

The ACTS Newsletter



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The Congregation Grows

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

On June 1, 1939, the Rev. Marshall M. Bacot of Okanogan arrived and stayed two years. On November 1, 1941, he was succeeded by the Rev. W.P. Carnes.

Mr. Carnes served during World War II. The mortgage was paid off. After the war the congregation grew. At one time the church purchased a large house divided into apartments on adjacent property back of the church. We were in the landlord business for several years. Finally, it was time to build on. The contents were auctioned off by Mrs. Ted Issacson and committee and the building was razed.

In January 1949, a building committee was formed consisting of: Rev. W.B. Carnes, Frank G. Crane, Jack Crowl, O.E. Driver, Lee Gillette Sr., John A. Goodfellow, Aubrey Grave, Joseph L. Hughes, George F. Miller, Lorraine Satterberg, E.L. Sawyer, Paul F. Thomas, John R. Tichbourne, Lillian Viancour, Clair Warren, and Mrs. Ray Watson.

The congregation had grown to 450 members. The church desperately needed more room for the 154 children in the Church School, and for teenagers to hold social activities.

There were several ideas as to how this should be done. They could complete just the lower section of the main church building including the sub-basement and heating plant, or complete the main part of the church according to the original plans, or build a separate Parish Hall on the Cleveland Street side.

Mr. Whitehouse, architect, and Mr. Vandivort, general contractor, who built the first part of the church, were contacted to provide an estimate for the Building Committee.

Mr. Whitehouse advised the members to finish the main part of the church as the original plans outlined. They were to finish the Chapel, Sanctuary, Chancel, Sacristy, sub-basement with furnace, stairs, hall, and organ loft. It would be of concrete blocks with six-inch stone veneer so the outside would look like the rest of the church. The blocks could be covered with plaster on the inside and painted.

The contract was awarded in May 1950 to Mr. Claire Vandivort for \$74,372 plus sales tax and architect's fee which brought it up to \$82,582.62. Another #1,381 was to be added if they decided to add a door and porch on the King Street side.

The church had \$68,802.62 in the building fund after a long campaign to raise funds. With the Bishop's consent they took out a 12-year mortgage for \$15,000 at 5% annual interest with monthly payments of \$149.

On May 17, 1950, the Rev. Carnes left St. Luke's and was replaced by the Rev. Gordon Holmes on November 15, 1950.

The addition to the building was completed in 1952.

On March 3, 1953, the Rev. Holmes called a meeting of the newly formed Advisory Committee to make plans for completing the Chancel and Sanctuary. If feasible the other parts of the church still uncompleted, such as the Chapel, Choir room, sacristy, and crypt would be completed. The committee consisted of the Vestry, Finance Committee, and a representative from each of the six Guilds of the Church.

With help of Mr. Whitehouse, the church was designed with its Gothic inspiration clearly evident in the interior, and the soaring effect of the altar and reredos.

Coming in January: The Font and the Altar



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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November Worship Services

November 2, All Saints Sunday, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

November 9, The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

November 16, The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

November 23, Christ The King Sunday, Morning Prayer

November 30, The First Sunday of Advent, Morning Prayer

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

Financial Stewardship

Notes from the Treasurer – September, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 8,221	\$83,942
Operating Expenses	\$11,516	\$69,791
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,295)	\$14,151

September Pledge contributions are a little low but on track. Some people of course, pay early, so year to date we are doing fine. September's expenses were high since the main summer watering bill was included in September. We are working on a way to prevent being billed the sewer charge for the water used for irrigation that never goes into the sewer.

Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

Stewardship in Community

Monthly Breakfast

Monthly breakfast on Saturday, November 1, at 9:30 at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!



Matt Crowe November 4
Sue Spearman November 12

*The church office will be open
Monday through Wednesday
of Thanksgiving week, November 24-26,
and closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday November 27 and 28.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving weekend!*

Wenatchee Rescue Mission

Many of you may be aware that we have had a series of homeless people camping on the church property over the past few months. We have experienced this before, but more as isolated incidents than the regular pattern we have seen recently. The recent increase is likely due to several factors, such as the closing of Lighthouse Ministries (which did not provide housing, but many people camped nearby), the economy, and changing policies in metropolitan areas like Seattle. It's a difficult situation because this is the same population we try to serve with various ministries, but for reasons of liability, safety and cleanliness we need to discourage people from camping and ask them to move on if they do. We have left notes in English and Spanish, which have been generally effective, but the word is out now about places on the church property that are relatively hidden and provide some shelter. The Bishop's Committee decided this month to connect with Wenatchee Rescue Mission to see if they could help. It turns out that they have outreach teams that go looking for homeless people and offer them services. They have several kinds of temporary housing, offer three meals a day, and have showers that people can use. Maggie and I met with two of their staff last week, showed them the places where people have camped, and welcomed them to come on the property a couple of times each week to see if there's anyone camping and make contact with them. We will still leave notes asking people to move on, but now we know that they will also be contacted by the Rescue Mission with concrete offers of help. -Andrew Tudor

2025 Diocesan Convention Report by Wayne Hawks

The sixty-first Diocesan convention was held October 17 through 19, 2025.

Representing St. Luke's was our Senior Warden Andrew Tudor, Former Senior Warden Susan McDonald, and myself.

The business of the convention

1. There were no resolutions to be voted on this year. There were four resolutions which had their first reading and will be voted upon next year. This considerably shortened the business portion of the convention.
2. People elected to Diocesan positions included:
 - a. Secretary of Convention: The Reverend Kathy Lamphere.
 - b. Standing Committee: The Reverend David Hacker and Marjie Mack.
 - c. Diocesan Council: Theresa Grate and Sandi Peck.
 - d. General Convention Deputies: From the Laity: Katherine Karr-Cornejo, Pia Longinotti, Missy Newcom, and Brian Sellers-Petersen. From the Clergy: David Gortner, Linda Young, David Sibley, and Heather VanDeventer.

The Services

1. Evening service Friday included the Necrology, which consisted of someone from each of the Diocesan churches reading the names of their members who passed away that year. This always, to me, emphasizes that our church is very much more than those that meet in St. Luke's Wenatchee. We truly are part of a Diocese, which in our case contains over 50,000 square miles.

The guest speaker, Anita Braden, gave the sermon and it was so good that many of us spontaneously started "A-Men'ing". It almost seemed like a Southern Baptist service and I have to say it was Joyful!

2. Saturday evening's service was the "Holden Evening Prayer" and was written years ago by people attending the Lutheran camp at Holden on Lake Chelan. It included a lot of amazing singing and music.



3. Sunday's service included the Litany for Baptisms, where someone from each of the Diocesan churches read a list (if any) of those who were baptized, confirmed, or received in the past year. Bishop Gretchen gave the sermon.

The big draw to this year's convention, for me, was the St. John's Bible. If you don't know, it is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine abbey since the invention of the printing press, created by Donald Jackson and a team of artists over more than a decade. The project began in 1998 and was completed in December of 2011, costing over \$8 million and involving a team of artists and calligraphers. It was handwritten on calfskin vellum using traditional quill pens and features 160 illuminations across its seven volumes. When open, it measures two feet tall and three feet wide. It uses gold and platinum leaf, hand-ground pigments, and traditional inks. Below is a picture that certainly does **not** do it justice:

The Programs

For all the programs blocks, our guest speaker was the Reverend Canon Anita Braden, from the Diocese of Arizona. I think we might go over some of the same questions she was asking us in the program blocks in our future meetings, so I will just list some of what I heard that were so good I had to write them down:

- Change is!
- The love of God is **NOT** passive.
- Prayer comes from God and returns to Him.
- God has given us what we need!
- When you're sure you'll mess up, you're probably right, but it will be okay with God's help.
- The things you struggle with the most usually have the best results.

Here is a picture of Reverend Canon Anita Braden:

Conclusion

I have been to many diocesan conventions. I told some of you about the first one (horrible experience in the 1990's), but I have to say that this one was so far, my absolute favorite. I wish you all could have been there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Hawks



Save the Dates!

Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, November 1, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

ECW, Sunday, November 2, 11:30 am after worship

Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, return your ballot by 8:00 pm!

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, November 4, 5:00 pm

St. Luke's Guild, Thursday, November 6, 1:00 pm

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, November 18, 5:00 pm

PFLAG Support Group, Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 pm, YWCA, (snacks provided)

Bishop's Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 4:30

December ACTS Deadline, Monday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27 (office closed November 27 & 28)

*In everything give thanks:
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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