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JUNE 2026

Reflections with Your Rector

Welcome, Summertime!

We had a wonderful Easter Season culminating in the Feast of Pentecost, and we launched into summer with our celebration of Trinity Sunday. We celebrated our Lord's resurrection and ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit with trumpets, bells, candles, eggs, flowers, dancers, bright red and fiery clothes, and many languages as we boldly proclaimed "Christ is risen" with many Alleluias!



Now we come to the end of the school year, and to a somewhat quieter time at the church. I want to express full-hearted gratitude to our staff and our many members for all the ways they serve and lead.


It's our two-year anniversary with DeDe Pederson, our extraordinary parish administrator. Hooray for DeDe! She has done remarkably well, learning our strange and wonderful Episcopal ways, and she is truly masterful in coordinating the business and logistics of our church while also being a truly caring pastoral listener. We are blessed to have you with us, DeDe!

Eric Betz finishes his first year with us as choral director, and is ramping up to take on additional responsibilities I have held in selecting and scheduling congregational music for all worship services. He will be apart from us during the summer, but preparing for a great music program year beginning in late August when choir resumes. It's great to have Eric with us, and wonderful to see him build a foundation for music education through NIC and other regional settings.

Ty Peterson has been with us for three-and-a-half years as our organist. We are so grateful for Ty's support and leadership of the congregation in our singing of hymns and service music.

Erica Waterman, our newest staff member, is moving forward with parents and longtime leaders for an enriching year ahead in Children's Chapel and other events to foster Christian formation. We are so glad to have her on board, and we love to have Belle her support dog join us.

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COMING EVENTS

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

- June 2—Women's Guild, 1 p.m.; Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- June 6—NAMI CDA Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Luke's; Pride in the Park, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Coeur d'Alene City Park
- June 6-7—Lay Leadership Retreat
- June 9—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
- June 13—Peggy Lembeck 90th birthday celebration
- June 14—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- June 16—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- June 18—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- June 28—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the next newsletter will be a combined July-August issue.

If you would like anything included in the July-August issue, please send your submission to Kate Dolan at kfd819@gmail.com **no later than June 10**. Thank you!




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Rector (continued from page 1)

So many gifts of leadership and service we have in this congregation! We are blessed with a really strong and cohesive vestry and a core of people who have served tremendously as senior and junior wardens, pastoral caregivers, and organizers of what we offer in worship, learning opportunities, community engagement, and care of our buildings and grounds. Our choir soon goes on summer break but will return with fresh joyful song. You will continue to hear from our great group of preachers. To all these people – you have my deepest gratitude. Everyone, please be sure to thank these folks for all they offer.

We are under reconstruction! *(Aren't we all?)*

When you come to St. Luke's across this summer, you will see a lot of work happening to the outside. We are beginning the process of removing the aluminum siding from the 1960s to uncover and restore the original wood siding. Later in the summer, we will also begin improvement of our columbarium, courtyard, and entrance area, starting with replacement of the entry ramp, then the entry stairs. After this, the courtyard will be given a fresh arrangement with paver stones, seating for prayerful meditation, and attractive plantings. We look forward to what our space will become in its renewed state – and we pray for God's work in similar ways with each of us, as we are being made and restored more fully into God's image.



I invite you to this meditation from Trinity Sunday, as a reminder of how we know, worship, and related to God.

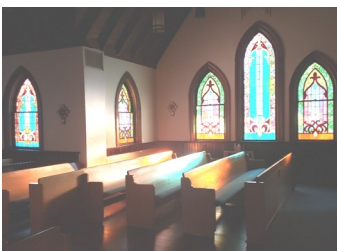
How do we even begin to speak of the mystery of God? We look for language to pull together what we have sensed, experienced, learned, and witnessed of God's actions. Our language is always inadequate. But it's through language that we glimpse and understand many things, so we use language as best as we can. But our Jewish siblings in faith recognize that language itself cannot contain or name the nature of God – and so, the name of God given to Moses יהוה is not spoken, out of respect and awe for what is beyond our knowing. Even the name's meaning is complex and layered: "the one who is - who causes to be - who is becoming," "I am that I am," and other interweavings of these times and levels of being and bringing into existence.

The Holy Trinity is our Christian declaration of how we have known and experienced this God.

- ◇ *This is the one God who creates all things — the Source of all, the Father/Mother/Parent of all things that are the offspring of God's generous creating.*
- ◇ *This is the one God who came uniquely among us united fully with our humanity. This is the one God who is completely self-giving and self-emptying, for love of God's created beings — the Son, the Beloved, God's Word made flesh, Emmanuel (God with us), the Redeemer.*
- ◇ *This is the one God who is flowing between and within all things — the Sustainer, Advocate, Comforter, Holy Wisdom calling to all hearts and minds, the Breath of God.*



We know God through relationship to us as creatures. Our experience in the Christian faith has been of God in three distinct but completely interwoven ways.



There may be times when you feel closer to one of these personages of God. There may be times when one of these personages of God seems remote and strange. But these three are all one. As the ancient creed of St. Athanasius puts it, "not three eternal but one eternal, as also not three infinities, nor three uncreated, but one uncreated, and one infinite. So, likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet not three almighties but one almighty. So the Father is God, the Son God, and the Holy Spirit God; and yet not three Gods but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord; and yet not three Lords but one Lord."

This summer, allow yourself to meditate on and sit in the presence of this triune God.

Fr. David

Prayer & Worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

7 Phyllis Albee	16 Janet Hicks
9 Ted Jordan	16 Tim Shepperd
9 Mallory Lemieux	17 Patti Pell
12 Ken Allison	23 Mary Kay Hanson
13 Peggy Lembeck	23 Jeff Hennig
15 Mary Robinette	24 Dick McLandress
15 Nate Wickham	30 Kathryn Hunt



ANNIVERSARIES

10 Meredith & Mitch McAlpine
10 Barbara & John Webb
13 Michelle & Ryan Johnson
23 Heidi & Ron Stanley

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 Whalen, Julian Wheeler, Andre Smith, Bob Gustafson, Don Werst, Peggy O'Neal, Jo & Gayne Clifford, Hilary Caisley, Barbara Webb, Martha Vilandr , Carl Vanslyke, April Miller, Scott Campbell, Henry Lane, Eric Cooper, Steve Gardner, Dan Ayers, Shawn Manuola, Martha & Bob West, Summer Taylor, Barbara Lee, Jane Gortner, Ana Torres, Barbara Campbell, Wayne, Kirsten Pomerantz, Cyndi Hippler, Ginger & Ken Wright, Mike Schueller, Tom Rhoades, Peter, Katie, Doug, Janet Crane, Howard Keller, Mark McTear, Phyllis Albee, Mary Ayers, John Empsall, Christopher Wigley, Carol Owren, David Brooks, Dave & Jamie Ziegler, Ted Jordan, Jill Kalberg, Kay Lockhart, Cary Miller, Mary Kay Hanson, Gretchen Rehberg

Rest of the Soul: Carolyn Bacon Dickson and Betsy Bacon

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

June 7: Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders

For all lay preachers and worship leaders, give thanks for their devotion and service. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Colby Roberts (6/2), Jonathan Myers (6/6), Christianne McKee (6/10), and Elaine Patrick (6/12).



June 14: Father's Day

Pray for all fathers, especially St Joseph. Let the example of his faith and love shine forth. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Megan Stoffregen (6/13) and David Sibley (6/13).

June 21: St. John the Baptist, Ephrata

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. John the Baptist, Ephrata. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Bob Totten (6/18).

June 28: Diocesan Youth

We pray for the youth of our diocese, that they know they are valued and loved members of our community. God, we ask you to be with young people as they experience sorrow and joy. Protect them from the dangers that are present in our world today. Give them and their families the courage to follow you as they journey through life. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Ashley Mather (6/25) and Richard Ward (6/25).

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

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). 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@stlukesca.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 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.”

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Adult Formation

Readings (continued from page 4)

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 through the 20's 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

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@stlukesca.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.

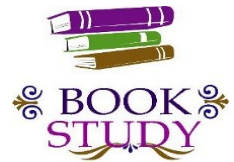


Please contact Alex Flannagan (alex@spokanediocese.org) if you are interested. Spots are limited.

Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's

Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.: The group is finishing *Primary Speech & Psychology of Prayer* by Ann & Barry Ulinov. "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." On June 17 the group will start Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water*, which is about the 12 Steps and spirituality. 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 *The Future is Peace: A Shared Journey Across the Holy Land*. The authors are Aziz Abu Sarah & Maoz Inon, an Israeli and a Palestinian who, after the war in Gaza started in 2023, became like brothers...a brotherhood born out of trauma. They have been interviewed by international journalists and have met with the Pope. There are some copies of the book available. When the group finishes this book, it will take a summer break and resume in September. 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.

Lay Leadership Retreat, Friday-Sunday June 5-7, at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center



Join lay leaders from across the diocese for a weekend of rest, worship, and play! This retreat will be a beautiful opportunity to connect with folks from across the region doing similar work.

Arrive 3-5 p.m. on Friday and depart after lunch on Sunday. If you live nearby you can go home to sleep, but you'll still be assigned a room. Bring clothes, toiletries, relaxing hobbies (puzzles, LEGO, crafts, etc.) and, if you have them, a Book of Common Prayer and songs, hymnals, etc.

Register online at <https://theepiscopaldioceseofspokane.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3318070>. Questions? Contact Mitchell Palmquist at the diocesan office (509-624-3191 or mitchellp@spokanediocese.org).

Life Together

Vestry Highlights

MAY 21, 2026

- Approved a \$500 sponsorship for the 2026 NAMIWalk Coeur d'Alene, a fundraiser for the Coeur d'Alene affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, which provides support, advocacy, awareness, and education for local individuals affected by mental illness. Fr. David & parishioner Kate Dolan are both board members of NAMI Coeur d'Alene.
- Approved a \$1,650 donation to the Coeur d'Alene School District Backpack Program, which sends food home each Friday to 700 students who face food insecurity over the weekend. It also recognized parishioner Janet Anderson, who independently raised an additional \$550 for the program.



Good Stewards: Janet Anderson; Janet Hicks for beautifying the church grounds with gardening; Rachel Karns for establishing Room4 You for young adults; Lyndi Phifer and team for coordinating the Mother's Day event for NIC single moms and their children.

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

Life Together

Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, June 2

Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, June 2, at 1 p.m. to discuss plans for the Snowflake Faire, which will be held in November this year. There will also be discussion about outreach donations.

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, June 9



Join the Men's Discussion Group on Tuesday, June 9, 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.

The group will take a summer break in July and August and will resume meeting on September 8.

Contact Dave Phifer (425-387-2882 or n801dp@gmail.com) or Ian Hicks (714-742-3412 or ianhicks@icloud.com) with any questions.

Party for Peggy on June 13!

Let's celebrate parishioner Peggy Lembeck's 90th birthday! Peggy's daughter is hosting a drop-in celebration in the third floor activities room at North Star Senior Living from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. There will be food and drink and no gifts are necessary. The address is 2340 W. Seltice Way in Coeur d'Alene.



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



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.

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Life Together

Sprucing Up St. Luke's

Restoration of siding: In 1968, much of St. Luke's historic character disappeared when aluminum siding was applied to the chapel exterior. The new cladding, a popular fad at the time, did nothing to improve insulation and has become dented and faded. Probing revealed the original shiplap siding underneath to be in good condition. Thanks to a \$10,000 matching grant from the Idaho Heritage Trust, the metal panels will be removed so the original wood siding can be restored. Part of the project will include repairs to the steeple base. This first phase of the project will tackle the west elevation and entrance; the east elevation is to be addressed next year with another grant. All work will be performed by a skilled historic preservation specialist in May. Repainting by donated parish labor will follow in June. This exciting project will secure the original siding into the next century and return St. Luke's to its historic appearance as completed in 1892. *Lauren McCroskey*



Columbarium area project: The harsh winters in North Idaho exact a toll on our facilities, requiring constant maintenance. The bases of the buttresses were left in their original rough stone format. Some of the polished blue marble used as decorative highlighting has come off in some areas. Added to this, the stairs to enter the church are disintegrating at a greater rate and parts of our ramp are also beginning to disintegrate.

Given that people are interred for perpetuity in the columbaria, there have been wishes expressed to have the area made more peaceful, along with space for family members to experience some quiet time whilst in remembrance of their loved ones. We are also adding places for flowers to be left in memory of those who have gone before.

Through a very generous donation from a parishioner, we are proceeding with detailed plans to add an additional columbarium, renovate the entire area to enhance beauty, and create a more peaceful setting and to renovate the deteriorating areas. Our ramp will be reconstructed to meet code and make access into the building easier. The stairs into the church and the landing will be expanded and brought up to code, along with a ramp constructed on the west side so we have additional entrance and departure capabilities for people.

The rendition of the project currently in the parish hall was our first, providing a good sense of what is to come. A revised rendition will soon appear. All being well, construction should begin by the end of summer. Please reach out to the Facilities Committee for more information. *Ian Hicks*

Congrats to St. Luke's 2026 Graduates!



Julia Karns

Julia Karns, daughter of parishioners Rachel & Erik Karns, graduated with a B.S in Nursing from Idaho State University. Julia was part of a Coeur d'Alene-based cohort and did her clinicals at Kootenai Health. She has applied to residency programs throughout the Northwest.



Kennedy Johnson, daughter of parishioners Michelle & Ryan Johnson, will graduate from Lake City High School on June 6. Kennedy will follow in her parents' footsteps and will attend the University of Idaho this fall, where she plans to study business.



Kennedy Johnson



Parishioner Brian Marceau recently graduated with an Associate's Degree in Nursing from North Idaho College, where he received a faculty-selected Leadership Award. Brian will complete his BSN in August. Brian completed his fourth semester internship in the cardiac ICU at Kootenai Health and will join the Nursing Resource Team there on June 28.

Claire, Caroline, Brian & Charlotte Marceau

Life Together

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Do you enjoy coffee hour? There are a couple of openings in 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!!

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



Oh my goodness, it's June already! Where has the time gone? It seems like it was Christmas just a few heartbeats ago.

Summer is my favorite season because Erica opens the doggy door and my brother, Bandit, and I have the freedom to come and go from the yard as we please. It's also the time of year when Erica puts the bird feeders and bee boxes back in the yard. [Editor's note: Did you know that birdseed is toxic for dogs? As it digests, it turns into anti-freeze in their stomachs and poisons them. We learned that lesson the hard way!]

Erica reminds me each time we head outside that we aren't allowed to chase the birds and squirrels because they aren't invaders — they're invited guests called to partake of the bounty in the yard. Turns out I don't need the reminding because watching the neighborhood quail flocks as they move back into the towering cedar trees in our front yard (their summer residence) is so much better than YouTube!

It has been a hoot and a holler playing with the kiddos at Children's Chapel. Watching them experience God on Sunday mornings has been both a privilege and a ton of fun! The best part about being a dog is that no one notices me noticing them from under the table, so I was able to catch a BUNCH of our folks being wonderful this month.

I especially love watching the Bigs help the Littles with their crafts; it is THE BEST! They're so kind as they guide little hands through difficult tasks. Erica tells me that's God's love in action. (Dogs are ESPECIALLY good at that!)

The love of the adults as they put together a fantastic Easter Egg hunt for the kids. And I didn't miss the way the Bigs helped the Littles find their goodies, going so far as to slip eggs from their baskets back into hiding spots so that everyone got some.

Our Children's Chapel volunteers being flexible as we try out some new activities. There's something special about watching all of you loving on our kiddos as they discover new ways to connect with God and one another by example. It's almost better than watching the quails in the trees!

The highlight of the month was meeting so many new friends at the Mother's Day event for sure! Hanging out with all of you and seeing the smiles on so many faces was a special kind of wonderful. Added bonus: I got to share the important work that service dogs do with some really awesome kiddos (who slipped me some very delicious vittles under the table).

Love and puppy kisses!

Belle (and Erica)

Life Together

Building Bridges: Healing Divides Update



Our Mother's Day Lunch for the clients of North Idaho College's Center for New Directions (CND) drew nearly 70 people for a fun time of connection and celebration. We had 18 families with 22 children attend from CND, as well as CND Director Louisa Rogers. Another 28 folks from St. Luke's attended to help with the lunch, all the activities, and to simply love on the families who were our guests.

CND is designed to assist single parents and displaced homemakers with community resources and exploration of career and educational paths. Many of these families have little wiggle room and live close to the poverty level and are working diligently to better their circumstances through the programs offered by CND. St. Luke's desire to meet and partner with CND is to be a source of support and help for these families as various needs arise.

The main goal for hosting a luncheon a second time (the first was in January) was to continue to get to know the families in the program, invite them into deeper conversation and connection about how we can offer support (potentially monetary for one-off needs that may come up for these families), and to continue to offer hospitality to these families, who largely have limited opportunities for socializing in this fashion.

Of the 40 people from CND who attended, 30 attended our first luncheon in January. There was a familiarity and great conversations happened with St. Luke's Parishioners and the families.

Dave Phifer noted that it was very encouraging to hear comments like "nice to see you again." He also was pleased to see how much more engaged our parish volunteers were at this second event, really digging into conversation with the kids and parents and fully participating in our various activities.

The lunch was catered by Las Chavelas and offered a delicious taco bar with all the accoutrements. St. Luke's provided numerous options for many delightful desserts. There was enough food left over that most of the families were also able to take a second meal home with them. A special thanks to Las Chavelas for catering the event and giving us a great price per head, which was much lower than what we expected.

We had a flower bouquet-making station, where we helped the kids (and moms) make bouquets of flowers for the moms. "A highlight for me was seeing the sweet expression on a 12-year-old boy's face as he came up to his mom with the bouquet he made for her," said event organizer Lyndi Phifer. A special thanks to Hansen's Florists who arranged for the flowers and greens, also giving us a great price for what we ordered.

New Leaf Nursery in Hayden donated marigolds, little pots, and dirt for the kids to plant a flower for their moms. A big shout out to New Leaf for their generous donation.

We had a photo booth from PhotoExperience, who provided a lovely Mother's Day backdrop and offered free prints for all the photos that were being taken. Las Chavelas brought big sombreros for those who wanted a festive Cinco de Mayo theme.

We were able to give out family bonding experiences again, with offerings from Triple Play, Regal Theaters, Cascadia



Life Together

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Pizza and Sunset Bowling. Sunset gave coupons for families to be able to set up free bowling games for kids over the summer. Each bag has a note from us about our prayers for each family, and who to thank for their bonding experience.

One of the families from our first event told us that it was the first time in many years that they could go out for dinner as a family using the gift card from Cascadia Pizza. The mom said they had the time of their lives.

We had games set up in the reception and library areas of our church and many parishioners were playing with the kids, while the moms got to enjoy fun “adult” time interacting with other parishioners and CND families. Dave Phifer also noted that once lunch was over, kids navigated to their favorite games because they knew where they were from the last event – Candy Land in the reception area and the Alison room for ping-pong ball games and cup stacking.

Kristin Keyes acted as MC for the event, and Deacon Glenda opened us in prayer. CND Director Louisa Rogers offered a wonderful welcome to the families, as well.

One key learning in all of these stories is the absolute importance of spending time in one-to-one relationship=building and holy curiosity.

We had a subsequent meeting with a group of people from St. Luke’s who had participated in our Spiritual Life Inventory, and were part of our Building Bridges: Healing Divides team to explore what we as a congregation can continue to do to support NIC. Even though our activities with the BB:HD initiative have come to an end, we plan to continue our interactions with campus visits, and we absolutely want to develop another event for CND folks. There is a strong possibility that we will work with NIC to host another Braver Angels session in the fall as well. If you would like to participate in further work with NIC, please let Fr. David know.

Your Building Bridges: Healing Divides Team

Fr. David Gortner, Lyndi Phifer, Dave Phifer, Fr. David Owren & Kristin Keyes

Camp Cross Registration Open

Camp Cross registration is now open! Many of St. Luke’s youth — and adults — have experienced the peace and wonder of Camp Cross for more than 100 years.

Summer sessions kick off with Leaders in Training and Women’s/Men’s Weekend in late June. Six youth sessions will take place throughout the summer for kids entering second through twelfth grades. There will also be sessions for young adults (19-29), families, and the third annual Queer Camp.

For information about sessions and to register, visit <https://campcross.campbrainregistration.com/?returnUrl=%252FLanding>. Financial assistance may be available. Please contact the parish office to inquire.



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.

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



May's reverse offering items were delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet. About 45 people or families visit the food closet monthly seeking simple food items. At the community pantry next to Father Bill's Kitchen they see easily double that number each month.

June's offering will go to Spirit Valley Food Bank. 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).

NAMI Coeur d'Alene Rummage Sale, Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Raising Funds for Mental Health Support

Find some treasures and help support NAMI Coeur d'Alene's mission to make the world a better place for people affected by mental illness!

Would you like to donate gently used items to our sale? Please contact parishioner Kate Dolan (208-640-6522 or kfd819@gmail.com) to arrange pickup. No clothing, shoes, furniture, or outdated electronic items, please.



Fr. David and Kate Dolan are both board members of NAMI CDA.



Coeur d'Alene

Pride in the Park, Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Coeur d'Alene City Park



St. Luke's will once again share a booth with the Episcopal mission congregation of West Central Abbey (Spokane) for prayer, conversation, and support for folks attending Pride in the Park, a FREE community event celebrating diversity and building a stronger and more unified community for ALL. The event will take place on Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be food, entertainment, and an area for community resources and local businesses to share their information with the community. In 2025, there were over 3,500 attendees at the Pride event.

If you're interested in being part of the booth team of folks who welcome attendees into conversation, please let us know in the office (208-664-5533 or admin@stlukesca.org). For more information about Pride, visit <https://www.nipridealliance.com/cda4pride>.

3rd Annual NAMIWalks Coeur d'Alene Saturday, September 19, starting at Riverstone Park, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

St. Luke's folks are cordially invited to become involved in NAMI Coeur d'Alene's third annual NAMIWalks supporting people living with mental illness and their families, friends, and loved ones. The 5K walk/run/bike/roll will take place on Saturday, September 19, beginning at Riverstone Park. You can learn more about the walk at <https://cdanami.org/namiwalks>.

If you're interested in being a walker, putting together a team of walkers, sponsoring or donating to the walk, visit <https://www.namiwalks.org/cda>. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the event, please send an email to namicda2021@gmail.com.

Questions? Contact NAMI CDA board members Kate Dolan (208-640-6522 or kfd819@gmail.com) or Fr. David (priest@stlukesca.org).



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North Idaho Reads 1 Million Pages Reading Challenge



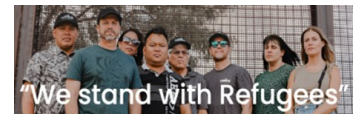
The "North Idaho Reads 1 Million Pages" reading challenge is a free, six-month, community-wide literacy event sponsored by the Literacy Project of North Idaho (LPNI) inviting individuals, families, schools, businesses, churches, and all groups across North Idaho to collectively read and track 1 million 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.

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://cwsqglobal.org/take-action/action-alerts/>
- Idaho Congressional Delegation: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/congressional-delegation/>

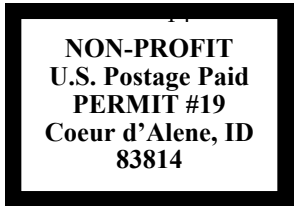


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10 a.m. services will also be live-streamed online via the Zoom platform and on Facebook.