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JANUARY 2025

Reflections with Your Rector

Here it is, 2025! Amazing. May this year bring new joys and wonders, and a growing sense of God's grace and love.

Our staff at St. Luke's feel refreshed from the holidays. We enjoyed time with families, time of restoration, and some quiet time. I enjoyed having our two kiddos home from college. And I got to do some reading that has been waiting for me.

There's an article in the recent *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* journal that caught my eye. It focused on people who have left religion and consider themselves "done" with faith or religious community. The authors found that while these folks have shed or abandoned many of their religious beliefs, many carry a kind of negative religious residue – beliefs in the Devil, hell, evil spirits affecting humans, and superstitions about undefined supernatural forces. In other words, leaving religion can lead people to abandoning a sense of God, but the sense of evil seems to persist.

As humans, we have a "negativity bias" – we give more attention and weight to criticism than to praise, we remember negative events more readily than positive or neutral events, and we'll notice what is wrong or out of place more readily than what is good or in harmony. It's not just a media bias. It's a human bias. Roy Baumeister, a social psychologist I have read before, calls it the "bad is stronger than good" phenomenon.

Faith communities like St. Luke's are important for the good of our souls, our spirits, our minds and hearts. In healthy religious communities, people learn and practice lovingkindness. We form habits of caring, respect, mutual support, and trust. We hear a deeper story of fundamental Good and Love that is the source of all things, and we learn to look for signs of this loving God in the world around us. But we need each other to do this.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
ABC FOOD BANK IN ATHOL

- January 4—King Cake decorating and pizza party for kids, 5 p.m.
- January 5—Epiphany Lessons & Carols; Epiphany King Cakes at coffee hours
- January 7—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.;
Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- January 14—Men's Spiritual Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
- January 16—Daughters of the King, 11 a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- January 18-26—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- January 19—Bishop's visit with confirmations
- January 21—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.; Creation Care Workshops on Zoom begin, 7-8 p.m.; Diocesan Zoom book group begins, 7-8:30 p.m.
- January 26—Exploring Prayer Practices, 11:30 a.m. in the Alison Library [NOTE DATE CHANGE]
- February 9—Parish Annual Meeting after 10 a.m. service
- February 14-16—Winter Cross youth retreat, Lazy F Retreat Center, Ellensburg

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to drink of one Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:12)

We are more together than alone. We become more ourselves. We expand and stretch more for others. We dare more to interact with the world and let our light shine — and the light shines brighter as we do good work together. This is why being a church community together matters. For us at St. Luke's, this is how we glimpse for ourselves and give a glimpse to others around us of the unbounded love of Jesus Christ.

As I've said before, thank you for being the family and household of God that you are.

We did a lot together in this last year. There were surprises and challenges along the way, and we responded to them. There were opportunities to learn and serve and celebrate, and we stepped into those opportunities. While holding Rev. Mary in prayer for full recovery, our folks stepped forward to make sure that Children's Chapel continued through the year. When interior flooding wreaked havoc in our parish hall basement, we stepped forward with immediate care to find contractors and make sure the damaged flooring was repaired and improved. When NIC was struggling, we stepped forward with loving support, presence, and joyful thankfulness for their faculty and staff. Our youth getting ready for confirmation read through the Bible and set the stage for adults to do the same. We accepted the invitation of our diocese and joined the Building Bridges / Healing Divides initiative, and are learning more about ourselves and others as a result. Our Snowflake Faire was a great success this year, raising funds for outreach and for special needs in our church. Our book groups and discussion groups continue to open deep, honest spaces with one another, sometimes around some very challenging issues and topics. We have strengthened our policies for a safe and healthy church community. We ended the year with a great outpouring of contributions that restored and strengthened our financial reserves (given by people before us) for improvement of our facilities and strengthening of our ministry initiatives. And we celebrated the Christmas Season in song together.

I think we have been discovering even more that old truth, "Many hands make light work." Our events involve folks from across our church community. Our worship is an offering led and supported by many people. Our learning in faith is led by members who come together.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am eager to continue building upon what we have begun. I look forward to what we can do together, continuing to grow spiritually, learn more deeply, practice courageous conversations, worship God with full hearts, touch the world around us, and invite others to step into this lifelong journey into Christ with us.

We all wrestle with our faith in different ways, at different points, throughout our lives. Many of us have also been wounded by communities of faith where trust has been betrayed or where people have been judged rather than cared for and loved. If you have found yourself drifting, struggling, or stepping away from your faith, now is a time to come back and be part of the continuing journey with us. If you have friends and colleagues who are wrestling with their faith, now is a time to invite them to journey with us. Let Light shine and brighten our darkness — with each other.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20)

Much love to you all.

Fr. David

Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9



St. Luke's Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, February 9, after the 10 a.m. service, beginning with brief coffee hour fellowship. We plan to hold this meeting in person, with online participation available.

The meeting will include the election of new vestry members and diocesan convention delegates, honoring members completing their vestry terms, a focus on our church's vision and mission, a review of our budget, and St. Luke's participation in the spiritual development encouraged by our diocese.

Prayer & Worship

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Bishop Pat Bell	12 Gretchen Curtis
6 Arthur Ruger	19 Bill Robinette
8 Mike Dolan	24 Rachel Wickham
10 Lauren McCroskey	27 Scott Cline
11 Mark Cunningham	27 Kristin Keyes



ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ginger & Ken Wright
 11 Robin & Steve Rutherford
 16 Tim & Kathryn Hunt
 26 Lietta & Arthur Ruger

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: Richard Beeson

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

January 5: **Peace**

Prayers for Peace in the Diocese of Spokane, and the nation. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Sandra Robison (1/10).



January 12: **Non-Parochial and Specially Licensed Clergy**

We give thanks for their variety of gifts and their service to Almighty God in this diocese. We give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Linda Mayer (1/14) and Marilyn Wilder (1/19).

January 19: **St. Timothy's, Yakima**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Timothy's, Yakima.

January 26: **St. Peter's, Pomeroy**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Peter's, Pomeroy. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Anne Barton (1/25).

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

Diocesan Prayer for 2025

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. 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. All ages welcome.



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

Celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. This year's theme is "Do You Believe This?" (John 11:26)

St. Luke's will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 26, with special prayers for the world and for Christian mission. During the prayers, parishioners will come to the front of the nave to light a votive candle and place it on a map of the world, for a place for which they are praying. Parishioners were encouraged to consider praying for a place they may not often think about.

Adult Christian Formation

Exploring Prayer Practices

Sunday, January 26, at 11:30 a.m. [NOTE DATE CHANGE]

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. in the Alison Library, and go no more than an hour. We'll take time to learn about a prayer practice, and then practice it.

During our next session on January 26, we will reflect on our December gathering where we had an opportunity to explore prayer using prayer beads and knotted prayer ropes. In January, we will enjoy doodling our prayers with colored pencils. If you are looking to deepen your spiritual life and learn about new ways to pray, please join us.

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>.

Youth Formation

Winter Cross Weekend for Youth in Grades 6-12 February 16-18 at Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg

Enjoy an exciting youth winter camp in the heart of Ellensburg, Washington! This camp offers a perfect mix of outdoor winter activities, team-building challenges, and inspiring sessions. Enjoy snow games, campfires, and make lasting memories with friends, all while growing in community and faith. It's a great opportunity to embrace the winter season and experience adventure in a safe, fun, and supportive environment. Don't miss out on this unforgettable weekend!



Registration is open through February 12 at <https://theepiscopaldioceseofspokane.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2605524>. The cost is \$150/participant. Call the church office (208-664-5533) to inquire whether financial assistance is available. Questions? Contact Alex Flannagan, Canon for Youth & Family Ministries (509.624.3191 ext. 5).

Learning Opportunities

New Diocesan Zoom Weekly Book Group, January 21—February 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

“Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future”



We find our way forward by going back. The invented history of the Western world is crumbling fast, Anishinaabe writer Patty Krawec says, but we can still honor the bonds between us. Settlers dominated and divided, but Indigenous peoples won't just send them all "home."

Register online at <https://theepiscopaldioceseofspokane.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2658224>.

“Being With” Discussion and Mutual Discovery Groups

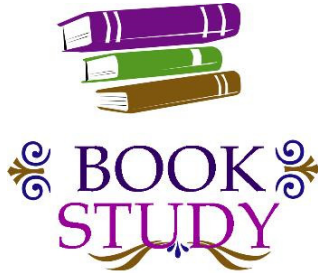


Invest in becoming the type of person who knows how to be with yourself, others, the world around us and through this to be with God. Discover faith while discovering friendship. Being With helps people consider Christian faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing prior knowledge, but a simple 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.stlukesda.org/> under Adult Formation Offerings. If you know someone who would benefit from participating, please invite them to contact the church office (208-664-553 or admin@stlukesda.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.

Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's



Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.: The group will begin reading *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana on January 15. "How do we cultivate hope to face each day? How do we find the energy to persevere, knowing things don't always work out okay, no matter what the platitudes say? How do we pursue the work of justice, knowing that the task is too big for any of us? *Hope* addresses these questions. It's MaryAnn's attempt to write herself back into a sense of hope after a grueling few years of life and world events." Contact Lyndi Phifer (lyndiphifer@icloud.com) or Ern Warner (ern.m.warner@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.: on February 5 the group will begin reading *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*, by Rachel Held Evans. "Like millions of her millennial peers, Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--to her, it was beginning to feel like church culture was too far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing Evans back to church." 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.

Creation Care Workshops on Zoom Every other Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. beginning January 21

Ever wanted to build a garden to support our native pollinator insects? Join the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane's Creation Care Working Group for a series of webinars on designing and building a pollinator garden at your home, church or community garden.



Dates and topics:

- Tuesday, January 21 – Who are the Pollinators and How to Attract Them
- Tuesday, February 4 – Building Your Soil, Building Compost and Conserving Water
- Tuesday, February 18 - How to Keep Mason Bees
- Tuesday, March 4 – Planning Your Pollinator Garden
- Tuesday, March 18 – Share Your Project and Ask Questions

Taught by Deacon Pat Munts and members of the Creation Care Team. Pat is a WSU Master Gardener, retired WSU Extension Small Farms person, and a well-known Northwest garden author and columnist. Questions? Contact Pat at pat@inlandnwgardening.com or 509-998-9769.

Watch the Friday Memo email for the Zoom link for these webinars.

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

Epiphany

A poem by the late Rev. Marj Denniston, Priest Emerita of St. Luke's

Holy Child, your light
Breaks through my darkness
Leading me to the place
Where you receive my gift.

My gift of love
Comes to the foot of your cradle
With the hope
Of being perfect
Because it allows me
To lay my love at the feet of others
Sometimes to be misunderstood
And stepped upon
Sometimes to be lifted up
And cradled
Even as your love lies cradled
In the hope of the world.

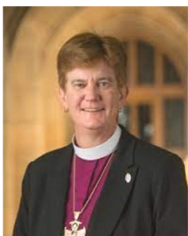
Thank you for receiving
The only gift
That is truly mine
To give
Thank you for the gift
Of completing my love
By accepting it.

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT...ON ANOTHER HILLSIDE.



Life Together

The Bishop Is Coming! Sunday, January 19



Bishop Gretchen Rehberg returns to St. Luke's for her annual visit on Sunday, January 19.

We look forward to welcoming her as she confirms youth parishioners Reese Johnson, Brian Kilmer and Ella Wickham.

We will also have opportunities to discuss with her the mission and ministry of St. Luke's in this part of North Idaho.

Vestry Highlights

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- The mini-capital campaign was a great success with \$47,000 donated to date.

Good Stewards: Girl Scout Brownie/Junior Troop 2158, Bill Kral and David Phifer for raking autumn leaves; Jeff Knapp for preparing and Mark Pederson and Ryan Pederson for painting Alison Library.

MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2024

- The mini-capital campaign continues to bring in contributions. Over \$60,000 donated to date.
- Approved monies for outreach activities.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.



Walk in Love: Stewardship Campaign Nearing the Finish Line!



Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are what make St. Luke's so special and enable us to carry out our mission. It is that time of year. We need to plan and budget for 2025, and we need your help. Our theme for 2025 is "Walk in Love," a reminder that all we have is because of God's abundance.

Your participation matters! Please fill in your pledge card, bring it to church and place it in the gold box in the nave, mail it, send an email with your pledge to the office (admin@stlukesdda.org), or donate online at

<https://stlukesdda.breezechms.com/give/online>. Your pledge helps us to plan the mission and ministry of our church life together at St. Luke's, and our involvement and outreach to the wider community.

Our goal this year is \$235,000. We've already received pledges totaling \$225,137. Thank you for prayerfully considering what your pledge can be for 2025. And thanks so much to those who have already pledged!

St. Luke's Vestry



Watch campaign progress on this fun chart in the reception area!

Life Together

Snowflake Faire 2024 Was the Best Ever — Again!

Women's Guild is thrilled to announce that Snowflake Faire grossed over \$6,700 — the most ever! Organizers are so grateful for the enormous amount of help from parishioners and sincerely thank everyone who lent a hand before, during and after the event.

About half the money raised from Snowflake Faire goes to church needs. The other half goes to outreach in the local community and beyond, such as The NIC Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul programs, Trinity Group Homes, Family Promise, The Village at Orchard Ridge, Episcopal Relief & Development, The Water Fund, NAMI and Union Gospel Mission. Here's to SFF 25!



Michelle & Reese Johnson & Ella Wickham worked the first shift at the raffle table. Five amazing baskets were raffled off to lucky winners.



Hilary Caisley and Marty Gustafson staffed Maggie's Pantry.



Barbara Webb & Marilyn Otto ran the Treasure Trove checkout table.



A delicious chili and cornbread lunch was served in Maggie's Café.

Diners in Maggie's Café also had their choice of a huge array of different homemade pies.



EDITORIAL POLICY

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

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

Life Together

St. Mary's Altar Guild

We thank everyone who generously donated to St. Mary's Altar Guild during the Christmas season, and we would like to take this opportunity to publish a complete list of all donations. Your gifts allowed us to purchase the beautiful poinsettias used during the Christmas season and will enable us to provide for the Eucharist and other needs during the coming months. Thank you for your generous gifts.



In love and service,

Jo Clifford & Debbie Lane, Co-Directresses

Al & Janet Anderson	In memory of our parents, T.R. and Ethel Day and Edgar and Lillie Anderson
Gayne & Jo Clifford	In memory of Albert and Jane Clifford and John and Audrey Magura
Brooke & Kevin Dunton	In memory of Ken and Gail Berry
John & Glenda Emsall	In thanksgiving for St. Luke's presence in this region; friends & family; blessings!
Jim & Julia Hossack	In memory of Clark McKee
Mildred Guldin	
Jean Imperatrice	In memory of Robert Imperatrice and in thanksgiving for my choir family
Bill & Kara Kral	In thanksgiving for family and friends, past and present
Barbara Lee	In memory of my son, Mike and my husband, Bob
Bill & Rita Leinweber	In memory of Judy Gatlin and Francis Hoggatt
Gwen Letson	In memory of my parents
Joan Lewis	In memory of Tom Lewis, Carolyn and Bill Alberts and all others who helped and performed in the Episcopollies!
Charles Lund	In memory of Gloria Lund
Cary Miller	In memory of Patty, Carla and Cheryl and in thanksgiving for my St. Luke's family
Marilyn Otto	In memory of David Otto
Rev. David & Carol Owren	In memory of our parents
Lisa Rimsa & Nancy Bergdorf	In memory of Virginia McDonald and in thanksgiving for her life!
Mary Robinette	In thanksgiving for Family Promise
Rev. Holladay Sanderson	In thanksgiving for Hal Worth, III, Simmons and Worth Davis and Teddy Tosh
Nancy Sue & Marc Wallace	In memory of Bob & Pat, Jean & George, Bill & Pam and Jim
Christopher Wigley	In memory of Robert Hoffman
Nancy Wright	In memory of David

Life Together

Women's Guild Meets Next on Tuesday, February 4

Women's Guild will meet next on Tuesday, February 4 at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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 Spiritual Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, January 14



The Men's Spiritual Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 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.

Greening of the Church Yielded a Beautiful Result

A dedicated and hard-working crew "greened" the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 21. Kids helped the adults with the boughs, made crafts, ornaments and Christmas cards, and decorated the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall. Afterward, the Altar Guild treated the hungry workers to a delightful soup and bread lunch.

The pine boughs were generously donated by New Leaf Nursery in Hayden again this year.



Thanks to
 **NEW LEAF**
- Nursery -

St. Luke's Greening of the Church was featured in the December 24, 2024, edition of the Coeur d'Alene Press.

Life Together

An Epiphany Treat at January 5 Coffee Hours

At this year's Epiphany celebrations, Ern Warner found the little Baby Jesus in his slice of King Cake at the 8 a.m. coffee hour on January 5, but he had to surrender his crown to Rod Kalberg at the 10 a.m. coffee hour. Both Ern and Rod were bestowed with good luck in the New Year!

The King Cakes were baked by Lisa Nunlist and decorated by a group of kids and parents from Children's Chapel. They make a great team!



Ern Warner and Rod Kalberg found the Baby Jesus at the 8 & 10 a.m. coffee hours.



Lisa Nunlist baked the delicious King Cakes for all to enjoy. The Mihara sisters, Cora, Lily & Esther, helped set up for the 10 a.m. coffee hour.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

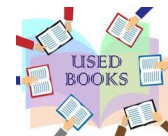


If you haven't hosted coffee hour this year, please consider doing so. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall with open dates in January, February and March.

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 Janet Anderson (602-909-5954).

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.



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.



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



Life Together

Make Your Space Reservation for 2025 Meetings and Events NOW!

Requests to use space are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and require the completion of the Facilities Use Application form, which is available at the reception desk in the parish office, at the media center in the Parish Hall, and on the church website. The form should be submitted to the Parish Administrator **at least 60 days prior** to the event or meeting.

Even if your group's annual event has taken place at the church in past years, please remember to submit the form to the office within the 60-day window. Requests by internal groups **will not** trump preexisting requests by outside groups, which are required to pay to use church facilities.



Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



For November's offering we delivered a carload of food and supplies to Spirit Valley Food Bank, and as always they were extremely grateful. There was a good variety this time, including personal hygiene items and a generous supply of much-needed food items high in protein. They now serve an average of 60 families each month. One family has ten members, including some children. Several of their families are living in tents.

January's contributions will go to the ABC Food Bank in Athol. Questions? Contact Jean Imperatrice (208-651-2405).

Suitcase Ministry

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Ephrata, Washington, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Oroville, Washington, are asking us for our gently used suitcases. These two congregations collect the suitcases and give them to children in the foster care system in Grant County, Washington. Often these children only have a plastic bag to carry their clothes. Since beginning the project in 2014, Trinity Oroville has collected more than 400 suitcases!



If you have any suitcases you may be donating this year, please consider donating them to this ministry. Suitcases can be left in the coat rack area outside of the Parish Hall. Kristin Keyes will pick them up and ensure they are delivered to the churches.

Greeting Card Ministry for Eastern State Hospital



The Spiritual Care Department at Eastern State Hospital is asking for support for the Spiritual Care Greeting Card Ministry, which offers greeting cards for patients and enables them to maintain meaningful ties with their families, friends and the community. Maintaining those essential ties significantly contributes to overall well-being and has the potential to result in a more favorable reintegration into society.

This service is continuous throughout the year; therefore, they would appreciate receiving greeting cards for various holidays and events. They accept cards from the following categories: birthday, thank you, child's birthday, get well, sympathy, friendship, thinking of you, encouragement, Christmas, Easter, Father's Day, graduation, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, and blank cards.

Please send your donations of Greeting Cards to Eastern State Hospital, c/o The Rev. Ana Georgescu, Religious Coordinator, 850 Maple St., Medical Lake, WA 99022.



JANUARY 2025

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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.