



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Crosslight

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
DECEMBER 2017**



Now's the time...

Pastor Rachael

Advent Adventure!

Midweek Advent Worship – Isaiah and the Peaceable Kingdom

Peace is something we long for yet find incredibly elusive. Taking into consideration the events unfolding in our world right now, it may seem even naïve to hope for the gift of peace. However, God in Christ promises “the peace that passes all understanding.” Even in the most devastating of circumstances, as those lived out by God’s people at the time of the prophet Isaiah, God comes to offer strength, hope, and *peace* in God’s promises. Isaiah, then, offers us a timely and essential word for our day. Throughout the season of Advent, during our midweek worship, we will linger with God’s word through him:

*The book of Isaiah, which has often been called “the fifth gospel,” preaches the Advent and Christmas gospel in ways that resist both hopelessness and sentimentality. Its texts are full of both unbending realism about sin and injustice, and resolute hope in the coming of the Messiah and the peaceable kingdom that this Messiah would usher in.
(adapted from Reformed Worship)*

All are welcome to worship at St. Tim’s three Thursday evenings beginning December 7th. A light soup supper will follow at 6:30 p.m. Come and hear God’s promises for us and for the world in God’s promised Messiah.



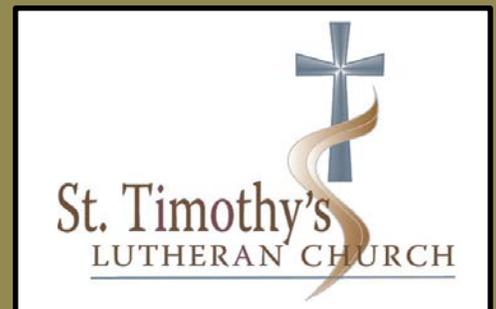
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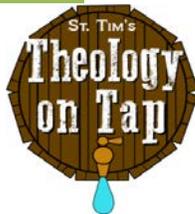
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Dates to Remember

Theology on Tap:
December 13th, 6:00 p.m. @
Monk's Corner,
205 Silver Avenue SW



TOT is a gathering of people who like to eat and discuss spirituality in our lives. Order your food and drink and prepare to talk! Come join us! Check out our Facebook page the Monday prior to the event for a teaser concerning the discussion topic. See Anthony Harkness if you have any questions.

Advent Mid-Week Worship & Soup Supper:

December 7th, 14th, & 21st

Combined Worship w/ Good News Ministry:

December 3rd come and worship God in English and Swahili! All are welcome.

Stewardship Meeting:

December 10th, 11:00 a.m.

Advocacy Team Meeting:

December 17th, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship:

December 24th @ 6:30 p.m.



Church Events

December

December – Silent Meditation (ongoing Mondays)
 December 1 – St. Tim's Book Club
 December 1 – Church Women United
 December 3 – Combined Worship w/ GNM
 December 3 – Crocus Crawl
 December 7 – Advent Worship
 December 9 – Global Choir Concert
 December 9 – Women's Ministry Luncheon @ Manzano Del Sol
 December 10 – Stewardship Meeting
 December 14 – Advent Worship
 December 17 – Advocacy Team Meeting
 December 21 – Advent Worship
 December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship @ 6:30 p.m.
 December 25 – Merry Christmas – Office Closed
 January 20 – North N.M. Cluster Gathering @ St. Tim's

Worship Assistants



Task	December 3rd	December 10th	December 17th	December 24th	December 31th
Asst. Minister	Mona Sherrell	Sam Brandt	Beth Neer	Ken Sherrell	Wayne Aspholm
Children's Time	Pastor Rachael	Neal Mather	Sue Mather	Judy Jacobson	Marcie Wilson
Prayer Leader	Linda Walton	Elizabeth McGrew	Lee Wilson	Ron Solimon & Michele Benton	Marcie Wilson
Comm. Assistants	Ken Sherrell Bob Jacobson	Becky Lee Ron Henkel	Terri Christiansen Debby Morrell	Mona Sherrell Sam Brandt	Larry Morrell Teo Vaandrager
Altar Guild	Rob Evers Michele Benton	Rob Evers Michele Benton	Rob Evers Michele Benton	Rob Evers Michele Benton	Rob Evers Michele Benton
Comm. Bread	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto
Ushers	Dan Rader Rob Evers Lee & Marcie Wilson	Gary Miller Roger Radloff Wilbur Jahn	Jackie Love Terri Christiansen Bob Jacobson Bert Blackwell	Donna Lisotto Gene Lisotto Larry Morrell	Dan Rader Rob Evers
Greeter	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto
Pew Angel	Gary & Christiane Miller	Gary & Christiane Miller	Gary & Christiane Miller	Gary & Christiane Miller	Gary & Christiane Miller
Tellers	Rob Evers Sharon Kalita	Mona Sherrell Robin Harmon	Terri Christiansen Scott Hardy	Michele Benton Richard Cicerello	Rob Evers Richard Cicerello



Crocus Crawl

Pastor Rachael

Join Us for A Crocus Crawl!

This Sunday, December 3rd, the community of St. Tim's will participate in our first ever "Crocus Crawl." The idea originated at Valparaiso University through Pr. David Kehret. It's an opportunity to deepen our neighborhood connections but also to draw a visual connection between the seasons of Advent and Christmas and the promise of Easter.

If you'd like to participate, we will gather at the double doors heading down to the Sunday school rooms at around 11:00. We'll then head out to our neighborhood planting destinations: our neighbors to the north, the Kadampa Meditation Center, High Desert Yoga, the Media Arts School, and right here on the St. Tim's grounds. Each neighbor has been contacted and is eager to welcome crocus bulbs on their property.

Thanks be to God for the gift of new life in Christ!



1st Life Program Graduates!

Pastor Rachael

Liberty In Financial Education (LIFE) Program Cohort I Complete!!!

The first cohort of St. Tim's LIFE Program has just completed their coursework, THANKS BE TO GOD! SEVEN households met the participation requirements and will be opening their Savings Accounts at Rio Grande Credit Union with a full \$250 dollars in December. They have also qualified to continue to receive financial incentives with a matching savings program through a partnership with St. Paul Lutheran Church for the next 18 months. What a gift to be a part of helping individuals and families get on their feet financially! Thanks be to God for the financial educators at Rio Grande Credit Union, especially David Hicks, for all of their work putting this together. **Also, a tremendous "Thank you!" and thanks be to God for Rob Evers, Michele Benton, Wayne Aspholm, and Dan Rader** for being here at St. Tim's to welcome the participants, trouble-shoot with technology, and answer building-related questions. This would not have happened without you!

May God continue to work through the courage and creativity of the incredible people of St. Tim's that all may have LIFE and have it abundantly!

In Christ,
Pr. Rachael

Church Choir



Thank You Zack!

We would like to thank Zack Kear, St. Tim's Music Director for his years of service, and congratulate him on furthering his musical education and career in Belgium. He will be truly missed. Zack will be with St. Tim's through December 14th. We wish him well in his endeavors. We will have a celebration for Zack after worship on December 10th. All are welcomed!

You are invited to **Albuquerque Global Choir's final concert on Saturday, December 9th at 6 p.m. here at St. Tim's!** The Global Choir, founded five years ago by Zack Kear, will sing songs from around the world, including Palestine, Bulgaria, Georgia, Italy, and Native America. Come celebrate Zack's creative leadership, exploring musical traditions from around the world and having fun in the process! A reception will follow the concert.



Classes @ St. Tim's – Stay Tuned!



➤ St. Tim's Book Club

Everyone is invited to be part of St. Tim's Book Club! We are currently reading Thirst by Mary Oliver. Vivian Bowman suggested this book and contributed the following as incentive for us: "Oliver is a winner of the both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. She has published more than 15 books of poetry and 5 books of prose. Natural surroundings are a frequent topic for her. The Boston Globe says ... 'Mary Oliver teaches us the profound act of paying attention-a living wonder that makes it possible to appreciate all the others.' This book of Oliver's poems is short, and is my favorite."

We've been reading prose for a while – it's time for some poetry! Consider reading Thirst and joining us at our next meeting.

Friday, December 1st @ 6 p.m.
Light supper followed by discussion
Marie and Ron Henkel's - 912 Sierra Drive SE



➤ Silent Meditation

Silent Meditation is weekly from 6 - 7 p.m. on Mondays @ St. Tim's. Enter and exit the Sanctuary through the east gate in silence. Please power off cell phones.



God's Work. Our Hands.

Anthony Harkness

Stewardship Update

Thus far ELCA Good Gifts has raised **\$2,085.00 for the Fourth Quarter!** And we are well on our way to our goal of providing a well to those who are, well, in need of water. The average woman or child in Africa and Asia walks approximately 3.6 miles carrying about 20 liters of water, approximately 70 lbs. Your donation can help install a well in a village somewhere in the World and reduce that burden.



Clothing Drive!

Women's Ministry

Now collecting hats, gloves, and socks to distribute to our homeless neighbors that visit St. Tim's this winter. The donations will be collected in the Narthex and kept in the Church office so they can be distributed during the week.

Storehouse

Diapers Galore, that is about all I have to say. Tomato products are still welcome but there have been mountains of diapers donated; I may be slightly exaggerating. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

Next Stewardship Meeting: Dec 10th @ 11 a.m. in the Narthex!

- We will be discussing the quarterly appeals for next year and changes to the pledge card to include a specific on-going contribution to a facilities' fund.

If you have questions about Stewardship chat with Anthony Harkness or attend the next meeting.



Good News Ministry

Neal Mather



GNM!

St. Tim's liaison team with the Good News Ministry (GNM) could use some help. We need additional team members to work more closely with GNM, and help with the following:

- ❖ Coordinate with Lutheran Family Services on a grant for refugee driver's ED training
- ❖ Help GNM establish a self-run nursery during their worship time.

See Neal, Debby, or James if you believe the Lord is calling you to help. Neal's contact info: [505-492-1228](tel:505-492-1228) and sneal1968@icloud.com.

Women's Ministries News

Michele Benton



St. Tim's Women's Ministry Luncheon:

Special program on Saturday December 9th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @ Manzano Del Sol. Christy Sobolik from East Central Ministry will be our guest. She will share pictures and stories of their programs. We will also raise money for their "Raise the Roof" program. *Please contact Michele Benton by Dec. 4th to RSVP, 239-5237.*

St. Tim's Sewing Group:

Quilts for the Holidays! St. Tim's Sewing Group is offering quilts for the holidays, suggested price of \$25.

There are only few left, if you are interested or would like more information please contact Donna Lisotto, donnalisotto@msn.com. *Sewing Group will not meet in December.*

Church Women United:

An ecumenical Christian women's group, will be meeting for their Christmas Forum on Friday, December 1st at Grant Chapel AME Church at 7920 Claremont Avenue NE. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a program of Christmas music and scripture by the women of Grant Chapel. The collection this month will be for Family Promise, items needed: shampoo, lotions, baby powder, baby wash, diapers, children's socks and undergarments. Come join the gathering! *For more information, contact Amy Costales at 867-4207.*



Women's Ministries News

Michele Benton

WOMEN'S EVENT ~ SPONSORED BY NORTH NEW MEXICO W-ELCA CLUSTER

Saturday, January 20th, 2018 9a.m. - 2p.m. @ St. Tim's Lutheran Church



**Be the Light of the World
Celebrating Evangelism Everyday**

How do we reach the unchurched? Where have all the young people gone? How do you talk to those "outside" the church? How can we individually share our love of church and the importance of its influence on our lives? Lutherans don't traditionally stand on church corners or go from door to door inviting others to join in. What can we do that is different from the past? Pastor Rachael Powell (St Tim) will present examples of ways to speak and act boldly on your faith as our churches move forward in the millennium.

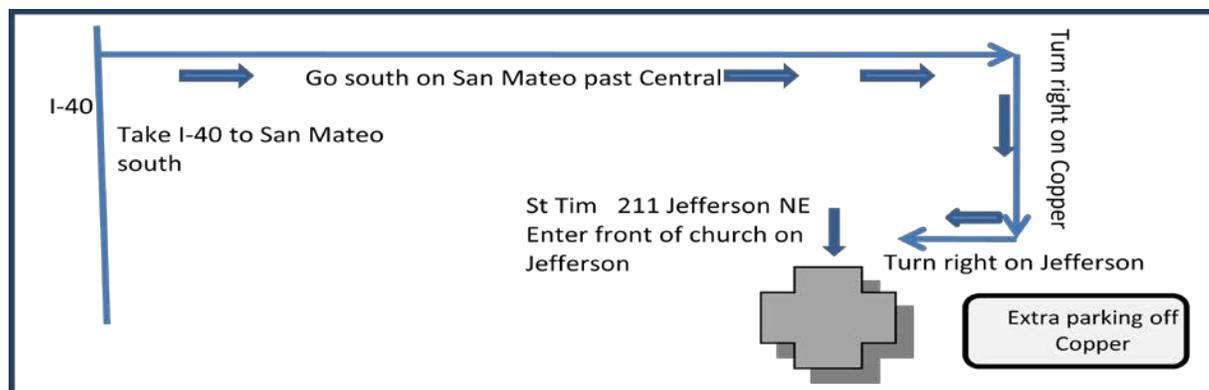
The current Cluster Committee has members from 5 of the Cluster churches. Their sole purpose is to meet and plan your Cluster events. Cluster events strengthen our churches because we meet and share God's love through new ideas and fellowship. If you'd like to work with the Cluster Board we have a task for you.

*Saint Timothy: Michele Benton & Trudelle Bunn All Saints: Patty Ferdig & Rhonda Bentz
Messiah: Hazel Mella Saint Luke: Joann Brawley St Paul: Sharon Hamilton*

Enjoy visiting with your friends from all the ELCA churches in the North NM Cluster. Women of the ELCA Board members (synod level) have also been invited. The North NM Cluster includes these churches: All have received invitations. You can invite someone also! Meet our special guest...

Los Alamos- <u>Bethlehem</u>	ABQ- <u>All Saints</u>
Las Vegas- <u>St Paul's Peace</u>	ABQ- <u>Camino de Vida</u>
Los Lunas- <u>Valley</u>	ABQ- <u>Cross of Hope</u>
Santa Fe-<u>Christ</u>	ABQ-<u>Holy Cross</u>
ABQ- <u>Messiah Lutheran</u>	ABQ-<u>St. Paul Lutheran</u>
ABQ-<u>St. Luke Lutheran</u>	ABQ- <u>St. Timothy</u>
Santa Fe-<u>Lutheran Church of the Servant</u>	Rio Rancho- <u>Community of Joy</u>
Durango, CO <u>Christ the King Lutheran Church</u>	Farmington-<u>Trinity</u>

How to get to St Tim between Copper and Lomas:



For questions about the event, please call Cluster Coordinator Rhonda Bentz 505 301-6662.

The registration fee is \$20 and we are asking for you to bring an in-kind gift for The Storehouse collection bin @ St. Tim. They collect baby food and/or diapers. Drop these off at the registration desk when you arrive. We will also collect a WELCA offering. **Start time: 9:00 a.m.** Drive Carefully. For weather questions, call Michele Benton 505-239-5237. If the event gets canceled, the snow date is February 3rd; same place / time.

Cut on the dotted line - **REGISTRATION FORM** Fill out and mail
Your \$20 registration fee covers program costs, lunch, presenter fees, childcare and scholarships.

Send your registration fee of \$20.00 by January 10th
Mail your form and registration fee to the Cluster Registrar:
Rhonda Bentz # 5 Highway 474, Algodones, NM 87001

If you cannot afford the \$20 registration fee and need any part or all of the \$20 amount, please complete and mail in the registration form with a note asking for a scholarship. All are welcome to the event and the Cluster wants to make this event possible for everyone!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "NORTH NM CLUSTER WELCA"

Print Name: _____ Church: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Do you have any allergies? _____ Do you have any special dietary or
accommodation needs? _____
Will you need childcare? (Circle No Yes) If yes, what ages? _____

(Back-up Snow Date: Feb 3rd)

Complete this registration form and send to the Cluster Registrar above.

Council Corner

Sara Love



Welcome back to Council Corner!

This month your Council met on November 12th and after lunch, fellowship, and prayer – we began the work you gracefully empower us to do every month.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to simply say “hello” – please reach out to any of **YOUR** Council members! *Your* Council includes: Rob Evers – President, Sara Love – Vice President, Rich Cicerello – Secretary, Lee Wilson, Monica Colburn, Robin Harmon, Bob Jacobson, and Scott Hardy.

Consent Agenda Items Included –

- Pastor’s Report;
- Minutes from the October Council meeting;
- Music Director Job Description/Zack hired as Music Director – moved to the discussion agenda;
- Reminder for Council Members to complete Pastor’s annual evaluation;

Special guests from the Sabbatical Team – Dan Radar and Anthony Harkness

- They brought for discussion for the proposed sabbatical plan for Pr. Rachael beginning in summer 2019;
- The team is working on a grant from the Lily Foundation – this would include a mirrored approach to the program for a sabbatical for the congregation as well as Pr. Rachael. And, would include the following elements;
 - First month focus on Rest;
 - Second month focus on the Bible;
 - Third month focus on Vision & Discernment;

Details are still being worked out however, if you would like to find out more information about the Lily Grant or about the program in general please reach out to the Sabbatical Team – either Dan or Anthony.

More special guests – OK one of the same guys from earlier 😊 - from the Nominating Committee – Anthony Harkness

- Brought the Nominating Committee’s names for the ballot for new Council members –
 - Bert Blackwell, Debby Morrell, Bob Jacobson, Elaine Morgan, and Gabby Carpenter.

- **Your Council discussed and approved the Music Director Job Description**
- **Your Council discussed, adjusted, and voted to bring you the 2018 Spending Plan at the Nov. 19th Congregational Meeting**
- **Your Council discussed and voted to bring you proposed changes to Chapter 13 of the proposed updated Constitution at the Nov. 19th Congregational Meeting**

It is our pleasure to serve you – please find minutes and supporting documents from any Council meeting in the Narthex. Your Council does not historically meet in December and will vote via email on Pr. Rachael’s housing allowance. Please consider joining us sometime in January, date TBA, at roughly 12 PM in the Community Room for our first meeting of 2018!

In the Lord’s Peace - ❤️
Sara Love, Vice President



Council Corner

Rob Evers

Announcing St. Tim's 2018 Council Members!

<i>Council / Committee Chairs</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
President	Robert	Evers	revers1954@gmail.com
Vice President	Sara	Love	saralove.lobo@gmail.com
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Co. Treasurers	Marie	Henkel	-
	Michele	Benton	
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	Bob	Jacobson	jakeb546@aol.com
	Elaine	Morgan	elainemorgan2008@gmail.com
	Debby	Morrell	abqdebby@gmail.com



Facility Report - Update

Michele Benton

We currently have bids for roofing improvements. We are reviewing details for these bids to replace the roof on 1 area; Timothy/Joy/Library. Martha and the North hallways will not be done at this time since that area is only 5 years old and is not leaking. We now have a signed contract with All American to insulate and seal the North Sanctuary beam. They have power washed the area and will complete the foam spray in the coming weeks before Christmas!

These are other projects we are working on:

1. Work is progressing on the LFS Culinary kitchen project. We have installed a faucet on the third kitchen sink. Now we have 3 sinks to wash, rinse and sanitize! We have bids and will have other work done soon such as cleaning out the grease trap and clearing the floor drain so it doesn't overflow when the kitchen sinks are emptied! We are still looking at replacing a base cabinet to fit a larger commercial refrigerator. We are also looking at new light fixtures. Look for changes to occur soon! Another inspection will occur before Christmas. LFS will begin developing a culinary program at St Tim's in 2018.
2. Thanks to Marie Henkel for coordinating carpet cleaning. It looks nice in the sanctuary now!
3. Thanks to Ron Henkel for replacing the furnace filters on the roof!
4. Thanks to everyone who came to rake and bag leaves! A special thanks to Rob Evers who comes in early every Sunday to clear leaves from our walkways.

We appreciate any feedback and welcome all questions regarding these projects. We appreciate all the donations we received! To date, we received \$2,000 prior to our current stewardship campaign, "Raise the Roof," and as of 11/26/2017 we have received \$19,959 specifically for the roof! We also received a \$ 5,033 check from LFS for building updates to meet requirements for a commercial kitchen!



Advent Prayers

Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA



We are called to ponder mystery, and await the coming Christ, to embody God's compassion, for each fragile human life. God is with us in our longing, to bring healing to the earth, while we watch and wonder for the promised Savior's birth

Unexpected and Mysterious, ELW 258

[A Prayer for World AIDS Day – December 1st](#)

God of all compassion, comfort your family members who live with HIV and AIDS.

Spread over us all your quilt of mercy, love and peace. May our love mirror your love for those who live in fear, who live under stress and who suffer rejection.

God of life, help us to find a cure. Empower ministries of prevention, treatment, care and advocacy. Help us to build a world in which no one dies alone and where everyone lives accepted, wanted and loved.

