

Find a Home, Serve Others, Nourish Your Spirit



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**Sharing, Celebrating, and Embodying Christ's
Overflowing, Unconditional Love in North Idaho**

Welcome!

You are an integral part of a beautiful church that has been a vital worshipping community in North Idaho since 1891. If you are new, we welcome you warmly.

St. Luke's parishioners participate in many programs, ministries, and outreach activities. We gather to worship and pray together, help others, keep our buildings and grounds in wonderful shape, and to have fun. We invite you to take a closer look—we're sure you will find something that sparks your interest with our many ministries and activities. We are always open to new ideas and ministries too, so don't hesitate to reach out to our office to explore opportunities.

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

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

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Our Church Family, Together

Welcoming Committee. For those who love people and want to help them feel comfortable.

- Spark conversations with new people
- Follow up on newcomer cards with emails and calls
- Coordinate social events, such as potlucks and celebrations

Fellowship and Hospitality. There are many opportunities for friendship and service.

- Coordinate coffee hours
- Contribute to wedding and post-funeral gatherings
- Help with social events

Women's Guild. Open to all women for fun, shared service, and learning.

- Monthly meetings with speakers
- Ladies' Nights Out
- Fundraisers for worthy causes
- Annual Snowflake Faire

St. Luke's Men. Open to all men for spirited fellowship and shared service events.

- Monthly dinner meetings with guest speakers
- Monthly spiritual formation dinners/discussions
- Chili feed, Italian dinner, steak dinner fundraisers
- Outdoor church services
- Christmas-time greening of church

Communications Team. Keep our church family up to date on activities and events while inviting newcomers to join us.

- Create and update communications with our church website, social media, weekly e-news, monthly newsletter, printed materials, and advertising.



"I was welcomed warmly when I first came to St Luke's and felt that I needed to 'pay it forward'. Serving on Altar Guild and as a Eucharistic Minister have been personally fulfilling as well as contributing to the common good."

Cary Miller,
Welcoming Committee



"Advertising is an important component of communication. St. Luke's is such a beautiful, warm place to worship and serve God. We try to reach out and include all people in our walk with Jesus, therefore, we advertise."

Lisa Nunlist,
Communications

Glorifying the Lord in Worship

Altar Guild. Find joy in the beauty and care of our worship.

- Prepare altar, vestments, and worship space

Choir. Make music for the Lord! Sing at 10 a.m. service and special seasonal services.

- Rehearse Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings
- Basic knowledge of music reading helpful

Bells & Instrumentals. Share your musical ability with the congregation in worship.

- Bell choir (not currently active) could play in worship services
- Instrumental musicians perform with choir

Readers and Prayer Leaders. A rich, fulfilling role in worship services.

- Give voice to scripture and prayers

Servers/Chalice Bearers. Participate in celebrating Holy Eucharist.

- Help clergy to administer communion.

Acolytes. 4th graders to adults.

- Carry the cross
- Lead processions
- Receive offerings
- Light candles

Children's Chapel volunteers. All are welcome!

- Attend and help with lessons, songs, prayers, crafts
- Lead or co-lead a service using provided resources

Greeters and Ushers. The first St. Luke contacts for many people.

- Welcome all to services
- Identify visitors, introduce them to others
- Assist those not familiar with services
- Distribute bulletins
- Collect offerings
- Identify those with special needs for Communion



"I have found that as a Chalice Bearer and Greeter, I am able to minister to people on their own journey. This was taught to me by Deacon Glenda to allow five seconds of joy for each person served."

Christopher Wigley,
Chalice Bearer



"I'm the daughter of a church organist, so music is a huge focus in my life. And Mom always said, "If we have God-given talents, we share those gifts to thank him.' I am, Mom, and we love our choir family very much. We have so much fun, we learn as we practice, and Fr. Dave is an inspiring and helpful director."

Nan & Dave Palmer

Media Team. Ensure that people not able to attend in person can have a full worship experience online.

- Set up computers, camera, microphones
- Move camera as the service progresses
- Serve approximately one Sunday per month.

Weekday Worship Leaders. Mid-week opportunities for prayer and worship.

- Lead or co-lead midweek services—Tuesday Contemplative Prayer (1st and 3rd Weeks) and Wednesday Noonday Prayers and Intercessions.

Comforting Others

Prayer chain. A group that prays confidentially for parishioners.

- List updated monthly
- Contact office to request prayer

Pastoral Care Team and Eucharistic Visitors. A listening and prayerful presence to those who cannot come to church.

- Home and hospital visits
- Training through diocesan programs
- Quarterly team meetings

Daughters of the King. A lay order of the church pledged to prayer, service, outreach, and support of clergy.

- All women invited to observe and learn at monthly meetings
- 3-month course to discern if membership feels right

Deepening Our Faith

Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee. Working to help others develop a deeper relationship with God.

- Sets goals
- Plan classes and programs
- Recruit teachers and facilitators

Book Groups. Led by members of our congregation.

- Read and discuss books that explore different aspects of faith



“Serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, when I was active, was a way to be Christ’s hands and feet to those church members unable to attend St. Luke’s in person. It was a blessing to those being served and the LEM serving.”

Marty Gustafson



“Participation in our community is an integral part of our desire to follow Jesus. We strive to create venues for courageous conversations, purposeful partnerships, and authentic action across North Idaho.”

Kristin Keyes
Communications,
Former Sr. Warden

Praise Dance. Let them praise his name with dancing...Praise him with tambourine and dance. Psalm 149:3.

- Join with others to glorify the Lord through music and movement

Connecting With the Community

Community Outreach & Engagement Committee. St. Luke's members are actively involved in giving back to our community through numerous ministries and programs.

- Explore opportunities for community outreach
- Coordinate community service efforts
- Build partnerships with other entities
- Plan and direct outreach projects and initiatives
- Participate in civic events

Examples of Outreach. These are just a few of the initiatives St. Luke's has been involved with in recent times.

- Documentary discussion series
- Pride in the Park
- NAMI (National Association for the Mentally Ill) housing fair
- Initiatives with North Idaho College
- Food for Friends

Maintaining Financial Strength

Finance Committee. Responsible for wise use of our financial resources.

- Reviews monthly and quarterly reports of budgeted and current finances
- Helps draft the annual budget
- Helps shape policies for financial oversight

Endowment & Planned Giving Committee. Protects St. Luke's long-term health and mission.

- Encourages planned gifts and bequests
- Ensures responsible, wise use of our endowment
- Oversees management and growth of endowment and investments

Keeping the Lights On

Facilities Committee. Plans maintenance and improvement of exterior and interior church property and grounds, including rental house next door.

- Organizes workdays/work projects for buildings
- Organizes volunteers for landscaping maintenance
- Meets to set plans and assign project work leaders

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"At St. Luke's I find so much opportunity for deepening my faith, growing closer to God through expanding my relationships with others with participation in so many offerings. My ever-deepening faith here at St. Luke's reveals to me God at work in the hopes, dreams and struggles we share along life's journey, no matter the stressful events taking place in the world around us."

Jill Kalberg



"I have served on the vestry and many committees over my thirty plus years of membership. One of the most important has been our Endowment and Planned Giving group. We have been blessed with lifetime support and bequests of many that allow the church to continue to grow."

Ann Rule, Endowment & Planned Giving

Office volunteers. Supports our administrator by helping to keep the church running smoothly.

- Answer phones, helps with office tasks, and interacts with people coming to church during the week

The Vestry

St. Luke's Vestry is the elected lay leadership council that works to maintain focus on our mission and helps to shape our future.

- Nine voting members serve rotating three-year terms
- Elections take place at the annual meeting in January
- Manages financial direction
- Makes decisions about buildings and grounds
- Works on special projects
- Holds monthly meetings

Find Out More!

Intrigued? With so many groups and activities to choose from you are sure to find a good fit! For more information, please call the church office or contact our rector, Father David Gortner, who can answer questions and put you in touch with people throughout our parish.

Our Life in Community

Participation in the community is an integral part of our desire to follow Jesus. People from St. Luke's support organizations throughout Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Post Falls, and surrounding communities. Here is just a small sampling of our engagement in our community.

