



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Crosslight

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
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NAMI WALKS 2020

Well, it's that time of year again for NAMI WALKS 2020!! This year will be a "Virtual" walk on Oct. 10th!

Hi, everybody!!! It's Daneen (for those who don't know me I belong to St. Timothy's and also belong to NAMI) Hope this finds All of You Well, Healthy and Safe!! I realize that this year has been a Super Rough Year for All of Us!! It has hit a lot of people hard in many ways, including financially!! I am "Fundraising" for NAMI WALKS like I do pretty much every year!! For those of you who don't know or have forgotten NAMI stands for (National Alliance On Mental Illness!) They help with educating and research for not only the mentally ill but, the "Loved ones" as well!! They have support groups, classes, "fundraisers" which NAMI WALKS being "our" biggest one!! I know that this COVID VIRUS has made it so much harder so, If you cannot or do not want to "donate" I totally understand and will not be pressuring you! If You are interested please, go to the "NAMI-WALKS" Webpage.....If You are going to pay by credit card! If you want to pay by cash or check please, contact me!!

My Cell # is (505) 488-1788 As Always, NAMI and I Greatly appreciate You All, God Bless!!!

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WWW.STTIMSCHURCH.NET



Dates/Announcements

Adult Ed @ 11:15 a.m.: To receive a Zoom invite please contact Dan Rader (djrader@aol.com, 858-1472).

- Oct 11 Regular format class
- Oct 18 Regular format class
- Oct 25 Regular format class

Click here to read more about [Adult Ed. @ St. Tims!](#)

Love and a Lawn Chair - On Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to try an experiment. We know loving God and neighbor doesn't just happen inside church communities, we're called to be God's love out in the open. So, grab your lawn chair and head for the east lawn at St. Tim's! We'll talk some theology, invite prayer requests, and trust our masks won't cover our desire to share God's love for all. If you're in an at-risk group, no problem! Set up a lawn chair in your own front yard and pray for your neighbors! We'll see if our world gets a little more loving in the name of Christ Jesus!

Join the 27th LFSRM Innkeeper Event - Live! Due to COVID-19 precautions, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains' yearly event will be a party you can enjoy from your living room! Join in on the fun, featuring agency updates, special guests, a silent auction, and our paddle raise. **Virtual Event Online with Zoom on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 7pm (log in beginning at 6:30pm).** Wear your favorite Roaring '20's attire, pour yourself a glass of champagne, and support us from home! Tickets: \$25 Individual / \$100 Patron. Get tickets [here](#). If you are unable to participate but would still like to donate, [click here](#).

CHURCH EVENTS

October 10 – NAMI Walks 2020

October 15 - Love and a Lawn Chair, 6 pm

October 23 - 27th LFSRM Innkeeper Event - Live!

Youth Group meets Thursdays via Zoom at 5 pm. If you're interested, please contact Coordinators Pastor Rachael, pastor@sttimschurch.net or Joshua Hochstetler, joshua.hochstetler@gmail.com

Worship Readings:

Oct. 18 - 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 and Luke 1:46-55

Oct. 25 - (Reformation Sunday) 2 Samuel 7:1-17 and Luke 1:26-33

Nov. 1 - (All Saints Sunday) 1 Kings 17:1-24 and Luke 4:24-26

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Updates and News from the ELCA

Below are links to recent newsletters. Read on and see how you can get involved!

October 2020 - [ELCA Advocacy Connections](#) includes Living Faith: Church in Society: Immigration, New Series: Examining Whiteness in the ELCA, and more!

September 2020 - [ELCA Advocacy Connections](#) includes 243 Faith Leaders Call On President Trump..., American Lutheran Church - Grand Junction has dedicated and displayed a BLM banner, Harassment/Bullying Webinar Oct. 22 and more!Á

Umoja Women's Group

Greetings from the Women of Umoja Abq! ~ by Debby Morrell

Do you remember us? Our last gathering together at St. Timothy's was on Sunday, March 8, just before the pandemic turned our world upside down! We had been learning about computers, women's health, and the rules of driving, enjoying yoga class and fellowship with the wonderful women of St. Tim's! And then....

Now, thanks to Chantal Muhumure, Pr Rachael and the St. Tim's Council, and the Umoja Abq Board of Directors we are still in touch with each other, and still learning, although like you we are staying home. The computers donated by Los Alamos Interfaith have been brought to us so that we can remain connected via Zoom and support our children as they learn at home. A partnership with Reading Works provides us with tutors who teach small groups of us how to read and write. Ms. Chantal has worked to help us find housing assistance, unemployment benefits, emergency food boxes, health and dental appointments, online banking procedures and more. She communicates with us in our own languages through WhatsApp so we don't miss important information about school, immunizations, and the census.

We are struggling to adjust to life during the pandemic just as we are struggling to adjust to life in our new land. At this time, we ask for your support. Our computers are old and must be replaced, and we still need many hours of Chantal's time each month to connect us to the services and support we and our families desperately need. We ask for your prayers for God's guidance and love. If you are able and would like to make a financial contribution, you may do so at Umojaabq.org or through St. Tim's.

We look forward to the day we may gather together again! Until that day, may God's riches test blessings be yours!



Advocacy/Stewardship/Partnerships!



Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Community of St. Timothy Lutheran,

As Christ's Church, Better Together, our collective investment in God's mission fuels our shared witness and ministry as the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod. Knowing that TOGETHER we are called to **proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world**, your Synod Council is GRATEFUL for your congregation's faithful and generous mission support that not only funds our work as the Rocky Mountain Synod but enables our Churchwide ministries here in the USA and around the globe.

2020 has been filled with great stress and great uncertainty. We have had to radically adapt our daily lives, while also re-imagining how we do ministry in this time of social distancing. We have seen congregations respond to the increased need for food assistance, explore new digital ministry platforms, and engage in courageous conversations regarding racism and white supremacy in our country. We are a **church becoming** indeed.

We offer our deep gratitude for your faithful generosity of mission support in the midst of this great uncertainty. At the mid-point of our fiscal year, you have given \$8,850.66 of your 2020 intent of \$13,277. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring we can continue to walk with candidates for ministry, support the ministry of Lutheran Family Services, and accompany congregations in transition. We are Christ's Church, Better Together.

With deep appreciation for YOUR PARTNERSHIP in our life together, we trust that the Spirit is leading us into a bold and faithful future as Christ's Church here in the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod.

Yours in Faith,

Bishop Jim Gonia

Vice President Earline Bohling

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Statement of Intense and Profound Love

As a homeless service provider in Albuquerque, we see very intimately what happens when a community, comprised of individual members, each with independent thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, knowingly (and sometimes not) remain complacent in its obligation to help individuals and families without homes. This complacency is very dangerous. It allows a stasis to set in, and the momentum of one's own comfort and privilege quickly follow. Though we typically associate momentum with advancement, in this case "momentum complacency" actually strengthens the very systems and structures that lead to homelessness. It feels good not to do or feel anything. And every day, we need a little bit more and more, to keep us going.

You know the systems and structures. Wage inequality, housing discrimination, lack of affordable housing, criminalization of the poor, to name a few. All overwhelmingly affect BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color). The trend is alarming, but one that we are all a part of. A system, and its formative structure, is only as strong as the people who choose not to do anything about it.

The process of "unknowing" isn't blameless. We can no longer fall back on the mantra, "We didn't know," which is harmful and devastating to BIPOC, whose livelihoods are splintered and diminished day after day after day because people don't want to know what they should have known: what they should have sought inside and out to uncover. We all need to rock the boat a little. Disrupt this momentum of comfort and privilege. Not feel good sometimes.

The truth is, we have failed. We have failed our Black communities, our Native communities, our Hispanic communities. And the longer homelessness remains, we will continue to fail.

The pandemic has not only disproportionately rooted itself in our Black, Native, and Hispanic communities, but so has homelessness. Homelessness is something that we have accepted: that we accept and allow to fester because deep down, so many don't believe all of us deserve a home, and the right to a life of promise and hope.

We can say that homelessness is a community problem because it feels manageable and uncontroversial to say that, but the truth is that homelessness is a byproduct of racism. And working toward its solution is integral to any anti-racism efforts we may commit to. We do this work because we have to. It is part of our skin and entrenched in the color that many of us undeservedly suffer for.

We must believe that Black Lives Matter if we want to begin dismantling this system, one person at a time. We must believe that systems of poverty and oppression - again disproportionately affecting Blacks and other minorities - are inherently racist by design, and we must work, as in the words of Ibram X. Kendi, to be "anti-racist," because the alternative is adhering to foundations of power and privilege that are killing people—the very people we are trying to serve.

On behalf of HopeWorks, we must do more than offer shelter, mental/behavioral health,

employment and housing. We must commit to a movement of change, beginning with our own hearts and our own minds. This internal, painful work has already begun, but there is still much to do, and much to learn. In the recent weeks, the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and too many of our Black brothers and sisters, have pierced our hearts, leaving in its place scar tissue. This tissue will always serve as a reminder that we must never give up hope, and we must never give up on each other. When we feel ourselves slipping into complacency - or worse, apathy - this scar's twinge will remind us, once again, of our duty and our calling. We cannot sit idly while people are dying on the streets - whether murdered in plain sight or left to die because of a community that will not embrace them.

In *I Am Not Your Negro*, James Baldwin writes, "We are cruelly trapped between what we would like to be and what we actually are. And we cannot possibly become what we would like to be until we are willing to ask ourselves just why the lives we lead on this continent are mainly so empty, so tame, and so ugly."

It is with humility that we release this statement to you: an expression of our intense and profound love for this movement. To commit to working unflinchingly toward ending racism, exclusion, and oppression. To commit to unselfishly combating emptiness, fragility, and ugliness. That is the only real way to end the systemic causes of homelessness.

In the coming days, we intend to strategically incorporate this work into our mission, and we look forward to keeping you informed of our progress. The time is now. Will you join us?




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Pastoral Survey

To: St. Tim's Community

October, 2020

From: Wayne Aspholm
Phyllis Harper-Risoli
Mona Sherrell

As we have done in previous years, the Personnel Team would like to get feedback from the community to share with Pastor Rachael to help her reflect on her work over the past year. We recognize that this is a year like no other, so we are changing the format for input a bit to reflect the different ways that we are worshipping and connecting with one another. We are asking fewer questions, and focusing more on the effects of the pandemic on our ministry together. We will email the survey to all members who get the Crosslight electronically, and will mail the survey to those members who have received hard copies of the Crosslight in the past. We will also have hard copies of the survey available to members who attend the three shortened services on Sunday morning.

You may email your responses to the church office, mail them to the church office, or drop them off on Sunday morning at any of the three services. Please return the forms by November 1. If anyone would like to provide input verbally, we would be happy to arrange for a telephone meeting with anyone who requests it by calling the church office at 505-255-8001. Please respond thoughtfully and prayerfully to help us grow together in our ministry. In the spirit of the St. Tim's Community Covenant and of open communication, we ask that you include your name with your feedback.

In what ways did Pastor Rachael support you during this time when public health restrictions have changed our typical ways of worshipping and gathering?

Do you have any suggestions for Pastor Rachael for the coming year?

How has St. Tim's as a church and community supported you during this time and what other supports would be helpful for you?

Name: _____

Good News Indeed!!

GOOD NEWS! NEW HABITAT HOME FOR NDAYISENGA FAMILY!

Good News Ministry leader, Evangelist Martin NDAYISENGA and his family took possession of their new Habitat home on August 22nd! You can go to Facebook or YouTube and put in "Unity House IV" to view the pre-recorded dedication.

After the dedication I joined Martin and his family as they toured their new home. I cannot adequately describe the joy of the family, but just let me say that when Ervin and Amity saw their own rooms euphoria was mixed with disbelief. Euphoria won! Yay!

~ Pastor Neal Mather



Evangelist Martin holding Briella, Amity, Ervin, Christine, and Daryl (in front).
We had them unmask for the photo.



Here at St. Tim's, young and old, strong and weak, thriving and struggling come together to encounter *God* and remember *God's* promises for us and for the world. We are here to support one another, ask questions about *God* and faith, and hear over and over again that we are loved beyond all imagination in *Christ*. Come and tell your story. Come and ask your questions. Come and walk with us in the grace of *God*.

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