

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Now's the time... *Pastor Rachael*

The Gospel of John!

Bible Study Begins January 15th and 18th

It's the Gospel we'll be hearing in worship for the next five months. It contains beautiful stories and a picture of who Jesus is that neither Matthew, Mark, nor Luke offers. All are welcome to join in a study of this beautiful book, one piece at a time! The author of the study, N.T. Wright describes John in this way:

When you read detective stories, you quickly learn that what may look like an irrelevant little detail may actually be the clue to solving the mystery. A good writer will put in all kinds of detail; nothing is there by accident. Nothing in John's Gospel is there by accident either. And all the details in John are designed ultimately to come together. In these studies we discover the clues John gives that we might see even more clearly the reality of who Jesus is, the new creation he inaugurates and the difference that all makes.

The study groups will gather on Monday mornings at 10:00 and / or Thursday evenings at 6:00 beginning January 15th and 18th. Books are available in the church office for \$8 each and scholarships are available if the cost would be a barrier to your participation. Come and study! Come and pray! What may the Holy Spirit open up for you through John's Gospel?! All are welcome!

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Dates to Remember

Theology on Tap:
January 10th, 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.

Communion Class Begins:
January 14th

The Gospel of John – Bible Study Begins:
January 15th & 18th - Mondays 10:00 a.m., Thursdays 6:00 p.m.

North N.M. Cluster Gathering:
January 20th, 9:00 a.m. @ St. Tim's

Teacher Recognition & Blessing:
January 21

Congregational Meeting:
January 28th

Church Events

January 2018

January – Silent Meditation (ongoing Mondays)
 January 3 – St. Tim's Sewing Group
 January 14 – Communion Class Begins
 January 15 & 18 – The Gospel of John Bible Study
 January 20 – North N.M. Cluster Gathering @ St. Tim's
 January 21 – Council Meeting
 January 21 – Teacher Recognition & Blessing
 January 22 – 2018 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Luncheon & Briefing
 January 27 – LFS Winter Party @ St. Tim's
 January 28 – Congregational Meeting

Worship Assistants

Task	January 7 th	January 14 th	January 21 st	January 28 th	February 4 th
Asst. Minister	Dennis Roberts	Sue Mather	Ron Henkel	Debby Morrell	Mona Sherrell
Children's Time	Sue Mather	Marcie Wilson	Judy Jacobson	Pastor Rachael	Joshua Hochstetler
Prayer Leader	Vivian Bowman	Casey den Hollander	Sara Love	Carmen Rodríguez	Grace Bousek
Lector	Audrey Jahn	Lee Wilson	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced
Comm. Assistants	Hope Neer and Elizabeth Neer	Michele Benton Monica Coburn	Darra Kingsley Dan Rader	Ken Sherrell Bob Jacobson	Becky Lee Ron Henkel
Altar Guild	Grace and Ron Bousek	Grace and Ron Bousek	Grace and Ron Bousek	Grace and Ron Bousek	Grace and Ron Bousek
Comm. Bread	Terri Christiansen	Terri Christiansen	Terri Christiansen	Terri Christiansen	Sara Love
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	Betty Christiansen	Betty Christiansen	Betty Christiansen	Betty Christiansen	To be announced
Pew Angel	Trudelle Bunn	Trudelle Bunn	Trudelle Bunn	Trudelle Bunn	Trudelle Bunn
Tellers	Rob Evers Sharon Kalita	Mona Sherrell Robin Harmon	Terri Christiansen Scott Hardy	Michele Benton Richard Cicerello	Rob Evers Richard Cicerello



New Beginnings

Pastor Rachael



Come and See!

New to St. Tim's? Thinking about becoming a member? St. Tim's will be hosting our annual "Come and See" experience as a way of welcoming newcomers into deepened discipleship, thanks be to God!

Our first gathering will be Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. here at St. Tim's and will continue throughout the season of Lent.

If you are new to this community of faith; if you are interested in finding out more about the gift of Holy Baptism and if God may be calling you to that gift; if you are interested in finding out more about membership here at St. Timothy's – this experience is for you! Please feel free to direct your questions or RSVP to Pastor Rachael at (505) 255-8001 or pastor@sttimschurch.net.



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.



Community Board News

➤ **2018 Fellowship Sign Up**

The 2018 coffee fellowship sign-up sheet is up in the community room. Please consider signing up. We need your help. Thank you!

➤ **Lutheran Family Service Winter Party**

Please join us @ St. Tim's on Saturday, January 27th from 11:00 am - 2:00 p.m. We will be celebrating the New Year with our newest neighbors, local live music and an amazing international potluck! Please bring a dish of food from your culture and come in your traditional dress. All are welcomed!

Classes @ St. Tim's – Stay Tuned!



∞ St. Tim's Book Club

**Book Club meets Friday, March 2 @ 6 pm
@ Becky Lee and Dan Rader's house
5620 Cometa Court NE
Discussion will follow a light supper.**

We are reading Being Mortal: Medicine and what Matters in the End by Atul Gawande. Gawande tackles the incredibly difficult issues of aging and 'end of life' in light of the American medical structure. Pastor Rachael, who suggested this book, says "I found this book to be very important as I think about my aging parents and my potential role in their care. I also feel it is important to think of what I might want for my last days, and how I may communicate my desires and priorities to the people around me who will make decisions about my care." From the New York Review of Books: *"Beautifully written . . . In his newest and best book, Gawande . . . has provided us with a moving and clear-eyed look at aging and death in our society, and at the harms we do in turning it into a medical problem, rather than a human one."*

Everyone is welcome – happy reading!

∞ 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.



Church Choir



On a New Note...

**Please hold a prayer for the St. Tim's Congregation as we continue to interview for a new Music Director.
Thank you for your support!**

➤ *Church Choir rehearsal continues on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.*



God's Work. Our Hands.

Anthony Harkness

Stewardship Update

ELCA Good Gifts has raised \$3,968.00 for the Fourth Quarter! Thank you for your contributions.

St Tim's is participating in the following activities during the First Quarter (Jan - March 2018) and we are inviting all ELCA and Nob Hill churches to participate with us!!

General fundraising for St Martin's / HopeWorks

Collection of items needed for the population served:

Blankets, toiletries, feminine hygiene, sleeping bags, backpacks, shoes, boots (gently used ok), jackets, socks, sweatshirts, and mugs.

Volunteer opportunities:

Project Share is open for dinner six nights a week, Monday through Saturday from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Our guest chefs come from faith based organizations, businesses, civic groups and individual families. See Dave Lund for details.

General volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tasks include serving food, sorting and distributing supplies to clients, organizing donations and materials, computer data entry, and light clean-up. Carla Miszkiel [505-242-4399 x 324](tel:505-242-4399) or cmiszkiel@hopeworksnm.org

Tour of St Martin's / HopeWorks Program – Friday, February 16th 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sign-up sheet is in the Community Room.

Save the Date:

- Greg Morris from St Martin's HopeWorks will speak to the congregation on Sunday, January 28th.
- Next Stewardship meeting is on Sunday, January 14th in the Narthex. See Anthony Harkness if you have any questions.



Save the Date!

Lutheran Advocacy Day

You are invited to attend the 2018 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - NM Bishop's Legislative Luncheon & Briefing on Monday, January 22 in Santa Fe.

- Morning Briefing @ United Church, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso (which is near Christ Lutheran Church). Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:00 am.
- The Bishop's Legislative Luncheon @ 12:30 pm will be at La Fonda Hotel, 100 East San Francisco.

Cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person. The cost is reduced to \$30 when 4 or more people attend from your congregation or group. Morning Issues Briefing only, cost is \$10. Deadline for reservations is January 18. Please RSVP by contacting Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM office, 505.984.8005 or email info@lutheranadvocacynm.org.

Women's Ministries News

Michele Benton



SAVE the DATE!

Women's Ministry-North NM Cluster Gathering will take place on Saturday January 20th at St. Tim's. This year's gathering will focus on Evangelism. We will gather at 9 a.m. for fellowship followed by our program themed "Be the Light of the World Celebrate Evangelism Every Day!"

∞ *Featuring Pastor Rachael Powell and Pastor Bre Roberts*

Registration forms are available from Michele Benton, 239-5237 and in the Crosslight. Scholarships are also available. All women are encouraged to attend; this is a great time to visit with women from all the other ELCA churches in our North NM Cluster.

- There will be no monthly Bible study in December and January for St Tim's Women's Ministry.



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

Council Corner



Community Directory Sign-up / Update

St. Tim's is updating its community directory for 2018 - If you would like to be in and or update your information, please fill in your information below and turn it in to the front office. Thank you!

Name (first & last)	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Birthday	
Best Way To Contact	
Mailing Preference (Email or Postal)	



Welcome back to Council Corner!



"Welcome back to Council Corner! Your Council does not historically meet in December - please keep an eye and ear out for the date of our first meeting in January 2018.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to simply say "hello" – please reach out to any of **YOUR** Council members!

Rob Evers – President, Sara Love – Vice President, Rich Ciccero – Secretary, Lee Wilson, Monica Colburn, Robin Harmon, Bob Jacobson, Bert Blackwell, Debby Morrell, Elaine Morgan, and Gabby Carpenter.

In the Lord's Peace - ❤️



Global Church Minutes

Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA



Global Church Minutes are short, one minute or less, prayers to serve as a reminder of our connection to our brothers and sisters around the world.

DECEMBER 31 - God, who dismisses your servants, according to your word, thanks be to you for all our servants who have finished their service to you. Praise to you to all members of the ELCA who participate in mission to the world, especially all missionaries, through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.



Facility Report - Update

Michele Benton

Roof Update: Work was done by All American Enterprises to insulate and seal the North Sanctuary beam. It should be much more comfortable in the back of the sanctuary now!

We currently have 3 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. This area has gas and electric lines and 3 swamp coolers which complicate the roofing work. We are carefully reviewing all the details to make sure we get the best improvement for our money.

These are other projects we are working on:

1. Work is progressing on the LFS Culinary kitchen project. We have a new, big, beautiful commercial refrigerator now!! Neill Benton is working on the men's restroom door so it will have new trim and self-closing hinges. We had a plumber clean out the grease trap and clear 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 with the larger commercial refrigerator. We are also looking at new light fixtures. Look for more changes to occur soon! Another inspection will occur before the program start date. Then LFS will begin developing a culinary program at St Tim's!
2. Thanks to Ken Sherrell and Ron Henkel for noticing strange noises from heating units and requesting repairs done on heating units. We now have heat back on in Sanctuary!!
3. Thanks to Marie Henkel for coordinating floor waxing which will be completed soon.

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 12/17/2017 we have received \$20,209 specifically for the roof! We also received a \$ 5,033 check from LFS for building updates to meet requirements for a commercial kitchen!



**Reconciling in Christ
Congregation of the ELCA**

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