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JULY-AUGUST 2026

Reflections with Your Rector

Blessings, friends — and a blessed Summer! I hope everyone is finding opportunities to enjoy these beautiful days. We have been blessed with a relatively cool summer so far, especially compared to many places around the world that are facing record heat. For all who are taking some vacation time, we wish you joy and refreshment, and we pray for safe travels.



You may have noticed our church looks a little rough right now. The aluminum siding from the early 1960s has now been removed. The wood siding underneath is sound and strong, and will be getting prepped with care for fresh paint. Missing wood features and details will be re-created. There's a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for volunteers to paint the exterior once it is ready — likely in early August. Please sign up — especially those who are younger!

Just as we begin to finish the exterior restoration and refreshing, we will be turning to the planned work on the columbarium, courtyard, and entries. Late summer and early fall will involve some deep, step-by-step surgery to these areas. Things will look a bit rough at different points. And then, they will begin to take shape. And then, they will look and feel fresh and new.

Many in our church community have faced surgery and weathered the often lengthy path of recovery. We ready ourselves. We place ourselves with trust into the hands of caring and skilled medical teams. We come through the other side with gratitude. We return home more quickly than expected. And we then face the long path of healing from the wounds of surgery and the pain of a body fighting to restore itself. Our bishop, Gretchen Rehberg, told me that she wished her surgical team had better prepared her

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COMING EVENTS

JULY'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
ABC FOOD BANK

AUGUST'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
RATHDRUM FOOD BANK

July 7—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
 July 12—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
 July 16—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.
 July 21—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
 July 26—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
 August 4—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
 August 8—Retreat Center ribbon-cutting at Camp Cross
 August 9—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
 August 18—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
 August 20—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 August 23—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.

Next Newsletter Issue Will Be in September

The next newsletter will come out in early September. Please send all submissions for the September issue to newsletter editor Kate Dolan (kfd819@gmail.com) by August 10.



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for just how hard the recovery process would be after her lung replacements. “You literally have to learn how to breathe all over again.” Bp. Gretchen is now doing remarkably well, is no longer needing the oxygen tank she lived with regularly for years, and is spending great days with campers at Camp Cross.

Restoration, reconstruction, renewal — these take time, attention, effort, and a spirit of receiving. We know this from our own experiences. Surgeries and medical care. New arrivals into our families. Changes in jobs or relationships. All of these things stretch us and teach us new things. And, we move best through these things when we are not alone. When others are with us, we heal more quickly, adjust to big changes more easily, commit to new routines more steadily, and find new paths more willingly.

Our sign on the street during construction is for the wider public — but it is also for us. We recognize that we are always under reconstruction. Maybe we are being drawn back to a healthier and more wholesome way of being. Maybe we are being pulled forward into a new way of being. God’s continuing work with us is like the master builder, the master potter, the composer — shaping and reshaping as we become what we most truly are, uniquely made in and reflecting God’s image. The journey of our reconstruction goes better for us when we are together, open with each other in the ever-emerging nature of our lives — imperfections and all — to be seen and known as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

The scripture on the sign is also a scripture we regularly hear at Noonday Prayer: *“If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come!”*

While these big visible projects are happening, we are also doing some deep work of clean-up and fresh preparation in our ministries and programs. At our vestry retreat, we identified four areas where we are focusing energy on strategic planning and development of programs and partnership:

Building Futures – focusing energy to help people build their present lives and future paths, through partnerships we are already developing with NIC, Heritage Health, and others.

Young Adults & Youth – building connections, meaningful relationships, resource direction, and advocacy related to needs for health and community among youth and young adults, in our congregation and in partnership with nearby churches and organizations.

Church Partnerships – opening and anchoring durable partnerships with churches for specific events and ministries.

Spiritual Growth – continuing, stretching, and deepening our group offerings for study, discussion, and prayer.

Along with building relationships, our staff and lay leaders are planning for a great set of events in the coming fall and

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Important Announcement

Fr. David has been named a candidate for election as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas!

Fr. David is among four candidates for possible election. The three other candidates are the Rev. Grant Ambrose from Pennsylvania, the Rev. Whitney Rice from Missouri, and the Rev. Lisa Senuta from Kansas. All candidates have excellent experience and bring unique gifts. People across the Diocese of Kansas will get to meet and greet the four candidates in mid-September, and will get to ask questions of the candidates. Representatives will elect their next bishop at their Diocesan Convention in late October. The consecration of their new bishop will happen in late April 2027.



Fr. David said, “I am honored to be named as one of the candidates for bishop in Kansas. I have felt a call to this kind of wider leadership in our beloved Episcopal Church. I also have a deep love for our congregation here at St. Luke’s, and I feel happily fulfilled and at home serving here in this community as long as God wills.” We pray for the Diocese of Kansas and all the candidates.

Fr. David has also been assigned as Chair for the Executive Council Subcommittee on Mental Health and Wellness. This enduring subcommittee will oversee and help direct mental health ministries and educational efforts for the Episcopal Church.

Prayer & Worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Lisa Nunlist | 15 Julia Hossack |
| 6 Chris Empsall | 20 Wesley Van Houten |
| 7 John Albee | 24 Mitch McAlpine |
| 8 Sue Lee | 24 Martha West |
| 11 Roberta Bozarth | 27 Ann Rule |
| 11 Bob Gustafson | 28 Ginger Wright |
| 14 Julian Wheeler | 29 Kennedy Johnson |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 The Rev. Holladay & Sandy Sanderson
- 15 Sarah & Julian Wheeler
- 18 Deborah & Bob Douglas
- 19 Marty & Bob Gustafson
- 22 Nan & Dave Palmer
- 25 Carol & The Rev. David Owren



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Melinda Hennig | 17 Robin Rutherford |
| 2 Hilary Caisley | 19 Kate Dolan |
| 3 Debbie Lane | 21 Zoey Allison |
| 6 Bob Douglas | 26 Ken Wright |
| 10 Gordon Radford | 28 Declan Campbell |
| 12 Karen Olson | 29 Becca Siemers |
| 17 Farley Green | 31 Tom Bacon |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Hilary & Bill Caisley
- 13 Cary & Jim Miller
- 20 Dianne & David Pratt
- 20 Wanda & Tim Quinn
- 25 Becca & John Siemers

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, Janet Crane, Martha Vilandré, Carl Vanslyke, April Miller, Scott Campbell, Henry Lane, Eric Cooper, Steve Gardner, Dan Ayers, Hal Worth, 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, Phyllis Albee, Mary Ayers, John Empsall, Christopher Wigley, David Brooks, Dave & Jamie Ziegler, Ted Jordan, Jill Kalberg, Mary Kay Hanson, Gretchen Rehberg

Rest of the Soul: Shawn Manuola (sister of John McTear) , Howard Keller

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.funbirmingham.org/midweek-prayer-on>

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

July 5: **Bishops**

We give thanks for all Bishops and for our Bishop Gretchen Rehberg and her ministry. We also give thanks for the ministry of the Bishops of the Episcopal Church. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg (7/7) and The Revs. Barbara Novak (7/4), Paul Phillips (7/7), and Heather VanDeventer (7/7).



July 12: **The Standing Committee**

We give thanks for the elected clergy and lay members of our Standing Committee who serve the wider diocesan community with a focus on issues of property and ordination. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. James DeDeaux (7/12), Susan Price (7/12), and Lynn Yule (7/12).

July 19: **St. James'**, Cashmere & Pullman

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. James', Cashmere and St. James', Pullman. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Arlen Farley (7/15), Susan Cleveley (7/16), Bill Osborne (7/16), and Robert Gohl (7/19).

July 26: **St. Anne's**, Omak

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Anne's, Omak. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Frances Twiggs (7/22) and John MacDonald (7/27).

August 2: **Deacons of the Diocese**

We give thanks for the Deacons of our diocese, for their ministry, and for being a visible symbol and reminder of the life of faith we are all invited into. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Kenneth Green (8/6).

August 9: **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

We give thanks for the many ways that UTO grants significantly impact our lives. We pray that more will be encouraged in daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

August 16: **St. Mary's**, Bonners Ferry

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mary's, Bonners Ferry. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Paula Whitmore (8/12) and Elisabeth Kuhr (8/18).

August 23: **Discipleship**

Gracious God, we give thanks for growing minds and hearts, and for the courage to answer your call. We pray that we may listen deeply, that we may learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest, and turn our hearts and feet toward you. Speak Lord, we are listening. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Jane Schmoetzer (8/24).

August 30: **Redeemer**, Republic

We pray for the mission and ministry of Redeemer, Republic.

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

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winter — including hymn-sings and evensong services, a new afternoon child-play dropoff, studies of Acts and the minor prophets, and discussion times for people seeking to reconstruct their faith and spiritual life.

What a great time to invite people to come to St. Luke's, as we continue to open ourselves to Christ's life-giving restoration and renewal in each of us and in all of us together as a community seeking to share God's unbounded love with people all around us! Come, let us build together.

Fr. David

Adult 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.

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@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!

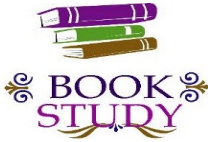
This pilgrimage is aimed at youth in grades 9-12, and will take place from July 27-31. The total cost of the trip is \$1,200, with \$400 of that coming from the family, \$400 from the church, and \$400 coming from the diocese. If money is a barrier to participation, the diocese will find additional funds 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.: In July the group will finish reading Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water*, which is about the 12 Steps and spirituality. The group will be on hiatus in August and will resume in September. 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 on hiatus until 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.

Life Together

Vestry Highlights

VESTRY RETREAT AT CAMP CROSS, JUNE 13

In prayer and conversation, the vestry delved more deeply into key parts of St. Luke's vision and mission. What do we mean by the "overflowing, boundless love" of Jesus, and how do we share and celebrate that love? How have we, and how will we, practice "deliberate discipleship," "courageous conversations," "purposeful partnerships," and "authentic action" here in North Idaho?



Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Guild Meets on Summer Break



Women's Guild will be on hiatus during July and August. Monthly meetings will resume in September. 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 On Summer Hiatus

The Men's Discussion Group is taking a summer break in July and August and will resume monthly meetings 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.



Enjoy Camp Cross This Summer



Sessions are taking 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.

Life Together

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

Pride in the Park a Wonderful Event



St. Luke's had a great presence at Coeur d'Alene's Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 6. Good conversations, care, support, and loving-kindness were offered during a peaceful and celebratory day.

St. Luke's shared booth space with members of the congregation of West Central Abbey, a neighborhood worshipping community in Spokane exploring faith, creativity, and justice together.



L-R: Jill Kalberg, Kim & Chris Morgan, Jean Imperatrice, and Kara Kral.



L-R: Christopher Wigley, Chris Morgan, Jean Imperatrice, Steve Flory, Brooke Dunton, Lisa Nunlist, Kara Kral, Fr. David, and Cassie Gortner.



Bp. Pat Bell (Ret. Diocese of Eastern Oregon), former rector of St. Luke's.

Thank You from Patti Pell

Parishioner Patti Pell shares that when she received a birthday postcard from St. Luke's last month, she was nearly moved to tears. She had been very ill the week or two prior and felt quite discouraged.

Patti said the card was perfect timing! She said, "Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday card. Every message truly means so much to me, and I'm so grateful for your kind words and thoughtfulness."



Life Together

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Do you enjoy 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 Marcia Siring (360-929-1515). Instructions are posted on the kitchen bulletin board. Thanks!

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



Erica and I were talking about how wonderful the last three months have been working and worshipping with all of you! Thank you so much for your kind welcome and for your open, willing feedback on the Children's Chapel program. Both have been important factors as we have settled in a bit.

LOTS of you have asked what kind of work I do for Erica and since she's always happy to share how amazing I am, I thought it time for a quick summary. Erica has Multiple Sclerosis, and one of the uglier symptoms it causes is balance issues. It's my job to correct Erica's balance and you'll see me do that by bumping up next to her leg. She also has micro-seizures in her spinal cord that cause her to freeze up at random moments, just like one of those fainting goats that drop when you startle them (it's actually referred to as Fainting Goat Syndrome). It's my job to sense them coming and to make sure Erica is sitting before the seizure so that she doesn't fall. If I can't get her on the ground before the seizure, it's my job to catch her and then protect her head. I even help her get back off the floor once the danger has passed. If you see Erica sitting during service or fellowship, or if she suddenly sits on the nearest pew, chair, or bare spot on the floor, it's because I told her she has to, and I don't take no for an answer.

Erica is working on monthly summer intergenerational nights that will require some volunteers to help with set up, and tear down. **You do not need to have completed Safe Church training** to volunteer at these events. Please let Erica know if you'd like to help (associate@stlukes.org or 208-704-0053).

We're also ramping up to offer a bi-weekly community preschool drop and play program featuring Godly Play. **You will need to be Safe Church trained** (it's all online and doesn't take too much time) and training will be provided on Godly Play curriculum. Again, please let Erica know if you'd like to help. In some ways, we'll be working around the availability of volunteers as we develop a schedule for the program.

Erica is sending out a monthly Children's Chapel newsletter with all kinds of good "stuff" to celebrate the children and to keep everyone informed. Please let her know if you'd like to be added to the distribution list!

As always, the best part of being a church dog is that no one notices me noticing their awesomeness. Not even Michelle and Barbara, who so sweetly saw to Pentecost when Erica was supposed to be at Camp Cross. I surprised the men hanging a new television in the Children's Chapel area with a quiet thank you for their hard work getting it mounted. I cannot wait to use it to sing songs with the kiddos!! I may not be able to speak the words, but my heart is going to soar hearing them sing . . . I just know it!

I've also noticed that the kids are getting a little bit braver about talking in Chapel. Keep it up, my friends! That's God giving you words to say that need to be heard. You're all amazing!

Love and puppy kisses,

Belle (and Erica)

Life Together

Music Ministry Invitation — Festival Choir!

Hello St. Luke's! I'm here to announce an exciting new opportunity to be involved with music in our church community. I understand that, for many folks, committing to weekly rehearsals and Sunday anthems for nine months can be a lot to add to already busy schedules. To help accommodate those of us who might like to sing (or might be encouraged to sing) but can't commit to weekly choir, I'm introducing the Festival Choir!



Festival Choir would join with our regular church choir four to five times a year for special holy days. "What would this require of me?" you might ask. The regular commitment would be one rehearsal per month on the second Wednesday of each month. How reasonable!

What musical skill do I need? Only an ability to match pitch with those around you and a willingness to learn and grow. I encourage you to reach out to me regardless of your musical abilities. Many of you have given wonderful feedback on the sound of our choir this year, and I've got to say . . . you all sound great in the congregation as well! It would be a wonderful gift to be able to celebrate a few of our church holidays with your voices adding to our sound.

Thank you for considering singing in the Festival Choir. Please contact me with any questions. And if you want to be part of our regular weekly choir, you are certainly more than welcome!

Eric Betz (choir@stlukesda.org)

Festival Choir Season Schedule 2026/2027

Generally, one rehearsal per month on the second Wednesday of each month

August

Saturday 8/22 - Retreat - 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
Rehearsal time with interspersed breaks, fellowship, and food!

September

Wednesday 9/9 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

October

Wednesday 10/14 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

November

Sunday 11/1 - **Sunday Sing! (All Saints)** - 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 11/11 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

December

Wednesday 12/9 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday 12/13 - **Sunday Sing! (Advent L&C)** - 9:15 a.m.
Thursday 12/24 - **Christmas Eve** - 6:45 p.m.

January

Wednesday 1/13 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

February

Wednesday 2/10 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

March

Wednesday 3/10 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/17 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
*Sunday 3/21 - **Sunday Sing! (Palm Sunday)** - 9:15 a.m.*
Sunday 3/28 - **Sunday Sing! (Easter)** - 9:15 a.m.

April

Wednesday 4/14 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

May

Wednesday 5/12 - Rehearsal - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday 5/16 - **Sunday Sing! (Pentecost)** - 9:15 a.m.

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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Engaging Community

Reverse Offering



June's reverse offering items were delivered to Spirit Valley Food Bank. Parishioner Brooke Dunton, who delivered a full carload of items, was greeted with a hug from food bank staff who said, "Please thank everyone who donates to our food bank. We so appreciate it!"

July's offering will go to ABC (Athol-Bayview-Careywood) Food Bank. August's offering will go to Rathdrum 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).

A Huge Thank You from NAMI Coeur d'Alene

NAMI Coeur d'Alene held its 3rd Annual Rummage Sale at St. Luke's on Saturday, June 6. Being able to set up and hold the sale in the comfort of the Parish Hall was a tremendous upgrade from the St. Vincent de Paul HELP Center asphalt parking lot, where temperatures hovered in the high 90's during the 2025 sale.

Leftover items were offered for sale during both coffee hours on June 7, which nearly doubled the amount raised! The net profit from both days was just under \$1,500, which is triple the amount raised during each of the previous two sales. In addition to finding great bargains, St. Luke's parishioners donated literally hundreds of dollars to support NAMI CDA's mission to make the world a better place for people affected by mental illness.

The Board of Directors of NAMI CDA is so very grateful for St. Luke's support.



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



Third 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, or 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).



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



Engaging Community

North Idaho Reads Reading Challenge Has Surpassed 1 Million Pages



The "North Idaho Reads 1 Million Pages" reading challenge has surpassed 1 million pages and is now officially the 2 Million Page Challenge! The 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 2 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/>

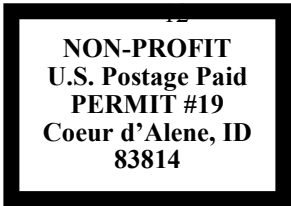


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