

The ACTS Newsletter

August 2026

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Eagle Scout Project and Free Closet

I would like to share an update on the progress Layla Spindle has made with the Free Clothing Project.

As a refresher, in March because we host a scout troop, Layla approached St. Luke's to ask if we would consider providing a space for her to create a "clothes closet". Layla is 14-15 years old and is working on her Eagle Badge.

Five months later she and her family have done an excellent job of organizing one of the larger classrooms. Layla and her mother have meticulously organized clothing on hangers according to type, size, and whether they for men or women. She also has a small quantity of children's clothing.

The closet opened for business on Saturday, July 18, and had 31 customers. The plan is to have it open one Saturday a month during the Saturday Free Lunch hours.

There are a few kinks to iron out like accessibility for handicapped folks and the idea of having a dressing room has been sidelined. I think I'll recommend a quantity limit. The Cashmere Presbyterian Church has a free clothes closet once a month with no limit and unfortunately people load garbage bags full and then sell the items on the internet.

I am immensely proud of Layla. I think for a 14-15 year old she is demonstrating qualities we can all admire like focus, determination, problem-solving, resourcefulness, passion, and imagination. It is a pleasure to add her project to our Outreach Ministries.

If after service on Sunday, you would like to have access to the schoolrooms to see her progress someone with a key would gladly open the door.

And to let us keep her supply-chain of clothing at an optimum, I encourage you to check your closets for things you no longer wear or care about. There are three bins in the Fellowship Hall for donations; one for clean clothes, one for soiled clothes, and one for donations of laundry detergent and hangers. It can be quite cathartic as Andrew, and I can attest. We divested ourselves of a lot of clothes that we haven't worn for years and brought them to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Tudor

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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August Worship Services

August 2, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist with Pr. Nancy Gradwohl

August 9, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

August 16, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

August 23, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

August 30, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer

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

Notes from the Treasurer June, 2026

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Revenues	\$7,221	\$67,154
Operating Expenses	\$7,177	\$45,780
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 44	\$21,374

Respectfully, Andrew Tudor

**Please pray for firefighters,
and for all who are affected
by fires this summer**



Stewardship in Community

Celebrating August Birthdays



Wayne Hawks	August 2
Cathy Marboe	August 23
Nancy Goodfellow	August 29

Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, August 1, 9:30 am
Country Inn in East Wenatchee!!



Serve Wenatchee Valley is hosting a **Clothes for the Classroom** event, Saturday, August 8, 2026, 8:00 am-12:00 pm at Columbia Grove Covenant Church, 19 McElmurry Lane, East Wenatchee, WA. On Saturday, August 8, Serve Wenatchee will have our annual **Clothes 4 the Classroom** event. This event will be held at Columbia Grove Covenant Church. Our goal is to provide 1,000 children with new clothes, including jeans, shirts, shoes and socks.

Would you help us make this event a success? Here are some ways you can participate:

Volunteer: This event requires a large amount of manpower. There are numerous opportunities to assist in the week leading up to the event and on event day itself.

Donate: Through strategic purchasing and cooperation with local retailers, we can provide a new set of clothes and shoes for just \$40 per child. To reach our goal of helping 1,000 children, we need to raise \$40,000 to make this happen.

Mail your tax-deductible donations to Serve Wenatchee Valley, PO Box 5543, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or donate or volunteer online at [ServeWenatchee.org](https://www.servewenatchee.org).

Source: www.servewenatchee.org

I have a confession to make.

Andrew and I are truly diligent about recycling and repurposing plastics, paper, card-stock, glass, cardboard, etc. However, it really bothers me that certain plastics are not accepted. One of them is BOTTLE CAPS.

These pile up in landfills along with like multi-layered plastic wrappers, pill bottles, corks, plastic film, clothes & shoes, recyclable threads, batteries, lightbulbs.

It came to my attention, thanks to the internet, there is a simple way to recycle more.

The company is called Ridwell. Here is their statement:

"Curbside recycling programs haven't evolved in decades and can't take many common household items. At Ridwell, we partner with innovators who transform hard-to-recycle materials into new products, so everything is responsibly recycled or reused—and kept out of landfills."

40 million pounds of trash has been saved from the landfill so far.

Recycled Products by Category

- Plastic film (grocery bags, bubble wrap): Melted into pellets to make new packaging, composite decking material, and trash can liners.
- Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene): Recycled and turned into items like picture frames and roofing insulation.
- Other items (threads, clothing, lightbulbs, and batteries): Sent to specialized recycling and reuse partners who repurpose or safely break down textiles, glass, and metals.

Ridwell has a bi-weekly pick-up service and a mail-in service. The cost of the pick-up is \$20 per month. The pre-paid mail-in bags initially cost \$30, but thereafter cost \$9 a bag.

I am looking into the possibility of St. Luke's partnering with Ridwell.

Here is their website: <https://www.ridwell.com>

Save the Dates!

**Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, August 1, 9:30 am,
Country Inn, East Wenatchee**

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, August 4, 5:00 pm

**Congregational Picnic and Discussion,
Sunday, August 16, after 10:00 am worship**

Guide Dogs, Tuesday, August 18, 5:00 pm

**PFLAG Parent & Caregiver Support Group,
Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 pm at YWCA, snacks provided**

Bishop's Committee, August 20, 4:30 pm

August ACTS Deadline, August 26

*You rule over the surging sea;
when its waves mount up,
you still them*

Psalm 89:9



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