

The ACTS Newsletter



January 2026 **Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm**
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The Congregation Grows

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

Always the most important point is the altar, Symbol of God's presence. Nothing should be allowed to obscure the altar, stand before, or impede access to it. The center aisle runs straight through the church from the entrance to the altar, symbolizing the pathway of life with leads straight to God.

The font is placed by the door of the church where we are baptized. It represents the beginning of Christian life just as the altar represents its goal. The center aisle is the narrow way that leads from Baptism up to God. Mr. Whitehouse thought we should have hand carvings for the altar and reredos. He thought the paneling should be kept quite plain, with some simple inserts of ecclesiastical symbols but secondary to the reredos which should be the focal point. In October of 1953, the Vestry authorized Mr. Whitehouse to submit a bid and plans to finish the Sanctuary, Chancel, Chapel, Sacristy, and Choir room. The bid was for \$22,340.50 and the committee decided not to do the stained-glass window over the altar and the Chapel chairs. They felt these could be ordered in 1954. Mr. I. Sunde of Seattle did all the hand carving for the Chancel and Sanctuary. Mr. Whitehouse suggested the firm of Connick Company when they got ready to do the stained-glass window. They also did the windows in the Cathedral in Spokane. He considered them the best.

The altar and reredos were installed in December 1953. Money for the altar was given in memory of A.Z. Wells by Mrs. Wells. The different Guilds pledged money also. St. Luke's Guild pledged for the Chapel and would buy the chairs as memorials to past presidents. St. Nicholas' Guild pledged money for the pulpit. St. Margaret's Guild pledged for the Bishop's Throne. The glass top cabinet in the North

Beatty.

Mr. Thomas Wand was hired to stain and finish the woodwork in the Chancel and Sanctuary. He was to refinish the organ and choir pews to blend in with the new wood. Also, he was to finish the wood in the Chapel. He completed his job in September of 1954.

With the main part of the church done, except for the stained-glass windows, there was still a need for classrooms for the Sunday School.

In 1954, the church purchased more land north of the church. They would now have enough room to build a Parish Hall.

The vestry asked for the first estimate for the new Parish Hall on December 8, 1955. Mr. Joe wood, as architect, gave an estimate of \$80,000. A fund drive was started. The first floor of the Parish Hall was completed. The dedication was on St. Luke's Day in 1957.

In 1958 the church purchased a house on Garfield Street to be used as a home for our priest.

On November 15, 1959, the vestry hired a Curate, George R. Martyn, to help Mr. Holmes in his duties. He stayed until June 30, 1961.

Mr. Holmes retired on March 31, 1962. The vestry advertised for a priest to serve a parish of 275 families. The Rev. Charles H.W. Fox of Colfax, Idaho answered the call and arrived on May 11, 1962.

In 1964, Spokane became a Diocese after being a missionary district for 75 years. Bishop Russell S. Hubbard was presiding.

In the intervening 68 years since 1895, St. Luke's Church has continued to minister in Christ's name to more and more people. Communicant strength was over 500 with 920 baptized members.

Coming in March: The Building Expands

Stewardship in Service

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*

January Worship Services

January 4, The Second Sunday after Christmas, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

January 11, The First Sunday after the Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Morning Prayer

January 18, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

January 25, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Morning Prayer

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

Notes from the Treasurer –November, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 4,955	\$ 100,252
Operating Expenses	\$ 11,933	\$ 88,969
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,978)	\$11,283

Pledge contributions were \$800 above the monthly budget. And Year-To-Date pledge payments were \$8,400 more than budget. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our church so far this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

Stewardship in Community

Monthly Breakfast

Monthly breakfast on the first Saturday,
 January 3 and February 7 at 9:30 am
 at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

Happy January Birthdays!

Tina Barron	January 1
Charlotte Johnson	January 7
Conrad Thoroughman	January 8
Minnette Hedges	January 31



Little Free Pantry

Here is a list of items that would be appreciated.

Shelf stable milk and non-dairy milk – Dollar Tree
 Cereal – WinCo
 Pasta – WinCo
 Pasta sauce
 Mac and cheese

Tuna
 Canned veggies
 Cooking oil
 Herbs and spices – Grocery Outlet
 Instant mash potatoes in packets
 Ramen noodles
 Toilet paper
 Hand warmers
 Tea bags
 Coffee

Oatmeal
 Toothpaste – Dollar Tree
 Dried beans
 Rice
 Peanut butter
 Jam and jelly
 Bread
 Butter and margarine
 Tortillas
 Flour and sugar – Dollar Tree

Donation Guide

Thank you for considering donating to St. Luke's. We have several ministries we would love your help with. Might I suggest one or more of the following:

We have four different feeding ministries at St. Luke's. Why?

As you know, the Apostle Peter denied Jesus. This also denied Peter (temporarily) his Apostleship. Note that Peter is not included in the reference to Jesus' apostles by one of his angels in Mark 16:7 which reads "But go, tell His **disciples—and Peter**—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

In Galilee, Peter was reinstated as an Apostle by Jesus as you can see in John 21:15-17:

"So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**"

He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "**Feed My sheep.**"

The four feeding ministries of St. Luke's are:

1. The **Soup Kitchen** (Saturday Free Lunch). This ministry feeds an average of 25 – 30 people most Saturdays.
2. The **Pantry**. This is available for those in need 24 hours per day, re-stocked almost every day.
3. Life Packs are zip-loc baggies which are filled with useful items for the homeless and then handed out by some. Donations for Life Packs are given through the **Special Gift**

Fund. We hope to produce 75 life packs three times per year.

4. Food and other items can be brought and put into the basket near the front door of the church the first Sunday of each month.

Other opportunities include:

1. The **Capital Improvement and Restoration** fund. We use money from this fund for unusual expenses. Upcoming expenses will include replacing the four water heaters which are all past their normal life spans, the rug in the sanctuary needs to be replaced, cleaning the walls in the sanctuary would be very helpful, and other needs yet to be discovered.
2. The **Altar Guild** and **ECW** (Episcopal Church Women) could both use some donations. ECW uses their funds for annual, usually Christmas giving. It varies each year but they try to keep it related to women—YWCA, women's shelters, etc.
3. The **Operating Fund**. It appears we will have a deficit budget in 2026, so please consider giving to this fund.
4. Please write the name of the fund (see the bolded, underlined names above) on the memo line of your check. You can mail your check (see the address above) or put it in the collection plate.

A couple of notes:

- Only the amounts you give to the operating fund are credited towards your pledge as that is the only fund to which anyone makes a pledge.
- Please do not give more than you can readily afford.

Thank you again for your consideration and donations!

With Respect,

Wayne Hawks
Treasurer

Save the Dates!

Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, January 3, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

ECW, Sunday, January 4, 11:30 am after worship

Guide Dogs, January 13, 5:00 pm

Bishop's Committee, January 15, 3:00

Congregational Discussion, Sunday, January 18 after worship

PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided

February ACTS Deadline, January 21

Guide Dogs, January 27, 5:00 pm

Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 1 after worship

Annual Reports are due January 23

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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*Happy
New
Year!*

