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OCTOBER 2024

Reflections with Your Rector

Happy Autumn! It has been a long summer season this year. We welcome the change in seasons, and the crisp winds and shorter days that remind us of the tides and turns of life. Soon, the leaves will turn color and begin to fall. Soon, the final harvests will be gathered and the fields and gardens put to bed.



This season used to be marked with the celebration of "Michaelmas" – the Church's feast day of St. Michael and All Angels. In the Book of Revelation, Michael the Archangel battles with the Devil and casts him from heaven with his followers. In Europe from the Middle Ages until the

Industrial Revolution, it was a day of harvest festivities. In the British Isles, the feasting included roast goose, mutton pies, and Struan Cake. Schools in Great Britain still refer to the fall semester as Michaelmas Term.

So, we enter this season of Fall with our minds not only on harvests and endings, but also on the spiritual dimensions of reality. We believe there are spiritual forces at work in the world and the universe, and that there are beings created by God whom we do not see, who are God's messengers. We also believe there are spiritual forces that fight against God and seek to bring about evil – and at our baptism we renounce these evil forces. October 31 is the Eve of All Hallows (or All Saints), and is known as Halloween. The three days of Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day mark our connection to those who have died and to the saints across the world over thousands of years – and our continuing renunciation of Satan and mockery of the ways of evil. Thank God for angels who bring good news, who defend and protect, who fight spiritual battles for our sake – and for saints who pray for us.

As we enter the final weeks toward Election Day, it is good for all of us to remember that no political party, no candidate, no single leader or group will bring about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is our true dwelling that has our fullest loyalties, with Christ Jesus – the servant of all who emptied himself for the whole world –

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO ABC FOOD BANK (ATHOL, BAYVIEW, CAREYWOOD)

- October 1—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.; Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
October 3—First Thursday Zoom, 7 p.m.
October 6—Blessing of the Animals, 10 a.m. at the home of Debbie & Henry Lane, Dalton Gardens
October 8—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
October 12—Fall Diocesan Gathering Day on Zoom, 10 a.m.—noon; Chorale Coeur d'Alene concerts, 2 & 7 p.m.
October 13—Feast of St. Luke; Prayer Practices class, 11:30 a.m
October 15—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
October 17—Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
October 18—Depolarizing Ourselves Workshop, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Spokane
October 18-20—Diocesan Convention at St. John's Cathedral, Spokane
October 20—Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; no 10 a.m. service
November 3—All Saints Sunday

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as our king. I have invited you all to read the Book of Proverbs, a chapter a day, up until the election. I have also encouraged you all to read the Epistle of James. Proverbs and James are rich with contrasting images of wise and foolish ways. Here is just a taste from Proverbs 3:

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it'—when you have it with you.

Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you.

Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you.

Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways;

for the perverse are an abomination to the Lord, but the upright are in his confidence.

The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the abode of the righteous.

Towards the scorers he is scornful, but to the humble he shows favor.

The wise will inherit honor, but stubborn fools, disgrace.

A busy October. Mark your calendars for these worship services and big events in the next five weeks:

- **October 6** – Pet Blessing and Celebration of St. Francis – Henry & Debbie Lane's home, 10 a.m. Bring your pets for a blessing, dress appropriately for this outdoor service, and join us in celebrating and giving thanks for all of creation. Bring a food goody to share if you wish. Rain location will be St. Luke's Parish Hall.
- **October 12** – Regional Gathering Day for Episcopal congregations – Zoom, 10 a.m.–noon. All church members across the diocese are encouraged to join this valuable online session with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers (Canon to the Presiding Bishop) about engaging in deep listening and conversation. See the piece on page 8 of this newsletter for more about this program. Watch your Friday Memo for the Zoom link!
- **October 13** – St. Luke Sunday! — St. Luke's, 10 a.m. service. Join us in celebrating the life and witness of St. Luke, and our congregation's many years of ministry in this region. We will have special prayers for healing as part of our worship, along with prayers for the ongoing mission of this church.
- **October 18-20** – Diocesan Convention – St. John's Cathedral, Spokane. Everyone from St. Luke's is invited and encouraged to join others from across the Diocese in worship at our Cathedral – at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday for Eucharist, and also at 5:30 p.m. Friday for Evensong. Watch for more information on other programs you can attend. Sunday worship: 8 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Luke's, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral
- **November 3** – All Saints Sunday – St. Luke's, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. This is one of the great feast days of the Church, when we remember and celebrate all who have been bright lights of God's grace and love, we pray for all who have died, and we call on the great hosts of heaven to pray for us. Join us on this great day!

In the meantime, other activities continue as always – weekly Noonday Prayer and Intercessions at Fort Sherman Chapel on Wednesdays, bi-weekly Contemplative Prayer on Tuesday evenings, book groups on Wednesdays, and Prayer Shawl knitting on Mondays.

Give in Love

In October, we focus some attention on our stewardship. Our theme this year is Walk in Love. This theme helps us remember that the heart of our Christian faith and life is Love – God's love for us and all people, our love of God, and our love of our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. We show love by how we give of ourselves. How will each of us share the gifts from our lives, in our actions and our words? What will we offer from our time, our skills and abilities, and our resources and assets?

Tithing is a good and holy practice, and is commended in scripture. My wife and I get close to giving 10% of our shared income, with 5% going to St. Luke's and St. John's Cathedral where we serve, and the remaining 4%-5% to other religious and social organizations. Some parts we give through the year, and some at special times of the year. In the past, we have arranged for automatic monthly payments from our checking account, to make sure it is the first thing given or paid. What are the ways that help you put giving into practice and making it a regular part of your life?

Please consider what is possible to plan to give in 2025, as St. Luke's adjusts to the same results of inflation that have

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Prayer & Worship

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Mary Ayers	17 Laurie Cook
6 Bill Caisley	19 Lily Mihara
6 Robbyn Thomas	24 Stella Hartzell
7 Tim Hunt	28 Wanda Quinn
7 Catherine McLandress	28 Walt Siring
8 Fran Blankenship	31 Jackson Khorsand
13 Wallace Van Houten	31 Meredith McAlpine
14 Jo Keller	



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Catherine & Dick McLandress
- 4 Judi Horton & Tom Bacon
- 16 Heather Van Deventer & David Gortner

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

October 6: **The Third Order, Society of St. Francis**

We give thanks for the worldwide ministry of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, and especially for those sisters and brothers present in the Diocese of Spokane at West Central Abbey. Pray for their continuing service in decolonization efforts, economic and environmental justice, and locally the food forest at the Abbey. For all Bishops and for our Bishop Gretchen Rehberg and her ministry. We also give thanks for the ministry of the Bishops of the Episcopal Church. We also give thanks for the birthday of Robin Biffle (10/14).



October 13: **St. Luke's, Coeur d'Alene & Wenatchee**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Churches in Coeur d'Alene and Wenatchee. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Margaret Fisher (10/18).

October 20: **Diocesan Convention**

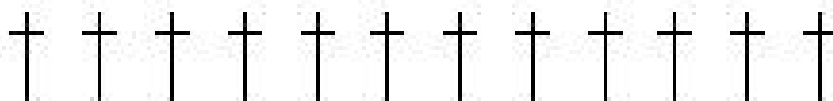
We pray for the work of our Diocesan convention, for all involved and for the mission of our diocese. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Gaye Lagana (10/28).

October 27: **All Saints', Richland**

We pray for the mission and ministry of All Saints', Richland. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Barbara Carver (10/29), Linda Bartholomew (10/30), and Jan Griffin (10/30).

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



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. All ages welcome.



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

Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of Creation, Sunday, October 6, 10 a.m. Home of Debbie & Henry Lane, 5815 Colfax St. in Dalton Gardens



A Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of Creation will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 10 a.m. at the home of Debbie & Henry Lane, 5815 Colfax St. in Dalton Gardens. The 8 a.m. service will take place in the nave as usual.

Please bring your own chair (and pet waste bags!) and please make sure your pets are properly leashed or kenneled. It's fine to bring photos of your pets or even stuffed animals to be blessed!

Learning Opportunities

New Learning and Growth Ideas?



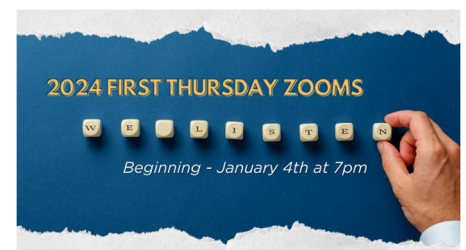
We've had several good years of rich learning, study, and spiritual growth at St. Luke's. How would we like to continue growing and learning? Do you have ideas or longings for topics to explore and learn, scriptures to study, ways to grow in our relationships with God? Please share your ideas with Fr. David! We are putting together plans now for Fall, Winter, and Spring.

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

First Thursday Zoom from the Diocese, October 3 at 7 p.m.

The Diocese's First Thursday Zooms resume on October 3 at 7 p.m. This session's topic will be "Evangelism 201."

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.



Learning Opportunities

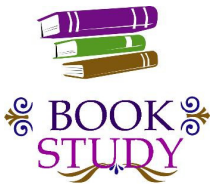
Depolarizing Ourselves for Faith Communities Workshop: Recognizing God Within Those with Whom We Disagree Friday, October 18, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partner. Since we are all children of God, our approach should involve mutual respect. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion. This workshop addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization. The workshop goals are to become aware of one's own "inner polarizer" and to learn how to interact without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping.



This free workshop was developed by Braver Angels and will be led by Cn. Caroline McCall of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, Please RSVP to Mallory Davis at malloryd@spokanediocese.org. St. Stephen's is located at 5720 S. Perry St. on the South Hill of Spokane.

Book Studies at St. Luke's



Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.: The group is reading *Practical Mysticism* by Evelyn Underhill. In *Practical Mysticism*, first published in 1915, Underhill sets out her belief that spiritual life is part of human nature and as such is available to every human being. Contact Jill Kalberg (jill.kalberg@gmail.com), Lyndi Phifer (lyndiphifer@icloud.com) or Ern Warner (ern.m.warner@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.: The group is reading *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 decided to follow in the footsteps of centuries of seekers to force a reckoning with his own beliefs. He embarked on a thousand-mile pilgrimage through the theological cradle of Christianity to explore the religion in the world that it created. We plan to discuss three chapters at a time (with the understanding that discussions don't always adhere to "assigned" portions of any book). Please join us; bring a friend! Contact Lisa Nunlist (208-640-9110 or 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.

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.

Learning Opportunities

Saints You Should Know

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

David Pendleton Oakerhater (1847-1931) was a Cheyenne warrior who originally fought the U.S. government over Indian land rights. After capture and interment, he became a Christian and committed his life to ministry. He was ordained a deacon, and returned to Oklahoma where he started and led schools and missions. "I have learned about another captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he is my leader."

The Martyrs of New Guinea (1942) were Anglican missionaries, Papuan tribal leaders, and Papuan people who took great risks to care for wounded and to save as many lives as possible during World War II when the islands were riddled by war. Ten in particular were betrayed by non-Christians and killed by the invading Japanese military.

John Henry Hobart (1775-1830) was bishop of New York in the early 1800s and a force of nature! During his first few years as bishop, he doubled the number of priests and rapidly expanded the number of missionaries in his diocese. He rode rapidly everywhere, and was always on the go, planting new churches in nearly all big towns in New York by the time of his death in 1830.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was a Christian mystic, poet, musical composer, and scholar of the high Middle Ages. She was raised with Jutta, an anchoress of a Benedictine monastery. After Jutta's death, Hildegard became abbess and founded additional convents in other cities. Hildegard had amazing visions and recorded them in books, showing rich images of God as always creative and having feminine character. She was adept in many fields – medicine, music, drama, science, philosophy, and theology – and she was sought by many leaders for her counsel.



L-R: David Pendleton Oakerhater, the Martyrs of New Guinea, John Henry Hobart, Hildegard of Bingen

Life Together

Welcome Back Potluck

St. Luke's Welcoming Committee put on a lovely Welcome Back potluck brunch on September 15 between services. This event gave parishioners a chance to chat with church friends and meet some new ones.



Welcoming Committee members Kara Kral, Annette Knapp, Lisa Nunlist, Cary Miller, Terri Radford, Farley Green & Andrea Partington



Ella Wickham & her dad, Jeff



John & Deacon Glenda Empsall

Life Together

Building Bridges: Healing Divides

We are pleased to report that so many good things have come from our efforts in taking the Spiritual Life Inventory and for a small group of us to meet over four sessions to evaluate the results of that inventory.

By way of background, parishioners took part in the Spiritual Life Inventory in June this year. Many thanks to those who took part. Sixty-four members of our congregation completed that survey which, based on the size of our church, is considered a good response rate providing statistically sound results. A notable exception, there were fewer responses from our families with younger children than we may have desired. Survey results for St. Luke's were compared with two sizable comparison groups: All Church norms (across many denominations including a larger percentage of Evangelical churches) and Episcopal Church norms.



Next, a group of ten from our congregation met over the summer to evaluate the spiritual vitality at St. Luke's and explore how we can further grow our congregation's spiritual life. It is exciting to note that 72% of our congregation attends services regularly and are satisfied or very satisfied with our services. Fewer than 20% expressed some concern with our church's role in each person's spiritual growth.

As we reflected on these patterns, we recognized that there is much we are already doing as a church. We have many small group activities, so it is challenging to find the time to do everything. However, we clearly have lively minds and strong faith. We can capitalize on these things to **increase opportunities for spiritual conversations, prayer, and encounter with scripture in our varied group meetings.**

In the report to Vestry, a few specific recommendations were offered. Highlights of these include:

- Increasing our familiarity with tools of our faith to promote the power of practice and action, such as more active engagement with the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and prayer.
- Providing more opportunities for conversation to share personal spiritual best practices.
- Sparking and addressing spiritual hunger in our congregation and community by providing offerings to strengthen spiritual practices.
- Developing materials that help explain our liturgy and strengthen the meaningfulness of our services.
- Continuing to create environments for spiritual engagement in all meetings and gatherings, with a focus on prayer and a brief scripture study.
- Developing discussions to help folks feel more comfortable when active in the community, epitomizing "Why St. Luke's." What differentiates us from other offerings in our community?

You can see that some of these recommendations are already being put into practice with three new offerings.

- A session on prayer practices is beginning on Sunday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m. – meeting bi-monthly or once a month. This will be a great opportunity to explore many differing types of prayer, both in learning and in practice.
- A walk through the Bible using "The Path: A Journey through the Bible" as a guide beginning the week of October 6. This will provide an opportunity to explore the flow of the entire Bible over 24 weeks. Fr. David just completed this study with our middle school students.
- Being With, an offering to NIC students, faculty and staff as well as interested folks from St. Luke's, to 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. A 10-week session starts in October.

You can register for these offerings on our website home page at www.stlukesda.org, on the signup sheets in the Parish Hall, or by calling our Parish Administrator (208-664-5533).

Finally, be sure to join the Diocesan Regional Gathering Day on October 12 from 10 a.m. – noon via Zoom. See the article on page 8 of this newsletter for more information about this event, which will offer a session about engaging in deep listening and conversation.

Your Building Bridges: Healing Divides Team

Life Together

Diocesan Regional Gathering Day on Zoom Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.—noon

Every fall we gather in our regions throughout the Diocese to share in formation, fellowship, learning and sharing. The time for this is always within 30 days of Convention. We have a great opportunity to gather by Zoom on October 12, from 10 a.m. - noon to learn from Canon Stephanie Spellers (Canon to the Presiding Bishop) about engaging in deep listening and conversation. The program “From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference” is a program designed to help us learn how to engage our family, friends and neighbors in meaningful ways that create hospitable, respectful and generous space for story sharing.

To participate, go to www.zoom.us, then click “Join” in the top menu. When prompted, enter the meeting ID (881 0114 8113) and the password (617101).

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2023

Discussed plans to review and update church policies.

Good Stewards: Everyone who helped with NIC picnic: cooking, bringing food, hauling tables, setting up, serving, cleaning up, and having meaningful conversations with those NIC personnel who attended.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome.



Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, October 1

Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 1, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing Snowflake Faire. See page 10 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).

Men's Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, October 8



Men's Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 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) or Ian Hicks (714-742-3412 or ianhicks@icloud.com) with any questions.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Life Together

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering



It is time for our parish's fall contribution for the United Thank Offering (UTO). The goal is to have a nice gift from St. Luke's that will be presented at the Diocesan Convention in October. Please make checks payable to St. Luke's with UTO on the memo line. You may put your donation in the offering plate or send it to the parish office by Sunday, October 13. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Christopher Neal Wigley, St. Luke's UTO Chair
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60th Annual Diocesan Convention, Friday 2 p.m.—Sunday noon, October 18-20 at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane

The 60th Annual Diocesan Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane will take place from Friday, October 18, at 2 p.m. through noon on Sunday, October 20, at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane. The Convention speaker will be The Rev. Canon Arienne Davison, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Olympia. She has practiced and taught about Intercultural Ministry in congregational, diocesan and churchwide settings.



For more information about convention, and to register, please go to the diocesan convention website (<https://www.spokanediocese.org/annual-convention.html>) or call Jeremy at 509-624-3191.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Morning Prayer service at 8 a.m. on October 20. **There will be no 10 a.m. service; instead, parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the 10:30 a.m. service at the Cathedral.** The service will also be streamed live on the Cathedral's Facebook and YouTube pages.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



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

As a reminder, it's the fellowship 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 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.



DO A DOUBLE-CHECK!



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



Life Together

School Supply Drive a Big Success



Women's Guild held a school supply drive this summer for Family Promise and other needy families in the community. An amazing load of school supplies was delivered to Spirit Valley Food Bank. Food Bank volunteers Diane and Lee were extremely grateful. For some months, Spirit Valley has been partnering with some other local food banks, so these supplies can be shared as needed. Diane and Lee conveyed their heartfelt thanks to "the wonderful folks at St. Luke's."

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).

St Luke's Snowflake Faire Needs YOU!



The time has come to decide whether to have Snowflake Faire this year. The date would be Saturday, December 7. Snowflake Faire is a Christmas bazaar that St. Luke's has done for decades and is also very popular with the community. We usually raise about \$5,000, which we give back to the church and to local charities. Last year's proceeds paid for the new tables in the Parish Hall and the new website.

However, in order to have the Faire, we need **many** people at St. Luke's to help. There are numerous ways to do this – advertising, running a booth for a few hours, setup and breakdown, contributing gift cards and other items to make raffle baskets, stuffing envelopes, organizing the Treasure Trove items (a sale of used goods), making homemade crafts or goodies for the pantry, distributing posters around town, etc. The week before the Faire is especially busy and is too much work for just a few people.

Snowflake Faire is a fun event and a great way to get involved in the church and meet new people. If you can set aside some time, especially during the first week of December, or if you have questions, contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405). We need to make a final decision in the next week or two.

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.



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.

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



In August we delivered two cartloads of necessities for pets and people to ABC Food Bank. October's contributions will go to ABC Food Bank in Athol. Questions? Contact Jill Kalberg (805-551-4048).

Chorale Coeur d'Alene Fall Concerts

Saturday, October 12, 2 & 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church

Chorale Coeur d'Alene's fall concerts, *SERVANTHOOD OF SONG*, will take place on Saturday, October 12, at 2 & 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. 5th St. in Coeur d'Alene.



The Chorale's former Artistic Director Dr. Stan McDaniel and Dr. Josh Chism have chosen hymns that are the most representative in American hymnody. The Chorale will be accompanied by Collaborative Pianist David Brewster, Coeur d'Alene Symphony's cellist Anna Seppa, and Spokane's own Edward Hurd on the organ.

Tickets are available on line at www.Choralecda.com. Note that season tickets are also available at a substantial saving. There will be *some* tickets available at the door, but it is best to purchase tickets in advance.

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affected everyone.

There is another important extra opportunity to give to St. Luke's, separate from our annual pledged giving. As you know, the church has had some significant work done recently—

Fresh new window coverings for our stained glass windows. See how bright they look! This excellent work was done by Mary Robinette's son, with a generous reduced-cost contract, and some funds already donated.

Repairs to our Parish Hall basement flooring and walls after the flooding damage this summer. See how fresh everything is downstairs! Costs were mostly covered by insurance, but with some still needing to be covered.

Preparations for new safety-conscious exterior doors. These have been planned since the uptick in threats to churches and the need for improved security. Reserve funds can cover part of this.

You will receive a letter from me soon with more specifics about this special capital funds drive. Please consider how you can additionally contribute to St. Luke's for the strengthening and beautification of its buildings. Please remember – whatever each of us is able to give is our best possible offering from God's gifts in our lives.

Grow in Christ

We had great input from you all in the RenewalWorks survey on our spiritual life as a church community. Thank you for contributing your responses! Kristin Keyes has provided a quick summary on page 7 of this newsletter of some key insights and some emerging goals. Your responses helped us recognize a deep desire for continuing spiritual growth through scripture and prayer. This has led us to offer several new opportunities beginning in early October that are listed in Kristin's piece. Please sign up on our website or on the Parish Hall bulletin board as soon as possible.

Let us continue to let the Light of Christ shine through us. Let us continue to be that quiet, transforming presence in our communities like yeast that raises the dough. Let us root ourselves deeply in God's presence through praying, reading scripture, and sharing our lives with each other. Let us move forward with fresh energy and new creativity to share, celebrate, and show the unbounded love of Jesus with the world around us.

May Christ's peace be with you, and may the Spirit's wisdom guide you.

Fr. David



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10 a.m.

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