

The ACTS Newsletter



March 2024

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

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The Building Expands

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

Plans were currently underway to finish the present church edifice by adding a second story education unit to the present parish hall. In 1964, Joe Wood was asked to submit a rough estimate of the cost of the second floor. He told the vestry that it would be about \$73,000 without the rock face and \$100,000 to face the whole building with the rock to match the main part of the church.

In September 1965, the vestry accepted a bid of \$73,173 from Hal Construction Co. It was used to add church school classrooms as a second story to the Parish Hall.

In 1965, Darly Dietrich designed the window above the Altar, the windows above the Nave and Chancel which are copies of windows in the Chapel of Paris, where he had visited. The vestry voted in January 1966 to accept a bid from Merrill Stained-Glass Studios of Los Angeles, California to make the windows.

On October 18, 1966, the dedication of the parish hall and the stained-glass window above the Altar took place.

In 1967, Tad Riste designed and made the figure for the niche over the front entrance.

In July 1967, Eugene Wolfe was hired to help Father Fox and be responsible for the Mission in Waterville. He stayed for two years and left in September 1969.

In 1968 the stained-glass windows on the East side of the church were installed by Merrill Stained-Glass Studios.

On July 15, 1968, the vestry approved the project to refurbish the organ. Balcom & Vaughn of Seattle

were given the contract to make it an all voice, 13 rank organ at a cost of \$14,750. The work was finished in June 1970.

The organ and windows were provided through memorial gifts and a special contribution by St. Cecilia's Guild.

Yearly activities continued through the building and remodeling of the church structure at King and Cleveland Street. Through the continued expansions and programs, the guilds contributed their support.

In 1973, the Tabernacle behind the Altar was hand made by Leon Denham. The Sanctuary Lamp, which was handmade in England, was given as a memorial by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Siemon.

The Rev. Edwin Hitchcock came to Cashmere in 1973 as priest for Waterville and Cashmere. He spent three days a week working at St. Luke's He left February 29, 1980 and moved to Seattle.

In 1973, the building's debt was paid off. The church was free of debt for the first time in many years. In 1974, Janet L. Riste and Patricia Nefzger made the kneeling cushions for the high altar rail. They were completed in 1976.

In September 1974, the vestry voted to allow girls to serve as acolytes. The first two to sign up were Lisa Kreinbring and Penny Hinderman.

The Rev. Verle Helsel was hired as assistant to Father Fox. He came September 30, 1975 and stayed until August 22, 1979.

In 1976, a major remodeling of the Crypt was undertaken. The kitchen and office were finished first with volunteer help from the members of the church.

A new stairway was put in which gave access from the Crypt to the Nave. It was completed in early 1978.

In May: Improvements Continue

Stewardship in Service

Your Bishop's Committee

Andrew Tudor, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Wayne Hawks

Anna Caswell

Melanie Thornton

Hollie Olson, Office Support

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March Worship Services

March 1, The Second Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

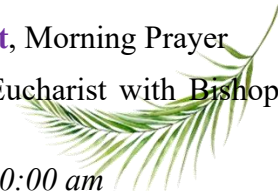
March 8, The Third Sunday in Lent, Morning Prayer

March 15, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Elaine Patrick

March 22, The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Morning Prayer

March 29, Passion Sunday, Holy Eucharist with Bishop Gretchen Rehberg

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



Notes from the Treasurer – January, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 6,062	\$ 6,062
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,866	\$ 5,866
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 196	\$ 196

Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

**Daylight Savings time
begins March 8, 2026!**



**Join us on March 21
for Spring Gathering
Day!**

Coffee and morning treats at 9:30, meeting starts formally at 9:50, and we end by 3:30. See you Saturday, March 21, at the Gathering Day at St. Martin's in Moses Lake!

Stewardship in Community

Monthly Breakfast

Monthly breakfast on the first Saturday,
March 7 and April 4 at 9:30 am
at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!



Jessica Kellogg	March 1
Karen Jensen	March 5
Michael Peterson	March 5
Brett Scott	March 11
Judy Johnson	March 24
Cheryl Anderson	March 31
Patti Thoroughman	March 31

Bishop Gretchen's Visit March 29, 2026

For the coffee hour with the Bishop, it was suggested we offer an Appetizer Potluck to go along with the Palm Sunday Hot Cross Buns. This is not intended to be a full meal. We'll have a sign up sheet available.

Some ideas for Hors D'oeuvres or Finger Foods:

- Fresh Fruit
- Vegetable Tray
- Dip and Chips
- Cheese and Crackers
- Deviled Eggs
- Buttered Radishes
- Pepper Jelly and Cream Cheese
- Stuffed Celery
- Guacamole and Chips
- Pigs in a Blanket
- Charcuterie Board
- Miniature Eggrolls

Please note, *Bishop Gretchen is allergic to mushrooms and eggplant.*

A little background about Hot Cross Buns.

These spiced, fruit-filled buns represent the crucifixion with a white cross, while ingredients symbolize the spices used to embalm Jesus. They are traditionally eaten during Lent and up to Good Friday.

- **Symbolism:** The cross represents the crucifixion, while the yeast symbolizes the resurrection.
- **Tradition:** Hot cross buns have roots back to a 14th-century monk and are associated with sharing.
- **Serving Suggestions:** They are best served warm, toasted, or with butter or honey butter.

While hot cross buns are traditionally associated with Good Friday, they are often enjoyed throughout the Lenten season and into Palm Sunday.

Thank you all!

Save the Dates!

ECW, Sunday, March 1, 11:30 am after worship

St. Luke's Guild, Thursday, March 5, 1:00 pm

Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, March 7, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

Congregational Discussion, Sunday, March 15, after 10:00 am worship

PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group, *Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided*

Bishop's Committee, *March 19, 4:30*

First Day of Spring, *March 20*

Spring Gathering Day, *March 21, St. Martin's –Moses Lake, WA*

April ACTS Deadline, *March 24*

Bishop's Visit, *March 29*

Blessed be the God and father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:3



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