



BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

APRIL 2026

Reflections with Your Rector

Come, let us return to the LORD...

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, so that we may live before him...

Let us press on to know the LORD, whose appearing is as certain as the dawn, who will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that give drink to the earth."



Hosea 6:1a, 2-3

Spring is bursting out all over! The grasses are rich green, the early flowers are greeting us in our gardens and in the wild, the buds on trees are fattening up and ready to bust open into new leaves. New life — new life!

We enter Holy Week, the most important time of the year. Join us in this journey with Christ Jesus through being hailed as king to being betrayed, captured, abandoned, put on trial, sentenced to death, and crucified, to his burial and descent into hell, to his rising again in new life. We journey through our own cries of "Hosanna" to "Crucify him," through our prayers for mercy and then our silence, and on to the joy of "Alleluia!" In Jesus Christ, emptying himself even into death, we see fully the depth of God's all-giving love even in the face of our cruelty and neglect. In, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, see the total triumph of God's boundless love that even death cannot bind or contain, and we know that God the life-giver is the final word.

Take the journey with us!

- ◇ **Palm Sunday**, 8 & 10 a.m. — "*Hosanna*" and "*Crucify him*"
- ◇ **Maundy Thursday**, 6:30 p.m. — "*This is my Body, this is my Blood,*" "*Love one another*"
- ◇ **Good Friday**, 12 noon — "*Give us Barabbas*"; "*Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they do*"
- ◇ **Easter Vigil**, Saturday 6:30 p.m. — "*Rejoice now!*" and "*Alleluia!*"
- ◇ **Easter Day**, 8 & 10 a.m. — "*Alleluia, he is risen!*" and "*I have seen the Lord!*"

As we enter this season celebrating Christ's resurrection, I want to share with you scenes of faith in the risen Christ

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO RATHDRUM FOOD BANK

- April 2—Maundy Thursday service with food donations collection, 6:30 p.m.
- April 3—Good Friday service, noon
- April 4—Great Vigil of Easter, 6:30 p.m.
- April 5—Easter Sunday services, 8 & 10 a.m.
- April 7—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.;
Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- April 12—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- April 14—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
- April 16—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.;
Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- April 19—Easter Egg Hunt, after the 10 a.m. service RAIN OR SHINE
- April 21—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- April 26—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- May 2—Mother's Day Luncheon for NIC's Center for New Directions, Noon to 2 p.m.
- May 15—Ladies' Night Out, 5 p.m.

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from countries we travelled in our sabbatical last summer. Around the world in every language, the cry goes up, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

Let this be our cry, all through these great 50 days of Easter, on through Pentecost, and through the rest of our lives. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

Fr. David



Cross at the top of the mountain shrine of St. Anthony, towering over the city of Laç, Albania.



Medieval fresco above the altar in the ancient monastery of St. Nicholas in Mesopotam, Albania – faces and figures unharmed by Muslim conquerors and later brutal communist regime.



Sunday worship with the Catholic congregation of St. Augustine & St. Fidel in Tunis, Tunisia - every year, the Marian sisters lead an interfaith procession honoring Mary and Jesus.



The dome of an Orthodox Church in Thessaloniki, Greece – Christ the Ruler of All, surrounded by saints and angels.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Mike Siemers	14 Beverly Jordan
3 Andrea Partington	16 Art Boysen
5 Judi Horton	21 Jill Kalberg
5 Mary Beth Jorgensen	22 Carol Owren
9 Clare Dolan	22 Marc Wallace
9 Nathan Empsall	29 Janet Crane
12 Casey Campbell	29 Robin Van Houten
12 Ron Stanley	



ANNIVERSARIES

1 Lisa Nunlist & Steve Flory
10 Lynn & David Brooks
21 Mary & Bill Robinette
26 Janet & Ian Hicks
27 Laurie & Bill Cook
29 Kate & Mike Dolan

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, Katie, Doug, Janet Crane, Cyndi Hippler, 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

Memorial Service: Milli Larsen

Repose of the Soul: The Rt. Rev. James "Jim" Waggoner (Ret.)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

April 5: **Church of the Resurrection**, Roslyn & Spokane Valley

We pray for the mission and ministry of Church of the Resurrection in Roslyn and Spokane Valley. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Kathy Prehm (4/4) and Mark Sluss (4/5).



April 12: **New Communities of Faith**

We pray for new communities of faith emerging in our midst: Especially for West Central Mission and the Methow Episcopal Fellowship. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Carol Forhan (4/18).

April 19: **Environmental Sustainability - Earth Ministry**

We give thanks for the gift of creation, the diversity and beauty God's systems created to regenerate, heal and sustain. Pray with us as we continue to discover and lift up the ways in which we are able to explore, teach and model creation care and life. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Mary Johnson (4/24).

April 26: **St. Mark's, Moscow**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mark's, Moscow. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Rachel Jackson (4/26), David Walker (4/27) and Gayle Gaither (5/1).

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m., with food collection
 Good Friday, April 3 at Noon
 Great Vigil of Easter, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8 & 10 a.m.



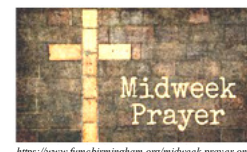
All services will be streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live with the exception of the 8 a.m. services.

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). All ages welcome.



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

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@stlukesda.org)! Watch the Friday Memo email for details and updates about formation offerings.

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

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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.

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

Room 4U is a 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) for more information.

Youth Formation

High School Youth Confirmation Class on Zoom, through April 19

On Sunday evenings 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.campbrainregisration.com/?>.



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



Youth Formation

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



Parents, if you have kids in 5th through 9th 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@stlukescd.org) or sign up at church! We will determine a good meeting time together.

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!

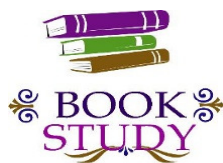
This pilgrimage is aimed at youth in grades 9-12, and will take place from July 27-31. The total cost of the trip is \$1,200, with \$400 of that coming from the family, \$400 from the church, and \$400 coming from the diocese. If money is a barrier to participation, the diocese will find additional funds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



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

Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's



Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.: On April 8, the group will begin reading *Primary Speech & Psychology of Prayer* by Ann & Barry Ulinov. "Prayer is our basic expression of religious belief. It is our personal and most private act of devotion. Words cannot do justice to the feelings, wishes, terrors, pains, or pleasures that we exchange with God. This book sets out to define prayer as both a means of drawing nearer to God everyday and as a coping tool that people can use in order to achieve harmony, balance, and satisfaction in their lives." All are welcome to join. Contact 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 *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) for more information.

If you are interested in being part of these book studies, sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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@stlukescd.org.

Life Together

Vestry Highlights

MARCH 19, 2026

- Approved the purchase of 10-12 new, lighter-weight tables for the parish hall.
- Approved a Parking Lot Use Policy and associated application form. The church parking lot is a ministry resource intended to support the mission, hospitality and community engagement of St. Luke's. The policy provides clear guidelines for limited public use of the parking lot for activities such as ballot initiative signature gathering, temporary parking for non-profit events, and other activities that benefit the community that are approved by church leadership. The policy ensures that all uses remain safe, lawful, non-disruptive, and consistent with the church's religious mission and tax-exempt status.



Good Stewards: Ian Hicks and Bill Kral for shoveling snow; Kate Dolan for her work on the newsletters and Facebook; Lauren McCroskey for her work on community engagement.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Welcome Erica Waterman, New Lay Minister for Christian Formation



St. Luke's is delighted to welcome new Lay Minister for Christian Formation Erica Waterman. Erica comes with years of experience in church settings around this region, as office staff and in ministry roles. She is energetic, eager to learn, and ready to build and strengthen our ministries for nurturing Christian faith and living.

Erica's first and most important focus is with you as families with children. She is excited to meet you all! She wants to learn from you, hear your ideas and hopes, and share ideas with you. She will be contacting you to find times to connect -- but please also feel free to contact her with invitations to meet. You can contact her at associate@stlukesca.org.

Erica began her career serving various denominations and local churches as a Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant. While working within the Presbyterian Church (USA), she answered a call to further her ministry, leading her to pursue her Certification as a Lay Pastor from Whitworth University, and completing an extended internship with First Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene. Following the completion of her internship, Erica spent several years serving as the pastor of a small rural church in central Idaho.

Driven by a passion for lifelong learning, Erica is currently studying at Phillips University for her Advanced Lay Ministry Certification, with an emphasis on Christian Education and Leadership Development. She brings this wealth of experience and her heart for education to the St. Luke's community.

Though she was raised in a military family and has lived across the United States, Erica has called North Idaho home for the last 30 years. In her free time, she enjoys spending quality time with her husband, their two daughters, and her grandchildren. She is rarely seen without her constant shadow—her faithful service dog, Belle, who loves a good scratch, cheese of any kind, and giving puppy kisses to her favorite people.

Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p.m.

Women's Guild will meet next on Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In addition to the regular business to be discussed at the meeting, parishioner Lauren McCroskey will speak about her work with young people.

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).



Life Together

Dedication of the Shepperd Nunlist Windows

On Sunday, March 1, Fr. David dedicated the two Shepperd Nunlist Windows in the new doors between the narthex and the nave.

In the 1990s, parishioner Lisa Nunlist envisioned these windows to honor her mother, Laurelie Nunlist, and beloved life-long parishioner Margaret Shepperd, whose niece, Marcia Siring, is also a St. Luke's parishioner. Between Lisa's preliminary sketches, artist and St. Luke's parishioner Debbie Lane's refinements, consultation with the master stained-glass team at Spokane Stained Glass, and the carpenters and workers of St. Luke's, the vision is now a beautiful reality.



*Left: The Margaret Shepperd window
Right: The Laurelie Nunlist window.*



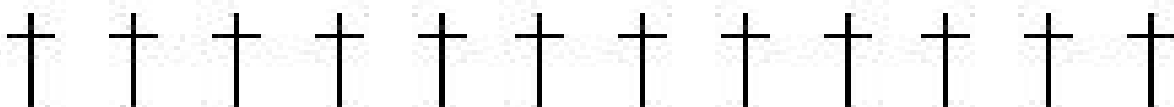
Fr. David dedicated the windows during both services on March 1.



Marcia Siring, Steve Shepperd, Cedris Shepperd, Lisa Nunlist & Steve Flory.



Fr. David, Lisa Nunlist, and Lisa's family friend and former St. Luke's parishioner Brien Saunders.



Life Together

Belle's Barks...a Column by Miss Erica's Service Dog

Happy April, everyone!

It has been a busy month getting settled in at St Luke's, but you have all been so kind in welcoming Erica and me that I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself properly.

First and foremost, I am a working dog. On Sunday mornings, you'll see me on a bright red leash that says "SERVICE DOG." That doesn't mean I'm off-duty when it comes to making friends, it just means my first job is keeping an eye on Erica so I can help if she needs me. As Mom likes to say, I'm a working dog...but I'm also her favorite child, and I take both roles very seriously.



Because I am a rescue, I can be a little shy — especially around tall men with beards or baseball caps — so thank you for being patient with me as I learn who is safe (spoiler alert: it's all of you). My mom is my emotional support human, and part of her job is helping me to be brave. You may see her squat down and slip a finger into my collar but I promise she isn't making me do anything — I'm just being reminded that I'm safe and not facing the world alone. You might also notice that I back up to you for scratches. While it may look like I'm walking away, I'm actually offering you my very best side. I'm not a big fan of having my head touched by new friends, but if you aim for the back, we'll get along just fine.

Now, the most important matter: treats. It is extremely difficult to maintain what Erica calls my "fightin' weight," which means I am allowed extra treats whenever I want them. You don't even have to ask her. (I am especially fond of cheese. Unfortunately, fruit is off the table due to allergies — tragic, I know.) My mom says it's shameless to tell you this, but I believe in clear and honest communication.

I truly love being at St. Luke's with my mom. You are a wonderfully welcoming group, and I am so glad to be part of this community. We're in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., so please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. Erica usually carries treats in her bag, which may or may not improve my people skills.

I look forward to getting to know you and your families. My pack will never be big enough, and I am always happy to make room for more. Until next month....

Love and puppy kisses,

Belle

P.S. If you are not a dog person, I am not offended in the slightest if you choose to ignore me. I don't understand it—but I can respect it.

Men's Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, April 14



Join the Men's Discussion Group on Tuesday, April 14, 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 is served. 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.

Easter Blessings

Life Together

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 19, after the 10 a.m. Service

St. Luke's annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids and families will take place on Sunday, April 19, after the 10 a.m. service. The hunt will take place outside on the church grounds—*rain or shine*.

Please bring an Easter basket if you have one.



Mother's Day Celebration with NIC'S Center for New Directions Saturday, May 2, Noon - 2 p.m.



As part of St. Luke's outreach to NIC's Center for New Directions, we will host a Mother's Day celebration for kids to bless their moms with a bouquet, small potted flower, and card, as well as a catered lunch and fun game time. Thank you to the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane and The Lily Foundation for funding support.

Watch the Friday Memo email for more information in the coming weeks. Please contact Lyndi Phifer (lyndiphifer@icloud.com) if you can with the event or make a dessert.

Women's Guild Ladies' Night Out Friday, May 15, at 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Ladies' Night Out on Friday, May 15, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is a terrific and fun way to share an evening with the ladies of the church, as well as the friends that they bring.

Please bring snacks and/or finger food to share, and any fun beverages you choose (alcohol included). Our movie for the night is the hilarious and ever hopeful "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Kari Romeo (208-797-1937).



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.

Andrea Partington, Debbie Lane and Kara Kral

St. Mary's Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

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



Life Together

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Do you enjoy coffee hour? There are several openings in May and June for the 10 o'clock coffee hour. Maybe you are new to church or haven't hosted lately, but could you do it at least once a year? If so, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The food doesn't have to be fancy — store-bought cookies and the like are just fine. When it's your turn, plan for about 40 people and feel free to use any food in the fridge left over from a church event.



Direct any questions to Barbara Webb (208-651-2405). And if you are new, Barbara can find someone to help you in the kitchen your first time. Instructions are posted on the kitchen bulletin board. Many thanks!!

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



March's reverse offering items were delivered to Spirit Valley Food Bank, which serves a large population, including residents of Spirit Lake, Bonner County and Newport, Washington. April's offering will go to Rathdrum Food Bank and will include all food donations collected at the Maundy Thursday service.

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).

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. 4th 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.

Engaging Community

North Idaho Reads 1 Million Pages Reading Challenge

The "North Idaho Reads 1 Million Pages" reading challenge is a free, six-month, community-wide literacy event sponsored by the Literacy Project of North Idaho (LPNI) inviting individuals, families, schools, businesses, churches, and all groups across North Idaho to collectively read and track 1 million pages. Communities throughout the region will work both collaboratively and competitively to log pages read now through August 31.



This project seeks to raise awareness about low literacy, provide connection through reading, reduce stigma, and support long-term literacy efforts. Audiobooks do not count for this challenge as this challenge intentionally focuses on the ability to read and process words on a page, whether that be a magazine, book, Kindle or iPad.

Click the "Sign Up Here" button on the LPNI website (<https://www.theliteracyprojectni.org/reading-challenge>) to register. Contact Nicole Frens, Program Manager of the Literacy Project of North Idaho (nicole@theliteracyprojectni.org or 406-880-1937) with questions.

CDAIDE Care Affair Gala Supporting Local Restaurant and Hospitality Workers Thursday, April 16, 5 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort

You are cordially invited to attend CDAIDE's spring gala, the Care Affair, on Thursday, April 16, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. CDAIDE serves Coeur d'Alene-area restaurant and hospitality workers by meeting their immediate needs, connecting them with resources for long term self-sufficiency, and ensuring they feel valued, respected and loved. Kate Dolan is a board member of CDAIDE and is its Volunteer Coordinator.

This sensational event boasts delicious appetizers prepared by local celebrity chefs, a buffet dinner, a free drink ticket and champagne toast, and silent and live auctions. Visit <https://event.auctria.com/f1ef3ea9-9326-4869-a96f-0cbe6d98277a/> to purchase tickets, or to become a sponsor of or donor to the event.



JOIN US FOR
**CDAIDE'S
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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

APRIL 16TH 2026 | 5PM AT THE CDA RESORT
Live & Silent Auctions • Raffles • Live Local Music

**AN EVENING OF SUPPORT
FOR LOCAL HOSPITALITY
WORKERS & FAMILIES**



**TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**

Admission includes: Sysco Chef Dinner | Local Chef Appetizers
Cocktail & Champagne Toast

Purchase Tickets: Ticket | \$75 or Table | \$600
<https://auctria.events/CDAIDECareAffair>

Engaging Community

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.

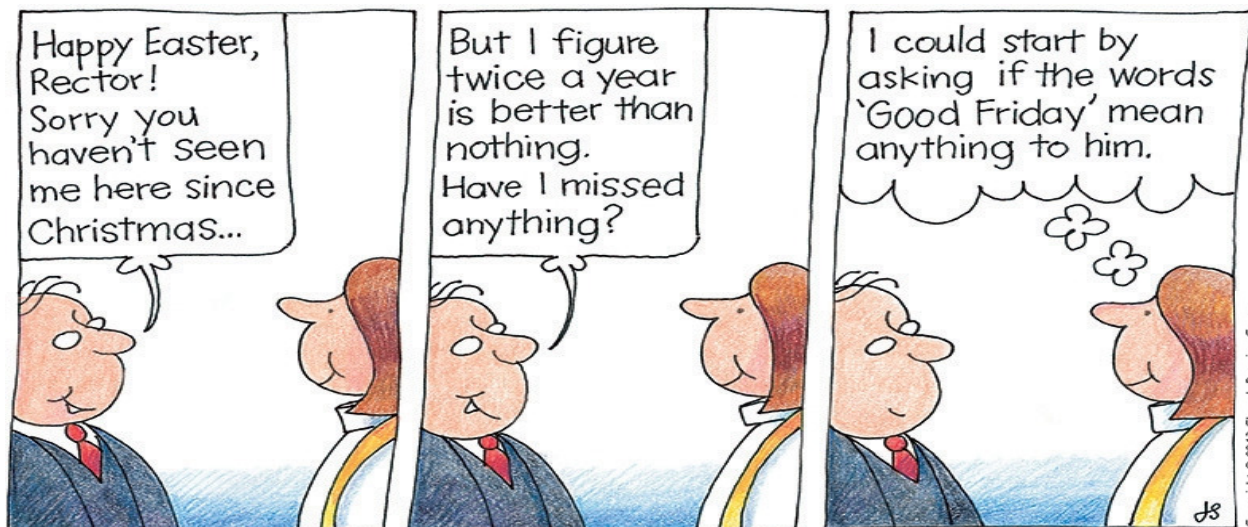
Suspension of Federal Grant Funding for Episcopal Migration Ministries and Other Refugee Resettlement Organizations



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/>





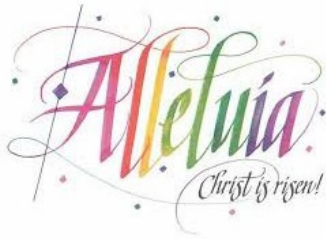
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Sunday Service Times

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