



## BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

MARCH 2026

### Reflections with Your Rector

Many thanks to everyone who made for a great Annual Meeting at the beginning of February! Our meeting was spirited, positive, and looking forward to a good year ahead together.



I am now sixty. It's one of those big birthdays with a zero at the end of the number. We tend to mark decades of our lives as moments of some transition or shift. At thirty, I was no longer in my twenties. These "big O's" are just some of the times we may take stock, review and reflect on what and where we have been, and consider who, what and where we hope to be in the next phase of life. So it is for all of us, across our ages. Thank you all so much for the kind birthday wishes, our celebration at coffee hour, and your notes!

Easter comes early this year, right at the beginning of April. So, Lent began early, mid-February. Our Ash Wednesday began Lent for us on February 18, the same day as the beginning of Ramadan for Muslims – a rare occurrence, with such overlaps happening every 30-33 years, and with the same starting date even rarer.

As we journey through Lent together in prayer, study, fasting, and service to others around us, I hope we can also be mindful of those journeying in their Muslim faith in God during their season of fasting and prayer. Let us pray for God's light, wisdom, love, and guidance to come to all of us.

For us during Lent, there are many opportunities for growth in our faith and relationship with God. In this newsletter and our Friday e-news, you will find resources – some online, some in booklets of daily meditations and scriptures, some in book and bible study groups, some in prayer and discussion gatherings. There are also some resources from our Diocese and from other parts of the Church. Nobody needs to do them all! But I want to encourage everyone to do at least one thing.

Lent is a time for courageous honesty and vulnerable openness about ourselves, in the presence of God who loves each one of us dearly. This is what is really at the heart of confession – telling the truth to ourselves, others

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### COMING EVENTS

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

- March 1—Dedication of new stained glass windows, during both services
- March 3—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.;  
Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- March 8—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- March 10—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
- March 17—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- March 19—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- March 21—Diocesan Spring Gathering Day, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Stephen's, Spokane
- March 22—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- March 29—Palm Sunday
- April 2—Maundy Thursday
- April 3—Good Friday
- April 4—Great Vigil of Easter
- April 5—Easter Sunday

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and God about ourselves. It's not about beating ourselves up. It's about taking responsibility for what we have done and left undone that has hurt or neglected others, God and ourselves.

Throughout this Lent, I am providing time each week for individuals to come for our Rite of Confession and Reconciliation, and for our Rite of Healing. Times each week are noted here in the newsletter on p. 4.

We begin and continue Lent with this focus in order to cleanse and reset our hearts and minds, so that we can enter more fully into following Christ Jesus as he gave himself for others completely and opened people to God's healing and life-giving love, even in the face of opposition that led to his suffering and execution on a cross. As we follow Christ, we also seek to live and give in ways that are like Christ. And the path that opens for us is our opening of ourselves – to entrust ourselves to God's loving presence with us and allow ourselves to feel God's presence, to let courageous love lead our words and actions, and to receive others and give ourselves to others with openness, deep respect, and readiness to offer caring support and vigorous defense of others.

All of this as we look forward with joy and trust in Christ's resurrection. New life awaits, and has already broken the powers of death. We have no need to fearfully protect our lives. We can give of ourselves with full abandon of fear, knowing the joy of union with God now and looking forward to full union with God and each other in the new life to which we will rise after death.

May your journey this Lent draw you closer to the heart of God.

*Fr. David*

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As we prepare to welcome folks from NIC to join us in practicing better ways to have conversations with people who have differing views, these little gems from Monica Guzmán's book *I Never Thought of It That Way* (being read across campus at NIC and by our Wednesday 4 p.m. book study group) can be helpful reminders for all of us.

"We look for puzzle-piece answers to the mystery of people, but they don't exist. So what we find, instead, are assumptions: guesses that *look* like knowledge, hiding gaps in our understanding and soothing us with certainty while we make the biggest assumption of all: that we can solve a mystery from a distance." (p. 104)

"That's the danger of easy answers beckoning to us from everywhere, baiting us with dopamine lollipops and coaxing us to not only judge each other *more*, but engage each other *less*." (p. 114)

"When we insist on our own perspective, we leave no room for others, believing that the framework we put around things is the only valid one there is." (p. 122)

"People are mysteries, not puzzles. This means we can never be sure about them. But we can *always* be curious. Conversation, in all its messiness, helps us explore where our perspectives meet." (p. 118)

"Talking points in all their forms tend to stomp complexity out of nuanced issues.... The less you sound like the talking head in the media or the talking avatars on social media, the less likely your conversation will follow the same tired scripts to frustration or contempt." (p. 132)

### Diocesan Prayer for 2026

*(This prayer can be sung or said, and is designed to be sung to Hymn 25 as desired.)*

O Holy One of steadfast love, the fount of hope in whom we trust; Draw near to us in our laments and bind our broken heartedness. God, you alone our song and source, sustainer of our very breath; In every chorus teach your way: do justice, mercy, humbleness. Our melody we lift to you, Creator of the sea and sky; Sing glory, laud, and praise utmost, to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# Prayer & Worship

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Annette Knapp	16 The Rev. David Owren
5 Ariana Khorsand	17 Lumarie Lovey
8 John McTear	19 Jeff Wickham
8 Cary Miller	20 Al Anderson
9 Griffin Adams	21 Nancy Sue Wallace
9 Lynn Brooks	22 Gwyn Rhew
11 Karen Skelton	22 Kara Kral
13 Liz Wilson	25 Tim Quinn
15 Tina Marie Bell	27 Glenda Empsall



### ANNIVERSARIES

1 Anne & Jonathan Sedgwick
6 Beverly & Ted Jordan
12 Kelly & Casey Campbell
16 Tina Marie & Bp. Pat Bell
23 Bob & Martha West
25 Kate & Derek Khorsand

*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

**Healing and Strength:** John McTear, Peggy Lembeck, Beverly Merriman, Sean Whelan, Julian Wheeler, Andre Smith, Bob Gustafson, Don Werst, Peggy O'Neal, Jo & Gayne Clifford, Joy Crupper, Barbara Webb, Martha Vilandr , Carl Vanslyke, April Miller, Scott Campbell, Henry Lane, Eric Cooper, Gretchen Rehberg, Dan Ayers, Shawn Manuola, Martha & Bob West, Summer Taylor, Barbara Lee, Jane Gortner, Kelly Campbell, Barbara Campbell, Kirsten Pomerantz, Hilary Caisley, Ginger & Ken Wright, Wayne, Mike Schueller, Ana Torres, Tom Rhoades, Martha Stewart, Peter, Phyllis Albee, Mary Ayers, John Empsall, Christopher Wigley, Carol Owren, David Brooks, Dave Ziegler, Ted Jordan, Jill Kalberg, Jamie Ziegler, Kay Lockhart, Cary Miller, Mary Kay Hanson

**Repose of the Soul:** Milli Larsen

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

March 1: **St. David's**, Spokane

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. David's Spokane. In this changing world we pray for the work of becoming a beloved community and for the difficult but important mission and ministry of creating a just and loving world. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Patton Boyle (3/3), Fred Jessett (3/4), and Kathy Lamphere (3/7).



March 8: **Continued Growth of Congregations**

Pray that God will guide the leadership of the church, lay and clergy, in making wise decisions that will contribute to the development of our congregations. We give thanks for the birthdays of the Revs. Mary Beth Rivetti (3/11), Pat Munts (3/12), and Diana Stoffregen (3/14).

March 15: **Stewardship of our Finances**

We pray that we may be generous in spirit and heart as well in resource, so that we might transform the world through our giving and transform ourselves through the understanding of God's generosity.

March 22: **Daughters of the King**

We pray for their selfless dedication to ministry in their communities. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Armand Larive (3/19) and Glenda Empsall (3/27).

March 29: **Commission on Ministry, Formation & Christian Education**

We pray for ongoing formation and discernment within the diocese.

**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)

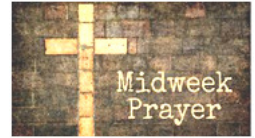
# Prayer & Worship

## 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 in the nave and on Zoom. A brown bag lunch and open conversation follows.
- **Praise with Movement** — Offered weekly at 2 p.m. Direct questions to Lyndi Phifer ([lyndiphifer@icloud.com](mailto:lyndiphifer@icloud.com)). All ages welcome.



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

## Rite of Confession & Reconciliation, Rite for Healing Available Each Week Through Lent

The Rite of Confession and Reconciliation (Book of Common Prayer pp. 446-452) is a private rite with your priest. What is shared with your priest in this rite is confidential, under the seal of the confessional. Discussion with your priest focuses on God's mercy, any ways to make amends for sin that has affected others or continues to affect you, and paths forward to lean into a new way of being.

The Rite of Healing and Anointing offers a time of focus on wounds and injuries in our lives, whether physical, emotional, social, or spiritual. We pray together for God's healing presence and power in your life. Again, what is shared is held in confidence.

During this season of Lent, as you pray and take honest assessment of your life, you may find yourself prompted by God to speak aloud what is on your heart and to hear spoken to you God's forgiveness and healing. That is what these times are for.

Thursday, February 26: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26: 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 12: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

You can contact Fr. David in advance ([priest@stlukescd.org](mailto:priest@stlukescd.org)) or simply come during the time set.

# Adult Formation

## 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 ([priest@stlukescd.org](mailto:priest@stlukescd.org))! Watch the Friday Memo email for details and updates about formation offerings.

## Learning Opportunities in Lent

**Sign up now for book study and bible study opportunities with Fr. David:**

- Book study on *We the Fallen People* – Wednesdays at 5 p.m. through March 25 in Fr. David's office.
- Bible study on the Book of Proverbs – Thursdays at 3 p.m. through March 26 in the Alison Library.

You can sign up to join the growing group for each opportunity on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or by emailing Fr. David ([priest@stlukescd.org](mailto:priest@stlukescd.org)) or the Parish Administrator ([admin@stlukescd.org](mailto:admin@stlukescd.org)).

# Adult Formation

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## Lean into Lent!

- Set aside at least one distraction for these 40 days.
- Fast. Give up something for this season to make space in the emptiness for God.
- Repent, return, let yourself be forgiven, forgive others.
- Give yourself, empty yourself, for the care and support and defense of others in need.
- Open your heart and mind to what God desires to reveal to you.

We have resources to help you in daily meditation, prayer, and following Christ during Lent.

- "**Holy Habits**" - visit [www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#read](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#read) to sign up for online daily meditation from Sister Monica Clare.
- "**Who Is This Jesus?**" - Scriptures central to our understanding of Jesus, in print and on our website.
- "**Living Well through Lent 2026**" - Daily Lenten meditations, in print at church and can be downloaded at [www.livingcompass.org/lent](http://www.livingcompass.org/lent).

Our website also has links to several apps and aids for scripture study, prayer, and meditation. <https://www.stlukesca.org/life-together/education-spiritual-formation/>

## Recommended Readings for the Whole Congregation

Fr. David is asking us to read together these books over the course of this program year, as we continue to build our strengths and habits for courageous and caring conversations as followers of Jesus.

***I Never Thought of it That Way*** by Monica Guzman – “Learn how to bring curiosity and courage to even the most difficult conversations across America’s polarized political divide with these actionable tools for navigating challenging disagreements.” We will join NIC in their community-wide reading of this book.

***How We Learn to Be Brave*** by Bp. Mariann Budde – “Bishop Budde explores the full range of decisive moments, from the most visible and dramatic (the decision to go), to the internal and personal (the decision to stay), to brave choices made with an eye toward the future (the decision to start), those born of suffering (the decision to accept that which we did not choose), and those that come unexpectedly (the decision to step up to the plate).”

***Transforming Evangelism*** by Fr. David – Episcopalians’ hands-off approach has led to a crisis of evangelism across our culture and with our own children. “How can Episcopalians reclaim evangelism primarily as an enriching spiritual practice?” How shall we practice evangelism in today’s multicultural but fractured society? Fr. David provides spiritual and conversational practices that set healthy habits for respectful evangelism.

***We the Fallen People*** by Robert Tracy McKenzie – “The success and survival of American democracy have never been guaranteed. What we must do, argues the author, is take an unflinching look at the very nature of democracy — its strengths and weaknesses, what it can promise, and where it overreaches. And this means we must take an unflinching look at ourselves. McKenzie, following C. S. Lewis, claims there are only two reasons to believe in majority rule: because we have confidence in human nature — or because we don't. The Founders subscribed to [biblical and philosophical ideas] that humans are fallen and their virtue is always doubtful, and they wrote the U.S. Constitution to frame a republic intended to handle our weaknesses.”

***The Bible*** – Fr. David recommends reading these books of the Bible this year

- ◆ The Acts of the Apostles— the great adventure of the birth and growth of the Church
- ◆ The Book of Proverbs— a collection of wisdom and guidance, good for our times
- ◆ The Gospels of Luke and Matthew— we are finishing Luke and beginning Matthew.
- ◆ The Book of Genesis— the starting point of all Abrahamic faiths.

# Adult Formation

**Room 4U Young Adult Group**  
**Second & Fourth Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Room 4U is a new group for young adults aged 18-25 who are seeking connection, meaningful discussion about the big questions in life, and some light spiritual contemplative activities. It is a safe group where all are welcome. Room 4U meets on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Alison Library.



Young people are encouraged to come enjoy a hot beverage, great fellowship and spiritual encouragement. Bring a friend! Contact Rachel Karns ([rachelkarns@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkarns@gmail.com)) for more information.

# Youth Formation

**High School Youth Confirmation Class on Zoom, February 8 through April 19**

On Sunday evenings from February 8 through April 19 from 7–8:30 p.m. high schoolers will journey through Confirmation in the Episcopal Church — encouraging and inviting our youth to ask the hard questions and grapple with their own understanding of what they believe and why. What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? Facilitated small group break-outs will provide time for conversation with peers of the same age. Meetings will be virtual via Zoom. Over the course of this 10-week class, we'll be joined by clergy, lay leaders, and faith formation staff from across the Diocese who will lead the lessons and conversations.



Confirmation is one of the sacraments in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation gives us the opportunity to learn about and then avow our faith, more fully comprehending the teachings and beliefs of the Episcopal tradition. It serves as a formal recognition of belonging and connection to this faith community. Register at: <https://campcross.campbrainregistration.com/?>.

## Confirmation Preparation for St. Luke's Kids in Grades 5-9



Parents, if you have kids in 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they are old enough to begin the process toward confirmation. Here at St. Luke's, we want all who are confirmed to begin with a good reading knowledge of the Bible, so we begin by walking through the Bible together. The Bible is this amazing, complex collection of books that covers thousands of years of human experience of God. In the Episcopal Church, we rely deeply on the Bible. We learn many of the stories in it, but how many of us have read the Bible and know "the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation?"

Fr. David will offer afternoon meeting times with young people ready to read and learn the Bible together. Please contact him directly ([priest@stlukesca.org](mailto:priest@stlukesca.org)) or sign up at church! We will determine a good meeting time together.

### 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](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com).

**DEADLINES:** Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to Kate Dolan—[kfd819@gmail.com](mailto:kfd819@gmail.com); Sunday bulletin & Friday Memo – Tuesdays by noon to parish office—[office@stlukesca.org](mailto:office@stlukesca.org).

# Youth Formation

## High School Youth Pilgrimage to Hawaii!



The Presiding Bishop's office announced that the triennial Episcopal Youth Event is canceled this year. In its place will be provincial youth gatherings. The Diocese of Spokane is in Province VIII, and they are headed to Hawaii!

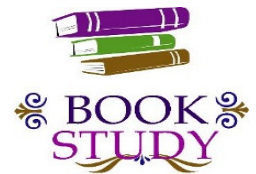
This pilgrimage is aimed at youth in grades 9-12, and will take place from July 27-31. The total cost of the trip is \$1,200, with \$400 of that coming from the family, \$400 from the church, and \$400 coming from the diocese. If money is a barrier to participation, the diocese will find additional funds for scholarships.

Please contact Alex Flannagan ([alexfl@spokanediocese.org](mailto:alexfl@spokanediocese.org)) if you are interested. Spots are limited.

# Learning Opportunities

## Book Studies at St. Luke's

**Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.:** The group is reading *Jesus & Buddha, Friends in Conversation* by Paul Knitter and Roger Haight. The authors “explore how a conversation between Christians and Buddhists can clarify and support a spirituality that is experientially real (mystical) as well as socially engaged (prophetic). From basic questions about Buddha and Jesus who were they? What did they teach? Paul Knitter and Roger Haight explore Buddhist and Christian notions about ultimate reality, human nature, spiritual practice, and the question of work for peace and social transformation.” All are welcome to join. Contact 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 reading *I Never Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* by Monica Guzmán. There are some copies of the book available. All are welcome! 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.

## Depolarizing Conversations: Turning Disagreements into Discussion

**A Two-Hour Training Offered by Braver Angels, Tuesday, March 24, 6-8 p.m., at St. Luke's**



This free two-hour event is co-sponsored by St. Luke's, Cardinal Reads (the common read program at NIC), and Braver Angels, the nation's largest cross-partisan, volunteer-led movement to bridge the partisan divide. This event aims to build skills that help prevent tense conversations from becoming arguments. These skills are especially helpful during these polarized times — with friends, family members, work colleagues, at school, and with those you encounter while leading civic renewal activities. These skills may also help holiday and family gatherings stay calm. Participants learn and practice the highly effective LAPP Skills: Listen, Acknowledge, Pivot, and Perspective, using non-partisan examples.

Participants will learn how to:

- Disagree with others without demonizing, dismissing, or stereotyping large segments of our nation's population or members of your community
- Listen to understand
- Speak in ways others will want to hear and be heard

# Learning Opportunities

*Braver Angels (continued from page 7)*

- Affirm the importance of building relationships
- Feel safe to practice those skills
- Take a “LAPP” = Listen, Acknowledge, Pivot, and [give your] Perspective when faced with challenging conversations

This training event will help us all put into practice the kinds of skills and habits that Monica Guzmán writes about in her book *I Never Thought of It That Way*.

Come if you are able! Even better, invite someone who has different views than your own! We will host and join with students and others from NIC, and with folks from the wider community.

## Life Together

### Highlights of the Parish Annual Meeting of February 8

Forty-nine members of the parish attended the potluck and Annual Meeting to hear recaps of 2025’s activities and plans for the future.

Mike Dolan, Brooke Dunton and Ern Warner were elected to three-year Vestry terms. Those present also approved a motion to allow Andrea Partington to continue on the Vestry for a fourth year to serve as the new Senior Warden.



Julia Hassock and Nan Palmer were elected to represent St. Luke’s as delegates to the Diocesan Convention in October in Pasco, and Michelle Johnson was elected as an alternate. Thank you to all!

*L-R: Returning Vestry member and new Senior Warden Andrea Partington; new Vestry members Brooke Dunton, Ern Warner & Mike Dolan.*

### Vestry Highlights

**JANUARY 22, 2026**

- Approved the 2026 draft budget.

**Good Stewards:** David St. Amand and Jeff Knapp for their ongoing work on the altar and nave; Lyndi Phifer for her contributions to Children’s Chapel, praise dance and NIC outreach.




**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**


- Approved moving \$650 from Rev. Mary’s fund to the Priest’s Discretionary Fund.
- Increased the NIC student music scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000 and decreased the number of qualifying students from four to two.

**Good Stewards:** David St. Amand, Ian Hicks and Jeff Wickham for repairing the water heater; Gayne Clifford for carving the new candlesticks on the altar.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.



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



# Life Together

## Building Bridges: Healing Divides Update



We are pleased to report that we have received another \$5,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane to continue our ministry experiments with North Idaho College.

We will be hosting two events, one in March and the other in May. The March event is called “Depolarizing Conversations: Turning Disagreements in Discussion.” It is co-sponsored by St. Luke’s, Cardinal Reads (the common read program at NIC), and Braver Angels, and will take place on Tuesday, March 24, in the Parish Hall from 6-8 p.m. See the Braver Angels article on p.7 for all the details.

Our second event is to host a Cinco de Mayo Mother’s Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 2, for clients of NIC’s Center for New Directions. We expect a great fiesta to honor CND moms and plan on games and activities for the children so they can give their moms flowers and cards and other fun things. We are in the planning stages and will soon have an idea of how we can all pitch in to make this a special event. The goal of this event is to develop deeper relationships with the families in the CND program so we can continue to offer help and support as we can and as needs arise. Keep an eye out for more details and how you can be involved.

Your Building Bridges: Healing Divides Team: Fr. David Gortner, Lyndi Phifer, Dave Phifer, Fr. David Owren, & Kristin Keyes

## Dedication of the Shepperd Nunlist Windows Sunday, March 1, at both services

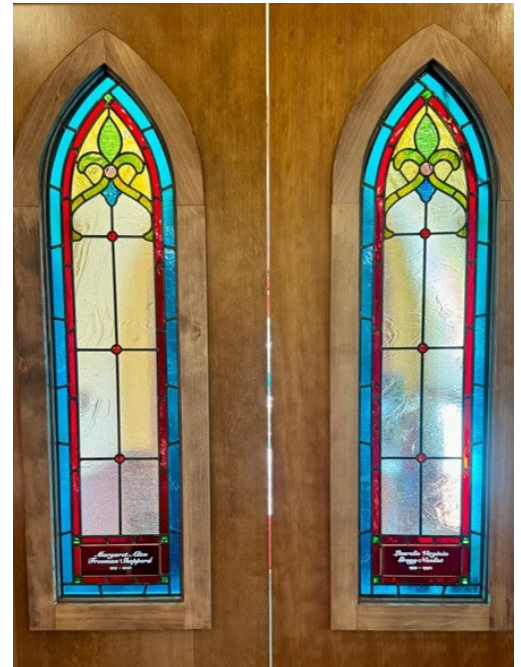
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church has been an historic cornerstone of community life in Coeur d’Alene for over 130 years. Much of its beauty is in its simple, elegant, museum-quality Povey Brothers stained-glass windows. They have drenched sun-lit color upon generations of worshipers since 1892.

In the 1990s, parishioner Lisa Nunlist envisioned two stained glass windows to be installed in the doors between the narthex and nave, welcoming all who entered the church. She wanted to honor her mother Laurelie Nunlist and beloved life-long parishioner Margaret Shepperd.

Between Lisa’s preliminary sketches, artist Debra Lane’s refinements, consultation with a master stained-glass team, and the carpenters and workers of St. Luke’s, the vision is now a beautiful reality.

The design was scrutinized and adjusted; every piece of glass, its color and shape selected to complement St. Luke’s existing windows. Besides Lisa, gratitude goes to: Debbie Lane, Ian Hicks, Mark and DeDe Pederson, Rod Kalberg, Michelle Johnson, and Alex and Colleen of Spokane Stained Glass.

Dedication of the windows will be during both the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, March 1.



## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Please consider hosting coffee hour! There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall with open dates in March. 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).

# Life Together

## Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m.

Women's Guild will meet next on Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In addition to the regular business to be discussed at the meeting, parishioner Kari Romeo will lead a discussion on the upcoming March 8 Gospel reading. All ladies of St. Luke's are welcome to attend Guild meetings. If you have questions or need a ride to meetings, please contact Andrea Partington (208-755-1829).

## Men's Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, March 10



Join the Men's Discussion Group Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guiding thought is "Be still and know that I am God." It's an evening of relaxing Christian camaraderie and positive conversation. A light supper will be served. 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.

## St. Mary's Altar Guild

Our passion statement:

Quietly serving Christ while caring for the beauty of the Sanctuary.

The Altar Guild needs additional assistance for 8 a.m. services. Help is on a rotating monthly basis and training is provided. Interested in helping? Please contact Debbie Lane (208-691-7428).



In love and service,

*Debbie Lane & Annette Knapp, Co-Directresses*

## Collect Your Treasures for the Treasure Trove!



As a reminder as you clean your cupboards, closets and garages throughout the year, the Snowflake Faire Treasure Trove can use your gently used items. Please save those items to be sold at the Snowflake Faire in November.

What sells well? Décor items (especially holiday décor), jewelry, household goods, collectibles, etc. However, electronics, furniture or damaged items rarely sell so please donate them elsewhere. NO CLOTHING, please.

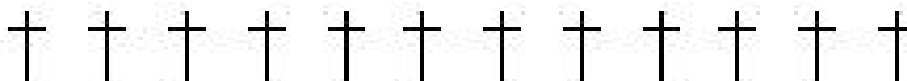
Many thanks,

*Andrea Partington, Debbie Lane and Kara Kral*

## Calling All Musicians!

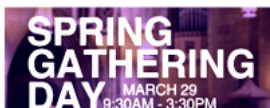
Choirs, bells, instruments! We are calling on musicians in the congregation to join us for this season of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and the joyous season of Easter.

Contact Choir Director Eric Betz ([choir@stlukesca.org](mailto:choir@stlukesca.org)) if you are interested in sharing your musical talents.



# Life Together

**Spring Diocesan Gathering Day**  
**Saturday, March 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



The Diocesan Northeast Regional Gathering Day will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5720 S. Perry St. on Spokane's South Hill. Lunch will be provided.

Gathering Day is for all in the Diocese and is a day of togetherness with friends from across the diocese. It is a time to connect, share and enjoy fellowship. Our diocesan theme this year is "Sing to the Lord a New Song" and this theme will drive our day.

Church leadership (Vestry and those who lead ministries) are especially urged and invited to come.

## Camp Cross Summer Camp Staff Applications Now Open

Camp Cross is hiring young adults aged 18+ for Summer 2026! Join a fulfilling experience serving the youth and families of the Diocese of Spokane and beyond. More information can be found here: <https://campcross.org/Camps%20and%20Groups/work.html>. Apply here: <https://campcross.campbrainstaff.com/>.



# Engaging Community

## Reverse Offering



Two large loads of food and non-perishable items were delivered to Rathdrum Food Bank for February's reverse offering. Food bank volunteers were particularly appreciative of the variety of personal hygiene items and small sized bottles of dishwashing liquid that were donated.

March's offering will go to Spirit Valley Food Bank in Spirit Lake. Please take a slip of paper from the little basket at offering time to see what specific items are most needed for our smaller local food banks. We generally collect non-perishable foods, basic hygiene supplies, laundry detergent, and pet food. Church members deliver the food at the end of the month. Thank you for any support you can give. If you have questions or would like to help with delivery, contact Barbara Webb (208-651-2405).

## "Undie Sunday" To Benefit Safe Passage throughout March

Daughters of the King is once again sponsoring a clothing drive called Undie Sunday throughout March. This drive supports the needs of the Safe Passage women's shelter. Please bring the items listed below to our box in the Parish Hall vestibule (in the same place the school supply drive was).

- \* Women's sport bras — small to x-large
- \* Women's underwear (packaged) — small to x-large
- \* Women's leggings — small to x-large



You can also write a check! Please make it out to St. Luke's and write Safe Passage Response in the memo line. You can put it in the collection plate on Sundays or drop it off at the church office. Questions? Contact Marcia Siring (360-929-1515).

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## Chorale Coeur d'Alene Presents "Music of the Moment" Concerts Friday and Saturday, March 20 & 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church

We cordially invite you and yours to join us and Chorale Coeur d'Alene for performances of our Spring 2026 Concert, **MUSIC OF THE MOMENT**. We are singers who love music, all kinds of music, and this concert features some of our favorites. From Mozart to Bob Dylan to Elaine Hagenberg and Dan Forrest, to "Theme from New York, New York." A bit eclectic, no? We bring our audiences our own picks, and hope you love them as much as we do.



Concerts will take place on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. in Coeur d'Alene. Tickets are available now at <https://www.choralecda.com/dbpage.php?pg=booktickets>, and at the door unless sold out online. HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM SINGING!

*Judi Horton & Tom Bacon*

## Suspension of Federal Grant Funding for Episcopal Migration Ministries and Other Refugee Resettlement Organizations



Federal grant funding for refugee resettlement programs, including Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), has been suspended. In addition to its long-standing work in refugee resettlement ministry, EMM is The Episcopal Church's convening place for collaboration, education and information-sharing on migration. Learn more about EMM at <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/>.

The following websites provide information about the actions against immigrants and refugees, how to donate to organizations dedicated to refugee resettlement, and where to write your congressional leaders.

- Episcopal News Service: <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/01/31/episcopal-migration-ministries-to-end-resettlement-work-lay-off-22-after-trump-halts-refugee-program/>
- World Relief — Spokane: <https://worldrelief.org/spokane/>
- Thrive International: <https://thriveint.org/>
- Church World Service: <https://cwsglobal.org/take-action/action-alerts/>
- Idaho Congressional Delegation: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/congressional-delegation/>

## Making a Difference: Refugee Support

St. Luke's members and groups continue to support refugees and the area agencies helping them make a good start in America.

- **Thrive International** empowers refugees and immigrants in the United States to rebuild their lives with dignity and independence. Through transitional housing and personalized support—all under one roof—Thrive helps families become self-sufficient members of their communities. Go the "Get Involved" tab on the website (<https://thriveint.org/>) to learn more.
- **World Relief Spokane**. For over 80 years, World Relief has assisted families displaced by violence, poverty and injustice – both in the U.S. and across the world. They work with interconnected solutions and wrap-around care that has true power to create lasting change. Go the "Get Involved" tab on the website (<https://worldrelief.org/spokane/>) to learn how you can make a contribution or volunteer.



You can also **submit a donation to St. Luke's** for us to pass on (put organization name in check memo line). Keep watch, and see how you can help.

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## Fleece Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Quilt Project

If you have extra fleece fabric you'd like to share, consider donating it to St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho. Your gift of fabric will go straight into the hands of devoted SVDP volunteer Bev Wilson, who will transform it into warmth, comfort and hope for community members in need.



You can drop off fleece donations at the St. Vincent de Paul HELP Center at 201 E. Harrison Ave. in Coeur d'Alene. For more information, call the HELP Center at 208-664-1453.

## Free AARP Tax-Aide Program Available through April 15



The AARP Tax-Aide program helps people of **all ages** with low to moderate income. You **do not** have to be an AARP member to use this free service. Locations are listed below.

- Lake City Center, 1916 Lakewood Dr., Coeur d'Alene: **Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Appointments required. Call 208-665-7329 to schedule. Do not call the general Lake City Center phone number.
- Dalton Gardens Church of Christ, 6439 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Dalton Gardens. **Walk-in slots available Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Drop in at the site to get on the same day's schedule. Call 208-255-0337 for more information.
- Rathdrum Senior Center, 8037 Montana St.: **Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Appointments required. Call 208-659-2464 to schedule.
- Kellogg Tax-Aide center in Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare Office, 35 Wildcat Way: **Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m. - noon.** Appointments required. Call 208-659-1827 to schedule.

Visit one of the locations to pick up a new Tax-Aide Envelope to complete **prior to your appointment**. You must complete the tax year 2025 Intake/Interview booklet before preparation of your tax return. Bring COMPLETED Intake/Interview booklet, picture ID (and spouse's, if applicable), all family members' Social Security cards (including children's), your 2024 return (if possible), and all 2025 tax documents (W-2 form(s), 1099's, etc.) to your appointment.

### EMOJIS TO USE IN CHURCH BULLETINS



Kneel.



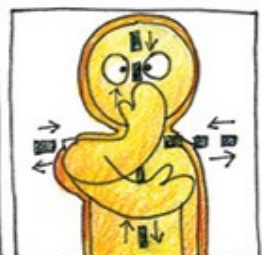
Stand.



No alleluias during Lent.



Genuflect.



Make the sign of the Cross.



Cough it up. Offering plate is coming around.



Exchange the peace (appropriately).



Laugh at joke in sermon, even if you heard it before.



Cry at story in sermon even if you saw it on the internet.



Silence.



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**Sunday Service Times**

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 a.m.  
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**10 a.m. services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook.**