

The ACTS Newsletter



July 2025

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm

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A Cornerstone is Laid

Part Four of the History of St. Luke's, as told in The First 100 Years: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

In August of 1927, Vandivort was to start work on the basement and Nave portion of the church. On November 22, 1927 the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone took place.

The Right Reverend Edward M. Cross officiated. St. Luke's Guild was asked to write a brief history. It was put in the cornerstone.

Copy of History placed in the cornerstone on November 22, 1927

Written by Mrs. Frand Reeves, St. Luke's Guild

Twenty-five years ago, this time of the year (fall) a small group of women interested in this church organization met at the Bell Hotel, now Elberta Arms at Palouse and Mission Streets. They started what is now St. Luke's Guild and Church. The names of these women were Mrs. Etta Griggs (deceased), Mrs. Fred Chase (deceased), Mrs. L.B. Derby, now of Twisp, Mrs. J.J. Groves of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Gilchrist who is presently standing by my side, also her husband Dr. Gilchrist who spent his time and money willingly and untiringly, like many faithful servants he too has gone to that church above.

Mrs. Griggs' daughter, Mrs. Scaman early became a member and is still helping to carry on the work her mother started. Mrs. E.L. Hollenbeck framed the by-laws under which St. Luke's Guild has worked for all these years, with but few amendments. Mrs. L.B. Derby was the first President, Mrs. Belle Reeves the first active secretary. In less than a year the Guild had a membership of thirty-six. Mrs. Scaman, Mrs. Baggott, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Gilchrist, and Mrs. Lillis are still working with us. The first money

was made for buying a church lot through the efforts of the Guild, by procuring Mrs. Ed S. Russell and daughter Gladys who were state entertainers.

Reverend and Mrs. Hilton came to Wenatchee in October, 1903 and remained with us for four years. During their residence here the Parish House was built. The time for building and occupancy was six weeks. Rev. Wyatt followed the Rev. Hilton and remained for sixteen years, going to a larger field in Florida. During the years of his service the Mission became a Church. Rev. Herman Page was in charge of the church for fifteen months. An associate of Rev. Wyatt, the Rev. A.L. Bramhall came to this church November 29, 1923 on Thanksgiving Day. During this time the outstanding feature has been the building of the new church and raising money with which to build it. The Guild members have been ever faithful in contributing their share toward the building and for them I am making their offering of loyalty for past, present and future years of this Church with the hope that we may carry on until the end of time the cherished hopes of the little band who first met in the long ago and found a church of our faith in which we might worship.

In August of 1927, against Mr. Whitehouse's advice, it was decided to make the tower only half the size called for in the original plans.

The first service was held in the new church on January 15, 1929. On May 14, 1928 two women were elected to serve on the vestry. They were Mrs. J.A. Sacmen and Mrs. J.E. Drury. Probably no other women had been elected to an Episcopal Vestry before. The Bishop was quite perturbed by the whole thing. The women served their terms. Many women have followed in their footsteps.

Coming in September: A Sign and an Organ



Stewardship in Service

July Worship Services

Bishop's Committee

Andrew Tudor, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Cathy Pike

Wayne Hawks

Anna Caswell

Melanie Thornton

Hollie Olson, Office Support

*For Vestry contact information
please call the church office
at 509 662-5635*

July 6, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

July 13, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer, 10:00 am

July 20, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

July 27, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

*All worship services are at 10:00 am
Please sign up for Worship Team!*



The office will be closed on Friday, July 4,
for the Independence Day holiday.



Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!



**Please pray for
firefighters,
and for all who
are affected by
fires this summer**

Notes from the Treasurer May, 2025

The following figures are preliminary as they haven't been audited yet.

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 15,301	\$55,490
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,419	\$39,533
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,882	\$15,957

Monthly pledge contributions were \$12,000 above annual budget, thank you. Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

G. Wayne Hawks

Stewardship in Community



Serve Wenatchee Valley is hosting a **Clothes for the Classroom** event, Saturday, August 9, 2025, 8:00 am-12:00 pm at Columbia Grove Covenant Church, 19 McElmurry Lane, East Wenatchee, WA. On Saturday, August 9, Serve Wenatchee will have our annual **Clothes 4 the Classroom** event. This event will be held at Columbia Grove Covenant Church. Our goal is to provide 1,000 children with new clothes, including jeans, shirts, shoes and socks.

Would you help us make this event a success? Here are some ways you can participate:

Provide Volunteers: This event requires a large amount of manpower. There are numerous opportunities to assist in the week leading up to the event and on event day itself.

Donate: Through strategic purchasing and cooperation with local retailers, we can provide a new set of clothes and shoes for just \$37 per child. To reach our goal of helping 1,000 children, we need to raise \$37,000 to make this happen.

Mail your tax-deductible donations to Serve Wenatchee Valley, PO Box 5543, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or donate or volunteer online at ServeWenatchee.org.

Source: www.servewenatchee.org

Farewell to
Nathan and Emelia Beam
who are moving to Georgia July 31.
You have done so much for this
congregation and you will be
missed!

Happy July Birthdays

Maggie Tudor	July 1
Clint Dodson	July 7
Caroline Mitchell	July 15
Andrew Tudor	July 21



Monthly Breakfast

St Luke's Monthly no-host breakfast
Saturday, July 5, at 9:30 am
at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

The topic will be:

UFOs/UAPs, what are aliens?? 🛸



Save the Dates!

Office Closed for Independence Day, Friday, July 4

Monthly Breakfast Saturday, July 5, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

Congregational Discussion, Sunday, July 20, after worship

**PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group,
Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided**

Bishop's Committee Meeting, July 24, 4:30

July 25, August ACTS Deadline

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1*



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