

The ACTS Newsletter



September 2026 **Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm**
stlukes-wenatchee.org, stlukeswen@outlook.com **509 662-5635**

St. Luke's Celebrates 100 Years

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

Desmond Smit, of Vancouver, Washington, was hired September 1, 1992, as youth director. He stayed until May 31, 1993, then returned to Vancouver.

On July 18, 1993, Dave Campbell of Wenatchee and a member of St. Luke's Church was hired as youth director. He started his duties on August 17, 1993. He served until the summer of 1996.

The Sunday School classroom wing was refurbished in 1993 and re-dedicated by Bishop Terry. It was made possible through remembrances of loved ones in St. Luke's Memorial Fund.

A new reader board sign at the King Street entrance was purchased in June 1994. It was dedicated to Esther Oliver and in memory of Virginia Kellogg's family members Charles, Virginia, and Roger Stinard.

Under Father Laddie's leadership, St. Luke's undertook a major emphasis on youth work. Part-time youth ministry was developed in 1987 and was followed by full-time youth ministers being employed each year since then. Beginning in 1994, Father Laddie began to chair the Chelan/Douglas County Health and Safety Network. Enacted by the Washington State Legislature, the Network is charged with studying at-risk youth. Their task is to devise a plan to help the youth at the local level.

Father Laddie has served as the head of the Wenatchee Deanery, having been appointed by Bishop Wallace in 1991. For many years he served as spiritual director of the Cursillo movement. Many St. Luke's members participated in that spiritual renewal movement over the years.

He has also been active at the national church level. He served as an alternate and delegate to successive General Conventions. In 1984, he was instrumental in constructing a merger of two separate Wenatchee Valley ministerial groups.

St. Luke's hosted the diocesan convention in 1982.

To celebrate our hundredth year, St. Luke's stated with a potluck and evening service on October 18, 1994. Diane

Osborne accepted the position of chairperson of the year's celebration.

E.C.W. ordered centennial plates that are very attractive. They have a picture of the church imprinted in blue on them and the date of our centennial year.

Kathleen Selleck was asked to write a history of the church. As she gathered material she shared it in the Acts each month. There were articles about the church and its history.

Faith Alive weekend was celebrated September 8, 9, & 10, 1995. Guests were from Texas, California, Canada, Idaho, Oregon, the Carolinas, and Washington State. About 75 people participated in this renewal of faith.

On October 14 there was an Organ Concert at the church. Two former organists of our church were here to play. They were Marilyn Barry of Anchorage, Alaska and Judy Olson of East Wenatchee. Heidi Summers was a guest organist from Wenatchee.

The evening of October 14 there was a Centennial Banquet at the Red Lion Inn. There were 94 people present. Out of town guests were Bishop and Mrs. Jeff Terry, Father and Mrs. Charles Fox, and Shirley Therens, all of Spokane, Carolyn and Karl Moldrem of Washougal, Washington, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh McGee of Cashmere, and 14 members of St. James Cashmere.

Two of the oldest members of St. Luke's were present at the banquet. Earl Foster born in 1917 of East Wenatchee, and Willard Baylis who moved here with his parents in 1924. Gwyneth Sawyer Mitchell, who could not attend the banquet, came to Wenatchee in 1921 at the age of nine. She has been a member of St. Luke's ever since. All three worshipped in the little church at First and Chelan Streets.

During the banquet the Apollo club sang in honor of the Rev. Hyatt who started the club in 1911. He served as priest of St. Luke's from 1908 to 1923.

Kathleen Selleck, president of St. Luke's Guild, gave a brief history of the Guild as the founding guild of the church and is still active with 26 members.



Dick Vickers, master of ceremonies, introduced the guests, and a roll-call of years of which members came first, and senior wardens that were present.

Father Tlucek gave a brief talk on past, present, and future outreach programs at St. Luke's.

On Sunday, October 15, Bishop Terry celebrated communion at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. A reception was held after the 10:00 am service to honor the occasion.

On Wednesday, October 18, there was a service to honor St. Luke's Day at 7:30 pm. The 1892 prayer book was

used with Father Tlucek officiated. This ended the year long celebration of St. Luke's 100th celebration.

On November 3, 1995, a new advent wreath was purchased from Michigan Church Supply and given in memory of Fred and Kathryn Siemon.

December 9, 1995 a new pall for the Columbarium was obtained from Almy & Co. in memory of Lorne Bartram.

December 10, 1995, Father Laddie Tlucek resigned his position as Rector to become effective February 29, 1996. He took a position as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grand Forst, North Dakota.

Coming in November: Past Staff

Stewardship in Service

Bishop's Committee

Wayne Hawks, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Anna Caswell

Amy Stubbs

Andrew Tudor

Melanie Thornton

Hollie Olson, Office Support

*For Vestry contact information please call
the church office at 509 662-5635*

September Worship Services

September 6, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

September 13, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

September 20, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

September 27, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

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

The office will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

*Fall begins
September 22!*



Stewardship in Community

*Happy
September
Birthdays!*



Susan Peterson	September 1
Melanie Thornton	September 9
Cathy Pike	September 17
Bayley Green	September 18
Joan Lovitt	September 28

Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, September 5, 9:30 am
Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

Financial Stewardship

Notes from the Treasurer July, 2026

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$7,685	\$75,589
Operating Expenses	\$6,328	\$52,108
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,357	\$23,481

Respectfully, Andrew Tudor

Stewardship 2026-2027

“Plenty Good Room” is our new stewardship reflection. The gift of the Holy spirit graces us all during this season after Pentecost, excluding no one. All are welcome in God’s kingdom and at God’s table. “All things are ready: come unto the marriage” (Mathew 22:4).

As we reflect on God’s limitless generosity, let us consider how we through our stewardship can best mirror his generosity-sharing our gifts, making room for others, and extending God’s welcome to all.

The Bible and a Beverage

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours

The “Bible and a Beverage” meetings will resume on September 9. We will watch and discuss the Chuck Missler video series “Learn the Bible in 24 Hours” meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, **starting September 9.**

There are **two ways** to participate, depending on your schedule:

When you have time, watch the appropriate session of “Chuck Missler’s Learn the Bible in 24 Hours” on Youtube.com, then come to St. Luke’s to join us for a group discussion starting at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays, starting September 9.

Or, come to the church at 4:00 pm to watch the video with us there and stay for the discussion, starting at 5:30 pm.

Bring your favorite Bible and/or your favorite beverage also if you wish.

Note that we are not going to learn the entire Bible in one 24-hour session. We will get an overview of the Bible in 24 one-hour (about) video sessions and viewing and discussing two sessions per month.

United Thank Offering Boxes are now available!

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks through United Thank Offering is given to God’s mission in the world. UTO disperses every penny offered into grants. Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world. Your blessings become blessings for others.

Notice all of the ways that God is blessing you each day. From moments of self-care to moments of interaction with people who are helping you, good things are happening all the time that we simply miss because we are rushing to the next thing. Today, we challenge you to notice all of the good things happening or simply start and end the day with a prayer of thankfulness.

Save the Dates!

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, September 1, 5:00

Labor Day, Monday, September 7, the office will be closed

St. Luke's Guild, Thursday, September 3, 1:00 pm

Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, September 5, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee

ECW, Sunday, September 6, 11:30 am after worship

Taizé Service, Monday, September 14, 6:30 pm

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 pm

PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 pm, YWCA, snacks provided

Congregational Discussion, Sunday, September 20, after worship

October ACTS Deadline, Monday, September 21

Bishop's Committee, Thursday, September 24, 4:30

Fall Gathering Day, Saturday, September 26, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, at St. Martin's in Moses Lake



*Sow fields and plant vineyards,
And gather a fruitful harvest.*

Psalms 101:31



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

PO Box 1642

Wenatchee, WA 98807

509 662-5635

stlukes@nwi.net

