



## BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

JULY-AUGUST 2024

### Reflections with Your Rector

Dear Ones,

Happy Summertime to you all! May this season bring us all refreshment, enjoyment, and peace in our hearts. Each day, let us thank God for all the goodness of this amazing creation – this world and all its creatures, this our sun, and this universe.

I wanted to share with you news from the wider Episcopal Church, and some key things at St. Luke's.

First, let me fill you in on some big moments from the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, KY (June 22-28).

#### New Presiding Bishop Elected!



*Bishop Sean Rowe*

Bishop Sean Rowe, a long-time colleague of mine in ministry and teaching, was elected with very strong support by the House of Bishops, from a slate of five candidates. The House of Deputies then confirmed Sean's election with 95% approval of his election.

I have known Bp. Sean for years. I invited him to teach in our doctoral program, on organizational leadership. I am delighted that he will be our next Presiding Bishop. Our current Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has been just what our Episcopal Church has needed for inspiration, a reigniting of our passion for Jesus and the Gospel, and a model for how we can share God's love freely in the world around us. Sean Rowe is the right Presiding Bishop for these next nine years, when we as the Episcopal Church work to strengthen and streamline the way we operate, and to put into practice the ways we share God's love in real-time in all our congregations and ministries.

Bp. Sean said this in his opening address to us: "It's not too strong to say we're facing an existential crisis – not because the church doesn't have something to offer the world, but because the world around us is changed and continues to change and is changing all the time. God is calling us ever more deeply into the unknown."



### COMING EVENTS

JULY'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO  
ABC FOOD BANK (ATHOL)

AUGUST'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO  
RATHDRUM FOOD BANK

July 13—Memorial service for Elizabeth Minter & Fred Meier, 9:30 a.m.

July 14—Church in the Park, 10 a.m. in Coeur d'Alene City Park pavilion

July 20—Defibrillator & CPR Training, 9 a.m.-noon in the Parish Hall

July 30—Orchard Ridge Butterfly Event, 5-9 p.m.

August 6—Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's  
August 22—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.

September 3—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.; Men's Group, 6 p.m. at Elmer's

September 10—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.

October 12—Fall Diocesan Gathering Day on Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon

October 18-20—Diocesan Convention, St. John's Cathedral, Spokane

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**Please note** that the next newsletter will be the September issue.

If you would like anything included in the September issue, please send your submission to Kate Dolan at [kfd819@gmail.com](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com) no later than **August 10**.



*Rector (continued from page 1)*

### General Convention Embraces Mental Health Ministry Training

For the past six years, I have served as chair of the Episcopal Church's task force for ministry with people with mental illness. I also served for the last seven months as chair for the House of Deputies' legislative committee on safety, wellness, and mental health. Through these, a dedicated group of us created and launched a plan for training clergy and congregational lay-leaders in assisting people experiencing mental health challenges. This included training instructors for different Church regions in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), creating a more intensive curriculum for clergy in mental health ministry, and creating printable basic resource pages for congregations. All our legislation passed! The Episcopal Church has now committed itself to strengthening its mental health ministry over the next nine years.

### Other Highlights

Three major structural changes were approved and launched at Convention.

- The southwest region of the Navajo people (the "Navajoland" mission area encompassing the adjoining "corner" areas of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico) was changed from an "area mission" to a "missionary diocese." This gives them greater autonomy and self-governance.
- Two mostly rural dioceses in Michigan (Eastern and Western Michigan dioceses) are now merged together as the Diocese of the Great Lakes. This territory covers all of the lower peninsula of Michigan outside the Detroit metropolitan area, which remains a separate diocese.
- Three dioceses in Wisconsin, which had divided the state since early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, have reunited under a single Diocese of Wisconsin.

Our bishops and deputies together approved a redefinition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to include all authorized resources of the Church. Our 1979 BCP in our pews is the root foundation, and we are also free to use newer liturgical materials and prayers that have already been approved by the Church, as well as resources that are created and approved in the future.

We approved a resolution redefining Holy Matrimony in the prayer book's Outline of Faith as "Christian marriage, in which two people enter into a life-long union."

Others from the Spokane delegation presented important work highlighting the need for the Episcopal Church to change its health insurance policy to create better equity in premium costs, and creating a task force to strengthen youth formation and world mission.

The entire General Convention was conducted in a spirit of prayer, with chaplains often stepping forward to guide us in prayer together. I will share more about Convention in future coffee hour sessions.

Second, let me give you a quick mid-year sense of things at St. Luke's.

### Changes in our Buildings

Be sure to admire the new protective exterior coverings of our stained glass windows. The windows look incredibly bright and clear! Many thanks to all who have moved forward with this work. Photos are on our Facebook page.

We are moving ahead for new floor covering in the lower level of the parish hall, after our flooding incident. We hope to have this done as soon as possible, to allow Family Promise to return to operations here.

Plans for new doors with increased safety features are underway, and work should begin soon.

Stay tuned for plans for changes to the chancel area in the nave. I'm looking forward to working with the team of folks forming to do some good carpentry work together!

### A Healthy Endowment

Our Endowment and Long-Term Investment Funds have now reached a value over \$1,000,000. We are grateful for all who have left bequests and memorials to St. Luke's. Revenues from these funds can now be included in plans for special projects and initiatives in our annual budgeting. As each of you consider your wills, I hope you will consider bequeathing a portion to St. Luke's for its future.

*See Rector (continued on page 13)*

# Prayer & Worship

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Lisa Nunlist     | 20 Wesley Van Houten |
| 6 Chris Empsall    | 24 Mitch McAlpine    |
| 7 John Albee       | 24 Martha West       |
| 8 Sue Lee          | 27 Ann Rule          |
| 11 Roberta Bozarth | 28 Ginger Wright     |
| 11 Bob Gustafson   | 29 Kennedy Johnson   |
| 14 Julian Wheeler  |                      |

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 The Rev. Holladay & Sandy Sanderson
- 15 Sarah & Julian Wheeler
- 18 Deborah & Bob Douglas
- 19 Marty & Bob Gustafson
- 22 Nan & Dave Palmer
- 24 José & Howard Keller

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Melinda Hennig  | 17 Farley Green     |
| 2 Hilary Caisley  | 17 Robin Rutherford |
| 3 Debbie Lane     | 19 Kate Dolan       |
| 6 Bob Douglas     | 26 Ken Wright       |
| 10 Gordon Radford | 28 Declan Campbell  |
| 12 Karen Olson    | 29 Becca Siemers    |
| 15 Lennox Ryan    | 31 Tom Bacon        |

## AUGUST 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 

*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

Mary Ayers, John McTear, Jo Clifford, Jill Kalberg, Milli Larson, Herb Ayers, Sean Whelan, Walt Siring, Andre Smith, Claudia, Barbara Lee, Julian Wheeler, Michael Fain, Eric Paavola, Hal Worth, Ramon Byrd, Beverly Jordan, Martha Vilandr , Paul Vilandr , Carl Vanslyke, Mike Magura, Marilyn Otto, Jamie Ziegler, Jane Jackson, Summer Taylor, Robin Reyes, Mary Jensen, Anne Salisbury, Mary McComb, Max Lembeck, Elwyn Johnson, Merle Van Houten, Jenna Schulz, Phyllis Albee, Bob Gustafson, John Empsall, Barbara Webb, Judi Horton, Carol Owren, Ginger Wright, David Brooks, Christine Benson, Ted Jordan, John Albee

**Memorial Service** — Elizabeth Minter, Fred Meier

## Church in the Park Sunday, July 14, at 10 a.m. in Coeur d'Alene City Park

Mark your calendars for St. Luke's Church in the Park service on Sunday, July 30, 10 a.m. at the pavilion in Coeur d'Alene City Park. A potluck lunch will follow. The Men's Group will provide the main entree and beverages, and parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



The 8 a.m. service will take place in the nave as usual on this date.

## Diocesan Prayer for 2024

Creator of all, you speak life into being and call us into holy community. Open our ears to listen, enliven our curiosity to learn, and hasten our courage to respond. Teach us how to listen and love as you do, joining with all of creation as we proclaim and embody your Good News in all that we undertake. May the Spirit's breath empower us to live these words we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Prayer & Worship

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

### July 7: **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. We also give thanks for the birthdays of the Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg (7/7) and Revs. Paul Phillips (7/7), Heather VanDeventer (7/7), James DeDeaux (7/12), Susan Price (7/12) and Lynn Yule (7/12).



### July 14: **St. Anne's**, Omak

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Anne's, Omak. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Arlen Farley (7/15), Susan Cleveley (7/16), Bill Osborne (7/16) and Robert Gohl (7/19).

### July 21: **St. James'**, Cashmere & Pullman

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. James', Cashmere and St. James', Pullman. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Frances Twiggs (7/22) and John MacDonald (7/27).

### July 28: **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 4: **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. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Kenneth Green (8/6).

### August 11: **St. Mary's**, Bonner's Ferry

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mary's, Bonner's Ferry. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Paula Whitmore (8/12).

### August 18: **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. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Elisabeth Kuhr (8/18) and Jane Schmoetzer (8/24).

### August 25: **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. Speak Lord, we are listening.

**World Council of Churches' ecumenical prayer cycle:** <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

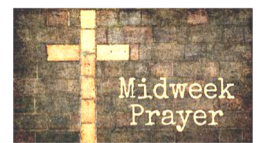
**Worldwide Anglican Church prayer cycle:** [https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/497162/acp\\_from-aba-to-divine-hope-via-zululand-2023-to-2026\\_webpdf.pdf](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/497162/acp_from-aba-to-divine-hope-via-zululand-2023-to-2026_webpdf.pdf)

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Contemplative Prayer Service will be on hiatus during June through August.

### Wednesdays

- **Noonday Intercessory Prayer** — The service, found on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer, is offered weekly. The service will be in person at the Fort Sherman Chapel adjacent to North Idaho College. A brown bag lunch and open conversation follows.
- **Worship with Movement** — Offered weekly at 2 p.m. Direct questions to Lyndi at [lyndiphifer@icloud.com](mailto:lyndiphifer@icloud.com). All ages welcome.



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

# Adult Christian Formation

**Listening to God and Our Neighbors: Biblical Windows for Followers and Seekers of Christ** — In-home study and reflection. This collection of stories and readings from scripture has been created for us as a guide to help shape how we enter caring and vulnerably courageous conversations with God and with others around us. The collection includes examples of listening and responding to God, being sent, entering confrontations and hard conversations, breaking open new ground with new people, and being changed ourselves by conversations. Each example includes questions for our prayerful reflection as individuals and as a faith community together.

Materials available at [https://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc\\_attachments/public/documents/3314131/Final\\_Listening\\_to\\_God\\_and\\_Our\\_Neighbors.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3314131/Final_Listening_to_God_and_Our_Neighbors.pdf)

Watch the Friday Memo email for details and updates about formation offerings.

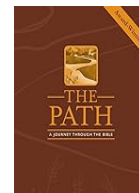
# Youth Formation

**Walking through the Bible, Especially for 4<sup>th</sup> Through 9<sup>th</sup> Graders, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

The Bible is this amazing, complex collection of books that covers thousands of years of human experience of God. In the Episcopal Church, we rely deeply on the Bible. We learn many of the stories in it, but how many of us have read the Bible and know “the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation?”

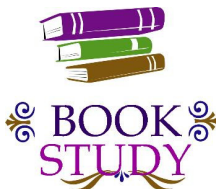
In *Walking through the Bible*, we do just that – take a good, long tour through the whole Bible, from beginning to end. We use a book called *The Path*, which gives us chunks from different books of the Bible surrounded by helpful summaries and explanations. We also use videos and discussion tools from *Echo the Story*, and we will explore parts of the Bible not covered in these two resources.

Fr. David



# Learning Opportunities

## Book Studies at St. Luke's



- **Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.:** The group will finish reading *The Perennial Philosophy* by Aldous Huxley in early July, after which they will choose their next book. Watch the Friday Memo email for more information about the new title. Contact Jill Kalberg ([jill.kalberg@gmail.com](mailto:jill.kalberg@gmail.com)), Lyndi Phifer ([lyndiphifer@icloud.com](mailto:lyndiphifer@icloud.com)) or Ern Warner ([ern.m.warner@gmail.com](mailto:ern.m.warner@gmail.com)) for more information.
- The Wednesday 4 p.m. book group is on summer hiatus and will reconvene in September.

### DO A DOUBLE-CHECK!



If you are the last person in the building, *please*  
**Lock doors. Lights out. Set alarm.**



# Learning Opportunities

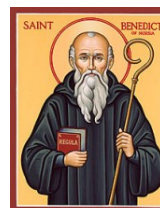
## Saints You Should Know

(from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* of the Episcopal Church)



**Mary Magdalene** was an ardent, devoted disciple of Jesus who helped provide for his ministry. She was delivered from incredible mental, emotional, and spiritual torment (“seven demons”) by Jesus, and she remained committed to Jesus for the rest of her life. Mary saw Jesus die. She was also the first to see Jesus risen from the tomb, and the first to tell the apostles “I have seen the Lord”—and so she is called the Apostle to the Apostles. July 22 is the feast day we remember her.

**Benedict of Nursia** (480-547) and **Macrina of Caesarea** (327-379) are both important in Christian history as founders of convents and monasteries, and as models of devotion to lives of simplicity and humility. Benedict became a Christian hermit, moving to a cave in the country in order to get away from the ugly life of the city. But people with a similar hunger for devotion to God were drawn to him, and a community formed. He wrote “the Rule” which has guided monastic communities through the centuries as they form their own way of life together. Macrina (sister of St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa) devoted herself to extreme simplicity, studied scripture and philosophy deeply, taught others (including her brothers), and used a family estate to form a convent of virgins who, slave or free, share equal rights and responsibilities.



**Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Amelia Bloomer** (mid- to late 1800s), and **William Wilberforce** (1759-1833) were all important Christian social reformers, devoted to bringing justice and care to those in need, and committed to working against social structures and powers that kept people from full freedom. Elizabeth Cady Stanton fought for women’s rights, particularly the right to vote. Sojourner Truth fought for abolition of slavery, African-American civil rights, and women’s rights. Amelia Bloomer advocated for women’s rights. All three of these American women as Christians also stood for temperance, seeing the problems of alcohol abuse. William Wilberforce, a devout Anglican Christian, was a member of British Parliament and led the movement to abolish slave trade.



## Sign up for Free St. Luke’s Defibrillator and CPR Training Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m.—noon in the Parish Hall

As part of our effort to support and protect members and visitors, a defibrillator has now been installed at St. Luke’s. Next steps? Training! The more people trained from the both services, the better!

A sign-up sheet is now on the parish hall bulletin board for a defibrillator and CPR training class. The training will occur from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 20, in the Parish Hall and will be conducted by our own Jeff Wickham, who is a retired EMT and experienced in conducting these training programs. The class is free, however there is a \$25 fee for those who wish to receive an official 2-year certification through the American Heart Association. Questions? Contact Jeff Wickham (208-659-8746).



# Life Together

## Spiritual Inventory Is Concluded



BUILDING BRIDGES;  
HEALING DIVIDES

More than 60 members of St. Luke's took the Spiritual Life Inventory! If that includes you, many thanks! The responses will help the Vestry and church leaders focus on our spiritual growth and see ways that God is calling us to grow more deeply. Results will be shared this summer and into the fall as we dive into the data and explore where God is calling us to be.

Building Bridges, Healing Divides is a national initiative funded by the Lilly Endowment, to encourage the flourishing of congregations by helping them deepen their relationships with God, enhance connections with each other, and contribute to their communities and world.

--Your Building Bridges: Healing Divides Team

## Vestry Highlights

### MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2024

- Approved a bid in the amount of \$30,800 for installation of extensive security improvements throughout the church.

**Good Stewards:** The Revs. Holladay Sanderson and David Owren for conducting services when Fr. David is unavailable; the crew that initially responded to the basement flood including Ian Hicks, Rod Kalberg, Ern Warner, David St. Amand, Debbie Lane, Tim Lane and Jeff Wickham; Jeff Wickham for his work in the kitchen.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

## Men's Group Meets Tuesday, August 6, at 6 p.m. at Elmer's

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

For questions about Men's Group, please contact Al Anderson (602-909-5954).

## 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](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com) or 208-640-6522).

## 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.



# Life Together

## Women's Guild on Hiatus through Summer

Women's Guild is on hiatus during the summer and will resume its regular monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 3, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

All ladies of St. Luke's are welcome to attend Guild meetings.

## Men's Discussion Group on Hiatus through Remainder of Summer



Men's Discussion Group will be on hiatus during July and August and will resume its regular monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Contact Dave Phifer (425-387-2882 or [n801dp@gmail.com](mailto:n801dp@gmail.com)) or Ian Hicks (714-742-3412 or [ianhicks@icloud.com](mailto:ianhicks@icloud.com)) with any questions.

## Camp Cross Registration Still Open

Camp Cross registration is still open! The remaining sessions are as follows: **July 14-19**—Arts & Music Camp; **July 21-26**—Outdoor Adventures; **July 28-August 2** – Mid High Camp; **August 4-10** – Senior High Camp.; **August 22-25**—Young Adult Weekend (ages 19-29); **August 30-September 2**—Labor Day Family Camp; **September 6-8**—Queer Camp.



This summer Fr. David's daughter Cassie Gortner and parishioner Clare Dolan are on staff and have been enjoying spending time with St. Luke's kids.

For information about sessions and to register, visit <https://campcross.org/Camps%20and%20Groups/sessions.html>. Financial assistance may be available. Please contact the parish office to inquire.



Cassie & Clare arriving for duty on June 17. They will be at Camp until mid-August.



*Speak, Lord,*  
WE ARE LISTENING



Wallace Van Houten (center) attended Intermediate Camp from July 7-12. Clare (top) was there to meet Wallace, mom Robin & little brother Wesley.



Clockwise from top left: Clare & Cassie got to hang out with Kennedy Wilson, Esther Mihara & Wesley Van Houten during Mini-Camp from June 30-July 2.



# Life Together

## Coffee Hour Sign Ups

Coffee hour has been going well since we started our new system of everyone signing up once a year. If you are new to St Luke's and you haven't been asked, it may be that we don't have you on our list. Please call Barbara Webb (208-651-2405) to get on the list and find out more information.



A few reminders:

- Coffee is usually made by Al Anderson for both coffee hours
- When you clean up afterwards, you are encouraged to use the dishwasher. It will be emptied for you on Tuesday. Instructions are on the bulletin board in the kitchen.
- Please take your leftovers home unless the next week's person has told you s/he would like to use them. Otherwise, they sit in the fridge until they spoil.

Thank you!

Barbara Webb Janet Anderson Marcia Siring Kara Kral

## Camp Cross Needs YOU This Summer!



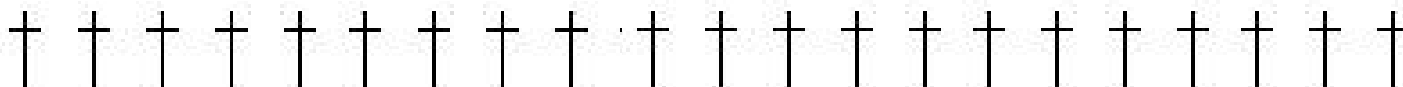
Volunteers are a vital part of Camp Cross. Volunteers help the Diocese offer the best programming, food and health care to the camp community. They provide invaluable support and energy. Volunteering is also a wonderful way to stay or get connected to Camp Cross and formation through the Diocese.

We would like to put together congregational teams to serve in the kitchen. We have kitchen leads for each session who will help facilitate the planning and preparation of each meal. If you have a group of three to four people who would like to spend a week at camp this summer on beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, providing delicious food to our camp community, please reach out to me with your preferred dates for our remaining sessions: **July 14-19**—Arts & Music Camp; **July 21-26**—Outdoor Adventures; **July 28-August 2** – Mid High Camp; **August 4-10** – Senior High Camp.

We are also looking for nurses, nursing students, and/or EMTs to come spend a week at camp offering care to our camp community. Camp nurses see to the health of our community responding to things from homesick campers to scraped knees to headaches to all sorts of maladies that may occur. They also distribute medications at the times noted in campers' registration forms.

Generally, if you have an interest or specific skill that you think would be useful at camp and you'd like to spend a week in this holy place, please let me know. There is lots to do to care for our facilities, to offer programming to our campers, and to support the life of camp. Thank you!

Alex Flannagan (425-577-1217 or [alexfl@spokanediocese.org](mailto:alexfl@spokanediocese.org))  
Canon for Camp Youth & Family Ministries, Episcopal Diocese of Spokane



# Life Together

## Support Camp Cross



Camp Cross depends on the generosity of past and present benefactors – those whose lives have been so thoroughly transformed by their own Camp Cross experience that they want to ensure that experience for future generations, as well.

The property and facilities of Camp Cross belong to all of us, which means we also share in the responsibility to care for it and to properly develop it for present and future guests. The gift of Camp Cross has been made available to all by the financial commitment of a whole host of individuals who have gone before us. As you imagine the positive legacy you hope to leave in the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, we hope you'll consider making that legacy visible and effective through the work of Camp Cross. Please consider making your financial contribution today! Mail a check addressed to Camp Cross, 245 E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spokane, WA 99202, or donate online here: <https://www.campcross.org/ways-to-support-camp-cross.html>.

## Please Give to the United Thank Offering Ministry

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus,

As St. Paul wrote in the letter to the Philippians, "I thank God for every remembrance of you." (1:1a) And it is for this remembrance that I thank you all for your support of the UTO ministry.



We often sing the Doxology as an offering of praise for God's blessings that are given to us. This year I thank you all for your contributions to UTO, its mission and dedication to those who are in need of the support and benevolence. Your contributions demonstrate a willingness to give to help make a difference in the lives of others in areas that are most affected by loss of resources or other circumstances that cannot be avoided.

This being said, I ask you all to consider offering a donation towards the UTO mission. Together we can help achieve great things for the well-being of those less fortunate and help to make their lives better for the common good, bringing praise to God for all that will be done for his glory.

Thank you for your consideration and contribution to this ministry that I hold dear in my heart.

In Christ's love and service,

*Christopher N. Wigley*

St. Luke's UTO Coordinator

# Engaging Community

## Reverse Offering



We delivered a trunk load of wish list items to Companions Animal Center from the generous donations in June. Not half way through July, we already have a full cart of contributions for ABC Food Bank in Athol. Thank you, everyone!

In August we will collect for Rathdrum Food Bank.

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

# Engaging Community

## Pride in the Park Was a Joyous, Peaceful Event

St. Luke's again participated in Pride in the Park on June 1 at Coeur d'Alene City Park. Volunteers stood as witness to the inclusive love of Jesus and offered an accepting presence to those who often experience condemnation and shame. This year's event was another joyous, peaceful one. A big thank you goes to all who volunteered to staff the booth throughout the day.



L-R: Lisa Nunlist, Jean Imperatrice, Ian Hicks, Cary Miller, Brent & Jeane Neumark, Christopher Wigley, Fr. David.



Fr. David (third from right) joined other faith and community leaders on stage.



## Our Christian Life in the World Around Us: Caring and Courageous Conversations at NIC Every Wednesday

**(starting with Noonday prayer at the Fort Sherman Chapel, then moving onto campus for conversations)**

NIC is on summer break. Staff are busy running summer school and admitting new students for fall. You are invited to join us in walking the campus and its buildings on Wednesdays, following Noonday Prayer at the Fort Sherman Chapel, to meet some of the faithful staff.

On June 12, we held a thank-you cookout-style lunch for staff and faculty at the Chapel. There was such a good turnout that we had to make another hot dog run! We had lovely, engaging conversation with many folks, and look forward to holding another cookout in August before fall semester starts. Watch the Friday Memo email for more details.



A great crowd of NIC employees and St. Luke's parishioners attended our first thank-you lunch for NIC faculty and staff.



Janet Hicks, Jill Kalberg, Lisa Nunlist & Lyndi Phifer

# Engaging Community



- Where: Private Residence on Lake Coeur d'Alene via the Coeur d'Alene Cruise Boats
- When: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 5-9pm  
\*Boat will be boarding at 5pm and leaving at 5:30pm, with an 8:30pm boarding to return by 9pm
- What: Cruise, Mediterranean Dinner, Musical Entertainment, Paddle Raise, and a Butterfly Release
- Why: To raise funds to support our charitable care for residents who have exhausted their financial resources

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## 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.

*Rector (continued from page 2)*

### Prayer and Learning Continue

Even in this season of taking a break from many of our book groups, bible studies, and prayer and discussion meetings, we are continuing to pray and learn. Noonday Prayer continues at the Fort Sherman Chapel every Wednesday. Pastoral care team members continue to lead worship monthly at Orchard Ridge and bring communion to folks unable to come to church. Youth are almost finished with our walk through the Bible using *The Path* – they have been terrific! The Wednesday 1 p.m. book group continues, as does the knitting and prayer group. Young people are being blessed by sessions at Camp Cross!

Many thanks to everyone who completed the RenewalWorks inventory. Our “Building Bridges” team will be meeting over the summer for prayerful discussion with each other about our spiritual life at St. Luke’s, and we will have things to share early in the Fall.

### Engagement in Our Community

St. Luke’s stood firm for God’s all-embracing love with our booth at Pride in the Park, our members participating in the Veteran’s Administration “Stand Down,” our offering of a free picnic lunch for over 50 NIC staff, faculty, and students, and our participation in the citizens’ walk on Juneteenth. I was also asked to participate in a panel at the Human Rights Education Institute on Juneteenth, and I submitted a letter of support to the Mayor of Coeur d’Alene for the addition of the “Hate Crimes” chapter to the city’s municipal code. Here is the letter:

*Dear Mayor Hammond and City Council:*

*I am writing to voice my strong support for the addition of the proposed new chapter in the City's municipal code that defines hate crimes. Since arriving in 2018 to serve as priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, I have been deeply saddened and disturbed by the acts of verbal, visual, and physical offense by a few people in this community against people of different racial or ethnic groups, against women, and against people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. From physical and verbal assault against a Latino youth pastor to defacing a public statue honoring the voting rights of women, from physical violence in a school against LGBTQ youth to menacing verbal slurs against Black women athletes, these behaviors have been treated lightly with minimal consequences if any for such actions.*

*The apostle Paul spoke bold words into the world of "isms" and prejudices of the ancient Roman Empire, calling followers of Jesus to a new and different way of being with others in the world: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). As followers of Christ in the Episcopal Church, we consider this to be a core of our faith: to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to love your neighbor as yourself," and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being" (Book of Common Prayer, covenant at baptism, p. 305).*

*As a nation, our bold experiment has collectively been in this same spirit, broadly understood across religious and non-religious perspectives. As our forebearers set out from the beginning, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men" [meaning humans or persons] "are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" (Declaration of Independence).*

*This change in the City's municipal code is in keeping with this bold organizing purpose of our nation. It better safeguards public space for all to live and move with freedom from harassment, injury, or assault on their inherent dignity. Thank you for your work and your keeping of good faith for the common good. You have my support and the support of many in this congregation.*

*Sincerely, Fr. David Gortner*

Every day presents us with choices. How will we continue to grow? How will we continue to serve? How will we continue to follow Jesus? Friends, live well. Know that you are loved beyond measure. Seek to love. As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is fond of saying, “Love God. Love your neighbor. And while you’re at it, love yourself.”

*Fr. David*



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**Sunday Service Times—Holy Eucharist**

Holy Eucharist Rite I

8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel

10 a.m.

**10 a.m. services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook Live.**