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Worship God, Walk in the Spirit, & Witness to Christ

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The Mutual Conversation and Consolation of Believers

Martin Luther once said that the gospel comes to us in five ways: through the preaching, the sacrament of baptism, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, through confession and absolution, and through the mutual conversation and consolation of believers.

Several weeks back I was greeting people at the front doors as they were coming in for the second service and saying goodbye to folks leaving after the first service. Someone, who had been at the first service, came up to meet when there was a lull from folks coming and going, and said: "I want you to know that this church has saved my life." I said, "Wow! How is that?" They said, "My partner of 56 years died about a year ago, and for a long time I didn't want to go on – I didn't want to live. Then someone invited me to come to church here and now I want to live. There's a joy restored in my life and I'm so glad I'm here." I was welling up with tears trying to fight them back so folks coming in wouldn't think my cat died or something (I don't own a cat, but how would they know?).

It's interesting, this person didn't say the preaching, sacraments, or confession and absolution had changed them, but the church (which I interpreted in the context of the place and time it was being said to mean the congregation) had changed their life. Perhaps all of those other means of grace are included under the umbrella of "the church," but we too often underestimate the value and importance of the conversation and consolation of sisters and brothers in Christ – of fellowship, hospitality, friendship, phileo/love (sisterly & brotherly love), kindness, encouragement, bearing one another's burdens, etc. It can change lives. It has!

I am grateful to all of you. You have all changed my life. Christ in you, and through you, has changed my life for the better. I am grateful for anyone and everyone God brings through our doors. I'm grateful to be a part of something God is doing that's important, meaningful, and life-giving. May the Lord of Life, the Prince of Peace, bless you this day and all your days to come, that you/we may be a blessing to others.

Your brother in Christ,


Pastor Jim

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MISSION

At St. Luke we --

**Worship God, Walk in the Spirit and
Witness to Christ.**

VISION

We are --

**Revitalizing the Lutheran Church
and
Celebrating our Lutheran faith in Christ
in the community.**

PURPOSE

To accomplish this we --

Build Community

by

**Being passionate about
the message of grace,
Bringing Jesus to all ages,
Connecting people to God
and one another.**

St. Luke Church Council:

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To leave an offering, scan the
QR code and follow the
prompts. Thank you.



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Worship with us each Sunday

8:30, *10:00 & 11:15 am (Modern)

***Streamed on our Website**

For Prayer requests or any needs,

email Nikki Cerenzia at

Nikki@sllcspokane.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Worship & Music

St. Luke Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30, 10:00 & 11:15-12:00 pm (Modern)

To view our Livestream at 10:00 am or anytime afterward, go to our website (sllcspokane.org).

Holy Week Worship Schedule 2026

- **Maundy Thursday** (April 2), Soup at 6:00 pm, Worship at 7:00 pm
 - **Good Friday** Worship (April 3), Noon & 7:00 pm
 - **Easter Sunday** Worship (April 5), **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am**
Breakfast is available from 7-11 am.

Sunday, April 19 - the Whitworth Forest Treble Choir will sing for us during worship at the first 2 services!

St. Luke Orchestra

Charles Reinmuth is always looking for people who play an instrument who would like to join the St. Luke Volunteer Orchestra and play during a worship or two this season to contact him at charles@sllcspokane.org. **Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.**

Worship Media Ministry

All are invited to worship and serve at the same time by volunteering in the technology booth. **Contact Charles** to set up a no-commitment observation training. Beginners can start out with the simple, but important task of advancing slides. More advanced roles are available for techies! All that is required to start is a willingness to learn and ability to focus. Open to middle school through all adult ages.



Sunday Readings **April 5-Easter Sunday**

Psalm 118: 1, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 3

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

ST. LUKE FINANCES—April 2026

OPERATING BUDGET

At mid-March, our Operating Budget was \$15,133 to the negative. While we are currently showing a deficit, it is also important to remember that we started 2026 with a positive balance of about \$20,000, meaning that we have used that amount and more in the first 3-½ months of the year. Income thru mid-March 2026 has been about \$287K, but expenses have been about \$323K.

To all who are supporting the ongoing expenses of the ministry (programmatic ministry, compensations, utilities and repair and maintenance expenses), thank you for your contributions. Every contribution is important and makes a difference as we strive to meet the financial needs of ministry at St. Luke. Great appreciation as well to all who give of their time and talents to our ministry. Please contact Sandy Randolph with any questions about the budget, cost of doing ministry or ways to support the ministry.

BUILT ON GRACE, CALLED TO SERVE CAMPAIGN

To-date through mid-March, \$49,300 has been received for our mortgage campaign. With excess funds given in 2025, we have been able to pay our monthly mortgage payments of \$22,747 per month.

For the past four years of our mortgage campaigns, we have been able to accumulate excess funds for our mortgage payments and as a result have been able to contribute a larger principal payment toward our loan balance. We do not yet have enough excess in 2026 to make an extra principal payment, but hope that sometime during 2026 giving will have exceeded our monthly payments enough to make an extra principal payment on our loan. This means we see additional savings in interest expense and a further reduction to the timeline of our loan. Thank you for your generous support!

Please note: Pledges can be made at any time. If you have not made a pledge and would like to do so, please contact Sandy Randolph, our Church Administrator. A pledge is not necessary, however, for you to contribute to our debt retirement campaign! If you have questions about our debt retirement or our campaign, please contact Sandy.

SEMINARY STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

Thanks to those of you who continue to support the Seminary Student Support Fund. Currently, we are supporting Keely Leim. She just began her seminary classes in January. Keely greatly appreciates the prayer and financial support she has received from St. Luke.

As God continues to call faithful servants from St. Luke into ministry, He has also gifted St. Luke with caring and supportive members who enable us to extend a helping hand to our seminarians. Thank you again for your generosity!

What is 'Simply Giving'?

Is it a good choice for you?

- Simply Giving is a safe, dependable way to automatically & confidentially deposit your offering.
- You determine the frequency of your automatic gift: weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.
- You also determine how your offering is distributed between the Operating Budget, Mortgage and Building Improvement Projects.
- You have complete freedom to change the amount of your automatic deposit, change how your offering is distributed, or cease your automatic deposit arrangement as needed.
- With Simply Giving, you don't have to remember to bring your offering to worship... or to mail it when you're on vacation. You can plan toward your giving, knowing that it will be deposited for you on a regular basis.

Contact Sandy Randolph at the church office with questions. Complete the form below, attach your cancelled check or deposit slip and give it to Sandy to set up your 'Simply Giving' account!

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):		
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Email Address:		
Check the appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> New enrollment/authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change in authorized amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change in account		
Gifts/payments should be taken from: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking (attach voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)		
Routing Number _____ A valid routing number must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3. Account Number _____		
REQUIRED: I authorize Vanco Service, LLC to automatically withdraw contributions from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.		
Account Holder Signature _____		
Frequency of Funds Transfer (Please check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 st & 15 th of each month) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th		
Start Date: _____		
Church Fund Designation*: <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Budget (General Fund) <input type="checkbox"/> New Sanctuary Mortgage Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Building Improvement Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Seminarian Support Fund TOTAL:	Amount: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	
*Please place your contributions to other funds in the offering plate on Sunday morning or give to Sandy Randolph, the Church Administrator.		



Easter Egg Hunt Excitement

The St. Luke tradition continues! Join us for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM sharp**—you won't want to miss a minute of the fun!

Toddlers through 3rd grade will dash and discover eggs in the Multipurpose Room, while 4th through 6th graders get to experience a **brand-new twist** on the hunt this year. It's going to be a joyful, laughter-filled morning and a memory-making celebration for everyone. Get ready to hop to it!

Schedule Update

Heads up, everyone! As we celebrate the season, we're taking a short break from a few activities:

- There will be **no Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 5)**—enjoy the day celebrating!
- The **5th & 6th Grade Youth Group** will not meet on **April 1 (Holy Week)** or **April 8 (Spring Break)**.

Enjoy the extra time with family and friends—we'll be back together before you know it!

4th Grade Milestone Celebration

Join us for a meaningful and joy-filled moment as we celebrate our students during the **4th Grade Bible Presentation** on **April 19 at the 10:00 am worship service!** All 4th graders—and 5th graders who are new to St. Luke Sunday School—will receive their very own Bibles as a special gift. It's a wonderful step in their faith journey!

Vacation Bible School Registration

Get ready for an adventure! Vacation Bible School is coming July 13–16, and registration is officially OPEN! This year's theme, **Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God**, will take kids on an exciting journey through lush jungles, rushing waterfalls, and amazing discoveries about God's love.

All kids entering kindergarten through 6th grade this fall are invited to join the fun! Each day runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to noon—packed with games, music, crafts, and unforgettable moments. Don't miss out on this wild and wonderful experience! Register on the church website.

Volunteers Needed for VBS

Join the adventure and be part of the fun!

We need awesome volunteers to help make Vacation Bible School an unforgettable experience! Whether you're a middle schooler, high schooler, or adult, there's a spot just for you—games, crafts, snacks, music, and more!

Jump in, make a difference, and have a blast while you're at it. Check out the job descriptions and sign up on the church website today. We can't do it without you!

Wednesday, April 1 – Holy Week, No Youth Group

There will be no small groups on this Wednesday due to Holy Week. Please join us for Maundy Thursday on 4/2 at 7:00 p.m. and again for Good Friday on 4/3 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday, No Sunday School

We will not have Sunday School on this joyous day! We hope to see you in worship!

Wednesday, April 8 – Spring Break, No Youth Group

There will be no small groups on this Wednesday due to Spring Break. We do have Sunday School on Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday). We **do not** have Sunday School on April 5 (Easter Sunday). We do have Sunday School on Sunday, April 12.

Sunday, April 19 @ 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Middle School Hang Out

Share a meal and spend uninterrupted free time with your Middle school peers at the church! We will have dinner together, play basketball or games in the Loft (pool, table hockey, board/card games, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, etc.), and catch up!

Friday, April 24 @ 5:00-7:00 p.m. – High School Hang Out

Share a meal and spend uninterrupted free time with your high school peers! We will have dinner together, play basketball or games (pool, table hockey, board/card games, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, etc.), and catch up!

Youth Mission Trip Updates:

- **THANK YOU** for your support of the youth mission trip auction! The raffle baskets and silent auction items will help the youth complete their fundraising! We are humbled and cannot thank you enough for your generosity.
- **Sunday, April 26th @ 12:15 p.m.** – Mission Trip Meeting. This is a mandatory team meeting for youth and chaperones. There will be lunch!



Young Adult Min. (18-32 y/o)

Monday, April 13 @ 6:00 p.m. – Flatstick: Mini-Golf

Join us downtown for a round of mini-golf, maybe bingo, and food (618 W Main Ave, Spokane, WA 99201). Cost per person is \$5. RSVP by 4/8.

Mission

Environmental Stewardship Group

The booklet *Care for Creation* with stories from the St Luke congregation will be available on April 12. The Environmental Stewardship Group is featuring Dr. Jonathan Moo, Whitworth Professor of Biblical Studies, during the Sunday Adult Education hour on April 19 and April 26 in the Genesis Rm. He will discuss with us our Biblical call for creation care and how the Whitworth University community has responded. Arbor Day at Finch Arboretum is Saturday, April 25, from 11 am to 2 pm, featuring tree care education, free seedlings, and a Tree City USA ceremony.

St. Luke campus cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, from 9-11 am.

Our next meeting has been moved to Sunday, April 12, at 7 pm in the Conference Room due to the first Sunday in April being Easter. We would love to have you join us in person or on Zoom. Contact Bruce Dentler for details.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88139162521?pwd=FCLjJSH2baOQwERL6HSzhUXLXoSMNe.1>

St. Luke Woodworking

The woodworkers are building more raised garden beds for Walnut Corners. They meet on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am**. Come and join us, we'd love to have you!

SPOKANE URBAN MINISTRIES – WALNUT CORNERS

Mission: Providing affordable quality housing

Spokane Urban Ministries (SUM) owns and operates Walnut Corners, 47 units of mostly subsidized, permanent rental housing on Broadway and Mallon, adjacent to Salem Lutheran Church. SUM is an independent corporation with three Member Lutheran congregations: Salem, All Saints, and St. Luke, which each elect representatives to serve on the SUM Board of Directors. Advent Lutheran Church's congregation voted to join SUM and will be officially accepted as a Member congregation at the SUM Board meeting on March 26, 2026. At-large representatives on the SUM Board are elected by vote of the Directors of the Members. Board President Becky Dickerhoof, Esther Larsen, and Anna McKinney represent St Luke.

The Board held its annual retreat on March 7, 2026, at St. Luke with members from all four of the congregations attending. Following a presentation on the history of SUM, the Board engaged in a strategic planning session focused on Board committee restructuring and honing in on the organizational focus.

Coffee Hour with snacks was held at Salem on March 19, 2026, for Walnut Corners' residents as part of the ongoing "Tech Drop In" presentations on use of technology--cell phones, computers, and other devices—by three Whitworth University students. Alex Leonida, Colin Fairborn, and Jordyn Reichert, from Professor Scott Griffith's Serving Humanity With Computing class which is focused on community learning by engaging with and around technology, answered residents' questions and assisted residents in using and repairing their devices. Ongoing "Tech Drop In" weekly sessions for residents are planned from April 7 through May 31, 2026, in the lobby of the Walnut Corners.

If you are interested in learning more about SUM or providing your expertise, skills, and/or passion, including ideas about a community program to present to the residents at a monthly Coffee Hour, contact us by leaving a message at the St. Luke office.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN

KARATE MINISTRY



Weekly on Tuesdays @ 4:30 - 5:30 PM @ St Luke Lutheran Church

Practice traditional GoJu Ryu karate in a Christian environment to improve self-confidence, self-respect, discipline, balance, positive attitude, and physical fitness. Learn traditional Jundokan International GoJu Ryu Karate, Self-Defense, grappling, arm bars, and other control techniques, as well as Kata, stick fighting, etc.

NO COST FOR THE TRAINING. TRAINING IS FOR ALL AGES.



INSTRUCTOR:

Sensei Mark Byrnes, San Dan
(3rd Degree) Black Belt,
GoJu Ryu

**TEXT (509) 396-1766
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**



2026 Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

LUTHERHAVEN

The world is loud, kids need space to breathe, and getting kids outdoors and un-plugged is more important than ever. Camp Lutherhaven and Shoshone Mountain Retreat help un-plug campers of all ages from the noise and into creation, community, service, and Jesus!

St. Luke offers camperships (\$250 for a full week and \$100 for a partial week) to kids who participate in Worship, Sunday School and/or Youth Group at our congregation. Please let the office know (there have been changes to the registration process at Lutherhaven) who will be attending. **You'll need a "Campership Code" to use when registering.**

To register go to: <https://www.lutherhaven.com/programs/summer-camps/>.

Patchwork Quilters

This ministry assembles quilts for disbursement through Lutheran World Relief and for gifting to our Christmas basket recipients. We meet in the Quilting House at St. Luke on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am**. If you have extra cotton fabric we'll take it off your hands. All are invited to join us. The Lutheran World Relief truck will be in our parking lot to collect all the quilts and kits from us and other churches from our Synod on May 1 & 2.

Morningside After School Club

This after school program for Evergreen Elementary School children meets here at St. Luke on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from **3:30-5:00 pm** following the Mead School Dist. calendar. Students have time to play, have a snack and meet with a tutor to read or get help with homework. Contact Joyce Skovran at 509-990-4392 with questions or to volunteer to be a tutor. Thank you St. Luke! Morningside runs through mid-May.

FAMILY PROMISE

APRIL



Volunteer Opportunities

EGG HUNT at the shelter, April 3rd, 4:30-5:30pm

BBQ TEAM, April 20th, May 19th, June 22nd, 4:30-6pm. A monthly (during the outdoor season) BBQ out on the play space, serving dinner & playing with kids/engaging with families.

- Looking for a team lead for these BBQ's! Help organize and lead this monthly event.
- Food Preppers: help shop for supplies and prep food to be served
- Play Leaders: engage kids with outdoor games and activities

DINNER HOSTS, Looking for a meaningful way to serve together? We need small groups (3-4 people) to provide and serve a meal, either a weeknight dinner or a weekend breakfast, for one of the shelter's multi-family homes (about 16 people). We're looking to get this started in the new year! Questions or interested in helping? Sign up on the Family Promise side of the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES, JULY & AUGUST, Help us as St. Luke hosts the monthly Birthday Party for kids at the shelter celebrating a birthday during the month of July & August. We'll need a few in-person party hosts, as well as help purchasing items for the party. If you'd be willing to purchase a toy off a birthday boy or girl's wish list, please let Stefanie know!

Support Opportunities

SHELTER WELCOME BAGS, When families are admitted into the shelter, children are often scared or overwhelmed. The reception desk loves having a small "welcome bag" to give kids while their parents are completing paperwork. These bags help comfort and distract children, and they offer a simple but powerful message: you are safe, you are welcome, and you are cared for.

If you'd like to help, we invite you to put together a few Welcome Bags for our shelter supply. Please sign up and take a supply list from the Family Promise side of the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall.

MILK DONATIONS, Help us keep the milk shelf stocked! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Information Tower to donate & drop off milk by Tuesday of each week OR sign up to deliver the milk to the Emergency Shelter on Wednesdays. *We also collect & donate eggs.

step 1

WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP TO VOLUNTEER?

Schedule a "COME & SEE" at the Shelter!

Group Volunteers are suggested to attend a Come & See. All individual volunteer roles MUST attend a Come & See before volunteer event.

COME & SEE SIGN UP



step 2

Email Stefanie Reinke about what role/shift you're interested in.

stefanie@slcspokane.org

step 3

Fill out your volunteer registration.

FOR VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION please email, stefanie@slcspokane.org



Your donations to Family Promise of Spokane will be doubled or tripled during Match Madness. Ends April 7th \$1-\$349 will be doubled. Over \$350 will be tripled!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR MINISTRY

APRIL

Our next monthly LTN Committee meeting, where we plan and prep for the needs in the months ahead, will be Monday, May 11th at 6:30pm, please join us! Packing for the Easter Bite2Go bags will be March 30, at 6pm.

MEAD FOOD BANK, on the third Sunday of every month, volunteers will hand out grocery bags with a list of the most needed items attached. Please return the food items to the gray bin in the Fellowship Hall on any Sunday. Thank you for your support of this vital program in our community!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: FLOUR & SUGAR, BEEF JERKY, TOILET PAPER & BAR SOAP, CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES.

*The Mead Food Bank serves 90-115 families each week.

CROSS WALK YOUTH SHELTER, St. Luke provides dinner to this shelter for homeless teens on the 4th Sunday of each month. Check the Sign-Up Sheet on the Information Tower in the Fellowship Hall to see what's needed this month or to sign-up for delivery. Please drop items off at church by 11am on April 26.

MISSION COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, Have you seen the blue barrel next to the elevator and wondered what's it for? Mission Community Outreach Center is a free clothing, housewares, hygiene, and diaper bank serving many in our Spokane community. Items they collect:

- Gently used or new clothing, shoes, coats, and socks for all ages. *men's clothing is always a high need
- Housewares: Gently used blankets, sheets, bedding, towels, pots, pans, dishes, silverware and small appliances.
- Appropriate kids or adult books
- NEW Infant Care Supplies: Disposable diapers, wipes, baby shampoo
- NEW Personal Care Items: Shampoo, lotion, women's hygiene products, toothpaste/brushes, razors, deodorant, bar soap, and toilet paper.

NORTHWOOD TEEN & KID CLOSET, The Mead School District, in partnership with Teen & Kid Closet, operates a free clothing and school supply resource in North Spokane for local students and families in need. The closet is in need of new Socks & Underwear. All sizes are appreciated but kids sizes 4-10 are especially needed.

BIRTHDAY IN A BOX, assemble a birthday box for the Mead Food Bank to give to families celebrating a birthday in their home that week. Cake mix, frosting tub, candles, bag of balloons, and a small token inside a disposable cake pan with lid.

* see Love Thy Neighbor side of the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall for shopping list & to sign up

Look for more information on the Info Tower in the Fellowship Hall.
Questions?! Email Stefanie Reinke stefanie@slcspokane.org

JESUS CALLS US
TO LOVE OUR
NEIGHBOR AS
OURSELVES, AS
HE HAS LOVED US.

OUR "LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR"
MINISTRY IS HOW
WE LIVE THIS OUT,
INSIDE OUR
CHURCH
AND OUT IN
OUR COMMUNITY.

WE'RE CALLED
TO LOVE.
TO SERVE.
TO SHOW UP.

THIS FALL, WE
INVITE YOU TO
STEP INTO THE
JOY OF SERVING
YOUR NEIGHBOR.

LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR, IT
STARTS WITH YOU.

*Please reach
out to
Stefanie Reinke
about what
role/shift you're
interested in,
feel called to
serve in, or with
questions.*

stefanie
@slcspokane.org

Bible/Book Studies

Adult Education Hour

Sundays from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Steve Zemke leads the Adult Education hour that is held in the Genesis room. The topic is "Snapshots of Jesus." Each class will begin with an extended Gospel passage formatted as readers' theater scripts. Dr. Jonathan Moo, Whitworth Professor of Biblical Studies, will join us during the Sunday Adult Education hour on April 19 and April 26 in the Genesis Rm. He will discuss with us our Biblical call for creation care and how the Whitworth University community has responded.

Adult Bible Study from Mark

Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm

This is a discussion based class that Diane Zemke leads. They meet in the St. Luke conference room or library. Participants will read a chapter of Mark each week and bring topics for discussion.

Greek 201

Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 pm

We invite you to join us in reading Greek at St. Luke. If you have ever studied Greek, this is a great opportunity to build on that in a friendly group.

Men's Morning Breakfast Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 am

Bruce Dentler facilitates this discussion on the book *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, by Richard Foster. As always the men will strive for an engaging conversation. As we proceed through the year, leaders and topics will change. Breakfast and coffee are served. Please come a bit early to dish up your plate.

Meeting God in Scripture: Entering the Psalms

Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm, beginning April 15

This is a six-week exploration of the Psalms utilizing *lectio divina*, as we learn to meditate on and pray the scriptures. This study is different from traditional Bible studies as it's a spiritual formation approach. Each session is 90 minutes where we will interact with the Word, explore the Word, and engage the Word. An optional workbook is available to purchase from Amazon: Meeting God in Scripture: Entering the Psalms, Participant Workbook. The workbook provides you with readings and studies to do between sessions. We will not be referring to it during the sessions therefore, it is optional. I will have one for you to look at. There is an introductory session on April 15 followed by six 90-minute sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Adult Bible Study

Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 am

Mark Anderson leads this adult Bible study that meets in the Conference Room at St. Luke. We are reading from Genesis. All are welcome! There is no need to RSVP, just show up!

Martha Circle

Sunday, April 12, 11:10 am

The Women of Martha Circle meet the second Sunday of every month in the St. Luke library. New women are always welcome to join. This group typically reads the Bible study out of the *Gather* magazine. Contact the church office at 509-467-5256 with any questions.

Monthly Women's Book Study

Thursday, April 2, 11:30 am

We meet the first Thursday of the month in the St. Luke conference room. New women are always welcome! We are in the middle of a study of *Deborah: Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges*, by Sandra L. Richter. If you would like more information please contact the church office.

Announcements & Events

Pickleball

Pickleball meets on Monday nights from 5:00-7:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12-3 pm (12-1:00 is set aside for beginners on both Tuesday and Thursday). If you are not on the email list please let the office know and we'll add you. This is how we communicate cancellations.

These are the days in April that Pickleball is cancelled: April 2, 9, 27 & 28.



Dance with Debby! Tuesdays at 8:15 am at St. Luke.

Perfect for active older adults looking for a fun workout!

Easy to follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. It focuses on all elements of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular conditioning and flexibility!

St. Luke Golf Scramble



**SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, July 18th**

We are hoping for a shotgun start with lunch following.
Contact Nikki Cerenzia for more information.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 19th @ 12:15-2:00 p.m.

BBQ Lunch Provided!

Please register your team of 2 in the Fellowship Hall or with Stefanie Reinke by April 12th.

Spectators are welcome to watch and have lunch!

Sign up to bring cornhole boards or to help with food.

Solo Souls Small Group

This small group of current widows & widowers, meets once a month on the **2nd Tuesday at 11:00 am** to offer each other support, connection and plan monthly activities. Contact Mary Lutton or the church office with questions.

- ➔ **April 12, they are going to the 10 am service then carpooling to Sprague for their community Sausage Feed from 11-3 pm.**
- ➔ **April 26, they have planned a mystery (who done it?) lunch. They will attend the 10 am service then carpool out to Nate Stime's house for a murder mystery lunch event.**

Contact the church office or Mary Lutton with questions.

Holy Week & Easter 2026

- Palm Sunday, March 29 at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:15am
 - Maundy Thursday, April 2, Soup at 6:00 pm and Service at 7:00 pm.
 - Good Friday, April 3, **noon & 7:00 pm.**
 - Kids' Easter Egg Hunt, April 4 at 10:00 am sharp!
 - Easter Sunday Worship, April 5 at **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am.**
- *Breakfast served from 7-11 am
The church office is closed the following day for Easter Monday.

Cookie Baking

Come help us make cookies for Fellowship hour.
 Sunday, April 26th at 12:15 pm
 in the Multi-Purpose Room kitchen

Sign up on the Information Tower in the Fellowship Hall.



April OWLS

Join us on Thursday, April 9th at 12:30pm for lunch, dessert, and entertainment. We will have a fiesta with chicken or carnita tacos. Or, make it a salad or a bowl.

Please RSVP to Nikki Cerenzia at 509-467-5256 or nikki@slcspokane.org



ALTAR GUILD CALENDAR

Date	8:30 am	10:00 am	11:15 am
April 2	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm →	Lori Fritz, Heidi Bollum, Gretchen Weiss, RuthAnn Salzl	
Easter April 5	8:00 am Fern Roark Carol Reeves Mary Ziegler Mary Nyman	9:30 am Gay Baker Heidi Bollum Lori Fritz Grace Allen Kathy Perry	11:00 am Nori Beck Pam Ames
April 12	Mary Nyman Fern Roark	Bonnie Agard Melody Faltin	Peggy Caprye
April 19	Gretchen Weiss Linda Carter	Kathy Perry Laurel Vitale	Mary Lutton
April 26	Marguerite Wayland Genia Denholm	RuthAnn Salzl Grace Allen	Pam Ames
May 3	Carol Reeves Mary Ziegler Jane Bonogofski	Bonnie Agard Denise Banich	Nori Beck

Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Liturgist	Readers	Ushers	Communion Asst.
4/5	8:00	Rob McKinney	Bob Hoff	Scott & Carla Toliver Brent & Jordin Klinke	Dale Fitch Gretchen Weiss
4/5	9:30	Kevin Peterson	Tom Ethen	Bruce & Ann Dentler Need 2 More	Kathy Perry Sign Up Sheet
4/5	11:00	Keely Leim	Amber Lenz	Need 4 People	Sign Up Sheet
4/12	8:30	Tim Engh	Richard Strauch	Denny & Genia Denholm Debbie Harvey Scott Garske	Dan & Jody Harris
4/12	10:00	Tim Engh	John Fritz	Bruce & Ann Dentler Carolyn Poirier	Scott & Debbie Diertert
4/12	11:15		Chandler Johnson		
4/19	8:00	Rob McKinney	Kathy Danforth	Mark & Cindy Thompson Bill & Joyce Miller	Abe & Marlene Bowen
4/19	9:30	Rob McKinney	Susan Minarik	Mike & Sheryl Terris	Rod & Susan Minarik
4/19	11:00		Torree Mitchell		
4/26	8:30	Kevin Peterson	Paul Ojennus	Bruce & Ann Dentler Pam Woodley Carol Sullivan	Cliff & Arlene Johnson
4/26	10:00	Kevin Peterson	Rachael Heupel	Judy Ottoson Bill Baker	RuthAnn Salzl Janice Lahde
4/26	11:15		Pam Ames		
5/3	8:30	Karen Craig	Joyce Sonnabend	Denny & Genia Denholm	Dale Fitch Diane Zemke
5/3	10:00	Karen Craig	Laurel Vitale	Carolyn Poirier Greg Orwig Pat Ritter	Bill & Gay Baker
5/3	11:15		Dean Lenz		

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Walking Group 9:00 am Woodworking 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Morningside 6:30 pm Women's Devotion: <i>100 Days</i>	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:30 am Walking Group 10:00 am Bible Study 11:30 am Women's TBD Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:45 pm Bell Rehearsal	3 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm Good Friday Worship 4:30 pm Family Promise Egg Hunt at the Shelter 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	4 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt in the MPR
5 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship & Live-stream 11:00 am Worship 7:00-11:00 am Breakfast in the MPR	6 EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm Pickleball	7 8:15 am Zumba Gold 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Woodworkers 12:00 pm Pickleball 4:30 pm Karate Ministry 4:30 pm Greek 201 6:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal	8 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Walking Group 9:00 am Woodworking 6:00 pm Vocal Rehearsal	9 8:30 am Walking Group 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 12:30 pm OWLs Luncheon	10	11 3:00 pm Joleen Gillin Memorial
12 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship & Live-stream 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Modern Worship 11:15 am Martha Circle 11:30 am Solo Souls Lunch 12:15 pm New Member Orientation & Lunch 7:00 pm Environmental Stewardship Meeting	13 8:30 am Walking Group 12:00 pm Side-by-Side 1:00 pm Alzheimer Caregiver's Support Grp 3:00 pm Morningside 5:00 pm Pickleball 6:00 pm Mark Bible Study	14 8:15 am Zumba Gold 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Woodworkers 11:00 am Solo Souls 12:00 pm Pickleball 4:30 pm Karate Ministry 4:30 pm Greek 201 6:00 pm St. Luke 101 Class 6:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal	15 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Walking Group 9:00 am Woodworking 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Morningside 4:00 pm Psalm Study 6:00 pm Vocal Rehearsal 6:30 pm 5th-12th Grade Youth Groups 6:30 pm Women's Devotion: <i>100 Days</i>	16 8:30 am Walking Group 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 12:00 pm Pickleball 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Bell Rehearsal	17	18
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The deadline to get information into May's newsletter is **April 22**.
Please email your submissions to secretary@slcspokane.org.