

# The ACTS Newsletter



**April 2025**

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

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## **A Constitution and a Stone Building**

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

On February 15, 1926, the Constitution and By-Laws for the church were presented to the Missionary District of Spokane and accepted. St. Luke's became a Parish. Mr. Bramhall served as Vicar until St. Luke's became a Parish whereupon he became a Rector. The first trustees for the new parish were: Herbert Cheever, John Goodfellow, Ben F. Brown, W.E. Mills, C.M. Stewart, Pete Wheeler, Joe T. Bowen, and John O. Rafter.

In March of 1926, the property at First and Chelan Street was purchased by Dr. J.E. Drury for \$7,250. His purpose was to enable the church to move to a new location as quickly as possible. Dr. Drury also offered to give a half-acre, located at the intersection of Miller and Washington Streets to the church for a building site. The location that was offered is now the site of the First Methodist Church. Some felt the rejected site might have provided better parking facilities.

The lot they bought for \$1,735 was a triangle where King and C (now Cleveland) streets meet. It was 125 ft. by 225 ft. by 190 ft. It is located across the street from St. Anthony's Hospital.

A building committee was formed and consisted of Bishop Cross, Herbert Cheever, John A. Goodfellow, J. Dear, Rev. A.L. Bramhall, John Rafter, Joseph T. Bowen, and W.E. Mills.

Bishop Cross advised the board to use the firm of Whitehouse and Price of Spokane as architects, as they specialized in church architecture.

Mr. John Goodfellow had been asked by members of the vestry and building committee to study the rock at Index, Ribbon Cliff, Squilchuck, Chelan Street, and Dry Gulch. When Mr. Harold C.

Whitehouse came here to prepare plans for the new church, he at once inquired about using native stone for the building. He was directed to a sandstone deposit up Dry Gulch. With John Goodfellow and Rev. A. L. Bramhall, he made a trip for inspection. He was highly pleased with the appearance and texture of the stone. After visiting places where it had been used in the past, he secured samples which were sent to Spokane to be tested. The test proved so satisfactory that it was decided to use nothing but the native stone for the new church.

Mr. Whitehouse had traveled and studied church architecture in Europe before preparing plans for the Episcopal Cathedral in Spokane and St. Luke's Church. On April 7, 1926, he sent his first sketch of the proposed new church.

The combination of Romanesque and a modified Norman architectural style is visible from the exterior in the squared-off tower at the entrance.

To save money, the stone for the ground floor was constructed of granite from South Chelan Street where the Goodfellow Brothers had the contract for the grading job. This was in August, 1926. The lot, excavation, and building of the basement was \$14,000.

In March of 1927 the estimated cost of the Nave, Tower, and Narthex was \$42,000. We had to quarry the rock from Dry Gulch and deliver it to the site for that price. This did not seem too high so a drive for funds was started.

The contract was given to Vandivort Construction Co. on a cost-plus basis. The stone mason was Mr. Vinge. He was a master of his trade as attested to by the beautiful and accurate work. Some fossilized rock can be seen in the masonry stonework in the Narthex.

*Coming in July: A Cornerstone is laid*

# Stewardship in Service

## April Worship Services

### 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*

May 4, The Third Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist with  
Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

May 11, The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Morning Prayer

May 18, The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist with  
Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

May 25, The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Morning Prayer

*All worship services are at 10:00 am*

*Please sign up for Worship Team!*

### Notes from the Treasurer March, 2025

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 15,031	\$31,025
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,401	\$23,336
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 8,630	\$7,689

Monthly pledge contributions were \$ 7,000 above budget due to full year pledges paid early, thank you.

Respectfully,

G. Wayne Hawks

### It's back: The Camp Cross Benefit Brunch!

Sunday, May 4, at 11:30 am following the morning service. The Guild ladies are baking the traditional egg and sausage casserole. Parishioners are asked to bring fruits, veggies, and breakfast breads. Coffee and juice will be provided.

As this is a fundraiser for our Diocesan summer camp near Couer d'Alene, Idaho, your donations are welcome. Please write checks to St. Luke's Church with *Camp Cross* on the memo line.

### Spring Gathering Day, March 29, 2025

Susan McDonald, Virginia Kellogg, and I attended the spring gathering day at St. Martin's in Moses Lake. By the Way, for those that didn't go, you missed some great pizza!

What we did was to pick partners and then discuss the following questions in two sets:

1. These two question were from the "Being With" program:
  - A. I wonder about a time you have encountered the love of God.
  - B. I wonder how God's love has compelled you to act.
2. These four questions were from the "From Many, One" program:
  - A. What do you love?
  - B. What have you lost?
  - C. Where does it hurt?
  - D. What do you dream?

As you may have noticed, we decided to forego the congregational meeting after the service on the third Sunday in April, because that was Easter. We plan to have one the third Sunday in May and will take time to ask a partner the last four questions above.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Hawks

# Stewardship in Community

## Monthly Breakfast

St Luke's Monthly No-host breakfast  
on Saturday, May 3, at 9:30 am  
at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

The topic will be:

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



Bea McGregor	May 1
Jeanette Larson	May 6
Elizabeth Bozarth	May 23



April 24-May 4 "The Best Time Ever"  
in Memorial Park, Wenatchee Washington

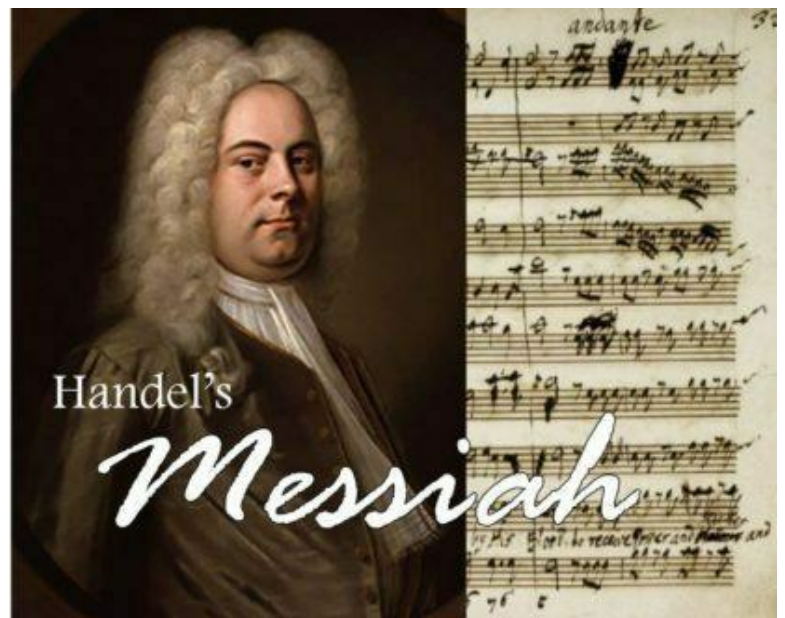
Happy Mothers Day!  
Sunday, May 11



## Join us for the 2025 Wenatchee Pride Festival

We are very excited to present the 2025 Wenatchee Pride Festival on June 21, 2025 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 "Queer" Garden!

*Volunteers are needed!*  
*Register here as a Wenatchee Pride  
Volunteer!*



## Wenatchee Sings Messiah

Friday, May 9, 7:00 pm

The audience is the Chorus, with string quartet, continuo.  
The event is FREE. Donations accepted at the door for music student outreach efforts.

Reservations strongly recommended  
by May 2 at 509 663-2189.

Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington St., Wenatchee

## **Save the Dates!**

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

**Camp Cross Benefit Brunch**, *Sunday, May 4, 11:30 am after worship*

**St. Luke's Guild**, *Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 pm*

**ECW**, *Sunday, May 11, 11:30 am after worship*

**Mother's Day**, *Sunday, May 11*

**Vestry Meeting**, *Thursday, May 15, 4:30*

**Congregational Discussion**, *Sunday, May 18, 11:30 am after worship*

**June ACTS Deadline**, *May 22*

**Memorial Day**, *May 26, the office will be closed*

**PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group**,  
*Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided*



*The desert and the parched land will be glad:  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom*

*Isaiah 35:1*



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