

**ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# The Crosslight

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:  
FEBRUARY 2018**



## Now's the time...

*Pastor Rachael*

### Confirmation Class Beginning

Please hold in prayer two of St. Tim's youth, Cassidy and Alicia, as they begin confirmation classes this month!

- ✞ Alicia will be completing her second year of preparation for the Affirmation of Baptism after completing one year of classes in her former ELCA congregation in Illinois.
- ✞ Cassidy is just beginning the process and is looking forward to an Affirmation of Baptism in January, 2020!

I am so grateful to be leading these sessions with St. Tim's member Elizabeth McGrew. Her many gifts, including her gift of faith, will be a blessing to me as well as Alicia and Cassidy. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to grow in faith together!

In Christ,  
Pr. Rachael



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# Dates to Remember



## Theology on Tap:

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Council Retreat @ St. Tim's:

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

## Northern NM Conference of ELCA @ Community of Joy:

February 10th, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration:

Please join us - February 11<sup>th</sup>

## Ash Wednesday Worship & Music:

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

## ELCA's Rev. Joseph Bocko @ St. Tim's:

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

## Come and See Begins:

February 19<sup>th</sup>

## Midweek Lenten Worship:

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

## Church Events

### February 2018

February - Silent Meditation (ongoing Mondays)  
February - The Gospel of John - Bible Study (ongoing Mondays & Thursdays)  
February 7 - St. Tim's Sewing Group  
February 10 - Council Retreat @ St. Tim's  
February 10 - Northern NM Conference of ELCA @ Community of Joy  
February 11 - 1st Communion Celebration  
February 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30 p.m.  
February 14 - Theology on Tap @ Monk's Corner  
February 15 - Women's Ministry Bible Study & Lunch  
February 17-18 - ELCA's Rev. Joseph Bocko @ St. Tim's  
February 18-25 - Family Promise @ St. Tim's  
February 19 - Come and See Begins  
February 22 - Midweek Lenten Worship @ 6:00 p.m.  
March 1 – Fr. John Dear Event @ St. Tim's

## Worship Assistants

Task	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	March 4 <sup>th</sup>
Asst. Minister	Mona Sherrell	Sam Brandt	Beth Neer	Ken Sherrell	Wayne Aspholm
Children's Time	<i>Other Event</i>	Sue Mather	Neal Mather	Judy Jacobson	Pastor Rachael
Prayer Leader	Linda Walton	Matt Yde	Debby Morrell	Lawrence Morrell	Anthony Harkness
Lector	Dan Rader	Marcie Wilson	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced
Comm. Assistants	Becky Lee Ron Henkel	Terri Christiansen Debby Morrell	Mona Sherrell Sam Brandt	Larry Morrell Beth Neer	Michele Benton Monica Coburn
Altar Guild	Betsy Forslund Phyllis Harper	Betsy Forslund Phyllis Harper	Betsy Forslund Phyllis Harper	Betsy Forslund Phyllis Harper	Mary Beth Tidwell Barbara Blackwell
Comm. Bread	Sara Love	Sara Love	Sara Love	Sara Love	Becky Lee
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 Lee & Marcie Wilson
Greeter	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	Donna Lisotto	To be Announced
Pew Angel	Michele Benton	Michele Benton	Michele Benton	Michele Benton	Wendy Grode
Tellers	Rob Evers Faye Tucker	Mona Sherrell Robin Harmon	Terri Christiansen Scott Hardy	Michele Benton Richard Ciccerello	Rob Evers Sharon Kalita

# Welcome to St. Tim's

*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](mailto:pastor@sttimschurch.net).

## Family Promise

*Marie Henkel*

### Fifteen Years of Family Promise of ABQ!

**On February 9, 2013, the Family Promise program (Interfaith Hospitality Network) began welcoming families in Albuquerque.** St. Tim's, Foothills Fellowship, Christ the Ray of Hope Lutheran, Sandia Presbyterian, Immanuel Presbyterian and First United Methodist began together, each hosting every six weeks. This program supports families with children while they work with professional staff to overcome barriers and find sustainable housing. We now participate along with 16 other faith congregations in Albuquerque to provide shelter, food and hospitality to these families. **Our next week to host up to four families here at St. Tim's will be February 18-25th. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the community room to help with a meal, spend the night on a comfy folding bed in the Sunday school room, or bring supplies.**

For more information, watch these short videos:

Family Promise Albuquerque Volunteers, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIfxZ03koDc&authuser=0>  
and How Can I Help <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcbeSk5EIHo&authuser=0>

You can make a difference in the life of a child who has no home!

Thank you!

Marie Henkel

# Classes @ St. Tim's – Stay Tuned!

## ➤ 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.

## ➤ LFS Culinary Classes

In partnership with Lutheran Family Services St. Tim's now has a commercial kitchen. The first Culinary Class starts Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## ➤ Life Program

**Our next Life Program will start February 20<sup>th</sup>. The congregation of St. Timothy's in partnership with St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Rio Grande Credit Union, welcomed our second cohort to the Liberty In Financial Education (LIFE) Program, THANKS BE TO GOD!**

This ten week program consists of cohorts all referred to the program through partner organization including Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity of Albuquerque. Thank you so much to the LIFE Task Force: Rob Evers, Lee Wilson, Ron Solimon, Wayne Aspholm, and Rich Ciccerello for your creativity, persistence, and prayer! And thanks be to God for the opportunity to be a part of God's work in our city!

## ➤ St. Tim's Book Club

Everyone is invited to be part of St. Tim's Book Club. Our next book is 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. 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."*

**We'll meet to discuss Being Mortal on Friday, March 2 @ 6 pm  
@ Becky Lee and Dan Rader's house  
5620 Cometa Court NE  
Discussion will follow a light supper.**

**IT'S TIME FOR MORE BOOK SUGGESTIONS!** All of our book selections are suggested by and voted on by Book Club participants. If you have a book (or books) that have been important for you in your life, that you think would spark lively discussion, or for whatever reason you would like to read and discuss in our group, please email Becky Lee ([blee71willmar@gmail.com](mailto:blee71willmar@gmail.com)) with the book title, author and a short description of the book with the reasons why you are suggesting it. Suggestions for all types of books are welcome – poetry, prose, memoir, fiction, non-fiction, religious, secular .... Please submit your suggestions by February 25.

## ***How Can I Keep From Singing?***

Music Ministry at St. Tim's - February 2018

*My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?*

Greetings from your new St. Tim's Music Director and Pianist!

What a joy it has been to meet many of you in these past two weeks! I'm delighted to be joining the staff of this wonderful congregation.

As briefly mentioned in the announcements, I am indeed from Wisconsin! I grew up on a small family dairy farm that is organic and has been in our family for over 100 years. I cherish that upbringing, and while I'm not back there all too often, the work ethic, love for God's creation, and value of community that I learned there inform my choices every day. I attended Luther College in Decorah, IA for my undergraduate course work in music, where I was busy in school and playing music in the community. I arrived in Albuquerque in 2013 to begin my graduate work in clarinet performance and later added a second emphasis in musicology. I completed my Master's degree in Spring 2017 and, after a trip to the Midwest, east coast, and Scotland, have been keeping busy with many projects, including the New Mexico Contemporary Ensemble, Di Kavene Kapelye, drip project, Rusty Tap, Edith Boulevard, and several other ensembles. If you're interested in learning more about my work outside of St. Tim's, I invite you to visit my website at [www.clarabyom.com](http://www.clarabyom.com).

I'm certain that I'm not the first person to tell you- St. Tim's is blessed with amazing individuals in the music ministry. Many, many thanks to all of those who have and continue to help during this transitional time! The choir's enthusiasm and ability to sight-read and learn new music quickly is to be applauded! Additional thanks to Helene, Issa, and Josh for their flexibility and impeccable musicianship. I'm so delighted to be working with you all!

For those congregants who are not currently involved in St. Tim's Music Ministry, please consider joining us for a choir rehearsal any Thursday evening and just giving it a try. We'd love to have you! If you are an instrumentalist who would like to share your talents, please contact me directly and we will discuss how you can participate.

## Music Recommendations

Beginning in February, I will put a manila folder in the piano bench labeled "Music Recommendations." In this folder, you are invited to leave the names (and composer/performer/recording) of your favorite hymns and/or contemporary Christian music that we haven't played or sang in service recently. I'll check this every couple of weeks and do my best to incorporate them when the hymn/song's theme coincides with a reading. Please bear in mind that I will need to select a variety of music, in an effort to serve the many different individuals with various musical preferences in the congregation, so it may take a while to get your recommendation into a service. *Why must you write them down?* By the time you come up to me after services with musical requests, I'm already exhausted and my brain just won't retain your recommendation, despite my best efforts! Scratch down your requests and toss them in that folder so there is no chance that I'll forget! Thank you!

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better in the upcoming weeks!

Peace, love, joy, and many merry tunes!

Clara Byom

Music Director/Pianist

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*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
(Robert Lowry)*

## Women's Ministries News

*Michele Benton*

**Women's Ministry will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, February 15, from 11:30 till 1:00 in the Community Room.** Please join us for a tea and a light lunch. We will focus our study on Lesson two: Prepare the Way of the Lord (Luke 3:3-17) in the January/February 2018 issue of Gather Magazine. All are Welcome!



Women of the  
**ELCA** 

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

## GNM!

**St. Timothy's and the Good News Ministry Welcomes Rev. Joseph M. Bocko, PhD, and his wife, Jessica  
February 17th & 18th!**



Pastor Joseph is the Program Director of the ELCA African National Ministries. He will be visiting St. Timothy's and the Good News Ministry, February 17th and 18th. He and Jessica have four grown children. They have traveled the world in serving Christ and the Church. He visits to introduce himself to the Good News Ministry and to share his years of experience with us in their continued spiritual growth. Please read about his journey in his bio that is attached. Also enclosed is his article on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and its continued reforming of the faith in Africa — note the size of the Lutheran churches in Africa!

We pray this will be the beginning of a special friendship with Pastor Joseph and a catalyst for the growth of our relationship between St. Timothy's and GNM.

In Christ,

Neal Mather, Pastor



## **Rev. Dr. JOSEPH M. BOCKO – BIO**

### **ELCA African National Ministries Program Director**

Joseph, or Joe, was born on the western shore of Lake Victoria in the town of Bukoba, Tanzania. Fifth of eleven children, he was raised in a faith family that valued education in Lutheran schools. By 1975 he had earned his Bachelor of Divinity from Makumira Lutheran Theological Seminary that provides theological education for pastors and leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

Joe was ordained as a pastor of the ELCT, North Western Diocese, on December 28, 1975. He became a pastor of a mid-size congregation (750 members!) for a year. At the end of 1976 he was awarded a scholarship by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) Germany. He joined Kassel University to study Social Pedagogics. He graduated in 1979 and returned to his homeland where he worked for two years as a Diocesan Youth Director coordinating Children & Youth ministry for over 300 congregations.

In December 1981 he married Jessica Kemilembe, a school teacher. In 1982 he was awarded a scholarship by the Lutheran Church in America (Minneapolis) to Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated with a Masters in Sacred Theology. He returned to Tanzania where he served as the ELCT/North Western Diocese Education Secretary from 1985-93. He coordinated Lutheran Schools, designed and developed Christian Education curriculums (Sunday school & Confirmation). In 1993 was awarded Thomas Cornwell Scholarship through Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois. By 1997 he had earned a Ph.D. in Educational Studies.

In 1998 Joe accepted a call to serve as a pastor in Metro Chicago Synod of Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) in the South side of Chicago. He taught in the South Conference Diaconal Training Program. Joe was a DCP (a Chicago Christian Based Community Organizing Agency found by President Baraka Obama) Board of Directors for 10 years. He started a computer lab in Roseland with a donation of 30 computers from the Bill Gates Foundation. In 2001 Mayor Richard M. Dailey appointed him a member of the Chicago Development Community Advisory Council through which he served for 10 years. He was a Metro Chicago Synod – Fund For Mission Board member for 6 years. He has published numerous articles in different journals. In 2008 he received a Lilly Endowment Award.

In 2011 after serving Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church as pastor for 14 years, Joe accepted a call to serve at the ELCA church wide office as African National Ministries Program Director. He enjoys what God calls him to do. Joe & Jessica are blessed with four wonderful grown children: Tumusime, Atugonza, Shubira & Namara. They are thankful to be a part of community of faith in the ELCA. Knowing God is what gives them hope for a brighter future. God never fails.





# Reformation 500

1517-2017

*Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation*

## **THE IMPACT OF LUTHERAN REFORMATION ON AFRICA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA**

By Rev. Joseph M. Bocko, Ph.D.

Africa is the second largest continent, home to 54 recognized countries and some of the world's greatest geographical and cultural diversity with a population of 1.2 billion. Christianity today is the fastest growing religion in Sub-Saharan Africa, outpacing even Islam. Africa is a home to a young, vibrant and dedicated Christian community that is swiftly taking its place as a leader in global Community of faith.

Historically, Africans worshipped and believed in God as a Supreme Being from time immemorial. God has different African names based on tribe and culture but has the same characteristics of omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience. Africans didn't know about Jesus Christ until western missionaries reached out to the continent with the Gospel. For African Lutherans, the Reformation marks a great rediscovery of a fundamental aspect of the Gospel message. Faith alone (Sola Fide) through Jesus Christ (Solus Christus) brings salvation, see Luke 7: 48-50. That fundamental aspect of the Gospel message is the justification of the sinner by means of unconditional love and undeserved grace. Salvation Not for Sale touches African minds and hearts in a very special way. The 500th Reformation anniversary highlights this aspect of the Gospel, namely that the heart of the Gospel is not a righteousness that God demands but that God gives. We are saved by the grace of God alone. (Sola Gratia) Ephesians 2:8.

In teaching grace alone, Luther constantly "reminds us that God always takes the initiative, prior to any human response, even as he seeks to awaken that response." Glory belongs to God alone (Soli Deo Gloria). God's glory is the central motivation for salvation, not improving the lives of people—though that is a wonderful byproduct. God is not a means to an end; he is the means and the end.

"From Wittenberg, Germany, October 31, 1517 to Windhoek, Namibia, May 10, 2017," Lutherans (12th LWF Assembly) affirmed that reformation continues. During this time of global Reformation commemoration and celebration, African Lutherans, joined by the global Lutheran community, looked critically at Theological Education, Leadership Formation, Renewal of the Church, and Lutheran Identity.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is such a powerful focal point in Africa in 2017 for the further formation of the global community of faith. This anniversary is commemorated ecumenically through various conferences, church consultations, workshops and cultural events, and publications. The ecumenical commemoration includes: Lutherans, Catholics, Episcopalians (Anglicans), Methodists, Presbyterians, Mennonites, and Pentecostals. According to the ELCT North Western Diocese Bishop Dr. Abednego Keshomshahara, the anniversary is a reaffirmation of (the reformer) Martin Luther's commitment to reform the church. I visited Tanzania this year. It's hard to believe that there are, on average, more attendees in Sunday worship services in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania than in Europe and North America combined. The second-largest Lutheran church in Africa, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus – or "The Place of Jesus" (EECMY), has 7.5 million members and is the largest Lutheran Church in the world.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's General Secretary Mr. Brighton L. Killewa said there are 6.5 million Lutherans in Tanzania. There are nearly 20 million Lutherans in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Madagascar combined. Luther has traveled far indeed, and the farther south he goes, the warmer his reception.

I was born and raised in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and went to Lutheran Schools, except once. Our four children were delivered in Lutheran hospitals. The "Serving the Whole Person" approach, which was developed in the 1970s, has helped the Lutheran Church in Africa grow by leaps and bounds. This 'holistic ministry' in evangelism and development work is quite visible and so powerful.

#### THE EMBRACE OF UBUNTU BY AFRICAN LUTHERAN THEOLOGIANS:

Ubuntu can best be described as a philosophy of life that in its most fundamental sense represents personhood, humanity, humaneness, and morality. It is the essence of being human. It describes a pervasive spirit of caring and community, harmony, hospitality, respect, and responsiveness that individuals and groups display for one another. Among its important values are group solidarity, conformity, compassion, human dignity, and collective unity.

Martin Luther fought so hard for people to have access to the Scripture, the best resource for knowing God, in a language that speaks to their minds and hearts. The Bible alone is our highest authority (Sola Scriptura). He set an example by translating the Bible into German that empowered German culture and language. In the early 1900's, there were Bible translations in 113 African languages. By 2015, there were translations in 750 languages. Each translation is like a repeat of Pentecost (Acts 2:16)—Each one hears the message in their own language—the mighty works of God.

When people read the Bible in their own language, they can understand better and relate to God more deeply. The Bible is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ. First, it's an incredible guide – lamp for our feet (Psalm 119: 105). And second the Holy Spirit can speak through it to change our minds and hearts (Romans 12:2). With God's word in their midst, African communities are increasingly finding freedom from sin, fear, selfishness, and destructive behaviors.

#### CONCLUSION:

Today, almost 500 years after the Reformation initiated by Martin Luther, African Christians are grateful to God that we have inherited a renewal and transforming movement in the church. Today's African challenges are not new: corruption, endemic poverty, economic instability, globalization problems, and exploitation of human and natural resources are quite real. These problems are like those that confronted the sixteenth century Reformation movement. Unless the church in Africa continues to embrace renewal, fight for justice and play its prophetic role, they can easily lose credibility and effectiveness. There are no easy ways to resolve some of the ethical questions of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. However, we can learn from the focus of the renewal movement at the heart of the Reformation.



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN TANZANIA

# 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](mailto:cmiszkiel@hopeworksnm.org)

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

## Council Corner

### Community Directory Sign-up / Update

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

<b>Name (first &amp; last)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Birthday</b>	
<b>Best Way To Contact (Phone or Email)</b>	
<b>Mailing Preference (Email or Postal)</b>	

# Facility Report - Update

*Michele Benton*

Thank you congregation of St Tim's for approving our roofing proposal at the January congregation meeting! Thank you to Marie Henkel for working diligently with contractors and preparing the presentation and answering questions about this proposal. We look forward to scheduling all the work to begin after Easter Sunday, April 1. Let us know if you have any questions about this roofing project.

## **These are other projects we have been working on:**

1. Work is progressing on the LFS Culinary kitchen project. Thank you Neill Benton for refinishing the men's restroom door. It now looks great and has new self-closing hinges. Thank you to Don Tidwell for hanging the "Hand Washing" signs in the kitchen and restrooms. We have one more major improvement you should see soon, beautiful new LED lighting in the kitchen. Thank you to Marie Henkel for purchasing lighting and hiring an electrician to install the fixtures. The first LFS Culinary Class is scheduled for Wednesday February 7!
2. Thanks Bert Blackwell for quickly repairing the door to the Timothy room and replacing the glass window after it was broken.
3. We set up an office upstairs for our new Music Director, Clara Byom! Thanks Marie for painting and arranging to have the carpets cleaned! Thanks to Bert Blackwell and Rob Evers for helping get furniture moved. Thanks to Barbara Parissi for calling movers to get the piano upstairs. We hope Clara settles in comfortably in her new space!

We appreciate any feedback and welcome all questions regarding facility upkeep. We appreciate all the donations we received! In January we received \$ 2,330 with \$ 1,650 designated for the roof. We thank you for your continued prayers and monetary support for our facility fund! We also appreciate all the work our volunteers are doing to keep the building in good shape!



# Save the Date!

Mark your calendars - an evening with Noble Peace Prize Nominee, John Dear for a sharing and signing of his new book - "They Will Inherit the Earth". See the flyer below for more details!

Thursday, March 1st at 7 PM

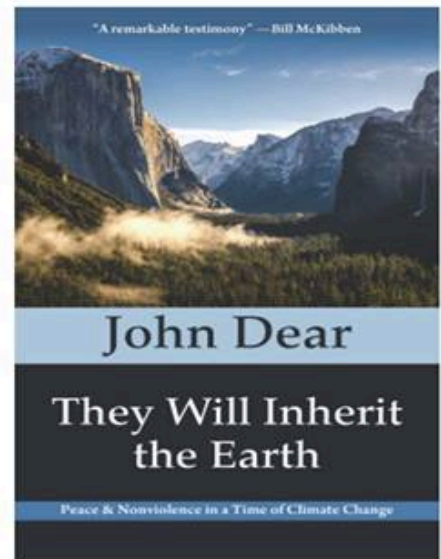
## AN EVENING WITH FR. JOHN DEAR

Sharing and Signing New Book

**They Will Inherit the Earth:  
Peace & Nonviolence  
in a Time of Climate Change**

**Thursday, March 1, 7 pm**

**St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
211 Jefferson St. NE, ABQ, NM (near Nob Hill)**



Longtime activist, priest, author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, John Dear will introduce his new book, "They Will Inherit the Earth." Connecting the way of active nonviolence with Climate Change, Creation Care and Solidarity, he cites Jesus' third Beatitude as the basis for his meditation: "Blessed are the meek, they will inherit the earth." Thomas Merton said "meekness" was the biblical word for "nonviolence" (in the Gandhi/King sense). The book invites deeper nonviolence, active solidarity with Mother Earth, suffering humanity, and a new culture of peace and nonviolence.

***Books will be available for purchase and for signing  
Light refreshments***

***Event co-sponsored by New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light; St. Timothy Lutheran Church;  
Inscape Ministries; Trinity House Catholic Worker; Campaign Non-Violence ABQ***

***For more information: 505-266-6966, [joan@nm-ipl.org](mailto:joan@nm-ipl.org)***

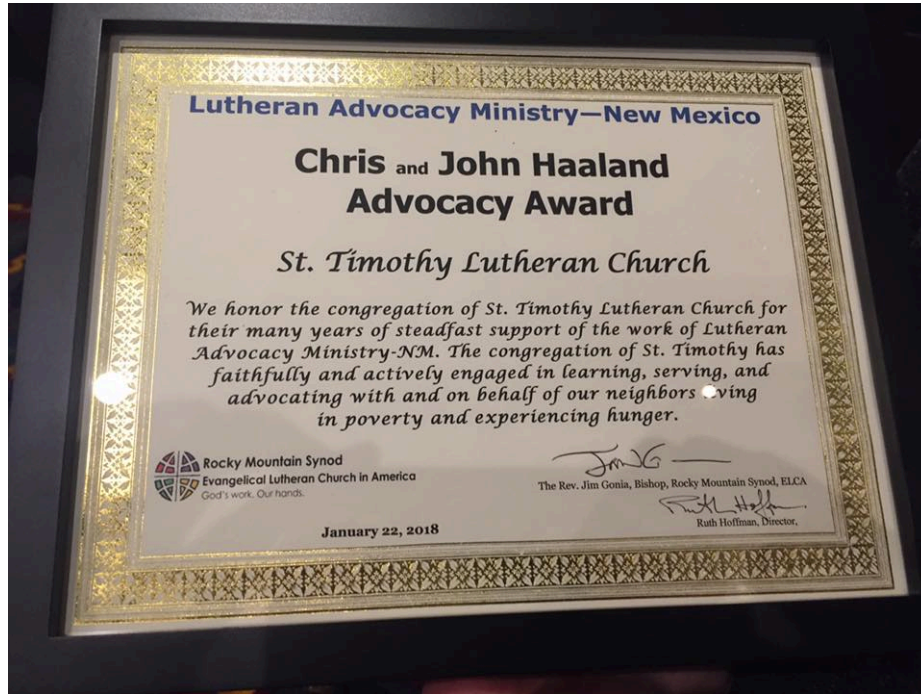


Rev. John Dear, who lives in New Mexico, is a long time peace activist, lecturer, teacher, and author of 35 books including *Thomas Merton Peacemaker*; *Lazarus Come Forth!*; *Living Peace*; *The Nonviolent Life*; and *The Beatitudes of Peace*. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, including by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, he works with CampaignNonviolence.org and Vatican Nonviolence Initiative. [www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org).



# Advocacy Award

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Tim's was awarded the Chris and John Haaland Advocacy Award for actively engaging in learning, serving and advocating with our neighbors living in poverty and experiencing hunger.  
Great things happen here!



Reconciling in Christ  
Congregation of the ELCA

If you prefer to receive your Crosslight via email,  
please contact Barbara Parissi: [office@sttimchurch.net](mailto:office@sttimchurch.net)

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