pentecost Starting June 1

Bishop Gretchen Rehberg and the Diocesan Council strongly urge all members to participate in Sacred Ground, a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in Christian faith. Small groups, called circles, are invited to walk through America's history of race and racism while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. This 10-part series is offered by The Episcopal Church and will be led by experienced, friendly facilitators from our diocese.



Throughout the year several circles will be offered on Zoom, with the next one beginning in Pentecost. 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 next session is as follows:

Early Pentecost Circle: Sunday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. on July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-ypqjMuHNXEdOyL1aOtJt_bdC58mlaF

Life Together

Farewell to Julie Heard, Director of Music Ministry



St. Luke's Director of Music Ministry Julie Heard will conclude her time with St. Luke's at the end of July.

Julie has been a blessing to St. Luke's. We will miss her as she and her young son, Avery, move back to Virginia during the concluding months of her husband's military deployment. Thank you, Julie, for sharing your gifts with us at St. Luke's!

St. Luke's at Pride in the Park

Joining just a few other churches in the area, St. Luke's had a booth at the Pride in the Park event on Saturday, June 11. We were there to emphasize God's love for people across sexuality and genders, and that everyone is welcome in our church. We give thanks for peace, and for our witness to the love of Christ our Lord. You can read more about the Pride event in parishioner Clark Richman's letter, which is on pages 10-11 of this newsletter.

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)



L-R: Fr. David, Mary Ward, Cary Miller, Kristin Keyes, Clare Dolan, Charlotte Hennig.



St. Luke's volunteers handed out these colorful, upbeat stickers.



L-R: Fr. David, Farley Green, Kristin Keyes, Ern Warner, Clark Richman.

Life Together

Church in the Park at White Pines Park

Chilly weather may have kept some folks away, but the 10:30 a.m. service at White Pines Park in Post Falls on June 19 was nonetheless meaningful and joyous for the stalwart folks who came.

Next up: On July 3, come, worship and celebrate together at 10:30am in Majestic Park in Rathdrum! There is a great pavilion with easy access from the parking lot and wonderful playgrounds.

Then on July 24 we will be under the pavilion in Coeur d'Alene City Park with a potluck lunch to follow.



The Dave Otto Memorial Fishing Trip

The Dave Otto Memorial Fishing Trip returned to Falls Park in Post Falls on June 23. Members of St. Luke's Men's Group hosted kids and families from St. Vincent de Paul and St. Luke's for trout fishing and a hot dog lunch. Everyone had a great time and some lucky kids even caught a fish!



Parishioner Griffin Wilson was well prepared for the sunny day with fashionable sunglasses and a patriotic straw hat.



Parishioner Ella Wickham caught a beautiful trout.



Parishioner Kennedy Wilson and mom Liz enjoyed a beautiful day of fishing.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2022

Approved a motion to move \$15,000 from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund for maintenance of the church.

Good Stewards: The many St. Luke's members who have donated their time, expertise and labor to make repairs and improvements. These volunteers have saved the church significant amounts of money

Next meeting: Thursday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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or just some quiet.

I hope it is a good, restorative summer for all of us, and a time of deepening clarity and renewed commitment.

Peace and grace,

Father David

NOTE: Fr. David will be at College for Congregational Development July 31 – August 6, then on vacation through August 8 – 22.

Life Together

Men's Group Meets Tuesday, July 5, at 6 p.m.

St. Luke's Men's Group will next meet on Tuesday, July 5, and then on Tuesday, August 2, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

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

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

Do You Love Working with Numbers?

St. Luke's is looking for a new parish treasurer. No bookkeeping is involved. A background in accounting is helpful, as is business experience, including budget and financial management. The primary duty of the treasurer is to keep the vestry informed on the finances of the parish, including reviewing and consolidating financial statements prepared by our accounting firm every month. The treasurer is also responsible for preparing the annual budget, providing an annual financial report to the parish, and answering financial inquiries from parishioners. It is helpful, but not necessary, to have a basic knowledge of QuickBooks (accounting software) and Breeze (data base manager). The current treasurer will provide support as well as training.

If you are interested in becoming the new treasurer, or have questions, please contact Fr. David (priest@stlukescd.org or 510-734-1066) or Senior Warden Kristin Keyes (kkeyes@gmail.com or 208-260-2683).

Camp Cross Campership Fund

Camp Cross has been transformational for many of St. Luke's young people and parishioners have been generous in their support. Our St. Luke's kids need to be at camp, outside in the fresh air with each other and with God.

If you are able to help give a youngster that camp experience, please write your check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with "Camp Cross fund" in the memo line.

It is going to be a great summer! Check out the Camp Cross schedule here: <https://campcross.spokanediocese.org/>.



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

There have been a couple new developments that I would like to share with you all! First of all, I had the opportunity to get confirmed into the Episcopal Church. The timing felt right, and I got to have a couple weeks to prepare with the Bishop. Because of this, he and I were able to get to know each other and have interesting conversations about the Convocation of Europe. After getting to know one another, I got confirmed here at St. Paul's by the Bishop, which made the wait much more worth it. It was such a special service! Afterwards, we had a lunch combined with the Latin American congregation that included dancing, food and music. Moments like this make me extremely grateful for the parishioners and community here.

That same weekend, All Saints Anglican Church hosted a conference open to young adults within the Convocation of Europe. It was called "Encountering Modern Slavery," and it included discussions about human trafficking tied with how our churches can help. We got to hear two different people's stories about their experience with human trafficking, and we were also trained on what to look for in someone who may be getting trafficked. It was a great and educational weekend with young people across Europe hosted in Rome.

I then got to attend an event called the Mission Festival hosted in Augsburg, Germany. The Convocation of Europe hosted this event for the different missions throughout Europe to come and share what they have been doing. The missions within the Convocation are quite small and are looking to grow, which is why we had this festival for people

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to exchange ideas and have discussion. Something that was the most interesting to me was a mission in Tbilisi, Georgia, where it is the only church that is accepting of the LGBT community. Within four years, they performed the first ever Episcopal baptism in the Republic of Georgia as well as the first gay wedding. The people of the mission in Tbilisi are young and incredibly passionate about what they are doing. I would like to visit Georgia to experience what they are doing there.

My last exciting update is that I have started taking Italian classes twice a week. Taking them a couple days a week has been somewhat of a challenge because it isn't enough practice, but I am hoping to take an intensive course soon. It is exciting that I am understanding more Italian because I didn't know any when I first arrived here.

Thank you for your support and reading my blog! Sending love and prayers to my friends back in the US and at St. Luke's!

Madeline

In the News and in the Church

Statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings on *NYSRPA v. Bruen*

June 23, 2022

Office of Public Affairs

The Supreme Court's decision today striking down New York's regulation of the concealed carry of firearms—at a time when our nation is reeling from gun violence—raises grave concerns. We fear this decision will lead to more firearms on our streets and in our communities. When we signed onto an amicus brief in this case last year, we did so because we feared increased gun violence in churches and other houses of worship—a fear that was realized less than a week ago at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

As the conveners of the Bishops United Against Gun Violence network wrote in a statement released today [<https://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/a-death-dealing-decision-new-york-state-rifle-pistol-association-v-bruen/>], the ruling “puts people of faith at greater risk when we gather for prayer, worship, fellowship, and service.”

The Episcopal Church will continue its advocacy for commonsense gun violence prevention laws, and we invite you to learn more about how you can become involved in these efforts.

Finally, we ask you to pray for all those who have lost a loved one to gun violence—or will lose one today or tomorrow.

Statement on Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

June 24, 2022

Office of Public Affairs

Today the Supreme Court released its decision in the case of *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The court has overturned the constitutional right to abortion that was recognized in the seminal 1973 case *Roe v. Wade*.

While I, like many, anticipated this decision, I am deeply grieved by it. I have been ordained more than 40 years, and I have served as a pastor in poor communities; I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact this decision will have.

We as a church have tried carefully to be responsive both to the moral value of women having the right to determine

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their healthcare choices as well as the moral value of all life. Today's decision institutionalizes inequality because women with access to resources will be able to exercise their moral judgment in ways that women without the same resources will not.

This is a pivotal day for our nation, and I acknowledge the pain, fear, and hurt that so many feel right now. As a church, we stand with those who will feel the effects of this decision—and in the weeks, months, and years to come.

The Episcopal Church maintains that access to equitable health care, including reproductive health care and reproductive procedures, is “an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being” (2018-D032). The church holds that “reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender” (2018-D032). The Episcopal Church sustains its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them” (2018-D032). As stated in the 1994 Act of Convention, the church also opposes any “executive or judicial action to abridge the right of a woman to reach an informed decision...or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision” (1994-A054).

The court’s decision eliminates federal protections for abortion and leaves the regulation of abortion to the states. The impact will be particularly acute for those who are impoverished or lack consistent access to health care services. As Episcopalians, we pray for those who may be harmed by this decision, especially for women and other people who need these reproductive services. We pray for the poor and vulnerable who may not have other options for access. We urge you to make your voice heard in the way you feel called but always to do so peacefully and with respect and love of neighbor.

[To read the Summary of General Convention Resolutions on Abortion and Women’s Reproductive Health visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogc/summary-of-general-convention-resolutions-on-abortion-and-womens-reproductive-health/>.]

An Excerpt from a Letter from Parishioner Clark Richman Regarding Pride in the Park 2022

A nice size group of us volunteered and manned a booth for St. Luke's at the "Pride in the Park " event on Saturday, June 11, in support of the LGBTQIA+ community. Our message was simple, that God loves all of us. People who are LGBTQIA+ are welcome and will not be judged in our church. Our church is a safe place that honors diversity and does not condemn anyone based on gender identity, sexual orientation or expression. This stance is shared by a minority of churches in our community, some of which were also present at Pride. While many other churches may condemn us for taking this stance, the message of love and condemnation of violence, intimidation, fear, and hate is echoed throughout the leadership of the Episcopal Church across the nation.

The event was successful as it was attended well. It was full of kind, loving and gentle souls. There were a lot of young people who came from around the region. Many seemed to be having the time of their lives as perhaps it was at least one day where they could feel safe to celebrate being themselves without the fear of harassment, condemnation, prejudice, intimidation, and violence.

The event grabbed national attention, not so much because it was a Pride event, but because of the threats of aggression by people who opposed Pride. Coeur d’Alene is in national news because of the 31 men arrested who are part of a group called the "Patriot Front," which is an organized White Nationalist/Supremacist hate group. Patriot Front leader Thomas Rousseau was one of the 31 detained after they were apprehended by law enforcement in a U-Haul, 2 blocks away from the event, prepared with riot gear and at least one smoke bomb.

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Perhaps you watched Police Chief White's briefing on the following Monday. Chief White confirmed that, following the arrest of the 31 armed men, many of our own law enforcement officers received death threats. Some officers' personal addresses were publicized by these groups. Blue Lives do matter and we owe a lot to our local law enforcement. The truth is that the FBI has been monitoring these groups for months and knew the event was being targeted. Event organizers have been receiving death threats for months. It was "the Feds" who may have saved our lives.

Thank God we had a pleasant experience. Thank God most of the vulnerable attendees were not traumatized by men shouting hateful rhetoric and intimidating them. The weather that day called for rain and what we had was sunshine and rainbows.

I was there not only for St. Luke's but also for NAMI Cd'A. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has a clear nondiscrimination policy. We and most all other mental health professionals know that people in the LGBTQIA+ community are not inherently suicidal. However, this population has a higher rate of suicide, particularly trans youth because of the stigma, hate, abuse, and prejudice they face. At one point during the festival a young lady came up to our booth crying because she got bumped by a guy with an AR-15. She claimed that she and her husband used to be part of a militant and religious group and had been trying to break away. I took her over to the Heritage Health on-site mental health unit to get her further support. Later I saw her dancing and enjoying herself.

That day I was not frightened in the least. My heart was not racing. I was calm, focused and vigilant, not hyper-vigilant. That fearless part of me was there, present and protective. Many of us moved through that day courageously unwavering in our trust and faith in the protective veil of Higher Love. Afterwards, I went on a bike ride and realized that I had a lot of pent up energy that needed releasing. That night I was up later than usual as the gravity of the situation began to hit home. The next couple of days after that my heart was heavy. I slept tons and had to take Monday off. My dear friend Donna, who is as tough as they come, was struggling too, as were many of us. I felt vulnerable and sad. I questioned whether if something went wrong, did I put members of our congregation at risk — people who I love and am falling more in love with each day as I begin to open my heart more and more with courage and love. What if something bad did happen and people whom I had encouraged to be there were, at the very least, verbally assaulted? I was much better by Wednesday and was able to give my clients full attention.

I hope we can move forward with faith and courage in the name of Christ and continue to promote freedom, justice and equity in our community and beyond. I hope love, the rule of law, and democracy prevail for all of our sakes.

With Love and Faith,

Clark

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



Thanks to all who contributed to the cartload of personal care items taken to St. Vincent de Paul at the end of May.

The July offering will go to the Athol Food Bank. The August offering will go to the Rathdrum Food Bank.

For any who do not know, the little paper slips brought around by the ushers when the collection is taken are printed with items needed by the organization we are helping that month. Please take one and give the indicated item to the usher the following Sunday. The impact of these items is great in our community.

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



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Service Times—Holy Eucharist

Sunday (Holy Eucharist Rite I) 8 a.m.

Sunday (Holy Eucharist Rite II) 10:30 a.m.

Services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook Live.

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