

The ACTS Newsletter



May 2026

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

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Improvements Continue

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

On October 18, 1976, the vestry appointed Mrs. Robert J. Hoxsey as coordinator for planning and furnishing the Guild Room. Mrs. Hoxsey obtained Galen Gilyard as advisor and Ken Brumbaugh as carpenter. The lovely paneled room, with book shelves for our library and a fireplace, was donated by Dr. Robert Hoxsey. It was completed in 1978.

In January 1977, Gerry and Margaret Dillow gave the Sanctus Bells, Censor, Boat and the Processional candles as a memorial.

In 1978, the rectory on Garfield Street was sold and the Priest was given a housing allowance to be funded by the proceeds from the sale of the rectory.

On May 13, 1979, the dedication of the small stained-glass windows in the front door took place. They were designed by Joan Valaas Ferguson.

A piano was purchased in 1979 for the Chancel to supplement the organ music. It was purchased with memorial funds for Eileen Movius.

That same year the statue in the Guild Room Library was designed and carved from dark oak by artist Lynn Shirk.

An Advent wreath, made and designed by Conrad Thoroughman, hangs over the center aisle in the Chancel during the Advent season.

The spiritual growth of the church took great strides during the 1970's. A Faith Alive renewal weekend gave enlightenment to many. The Bethel Bible Study was introduced and continued for ten years. The Cursillo program with its Ultreya monthly meetings involved many members. All these were supplemented by the already active Sunday School,

you and adult choirs, and programs on special occasions.

In August 1980, the furnace was converted from oil to electric by the Aunget Engineering Company of Seattle at a cost of \$25,000.

January 1981, at the annual meeting of the Parish, Father Fox announced he would be retiring at the end of the year.

In February 1981, a search committee was formed consisting of an equal number of vestry members and the congregation. Father Fred Jessett, appointed by the Bishop, was the Diocese representative.

In March 1981, Father Bob Hasseries arrived as the new priest for Cashmere and Waterville. He spent three days a week at St. Luke's. He stayed until January 26, 1984.

On October 19, 1981, the vestry gave permission for the Altar Guild to use the Ralph Meenach memorial fund. At the request of Mrs. Meenach, they were to buy new Chasubles and Stoles for the Priest to wear. A silver baptismal shell was also purchased.

The Rev. Charles Fox was known for his community involvement. He served as President of the Wenatchee Rotary Club, was on the board of Alcoholics Anonymous, and was active in many caused assisting the needy. He was very active in the Diocese, serving on many boards and committees. In 1978 he was nominated to stand for Bishop. He retired December 31, 1981.

In January 1982, Bishop Wyatt appointed Dusty Littrell as interim Senior Warden until a new priest was hired and a senior warden appointed. In 1982, the St. Luke's sign on the front lawn was given in memory of James Goodfellow Sr.

In June: More Improvements, New Staff

Stewardship in Service

Your Vestry

Wayne Hawks, Sr. Warden, Pastoral Care

Andrew Tudor, Treasurer

Anna Caswell

Melanie Thornton

Amy Stubbs

Hollie Olson, Office Support

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please call the church office
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Notes from the Treasurer March, 2026

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$6,878	\$21,712
Operating Expenses	\$6,923	\$23,132
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 45)	(\$1,420)

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

Year to date pledge income is about (\$8,750) below expected. Respectfully, Andrew Tudor

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

We have a new flower bed on the north side of the church! This new bed includes basalt delivered by Amy and William Stubbs, and Wenatchee's beautiful native plants from The Master Gardeners Plant sale and Derby Canyon Natives.

This bed illustrates our reverence for the beauty God provided for us in this valley. At this time the plants are "babies" but soon they will grow and their qualities will be realized. Take a seat next to the bed and observe how many more bees and pollinators are attracted to natives. The next step is to create the demo lawn in the front by the kitchen. Both the flower bed and the demo lawn will eventually be water wise areas.

Thank you for your support,
The Bishop's Committee

May Worship Services

May 3, The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

May 10, The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Morning Prayer

May 17, The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

May 24, The Day of Pentecost , Morning Prayer

May 31, The Holy Trinity, Morning Prayer

All worship services are at 10:00 am

Please sign up for Worship Team!

Pentecost Sunday will be May 24!



Don't forget to wear **RED**!

The Bible and a Beverage

We've had a lack of Biblical education for some time. So, perhaps it's time for some Bible Study? I'd be glad to facilitate that by suggesting you all watch "[Chuck Missler How We Got Our Bible Session 1](#)," which is a [Youtube.com](#) video and then we can discuss it. You could either watch it at home ahead of the discussion or join the group at the church starting May 6 at 4:00 pm to watch the video there. Either way, please join the discussion at the church on May 6 starting at 5:30 pm. And, if you want, you can bring your favorite beverage also.

Some of the questions this series hopes to answer are:

- How did we get the Bible?
- Why are there so many translations and which one is the best?
- Why are there two Testaments, the old and the new?
- What is the Septuagint and why is it important to Christians?

To find these videos, go to YouTube and search for "Chuck Missler how we got our Bible". Please watch Session 1 before our first discussion.

Wayne Hawks, Sr. Warden
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Stewardship in Community

Monthly Breakfast

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



Join us for the 2026 Wenatchee Pride Festival

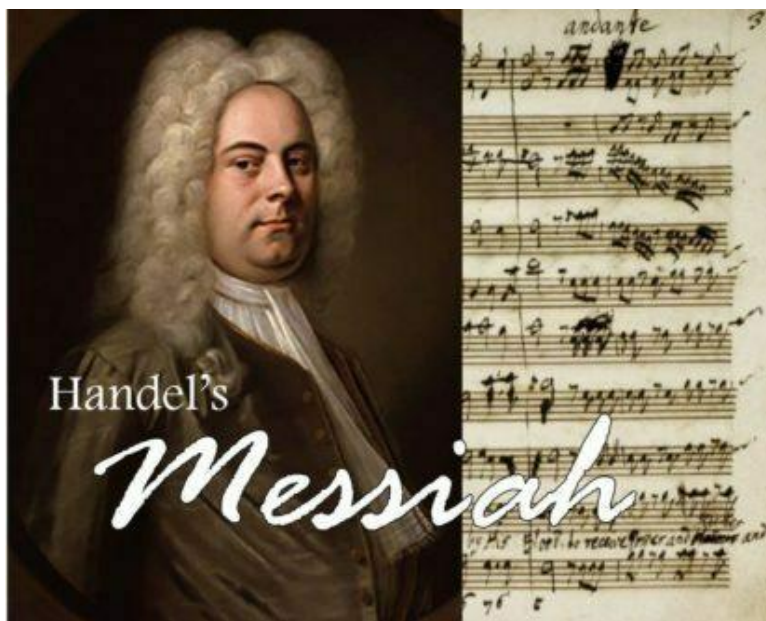
We are very excited to announce the 2026 Wenatchee Pride Festival on June 20, 2026 at Lincoln Park in Wenatchee! Join us and our 2S+LGBTQIA friends, family, and allies together for a day of celebration, equality, and inclusivity with vendors, food, performances, and the "Queer" Garden!

Volunteers are needed!

Register here as a Wenatchee Pride Volunteer!



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



Wenatchee Sings Messiah Parts I & II

Friday, May 15, 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 8 at 509 663-2189.

Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington St., Wenatchee

Save the Dates!

Camp Cross Benefit Brunch, *Sunday, May 3, 11:30 am after worship*

Guide Dogs, *Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 pm*

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

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

ECW, *Sunday, May 10, 11:30 am after worship*

Mother's Day, *Sunday, May 10*

Congregational Discussion, *Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am after worship*

Guide Dogs, *Tuesday, May 19, 5:00 pm*

PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group,
Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided

Bishop's Committee, *Thursday, May 21, 4:30*

June ACTS Deadline, *May 22*

Memorial Day, *May 25, the office will be closed*



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

Isaiah 35:1



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