

The ACTS Newsletter



October 2025 **Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm**
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61st Annual Diocesan Convention in 2025

Welcome to the 61st Annual Diocesan Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane: **Called and Compelled by Love**. Our in-person convention will take place starting at 2:00 pm Friday, October 17, 2025, to 12:00 pm Sunday, October 19, 2025, at St. John's Cathedral, Spokane, WA.

Meet our Convention Speaker

The Rev. Canon Anita Braden is currently serving as the Canon to the Ordinary and the Chief of Staff for the Diocese of Arizona. Her key areas of responsibility are the Deployment of priests, Congregational Development, Congregational Conflict Management, Title IV Officer, oversight of Mutual Ministry Reviews, Vestry Enhancement Workshops, and Chief of Staff. In addition, Canon Braden serves on the General Convention Standing Commission for Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons as the Vice Chair. She was appointed to serve on the Transition Board for Ministry for the next six years.

Rev. Cn. Braden has more than two decades of ministerial service in Christ through a wide variety of religious venues. Her first call to service was in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where she was the first person to receive Sacramental Authority before ordination by her Bishop. After ordination, she served as a Trauma Chaplain in a Children's Hospital while enjoying preaching and teaching in various denominations. Subsequently, Rev. Braden was called by an Episcopal Bishop to serve on the diocesan staff and later became ordained as an Episcopal priest. A particular joy in her journey was the celebration of her First Mass at Canterbury Cathedral in England. Returning to the states, Rev. Braden served in several Episcopal congregations. Another highlight in her journey was her service as the Chaplain and Department Chair for Religious Studies at an all-girls Episcopal boarding school in Virginia.

Rev. Braden is in her final stages of obtaining her Doctor of Ministry from Virginia Theological Seminary. In her thesis, Rev. Braden wants to demonstrate how the theoretical and theological understanding of leadership can be integrated with one-on-one mentoring, which cultivates the development of critical thinking, the confidence for self-advocacy, and the competency to lead.

DIO CON 2025

**CALLED AND
COMPELLED
BY LOVE**
OCT. 17TH - 19TH
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
SPOKANE, WA

Stewardship in Service

Bishop's Committee

Andrew Tudor, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Cathy Pike

Wayne Hawks

Anna Caswell

Melanie Thornton

Hollie Olson, Office Support

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October Worship Services

October 5, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

October 12, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Morning Prayer

October 19, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Morning Prayer

October 26, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,
Morning Prayer, Blessing of the Animals

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

Notes from the Treasurer – August, 2025

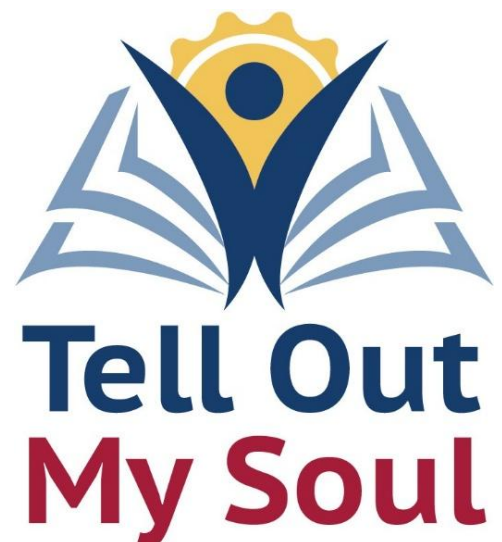
The following figures are preliminary as they haven't been audited yet.

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$ 5,233	\$75,720
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,631	\$58,276
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(\$1,398)</u>	<u>\$17,444</u>

Year-to-date pledge payments are \$4,000 above budget. Thank you! Let me know if you have any questions.
Respectfully, G. Wayne Hawks

Pledge Campaign Kick-off

This year's pledge theme is "Tell Out My Soul," declaring that our souls sing with joy at the love, mercy and abundance that Christ offers. We are guided by grace to be like Mary shouting out her ecstasy to be a handmaid for God. We can follow in her footsteps and joyfully serve God by supporting his church and mission and our acceptance of all people that come through our doors. We feed, clothe and provide for people in this congregation and in our community. This church has made a difference to me. I have found a home from the moment I came through the doors, as in the offer to be in the choir, and the Bishop's committee. Giving back makes my soul happy whether it's through time, talent or treasure. This is an invitation to you to share your stories and testimonials on how the Church and Christ have made a difference in your life. There are opportunities for sharing on October 12, 26 and November 9. This practice of setting aside our first fruits for God is a sacred act, an act that allows us to keep God's church open and working for all his people. The reason we ask you to give in the form of a pledge is that it allows the Bishop's Committee to budget for the coming year and keep doing God's business. However if your income is not steady feel free to give a plate offering or contribute through the St. Luke's website and of course your time or talents are always appreciated. We will be mailing out pledge cards October 12. Thank you.



Stewardship in Community

Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, October 4, 9:30 am
Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!

Wenatchee Valley's
Make a Difference Day
Saturday, October 26, 2025!



Help Keep Local Kids Warm This Winter

Each year, Serve Wenatchee partners with schools in Wenatchee, Eastmont, and Orondo to identify students in need of warm winter coats. Last year, we received requests for over **1,100 coats** — and we expect similar numbers this year.

As part of **Make a Difference Day** on **Saturday, October 25**, we're hosting a **Winter Coat Drive** in the **Albertsons parking lot** to collect **new and gently used coats** for children in grades K-12. We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Please check out the information below about volunteer opportunities.

We will also need to raise an estimate \$10,000 to purchase additional coats so that we have enough. **Give now to help children have the warmth they need this winter!**

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover. Today, UTO includes members of all ages and genders, and welcomes people regardless of church affiliation. UTO's focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe. **We will gather our Thank Offerings on Sunday, October 12**, so that they may be presented at the Diocesan Convention. *Please write your checks to St. Luke's Church, with United Thank Offering in the memo.*

Happy October Birthdays!



April Featherlike	October 1
The Rev. Tony Green	October 3
Mike Lundstrom	October 8
Susan McDonald	October 10
Kate Scott	October 10
Al Howell	October 13

Christmas Greens Fundraiser

Our Guide Dogs group is selling Christmas greens this month! Copies of the order form are available in the office, please talk to Craig or Virginia Kellogg to place your order.



Save the Dates!

St. Luke's Guild, Wednesday, October 1, 1:00 pm
Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, October 4, 9:30 am, Country Inn, East Wenatchee
Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Brunch, October 5, 11:30 am after worship
Guide Dogs, Tuesday, October 7, 5:00 pm
ECW, October 12, 11:30 am after worship
Bishop's Committee Meeting October 16, 4:30
61st Annual Diocesan Convention, October 17-19, Spokane
St. Luke's Day, October 18
Congregational Discussion, Sunday, October 19, after worship
Guide Dogs, Tuesday, October 21, 5:00 pm
PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm at YWCA, snacks provided
November ACTS Deadline Friday, October 24
Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 25
Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 26

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread
for food will also supply and increase your store of
seed and will enlarge the harvest of your
righteousness.*

2 Corinthians 9:10



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