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Reflections with Your Rector

Blessings and joys to everyone this fall! We welcome the change of season after summer's heat. Leaves are turning color, final harvests are underway, and we turn toward all the various fall festivals.



A Harvest of Love in Christ. October is a busy month for us at St. Luke's! Here is a run-down of special events happening this month. These special events join the regular offerings and activities of our parish — including our churchwide Bible study of the Acts of the Apostles, two book studies, monthly discussion groups for men, women, and young adults, and midweek prayer services.

October 4, 10 a.m. - **Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis** - Join us and bring your pets to celebrate God's creation. At the Lane's home or at church, depending on weather.

October 7, 5:30 p.m. - **Community Hymn Sing** - Come call out your favorite hymns to sing together! Invite friends and neighbors. This is for our church and wider community!

October 14, 9-11 a.m. - St. Luke's starts a new **Drop & Play** ministry! This will be a two-hour opportunity for moms and dads to drop off their toddlers for play, story, and bible lesson, while they take some "adult" time for themselves.

October 16-18 - **Diocesan Convention** in the Tri-Cities

October 17, 9 a.m. - noon - **Apple Harvesting at Church of the Resurrection (Spokane Valley)** - Adults and children join in picking apples to donate to food banks and organizations helping people in need.

October 18, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - **Feast of St. Luke** - Come celebrate the feast day of our patronal saint, St. Luke the physician and evangelist, and pray for our church's mission and witness.

October 23, 5:30 p.m. - **NIC Appreciation Oktoberfest!** - Join us in our second annual celebration of NIC faculty, staff, and board members, as we eat Oktoberfest goodies and join Max Mendez in singing from his "Beer Choir" hymnal!

October 29, 7 p.m. - **Resistance to the Aryan Nations, Then and Now** - Come hear Tony Stewart, local hero of resistance to the Aryan Nations and longtime member

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER'S REVERSE OFFERING WILL GO TO
ABC FOOD BANK IN ATHOL

October 2-4—Creation Care Retreat at Camp Cross
October 3—Barbara Campbell memorial service, 2 p.m.

October 4—Blessing of the Animals at the home of Debbie & Henry Lane in Dalton Gardens, 10 a.m.

October 6—Women's Guild 1 p.m.; Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

October 7—Community Hymn Sing, 5:30 p.m.

October 11—UTO Sunday; Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.

October 13—Men's Discussion Group, 6 p.m.

October 14—Evening music and worship, 5:30 p.m.

October 15—Daughters of the King, 10:30 a.m.; Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.

October 16-18—Diocesan Convention, Pasco

October 18—Feast of St. Luke; PFLAG discussion, 3-4:30 p.m.

October 20—Contemplative Prayer on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

October 23—Oktoberfest at St. Luke's, 5:30 p.m.

October 25—Room 4U young adult group, 6:30 p.m.

October 29—Tony Stewart presentation, 7-8:30 p.m.

November 1—Feast of All Saints

November 14—Snowflake Faire, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations.

November 1, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. — **Feast of All Saints** - Come celebrate this major holy day of the year.

This is our church in action, for the sake of each other and the communities around us. All of these high-spirited events bring richness to this festive season of harvest as we share the unbounded love of Christ Jesus.

Renewing our worship space. I am so grateful for everyone who has contributed to restoring the beauty of our historic church building. Everyone who painted helped tremendously. We owe special thanks to Gene Waterman who reached all the high places the rest of us couldn't reach with his professional-grade sprayer. The work is almost complete for this first stage, and we will soon see the steeple finished and refreshed. Our contributions in funds, sweat, and grant-writing skill make this work possible!

The repair and renewal of the courtyard and entrances is being scheduled for spring. Our church member, David Brooks (a master stonemason), is working with colleagues to prepare beautiful granite paving blocks for the stairs and courtyard. These are tremendous gifts adding to the generosity of funds provided so far for the whole project.

Giving in Gratitude. We show love by how we give of ourselves. What we offer from our time, our skills and abilities, and our resources and assets, for the sake of others and for the Church and our communities, is a big part of how we share God's love as followers of Jesus.

In October and November, we also focus on our use of God's gifts to us, and our care of the ministry and mission of St. Luke's church. What will each of us give of our money, time, and skills?

As we read in the book of Acts, the earliest days of the Church were marked by incredible generosity. People shared their possessions freely with each other and gave openly from all they had to the Church to make sure everyone was cared for, and to make the Church a place of God's generosity.

We are blessed with a generous community of people at St. Luke's. Some of our church members tithe, giving one-tenth of their income as their first act and priority each month or year to the church and the other organizations they support, in gratitude for what God has given them. Heather and I get close to giving 10% of our shared income, with 5% going to St. Luke's and St. John's Cathedral where we serve, and the remaining 4%-5% to other religious and social organizations. Some of our retired members contribute directly from required withdrawals from their IRAs, and there are tax benefits to this and other kinds of contributions.

Sharing in giving to the world. As a congregation, St. Luke's has a long heritage of giving generously in time, talent, and money to organizations in the community around us. Each month, we contribute and deliver hundreds of dollars worth of food and hygiene products to food banks across North Idaho. Women's and men's groups have donated funds to agencies across Kootenai County.

This year, our Vestry has committed to charting our financial and volunteer giving to organizations doing the Lord's work – and the Vestry has committed to budgeting nearly 5% of our annual revenue to charitable, educational, and

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Important Announcement

Fr. David is among four candidates for possible election as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas! The three other candidates are the Rev. Grant Ambrose from Pennsylvania, the Rev. Whitney Rice from Missouri, and the Rev. Lisa Senuta from Kansas. 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. 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 of the Episcopal Church. This enduring subcommittee will oversee and help direct mental health ministries and educational efforts for the church.

Prayer & Worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Mary Ayers	17 Laurie Cook
6 Bill Caisley	19 Lily Mihara
7 Tim Hunt	24 Stella Hartzell
7 Catherine McLandress	28 Wanda Quinn
8 Fran Blankenship	31 Jackson Khorsand
13 Wallace Van Houten	31 Meredith McAlpine
14 Jo Keller	



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Catherine & Dick McLandress
4 Judi Horton & Tom Bacon
16 Heather Van Deventer & David Gortner

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, Barbara Lee, Sandy, Hilary Caisley, Janet Crane, Martha Vilandr , Carl Vanslyke, April Miller, Scott Campbell, Henry Lane, Eric Cooper, Steve Gardner, Dan Ayers, Hal Worth, Bob West, Dianne Dampier, Summer Taylor, Fran Blankenship, Jane Gortner, Ana Torres, Wayne, Cyndi Hippler, Ginger & Ken Wright, Mike Schueller, Tom Rhoades, Peter, Katie, Doug, Dianne Dampier, Michael Webb, Calliope, Laureen Campbell, Ed & Sharon Papps, Janet Crane, Phyllis Albee, Mary Ayers, John Empsall, Christopher Wigley, Jill Kalberg, Jamie & Dave Ziegler, David Brooks, Gretchen Rehberg, Ted Jordan, Mary Kay Hanson, Hilary Caisley, Martha Vilandr 

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

October 4: **St. Francis**

Thanksgiving for the worldwide ministry of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, and especially for those sisters and brothers present in the Diocese of Spokane at West Central Abbey. Pray for their continuing service in decolonization efforts, economic and environmental justice, and locally the food forest at the Abbey. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Mary Ayers (10/1), Kimmy Meinecke (10/2), Elaine Pitzer (10/2), Chris Hagenbuch (10/3), Tony Green (10/3), and Linda Young (10/5).



October 11: **St. Luke's, Coeur d'Alene & Wenatchee**

St. Luke's Episcopal Churches in Coeur d'Alene and Wenatchee: We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Churches in Coeur d'Alene and Wenatchee.

October 18: **Ecumenical Partnerships**

For Ecumenical partnerships, especially for our full communion siblings of the ELCA. For increased partnerships in ministry. Diocesan Convention: We pray for the work of our Diocesan convention, for all involved and for the mission of our diocese. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Robin Biffle (10/14) Margaret Fisher (10/18).

October 25: **Diocesan Staff, Leaders and Volunteers**

We give thanks for those who by their faithful work enable the witness and mission of the Diocese of Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Gaye Lagana (10/28), Barbara Carver (10/29), Linda Bartholomew (10/30), and Jan Griffin (10/30).

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

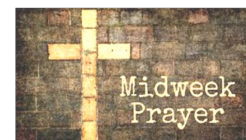
Prayer & Worship

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.funbirmingham.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? Contact Fr. David or Erica Waterman with your idea.

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.

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.

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



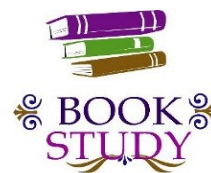
Parents, if you have kids in 5th through 9th grade, they are old enough to begin the process toward confirmation. Here at St. Luke's, we want all who are confirmed to begin with a good reading knowledge of the Bible, so we begin by walking through the Bible together. The Bible is this amazing, complex 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.

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 reading *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. This masterpiece about the American Dust Bowl delivers important themes in Egan's typically fluid style. He follows specific families; he points out how we must care for our environment; he documents the scammers and the desperate. There are a couple of copies available in the church office. This book is also on Audible. 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.

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

What Should a Community Do When a Hate Group Moves to Your Community:

The Case of the Aryan Nations

Thursday, October 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Tony Stewart from the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations will present "What Should a Community Do When a Hate Group Moves to Your Community: The Case of the Aryan Nations" on Thursday, October 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tony, along with Fr. Bill Wassmuth, Norm Gissell, Marshall Mend, and others was a key leader of opposition to the neo-Nazi white supremacist Aryan Nations during their rise, public disturbance, and threats right here in Kootenai County. Today, the offsprings of the Aryan Nations that crept underground have arisen again across the region. Come and hear Tony speak of the actions taken during the 1980s through the early 2000s, and learn what communities can do to combat such hate groups and their followers. Decaf coffee, lemonade, and dessert will be served.

Learning Opportunities

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.

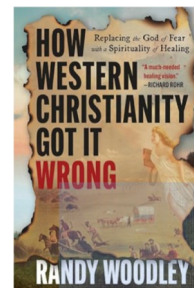
How can you participate?

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.

Beloved Community Zoom Book Study Continues: Indigenous Voice of a Follower of Jesus Thursdays at 10 a.m. through October 15

Picture communities where creation is family, not commodity. Where healing happens through relationship, not transaction. Where Creator speaks through many voices and welcomes all who walk in love. This is the Jesus Way as it was meant to be.

In *How Western Christianity Got It Wrong: Replacing the God of Fear with a Spirituality of Healing*, author Randy Woodley, of mixed white and Native American heritage, traces how a brown man from Nazareth who never lost his connection to the whole community of creation became the poster child for empire-building and environmental destruction. Drawing on Indigenous wisdom that was flourishing on Turtle Island long before missionaries arrived, Woodley reveals what Jesus’s liberating message looks like when freed from imperial frameworks.



This book study is free. Register by emailing The Rev. Rick matters at rickmatters@gmail.com.

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.

Learning Opportunities

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, this fall semester offers opportunities for formation, renewal, and practical wisdom. Open to lay leaders, priests, and deacons, our courses welcome participants serving in a variety of ministry contexts.

Below are two Iona offerings to build skill and learning around community organizing, which may be an interesting, timely and approachable option to participate in bridging and healing through a community organizing lens.

Community Engagement Course continues — Mondays, 12:15-4:15 p.m. on Zoom, October 5, October 19, October 26 and a final meeting TBD in November

Using Jesus' life as a guide, this course will explore the best practices and theory of community engagement, values-centered social change, and community-based leadership.

The Diocese of New Hampshire's Iona School recently made their course in Community Engagement available to students in all the Iona schools. Meaning members of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane have the chance to register for this course, just add "Diocese of Spokane" after your church's name on the registration form and then drop Bethany Hyndman (bethany.hyndman@iona.ssw.edu) a note to let them know you are participating.

Cost: \$200. Learn more about the course or register here: <https://www.nhepiscopal.org/school-for-ministry-dates-and-courses-202526>

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, 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

Registration is also open now (<https://iona.ssw.edu/fall-2026-continuing-education/>) for a variety of classes this fall. Explore the courses and find the one that speaks to where God may be inviting you next.

Identity-Shaping Images of the Diaconate with (for deacons and those discerning)

Nuts & Bolts of Small Church Ministry (for any church members and leaders)

Reading and Preaching Acts as the Mission of God (a good course for preachers)

Courses created by and for the Diocese of Spokane include Theological Ethics with The Rev. Arlen Farley of St. John's Cathedral and Church History with The Rev. Kimmy Meinecke of St. David's, Spokane. Register here: <https://spokanediocese.org/ionacollaborativeprogram/>

Life Together

Vestry Highlights

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

- Stewardship campaign theme will be “Open Hearts, Open Doors” and will begin in October.
- Discussed creating an updated parish profile.



Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alison Library. All are welcome to attend.

Celebrating Our New Sanctuary Celtic Cross

by Kristin Keyes and The Rev. David Owren

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime
--Hymnal 1982, #441, Words by John Bowring (1792-1872)

Take Up your cross, the savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.
--Hymnal 1982, #675, words by Charles William Everst (1814-1877)

It is with great joy we celebrate the addition of our beautiful Celtic cross in our chancel. It mimics our new steeple and lychgate crosses and carries the flavors of the dark and light woods adorning the interior of our church.



The Rev. David Owren

This Celtic cross design is rich in history and meaning and is especially significant to Irish and Scottish culture. It can be found on ancient monuments, jewelry and most prominently on gravestones. The Celtic cross design is like a traditional cross but with a ring intersecting the stem and arms. It is often decorated with interlace, such as ornate knots and braids looped in complex geometric patterns.

Its origins are shrouded in mystery, with no one definitive thought as to how it came to be. The history of Christianity is replete with non-Christian symbols that have been given new meanings. The Celtic cross embodies a blend of Christian and pagan influences that symbolize unity, spiritual beliefs and continuity across generations. The Celtic cross emerged during the Early Middle Ages, between the 5th and 8th centuries in Ireland and surrounding regions. It is believed to have been derived from earlier crosses used in pagan practices.

There are many theories as to how the cross came to be. One centers around St. Patrick who was trying to convert pagan Irish to Christianity. Some say he took the Sun symbol used by Druids and combined it with the cross over the top to associate light and life with the Christian cross in minds of his converts. Another story has St. Patrick using the pagan symbol of the moon goddess overlaying the cross atop the circle. It is thought that the overlay of the cross was a way to illustrate the supremacy of Christ over the sun god and moon goddess. Others will swear it was a phallic symbol that was turned into a cross to hide its true meaning; and others that it is a Druid symbol appropriated by Christians. The Druid circle represents North, East, South, and West, with the top of the circle representing the heavens and celestial wisdom, the cross arm of the circle Middle Earth, and the bottom of the circle, the underworld or Ancestral Wisdom. For practical reasons, others say the circle is the support beams for cross arms and stem.

The Celtic cross gained popularity during the Celtic Revival of the 19th century. The cross then became a symbol of Irish national pride appearing on flags, jewelry, tattoos, and other decorative items. Today, many people wear a Celtic cross

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for protection, to ward off evil and provide divine guidance. It is often used as a focal point in meditation, representing harmony, balance and a sense of inner peace.

Our cross in the sanctuary follows the design of most Celtic crosses. It is less decorated than some of the ancient crosses found in Ireland and Great Britain but still has unique aspects that follow in the tradition of a Celtic cross with designed knotwork in the maple overlay and cut outs in the fashion of the Celtic thistle.

Black walnut wood in woodworking is associated with clarity, focus and strong protective energy. It is exceptionally hard, dark, and resilient and represents endurance, hidden wisdom and rooted strength. Its rich color adds a sense of solemnity, warmth and sacredness to religious artifacts. The grain patterns of the walnut of the St. Luke's Cross are called "cathedrals" and are wavy and tapered, pointing towards heaven.

Curly maple is used for the Celtic Knot, a knot which has no beginning nor end, representing eternity and the Triune God. It also signifies Christ Who Is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. Curly maple, also known as flame or tiger maple, is not a separate species, but a rare, natural distortion in the wood fibers. The wavy "curl" pattern develops because the tree has endured external stressors like heavy winds, high compression, or environmental shifts during growth. It symbolizes finding beauty and grace through life's hardships. It also represents divine light, spiritual transformation, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The fiery ripples are also a metaphor for faith, resilience, and spiritual triumph over suffering.

The four intersecting arms of the cross are tapered and joined together with four ninety-degree joints which form a center point. The holy cross at once symbolizes the death and resurrection of Christ, the center of all creation. The outward taper of the four arms symbolizes the enthusiastic sharing and generous giving of divine love. The taper moves from a single point to a flared end—a projection of Christ's love out to the corners of the world.

The four small half-circles are often called bosses or cups and symbolize the four wounds of Christ on the cross—hands and feet. They complement the large circle that represents the fifth wound—the piercing of His side. Alternatively, some historians say the bosses symbolize the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—radiating from Christ at the center.

Many thanks to Bob Gustafson and Bill Skelton for their engineering skills, calculations, and wood choices. Thanks also to Dave Palmer for computer assistance and generating a grid schematic with cut lines. We are also grateful for the assistance and service of Nan and Angie at Merrill's Hardwoods in Hayden. Their friendly cooperation and procurement of beautiful wood are much appreciated. And finally, a gracious "Thank You" to Fr. David G., whose vision and enthusiasm made this project possible. Indeed, we are blessed to be people of St Luke's!

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EDITORIAL POLICY

The newsletter contains articles of interest to members and friends of the congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The Newsletter Editor (alone or in cooperation with the Communications Ministry team) reserves the right to set submission deadlines, edit material for length or grammatical, punctuation, or spelling errors, and decline material that is not in keeping with this policy. Every effort will be made to be inclusive. Any member is invited to submit story material directly to the Newsletter Editor at kfd819@gmail.com.

DEADLINES: Newsletter – 10th of each month to Kate Dolan—kfd819@gmail.com; **Sunday bulletin & Friday Memo** – Tuesdays by noon to parish office—office@stlukescd.org.

Life Together

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



Happy Fall, Y'all! I just love it when the cooler fall temps start to roll in! It's so much more fun to be outside, and it keeps Erica from insisting that the brush physically attack me every single night. Apparently, I have issues with seasonal doggy pattern baldness that drive Erica (and most cleaning companies) totally nuts! I prefer to think of it as the yearly testing of the vacuum cleaners. (No that is not a typo. We literally have vacuum cleaners to deal with my and my little brother Bandit's shedding.)

I also love this time of year because our kids and teens come back from long, well-deserved vacations, and the number of scratches I receive on any given Sunday morning increases exponentially...and so does the cheese! [Editor's note: Belle is on a diet, and we have to limit the number of treats she gets. I'm really not being the green meanie that she insists I am by asking you to check with Erica before Belle gets snacks, please.]

I'm thrilled to announce our two newest Christian Formation offerings, but we need YOU to make them a success!

1. We're breaking the kids out into groups of Pre-K thru 2nd grade and 3rd on up. It makes it much easier to give the kids an environment that mirrors their developmental stage. Miss Barbara Webb will be working through the Godly Play curriculum with the children and teaching through stories and engaging activities. Speaking of Godly Play....
2. We will launch our twice monthly Pre-K Drop and Play Group in October. We'll meet twice monthly on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Chapel beginning October 14. If you know any potty-trained kiddos whose mamas would benefit from a few hours of self-care time each month, please invite them to join us! The more kiddos we get, the greater our reach will become. We are in need of volunteers to help with storytelling and/or supervising the kiddos. If you have free time on Tuesday mornings and would like to help, please let us know.

Belle's "Bark Outs"

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

- Thank you to everyone who made our Community Fun Nights a sight to behold! Unfortunately, everyone ate their pizza crust so we had to settle for PB&J's. It was a wonderful way to meet some of the people in our neighborhood.
- High fives to Mike Dolan for putting together a fabulous Cataldo Mission field trip on August 29. A great time of learning was had by all!
- Drooly kisses to the Bigs who help the Littles to navigate the harder tasks. Erica says it's called service, but I call it warm fuzzies. Sloppy kisses to all of you.
- Dancin' a Doggy Jig for Jeff Wickham's willingness to come help the kids learn some of our favorite hymns! Listen for the kids to be humming "This Little Light of Mine" as we work on this song for the next few weeks.

Love and Puppy Kisses,

Belle (and Erica)

St. Francis Creation Care Weekend Retreat at Camp Cross Friday, October 2 – Sunday October 4

Come join the diocesan Creation Care Working Group for a weekend that will explore St. Francis-inspired care for the natural world around us. In the beautiful and quiet environment of Camp Cross we will explore creation focused meditation through forest bathing and art, explore the natural environment of Camp Cross, plant wildflower seed around the new retreat center, worship together, and enjoy the peace and quiet of camp.



The cost to attend is \$175. Register at <https://campcross.campbrainregistration.com/?returnUrl=%252FLanding>.

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Feast of Saint Francis and Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 5, at 10 a.m. at the Home of Debbie & Henry Lane, 5815 Colfax St. in Dalton Gardens

We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 10 a.m. at the home of Debbie & Henry Lane, 5815 Colfax St. in Dalton Gardens. **The 8 a.m. service will take place in the nave as usual.** NOTE: If the weather doesn't cooperate (raining, very wet, or below 55 degrees), we will hold the service in the Parish Hall.



Please bring your own chair (and pet waste bags!) and please make sure your pets are properly leashed or kenneled. It's fine to bring photos of your pets or even stuffed animals to be blessed!

Women's Guild Meets Tuesday, October 6, 1 p.m.



Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Guild is finalizing plans for the Snowflake Faire on November 14. See the piece on p. 15 for more details about Snowflake Faire.

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).

Monthly Community Hymn Sings and Evensongs Beginning Wednesday, October 7, 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. Some will be simple forms of evening worship services like vespers, compline, or evensong. Open hymn sings, Moravian "singing hours" (*Singstunde*), Taizé services, Lutheran sung evening worship services, and the Episcopal service of compline (night prayers) will join us together in prayer and celebration in different ways. We are offering these as another way that St. Luke's can be a space for people from different views and perspectives can come together in their love of God.



For this first hymn sing, look through the hymnal to find a couple of your favorite hymns, and be prepared to call out the number. We will sing one after another. Come — and invite friends from different churches and among your neighbors! Everyone who comes should aim to bring at least one other person.

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering Sunday, October 11



Once again, it is the time of year that we recognize UTO and the impact it makes on those who need it most. Praise God for the blessings we receive. You will find a UTO envelope with this newsletter. Thank you for your contribution towards this vital ministry.

Please drop your offering into the collection plate or at the office by Sunday, October 11, so that St. Luke's can make its contribution at Convention Weekend, October 16-18. If donating by check, please write "UTO" on the memo line.

Life Together

62nd Annual Diocesan Convention: Sing to the Lord a New Song! Friday, October 16, 2 p.m. to Sunday, October 18, noon at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA

The 62nd Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane will take place from Friday, October 16, at 2 p.m. through noon on Sunday, October 18, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco.

For more information about convention, and to register, please visit <https://theepiscopaldioceseofspokane.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3428811>.



Men's Discussion Group Meets Tuesday, October 13, 6 p.m.



The Men's Discussion Group monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 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.

New Ministry — Preschool Drop & Play 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., beginning October 14

Preschool Drop and Play will begin on Wednesday, October 14. This program will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. offering some self-care time to parents. Kids need to be potty trained and comfortable being away from a parent.



This ministry is for the church and the wider community, and we need some volunteers to make it work smoothly. Please contact Erica Waterman (associate@stlukescd.org) or call the church office (208-664-5533) for more information.

Faith, Family & Uncertainty:

A Conversation About Faith, Scripture, LGBTQ+ Experiences, & Making Room for Questions Sunday, October 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



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Faith, family, and LGBTQ+ identities can intersect in complicated and deeply personal ways. During this meeting, we'll explore some of those intersections—including different ways people understand Scripture, what happens when deeply held beliefs and lived experiences meet, and whether there can be value in becoming more comfortable with uncertainty.

And we want to be especially clear about something: **Everybody is welcome.** LGBTQ+ people. Parents and family members. People of faith. People who have left faith behind. People who aren't sure what they believe. People with affirming religious beliefs. **People who hold more traditional religious beliefs.**

This is **not a proselytizing or conversion event**, and no one will be asked to change their religious beliefs. Our goal is to

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create space for listening, learning, thoughtful conversation, and supporting one another—even when we don't all arrive with the same experiences or beliefs. **We'd love to have a great turnout for this conversation, and we could use your help.** Please consider sharing our event information with someone who might benefit from being part of the conversation. You do not need to be a PFLAG member to attend. We hope you'll join us — and perhaps bring someone with you!

Jeff Wickham (he/him), President
PFLAG Coeur d'Alene/Kootenai County
208-352-2831

Second Annual NIC Appreciation Oktoberfest Friday, October 23, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

St. Luke's will be celebrating Oktoberfest once again! We are inviting North Idaho College faculty and staff and offering our deep appreciation for their work on Friday, October 23, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend (208-664-5533).



We will have the incomparable Max Mendez, former Professor of Music at NIC, with us to lead us all in his famous "Beer Choir"! Come for fun food, drinks, and festive community. Be sure to invite your NIC friends! See the flyer on p. 14 for more details.



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Oktoberfest NIC Appreciation

Friday, October 23rd
5:30-8:00 PM

Come for fun, food, drinks, festive community,
and the famous
"Beer Sing" with Max Mendez!

Childcare and kids'
activities provided!

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS
--join us as we celebrate YOU!

PLEASE RSVP:
208-664-5533
ADMIN@STLUKESCD.A.ORG

Scan here to RSVP



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Snowflake Faire Is Coming!

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

by Kristin Keyes, with historical help from Lisa Nunlist and Tim Shepperd



Big changes are coming for this year's Snowflake Faire. Women's Guild, who 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.

St. Luke's Snowflake Faire has been a staple in this community for decades, with hundreds of people visiting our church to browse our gently used items in our Treasure Trove, feast on the great lunch offered at Maggie's Café, pick up sweets in our Pantry, and shop with the vendors who support our event.

From the 1950s to the late 90s, our Faire was known as St. Luke's Bazaar, and it was usually held on the first weekend in December. It was the ladies who organized and ran it. The men didn't get involved until the late 80s. In the mid-nineties, the Bazaar name was changed to The Snowflake Faire in recognition of Ida Schneider Addington's handiwork. Her delicate, hand cut Swiss *scherenschnitte* paper snowflakes hung from the ceiling of the Parish Hall until recently. She was born in Coeur d'Alene in 1891 and was one of the earliest to be baptized at St. Luke's.

Now, we are inviting all of us to come together to organize this year's event. There is a lot to do to get ready. 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. Starting October 31, you can bring your items to the Parish Hall for storage until we set up on November 13.

As always, many hands make light work for all. It's a great camaraderie and a lot of fun as we welcome the wider community to our church home.

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.



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

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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).

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

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.

Life Together

Knit One, Pray Too Prayer Shawl Ministry

At the September Prayer Shawl Blessing, I placed my 300th prayer shawl on the altar rail to be blessed. When the Prayer Shawl Ministry was founded in December 2008, I was one of the original members, and I think we all often thought about where this ministry was headed. I'm not sure any of us thought long term, but here we are some 18 years later and over 1,500 shawls have been created and blessed.

Our shawls are given to people who are dealing with illness, grief or other types of crises. We also present shawls in celebration of happy occasions such as pregnancy, adoptions, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, or any joyful event. Of my 300 prayer shawls, 15 were baptismal shawls and I have delighted in watching the beautiful babies who have received my shawls grow up and some have even graduated from high school!

So many people tease me about not being able to see me without my knitting, but I want you to know what my knitting does for me. First of all, it calms me and fills me with peace. I can have total chaos surrounding me, but somehow I know everything will be OK. It helps the hours spent in hospital rooms, waiting rooms and meeting rooms pass by, and I have learned patience. I never feel like I'm just sitting there doing nothing.

Our ministry is open to all who like to knit or crochet, and we invite you to join us at any time. We meet every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Alison Library. As always, if you need a prayer shawl or know someone who needs one, please do not hesitate to contact me or any prayer shawl member or DeDe in the office.

Jo Clifford
208-755-6926



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).

Engaging Community

Reverse Offering

August's reverse offering went to Rathdrum Food Bank. An enormous carload of donations went to St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho's Food Closet for September's offering. October's offering will go to ABC Food Bank in Athol.



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).



Engaging Community

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/>
- 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.

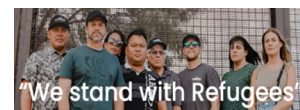
Here are a few places to make a donation (including where Bp. Gretchen suggested):

Red Cross Northwest Region
City of Spokane's H.O.M.E. Starts Here Fund
Innovia Foundation
Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington
Diocese of Spokane Disaster Relief Fund

KREM Cares Help 2 Northwest
Second Harvest Inland Northwest
Spokanimal
Episcopal Relief & Development

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.

Scenes from St. Luke's



Reese Johnson spoke with Fr. David on September 13 about her experience as a representative of The Episcopal Diocese of Spokane during The Episcopal Church's Province VIII Youth Pilgrimage, "PYE Aloha," which was held July 28–31, in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The event focused on indigenous history and immigration.

Reese is the daughter of parishioners Michelle & Ryan Johnson.



Parishioners Jeff & Melinda Hennig celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on September 7. They hosted a lovely coffee hour on September 6 in celebration of this wonderful milestone.



St. Luke's held its third Community Night gathering on Thursday, September 10. This event was a Back-to-School Night and featured games, crafts, a community art project, and free dinner for attendees. About 40 people enjoyed this fun event.

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mission-oriented work here and abroad. This includes annual contributions to local organizations like NAMI Coeur d'Alene, St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho, and our city's Backpacks feeding program for children, as well as international organizations like [The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church](#), [The High Atlas Foundation](#), and [Albanian Orthodox Church](#), as well as continuing support of KIVA loans. This is in response to my appeal to strengthen our international giving, one year ago. I am grateful for our generosity together as a people, sharing in work around the world for the common good and for building respect and cooperation among people of different faiths. We are contributors to the work of the Church universal – and doing our small part to fill the gaps left of our country's funding of efforts because of the closure of USAID.

Let the power of God, which is shown in overflowing and unrelenting love, show through us. Let the Light of Christ shine through us. Let us continue to be that steady, transforming presence in our communities like yeast that raises the dough. Let us root ourselves deeply with each other in God's presence through prayer, study, and sharing the stories of our lives. And let us continue to move forward with fresh energy and new creativity to seek, share, celebrate, and show the unbounded love of Jesus with the world around us.

Fr. David



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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.