



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH — PRAYER, RESPECT, HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS Luke 2:10

NOVEMBER 2026

Reflections with Your Rector



We are in full swing with beautiful fall colors, the deluge of dropping leaves, and all the fall events and activities. Don't forget to vote!

The season of harvest also brings us to the ending of the Church year. This month, we begin with a jubilant celebration of the **Feast of All Saints** — this Sunday, November 1. We anticipate **Veterans Day** with prayers for those who have served. We hear scriptures that point toward God's final judgment of the nations and their people, and the promise of God's kingdom of justice and peace. And the Church year ends with the Sunday **Feast of Christ the King** (November 22) and our household feasts of **Thanksgiving Day**.

The Kingdom of God is not like any kingdom or nation of this world (*John 18:36*). We are united in Christ with all those who have gone before us and with people from all places and levels in the world (*Hebrews 12:1, and Galatians 3:28*). With the gift of each day, we choose to follow and serve God — for we "are all children of light and children of the day" (*1 Thessalonians 5:5*). We share our talents, wealth, time, and energy freely, and our sharing generates more sharing (*Matthew 25:14-30*). We give wherever we can in places where there is the cry of need, because it is there that we meet Christ the King (*Matthew 25:31-46*). I hope that our churchwide study of the Acts of the Apostles has helped us all see how the Kingdom of God grows, spreads, and blossoms with all sorts of surprises and in spite of all kinds of distortion and resistance — and sets a pattern of life that is very different than the ways of the world.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We bring the Church year to its conclusion of God's ultimate triumph, cleansing, and healing through Christ our only Sovereign. As we draw to this ending of passionate hope, we at St. Luke's turn our hearts outward to others. This month, we have a couple of events that are not for us alone but are for all who will come. This month, we offer these events as ways that we seek to show and share the unbounded love of Christ Jesus in creating safe and good space with others — coming together with others in prayer and song, and in offering of a joyful holiday marketplace.

- ◆ **Holden Evening Prayer** (Wednesday, November 4, 5:30-6:15 p.m.) -- a beautiful sung service in the Lutheran tradition of evening prayer, written at Holden Village by composer Marty Haugen, for full community participation.
- ◆ **Snowflake Faire** (Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) — our great annual festive fundraising fair of holiday gifts and treasures that builds good will and offers friendly welcome, and raises money to support our outreach and service in the wider community.

Please plan to come to these events as you are able. Even more, invite and bring others — neighbors, colleagues, network members, shop-owners and workers, friends. These are our public-facing events.

As I shared in email and on Sunday, my journey as a candidate for bishop of the Diocese of Kansas has come to an end. Their election on Saturday morning October 24 surprisingly took only one ballot round. The Rev. Whitney Rice was elected with a majority of clergy and lay delegate votes. The other three of us candidates continue onward in our current ministry, service, and leadership.

The decision was going to bring a mixture of feelings, whether I was elected or not. I wrote this in last Friday's e-news

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meditation, the day before the election:

"Whatever outcome for me, I will feel a mixture of things — relief and acceptance, eagerness for the future, sadness for what may change or may not come to be, excitement for what can be done next, and trust that it is all God's work even in the midst of our human limitations and fallibilities. And, deep gratitude and love for you all."

When news of the vote came, my emotions were fairly intense on Saturday, as I let pass through me the reality of one possible future being emptied. I am grateful for you who reached out with support and care. Come Sunday, I was ready and glad to continue onward together with you in our worship, life, and ministry at St. Luke's. I have been deeply touched by your kindness, affirmations, and gladness that I am not leaving you. This possible future lay ahead, wide open. Many of you said, "I believe there is more for you to do here, and you are needed here."

I agree. There is more to do. And we are needed here, in this region. I am glad to continue serving and leading you, wholeheartedly. And, friends, this work is not and cannot just be my own. It is ours. Let me say in response, "I believe there is more for us to do here together. And I believe we — not I, but we — are needed here, for just such a time as this." I am calling us all to double down on our mission.

The heart of Jesus, as he declared himself and his purpose in the synagogue, let it be ours and our reason for being.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Impact begins with relationship. The Kingdom of God is built in moment-to-moment interactions, allowing ourselves to step out and to trust the leading of the Holy Spirit, in pouring ourselves and our resources into what God is building in and through us. And a just, merciful, holy world emerges as we follow the Way of Christ, as we seek and serve others as if we were serving Christ, as we speak God's grace.

The Feast of Christ the King ends the Church year, with this reading from Matthew's Gospel that is Jesus' promise of the judgment of the nations and its people:

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Onward, friends. Let us go and meet Christ, together. Let us go and bear and share Christ, together. Let us call for the loving justice and care of Christ in our world, together.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. David

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.

Prayers



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
SPIRIT VALLEY FOOD BANK IN SPIRIT LAKE

- November 1—Feast of All Saints
- November 3—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom,
5:30 p.m.
- November 4—Holden Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.
- November 8—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30
p.m.
- November 10—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.
- November 11—Veterans Day
- November 14—Snowflake Faire, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- November 17—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom,
5:30 p.m.
- November 19—Daughters of the King, 10:30
a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- November 22—Christ the King Sunday; Room 4U
young adult group, 6:30 p.m.
- November 26—Thanksgiving Day
- November 29—First Sunday of Advent
- December 9—Candlelight Christmas service at
Fort Sherman Chapel, 6 p.m.
- December 13—Advent Lessons & Carols

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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PRAYERS

Healing and Strength

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Laureen Campbell, Mary Kay Hanson

Memorial Services: Sandy Sanderson, Barbara Lee

Repose of the Soul: Caidrian Richard Bradley-Barnes,
Fred Manthey

November

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

2 Marcia Siring	10 Susy Jones
3 Mildred Guldin	13 Ryan Johnson
3 Luke Hlebichuk	16 Griffin Wilson
4 Derek Khorsand	19 Nancy Wright
5 George Young	21 Bob West
6 Merle Van Houten	22 John Siemers
7 Rita Leinweber	26 Ty Peterson
8 Marilyn Otto	27 Natalie Kilmer



ANNIVERSARIES

25 Kara & Bill Kral
30 Betsy & John McTear

*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.*

Prayer & Worship

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

November 1: **All Saints'**, Richland

We pray for the mission and ministry of All Saints', Richland.

November 8: **St. Martin's**, Moses Lake

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Martin's, Moses Lake.

November 15: **Chaplains**

We pray for Chaplains, especially the Revs. Ana Rivera-Georgescu and the Rev. Rachael Jackson, and for the raising up of more chaplains for service in this hurting world.

November 22: **Christ the King Sunday; St. Andrew's**, Chelan and Spokane

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's of Chelan and Spokane.

November 29: **Episcopal Migration Ministries**

We pray for those without house or home, those on the road or living in-between, those seeking refuge, and for those helping the stranger on their journey through a strange land.

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



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.funccbrmington.org/midweek-prayer-on->

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. Have a suggestion or idea for a book study? Please contact Fr. David or Erica Waterman.

The Bible — Fr. David recommends reading the Acts of the Apostles — the great adventure of the birth and growth of the Church. In January we will begin a new Bible study focusing on the Minor Prophets.

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

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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.

Bible and Book Study Groups Continue



Keeping Up with the Holy Spirit – A Journey through the Book of Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles might be more accurately titled "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." The followers of Jesus were in for an adventure they never could have imagined, as the Holy Spirit led them, opening new doors and paths for sharing the good news of God's saving love. The Church was born, spoke boldly about Jesus, formed as a community and a growing movement, wrestled with its first conflicts and controversies, and figured out how to open itself to wider and wider circles of people and cultures. The energy in this book of adventures is unstoppable! Sign up at church or online.

How can you participate?

1. Get a copy of *A Journey through Acts* (available online at <https://shop.forwardmovement.org/product/2481>) and begin reading Acts this way with everyone else. Books for individual reading will be available for all households.
2. Sign up for bible study, and meet weekly with your bible study group.
Men's, women's, and young adult groups will use these resources in their meetings for discussion of Acts and of the past and current life of the Church.
3. Come to coffee-hour discussions with Fr. David.

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.

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

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Youth Formation

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

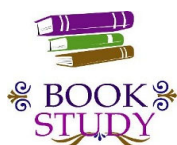
Parents, if you have kids in 5th through 9th grade, they are old enough to begin the process toward confirmation. Here at St. Luke's, we want all who are confirmed to begin with a good reading knowledge of the Bible, so we begin by walking through the Bible together. The Bible is this amazing, complex 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@stlukesda.org) or sign up at church! We will determine a good meeting time together.

Learning Opportunities

Book Studies at St. Luke's



Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.: The group is reading *Love Matters More* by Jared Byas, Bible scholar and podcast host of "The Bible for Normal People." This book provides stories and insights that shift our focus from collecting the "right" answers to loving others deeply and authentically. 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 now **on hiatus until January 13**. Watch the Friday Memo email for the new book selection. Anyone can join our discussion on Zoom (look for the link in the Friday Memo email). All are welcome! Contact Lisa Nunlist (208-640-9110 or lisanunlist@gmail.com) for more information.

Iona Collaborative Courses Available to Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane

The Episcopal Diocese of Spokane is a member of the Iona Collaborative, which means all members of our diocese have access to not only our diocesan Iona classes, but the wider system classes as well. The Iona Collaborative is a learning community of educators dedicated to helping local leaders and small congregations thrive by offering local formation certificates and continuing education opportunities for priests, deacons, and lay leaders, as well as spiritual direction tools and training for congregations.



Whether you're looking to deepen your ministry, explore a new area of learning, or connect with others serving in small congregations and communities, Iona courses offer opportunities for formation, renewal, and practical wisdom. Open to lay leaders, priests, and deacons, the courses welcome participants serving in a variety of ministry contexts.

Registration for Spring 2027 Iona courses will open in January. Subscribe to Iona's newsletter to stay up-to-date on course listings and registration information. (<https://iona.ssw.edu/fall-2026-continuing-education/>).

Two-Day Foundations of Organizing Training — Friday & Saturday, November 20-21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the offices of the Spokane Education Association

Community members from across Spokane are invited to a Foundations of Community Organizing 2-Day Training,

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led by IAF Pacific Trainers, hosted by Spokane Alliance. This event is designed to provide folks with the necessary skills and knowledge to become effective community leaders and understand the basics of broad-based community organizing.

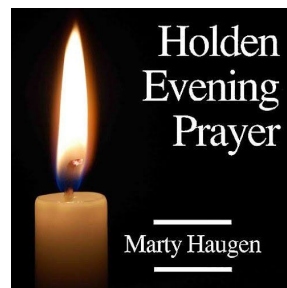
Cost: Free to Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Members. Read more or register here: https://www.spokanealliance.org/foundations_of_organizing_training_20261120

Life Together

Sung Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.

St. Luke's is offering monthly music-and-worship gatherings for the wider community. These 45-minute gatherings will offer different ways of singing together in prayer and praise to God. Some gatherings will be more open, freeform times of singing favorite hymns.

Join us on Wednesday, November 4, for a participatory sung evening prayer service by Marty Haugen, who wrote the beloved Holden Evening Prayer while serving as a musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a remote Lutheran retreat center located in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. Through simple, beautiful songs, scripture, silence and prayer, we'll gather our voices and hearts for worship.



Men's Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, November 10, 6 p.m.



The Men's Discussion Group monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 10, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guiding thought is "Be still and know that I am God." It's an evening of relaxing Christian camaraderie and positive conversation. A light supper 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.

Women's Guild Will Not Meet in November

Women's Guild will not have a regular meeting in November as we prepare for Snowflake Faire on November 14. See the piece on p. 10 for more details about Snowflake Faire as well as the flyer on p. 15. Raffle tickets have been mailed out and raffle baskets will be on display in the Parish Hall.

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).



St. Mary's Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

Our passion statement:

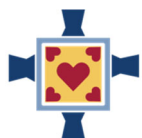
Quietly serving Christ while caring for the beauty of the Sanctuary.



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).

Life Together

2027 Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off: Open Hearts, Open Doors



In the coming weeks you will hear the phrases God's Abundance, Room for Everyone, Sharing our Plenty, Beloved Community, and Celebration & Hope. These things are only possible through the participation of all of us. Your gifts of time, treasure, and talent are what make St. Luke's so special and enable us to carry out our mission. Our Open Hearts, Open doors offering Christ's love to all.

It is time for us to prayerfully consider how we can participate with our time, treasure, and talent to continue our work here at St. Luke's. We are grateful for everyone's generosity. We pray that you continue your contribution level and consider a possible increase to offset inflationary costs and to support our scope of ministry. As an example, Fr. David and Heather get close to giving 10% of their shared income, with 5% going to St. Luke's and St. John's Cathedral where they serve, and the remaining 4%-5% to other religious and social organizations. Some of St. Luke's retired members contribute directly from required withdrawals from their IRAs, and there are tax benefits to this and other kinds of contributions.

Our Pledge Goal is \$250,000 (a 6% increase) for 2027. Pledges enable us to plan and maintain our ministry and our community outreach. Your pledge does more than maintain a building, it builds a ministry. We have done amazing things — NIC, Center for New Directions, Oktoberfest — this year. These efforts are only possible through your support.

Andrea Partington, Senior Warden

Vestry Highlights

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- 2027 stewardship campaign theme will be "Open Hearts, Open Doors" and will begin October 18.
- Discussed creating an updated parish profile.

Good Stewards: Ian Hicks, Lauren McCroskey, and Bill Kral for working with painting contractors and volunteers; Ian Hicks, Bill Kral, Jeff Knapp, David St. Amand, Rod Kalberg, and Michelle Johnson for planning the columbarium project.



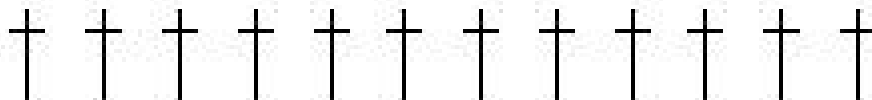
Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Coffee hour after church services is a great way to discover who is who in the pew and hosting coffee hour facilitates that discovery. Please check the bulletin board in the parish hall for sign up sheets and pick a Sunday to host after either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service. It is your choice as to what to offer but keep in mind that coffee hour isn't about food, it's about fellowship. There are many open dates in November & December.

Any questions contact Kara Kral 208-421-2830. Instructions are posted on the kitchen bulletin board. Thanks!



Life Together

Where in the World is St. Luke?

Janet and Ian Hicks recently encountered St. Luke once again on their world travels. St. Luke is represented on the lower right-hand side of the Astronomical Clock (1472) by Hans Düringer in St. Mary's Church, Rostock, Germany. *Sanct Lucas* is depicted as either a bull or an ox with wings. Janet and Ian were truly impressed realizing the mathematical genius of Düringer's designing and building of the clock, which provides information on time, zodiac, solar altitude, and phases of the moon. The very top part shows Jesus and the Apostles. The lower part shows information regarding day and year. Move over all our modern computerized systems — the "ancients" were ahead of you! The clock is wound manually twice daily at midnight and noon given its still functioning medieval clockwork, which was restored between 1974 and 1977 by Berlin metal restorer Wolfgang Gummelt.

Then on their trip to the UK they enjoyed morning mass in the historical St. George's Anglican church in Edgbaston, England, where their son and daughter-in-law were married last year. They were delighted to find a mosaic of St. Luke (winged bull) in the chancel floor, as one of four saints around St. George. The photo of the mosaic is copied from the church photo archives.

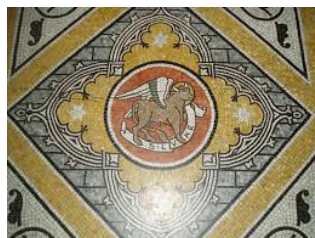


Left: the Astronomical Clock inside St. Mary's Church in Rostock, Germany.

Above: St. Luke as a winged bull on the lower right quadrant of the clock.

Right: St. George's Anglican Church in Edgbaston, England.

Below: St. Luke as a winged bull on mosaic floor of the chancel.



Keep Up Your Pledge with a Recurring Gift

Have you ever considered setting up your pledge as a (very convenient) recurring event? You can choose monthly, bi-monthly or weekly payments. Recurring payments can be arranged through your own bank, the donation page on the St. Luke's website (<https://www.stlukescd.org/bringing-our-gifts/>) or by calling the office. Please prayerfully consider doing this!



Become an Acolyte



Adults and children ages six and older are welcome to become acolytes, a very visible and important ministry in our parish. An acolyte is a servant who assists the deacon and priest to help celebrate liturgies. We would especially love to add a few more adults to our roster! Training is provided.

If you or your child would like to become an acolyte, please contact Kate Dolan (kfd819@gmail.com or 208-640-6522).

Life Together

Snowflake Faire

Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Big changes are coming for this year's Snowflake Faire. Women's Guild, which has traditionally managed the Faire, moved the event to November 14 so we are not competing with other Christmas fairs in our region. At the same time, the Women's Guild is spreading the love and making the event parish-wide. Everyone in our congregation is invited to participate.

There is a lot to do to get ready and we need all hands on deck! There are sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. Please take a moment to add your name to the days you can help.

- * On Thursday afternoon, November 12, we need people to set up the Parish Hall, reception area, and Alison Library. This involves removing the round tables, setting up long tables, rearranging the Alison Room, and setting up tables in the reception area.
- * On Friday, November 13, starting at 9 a.m., we need people to sort items for the Treasure Trove, and get the rooms ready for the big day.
- * On the day of the event, November 14, we need people to work different areas of the Faire, such as the Pantry, the jewelry table, the bookstore, being on hand in the Treasure Trove areas, running the cash boxes, and selling raffle tickets for our various baskets. The Faire runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * And finally at the end of the day, we need people to box up what is left over, reset the rooms for Sunday, and take all that is left over to their favorite charities for donation.

Leading up to the Faire, we invite you to go through your closets and cupboards to find those gently used items you no longer are using, want or need. Household goods, décor items (especially holiday), jewelry, collectibles, and games sell well. Please no clothes, electronics or furniture. You can bring your items to the Parish Hall for storage until we set up on November 13.

Money raised at the Faire goes to community outreach benefitting groups and organizations such as Cub Scout Pack 1's Hands Up Fund, The Literacy Project of North Idaho, NIC's Center for New Directions, the NIC Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul's ICARE program, Thrive International, Union Gospel Mission, and The Village at Orchard Ridge.

Candlelight Christmas at Fort Sherman Chapel

Wednesday, December 9, 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 9, St. Luke's will present a candlelight Advent service at the historic Fort Sherman Chapel.

The Museum of North Idaho has arranged for a special service hosted by a different local church on each Wednesday in December. Enjoy a meaningful sermon, festive songs by candlelight, and a chance to gather with family, friends, and the community during the holiday season. This service is open to all and free to attend, and is a wonderful way to reflect on the season and celebrate the traditions of Christmas in one of Coeur d'Alene's most historic settings.

See the schedule below for the other hosting churches.

- * December 2: Community of the Holy Spirit
- * December 9: St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- * December 16: Christ the King Lutheran Church
- * December 23: Unity Center of Spiritual Growth

Watch upcoming Friday Memo emails for more information about St. Luke's service on December 9.



Life Together

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



Happy Thanks-for-Giving-Me-Scratches!

November is here, and I'm counting my blessings. There's my warm bed, my little brother Bandit, all my favorite people at St. Luke's, and cheese. Erica says I should probably put cheese farther down the list, but I believe in being honest with my readers.

Apparently, Thanksgiving is about more than being thankful that someone dropped something in the kitchen. It's also about noticing the people who love us, the ways God cares for us, and the opportunities we have to share that care with someone else. Personally, I think leaning against someone until they start petting you is an excellent way to begin a relationship. Erica says the human version might be learning someone's name and asking how they're doing. Your choice, I suppose.

Our kids have been busy exploring the stories of God's people, asking questions, and finding their place in our church family. I have a particularly good view of this from down here. I get to see the older kids helping smaller hands, grown-ups making room for little voices, and children discovering that church is a place where people love them and know their names.

As we move toward Advent, we'll be helping our children discover more about the worship we share and the place they already have in it. There's so much to notice: candles, music, prayers, and all the different ways people help us worship together. I'm especially interested in anything involving a procession. Walking purposefully down an aisle while everyone watches? Finally, a ministry I understand!

A quick update on our Preschool Drop & Play: we've postponed our launch while we gather enough volunteers to give our little visitors the care and attention they deserve. If you'd enjoy helping with stories, activities, or simply being a welcoming presence, please talk with Erica associate@stlukescca.org or 208-704-0053). I have it on good authority that most of you are skilled in the language of play.

Belle's Bark Outs

Because the best thing about being a dog is that no one notices you noticing.

Happy tail wags to our children and teens for bringing your questions, your laughter, and your whole wonderful selves to church. You give this dog plenty to look forward to on Sunday mornings.

Sloppy puppy kisses to the Bigs who help the Littles. Every time you make room, lend a hand, or patiently explain something, you're showing someone what love looks like. I'd help with the scissors, but the lack of thumbs remains a professional obstacle.

Four paws up for our volunteers! Thank you for the stories, the supplies, the patient explanations, and the cleanup afterward. I notice how much you do, even when I appear to be asleep.

A grateful nuzzle to our whole St. Luke's family. Thank you for welcoming our kids and helping them grow. Every greeting, every shared song, and every invitation to join in helps them know they belong.

And finally, a seasonal reminder: I remain available for scratches throughout November. My appointment book is remarkably flexible.

[Editor's note: Belle's snack allowance is considerably less flexible. Please check with Erica before offering treats. Affection, however, is always welcome.]

Love and Puppy Kisses,

Belle (and Erica)

Life Together

Music Ministry Invitation — Festival Choir!

Festival Choir joins 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@stlukescd.org)

Festival Choir Season Schedule 2026/2027

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

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.



Engaging Community

NIC Appreciation Oktoberfest a Great Event

St. Luke's second Oktoberfest event in appreciation of the faculty and staff from North Idaho College was a blast! The event took place on Friday, October 23.

Over 60 people enjoyed great fellowship, delicious food, and Beer Choir sing-along music courtesy of Max Mendez. Max Mendez is an Adjunct Professor of Music at NIC and is the “director” of Coeur d’Alene’s Beer Choir, which meets monthly at the Crown & Thistle pub in downtown Coeur d’Alene.

Fr. David G. arranged for delicious catered German food and parishioners supplied scrumptious homemade desserts. Fr. David O. looked the part of an Oktoberfest reveler in a dashing German hat.

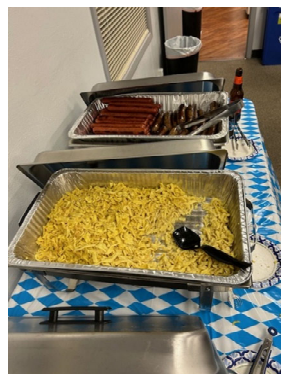
We're already looking forward to next year's event!



Max Mendez with his Beer Choir “hymnals.”



Fr. David Owren sporting his German hat.



Engaging Community

Reverse Offering

October's offering will go to ABC Food Bank in Athol and November's will go to Sprit Valley Food Bank in Spirit Lake.

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



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



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/>

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/>

Helping with Spokane Fire Relief and Recovery

Spokane needs help. We thank God for all leaders and workers who led a safe evacuation, so that there have been no human deaths from fire. But the fire completely destroyed 913 structures, over 700 of which were homes.

KREM has a great list of how and where you can give. Visit <https://www.krem.com/article/news/local/wildfire/where-to-donate-support-spokane-county-wildfires/293-fecd162a-d6ca-409c-bd01-98e0e83f4088> for their article with links.

Here are a few places to make a donation (including where Bp. Gretchen suggested):

Red Cross Northwest Region

Second Harvest Inland Northwest

Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington

KREM Cares Help 2 Northwest

Innovia Foundation

Episcopal Relief & Development

City of Spokane's H.O.M.E. Starts Here Fund

Spokanimal

Diocese of Spokane Disaster Relief Fund

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.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church invites you to

The Snowflake Faire!

One-of-a-kind crafts and gifts

Four fabulous raffle baskets

Lots of goodies for sale

Chili, cornbread and homemade
pie for lunch

Wonderful vendors and our famous

Treasure Trove

of lightly used household items, artwork
and other great finds!

Saturday, November 14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Don't miss it!



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Sunday Service Times

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel	10 a.m.

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