

**ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# The Crosslight

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:  
MARCH 2018**



## First Communion... *Pastor Rachael*

### First Communion - February 11<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, February 11th, five of our bold, gifted and Spirit-filled young people celebrated their First Communion here at St. Tim's, thanks be to God! Please hold in prayer Olivia, Isaac, Annabelle, Elliot and Sofia as they continue to live out their calls as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the gift of Holy Communion, and for this community of faith through whom the Spirit ignites faith, hope, and love!

In Christ,  
Pr. Rachael



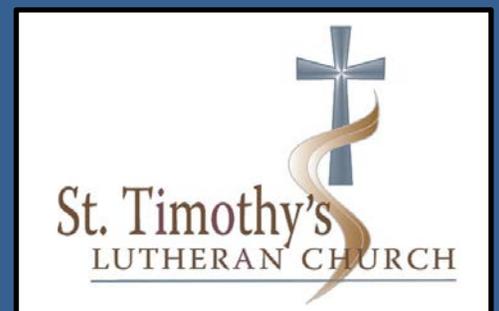
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# Dates to Remember

## Theology on Tap:

March 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.

**Book Signing – Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear @ St. Tim's:**  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

## St. Tim's Book Club:

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. @ Becky Lee & Dan Rader's house

## St. Tim's Sewing Group:

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

## Lenton Mid-Week Worship @ St. Tim's:

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

## Women's Ministry Bible Study & Lunch:

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. @ St. Tim's

## East Central Ministry's Greenhouse Spring Clean:

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-12 p.m.

## St. Tim's Directory Photos:

April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. See save the date for more info.

## Church Events

### March 2018

March – Silent Meditation (ongoing Mondays)  
March – The Gospel of John - Bible Study (ongoing Mondays)  
March 1 – Book Signing - Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear @ St. Tim's  
March 2 – St. Tim's Book Club  
March 2 – Church Women United - World Day of Prayer Service @ Asbury United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.  
March 7 - St. Tim's Sewing Group  
March 11 – Daylight Savings Begins  
March 11 – Liturgical Dance Begins  
March 14 – Theology on Tap @ Monk's Corner  
March 15 – Women's Ministry Bible Study & Lunch  
March 17 – ECM's Greenhouse Spring Clean  
March 25 – Palm Sunday & Raise a Ruckus  
March 29 – Maundy Thursday  
March 30 – Good Friday  
April 1 – Easter Sunday Worship & Brunch  
April 8 – Welcome New Members  
April 26-28 – St. Tim's Directory Photos

## Worship Assistants

Task	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Asst. Minister	Wayne Asphom	Kelly Donahue	Dennis Roberts	Ron Henkel	Naomi Brandt
Children's Time	<i>Other Event</i>	<i>Other Event</i>	<i>Other Event</i>	<i>Other Event</i>	<i>To be announced</i>
Prayer Leader	Anthony Harkness	Mona Sherrell	Dennis Roberts	Lee Wilson	Marcie Wilson
Lector	Mona Sherrell	Linda Walton	Phyllis Harper-Rispolli	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>To be announced</i>
Comm. Assistants	Michele Benton Monica Coburn	Darra Kingsley Dan Rader	Kelly Donahue Ken Sherrell	Bob Jacobson Becky Lee	Ron Henkel Terri Christiansen
Altar Guild	Mary Beth Tidwell Barbara Blackwell	Mary Beth Tidwell Barbara Blackwell	Mary Beth Tidwell Barbara Blackwell	Mary Beth Tidwell Barbara Blackwell	Barbara Bernal Kimberly Gross Melinda Cordova
Comm. Bread	Becky Lee	Becky Lee	Becky Lee	Becky Lee	Betsy Van Dyke
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	Audrey Jahn	Audrey Jahn	Audrey Jahn	Audrey Jahn	Larry Morrell
Pew Angel	Wendy Grode	Wendy Grode	Wendy Grode	Wendy Grode	Wilbur Jahn
Tellers	Rob Evers Sharon Kalita	Mona Sherrell Robin Harmon	Terri Christiansen Scott Hardy	Michele Benton Richard Ciccerello	Rob Evers Faye Tucker

# Lenton Worship

## Lent Mid-Week Worship

This year features the "I Am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 6 p.m. - March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us for this worship experience that calls us into prayer and hope in Christ Jesus. A soup supper will follow each weekly worship experience. A sign-up sheet to bring soup, bread, salad or dessert is on the community boards. All are welcomed!

## St. Tim's Upcoming Events / Worship

### Women's Ministry – of the ELCA

- **Women's Ministry will have a light lunch and tea with Bible study on Thursday, March 15 from 11:30-1:00.** The lesson is from the March issue of "Gather" magazine, page 20. The topic is "Multiple Meanings" with focus on Luke 10:30-37, The Good Samaritan. Please come join us! All are welcome!
- **St. Tim's Sewing Group will meet Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

### Palm Sunday Worship and Raise a Ruckus!

Join us on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. See Music Ministry for more details.

### Maundy (Holy Thursday) Thursday Worship

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. See Music Ministry for more detail on special musical performances.

### Easter is April 1st!

Sunday worship will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by our traditional Easter Brunch. Be on the lookout in the Community Room for lavender sign-up sheets for the event. We will need help setting up, cleaning up and of course, potluck contributions for the meal. **Please contact Beth Neer with any questions at 298-4875.**



# 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.

## ➤ 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.

## ➤ Liturgical Dance

**There are many ways to worship our Lord: through prayer, through song, through music, and now through dance. If you've wanted to try dance as a means of worship join us on Sunday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m.** We will explore liturgical dance. Children of all ages, from 3 to 93 are welcome! **Rehearsals will take place @ St. Tim's after worship at 11:00 a.m.** Our gift will be presented on Sunday, April 22nd during the worship. Questions? Contact Marcie Wilson at 505-286-2518.

## ➤ Lutheran Family Services - Culinary Classes

Diversify your cooking – Learn from unique people – Eat what you make

**There will be two culinary classes in March! Mark your calendar for the second & last Wednesday of the month, March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.** To sign up and for more information contact Melanie Mullen, [Melanie.Mullen@lfsrm.org](mailto:Melanie.Mullen@lfsrm.org).

## ***Psalm 150:1-5 Let's Praise God with a Joyful Ruckus!***

*Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise God in his mighty heavens.  
Praise God for his acts of power;  
Praise God for his surpassing greatness.  
Praise God with trumpet sound;  
Praise God with lute and harp!*

*Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
Praise God with string and pipe!  
Praise God with clanging cymbals;  
Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the  
Lord!  
Praise the Lord!*

Praise God with YOUR drums, guitars, trombones and trumpets, clarinets and flutes, accordions and kazoos, clapping hands, dancing feet, and joyful voices!!

This Lenten season the Music Ministry invites you ALL to join us for a particularly special Palm Sunday experience!

Please help us **Raise a Ruckus** as we process into service on Palm Sunday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before Holy Week. ALL are invited to bring their instruments to one short rehearsal on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:15-7:30pm in preparation for this event. **ALL ages and musical abilities are welcome and encouraged to join us!** Music for the processional, "Hosannah!" by Clara Byom, can be found on top of the choir cart in the sanctuary. Concert treble, concert bass, Bb, Eb, and F charts are copied and labeled there for you- let me know if you're unsure of which version you need. On Palm Sunday morning we will gather in the courtyard at 9:15am to review and teach the rest of the congregants the melody. We'll begin the service by processing and making a joyful noise into the sanctuary! So, pull out that old trumpet in the back of your closet, dig out that kazoo that you bought for the grandkids, or join us with your joyful voice, clapping hands, and dancing feet!

### **Dates to remember:**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:15-7:30 for rehearsal in the sanctuary**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) at 9:15am in the courtyard**

### **Other Upcoming Special Musical Moments:**

- A dear friend of mine, Deb Bluestone, will be joining us for worship on Good Friday, March 30th. We will be presenting selections from Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Christ" arranged for violin and piano between sections of the Passion Story.
- Easter Sunday we will celebrate with powerful choir anthems and boisterous brass! You won't want to miss it!

As always, all are welcome to join our choir rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:15pm. The manila folder for musical recommendations is now in the piano bench- thank you to those who already made suggestions! I look forward to seeing more! Many thanks to the choir, as they work very hard to prepare beautiful selections during this busy, busy season! Also, thank you to Marie, Becky, Debbie, and Michelle for their diligent work on the PowerPoint slides each week!

Peace, love, joy, and many merry tunes!

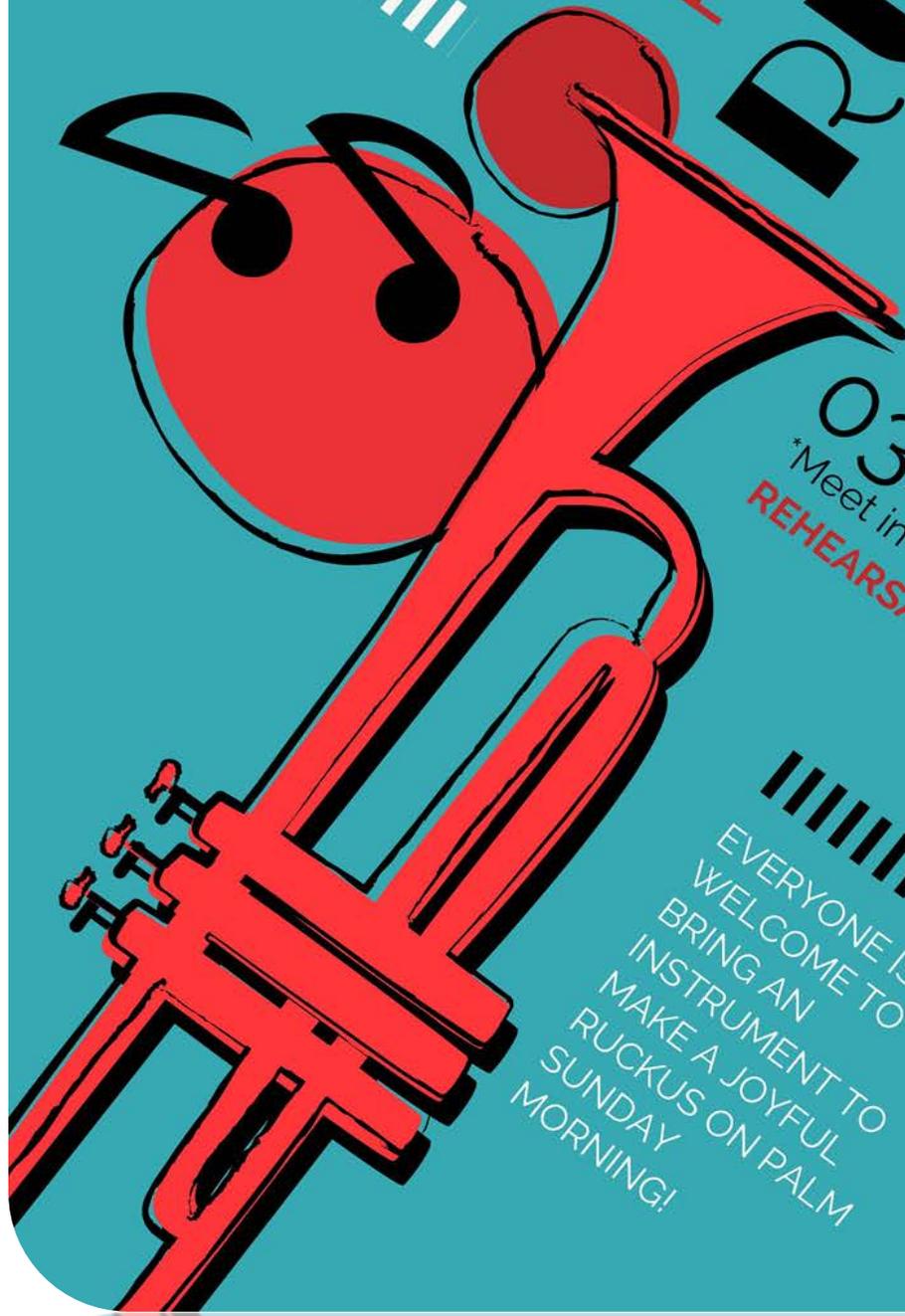
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# RAISE A RUCKUS ON PALM SUNDAY

More information:  
in the Crosslights Music Section or e-mail [sttimmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:sttimmusicdirector@gmail.com)



03/25/2018

\*Meet in the courtyard at 9:15am.+

REHEARSAL: 03/22/2018, 7:15-7:30



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BRING AN INSTRUMENT TO MAKE A JOYFUL RUCKUS ON PALM SUNDAY MORNING!

Copies of the music can be found on the top of the choir cart in the sanctuary!

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## Some Thoughts on the Reverend Dr. Joseph Bocko's Visit...

"How beautiful . . . are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, . . ." Isaiah 52:7

Rev. Dr. Joseph Bocko(1) and Assistant Bishop Judith VanOsdol(2) did a touch and go with the Good News Ministry (GNM) Saturday and Sunday, February 17-18. Pastor Joseph, fluent in Swahili, had a one-on-one with Pastor Leonidas Hakizimana of the GNM. Discussions were also held with Evangelist Martin Ndayisenga, most of the GNM Council, and with brothers and sisters of the faith community. That was followed by a feast and fellowship with the GNM congregation Saturday night. Sunday, both Pastor Joseph and Pastor Judith worshiped with St. Tim's, and then Pastor Joseph spoke with the GNM congregation.

What we learned - A lot! Pastor Rachael and I are still processing from a quick debrief Sunday morning. Here are a few nuggets:

- The Good News Ministry is one of two "African National" congregations associated with the ELCA in the Southwest. Most African National congregations that Pr. Joseph works with are of South Sudanese origin. So GNM is unique in that it is of largely Burundi origin.
- The development of a faith community into a full-fledged, legally recognized, congregation takes time - I Googled, "How to Become a Full-Fledged Congregation in Three Easy Steps," but did not come up with anything. Pastors Joseph and Judith did not know of a handy reference guide either. But Pastor Joseph did say that the key ingredient was visionary leadership. In that regard he also mentioned the possibility of getting them some classes in mission development. So even though we see them gathering for worship on Sunday, their development into a congregation will take time and a focused — inspired — effort.
- GNM is still steeped in African culture which has distinct male and female roles. So it is no surprise that the tectonic plate of American culture is slowly grinding up and over the African culture plate. It is also no surprise then that GNM women emphasize the need to learn English and job skills; while the men, transportation and licenses. In the middle of this are the GNM youth who are riding the American plate, speaking fluent English, and playing with smart phones. Pastor Joseph told us that the cultural acclimation of an African National congregation accelerates with the Christian education of their youth. He suggested that this was an area where St. Timothy's could have direct impact.

This is at once a time of excitement, struggle, and frustration for GNM as God brings about the birth of a new faith community in a new land. We can rejoice in knowing that God is doing a new thing, but we must also roll up our sleeves and help with the birth. We are so blessed to be a part of it!

In Christ, Pastor Neal  
Head of St. Timothy's Liaison Team with the Good News Ministry  
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*(1) ELCA African National Ministries Program Director. His name is pronounced "bow" as in bow an arrow and "co" as in co-author.*

*(2) Churchwide Director for Evangelical Mission assigned to the Rocky Mountain Synod*

# God's Work. Our Hands.

*Anthony Harkness*

## Stewardship / Outreach Update

Our first quarter stewardship campaign totals for St. Martin's is \$1,010.00 plus many pairs of shoes as of 02/25/2018!

### **General fundraising for St Martin's / HopeWorks**

**Collection of items needed for the population served: Shoes and feminine hygiene products are being collected.**

### **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 Miskiel [505-242-4399 x 324](tel:505-242-4399) or [cmiskiel@hopeworksnm.org](mailto:cmiskiel@hopeworksnm.org)
- **East Central Ministries is getting ready for spring and needs our help getting their greenhouse situated. If you are interested the next work day is March 17th, 9-12 p.m. Meet at 123 Vermont St NE.** Come out and get your hands dirty!! If you have questions see Anthony or Christy. Sign-up sheets are in the community room.
- **Keep an eye out for spring service opportunities with the LFS Farm Project.**
- **Habitat build days are back on track. Go to [Habitatabq.org](http://Habitatabq.org) to sign up!**
- **We are in the planning process for Pride Parade, if you want to get involved see Juli or Anthony for more details.**

**Next Stewardship/Outreach meeting is 03/11 @ 11 in the Narthex we will be meeting with the StoreHouse to see how we are able to better develop that relationship.**

**As always THANK YOU for your profound generosity!!**

**Questions feel free to email Anthony @ [anthonyharkness65@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyharkness65@gmail.com) or catch him after service.**

## More Volunteer Opportunities

- **Lutheran Family Services is looking for volunteers - One of LFS's clients has qualified for a home through the Habitat for Humanity program!** Part of the requirement is helping to build it. They are hoping to recruit some volunteers to help, starting in March, every Wednesday and Saturday on the site. It will be totally hands on, so any retired carpenters out there? If interested or for more information contact Sandi Bertholomey - [sandi.bertholomey@lfsrm.org](mailto:sandi.bertholomey@lfsrm.org).
- **The Lutherhaven Board is interested in anyone who would be willing to go up to our LH Lodge during the week for 1-2 days for free to do laundry and overall cleaning of the lodge.** This would be during the renting season and after someone rented the place out. Please contact Norman Pricer @ [nandspricer@msn.com](mailto:nandspricer@msn.com) or 505-899-4401. Thank you!

# 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 at this time and during the project. Electricity will be removed and gas lines raised and removed starting April 2. Roofing work will begin April 9. We expect the work to take 2-3 weeks. Let us know if you have any questions about this roofing project.

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

1. Work is complete on the LFS Culinary kitchen project. The first LFS Culinary Class was on Wednesday February 7! It was so successful two more classes are scheduled in March, the 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. See Classes @ St. Tim's for more info. Also, the Media Arts School wants to use our kitchen for a new culinary program for their students. Word is out that we have a commercial kitchen!
2. We had some vandalism to the electrical controls on our sprinkler system. Michele and Neill Benton had to attach some new wiring outside. Once the wires were all connected again we ran the system to test for leaks. More work is needed to fix leaks and get the system ready for watering again.
3. Don Tidwell has generously offered to use his skills as a retired electrician to help us re-route power during the roofing project. We hope to have power to the alarm system, outside lighting, restrooms and the sound system in the sanctuary. Don is beginning to identifying how to re-route the power.
4. Thanks to Ron Henkel for replacing all the light bulbs in the Narthex with new, more efficient LED bulbs.
5. We still have work to be done to repair the neon lighted cross outside at Copper and Jefferson. We hope to hire someone to fix that soon!

Thanks be to God for the recent rain on Feb 15! We had so much rain it was possible to see where we currently have leaks. There were 4 leaks in the building. One leak is outside the Men's restroom in the hallway which is part of the roof being replaced in April. We also had leaks in the office, Narthex and community room. We took measurements and will attempt to repair those with volunteer labor soon!

We appreciate any feedback and welcome all questions regarding facility upkeep. We appreciate all the donations we received! To date we have \$ 24,909 in our roofing fund and \$ 17,151 in our facility fund with a total of \$ 42,060 available for facility projects. 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 calendar – St. Tim’s is updating its member directory!** Lifetouch will be taking photos on April 26th & 27th from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m., and on Saturday April 28th. See Juli Owen or Pastor Rachael for more details. All are welcomed to participate.



**Reconciling in Christ  
Congregation of the ELCA**

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