

The ACTS Newsletter



November 2026 **Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm**
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Past Staff

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

St. Luke's Clergy

Vicars

October 18, 1903 - February 28, 1908
Thomas A. Hilton (deceased October 30, 1944)

May 30, 1908 - November 30, 1923
F. Stuart Hyatt (deceased April 14, 1957)

Rectors

February 8, 1926 - May 31, 1931
A.L. Bramhall (deceased July 14, 1954)

September 1, 1931 - May 31, 1939
Thomas E. Jessett (deceased February 13, 1982)

June 1, 1939 - September 28, 1941
Marshall M. Bacot (deceased September 18, 1970)

November 1, 1941 - March 31, 1962
J. Gordon Holmes (deceased August 1982)

May 11, 1962 - December 31, 1981
Charles H.W. Fox

October 21, 1982 - February 29, 1996
Laddie R. Tlucek

May 1, 1997 - October 30, 2000
Larry Spannagel

September 2, 2002 - February 11, 2005
Alan R. McLean

July 15, 2005 - April 30, 2009
Patton L. Boyle

February 1, 2011 - August 31, 2014
Lee R. Kiefer

May 1, 2015 - June 30, 2023
Frances R. Twigg

Assistant Priests and Deacons

Herman Page, 1923 - Interim & Assistant Priest,
Retired Bishop

Thomas E. Jessett, 1924 - Assistant Deacon

George R. Martyn, 1959 - 1961 – Assistant Priest

Vernon E. Wolfe, 1967 - 1969 – Assistant Priest

Verle Helsel, 1957 - 1979 – Deacon

Edwin Hitchcock, 1973 - 1980 – Assistant Priest

Robert Hassaries, 1981 - 1984 – Assistant Priest

Youth Directors

Karl Moldrem, 1986 - 1990 – Youth Director

George Siss, 1991 - 1992 – Youth Director

Desmon Smit, 1992 - 1993 – Youth Director

Dave Campbell, 1993 - 1996 – Youth Director



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
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November Worship Services

November 1, All Saints Sunday, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

November 8, The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

November 18, The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

November 22, Christ The King Sunday, Morning Prayer

November 29, The First Sunday of Advent, Morning Prayer

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

2026 Diocesan Convention Report by Wayne Hawks

The sixtieth-second Diocesan convention was held October 16 through 18, 2026.

Representing St. Luke's was myself, Senior Warden Wayne Hawks and prior Senior Wardens Susan McDonald and Virginia Kellogg. And, yes, we each had a few senior moments.

The business of the convention:

This year was mostly about Ecumenicalism. Besides Bishop Gretchen there were the equivalent of bishops from the Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist churches plus a minister from the United Methodist church. In case you don't know, the United Methodist came from the Episcopal church.

There was a floor resolution on Christian nationalism which you will be hearing more about later.

The Services:

1. Evening service Friday included the Necrology, which consisted of someone from each of the Diocesan churches reading the names of their members who passed away that year. This always, to me, emphasizes that our church is very much more than those that meet in St. Luke's Wenatchee. We truly are part of a Diocese, which in our case contains over 50,000 square miles.

2. Saturday's service included a sermon given by the United Methodist minister.

3. Sunday's service included the Litany for Baptisms, where someone from each of the Diocesan churches read a list (if any) of those who were baptized, confirmed, or received in the past year. The Lutheran Bishop, Meggan Manlove gave the sermon.

The Programs:

For all the program blocks, our Lutheran, United Methodist, and Presbyterian guests explained the differences from their church to ours and answered questions. Below are a couple of notes I made as I was listening:

- We are all simultaneously saints and sinners.

- Despair is sin.

Conclusion:

I have been to numerous diocesan conventions. This one was a good one and I wish you all could have been there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Hawks

Financial Stewardship

Notes from the Treasurer – September 2026

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$4,536	\$86,082
Operating Expenses	\$9,988	\$69,294
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 5,452)	\$16,788

Respectfully, Andrew Tudor

Stewardship in Community



Matt Crowe	November 4
Linda Hawks	November 5
Sue Spearman	November 12

Serve Wenatchee Baskets of Blessing

Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, at Wenatchee First Assembly of God Church, 1520 McKittrick Street in Wenatchee

This Thanksgiving, **Serve Wenatchee** is on a mission to bring warmth, dignity, and joy to **500 families** in our community through our annual **Basket of Blessings** event. Each basket is more than just a meal—it's a message of love, a reminder that no one is forgotten, and a celebration of the power of community.

We have **500 baskets** waiting to be decorated with care. Help us turn ordinary laundry baskets into beautiful gifts of hope. Call or stop by and ask for **Shelley** to check out baskets. Return decorated baskets by **November 16**.

Volunteer Your Time

In just one day, we gather food, pack baskets, and hand them out to families who need it most. **Tuesday, November 24**. Whether you have one hour or all day, your hands and heart are needed.

*The church office will be open
Monday through Wednesday
of Thanksgiving week, November 23-25,
and closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving weekend!*

Monthly Breakfast

Monthly breakfast on Saturday, November 7, at 9:30 at the Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!



Give Generously

Thanks to our partners at **Grocery Outlet Wenatchee** and **T-Sales Hispanic Wholesale**, we can provide a full Thanksgiving meal for just **\$49 per family!** Our goal is to raise **\$25,000** to serve 500 families. Every gift—big or small—helps us reach a neighbor in need.

Donate at ServeWenatchee.org.

With Gratitude

Special thanks to our event sponsor **Jones & Jones-Betts** and our host church **Wenatchee First Assembly of God** for helping us make this vision a reality.

Together, We Can Make Thanksgiving a Little Brighter

Whether you decorate, volunteer, or donate—you're helping a family feel seen, loved, and cared for this holiday season.

Save the Dates!

Daylight Savings Time ends November 1! Change your clocks back!

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

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, return your ballot by 8:00 pm!

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, November 3, 5:00 pm

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

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

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, November 17, 5:00 pm

PFLAG Support Group, Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 pm, YWCA, (snacks provided)

Bishop's Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 4:30

December ACTS Deadline, Monday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 (office closed November 26 & 27)

*In everything give thanks:
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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