

The ACTS Newsletter



September 2025 Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm
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A Sign and an Organ

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

Dr. Colon Gilchrist, an early pioneer of Waterville (born in 1861) came to Wenatchee in 1897. He was a lay-reader and warden at St. Luke's. He died March 20, 1924. The Baptismal font was given in his memory by his family and moved into the church in February 1931.

On June 15, 1931, Rev. A.L. Bramhall resigned after serving at St. Luke's for eight years.

In August 1931, the Rev. Thomas E. Jessett and his wife arrived by stage from Spokane. He had been elected to succeed Rev. A.L. Bramhall. He began his duties on Sunday, September 6. His salary was \$2,100 a year from St. Luke's and \$300 a year from St. Luke's in Waterville. For the fall months these obligations were lived up to and Wenatchee also paid \$65 a month towards an automobile and its operation.

The depression deepened and the following year neither Wenatchee nor Waterville were able to meet its full commitment. There were those who felt that St. Luke's Wenatchee, having been a parish for only two years and in debt for its building to the amount of \$5,000, should revert to a mission status. The Rev. Jessett refused to consider that option. During his eight years as rector, the parish always closed its books in balance with the exception of one year when there was a small deficit.

During the tenure of Rev. Bramhall and Rev. Jessett, St. Luke's Guild began a project of making paper apple blossoms. They wired them to branches and sold them to various firms who participated in the Apple Blossom Festival. They made considerable money in this manner which enabled the church to buy a new organ in December 1930 and new pews in January 1932 at a cost of \$332.91.

In May 1935, St. Margaret's Guild purchased the St. Luke's sign out front. It was designed by Mr. Whitehouse.

A basement wing built according to the original plans at a cost of \$1,000 and paid for by St. Luke's Guild, provided space for an office and additional Sunday School rooms.

In 1938, St. Luke's Guild purchased a pipe organ for the church. They paid \$1,000 plus the old organ. It was installed in May, 1938 and was built by Balcom & Vaughn of Seattle.

During the Jessetts' stay in Wenatchee, three children were born to them: Thomas Arthur, Frederick Edwin, and Angela Louise. The little rectory at 934 Washington Street became crowded. They usually had a girl living with them to help with the children. She was attending school at the time.

To Dean Jessett's delight, he was able to present Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Gillette, his former employers, for confirmation and have them become active members of the congregation.

During Dean Jessett's rectorate, St. Anne's and St. Margaret's Guilds were organized. The Young People's Fellowship was very active. A Junior Choir was formed and vested. The confirmed boys organized a Server's Guild.

The Rev. Thomas E. Jessett served all during the depression. After eight years he resigned from St. Luke's on April 14, 1939 to be effective June 1, 1939.

Dean Jessett received a call to be the rector of St. John's Church, Olympia, in April of 1939. He conducted his last service at St. Luke's on Whitsunday, May 28. A very happy eight years closed for the Jessetts.

Coming in November: The Congregation Grows



Stewardship in Service

Bishop's Committee

Andrew Tudor, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Cathy Pike

Wayne Hawks

Anna Caswell

Melanie Thornton

Hollie Olson, Office Support

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September Worship Services

September 7, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

September 14, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Morning Prayer

September 21, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

September 28, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Morning Prayer

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



Financial Stewardship

Notes from the Treasurer July, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 7,086	\$70,488
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,458	\$51,645
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,372)	\$18,843

Diocesan Assessment expenses for June and July were both paid in July causing an overstatement of total expenses of \$2,495 for the month, with no affect on year-to-date expenses. Without that second amount, we would have had a surplus of \$1,123. Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

Tell Out My Soul

Did you ever have news that was so exciting that you could not wait to share it with others? The Good News that fills our spirits with joy is about the radical abundance, abiding love, and healing power that Jesus shares with us when we respond to his call to follow him. All of the gifts that we have been given are ready to burst forth to serve our neighbors and share our love with a world in need. It is once again time to turn our thoughts toward giving. We will officially kick off the Annual St. Luke's Giving Campaign with a potluck after church on October 5. The theme for this year's campaign is *Tell Out My Soul*. In the months ahead, we will have opportunities to reflect on our gifts – what they are, how we share them, and how powerful they can be.

Melanie Thornton, Bishop's Committee.

Stewardship in Community

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 6, 9:30 am
Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

St. Luke's Food Ministries

Here is a list of possible items for our food ministries. Please consider purchasing and bringing some of these to church.

- Shelf stable milk and non-dairy milk - Dollar Tree
- Cereal - WinCo has a good price on their store brand
- Flour and sugar - Dollar Tree has small boxes and bags
- Herbs and spices - Grocery Outlet, .99c each
- Instant mashed potatoes in packets
- Pasta – WinCo WinCo pasta sauce
- Mac and cheese Oatmeal
- Toothpaste - Dollar Tree Dried beans
- Rice Peanut butter
- Jam and jelly Bread
- Butter and margarine Tortillas
- Tuna Canned veggies
- Cooking oil Ramen noodles
- Toilet paper Hand warmers
- Tea bags Coffee

United Thank Offering Boxes are now available!

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks through United Thank Offering is given to God's mission in the world. UTO disperses every penny offered into grants. Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world. Your blessings become blessings for others.

*Happy
September
Birthdays!*

Susan Peterson
Cathy Pike
Bayley Green
Joan Lovitt



September 1
September 17
September 18
September 28

*Fall begins
September 22!*

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



Notice all of the ways that God is blessing you each day. From moments of self-care to moments of interaction with people who are helping you, good things are happening all the time that we simply miss because we are rushing to the next thing. Today, we challenge you to notice all of the good things happening or simply start and end the day with a prayer of thankfulness.

Save the Dates!

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, September 2, 5:00 pm

St. Luke's Guild, Wednesday, September 3, 1:00 pm

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 6, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

ECW, September 7, 11:30 am after worship

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, September 16, 5:00 pm

PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group,
Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided

Bishop's Committee, Thursday, September 18, 5:00

Congregational Discussion, Sunday, September 21, after worship

October ACTS Deadline, Monday, September 22

Fall Gathering Day, Saturday, September 27, 9:00 am-3:30 pm



*Sow fields and plant vineyards,
And gather a fruitful harvest.*

Psalm 101:31



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