



## BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

NOVEMBER 2024

### Reflections with Your Rector

Dearly Beloved,

Happy Autumn, and a joyful All Saints Sunday to you all! We kick off November with our annual celebration of All Saints and some baptisms – and celebrating our youth who read through core parts of the Bible this last year!



This month, I've asked Kristin Keyes to provide you all with feedback from our churchwide Spiritual Life Inventory. Kristin has been the principal organizer of our team, leading us through the two-year diocesan process called "Building Bridges: Healing Divides." I am so grateful for the great work of this team, our vestry and volunteers, and all our church members who are participating in this process.

Peace be with you!

*Fr. David*

### Building Bridges: Healing Divides



Fall is finally here, and what a spectacular season we have been enjoying. The leaves and trees have been splendid this year. It always brings great appreciation and joy to me to experience this season of color that God gives us, a blast of beauty before all goes dormant and rejuvenates for the winter.

During June, we invited you to take part in the Spiritual Life Inventory, a program sponsored by RenewalWorks, a leader in understanding and assisting congregations around goals of spiritual growth.

We had 64 members complete the survey – a solid response, but with fewer responses from our families with younger children. RenewalWorks provided reports that showed St. Luke's overall results compared with norms from two sizable comparison groups:

- ◆ "All Church norms" (across many denominations including many Evangelical churches), and
- ◆ Episcopal Church norms.

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### COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO SPIRIT VALLEY FOOD BANK

November 3—All Saints Sunday with baptisms

November 5—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.;  
Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

November 7—First Thursday Zoom, 7 p.m.

November 10—Exploring Prayer Practices, 11:30 a.m. in the Alison Library

November 12—Men's Spiritual Discussion Group, 6 p.m.

November 19—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

November 21—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.

November 24—"From Many, One" conversation during coffee hours

November 28—Thanksgiving Day

December 1—First Sunday of Advent

December 7—Snowflake Faire, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Maggie's Café from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Ten of us from St. Luke's met together four times in the summer to discuss and consider spiritual life at St. Luke's, guided by the RenewalWorks Program and the results of their survey. Our four guiding questions were "Where Have We Been?"; "Where Are We Now?"; "Where Do We Feel Called to Go?"; and "How Are We Going to Get There?"

Here are some highlights from our St. Luke's Spiritual Profile:

- ◇ Overall, the congregation expressed **higher than normal satisfaction with St. Luke's role in their spiritual growth**, with 60% very or extremely satisfied.
- ◇ It was exciting to note that **72% of our respondents attend services regularly and are satisfied or very satisfied with our services**. Fewer than 20% expressed some concerns with our church's role in each person's spiritual growth.
- ◇ We are **an older age group** in general, thoughtful, racially matching the region in low diversity, but **not growing at the pace** of our community.
- ◇ Our congregants are **very active in the community**, with inquiring minds, and have a positive impact on much of the community around us. We are also **active within our congregation**.
- ◇ In terms of core beliefs and activities, we have strong belief in the **unconditional love of God** and strong agreement about the **centrality of Jesus Christ** and the **importance of the Holy Trinity** to our faith. We are **stronger than most Episcopal churches** in affirming the importance of spiritual growth, the creeds, and interfaith conversations.

More importantly, the RenewalWorks Spiritual Profile for St. Luke's showed where respondents in our congregation members see themselves on their spiritual journey:

- **14%** are **exploring** a life with God in Christ (taking initial steps in their spiritual life, with many questions).
- **52%** are **growing** their life with God in Christ (strongly committed to their faith, with some questions).
- **27%** are **deepening** a life with God in Christ (having a strong faith, leaning daily on God's presence).
- **7%** are **centered** in a life with God in Christ (their Christian faith is absolutely central in their lives).

Those who are growing or centered in their faith expressed higher satisfaction with St. Luke's role in their spiritual growth. The least satisfied were more frequently in an exploring phase in their faith.

### *Where do you find yourself on this continuum?*

These findings, and others noted below, are helpful in developing some recommendations.

- 1) As **an older age group**, we need to be mindful and intentional about reaching out to people in our wider community who are younger and who can find a home in our welcoming church community.
- 2) As a congregation **very active in the wider community and within our congregation**, we have opportunities to connect in meaningful ways and build good bridges with many different people.
- 3) We can **make increased use of our Book of Common Prayer** internally and **encourage greater familiarity with the Bible**.
- 4) Our strong beliefs in the **unconditional love of God**, the **centrality of Jesus Christ**, and the **importance of the Holy Trinity** anchor us as deeply rooted in the core of Christian faith.
  - a) We follow Jesus as the **supreme disclosure of the heart of God**, and trust that he **reveals a whole and authentic life. He sets the example** of what we try to emulate in our church and community.
  - b) We encounter and understand Christ in different ways, and **we cherish diverse expressions** of belief and interactive conversation. This is an area on which we can build strongly and encourage further growth through conversation.
- 5) We may be less likely than many churches to affirm scripture as "having authority" over our speech and actions – but we are stronger than many churches in **practicing daily reflection on scripture**. This is an area for deeper conversation and possible growth.
- 6) We have **a love of prayer and serving others**, and a desire to continue growing in these areas.
- 7) We recognize that **we sometimes fall short** of our own expectations **but persevere in pulling ourselves back to our faith** and beliefs when we realize we may be falling short. This offers opportunity for lively conversation and demonstration of how to interact about faith. We can shine in setting an example of being compassionate internally and in our community.

# 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

25 Kara & Bill Kral  
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

**Rest of the Soul:** Michael Fain, Mary Jensen, Max Lembeck

**Healing and Strength:** Mary Ayers, John McTear, Debbie Lane, Jo Clifford, Milli Larsen, Herb Ayers, Sean Whelan, Julian Wheeler, Andre Smith, Barbara Lee, Marcia Siring, Janet Crane, Hal Worth, Ramon Byrd, Ginger Wright, Martha Vilandr , Paul Vilandr , Carl Vanslyke, Mike Magura, Jane Jackson, Walt Siring, Robin Reyes, Henry Lane, Anne Salisbury, Mary McComb, Mason Knapp, Jenna Schulz, Phyllis Albee, Bob Gustafson, Claudia, Summer Taylor, Jane Gortner, John Albee, John Empsall, Barbara Webb, Marilyn Otto, Carol Owren, Peggy Lembeck, David Brooks, Dave Ziegler, Ted Jordan, Jill Kalberg, Jamie Ziegler, Kay Lockhart

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

### November 3: **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 10: **St. Martin's, Moses Lake**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Martin's, Moses Lake. Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace.

### November 17: **Public Servants**

We pray for all those in public service within our communities. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. The Rev. Elizabeth Hasen (11/18), Jane Nelson-Low (11/19), Albin Fogelquist (11/20), Ana Rivera-Georgescu (11/23), and JP Carver (11/26).

### November 24: **Christ the King**

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments. St. Andrew's of Chelan and Spokane: We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's of Chelan and Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Finn Pond (11/28).

**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)

### 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

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**Contemplative Prayer Service:** This service is offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. by Zoom only.

### 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 2:15 p.m. Direct questions to Lyndi at [lyndiphifer@icloud.com](mailto:lyndiphifer@icloud.com). All ages welcome.



# Adult Christian Formation

## Exploring Prayer Practices

### Second Sunday of the Month at 11:30 a.m.

Join us on the second Sunday of each month as we explore a variety of prayer practices. We meet after the 10 a.m. service at around 11:30 a.m., and go no more than an hour. We'll take time to learn about a prayer practice, and then practice it.

During our first meeting in October, we explored a Quaker Meeting, and experienced silence in community. The silence is a time for communal stillness where people can be open to inspiration from the Spirit of God. The silence helps people prepare for being still in the presence of God. It is in this communal experience that we can feel God's spirit moving among us. While our practice was relatively short, we each walked away with a real sense of God among us.

Our next session is November 10, at 11:30 a.m. In this session, we will explore Ignatian Imaginative Prayer. If you are looking to deepen your spiritual life and learn about new ways to pray, please join us. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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## Walking Through the Bible for Adults

### Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.



Adults are "Walking Through the Bible" on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. It's not too late to join! The meetings are "hybrid" — allowing for in-person and online participation via Zoom. We use "The Path," just like our youth used over the past year (you can order a copy online). You will become much more fully aware of the sweep and flow of the entire Bible through our time together over 24 weeks. So, show up or tune in! Here is the Zoom link for our meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692030095>.

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## *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).

# Children's Formation

## Diocesan Youth Retreat

**Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 3 at St. John's Cathedral, Spokane**

This weekend is for 7th - 12th graders to enjoy fun and fellowship. They will spend time in large and small groups, exploring the theme of "All Saints" per the liturgical calendar. Kids will play games, sing songs, pray and worship together, and so much more! Free time is also built into the weekend for youth to enjoy an opportunity to be in fellowship with new and old friends.

Check-in starts at 6 p.m. on Friday. Pick up is at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Families are invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service at the Cathedral and stay for coffee hour afterward. The cost is \$50 per participant. Register at <https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login>.

# Learning Opportunities

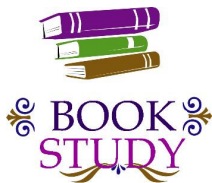
## First Thursday Zoom from the Diocese, November 7 at 7 p.m.

The Diocese's First Thursday Zooms resume on November 7 at 7 p.m. This session's topic will be "Budgeting and Budgets."

This is a Zoom series to grow, strengthen and plant our congregations and will be an exploration of nine topics in 2024 following the three directives of our strategic plan: a Committed, Growing, Meaningful Relationship with Christ; a Culture of Listening, Learning, and Growing; and Connection & Hospitality. See the Friday Memo email for the Zoom link.



## Book Studies at St. Luke's



**Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.:** The group will finish *Practical Mysticism* by Evelyn Underhill in early November and will begin *Prayer* by Joyce Rupp on November 13. In *Prayer*, Rupp "opens up the Scriptures that teach us how to pray and applies them to our daily lives. She encourages us 'to pray always' through an awareness of God 'in whom we live and move and have our being.'" 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.

**Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.:** The group is continuing *A Pilgrimage to Eternity: from Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith* by Timothy Egan, a well-respected Pulitzer Prize winner from the Northwest. Moved by his mother's death and his Irish Catholic family's complicated history with the church, Egan embarked upon a thousand-mile pilgrimage on the Via Francigena from Canterbury to Rome. Please join us; bring a friend! Contact Lisa Nunlist (208-640-9110 or [lisanunlist@gmail.com](mailto:lisanunlist@gmail.com)) for more information.

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.

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If you are the last person in the building, **PLEASE**  
lock doors, turn lights off, set alarm.

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# Learning Opportunities

## From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference Discussion During Coffee Hours on Sunday, November 24

Join us during coffee hours on Sunday, November 24, to talk and share stories with your fellow parishioners, and to reflect on the similarities or differences in our perspectives and experiences using the framework of From Many, One. From Many, One is a campaign urging Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in the spiritual practice of listening and honest conversation across the many differences that separate us, starting with four simple questions:

What do you love?

What have you lost?

Where does it hurt?

What do you dream?

I first learned about this initiative when I was a Vestry member during the COVID pandemic. Those times were fraught with divisiveness about many things — vaccines, mask mandates, school and business closures, etc. — and at times it was difficult to have calm, respectful conversations about those topics with people whose views differed from our own. St. Luke's used From Many, One as a foundation for the documentary and discussion series that we offered in 2021 and 2022, leading to deep, rich dialogue about important issues impacting this area. Now more than ever, especially in this turbulent political climate, we need to hone the skills that will allow us to listen to and converse with those with whom we have differences. We hope you'll join us on November 24.

*Kate Dolan*

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## Journaling As a Spiritual Practice Zoom Series Mondays at 6:30 p.m. through November 18

Parishioner Kim Morgan is offering a Spiritual Enrichment Series via Zoom this fall. Part I of the series is entitled "Journaling as a Spiritual Practice" and is taking place on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. through November 18. Learn more about this program at <https://www.kimemorgan.com/journalingasaspiritualpractice.html>. Please visit the bulletin board in the parish hall to view The Tree of Contemplative Practices.

Instant Zoom access is at [bit.ly/virtualjournaling](https://bit.ly/virtualjournaling).

# Life Together

## Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, November 5

Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 5, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing Snowflake Faire. See page 8 of this newsletter for more information about Snowflake Faire.

All ladies of St. Luke's are welcome to attend Guild meetings. If you have questions or need a ride, please contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405).

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### EDITORIAL POLICY

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# Life Together

## Vestry Highlights

### **MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

- Stewardship campaign to begin October 13. Theme will be “Walk in Love.”
- Building Bridges Summary & Direction Report provided input for new formation classes to begin in October.
- Further discussion regarding review and updating of church policies.

**Good Stewards:** The Welcoming Committee for coordinating a successful “Welcome Back” potluck between the services on September 15.

### **MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2024**

The Capital Fund Drive In progress and results are already evident.

**Good Stewards:** Fr. David Owren for his work on the pulpit; Henry and Debbie Lane for hosting the Blessing of the Animals service at their home.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome.

## Meet Our Seminary Intern Elaine Patrick



Greetings St. Luke's! And thank you for such a warm welcome to your community! If we've not already met, I'm Elaine Patrick and I will serve as your seminary intern this year.

I came to the Diocese of Spokane first in the summer of 2018 as a guest of the diocese and staff member at Camp Cross. I was deeply struck by both the beauty and the spirit in this place. It was in that summer, looking out over the lake that I said yes to my call and current path. I left St. Petersburg, Florida, and returned to Spokane in January 2019 to accept a call to St. Stephen's as their Formation Minister, and to begin discernment to ordination. That moved marked my 11<sup>th</sup> year serving in the Episcopal Church. I am constantly amazed at the ways in which this journey has taken shape. I am now in my third year in seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) and am a candidate for Holy Orders.

I am a native New Yorker, born and raised Upstate and my extended family lives in Long Island and Westchester County. I have two adult sons, Devin, who lives here in Spokane, and Sean, who remains in NYC in Astoria, Queens. These two along with my beagle/ terrier mix, Rocky, are the loves of my life. I spend most all of my free time outdoors and love all forms of art. I look forward to getting to know each of you and as we follow Jesus together.

Peace,

*Elaine*

## Men's Spiritual Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, November 12

The Men's Spiritual Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guiding thought is “Be still and know that I am God.” We are discussing topics from *The Book of Joy*, which features a week-long discussion between Nobel Peace Laureates Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Please join us for a relaxing conversation and enjoy a light supper. Please RSVP to Ian Hicks for catering purposes.



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.

# Life Together

## St. Luke's Snowflake Faire Needs YOU! Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For over 130 years, St. Luke's has held a fund-raising Christmas Bazaar. It was always put on by the women of the church (of course). We have learned that spreading the tasks to ALL our congregation makes this big annual event easier and a lot more fun. This is where you come in!

- **Treasure Trove:** Please downsize your storage room and bring in gently used items starting on Saturday, November 16 (no clothing except accessories; no very large items; no out-of-date electronics.) Contact Marilyn Otto (208-660-6298) with questions.
- **Pantry:** Please bring pre-packaged homemade baked goods, homemade candy, jams, flavored nuts, etc. These items make terrific holiday gifts and treats. Less sweet items, such as trail mix, go over well, too. Opt for small plates of baked goods, such as a half-dozen brownies instead of an entire pan. Contact Hilary Caisley (208-772-3499) with questions.
- **Vendor tables:** You can sell your hand-crafted, knitted or crocheted items, as well as hand-made jewelry and small décor. Vendors pay a small fee and are provided a 7-8 ft. table. Contact Marcia Siring (360-929-1515) with questions.
- **Other ways to help:** You might help set up and sort items on Thursday and Friday before the event; oversee some of the tables during the event; or break down after the event and load items into a truck for delivery to charity.



Maggie's Café (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.) will feature our men's homemade chili with all the fixings, plus cornbread and a slice of pie or another dessert for a very low price. The Alison Room is always nicely decorated for a pleasant lunch where you can invite family and friends.

And of course, we hope you buy and sell tickets for the fantastic raffle prizes.

We usually raise about \$5,000 at this big event. Half goes to the church; half goes to the community in need, e.g., St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise, Episcopal Relief & Development, Union Gospel Mission, Trinity Group Homes, Orchard Ridge.

**Admission to the Snowflake Faire is free**, so please tell your friends and neighbors to join us! Contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405) if you can help in any way, or if you have questions. See the flyer on p. 13 of this newsletter for more information.

## 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.

Please contact Kate Dolan ([kfd819@gmail.com](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com) or 208-640-6522) with questions or to become an acolyte.

## 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

## Blessing of the Animals Enjoyed by All

The annual Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of St. Francis took place at the beautiful home of Debbie & Henry Lane on October 6. Despite the chill, humans and pets alike enjoyed the service.



Tucker & Dave Palmer



Dixie & Bill Kral



Fr. David blessed a photo of Ella & Nate Wickham's pets.



Charlie & Paul Vilandr 



Freya & Judi Horton



Andy & Ann Rule



Minnie Louise & Christopher Wigley



Even the goldfish received a blessing.

## Scenes from St. Luke's



Seminary Intern Elaine Patrick preaching during the Blessing of the Animals service on October 6.



Parishioner Christopher Wigley provided this beautiful carrot cake for coffee hour on October 13, when we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke.



St. Luke's delegation to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention, October 18-20.

L-R: Senior Warden Ian Hicks, Lumarie Lovey, Junior Warden Rod Kalberg, Kristin Keyes, Fr. David, Deacon Glenda.

# Life Together

## Knit One, Pray Too Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Knit One, Pray Too Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Monday in the Alison Library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. We are an active, lively group brought together by prayer and a desire to serve. Everyone is welcome! If you knit or crochet, we invite you to join us. We can get you started as we have extra yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks. We also have funds available to purchase supplies if you are in need. If you cannot come on Monday mornings, we still invite you to participate. You can knit or crochet at home and donate prayer shawls to the ministry.



Prayer Shawls are always available. We give them primarily to people who are dealing with illness, grief or other types of crisis, but we also provide them for happy occasions such as baptism, pregnancy, adoption, milestone birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, or any joyful event. If you need a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please contact DeDe in the church office (208-664-5533 or [admin@stlukescca.org](mailto:admin@stlukescca.org)) Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or leave a message. On Sundays, they are also available. Please find a Prayer Shawl member and ask them to help you. We have shawls in different colors, shapes and sizes so you can decide which one calls to you or the person receiving it. We do ask that you do not help yourself as we keep records of all our prayer shawls. This is very important to each Prayer Shawl member.

The response to our shawls has been a blessing to each of us, and we thank everyone for your support. We believe our prayer shawls are a tangible gift of God's love and comfort, and we are happy to use our time and talent to share our ministry.

If you have any questions, please call DeDe at the church office or contact Jo Clifford (208-755-6926) or any other Prayer Shawl member.

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

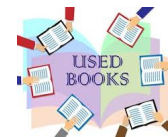


If you haven't hosted coffee hour this year, there are still many opportunities to do so in November and December.

As a reminder, it's the fellowship and not the food that is important at coffee hour, so something simple such as cookies and fruit are perfect! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. A reminder and detailed instructions will be sent to you the week before you are scheduled. Thank you for hosting! Questions? Contact Kara Kral (208-421-2830).

## Used Bookshelf

The bookshelf under the coat rack in the Parish Hall has books available for a nominal donation. Books that never leave the shelf are eventually donated to a thrift store. All proceeds go to support the Backpack Program for the Coeur d'Alene School District, which provides weekend food to children who otherwise might not get enough at home.



## Health 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. Instead, join us online! Zoom links are shared in the weekly Friday memo email.

# Life Together

## Children's Chapel Kids To Create and Auction a Nativity Scene for Charity Fundraiser



November is the month of Thanksgiving and the building of excitement in the hearts of our children in anticipation of the Christmas season. As part of its humble little mission, Children's Chapel plans to help those in need at home and abroad by raising money for KIVA (international micro-loans program) and St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho's ICARE program for children and families. Last Easter, the children raised \$533 for these organizations with their pretzel fundraiser.

This month, the children will be creating a papier mâché Grand Nativity Scene to be auctioned by silent bid during the week before the Snowflake Faire. It will be on display in the Parish Hall with bidding open from Sunday, December 1, through Saturday, December 7, at noon, with the winning bid announced at noon during the Snowflake Faire.

The nativity will be constructed over the course of two Sundays. The first "workshop" will be after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, November 17, when we will be sculpting the figures. Parents and kids of all ages can participate as sheep are easily molded even with the smallest of hands. The second "workshop" will be on Sunday, November 24, and will involve the painting of the figures. Each workshop will last about 75 minutes. Instructors will be on hand to help and no experience is necessary, so please come and put your love into artful labor for two great causes!

For more information, contact Mike Dolan (208-660-5925).

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## Where in the World Is St. Luke?

On a recent trip to the Baltics, parishioners Janet & Ian Hicks found St. Luke again, this time at Serbian Orthodox St. Lucas Church in Croatia. The church was founded in 1195. Ian said, "We were on a Mediterranean cruise and of course are always on lookout for a St. Luke's. No matter how they word it!"

If you see St. Luke anywhere on your own travels, please send Newsletter Editor Kate Dolan a photo and share your story at [kfd819@gmail.com](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com).



# Life Together

## The Collect for Thanksgiving Day

*Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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## Engaging Community

### Reverse Offering



In September we delivered 30 bags of food and other necessities to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet. November's contributions will go to Spirit Valley Food Bank in Spirit Lake. Questions? Contact Jill Kalberg (805-551-4048).

### "Being With" Discussion and Mutual Discovery Groups

Invest in becoming the type of person who knows how to be with yourself, others, the world around us and through this to be with God. Discover faith while discovering friendship. Being With helps people consider Christian faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing prior knowledge, but a simple willingness to share what you do know or feel. Learn more about Being With at <https://being-with.org/>.



Register to be part of a Being With group at <https://www.stlukesca.org/> under Adult Formation Offerings. This program is for If you know someone who would benefit from participating, please invite them to contact the church office (208-664-553 or [admin@stlukesca.org](mailto:admin@stlukesca.org)). The time and location of program meetings are being determined. The goal is to have groups both at St. Luke's and at NIC.



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- 8) In keeping with our Baptismal Covenant, we strongly affirm **faith and belief in the dignity of every person, and of all creation**. This is a major way that we can make sure people feel respected, and it is a basis for us to stand up and be willing to put our faith and beliefs out front as we interact with those around us.
- 9) Our people expressed clear desires for **growing more in prayer life and reading of scripture, a closer life with God** overall, **ease in speaking about our faith** more freely, and **ways to affirm God's presence in all creation and all people**.

These insights guided us in our final two meetings as we discussed and brainstormed about “Where do we feel called to go?” and “How are we going to get there?” Our goal is to provide possible pathways for each of us to grow spiritually, in love of God and neighbor. We want to invite each of you into a deeper relationship with God by building capacity for you to be creative in your connection with God – as Fr. David Owren from our group says: “Do God’s thing in your own way!”

We’ve already begun with some opportunities, and you’ll see new opportunities emerging over this next year. These include increasing our familiarity with the tools of our faith by proving more hands-on engagement with the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer and with prayer.

Consider joining our group studying *The Path*, a book that takes us through the major stories of the Bible with thought-provoking questions to explore. We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. both in-person and on Zoom. (See the weekly email for links.) Or join us on the second Sunday of each month after the 10 a.m. service to explore new ways to pray. This month we meet on November 10 and will explore Ignatian Imaginative Prayer. More information on both of these opportunities is on p. 4 of this newsletter

You’ll notice that we have been including the weekly lectionary readings in our weekly email. We invite you to click the links and read the scriptures that will be offered the following Sunday. Take time to think about what you think God may be saying in the readings and then come to church to hear what our preacher is saying about these scriptures. You may even want to discuss them at your coffee hour table.

Another track we will be exploring is the power of story to increase our ability to have conversations around our faith. Throughout the month of November we are exploring the Episcopal Church’s program, “From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference.” We will each be invited to share in this exchange at various gatherings and in our coffee hour on November 24. More information about this initiative is on p. 6 of this newsletter and will be coming throughout the month, so watch the weekly email. Additional opportunities to explore the power of story will be offered throughout this coming year.

These are just a few ways that St. Luke’s is seeking to help each of us in our spiritual journey. What can we do to help you grow in your relationship with God? Your “Building Bridges” team is eager to hear from you! Reach out to Kristin Keyes, Dave and Lyndi Phifer, Fr. David Owren or Fr. David Gortner to share your ideas.

*Kristin Keyes*



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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.