



St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Rooted in God's Word, Serving in God's World



March 2022



ST LUKE WORSHIP SERVICES Schedule of Worship Services

The Lord's Supper is shared at weekend services.

⌘ Saturday ⌘

5 PM In-Person Worship service
5 PM Live-streamed Worship (*online at StLukeABQ.org*)

⌘ Sunday ⌘

8:15 AM In-Person Worship service
10:30 AM In-Person Worship service

⌘ Mid-Week Lenten Service ⌘

6:00 PM In-Person and Live-streamed worship service

Highlights:

Journeys with Jesus
& Pastors Christa
& Wayne

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Prayer Ministry 3, 20

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Journeys with Jesus

and Pastors Christa & Wayne



IF WE ARE GOING TO BE DESTROYED BY AN ATOMIC BOMB, LET THAT BOMB WHEN IT COMES FIND US DOING SENSIBLE AND HUMAN THINGS - PRAYING, WORKING, TEACHING, READING, LISTENING TO MUSIC, BATHING THE CHILDREN, PLAYING TENNIS, CHATTING TO OUR FRIENDS OVER A PINT AND A GAME OF DARTS - NOT HUDDLED TOGETHER LIKE FRIGHTENED SHEEP AND THINKING ABOUT BOMBS. THEY MIGHT BREAK OUR BODIES (A MICROBE CAN DO THAT) BUT THEY NEED NOT DOMINATE OUR MINDS.
- C. S. LEWIS -
LIRQUOTES.COM

C. S. Lewis and A Lenten Spirit?

As the season of Lent draws near, I've been drawn more to C. S. Lewis' writings. Our Wednesday discussion groups, after finishing his book, "Mere Christianity," is just beginning to explore "The Screwtape Letters." Both works were written at the beginning of World War II, during the time of the bombing (Blitzkrieg) of England.

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People were under enormous pressure; 1.1 million homes were destroyed and one of every six Londoners became homeless. Hitler intended to weaken Britain's external and internal infrastructure and psyche by producing mass hysteria among the citizens. In many ways, Lewis' works not only helped to deepen the Brits' faith but increase their steadfastness. He did this not only by his radio addresses and articles, but also by personal relationships that he had with his students and those who sought his help.

In an article entitled, "CS Lewis as a Spiritual Mentor," I learned about Lewis' influence and devotion to his students and acquaintances. Many of these relationships ripened into friendships. Here are a couple of quotations from former students:

- ◆ *Lewis was someone who knew how "to nourish a pupil with encouragement and how to press criticism when needed without causing resentment."*
- ◆ *"One of his most notable characteristics was his magnanimity, his generous acceptance of variety and difference."*
- ◆ *"What stands out in my memory is the warmth of the man. He was always welcoming and showed total interest and concern. The startling contrast between his achievement ... and my mediocre promise did not open a gulf; he was a true master, the true teacher. He shared his appreciation and enthusiasm and thereby instilled confidence ..."*

Lewis was also a letter-writer! Although he was incredibly busy, he took time to write to people – a form of spiritual mentoring – encouraging them and guiding them as they faced the questions of life and faith. It is said that he corresponded literally with 1000's of strangers (while writing over 40 books!).

A principle underlying his mentoring was a firm belief in the human community: "We are members of one another whether we choose to recognize the fact or not." Remarkably, Lewis was able to see all who came to him as precious – an image of God – who will live forever. In one of his famous sermons, "The Weight of Glory," he writes:

- ◆ *The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor's glory should be daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it ... There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal ... It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit."*

He took a long-term view of our destinies and that our responsibility is to "grow in Christ" as much as we possibly can in this life. This firm conviction probably engendered his growth in humility (something he continually wrestled with!) and his surprising openness to trust others, speak the truth of his own life ... and to speak from the heart. In a letter to a friend, Lewis shares his long-time effort to reconcile with a long-time enemy.

- ◆ *"Do you know, only a few weeks ago I realized that I at last had forgiven the cruel schoolmaster who so darkened my childhood. I'd been trying to do it for years; and like you, each time I thought I'd done it, I found, after a week or so it all had to be attempted over again. But this time I feel sure it is the real thing. And (like learning to swim or ride a bicycle) the moment it does happen it seems so easy and you wonder why on earth you didn't do it years ago."*

Despite having a long-term view of our lives, Lewis emphasized the importance of the present. And that is what we members and friends at St. Luke Church can do this Lent – focus on the present – and turn more and more toward the Lord, each hour, and do "sensible and human things" – as C.S. Lewis lists them: ...*pray, read, listen to music, bathe children, chat with friends over a pint....*, etc.

I end with another quote:

- ◆ *Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or your happiness to the future. Happy work is best done by the person who takes his long-term plans somewhat lightly and works from moment to moment 'as to the Lord'.*

Go figure!

Pastors Wayne & Christa

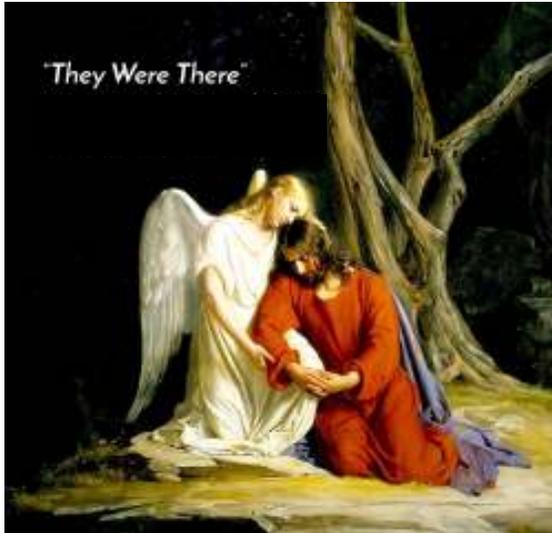
LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

In-person worship services will be at Noon and at 6:00 PM.

The time of the simultaneous live-stream worship service will be published in the weekly St. Luke GPS.

We will have Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
(with individual packets of ashes for everyone).



Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30
and April 6

In-Person and Live-Stream at 6:00 PM

Featuring a dialogue service based off the passion
account—

“THEY WERE THERE”

By * Elise Seyfried

* Elise Seyfried is a freelance writer whose work has been published in The Philadelphia Inquirer, Guideposts and many other publications. She is author of three books of humorous spiritual essays and director of spiritual formation for an ELCA congregation in Oreland, Pa.

Prayer Team Meeting

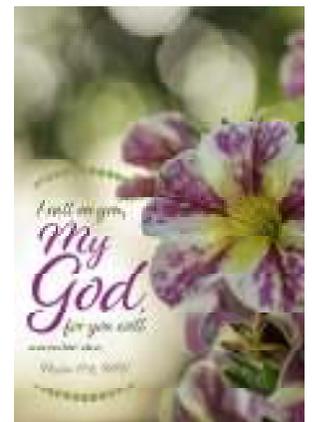
Thank you all for participating in our Prayer Team.

You are invited to participate in a monthly prayer meeting.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 10
10:00 AM, via Zoom

Watch for the Zoom link in the weekly St. Luke GPS in March.

Thanks for all you do,
Bev. Ronkos, Prayer Team Coordinator



Contact information: St:LukeABQPrays@yahoo.com or by phone call or text at 505.307.4732.



*We invite you to **study, pray, reflect and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17). This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill

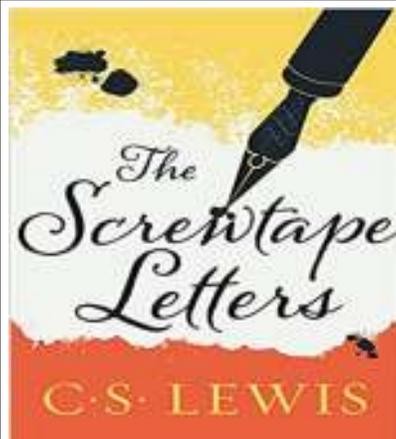


You may give to ELCA World Hunger in-person through our



St. Luke Bucket of Change (a.k.a. “noisy offering) in March or on-line at www.stlukeabq.org (choose “give now,” then “Bucket of Change”)

Commit to a giving goal for the Lenten season in support of ELCA World Hunger, set aside a portion each day, or make your gifts throughout the season as part of your regular Lenten practice.



The Screwtape Letters

by C. S. Lewis

Wednesdays

8 AM and Noon

Via Zoom (*the Zoom links will be published in the weekly St. Luke GPS*)

Lenten Study/Discussion

Screwtape Letters and Lent: If Lent is a time where we draw near/er to Jesus, recognizing that we need a Savior outside of ourselves ..., then Lewis' work can (hopefully) help us to identify the cunning ways that the "accuser" uses to draw us away from Christ.

Class Schedule: Wednesdays (except Ash Wednesday, March 2) at 8 AM and Noon and continues throughout Lent until Wednesday (April 13th of Holy Week).

The Book: "The Screwtape Letters" (Harper One, Reprint Edition (April 21, 2015) - \$10.27 at Amazon)

Some Quotes from the Screwtape Letters:

- "Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.... Your affectionate uncle, Screwtape.
- The more often he feels without acting, the less he will be able to ever to act, and, in the long run, the less he will be able to feel."
- "Suspicion often creates what it suspects."
- "I live in the Managerial Age, in the world of "Admin." The greatest evil is now not done in those sordid "dens of crime" that Dickens loved to paint. It is not done even in the concentration camps and labour camps. In those we see its final result. But it is conceived and ordered (moved, seconded, carried, and minuted) in clean, carpeted, warmed and well-lighted offices, by quiet men with white collars and cut fingernails and smooth-shaven cheeks who do not raise their voices. Hence, naturally enough, my symbol of Hell is something like a bureaucracy of a police state or the office of a thoroughly nasty business concern."
- "Prosperity knits a person to the world. He feels that he is finding his place in it, while really it is finding its place in him."
- "Above all, do not attempt to use science (I mean, the real sciences) as a defense against Christianity. They will positively encourage him to think about realities he can't touch and see."
- "A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all – and more amusing."
- "Your patient has become humble; have you drawn his attention to the fact? All virtues are less formidable to us once the man is aware the he has them, but this is especially true of humility."
- "Tortured fear and stupid confidence are both desirable states of mind."
- "Do not be deceived, Wormwood. Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks around at the universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys."

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Tentative Schedule:

1. February 23rd - Introductions -

- Genre, Characters, Satan,

Assignment for March 9th:

- Letters 1-6

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday - NO CLASS

2. March 9th – Letters - 1- 6

Assignment for March 23rd:

- Letters 7-13

March 16th - NO CLASS

3. March 23rd – Letters 7-13

Assignment for March 30th:

- Letters 14 -19

4. March 30th - Letters 14 - 19

Assignment for April 6th:

- Letters 20 -25

5. April 6th - Letters 20 -25

Assignment for April 13th:

- Letters 26 -30

6. April 13th - Letters 26-30 - Holy Week

Online Sites to explore!

- CS Lewis – The Official Website – (with links to other CS Lewis Resources) <https://www.cslewis.com/us/>
- CS Lewis Foundation – Living the Legacy of CS Lewis - <https://www.cslewis.org/>
- CS Lewis Web – exploring issues related to CS Lewis on faith, culture, science and society - <https://cslewisweb.com/>

Invitation from St. Luke's Stewardship for All Seasons Committee

GENEROSITY

Generosity Watch Party Series

Last class: **Saturday, March 26: "Budgeting"**
Via Zoom at 10 AM to 11:15 AM

Featuring: 1) Technical presentation: led by our Stewardship for All Seasons consultants; 2) Adaptive presentation: led by Excellence in Leadership presenters; 3) Spirituality presentation: led by invited guests; and 4) Follow-up packet of relevant online resources from the Center for Generosity and Excellence in Leadership. To register, contact Tina Kvittek at tkvittek@rmselca.org or Deb Elstad at deb.elstad@gmail.com at the Synod office. For more information, contact Stewardship@stlukeABQ.org

Frolic Baby Bible Club

Using the Frolic First Bible

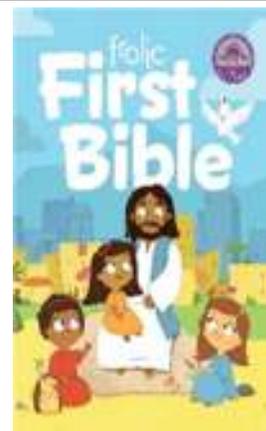
(for parents & babies, birth to age three)

30 minutes of Bible songs, scripture, sharing and some silliness!

We are getting together in person on Sunday, March 27

9:30 AM (after the 8:15 AM service), in the Lounge

(practicing safety: mask wearing, social distancing)



Bible Story: Jesus Feeds a Crowd

If you need more information, please contact Pastor Christa
at PastorChristaABQ@gmail.com.



St. Luke Faith Stepping Stones: Holy Communion

Cup of Blessing Family Workshop

Sunday, April 3rd 2022 12-1:30
In the Fellowship Hall
(light lunch will be served)

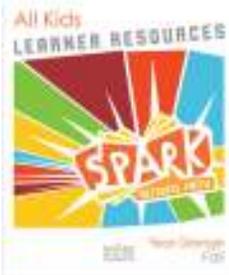
Come to the St. Luke Cup of Blessing Holy Communion Class, geared for 3 year olds through 8th grade *with their families*. We will explore the awesome secret of the *real presence* of Jesus and decorate our own wine glass for use on Maundy Thursday (April 14).

Please sign up in the Narthex (foyer) of the church or send an email to the church office at stluke@thuntek.net. So we can plan to have enough materials for everyone!

Contact Holly Trujillo at CY&F@stlukeABQ.org or Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com, or call the church office at 505.299.2621 for more information.

Non-church members are warmly invited.

And, like God's grace – it's free!!!



St. Luke SPARK for Kids Ages 5 - 12

Wednesdays in March
4:45 - 5:30 PM, on Zoom

New kids always welcome to join in!!! Please call the church office 505.299.2621 to pick up the Spark kit for March.

March Study

March 9: A Storm

March 13: A Centurion's Servant

March 20: Jesus Feeds the 5,000

March 27: The Greatest Commandment

We will continue meeting on Zoom Wednesday nights through this school year. We are planning to add an in-person SPARK PLUS SUNDAY Sunday school and in-person Salt & Light (kids/young family music program) in March.

Spark Plus Sunday In-Person Schedule Starts on March 6, 2022!

* SPARK! PLUS SUNDAY Music and Bible Adventures at 9:35 - 10:20 AM, in-person, in the Youth room

New Friends always welcome to join us! Kids 12 and up needed to help with small group discussion & projects.

For more information about our kids' ministry programs, contact Adult Leaders: Holly Trujillo at CY&F@stlukeABQ.org, Rachel Welch, Greg Haschke or Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com.

Confirmation Camp



Pastor Christa is looking for Middle Schoolers (entering 6th – 9th grade) interested in going to Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Canon City, CO, the week of June 26 - July 2, 2022.

You don't have to be a member of St. Luke to go on this trip! So if you have a friend, neighbor or grandchild you'd like to help send on this wonderful Christian immersion experience in God's beautiful Rocky Mountains ... with a great Lutheran camp and staff – please let Pastor Christa know of your interest!

Contact: pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com.

Cost is \$485 but camperships are available from Rainbow Trail and/or from St. Luke.



Lamplighters

Thursday, March 3

2:00 PM via Zoom

We are discussing the book, "Tutu Authorized," by Allister Sparks and Mpho Tutu. We will do a brief review of chapters 1 - 4 and begin a discussion of chapters 5 - 7. Shirley Smith is the leader.

All women are invited.

For more information contact Gayle Carleton at 505-559-3012 or at

Lamplighters@stlukeabq.org.



St. Luke Women's GATHER Bible, Brunch & Mini-retreat "The Kingdom of God:

What does it mean for God to be in charge?"

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9:15 - 11:45 AM, in the Fellowship Hall

Newcomers, visitors and friends always warmly welcomed.

Study will be led by Pastor Christa

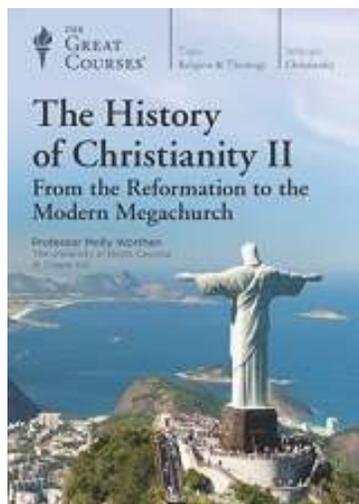
Study written by ordained Lutheran minister Mark Allan Powell, professor emeritus at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, where he taught New Testament for thirty-two years.

In March: Eternal life in the Gospel of John – In the fourth Gospel Jesus uses the expression "eternal life" to talk about what he calls the "kingdom of God" in the other Gospels. The phrase does not just refer to life that is eternally long, but also (indeed, especially) to life that is eternally deep—life that is endless in value and meaning. We will look at some popular passages, including John 3:16 and the story of Jesus and the woman at the well to discover how our lives can be marked by love and purpose.

(www.Gathermagazine.org)

Contact: Bev Berardinelli at WomensBibleStudy@stlukeABQ.org or Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com.

*** We will meet again on Saturday, April 30. Save this date! ***

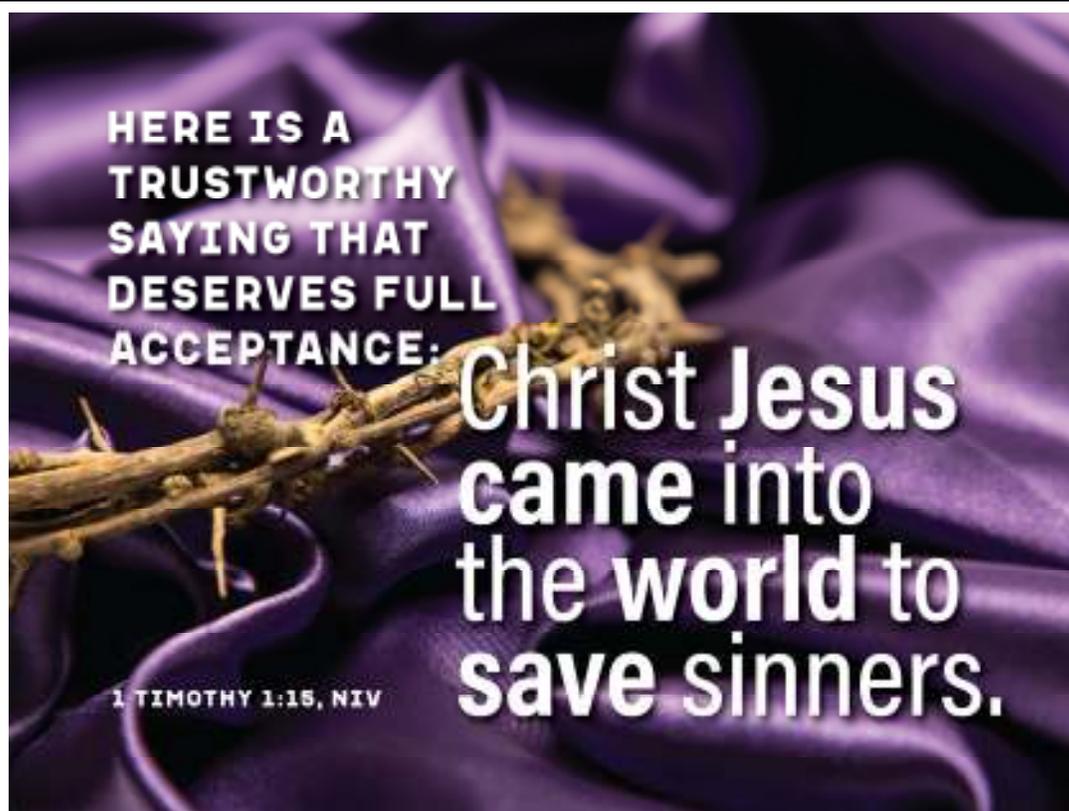


Adult Forum on Sundays 9:15 AM, in the Fellowship Hall *(immediately after the 8:15 AM service)*

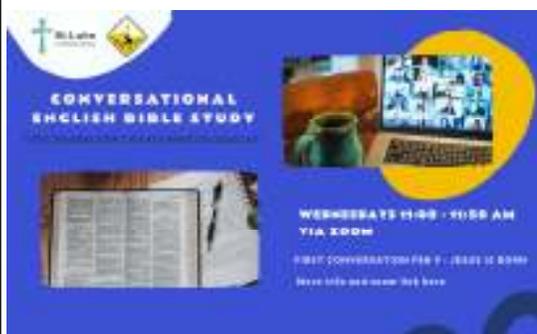
We will continue with **The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch**, by Molly Worthen, Ph.D., Professor of History, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Join us. Coffee will be available.

For more information, contact David Follstaedt at dfollstd@unm.edu or Susan Alexis at sjalexis@msn.com.



NEW! CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS



Conversational English Bible Study

(St. Luke & Camino de Vida Partnership)

First ten week topic: Ten Key Events in Jesus' Life

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m./12:00 p.m. (50 minutes) via ZOOM!

WHO?: 2-12 people (1:1 ratio preferred): Half English learners and half Native English Speakers (no Spanish necessary but it would be great to have people experienced in or eager to interact with English learners. See Pastor Christa for more information at St. Luke, see Flor Moino or Claire Lewis for more info at Camino!)

Pairs: 1 Native English partner with 1-2 English learners

- Adult English learners from Camino de Vida; Distance learners from other countries are welcome!
- ◊ Listening Option for attendees with beginner levels of English.

How: Use a Contemporary English Version (CEV) Bible for verses and passages (available online at Bible Gateway:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2&version=CEV>)

- Suggest everyone read the passage BEFORE class.
- Conversation about **how the passage intersects with our own lives**
- 15-20 minutes “Break Out” Session / 1-on-1 partner conversation
 - ◊ Conversation
 - ◊ Learning from and about each other
 - ◊ Laughter
 - ◊ Vocabulary words & pronunciation practice

Before/After class exercises: We'll send out Bible text to read, discussion questions to think about and English learners will be encouraged to write out their thoughts and responses

Why: To assist English learners in English conversation practice, to assist English speakers in Christian fellowship and intercultural Bible study

Topics/Themes: First Ten-week topic: Ten Key Events in Jesus' Life

Preliminary schedule:

March 2 – Jesus is Angry

March 9 – Jesus Teaches

March 16 – Jesus Heals

March 23 – Jesus' Passover Meal

March 30 – Jesus Dies

April 6 – Jesus Eats with Friends

From Your Worship, Music, and the Arts (WMA) Team

Your WMA Team has been busy discussing the upcoming worship life of St. Luke that we would like to share with you.

New Communion Procedure

Effective the First Weekend of Lent (5/6 March) we will begin what we hope to be a transition back to a more meaningful receiving of the Sacrament at worship. We'll use this same procedure at all three services.



- ◆ After the words of institution people from both sides of the Nave will proceed up to the table, take the bread and wine/grape juice and move forward toward the pastors who will bless the elements.
- ◆ The bread and wine/grape juice is ingested, and the plastic cups are disposed in the basket at the side aisle and communicants return to their pew.
- ◆ There will be gluten free bread on the table as well as some of the pre-packaged communion sets if desired for use.
- ◆ For those who want unpackaged elements but can't come forward, the pastors will go and deliver them to the person.
- ◆ Packets will still be available in the Narthex for those who do not wish to come forward.
- ◆ For the choir they may come down to join other communicants or they may remain in the loft where both packaged and unpackaged communion elements will be available (we will ask a member of the choir to retrieve these prior to the service).
- ◆ Ushers will not be needed to support the new procedure.

We intend for this to be an experiment in transitioning from our current use of packets toward the more meaningful and familial practice of communion we followed prior to the pandemic. How long that will take and/or other procedures we may introduce will depend both on how this experiment goes and the pandemic situation we may be experiencing. So please let us know what you think after experiencing this new procedure (wma@stlukeabq.org).

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Greeters

We need volunteers to be greeters at our three worship services. Greeters are an important part of ensuring that both visitors and members feel welcome when arriving for worship. Often for visitors, how they are treated the moment they arrive for worship factors heavily into whether they will return or not. If you are interested in this important gift of time and talent, please contact the WMA Team at wma@stlukeabq.org or the Church Office at stluke@thuntek.net. Thank you!

Processions

We will use processions and recessions on the more high holy days of the church year at the 10:30 worship beginning on Transfiguration Sunday and continuing on Palm Sunday, Easter and Pentecost Sunday.

Mark Your Calendars

- Ash Wednesday & Lent Preparation/Information:
 - Ash Wednesday (2 March 2022) – Two services are planned; one at Noon and one at 6:00 PM (both in person and the 6:00 PM service will also be livestreamed). We will use the same type of “self-administered” ash packets as last year due to current COVID situation. We will also continue the use of communion packets for Ash Wednesday.
 - Midweek Lenten Service (9, 16, 23, 30 March & 6 April 2022) – 6:00 PM in person and live-streamed. Mid-Week Lenten Theme: "They Were There: Interviews with Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, Pilate's Wife and Peter." 14 minute videos each with two people. Pastors are looking for willing participants. No memorization required. These will be put into a service of Compline (much as we did last year). If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at stluke@thuntek.net.
 - During Lent, for the Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 services, we will use ELW Setting 3 (p.138).
- Other Key Dates with planning still in progress:
 - Palm Sunday (10 April)
 - The Paschal Triduum – the continuous flow of time/events from Maundy Thursday into Easter Sunday
 - † Maundy (Holy) Thursday (14 April)
 - † Good Friday (15 April)
 - † Easter Vigil (16 April)
 - Easter Sunday (17 April)
 - Pentecost (5 June)
 - Summer Courtyard Service – Tentatively planned to coincide with the Sundays after Pentecost (12 June – 14 August 2022) with potential for extension.

Your feedback is always appreciated, so let us know what you are thinking by contacting a WMA member or dropping us an email note at wma@stlukeabq.org.

Peace and blessings from your WMA Team:

Les Anderson	Nancy Granert	Pastor Wayne
Tom Berardinelli	Lorna Hansen	Shirley Smith
Ginny Fisher	Pauleta Hendrickson	Nancy Tarman



From St. Luke Church Council

Rocky Mountain Synod Annual Assembly

The Rocky Mountain Synod will be convening its **Annual Assembly May 9-11 in Loveland, Colorado**. It will be an in-person assembly this year.

Along with our pastors, we are allowed two delegates to officially represent St. Luke at the assembly. And, there are funds to help defray travel expenses. If you have an interest in attending the assembly and representing St. Luke, please contact Angie in our church office at stluke@thuntek.net or at 505.299.2621. Further information can be found on the Rocky Mountain Synod website: www.rmselca.org.

RMS Synod Council Nominations

Terry Cole from St. Paul in Albuquerque has been serving on the Rocky Mountain Synod Council as the North NM Conference representative and is rolling off because of term limits. Two At-Large positions (one male and one female) are also being elected.

The RMS Nominating Committee is asking NNM congregations to put forward candidates to be elected during the Synod Assembly this May 9-11.

The RMS Synod Council

Composition: The Synod Council has twenty-one members; the four synod officers; one from each of the ten RMS Conferences; and seven at-large positions (one each for lay male, lay female, rostered leader, youth, young adult (18-30 years old), and two from ethnic-specific congregations). Terms are four years except for the Bishop (six years) and the youth members (elected in even-numbered years for a term of two years). Terms are limited to two consecutive terms.

Description: The Synod Council shall be the board of directors of the Synod and shall serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It may make decisions which are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly, or which are not precluded by provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Rocky Mountain Synod or the ELCA. The council normally meets monthly via Zoom with in-person meetings three times per year. Other functions are set forth in the RMS Constitution (S10.03).

Positions to be elected in 2022:

- o One (lay or rostered) from the North Colorado Conference
- o One (lay or rostered) from the Utah Conference
- o **One (lay or rostered) from the North New Mexico Conference**
- o One (lay or rostered) from the Metro East Conference
- o **One At-Large lay male**
- o **One At-Large lay female**
- o One Youth
- o Two from ethnic-specific congregations

If you would like to be considered as one of the Rocky Mountain Synod North NM Conference representatives, please contact St. Luke Council President Ken Sorenson at Council.President@stlukeABQ.org or Angie at the church office at stluke@thuntek.net or at 505.299.2621.

Think summer!!! Vacation Bible Day Camp is just around the corner!!!



*Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and St. Luke Lutheran Church
presents*

Vacation Bible Day Camp JUNE 20 - 24, 2022

“Boundless: God Beyond Measure”

Rainbow Trail Bible Theme for 2022 centers on **Ephesians 3:14-21** [For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen] — ***I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.*** There is no way to measure the depth and breadth of God. But one sure way we can begin to understand how immense God is, is through exploring God’s tremendous love for us. If we can even begin to grasp all that God can do in this world, we can become instruments to share God’s love and BE God’s love in the world. And the possibilities are boundless! We hope this study will give us courage to really live out our faith in every aspect of our lives. Challenging, yes ... but this is our calling!

Stay tuned for more information and sign ups ... but mark your calendars today!

 **June 19-24th VACATION BIBLE CAMP at St. LUKE, ABQ for ages 4 years - 6th grade with older youth WANTED/NEEDED as junior counselors!** Spread the word! This is definitely happening! See Donna Berardinelli (Bible Camp Coordinator this year), Holly Trujillo (Children, Youth & Family Chair) or Pastor Christa for more information.

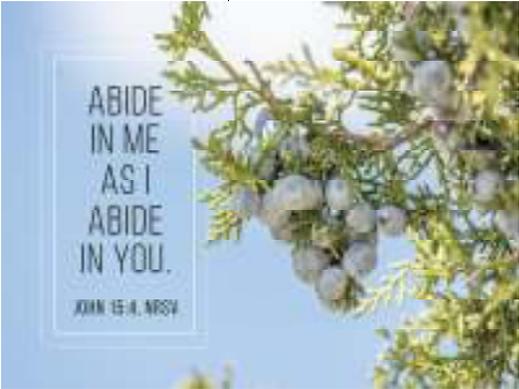
 **June 26-July 2 CONFIRMATION CAMP in Colorado** (we hope to have a small group from St. Luke and area churches)

 **July 17-22 Rainbow Trail South in Cloudcroft, NM** for those entering 4th grade and up! IF we have interest, and IF we can get an adult coordinator, we'll send a group from St. Luke!

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue
 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">National Lutheran Schools Week March 6 - 11, 2022</p>		<p>1 9:30-10am Prek Worship: THE GOOD SHEPHERD 6:30pm Worship, Music & the Arts Comm. mtg. , Zoom</p>
<p>6 Lent 1 8:15am Worship service 9:15-10:15am SPARK PLUS for Kids, Youth room 9:15am Adult Forum, Fellowship HI 10:30am Worship Service 2pm Memorial Service for Janis Prudhomme</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30-10am Prek Worship: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT 1pm Elders Alive Planning meeting, Zoom 2pm Staff mtg Zoom 4:30pm Wellness Comm., Zuni rm 6:30pm Property Comm., Zoom</p>
<p>13 Lent 2 8:15am Worship service 9:15-10:15am SPARK PLUS for Kids, Youth room 9:15am Adult Forum, Fellowship HI 10:30am Worship service</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Deadline: articles for April Horizon</i> <i>March 15-21: Pastors Christa & Wayne, out of the office</i></p>
<p>20 Lent 3 Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Janet Morse 8:15am Worship service 9:15-10:15am SPARK PLUS for Kids, Youth room 9:15am Adult Forum, Fellowship HI 10:30am Worship service</p>	<p>21 St. Luke Preschool Spring Break: March 21 - 25</p>	<p>22 2pm Staff mtg Zoom</p>
<p>27 Lent 4 8:15am Worship service 9:05-9:35am Salt & Light Music, Taos rm 9:15-10:15am SPARK PLUS for Kids, Youth room 9:15am Adult Forum, Fellowship HI 9:30am Frolic Baby Bible Club, Lounge 10:30am Worship service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9:30-10am Prek Worship: JESUS & THE CHILDREN TBD Elders Alive event: March Madness, in-person, in the Fellowship Hall</p>

MARCH 2022

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 Ash Wednesday 11am Conversational English Bible with Camino de Vida friends 12 & 6pm Worship Services</p>	<p>3 2pm Lamplighters, <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>4 9:30-10am Prek Worship: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT</p>	<p>5 5pm Worship Service 5pm Live-stream worship service</p>
<p>9 8am & 12 Screwtape Letters Discussion Group, <i>Zoom</i> 10:30am Finance Comm mtg, <i>Zoom</i> 11am Conversational English Bible with Camino de Vida friends 4:45-5:30pm St Luke Spark, <i>Zoom</i> 5pm Bell Choir, Lounge 6pm Lenten service, in-person & live-stream 7-8:30pm Choir rehearsal 7pm Concordia Choir concert, Central UMC</p>	<p>10 10am Prayer Team meeting, <i>Zoom</i> 7pm Preschool Comm mtg., <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 1-2:3pm Survivors of Suicide, Youth rm 5pm Worship Service 5pm Live-stream worship service</p>
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Elders Alive Presentation: February, 2022

Reflections on Communion and Desmond Tutu

By Bob Carleton

First, I'd like to draw attention to the courage exhibited by Pastor Christa in inviting me to speak with this group! Thank you Pastor!

Faith Journeys

Second, I think I should mention who I am. Gayle and I joined this congregation in the Spring of 2004 when we settled here in Albuquerque. We quickly found this a welcoming community of faith. We have both been active. We both sang in the choir (Gayle still sings). Gayle went on with service and participation in many areas. I became a reader, a member of the worship and music committee, and an assisting minister. I left the congregation a few years ago. As former pastor Beth Purdum said, "faith is a journey". I'll venture that the journey isn't always along a garden pathway, and so, on good terms, I left. I still feel warm affection for this church and the missions of the congregation.

Holy Communion

Pastor Christa invited me to speak briefly because when Archbishop Desmond Tutu died at Christmastime at the age of 90, I sent her a brief reminiscence of Tutu's response to a reporter's question about Holy Communion. This was some 30 years ago, I think. Let's try to connect what Tutu said with our present experience.

I'm going to ask each of you to consider what communion means as part of your worship experience. [For me] Communion is a solemn ritual that offers promise and hope. It is reverential in nature but not always delivered with appropriate dignity and emotion.

[A brief personal example: a certain church experience in Albuquerque (not St. Luke!), when communion was basically given with a "HERE!"].

Back to Desmond Tutu's interview response:

The reporter observed that Bishop Tutu had been a pastor for many decades and had officiated at countless worship services in Africa and around the world. At these services, the reporter said, Tutu must have served communion to tens of thousands of worshippers. He asked whether the bishop didn't feel that the words, the gesture, and the symbolism had become "old hat" and the serving of the wine and wafer a boring exercise?

Oh, no! responded Bishop Tutu. *Never boring. Never routine. Each person, each individual who comes before me is a miracle in herself or himself. A wondrous human being, and I am in awe because of their individuality, and for the incredible journey that*

each has traveled in life and that has brought them to this place. My role is a great privilege and honor for me. Communion is always fresh and meaningful for me.



Now, I've been privileged to serve Holy Communion to both Pastors Beth Purdum and Chuck Exley, and to Pastor Franklin Fry and others back at St John's in New Jersey and at St Luke. It's always a tremblingly important moment in the worship. For me it was never an offhand or *de minimis* act. But I am in wonder at Bishop Tutu's lifetime awe and gratitude at this event, repeated ad infinitum over a lifetime. Especially when we know a little about Tutu.

Pastor Wayne is going to talk about some of the amazing periods in Tutu's ministry for the world. But, before I stop I'd like to just remember about a half-dozen of Tutu's thoughts.

When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible, and we had the land. They said, "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible, and they had the land.

We are each made for goodness, love, and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths.

If we are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.

We inhabit a universe that is characterized by diversity.

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Do your little bit of good where you are: it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.



Why Sing in Church?

By Pauleta Hendrickson, Director of Music Ministries

We are continuing our dialogue about perceptions and experiences of music in ministry in response to a question I posed in the January Horizon, "Why sing in church?" Last month, Ginny Fisher shared her deep connections to worship and the people with whom she shared (and shares) church music. This month, we hear from another voice of the congregation, Lorna Hansen.

Worshipping God through the Gift of Music

By Lorna Hansen

Music has always been an essential part of my life. As a child singing in worship I didn't have the luxury of having the musical notes printed in the German hymnal. We learned the melody by repetition putting words together with music. After many years later, I was able to sing some of the German hymns to my mother on her deathbed. Her favorite was *So nimm denn Meine Haende und fuehre mich* translated, *Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me*.

It was also very common in our household to have mom play the piano and the family would stand around the piano singing hymns, especially at Christmas time. Having attended a Lutheran boarding high school, music was an integral part of our curriculum. If we qualified we became part of a touring choir in the junior and senior years. It was common then to have host congregations invite us to present a religious musical concert. So together I had the privilege to sing for four years in a touring choir both in high school and in a Concordia Junior college. What a gift to learn to appreciate and cherish music in worship!

On one of my mugs these words are printed - *God gave us music that we might pray without words*. (This phrase also hangs on Pauletas' office door!) How true that is! When we hear our favorite music such as a Bach Cantata and it transforms our hearts and minds into a higher level of mood, attitude, and spirit. Of course, different types of music inspires different types of folks!

Music has the ability to conjure up memories of experiences, people, and events. One such hymn is *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* (ELW 395). It was sung at my husband's ordination, my consecration, and at our wedding. The third stanza has special meaning for me:

Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will your work to do and in your service to abide; let trials turn us not aside. Lord, by your power prepare each heart and to our weakness strength impart, that bravely here we may contend, through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The hymn, *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660) stirs another chord in my being especially when the processional cross is brought forward at the beginning of worship. It is a dynamic symbol of Christ's presence as we begin to worship Him and then when it leads us out at the close of the service to remind us that Christ is with us as we journey in our calling each day. What a powerful visual aid!

The human voice is the most popular and important musical instrument. Not all have the same ability to produce perfect pitch or sound. However, when we worship God with our voice, God never grades us on our performance, God just rejoices in receiving our offering of musical expression.

To me, music is the staff of life!

- Lorna Hansen

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Prayers of the Church

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. - Ephesians 6:18

For Our St Luke Family

† Grandchildren Halen & Albrecht Walters, their mother Andrea, children Elaine & Greg, and other Walters family on the death of Susan Walters on February 19, 2022, in Seattle, WA

† Ray Prudhomme and family on the death of Ray's wife Janis on February 16, 2022.

† Layla, thanksgiving for successful surgery & prayer for good recovery (Lyll family)

† Karen Carlson † Barb Shirrod
† Kim Guericke † Mary Beth Garrett
† Dave Begeal † Kay Dunbar

Lord, we lift up those who are homebound all over the world. Please bring them peace, comfort and strength. Let them rejoice for the things they are able to do. Give all those who look after them knowledge, patience, and compassion and let us know what we can and should be doing for them. We lift up our St Luke Family homebound: Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Dorela Cole, Billie Cooper, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Karin Duda, Phoebe English, Lucille Few, Janet Garcia, Ardys Theophilus, Donald Vlasaty.

We pray for our St Luke Preschool students, teachers, and staff.

We lift up those who do the work of the church. We ask that they be given energy and direction as they do your will:

- * The St. Luke Core Team & Lutheran Family Services as they welcome an Afghan Family
- * Pastor Christa and Wayne as they minister to us
- * Our Council and committee/ministry leaders
- * Those who are employed and those who volunteer

For the Wider Church

We pray for Lutheran Family Services in Albuquerque; Luther House UNM/CNM; Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ; and Camino de Vida in Albuquerque.

Family and Friends of Church Members

† Gen & Family (from Roesler family)
† Jacque (friend of Dawn Gerwin)
† Parker (from Exley family)
† Sandra Romero (from Roesler family)
† Chris (brother of visitor Jenny Grinstead) and their family
† Jackie, fighting cancer
† Laura (from Carol Traeger)
† Corrine, healing (sister of Louann Saylor)
† John, recently diagnosed with cancer (from Lori Erven)
† Graciella, second round of chemo (from Sherri Domres)
† Shawn & Family (from Trujillo Family)
† Don (from Steve & DeAnn Azar)
† Haven, 2.5 yrs old (granddaughter of Barbara Exley's cousin) and her family, for strength and hope

† Family of Christy Romero on her death (from Barbara Exley)
† Lindsay, college student, for healing (from Bonnie Paine)
† Christine Polonis (friend of Betty Ann Arner), recovering
† George Brewer's family and friends as they mourn his passing (longtime former St Luke member, with his wife Millie)
† Carl (son of Marina's husband), for healing
† Linda's son and uncle (Linda is Cheryl Folkes's friend)
† Cheryl Folkes's uncle and his children & grandchildren
† Penelope (great granddaughter of Rosetta Bidne and grand niece of Dawn Meyer) - continued prayers and thanksgiving.

For Our Community, Country and the World

Lord, we lift up the people of Ukraine and its leaders. Give them strength, courage and hope. Be with the injured and those mourning from loss. We also pray for President Putin. Soften his heart towards all countries of the world. Hold all people in your hands, no matter where they live. In Jesus! name. Amen.

We pray for ELCA World Hunger, our Bucket of Change recipient for March 2022, which meets basic needs globally by providing immediate relief to those who are hungry. (<https://lwr.org>).

Because our Lord Jesus commanded us to pray for our enemies and those who persecute us, we ask you, Lord to always remind us that you created them in your image, that Christ died for them, that they are beloved of God just like us, so that we might with sincerity pray, Lord have mercy on them.

Our Father, we pray for those with cancer. Heal them in body, mind and spirit. Give them the courage and strength to fight this disease. Show them that it is not weak to ask for help and put in their paths many helpers. Embrace them with your loving arms. Amen.

MY DEAR LORD GOD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ME, I AM FILLED WITH HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL I HAVE, ALL I AM AND ALL I WILL BE IS A GIFT FROM YOU. AMEN.

Lifting One Another Up Through Prayer

Submit your prayer requests to coordinator Beverly Ronkos, by email at stlukeabqprays@yahoo.com or by phone call or text at 505-307-4732.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR TEETH

By Gayle Carleton, Wellness Committee member

Healthy teeth are clean and have no cavities. Healthy gums are pink and firm, and do not bleed. To maintain healthy teeth and gums, follow these steps:

- ☺ Floss at least once a day. It is best to floss after brushing. Flossing removes plaque that is left behind after brushing from between the teeth and on the gums.
- ☺ Brush your teeth twice a day with a soft-bristled toothbrush. Brush for at least 2 minutes each time.
- ☺ Use fluoride toothpaste. The fluoride helps strengthen tooth enamel and helps prevent tooth decay.
- ☺ Replace your toothbrush every 3 to 4 months or sooner if needed. A worn-out toothbrush will not clean your teeth as well. If you use an electric toothbrush, change heads every 3 to 4 months also.
- ☺ Eat a healthy diet. You are less likely to get gum disease if you eat healthy foods.
- ☺ Avoid sweets and sweetened drinks. Eating and drinking a lot of sweets increases your risk of cavities. If you do eat or drink sweets, brush your teeth soon after.
- ☺ Do not smoke. Smokers have more teeth and gum problems than non-smokers.
- ☺ Keep dentures, retainers, and other appliances clean. This includes brushing them regularly. You may also need to soak them in a cleansing solution.
- ☺ Schedule regular checkups with your dentist. Many dentists recommend having the teeth professionally cleaned every 6 months for optimal oral health. Seeing the dentist every 3 to 4 months may be needed if your gums become unhealthy.



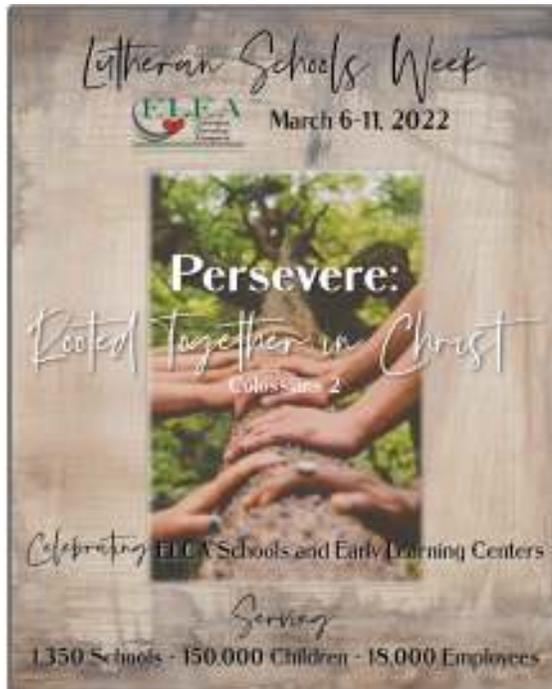
Regular teeth cleaning at the dentist removes plaque that may develop, even with careful brushing and flossing. This is very important for getting at areas that are hard to reach on your own. Professional cleaning includes scaling and polishing. This procedure uses instruments to loosen and remove deposits from the teeth. Routine exams may include dental x-rays. Your dentist can catch problems early, so they do not become more serious and expensive to fix.

The American Dental Association (ADA) and the CDC asked dental offices to stop non-urgent visits and surgeries because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that care is opening up, dental practices are taking special precautions to prevent the spread. Some of these may include more cleaning and disinfection, wearing more protective equipment including wearing face masks, spacing patient appointments, and limiting the number of people in the waiting area.

References:
[Medlineplus.gov/dentalhealth.html](https://medlineplus.gov/dentalhealth.html)

Wellness Committee Members:

Betty Anne Arner (chair)	Gayle Carleton
Sandy Williams Clark	Cheryl Folkes
Lorna Hansen	Twila Randolph



Lutheran Schools Week is a time to join your ELCA school in celebration of ministry through faith and education!

March 6 - 11, 2022

Learn more about ELEA schools and learning centers through connection, development, and inspiration, and by visiting www.elcaschools.org.

It's open registration time

and we are excited about our program! If you are considering preschool for your child or grandchild for the summer, the school year, or both, please visit www.stlukepreschool.org for more information and registration forms.



Thank you to Sandy and Charles Clark for their generous donation that made the trimming of the trees near the south parking lot possible. Thank you as well to Gil Quintana for coordinating the effort. Not only do the evergreen trees in that area look better and offer more visibility, but they will hopefully remain healthy into the future.

Your support, prayers and kindness have lifted our spirits over the past few weeks, as we experienced the challenge of classroom closures due to COVID.

We are grateful for children, their family members, and teachers who have recovered well and for the return to stability and continuity of care. Thank you for being a blessing to us!

Global Mission Ministry



St. Luke Lutheran Advocacy Ministry
& Lutheran Family Services

Our Afghan Family is Here!

Moving Day: February 8

From St. Luke church to ...



the Afghan family's apartment



Global Mission Ministry



From The Rev. Carolyn Schneider, Ph.D.

ELCA Missionary serving at the United Theological College of the

Dear friends and supporters, brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this newsletter I want to share with you a wonderful experience that I had visiting the Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, here in Kingston, Jamaica. The importance of Ethiopian Christianity for Jamaicans was made very clear to me last semester when I was teaching a course on the early church. One thing I have noticed in teaching church history for many years is that students will latch onto material that they find highly relevant for their own self-understanding, and my students last semester latched onto the history of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

This church started in the early fourth century when two Christian Syrian boys were captured from a boat on the Red Sea and sold to the king of Ethiopia, in whose court they grew up along with the prince, Ezana. They were freed as adults and one of them, Frumentius, went to Egypt to request that the bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius, send a missionary bishop to Ethiopia; Athanasius sent Frumentius himself in 347.



Photo from Mona Baptist Church, livestream at Youtube.com

monasteries throughout Ethiopia. The kings of Ethiopia became powerful and connected their dynasties with that of King Solomon from the Bible. The thirteenth-century King Lalibela built a series of enormous rock-hewn churches at Roha, representing pilgrimage sites in Jerusalem, thus making Ethiopia itself a "holy land". For many Jamaicans emerging

The church grew from the royal household out, and around 480 a group of nine Syrian monks arrived to establish a thriving network of

from slavery in the late nineteenth century this African holy land became a powerful symbol of a free and royal past that would inspire the rise of Rastafarianism in the twentieth century. It was the Rastafarians who asked Emperor Haile Selassie I to authorize the establishment of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Jamaica, and he did so in 1970, after which the most famous Rastafarian, the reggae singer Bob Marley, converted to Christianity and was buried as a member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in 1981. The influence of this church extends to other Christian churches as well. For example, the fact that many rural Ethiopian churches are round inspired Mona Baptist Church, just down the street from the United Theological College of the West Indies, where I teach, to build a round church building for themselves in the Ethiopian style. You can learn more about this congregation at their website: www.eotcja.org.



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The day that I visited the Ethiopian Orthodox Church was really special because the (5-hour!) liturgy opened with the baptism of a baby girl named Garnette Mariam; her second name comes from Mary, Jesus' mother, depicted on an icon at the church (see photo on next page). The drum in the photo was played by one of the women during the worship service to accompany the hymns, which were otherwise chanted acapella. Among the scriptural texts that were read during the baptism was Acts 8:26-40, which is about an Ethiopian eunuch who is baptized by the apostle Philip.

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Just before the baptism, the whole congregation was asked to renounce the devil and all his works four times, once facing toward the east, once toward the west, once toward the north, and once toward the south. Then Garnette Mariam was lowered three times in the name of the Triune God into a large basin of water, after which the priest anointed her with oil on almost every part of her body as a seal of the Holy Spirit that cannot be broken. Then, rather than clapping in celebration, the congregation ululated joyfully.

As we say in the Lutheran Church, Garnette Mariam, “We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.”



Garnette Mariam

Carolyn



Dear Friend,

I’m sorry to report that the situation in Ukraine is growing bleaker by the day. In fact, the situation is so dire and so dangerous that we had to make a tough call.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

We decided that from here forward, we can no longer show you the faces of neighbors in Ukraine – it’s just too dangerous for them.

But I pray you will hear the suffering of your neighbors in Ukraine and reach out with a gift to our World of Good Emergency Fund today.

Dear Friend, this is a grave and dangerous situation. Families are leaving behind everything they own and fleeing for their safety. They will need food, water, shelter, clothing, medical care and a host of other immediate aid.

I cannot stress this enough – we cannot respond to emergencies like this without your support.

Please rush an emergency gift right now so that we can continue to respond to needs as they arise. For families in crisis, your love is a godsend – and, for some, their only hope.

In Gratitude,
David V. Speckhard,
President & CEO

Donate at:
www.LWR.org

Global Mission Ministry



THE MISSION THAT LOVE BUILT

Observations on the Reason We Exist

by Executive Director and Pastor Kate Adelman

Love, from the Mission point of view, is to accompany our Rock Point neighbors to live out a new movement rooted in the gospel. We see being a follower of Jesus as something different and deeper than charity. Even when it is hard, we strive to do what love commands. For our staff, that means noticing a need and seeking a sustainable solution. It means creating an infrastructure that is nimble enough to respond to real problems in real time.

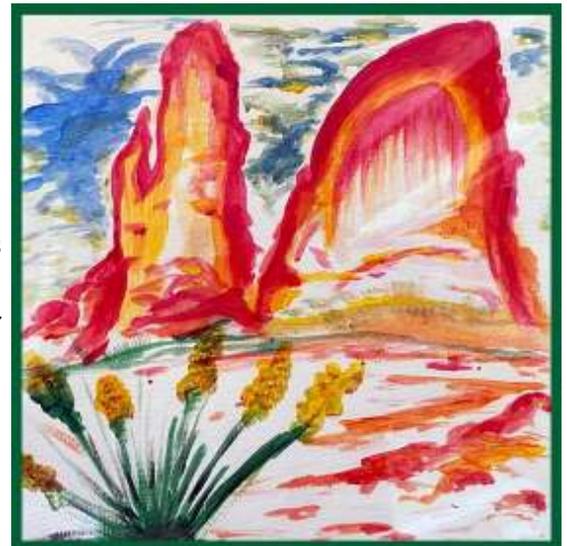
Too often, communities like Rock Point are judged by the challenges they face. Love asks us to rethink and re-orient to the reality that Navajo people are resourceful, generous, skilled, and capable of solving their challenges. The missing link is opportunity. When the Navajo people are left out as a partner in change, far less can be accomplished.

At this moment in time, 40-50% of Navajo households have no running water or electricity. A much larger percentage have no improved road to their home. The temptation is to think in terms of poverty, lack, economic crisis, perpetual separation. Love reframes the conversation, taking notice of the relationships and capabilities that exist among the Navajo people for problem solving, forming partnerships, overcoming challenge, and finding joy. We continue to form alliances with local Chapter leadership, Navajo Nation officials, staff, and community members whose education and certifications equip them to recognize the community's needs and initiate change.

'What if' becomes 'what's next?'

God's all-inclusive love, God's goodness, is God's form of action. We are learning from Jesus how to see the image of God in the face of our neighbor and discover the kindness of God in the deeds of those we thought were strangers. We are learning to trust each other and work together to plan and implement enduring community change, powered by love.

Thank you for your investment of love, financial support, and prayers that open the door of opportunity and nurture the dreams of a grateful Navajo community. Together, we are making a difference. We are truly the Mission that love built.



"Whale Rock" Artwork by Lora Diaz, Mission Community Outreach Manager



UMOJA ABQ

Needs Female Volunteers!

Who are we? Our mission is to empower refugee women with tools and resources to enhance and develop their skills through education to successfully integrate and become self-sufficient and independent into American society while still maintaining respective cultural values.

Umoja Needs Volunteers who will help with:

DRIVER'S EDUCATION - We're currently partnering with *St. Timothy's Lutheran Church* and community volunteers to provide refugee women with classroom instruction for the written test taken at the MVD, as well as assistance with navigating the MVD system to obtain their driver's license

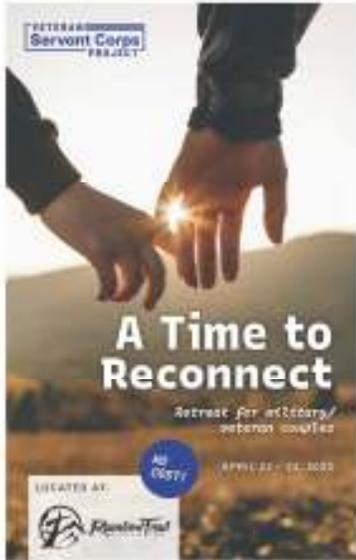
COMPUTER LITERACY CLASSES & ESL - Working with volunteers, we have established Computer Literacy classes for any level of ability as well as ESL classes.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLASS - Partnering with *St. Timothy's Church*, we hold classes twice a month about women's health and family wellness. We have brought speakers in from Black Health NM and UNM Health



Explore Umoja's website:
<https://www.umojaabq.org/>

Contact (for more information):
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Veteran Servant Corps Project

A Time to Reconnect

First Retreat for Military / Veteran Couples

April 22-24, 2022

At Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

3056 County Road 198, Nathrop, CO 81236

This retreat is free for any/all veteran couples. Interested in participating? Contact Vicky Daub at director@veteranservantcorps.org
For the brochure and application form, go online at:

www.rmseca.org/veteran_servant_corps

Additional contact: The Rocky Mountain Synod at (800) 525-0462



Elders Alive

Join us at our spring event!



Tuesday, March 29
In-Person, in the Fellowship Hall

The time for our spring event will be decided at the **Elders Alive Planning meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 1:00 PM, via Zoom**, then it will be published in the weekly St. Luke GPS in March. To attend the planning meeting, contact coordinator Judy Moore at EldersAlive@stlukeABQ.org or the church office at stluke@thuntek.net.





ST. LUKE CHURCH OFFICE

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! – Psalm 90:17

Contact church staff at: 505.299.2621
or at stluke@thuntek.net

✻ Altar PLANTS for Lent ✻

Weekends in March 2 - April 10

If you would like to offer a plant during Lent, please sign up on the Altar Flower Chart in the Narthex. Donation: \$35 per plant. If you desire, you may take home your plant after the 10:30 AM service or you may let our church office know and we will gladly deliver the plant as a gift to a homebound member.

✻ Altar Plant for March ✻

March 5 - 6: In memory of Janis Prudhomme

March 19 - 20: From Pastors Christa & Wayne, in thanksgiving to God for 40 years of marriage

✻ Sanctuary Candle for March ✻

Available for offering.

To offer the sanctuary candle on any month in 2022, please sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Donation: \$25 for sanctuary candle for the month.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 26 - 27

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

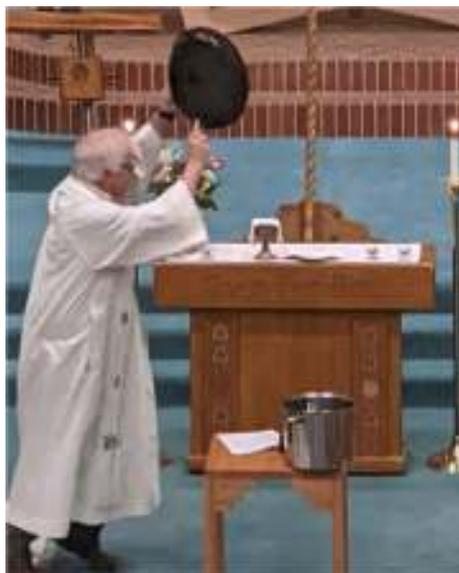
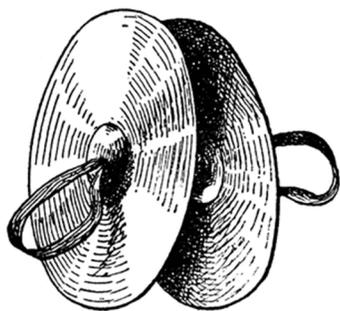
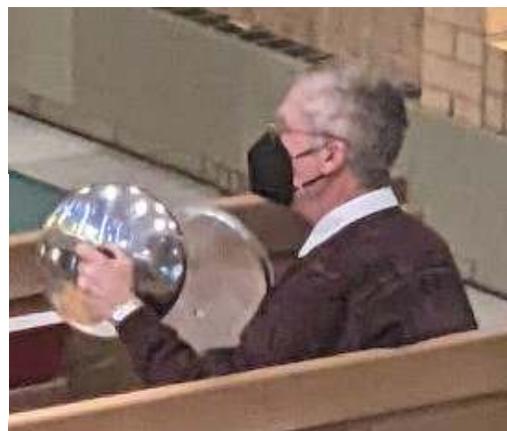


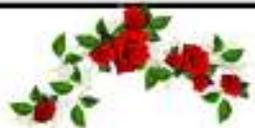
Worship on the Fourth Weekend of Epiphany: January 29 and 30, 2022

All God's Children Message and Second Reading

I Corinthians 13: 1-8a:

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal.”





JANIS HILDA PRUDHOMME

October 23, 1947 - February 16, 2022

Please include her husband Ray, their children & families and many friends in your prayers. Janis' memorial service will be held at St. Luke on Sunday, March 6, at 2 PM.

SUSAN E. WALTERS

August 2, 1943 - February 19, 2022

Please include her children Elaine & Greg, daughter-in-law Andrea, grandchildren Halen, Albrecht, Charlotte, Leo, Mina, Elya and Eva in your prayers.

Susan's memorial service will be held at St. Luke on Sunday, May 29, time: TBA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church.

March Birthdays

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 02 Karen Helmka | 11 Pamela Makarenko |
| Haeden Randolph | 13 Elizabeth Egenes |
| 03 Rose McFall | 14 Patty Wagner |
| 04 Kaden Helmka | 19 Liz Wills |
| 06 Millie Brewer | 20 Lauren Hollowwa |
| 09 Adam Mirate | 29 Gabriel Welch, Sr. |
| Connor Knapp | 30 Liane Geiger |



Happy Ruby Wedding Anniversary

February 20

PASTORS CHRISTA & WAYNE



Congratulations!

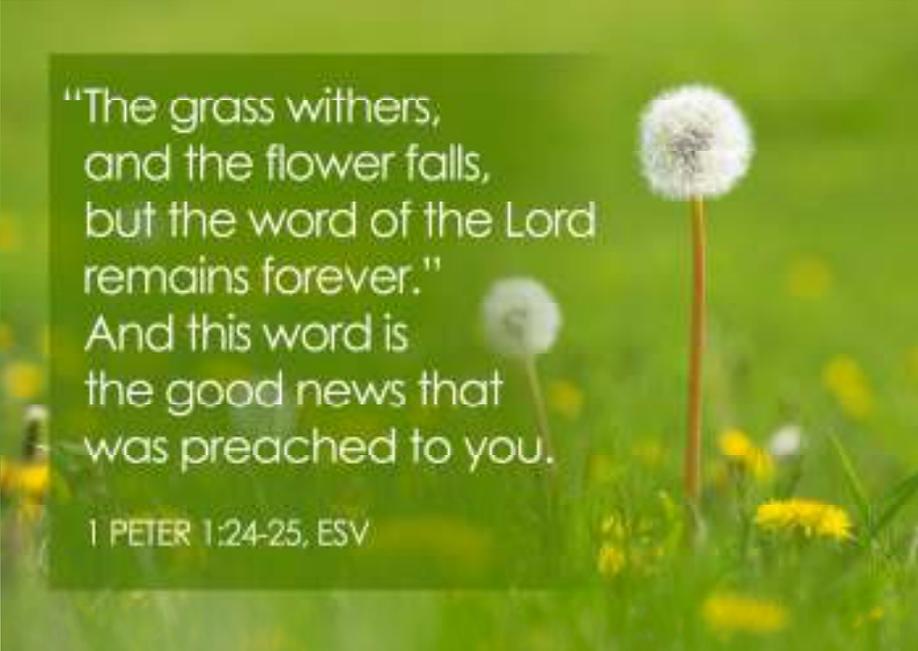


BRENDA WILBERT & BILL GRONEWOLD

Married February 5, 2022

At St. Luke Lutheran Church

By Pastors Christa & Wayne



"The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord
remains forever."
And this word is
the good news that
was preached to you.

1 PETER 1:24-25, ESV

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