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The Crosslight

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
MAY 2018**



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Pentecost Celebration

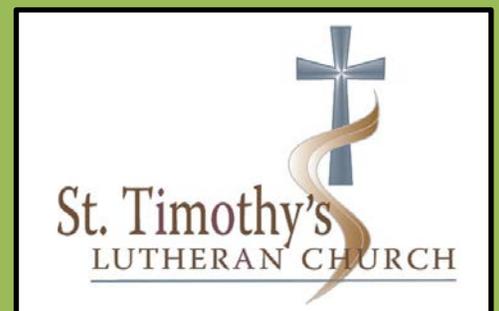
Saturday May 19th St. Tim's Choir will join St. Luke's Choir during their 5 p.m. worship at St. Luke's Church, 9100 Menaul Blvd NE. On Sunday May 20th St. Luke's will join St. Tim's Choir and community at St. Tim's 9:30 a.m. worship.

Thanks be to God for this opportunity to come together in Christ's name! Please see Music Ministry for more details. All are welcome!



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OUT ON FACEBOOK

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STTIMSCHURCH](https://www.facebook.com/sttimschurch)



Dates to Remember

Theology on Tap:

May 9th, 6:00 p.m. in the
Maya Restaurant next to Monk's Corner,
3rd & Silver



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.

Silent Mediation:

Mondays 6:00 p.m.

Pride Parade Crafts:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 – 8 p.m.

Blessing of Quilts, Celebration of Ministry:

May 6th, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Food for Fellowship Meeting:

May 6th, 11 a.m.

Haper-Rispoli Vow Renewal:

May 13th, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Pentecost Celebration with St. Luke's:

May 19th 5 p.m. @ St. Luke's, May 20th 9:30 a.m. @ St. Tim's.

See music ministry for more info.

Church Events

May 2018

May – Silent Meditation (ongoing Mondays)
May – The Gospel of John - Bible Study (ongoing Mondays and Thursdays)
May – Pride Parade Crafts (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
May – LFS Cooking Class (Wednesdays)
May 2 – St. Tim's Sewing Group
May 4 – Church Women United May Friendship Day @ St. John's United Methodist Church
May 5 – Lutherhaven Open House / Spring Cleaning
May 6 – Blessing of Quilts, Celebration of Ministry
May 6 – Food for Fellowship Meeting
May 9 – Theology on Tap
May 13 – Mother's Day
May 13 – Harper-Rispoli Vow Renewal
May 13 – Stewardship Meeting
May 17 – Women's Ministry Bible Study & Lunch
May 19 & 20 – Pentecost Celebration with St. Luke's
May 27 – Advocacy Meeting

Worship Assistants

Task	May 6 th	May 13 th	May 20 th	May 27 th	June 3 rd
Asst. Minister	Ken Sherrell	Wayne Aspholm	Dennis Roberts	Sue Mather	Ron Henkel
Children's Time	Sue Mather	<i>Other Event</i>	Judy Jacobson	Marcie Wilson	Sue Mather
Prayer Leader	Casey Den Hollander	Sara Love	Debby Morrell	Larry Morrell	Judy Jacobson
Lector	Rob Evers	Audrey Jahn	Grace Bousek	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>To be announced</i>
Comm. Assistants	Dan Rader Ken Sherrell	Bob Jacobson Becky Lee	Nathan White Terri Christiansen	Debby Morrell Mona Sherrell	Sam Brandt Larry Morrell
Altar Guild	Barbara Bernal Kimberly Gross Melinda Cordova	Rob Evers Michele Benton			
Comm. Bread	Sharon Kalita	Sharon Kalita	Sharon Kalita	Sharon Kalita	Cheryl Cooper
Ushers	Dan Rader Rob Evers Lee & Marcie Wilson	Gary Miller Roger Radloff Wilbur Jahn	Bert Blackwell Jackie Love Bob Jacobson	Donna Lisotto Gene Lisotto Larry Morrell	Dan Rader Rob Evers Lee & Marcie Wilson
Greeter	Larry Morrell	Larry Morrell	Larry Morrell	Larry Morrell	Sue Mather
Pew Angel	Sue Mather	Sue Mather	Sue Mather	Sue Mather	Darra Kingsley Greg Parkhurst
Tellers	Rob Evers Sharon Kalita	Robin Harmon Mona Sherrell	Terri Christiansen Scott Hardy	Michele Benton Robert Evers	Rob Evers Richard Cicerello

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

Pastor Rachael

Thursday – Saturday, May 3-5, Westminster, Colorado - we will join together in assembly as the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are 163 congregations as well as numerous campus ministries, camps, and social ministries which make up the Rocky Mountain Synod. Each congregation is invited to send voting members to the assembly. The voting members for St. Tim's are Phyllis Harper-Rispoli and Rob Rispoli.

This year the focus of the assembly is *"For the Life of the World"*. During our time together we will focus our conversations on the Body of Christ and that it does not exist for itself but for the sake of the world. As people of faith, we have been called to new life in Christ so that we may serve as the Spirit's instruments of healing and hope for every neighbor on our globe and the earth itself. We will gather as church to discuss where God is leading us together, and during this assembly there will be a bishop's election.

Please hold the assembly in your prayers:

O God, we pray you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending your Holy Spirit. We ask that you direct those who gather as the Rocky Mountain Synod at the Synod Assembly by the light of that Spirit, that they may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. Help us all to serve as instruments of healing and hope for the life of the world. Guide all voting members to follow our Savior's lead.

Synod Prayer

To our Sisters and Brothers of Saint Timothy's we ask for your prayers as we prepare to attend the 2018 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. We Thank each of you for your support and confidence as we vote our conscience on issues that touch each of us: Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior; Elect a Bishop who shall serve as the Pastor of the Rocky Mountain Synod; To be worthy servants in helping to determine the distribution of monetary resources within the Synod; Consider Gun Violence; Protect the Rights of Palestinian Children Living Under Military Occupation; Encourage our Youth to carry the Light of the Future and to Pray for Peace through God's Grace.

We carry each of you in our Hearts, and we know that when one or more are gathered in His Name miracles happen and the Holy Spirit surrounds us with purpose and salvation.

In all of this we see Hope, Hope for the Present and Hope for the Future. God has promised us Salvation if we believe in him and seek his Grace. We Believe This and Declare our commitment to his word.

Blessings to You,

Rob and Phyllis



Celebration of Ministry

On May 6th we will celebrate the gifts of the wider St. Tim's community!

Here is an overview of our topics:

- ❖ We welcome a guest preacher from the Congregation.
- ❖ Sewing group will be blessing quilts they've made in preparation for Mother's Day, and will be for sale after.
- ❖ Our Temple Talk will cover Pride Parade involvement and water donations for the event, the Congregation Choice ballet, as well as our 3rd Quarter Appeal.

All are welcome!

Harper-Rispoli Vow Renewal



Robert Rispoli and Phyllis Harper-Rispoli wish to announce the renewal of their vows. Phyllis and Rob were married in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 11th, 1968 and will celebrate fifty years of marriage on May 11th, 2018. Vows will be renewed in a special ceremony at St Timothy's Lutheran Church on May 13th at the 9:30 AM Service.

Family from California, Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma will be attending the ceremony. The Best Man, Scott Harper, and Maid of Honor, Phyllis Brighton will be present to support Phyllis and Rob as they look back on a wonderful journey together and to the future with their hearts and minds focused on the loving community of people and families of Saint Timothy's, and all the friends and family that have been a part of their lives. Christopher Rispoli, their son, and Grandchildren Mathilde and Calvin will come forward to Bless Phyllis and Rob on their path of love and commitment to each other. We Thank all of the members of this wonderful community that have embraced us and encouraged us to serve our Lord and each other in this caring community.

Blessings to You,

Rob and Phyllis

A MIGHTY WIND

St. Timothy's and St. Luke's Lutheran
Pentecost Musical Celebration!

5:00PM | MAY 19 | ST. LUKE'S

9:30AM | MAY 20 | ST. TIM'S

Please join our music ministries and congregations
for worship services as we celebrate the power and
mystery of the Holy Spirit.

St. Luke's Lutheran
9100 Menaul Blvd NE,
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St. Timothy's Lutheran
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Good News Ministry (GNM)

Neal Mather

Good News Ministry 2.0

The Good News Ministry (GNM) has agreed to split into two groups. One led by Pastor Leonidas; the second, by a Board of men and women.

After a lot of discussion and prayer, Pastor Rachael, the Council, and the St. Tim's liaison team to GNM decided to continue to support the GNM Board group. Pastor Leonidas is a Pentecostal pastor whose theology and biblical interpretation are not in agreement with ours. The Board group (or what I am calling GNM 2.0 until they give themselves a new name) is more in line with Christ's message of forgiveness and love for all.

GNM 2.0 restarted worship and choir practice at St. Timothy's in mid-April. Their board consists of three men and three women. We are working on a new agreement between St. Tim's and GNM that we will open the door to a closer, more mentoring relationship.

As always, the Lord has brought good out of this conflict: the openness of GNM 2.0, the continuing of Pr. Leonidas and his group with a Pentecostal church, and new St. Tim's members with gifts to share in working with the African refugee community. Faustin Rwigina and Chantal Muhumure have worked with us translating and participating in the conflict resolution process. Their continued work with African refugees and GNM in particular is a great gift!

Keep the new GNM 2.0 (for lack of a new name) in your prayers!

In Christ,

Pastor Neal Mather and the St. Timothy's Liaison Team

God's Work. Our Hands.

Anthony Harkness

Stewardship / Outreach Update

Pride Parade June 9th!

We will be in the parade and will have a table; if you have questions feel free to ask Juli or Anthony. **Water donations are needed for Pride Parade event - please bring a case of water, or 2.** Monetary donations can be accepted as well and we will schlep the water for you!! Please indicate the donation is for water. Thank you!

In Preparation for Pride fest in June, Juli Owen is hosting **Arts and Crafts nights, Tuesday and Thursdays 6pm - 8pm at St Tim's in the Timothy Classroom** (the end of the hall where the men's room is, located near the Community room). We will be coloring and creating items to be given away when we give items and water out at Pride Fest. All are welcome - Thank you for your support!

Events & Classes – Stay Tuned!

Silent Meditation

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

- As per usual, Monday night Silent Meditation Group **will not be meeting in June or July and will resume the 3rd week of August** when UNM begins the fall semester again.

Kishan and Mathew will be deepening their own personal practices during this time.

Women's Ministry – of the ELCA

- The Quilting Group will be **blessing quilts on May 6th**; and will have them available for sale before Mother's Day. Please see Donna Lisotto if interested. Thanks for your continued support.
- **Women's Ministry: Please join us on Thursday May 17th 11:30a - 1:00p for Light lunch, tea and Bible study.** We will briefly discuss the May issue of Gather magazine article, "*All are Welcome*" about the hospitality of Jesus. Then Mary Beth Tidwell will introduce us to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a women's group, Philanthropic Education Organization, which she has been a member of for many years. Its purpose is women helping women. Everyone is welcome!

St. Tim's Book Club

- Our next book is "Evicted" by Matthew Desmond, winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. *In Evicted, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as "wrenching and revelatory" (The Nation), "vivid and unsettling" (New York Review of Books), Evicted transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.* Mona Sherrell, who suggested this book, says it "was an eye opener for me. Given the support we at St. Tim's try to provide to families who are homeless, I think it could be helpful to better understand the many systemic issues that affect the ability of families to find housing."

We'll meet to discuss Evicted on Friday, June 1 @ 6 pm. Location: [324 Amherst Drive SE](#) (James and Vivian Bowman's).

Everyone is welcome to be part of the Book Club! Please join us!

LFS Cooking Class

- **Lutheran Family Services will have cooking class every Wednesday, 5 - 8 p.m. for the month for May!** To sign up and for more information contact Melanie Mullen, Melanie.Mullen@lfsrm.org. Diversify your cooking – Learn from unique people – Eat what you make. All are welcome!

Facility Report - Update

Michele Benton

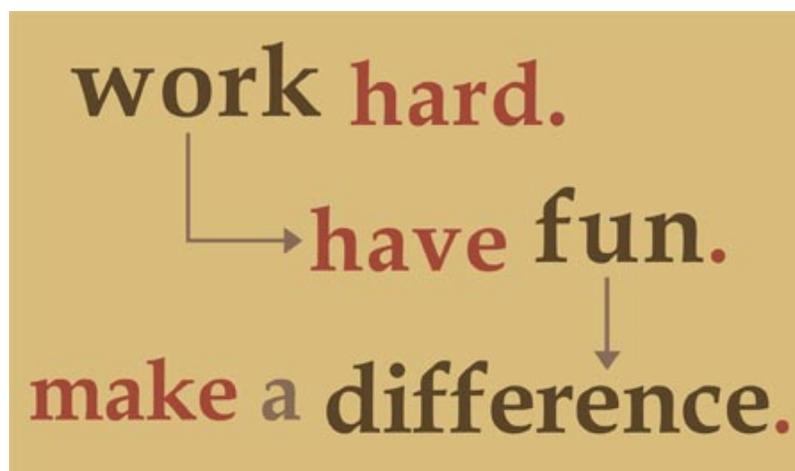
May 2018

Electricity is restored in the building! It was about 8:30 at night when we finally said “Let there be light!” After working all day, the electrician flipped the switches and there was light! Roofing work is complete and swamp coolers are moving back in place soon. We have not paid all the bills yet, but will have a full report next time. So far, we paid \$ 1,849 to have the transite (asbestos) awnings removed from the west side of the building.

These are other projects we have been working on:

1. Don Tidwell and Bert Blackwell will begin identifying and documenting what is connected to each of our four electrical panels so we can know what we have and make a recommendation for updates.
2. Ron Henkel is replacing our doorbell at the Copper entrance.
3. The facility team reviewed a pilot program for free recycling services. It did not seem feasible for us at this time. However, we are interested in scheduling a tour of the local recycling facility. If you are interested in this, please contact Michele Benton.
4. We will contact Zeon to get our neon lighted cross at Copper and Jefferson back on at night.

We appreciate any feedback and welcome all questions regarding facility upkeep. We appreciate all the donations we received! To date we have \$ 23,570 in our roofing fund and \$ 16,678 in our facility fund with a total of \$ 40,248 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! We especially thank Marie Henkel who coordinated all the workers on our recent roofing project.





April 6, 2018

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Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
(505) 884-4464

Behavioral Health
(505) 764-8231

Casa de Phoenix
(505) 900-3677

The Hope Cafe
(505) 382-0128

Comp Recovery (CRT)
(505) 764-8231

Covenant House
(505) 433-2139

Dismas House
(505) 343-0746

Housing Program
(505) 764-8231

Job Development
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Outreach/Heading Home
(505) 764-8231

Psych-Social Rehab (PSR)
(505) 242-5677

*"Ending Homelessness
One Person at a Time!"*

Dear Pastor Rachael,

On behalf of HopeWorks, thank you so much for your congregation's generous in-kind donation of clothing, shoes and tooth brushes, received on April 6, 2018. It is truly a blessing to step into the spring season with your kindness.

At HopeWorks, we understand the magnitude of challenges that individuals experiencing homelessness face on a daily basis. Having the privilege of serving the most vulnerable allows us to witness firsthand the battles our clients wage against mental illness, addiction, isolation, and the chaos that all too often accompanies living on the street. It takes strength to exit homelessness. It also takes gratitude. Thank you for making our clients' success possible.

Our long-term goal is to end homelessness in Albuquerque and the surrounding communities. We cannot forget those living on the streets, in their cars, or in dangerous places. Their lives depend on your partnership.

Thank you for helping us realize a world without homelessness.

If you would like to take a tour of our programs and meet the clients you are supporting, please contact Annam Manthiram, *Development Director*, at (505)-242-4399 ext. 238. You can also reach her via email at amanthiram@hopeworksnm.org.

With Gratitude,

Greg Morris
Executive Director

*Thank you for this blessing,
Pastor Rachael.
- Annam*



Meet Paul: Paul came to HopeWorks to receive therapy for substance abuse issues. He had been drinking consistently since he was 12 years old, leaving him with over three decades of alcohol abuse. He began attending therapy twice a week and participated in group sessions. He has been sober for 5 months, has obtained employment, and reconnected with old friends who are also in recovery. Recently, Paul picked up his old passion for art and began drawing again. Thank you for supporting people like Paul. Your donation allows us to offer services that keep our clients on the path to recovery.

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