



BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

NOVEMBER 2023

Reflections with Your Rector

Blessings, everyone! Enjoy the cooling weather and colorful changes of fall! We celebrate All Saints and remember those who have died. We make preparations for feasting and fun with family and friends at Thanksgiving, recalling with gratitude the blessings of the past year. And we look ahead toward Advent and Christmas, with thoughts of gifts we want to give and hope to receive. This is beautiful time — and, for any of us who have lost loved ones, also tender time. Death and life, darkness and light, chill and warmth are all intertwined in this season.



As we enter this holiday season, please continue to pray for peace in Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and the Middle East — and for all war-torn places. As we give thanks for the peace we enjoy here, please let us extend help and support where possible to our Jewish and Muslim neighbors in this region and in places where we have known and lived with them.

On October 15, we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke and marked 131 years in our historic building with prayers for healing and mission. We heard how St. Luke emphasized God's incredible generosity and desire to bring everyone into the embrace of the Kingdom of God, especially those in need and in danger of neglect. We noted how our forerunners in Coeur d'Alene chose the name of St. Luke for this parish, gave land and money to build and expand our space, and contributed countless hours with their skills and talents into the building of this community of faith and its arms of impact and care in this region. We prayed for God's blessing as we continue to seek to share, proclaim, celebrate, and show the boundless love of Jesus, now and for generations to come.

I hope that we can each make Jesus' declaration in Luke's Gospel our own declaration — individually and as a church together. I encourage each of you to make these words your own, just as Jesus made these ancient words of Isaiah his own. Speak them aloud, let them rise from your gut as you say them, let them ring true for you and call forth from you the calling that God has placed in your own heart:

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- November 1—All Saints Day
- November 2—All Souls Day; Souport event, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- November 3—Alzheimer's Caregivers' Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kootenai Health; Parish Hall Conversations, 10 a.m.; Jane Brooks funeral, noon
- November 4—P.E.A.C.E. Workshop, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church; West Central Abbey work day, 9 a.m.-noon
- November 5—All Saints Sunday with baptisms
- November 7—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.; Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.; Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's
- November 10—Parish Hall Conversations, 10 a.m.
- November 10-12—New Beginnings Youth Retreat
- November 14—Men's Study Group, 6-7 p.m.
- November 16—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m. in the Alison Library; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- November 17—Ladies' Night Out, 5 p.m.
- November 21—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- November 22—Thanksgiving Eve service, 6 p.m. with pie and movie to follow
- November 23—Thanksgiving Day
- December 2—Snowflake Faire, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- December 3—Advent begins

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19).

We join our mission with others across the Diocese of Spokane. Together in Wenatchee, people of our Diocese agreed to continue working toward goals we named several years ago. Across our churches, we want to dedicate ourselves to growing and strengthening our congregations, and to starting new congregations. To help us develop the spiritual muscles and habits that will anchor these efforts, we focused first on knowing Jesus more closely and on developing habits of openness to others. This year, we will turn our attention to nurturing our spirit of curiosity and culture as we listen to God and our neighbors, practicing deeper listening to other people's lives and sharing from our own lives. Watch for scripture meditations, prayers, and exercises coming soon to help us all learn, practice, and form new habits for curious listening and courageous conversation. The more we open ourselves to God's promptings and to the ways that God is moving in other people's lives, the more we will be prepared to move in directions that open paths of God's loving grace to be experienced and known.

During this season as the leaves drop from the trees and wither, and as our fields and gardens are cleared and put to bed for the winter, we come face to face with the cycle of life and death. We begin November with the holy days of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). On November 3, St. Luke's members and people from the community will gather for the funeral of Jane Brooks, a dedicated long-time member of our church. And on the first Sunday of November, we give thanks to God for saints over the ages and ask for their prayers, we hold before God those who have died, and we open our spiritual awareness to our unity with all Christians across the world, across time, and across the boundaries of life and death.

As followers of Jesus, we are a people who believe in death and resurrection. We face death with honesty. We dare to expect and hope for resurrection and birth to new life that awaits us. Because of this, we hold life as sacred, AND we are willing to give ourselves for others, even in some cases stepping forward to give our lives. There is a confidence we have, that all of life, death, and resurrection are in the hands of the God who loves all creatures God has made.

Saint: A holy person, a faithful Christian, one who shares life in Christ.

Martyr: A person who witnessed to their faith in Jesus by their suffering, who died for their faith during persecution.

It is no accident that our theme this year for giving is "Rooted in God's Abundance." There is a confidence, a certainty in God's goodness, that is our anchor for how we live as followers of Jesus. As the Episcopal Network for Stewardship says, "Being *rooted in abundance* is about being certain, steadfast in our knowledge that we have enough to share with a world in need" — and confident that God has given us something to share from our wealth, our work, and our wisdom, all drawn from the deep well of God's gifts in our lives.

One thing I hope you will think about is how you can offer some of your time and talent to our life. Our St. Luke's Vestry shares consensus around a deep desire for all the people of St. Luke's to take a share in participating, helping with, and even helping to lead activities and events in our life together as a church community. Come to the dinners and fifth Sunday brunches. Come to Sunday services with your children or grandchildren. Help out with Children's Chapel. Join a book study. Come to a weekday prayer service. Help out with the Snowflake Faire, and invite people to come. And, bring your own ideas and imagination for what we can do together and how we can do things together in better ways. Bring your imagination, your passion, your heart. We build a community by being part of a community, by giving ourselves to a community.

As we enter the end of this year and move into the holiday season, consider how you will help to build, strengthen, and grow our faith community. Your financial pledge is so important — and it is one piece of how you can contribute. Consider also how you can offer time and talents. What an amazing place this already is — and how much more amazing it can be if we all bring more of ourselves to what we can create together, for the glory of God and the benefit of all people we touch.

In Christ's abundant love,

Fr. David

Prayer & Worship

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marcia Siring	13 Ryan Johnson
3 Mildred Guldin	14 Brent Rhew
4 Derek Khorsand	16 Griffin Wilson
5 George Young	19 Nancy Wright
6 Merle Van Houten	20 Bob West
8 Marilyn Otto	22 John Siemers
10 Susy Jones	27 Natalie Kilmer
12 Sara Curry	



ANNIVERSARIES

28 Sara & Lynn Curry
30 Betsy & John McTear

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 — We pray to you, Christ Jesus, please bring your healing and strengthening to Barbara Webb, Chris and Robbyn Thomas, Sean Whelan, Daniel Brooks, Walt Siring, Dan Dolan, Andre Smith, Claudia, Jo, Julian Wheeler, John McTear, Michael Fain, John Albee, David Brooks, Lynn Curry, Eric Paavola, Ruth Ann Jones, Ted and Beverly Jordan, Mary Kay Hanson, Martha Vilandr , Hal Worth, Bill Watt, Kenneth Smith, Carl Vanslyke, Christine Benson, Mike Magura, Catalina Rose, Marilyn Otto, Carol Owren, Weston Nishimura, Lois Harbaugh, Karen Gillenwater, Richard Doney, Jamie Ziegler, Jane Jackson, Summer Taylor, Robin Reyes, Mary Jensen.

Rest of the Soul — Jane Brooks

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

November 5: **Diocesan Staff, Leaders and Volunteers**

We give thanks for those who by their faithful work enable the witness and mission of the Diocese of Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Karen Schomburg (11/7).



November 12: **St. Martin's**, Moses Lake

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Martin's, Moses Lake. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Elizabeth Hasen (11/18).

November 19: **All those in public service within our communities**

We pray for all those in public service within our communities. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Jane Nelson-Low (11/19), Albin Fogelquist (11/20) Ana Rivera-Georgescu (11/23) and JP Carver (11/26).

November 26: **St. Andrew's**, Chelan and Spokane

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's of Chelan and Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Finn Pond (11/28) and Joan Dahl (12/1).

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

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.

Prayer & Worship

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 22, 6 p.m. with Pie and "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" Following



Join us on Wednesday, November 22, at 6 p.m. for a short Thanksgiving Eve service, followed by fellowship, pie and watching "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving."

Bring your favorite pie to share and feel free to invite friends and family.

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.funbirmingham.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

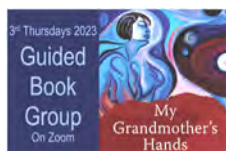
Tending the Vine Monthly Zoom Series

All are invited to attend this free series, which takes place on the first Thursday evening of each month on Zoom from 7 -8 p.m. The next session will be on Thursday, November 2, and the topic will be "How has your relationship with Jesus grown?"

If you need the Zoom link, call the diocesan office at 509-624-3191 or email Administrative Assistant Jeremy Armstrong at jeremya@spokanediocese.org.



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



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. 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

Please read the passage below, then prayerfully consider the questions at the end. To prepare yourself, set some time aside, quiet yourself, and pray this prayer:

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

Matthew 5:1-12 – Jesus calls us to a new way of being

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" gives us a deep center of his teachings, and shows us the path for living as his followers. These words came to some of the first Christians during a time of early persecution, and helped remind them how to keep living in the spirit of Christ, even in the face of suffering, cruelty, and injustice. Listen to where Jesus focuses his disciples' attention, in a world where very different values were being promoted.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

- ◆ Whom does Jesus say are particularly dear to and beloved by God? What is Jesus saying to the world of ancient Rome, and to our world today?
- ◆ If we approach Jesus' teachings on blessedness not as a list but a whole picture, what does it look like for us to live this way?
- ◆ How do you hear these words of Jesus directly, speaking to you individually and to your community of faith? Where is Jesus calling you to adjust your focus and perspective?
- ◆ In what ways does it impact our varied communities when we, as individuals and groups of people, choose to live by these words of Jesus in our society?

EDITORIAL POLICY

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

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

Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's

- **Beginning November 8: *I Believe in the Holy Spirit***, by Michael Green. Green traces the doctrine of the Holy Spirit through the Bible, discusses the baptism and gifts of the Spirit, and addresses the dynamic, ongoing work of the Spirit in today's church and world. Contact Jill Kalberg (jill.kalberg@gmail.com or 805-551-4048) for more information. **Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.**
- ***Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation***, by Kristin Kobes Du Mez, is a sweeping account of the last 75 years of white evangelicalism, showing how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism. Contact Ian Hicks (ianhicks@icloud.com or 714-742-3412) for more information. **Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.**



If you are interested in being part of these book studies, sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Watch the Friday Memo emails for more information on schedules and new book selections. Fr. David also encourages everyone to read from the diocese's scriptural meditations, "Who Is This Jesus?" (see p. 5).

Life Together

Rooted in Abundance: Stewardship Campaign Begins This Month

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green, in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. — Jeremiah 17:8



Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are what make St. Luke's so special and enable us to carry out our mission. It is that time of year. With the cooler temperatures and the falling leaves, we need to plan and budget for 2024, and we need your help. Our theme for 2024 is "Rooted in God's Abundance," a reminder that all we have is because of God's abundance.

As we enter this time of prayerful consideration of our pledges of time, talent and treasure, we are hoping that you maintain your giving level; and, if possible, increase your contributions. Our pledge goal for 2024 is \$225,000. Your pledge helps us to plan the mission and ministry of our church life together at St. Luke's, and our involvement and outreach to the wider community. And, of course, it will help us keep the lights on as we move forward in love and support together. We thrive in our historic, beautiful church and all the amazing activities we support. Our future in service to our Lord is ensured.

Your contributions have made possible the ministry and outreach, our worship, our community outreach, and our pastoral care, as well as maintaining our facility. We've been able to welcome our new Associate Priest, Mary Ayers, to support our Christian formation for all ages.

We are mailing pledge cards and further information on our 2024 pledge campaign. Please be on the lookout for your letter. We'll also have pledge cards at church, which you can pick up on your way into services.

Please either mail your completed pledge card to the office, drop it in the offering plate, or place it in the gold box which will be in the sanctuary during our pledge drive. As pledges come in, we'll keep you updated with our Rooted in God's Abundance poster which will be in the reception area.

Your contributions help make St Luke's a place to "*Find a Home, Serve Others, & Nourish Your Spirit.*" Thank you from your vestry for your ongoing generous support of St. Luke's.

Life Together

Blessing of the Animals Service Was Lots of Tail-Wagging Fun!

On Sunday, October 8, a large crowd attended the annual Blessing of the Animals service. For the second year in a row, parishioners Debbie & Henry Lane welcomed us into their lovely back yard to enjoy the service. Fr. David blessed dogs, stuffed animals, photos of beloved pets — and even the fish in the pond — as we celebrated St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day was on October 4.



A large crowd enjoyed a beautiful morning.



L-R: Junior readers Kennedy Johnson, Reese Johnson, Brian Kilmer & Dan Dolan



Left: Mike Siemers had Fr. David bless a photo of his dog and some stuffed animals.



Right: Margaret Siemers with her blessed stuffy.



Jonathan & Anne Sedgwick with Cloudy Blue.



Kara & Bill Kral with Dixie.



Kennedy Johnson & Opal.



Kim Roderick & Bruce Wayne Lane.



Nan & Dave Palmer with Tucker.



Natalie, Melissa & Brian Kilmer with Savannah.



Fr. David blessed a photo of Reese Johnson's dog, Mort.



Fr. David blessed Kristin Keyes's dog, Luna.



Fr. David blessed Kate Dolan's dogs, Pepper & Gypsy.



Fr. David blessed Christopher Wigley's dog, Minnie Louise.

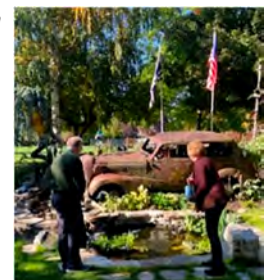


Fr. David got a kiss from Judi Horton's dog, Freya.



Fr. David blessed a photo of Rev. Mary's cat, Thomas.

Even the pond fish received a blessing.



Life Together

Children's Chapel Ministry Is About All of Us

When a child is presented for baptism, the parents and godparents — and the child, if the child is old enough — make promises before God and the church community to grow and live in the Christian way of faith and life. They promise to renounce evil in all its forms, to turn to Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and to trust in his grace and love. They vow to take that love into the world, wherever and however God might lead them.



The Rev. Mary Ayers

Then, right after they make these promises, the Celebrant turns to face us in the gathered congregation to ask us a question of our own: “Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in their life in Christ?” We generally answer with a resounding: “We will!” In our witness and our affirmation, we as a community in Christ effectively join in the journey as fellow travelers in the child’s life of faith.

Lately, when I consider that question asked of us at every baptism, I find myself both in awe of its implications and intrigued by the challenge God offers within those few words. I’m awestruck by the way our God invites us all on this journey of faith together—each supporting the other in all the ways we can, using the many gifts we each have to share. No one is called to live in the light, love, and faith of Jesus Christ alone. From the very first, as we enter the Christian community at baptism, we learn, grow, and live our life of faith in Jesus in community.

I also find the challenge in this question intriguing. What does it mean for us to *do all in our power to support* the children of St. Luke’s in their life in Christ? There are so many ways to support our kids and their parents and guardians—as many ways as there are people with gifts to share. We might spend time at coffee hour sitting with children and their families, getting to know them individually. Hearing the stories of their life and where God is meeting them at school, in sports and other activities, and in their relationships. Certainly, praying for our kids in their journey with Jesus is a wonderful way to support them — especially when we let them know we are praying for them and when we ask them and their parents or guardians what they most need prayer for. We might share something of our own faith story to encourage kids as they walk with Jesus.

Another important way to support our kids in their life of faith is through Children’s Chapel. Children’s Chapel is a place where our kids can learn about the story of God’s enduring relationship with God’s people throughout history and discover how that relationship continues today in our own lives and in the world. We share one of the lessons from that Sunday’s lectionary and then explore it together through wondering questions and an activity. We also engage in prayer — both set prayers, such as the Collect of the day, and extemporaneous prayer.

Recently, a small group, including Michelle Johnson, Lyndi Phifer, Rachel Wickham, Fr. David, Barbara Webb, and I gathered together to begin to refresh the Children’s Chapel programming. We have scheduled Children’s Chapel out through Epiphany. Currently, both older and younger children attend Children’s Chapel together. In Advent, when it comes time for the Scripture lesson, the children who are of reading age will split off and engage the lesson and wondering questions separately, so they have the opportunity to explore the lesson more deeply in a way that ties in with their own life experience. We will also have more activities directly related to outreach in our community, including an Advent exercise to make care packages for homebound individuals. There is also a plan in place to have an Advent-wreath making event at one of our coffee hours in Advent. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us at St. Luke’s to do something fun together, and for older and younger members to get to know one another a little better, too.

Another change we are making is to engage more people in being an active part of Children’s Chapel. We are developing teams of two adults each to lead Children’s Chapel, both for the younger kids and the older kids. These teams would rotate through the month, so there would be opportunity to be part of Chapel and also be able to participate in other ministries on Sunday, as well as spend some time in the pews at the service. It is a great way for our kids to get to know more of us from the congregation, as well. I invite you to pray on this and consider whether you

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Life Together

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2023

The annual financial audit completed in August found no significant problems with St. Luke's financial practices or operations.

Good Stewards: Henry and Debbie Lane for hosting the pet celebration/service; Pastoral Care Team for its ministry; Senior Warden Kristin Keyes for her dedication; The Rev. Mary Ayers for her energy and enthusiasm; David Brooks for raking leaves; the organizers of the Snowflake Faire.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Hall Conversations



There's nothing like a good cup of coffee and conversations with people you want to know. This group, led by Elizabeth Minter and Kim Morgan, is all about sharing encouragement, wisdom and inspiration. Bring your latte or a favorite mug with hot cocoa for an hour of lively talk around art, faith, life adventures, poetry and prose. You'll want to keep a notebook handy!

The next meetings will be on Friday, November 3, and Friday, November 10, at 10 a.m.

To get email reminders, contact Kim Morgan (kimberlyemorgan@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Minter (360-531-0731).

Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, November 7, at 1 p.m.

Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

All hands on deck! We need all of you AND any non-members of Guild (men, too!) who want to help in any way with Snowflake Faire to be there. This will be the last planning meeting before Snowflake Faire on December 2. Let's make this the best Snowflake Faire ever! More information about Snowflake Faire — and how YOU can help — is on p. 12 of this newsletter.

We will also discuss the upcoming Ladies' Night Out on Friday, November 17. See p. 11 for more information.

Questions? Call Marcia Siring at (208-712-3326 or 360-929-1515 (accepts texts)).

Men's Group Meets Tuesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's

St. Luke's Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

St. Lukangelo's Italian Dinner on October 14 was a great event and netted about \$300, which will go toward projects around the church.

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

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

Life Together

Thanks for Wearing Your Name Tag



THANKS to everyone for wearing your name tags regularly.

If you have difficulty finding your name tag on a Sunday morning, ask a greeter or usher for assistance. If you need a new name tag, there is a bright pink sign-up sheet on the desk in the reception area.

New Beginnings Youth Retreat, November 10-12 at St. Paul's Walla Walla

Over the weekend of November 10-12, middle schoolers from around the diocese (and beyond!) will gather at St. Paul's Walla Walla for New Beginnings. This is a special retreat focused on the particularities of being an early adolescent in 6th-8th grades. Kids will explore the relationships that become so important, and sometimes so fraught, at this age: relationships with peers and best friends, with parents and siblings, with self, and with God. Free time is also built into the weekend to enjoy an opportunity to be in fellowship with new and old friends.

While this event is supported by adults, it is high school leaders from throughout the diocese who will prepare talks, facilitate small groups, and hold the weekend for our middle school participants.

The cost for the weekend is \$50/participant and transportation is provided. Register at <https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=episcopalspokane>.



Men's Study Group, Tuesday, November 14, 6 p.m.



Join us for a light meal and refreshments in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, for fellowship and spiritual discussion. As our Diocese is focusing on how we can better address the needs of our communities, this month we will continue discussing ways our faith actively informs how we interact with those around us.

Contact Dave Phifer (425-387-2881 or n801dp@gmail.com) or Ian Hicks (714-742-3412 or ianhicks@icloud.com) to let them know that you are planning to attend to enable adequate catering arrangements.

Happy Birthday, St. Luke!



On Sunday, October 15, we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, whose feast day falls on October 18. We celebrated and recognized St. Luke, the physician and evangelist who was a follower of Jesus, and we celebrated our parish that is named for him.

During the service, we prayed special prayers for healing and for mission, and invite any who are in the work of healing (doctors, nurses, therapists) to come for prayers of blessing. Fr. David also offered healing prayers and anointing with holy oil at the side altar.



Parishioner Christopher Wigley provided this beautiful cake for a special coffee hour.

Life Together

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering

Thanks to the generosity of St. Luke's parishioners, we were able to present \$1,782.69 as St. Luke's fall United Thank Offering contribution at the Diocesan Convention in Wenatchee last month.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



Christopher Neal Wigley, St. Luke's UTO Chair

Ladies' Night Out Returns! Friday, November 17, 5 p.m.



Ladies of St. Luke's Church! Put November 17 at 5 p.m. on your calendars for Ladies' Night Out. We've had so much fun in the past with this event, and I don't want any of you to miss out! Bring a drink of choice for you and a small treat to share. You won't want to miss the movie, but I'm not saying what it is!

If anyone needs a ride, please let me know.

Marcia Siring (208-929-3326 or 360-929-1515).

Become an Acolyte

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

If you or your child would like to become an acolyte, please contact Kate Dolan (kfd819@gmail.com or 208-640-6522).

Sign Up To Be a Coffee Hour Host! "Many Hands Make Light Work"

Please sign up to be coffee hour hosts. Even better if you grab another parishioner to sign up with you and divide the food preparation/purchasing and duties. Food does not have to be anything elaborate. Keep it simple!

Instructions are posted in the kitchen. Any questions please call Marcia Siring (208-712-3326).



Life Together

Snowflake Faire Returns Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Snowflake Faire returns on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This popular event involves all of the church, as well as our local community.

Everyone can make this the best Snowflake Faire ever by helping in one of these ways:

- * **Donate gift cards for the raffle baskets.** Check the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for suggestions. Gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office.
- * **Make soup and/or homemade pies for Maggie's Café.** More information about Maggie's Café is below. Call Lumarie Lovey (208-689-3334) to learn more.
- * **Be or invite a craft vendor.** Contact Marcia Siring (360-929-1515) for more information.
- * **Make items for the Pantry,** such as baked goods, preserves, trail mix, candy and candied nuts. Bring these items to the church on December 1 or the morning of the Faire. Contact Marty Gustafson (208-819-5361) with questions.
- * **Donate items to the Treasure Trove.** Starting November 17, bring gently used items such as small household items, jewelry and accessories, toys, tools, sporting goods, artwork, and Christmas items for the Treasure Trove (*please* — no clothing, bicycles, electronics, large items or furniture). You'll be able to leave these items in the Parish Hall. Call Kate Dolan (208-640-6522) with questions.



For any other questions, call Debbie Lane (208-691-7428).

Maggie's Café at Snowflake Faire Needs YOU!



We need volunteers to make at least two (2) gallons of three (3) kinds of soups. Sometimes two people will each make one batch of the same soup, then we combine them. We provide recipes for the soups. We also need 18–20 homemade pies to be donated.

There will be sign up sheets in the Parish Hall for donations of homemade soups and pies.

Please contact Lumarie Lovey (208-689-3334 or lumarielovey@gmail.com) if you are interested in making soup or pie. Your help is greatly appreciated for this longstanding (and lucrative) part of our Snowflake Faire.

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering

We contributed a car load full of food to Spirit Valley Food Bank in September. They reported having been “really slammed” lately, serving more people than usual. They were so very grateful for the nutritious food we provided.



Our charity for October, Safe Passage Violence Prevention Center, continues to need monetary contributions toward purchase of a new clothes dryer for their shelter. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's, memo line: Safe Passage clothes dryer.

October & November's food items collected will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Engaging Community

“Souport” the End of Homelessness

Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds

Enjoy dozens of different soups prepared and served by local businesses and organizations. People's Choice, Chef's Choice and Best Booth trophies will be awarded. All proceeds will support St. Vincent de Paul winter programming, including the warming center. Email katie@stvincentdepaulcda.org for more information on becoming a Soup Chef. The cost to attend is \$20. Donations are gladly accepted.

To register or donate, email katie@stvincentdepaulcda.org, call 208-664-3095, or visit <https://event.auctria.com/f0cfa397-1176-4549-8eee-24390ab6b68e/c9bd789b659d4ca49b626e48ed3404d1>.



St Luke's Assists with Clean Up at Medical Lake

Residents of Medical Lake were in shock after the recent devastating wildfire which destroyed some 250 homes. Rotarians, who operate under the banner of “Service Above Self,” run the volunteer organization Disaster Aid USA, with all the necessary tools for mucking out a burned or flooded property transported in a dedicated trailer.

St. Luke's was represented by Al Anderson, Jeff Knapp, Ian Hicks, Dave Phifer and Dave's son John Phifer in early October, joining forces with Rotarians and missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ to assist devastated homeowners over a weekend.

The time was INCREDIBLE! Volunteers showed up in big numbers and two homes were finished by early afternoon on Friday, and on Saturday a huge homesite with multiple buildings and needs was completed before noon by over 30 volunteers. Simply amazing!!!!

Here are some comments from one of the volunteers on his experience from Saturday:

[T]he gentleman in a red shirt (Rotarian Dan Crawford) was pretty much organizing the day. What was a huge pile of scrap metal that was to be moved to the back of the property, was reduced to the ground pretty darn quick in about two hours, and he introduced himself to me, and said that the sole project for today was to remove all of that metal to a lower part in the back of the property for where heavy equipment was going to load it up and take it away in the coming week. The granddaughter and relatives were sifting through the crawlspace area under the doublewide home that had burned to the ground. So sad to see. Did you know these people? I understand it was an elderly couple. I could tell they had horses because there were two hitching posts buried in the ground, and I could tell the leftover frame and shell of a horse trailer. I had horses for 15 years, so those jumped out at me right away. And boy did somebody lose a lot of fun classic looking cars. So sad. it's so strange how their property ended up getting hammered by the fire, and yet so many close neighbors didn't get touched....

It's a sobering experience to stand alongside these families in the ash of their memories and reflect on your life at the same time. It takes VERY special volunteers to do this work and we appreciate ALL of you

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The Rotary Disaster Aid trailer.

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very much!

[Over the past few weeks] 18 homesites were cleared with an average savings of \$7,000-\$10,000 per site to the homeowners. Not only that but the humanity they felt with support from perfect strangers will sit with them for life. I hope you know how much you helped these families.

Blessings to each and every volunteer whoever they are for simply being generous with their time and sharing their humanity with people.

Ian Hicks



Parishioner Jeff Knapp (left) and fellow Rotarian Dr. Mary Sanderson take a well-deserved short break.



Above and right: views of one of several properties cleared by Rotary Disaster Aid USA volunteers, including St. Luke's parishioners.



A pile of metal ready for pickup by FEMA.

North Idaho Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference Friday, November 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kootenai Health Resource Center

Orchard Ridge is collaborating with the Alzheimer's Association and several other local organizations on a free caregiver conference designed for those caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday November 3, at the Health Resource Center on the Kootenai Health campus.

The North Idaho Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference is a day dedicated to providing support and resources for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other caregivers, share experiences, gain valuable insights from expert speakers in the field, and learn about caregiving techniques and available resources to help navigate the challenges of caring for someone with Alzheimer's.

This is a free community event. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Michelle Larson (208-666-2996 or mllarson@alz.org).



Engaging Community

West Central Abbey Seeks Volunteers on Saturday, November 4



West Central Abbey, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane at 1832 Dean Avenue in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, is looking for volunteers for a work day on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. The primary focus will be on a deep clean of the kitchen, but they also need help hanging doors, installing a window pane, replacing outdoor light fixtures, and fall grounds clean-up. People who can bring their own tools are especially needed, but all hands are welcome. They are also looking for ongoing help, particularly from retired church members with time to volunteer during the week.

Email The Rev. Katy Shedlock at katy@westcentralabbey.org to volunteer.

Learn more about West Central Abbey at <https://www.westcentralabbey.org/>.

Free P.E.A.C.E. Workshop

Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at St. Thomas Catholic Church

Orchard Ridge is sponsoring another in its series of free workshops with valuable tools and resources for seniors, caregivers, adult children, and anyone planning for the future. P.E.A.C.E.—Professionals Easing Aging Concerns through Education—workshops feature professionals in a full range of topics including Medicare, estate planning, senior housing and care options, funeral pre-planning and spiritual support. Reservations are required, lunch and a workbook are included.



The workshop will take place on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 919 E Indiana Ave. in Coeur d'Alene. RSVP to Holly Johnson at Orchard Ridge (208-664-8119 or hjohnson@theorchardcda.org).

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are called to be part of this ministry. I am happy to talk with you more about what is involved and the exciting possibilities!

Our Children's Chapel ministry involves parents and guardians and our children, of course — but it really is, at its core, about all of us. Children's Chapel is one way we can live out our vision as the part of the body of Christ that is St. Luke's. Through Children's Chapel, we help our kids learn what it means to "share, celebrate and embody Jesus Christ's overflowing, unconditional love in North Idaho." And we all know how vitally important it is to share God's love in this world today.

My prayer and hope is that you who are not parents with young children, who are single Aunties like me, who are grandparents or brothers and sisters, will be a part of helping to support our kids' life and faith in Jesus through participating in Children's Chapel. That this ministry becomes a vital way we can live into the promise that we make to our kids and to one another at every baptism when we say: "We will!"

Reverend Mary

You can reach Rev. Mary at associate@stlukesda.org or 509-413-6597.



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Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 a.m.
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10 a.m. services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook Live.

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