

# The ACTS Newsletter



**June 2025**

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

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Ah, summer.

When the days are long, the air is warm, and life is full of joy!

A great summertime recreational opportunity presented itself on July 30, 2011 when a couple wonderful friends told us they had decided to sell their 1978 22-foot Class C motor home (in case you don't know, a Class C is one built on a truck or in this case a Chevrolet Van chassis) for only \$2,400 because they decided they "just weren't RV people."

I thought that was an odd way of putting it, but saw a great opportunity in this. So, we took it for a test drive. It started right up and off we went. The heater and windshield wipers didn't work. And the speedometer, but those were minor things. At least the engine ran well. And, that's the most important thing...

So, we bought it and I spent the next three weeks replacing light bulbs, fuses, and the speedometer cable. I also changed the oil, oil filter, and air filter. Linda cleaned windows, shampooed and vacuumed the shag carpet and the orange upholstery. Perhaps Class C in the case of this particular motor home was less a designation of type and more of a grade.

And then, it was time for the shakedown cruise on August 27. After only a couple hours of hauling many, many items to and stowing them in the RV, it was time to go.

The engine started right up and quickly came to a smooth idle. I backed it around, put it into drive and we were off. Being a hot day, I put my window partly down and turned the heater fan on high. After jiggling the ignition switch the heater fan came on and the alternator started charging. I made mental notes of what else we might want to get done shortly:

1. New Ignition Switch
2. Thermostat – it was running a little cold (fortunately!).
3. Lots of play in the steering. Tie rod ends? Ball Joints? Wheel bearings probably need to be repacked.
4. Better get it lubed – I noticed that it had been a long time when I was under it changing the oil. I also noticed at that time copious amounts of rust everywhere. I especially noticed it on the propane tank which I had recently had had filled....
5. There was a lot of sway. It probably needs new shock absorbers and possibly leaf and coil springs also.

At this point I realized our now EX-friends, had not been entirely honest with us....

Going down Moses Coulee was a beautiful experience though. With the window half-way down we weren't sweating as much as we could have been. (Need to get the A/C Recharged). Plus, it gave us the opportunity to really hear well the backfiring of the engine after I put it in second to try and hold it back from running away. (Needs a tune-up – Distributor Cap, rotor, spark plugs, spark plug wires??).

But, by pumping the brakes and holding the steering wheel hard to the left, we made it to the bottom alive and it climbed the far side just fine. (New brake pads, wheel cylinders, perhaps brake drums, master cylinder?). Sure glad the sparks from the brakes didn't ignite the leaking propane...

Then, near the top I noticed an unusual thrumming noise just before I started to smell antifreeze (bad heater hose, water pump, head gasket, or a cracked head?) mixed with the propane and gasoline smells. Well, maybe it will stop I thought. And it sure did about the time the engine died, on the hill down to Coulee City.... You know, power brakes usually work better with the engine running...

Fortunately, I managed to get it stopped and then didn't have to walk more than a couple miles to get cell phone reception so I could call a tow-truck. After just a few tries, the tow truck driver answered and said he'd be there in

about half an hour. So, what to do in the hot sun for half an hour? First, I called to cancel our reservation at Steamboat Rock Park. After several minutes of being on hold, the service rep came back on the phone to thank me for waiting and to tell me that our reservation had been cancelled. And she assured me in a cheery voice that the fee was NON-refundable. Made me so glad I had called...

The other thing I did, once I got back into the 110 degree or so RV, was to join with my wife in reciting an ancient family curse on to the cruel people who sold us this "inexpensive" motor home and to question their pedigrees....

At this point, with sweat running down us, and our dogs panting like crazy we realized that, like those freshly-cursed people, we "just aren't RV people" and resolved to put it up for sale, donate it to a charity, or, if necessary, burn it to the ground....

Then the tow truck arrived. Built in Japan, seemingly by Tonka, it was the smallest tow truck I've ever seen! No way that thing could pick up and pull that twenty-two foot motor home, especially with one side of the sling, a large rubber strap, half torn. But, it did pick it up. In fact, several times it did as he was trying to get the chains attached correctly. And, each time he managed to customize the front bumper more and more. I say customize because you can't get them from the factory in that shape. But, we didn't care. We just wanted to get home safely and at this point didn't care if he dropped it on the way back.

So, I rode with my dog on my lap shoe-horned between the driver and my wife and her dog. I'm pretty sure he had never cleaned the inside of this truck and most likely not the outside either. When my wife mentioned he could clean the inside of his truck once in a while, oddly, he didn't answer. He just started telling a story about getting stopped at the Canadian border and them discovering his pistol....

But, get back we did, and safely too. The next morning I had a dream that I went out to the motor home and tried to start it and it started right up. After waking up and getting ready, I went to the motor home and it did indeed start right up. So, I crawled under it along with the weeds, spiders, and ants and re-attached the drive shaft. Then we spent a couple hours cleaning it out and we're now ready to sell it.

So, if you like tie-dyed clothing and think you might be interested in a Class EEE motor home, here are some things to consider:

1. It only burned half as much gas as you'd expect, the last time we took it out, having been driven one way and then towed back.
2. It has a custom front bumper.
3. We're only selling it because we decided that we're just not RV people.

**Update:** Linda had a coworker we felt sorry for. He works full time plus builds fences, etc. on the side just to make ends meet for himself and his three children. So, we decided to give the motor-home to him. Actually, we decided to sell it to him for \$1. It's the little accountant in my head who wouldn't let me throw away ALL that investment.

Anyway, he picked it up one day, drove it straight over to the parts store and started his own investment program in parts...

He did manage to drive it to Wenatchee. Then, when he tried to change the title over, he called us because they refused to let us sell it to him for \$1. We'd have to gift it to him. Okay, that takes different paperwork I assumed. But, he didn't have time to do that then since he was **due to leave for Hawaii**. Yes, he was going to Hawaii. The guy I had felt sorry for. Well, I've never been to Hawaii!

But, that's okay. When he came back he got the title changed over and then evidently that old family curse we had aimed at the folks we had bought it from boomeranged and caught the guy who "bought" it from us.

Someone wanted to borrow it from him and he loaned it to them. They got almost to Malaga (about ten miles) when the transmission fell out!

Then, the proud new owner got up to work on the roof of his house and fell off breaking four ribs and his wrist.

That's just the beginning.

I suspect very soon he won't be "RV people" either....

# Stewardship in Service

## Your Vestry

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*

## In-person Safe Church Training

Mallory Davis will lead an in-person Safe Church training at St. Stephen's in Spokane and is opening it up to our wider diocesan community.

In-person Safe Church Training  
June 1, 2025 from 1:00pm to 4:30 pm  
At St. Stephen's, 5720 S Perry St,  
Spokane, WA 99223

This training is free and open to all diocesan members. Safe Church certification meets diocesan compliance for church leaders/decision makers, clerics, vestries, staff, key-holders and anyone working regularly or occasionally with children. Certification is good for 5 years. This training will include both Universal and Specialized courses.

*RSVP [here](#) or to Mallory Davis at 509 624-3191*

## June Worship Services

**June 1, The Seventh Sunday of Easter**, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

**June 8, The Day of Pentecost**, Morning Prayer 

**June 15, The Holy Trinity**, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

**June 22, The Second Sunday after Pentecost**, Morning Prayer

**June 29, The Third Sunday after Pentecost**, Morning Prayer

*All worship services are at 10:00 am*

*Please sign up for Worship Team!*



## Notes from the Treasurer April, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 9,163	\$40,189
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,778	\$30,114
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,385	\$10,075

Monthly pledge contributions were \$400 above budget, thank you.

Respectfully,

G. Wayne Hawks

# Stewardship in Community

## Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 15, 2025

Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

Psalm 103:13



Patricia Munsell	June 2
Vivian Scott	June 11
Jerry Anderson	June 12
Gary Osborne	June 12
Virginia Kellogg	June 24
Diane Osborne	June 24

### Monthly Breakfast

St Luke's Monthly no-host breakfast  
Saturday, June 7, at 9:30 am  
at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

The topic will be:

*The Temple during the time  
Jesus walked the earth.*

### ECW Luncheon

ECW of St. Luke's will hold a luncheon here on June 12 at 11:30. All women are invited! Please come and enjoy time with the ladies, a light lunch, and a program from the local group Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Welcome Summer!

June 20, 2025!



## Stewardship in Pride

celebrating  
**PRIDE**  
MONTH



### Join us for the **2025 Wenatchee Pride Festival**

We are very excited to present the 2025 Wenatchee Pride Festival on June 21, 2025 from 11:00 am-9:00 pm at Memorial Park in Wenatchee! Join us and our 2S+LGBTQIA friends, family, and allies together for a day of celebration, equality, and inclusivity with vendors, food, performances, and the return of the “Queer” Garden!

*Volunteers are needed!*

*Register here as a Wenatchee Pride Volunteer!*

### **St. Luke's celebrates Pride**

*Saturday, June 21 | 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. | Memorial Park*

St. Luke's will host a welcoming table at the Wenatchee Pride Festival! Stop by and say hello! We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the table from 10 am to 7 pm. Please sign up to volunteer at [bit.ly/stlukespride25](https://bit.ly/stlukespride25) Whether you volunteer at the festival or simply stop by to visit, we hope you'll be part of St. Luke's presence at Pride this year. As Episcopalians, we believe that God loves us all – no exceptions. Learn more about the Episcopal Church's commitment to inclusion at:

[episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq](https://episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq)



### **Honoring Queer Ancestors: A Night of Reflection & Remembrance**

*Friday, June 20, 5:30-6:30 pm.*

St. Luke's is partnering with several affirming churches in the Wenatchee Valley to host a contemplative gathering titled *Honoring Queer Ancestors*. This service, led by Zoe Jaspers of Sunnyslope Church, will include hymns, scripture, and reflections. The evening will conclude with a candlelit walk to Memorial Park for a blessing before the next day's festival. Together, we will create space for remembrance, healing, and community.

Some preach hate,  
**God loves you, no exceptions.**

Some discriminate,  
**God delights in who you are.**

**The Episcopal Church stands  
with our LGBTQ+ siblings**

**The Episcopal Diocese of Spokane**



## **Save the Dates!**


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

**Father's Day, Sunday, June 15**

**Congregational Discussion, Sunday, June 15, after 10:00 am worship**

**Bishop's Committee Meeting, June 19, 4:30**

**July ACTS Deadline, June 20**

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Friday, June 20, 5:30-6:30 pm at St. Luke's** 

**Wenatchee Pride Festival at Memorial Park, June 21, 11 am-9 pm** 

**PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Tuesday, June 24, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided**

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we also ought to love one another  
John 4:11



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