



THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 2016 Newsletter

Pastor Ron Bockhaus 970-646-6657
Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday

April Worship Matters

- Sunday, April 3, 9:00 am "I Am the Alpha and Omega!"
- Saturday, April 9, Second Saturday 5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 10, 9:00 am "Worthy Is the Lamb"
- Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am "Salvation Belongs to Our God..."
- Sunday, April 24, 9:00 am "See, the Home of God Is Among Mortals"

HUNGER TASK FORCE

Our first quarter offering will be taken Sunday, April 3rd to benefit Crossroads Ministry. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this worthy cause.

DRY GULCH ROAD CLOSURE BEGINS APRIL 1st

The Estes Park Public Works Department will begin re-construction of Dry Gulch Road with full road closure starting Friday, April 1st. During Phase One, Dry Gulch will be closed from US 34 to Wildfire Road. The only access to church will be:

- From the intersection of Wonderview Avenue and MacGregor Avenue, take MacGregor Avenue north.
- MacGregor Avenue curves at the entrance to MacGregor Ranch and turns into Devil's Gulch Road.
- Continue east on Devil's Gulch Road toward Glen Haven.
- At the intersection of Devil's Gulch Road and County Rd 61/H Bar G Road (unmarked), bear right and take County Rd 61.
- At the intersection of County Rd 61 and Dry Gulch Road, turn right or south and continue south on Dry Gulch Road until you get to Ptarmigan Trail.

This route will add at least fifteen minutes to your church commute. Be sure to plan ahead!



COMMUNITY CORNER CAFÉ APRIL MENU

- April 1 Mac and Cheese and Ham *Board of Realtors*
 - April 8 Lasagna *Harmony Foundation*
 - April 15 Chef's Choice *Journeys Class*
 - April 22 Pasta Salad *Venture Scouts/St. Bart's*
 - April 29 Grill Night *Salvation Army*
- That's it for the season! See you in October!*

MEMENTO MORI

The Oratorio Society of Estes Park will perform the Fauré Requiem in memory of US military who gave their lives and the 130 victims of the November 2015 Paris terrorist bombings. "The Faces of France" program (see ad below) will feature the work of Gary Brown, Loren and Lynette Johnson, Bill Kehl, Karen Olson, Linda Schlitt and Don Smith.

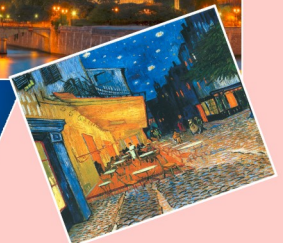
The Oratorio Society of Estes Park proudly presents

The Faces of France

conducted by Kathryn Bowers, D.M.A

Requiem

by Faure'



An

American in

Paris by Gershwin

L'Arlesienne

Suite #2 by Bizet

Fri., April 1st @ 7:00 pm; Sat., April 2nd @ 2:00 pm

EPHS Auditorium

Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted

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April 2016

“You Are Witnesses”

This month is unusual in the sense that Easter is now past. Normally we would be preparing for Easter sometime during April but not this year. The month lies before us like an open road begging the question, “What do we do now?”

We learn from the Gospel of Luke that the followers of Jesus were out on the road following his purported resurrection, the road to the village Emmaus. While two of them walked along discussing “the things about Jesus of Nazareth,” Jesus himself joins them on their walk and talk. The two don’t recognize Jesus until he sits down at table with them, breaking the bread. Then they say to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” They were touched.

This is but one event that took place following Jesus’ resurrection. Scripture makes reference to several amazing encounters with the risen Jesus. And guess what? They’re still happening! Jesus events are still taking place in the lives of people headed down the open road of life. The best of which involves the “repentance and forgiveness of sins” in his name. And in all of which our Lord declares, “You are witnesses of these things.”

“What do we do now?” is the wrong question. On the open road to life the primary factor is our identity, not what we do. If our identity is clear, what we do will flow from that. So as you look ahead, remember: YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. (Luke 24:48)

Now do what witnesses do.

In Christ, *Pastor Ron*

New Members

We have some folks who have been worshipping with us that desire to become members. What a gift! The most difficult thing about new member Sunday is finding a date that works for everyone. Soon that date will be set and we will welcome these new members. How can you as a witness to the living Lord Jesus help new members? By remembering that most people need to be connected to the congregation in addition to Sunday morning worship. Most of us not only need a church that is friendly, but a church where friends can be found. Invite a new member to participate in something outside of worship, connected to church or not. Invite a new member to have a cup of coffee other than Sunday morning. Invite new members to your home.

Kitchen Enlargement Project—Phase III—Congregational Meeting on April 17

Phase III of the proposed project to remodel the kitchen will be before the congregation for discussion and a vote on April 17th. Information is now available to the congregation and can also be discussed with church council members and the remodel committee that includes Gary Trunnell, Kelly Brown, Bruce Adams and Marilyn Kienker. Become informed about Community Café Corner and why such a project is being proposed. How can the church kitchen be a tool for our common witness?

Synod Assembly and Sacred Space

On the last Thursday through Saturday in April our Rocky Mountain Synod will have its Assembly in Loveland. Each year the churches and ministries in the area of the assembly location invite participants to learn by seeing and doing. We have offered to host ten participants at the Sacred Space location in downtown Estes Park. This is a short introduction to what takes place each Wednesday morning, involving various people from the community. We are happy to host and have the chance to be witnesses once again!

APRIL BIBLE READINGS

April 3

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29/Psalm 150
Revelations 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 10

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelations 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelations 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 21

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelations 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Thoughts of April

The name for the month of April comes from the Old English *Aprille*. *Aprille* is derived from the Latin month name *aprilis*, which itself possibly came from the verb *aperire*, “to open,” describing the opening of buds, flowers and plants.

Virtually every college student begins the study of English literature with the famous opening lines of Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, depicting the start of a religious pilgrimage to Canterbury, England. April was a common month to begin pilgrimages, since it heralded the start of mild weather:

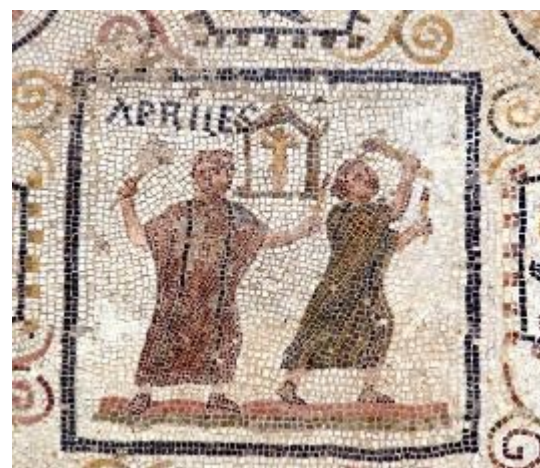
“Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour...”

(“When April’s gentle rains have pierced the drought
Of March right to the root, and bathed each sprout
Through every vein with liquid of such power
It brings forth the engendering of the flower...”)

April Fool’s Day peaked in popularity in Western culture during the 19th and 20th centuries, but is (perhaps thankfully) no longer practiced as much now as it was in times past. The day has a long and uncertain history stemming all the way back to Roman and medieval festivals of misrule. In fact, the first reference in print to April Fools Day can be traced back 700 years to Chaucer. Interestingly, those in Italy and in French-speaking countries call the day *poisson d’avril* or April Fish, rather than April Fool’s. Whoever is tagged as the April Fish has a paper fish surreptitiously pinned to his or her back.



Blossoming Almond Tree, by Vincent Van Gogh.
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Roman mosaic depicting the month of April (*Aprilis*),
from Tunisia: first half of 3rd century AD.
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Help Us Solve The Puzzle of the Information Tower

This information tower was destined for the dump! But Mike Wold rescued it and contacted some church members to see if we could repurpose it for our use. Some have suggested that we rename it a "communication tower" and change some of the surfaces to white board or tack board displays. Look it over; notice the beautiful craftsmanship. Should it go to the dump? Or can we restructure it and use it for our "information tower"? Share your ideas with me at church; call me at 303-589-7771 or email me at gtrunnell@gmail.com. All ideas welcome! Thank you!

—Gary Trunnell



Kitchen Remodeling Update

Our kitchen is headed to the final remodel phase!

- Phase I is completed!
- Phase II is completed!
- Phase III is ready for congregational discussion and approval!

Explore the details on April 3rd and 10th, and attend the congregational meeting April 17th to hear how Phase III plans will develop and enhance our church activities.

—Gary Trunnell, Kitchen Remodel Project Committee

Getting to Know...Del and Marilyn Kienker

Del and Marilyn Kienker, happily married for 55 years, are a real team. Before retiring to Estes Park in 1999, both were career educators in various Nebraska communities. Del received his Masters degree in 1967 and Marilyn received hers in 1970. In 1974 they bought their home in Carriage Hills and made it their summer home until retirement. In the meantime they taught in schools in Wood River, Grand Island, Ord, Auburn, Stromsburg, and York, NE. Del served as a business teacher, guidance counselor, high-school principal, and was the head basketball coach for twenty years. Marilyn spent nineteen of her teaching years as a guidance counselor at York Middle School. A highlight of her career was serving as a presenter at the National Middle School Conventions in St. Louis, New Orleans, Toronto and Denver.



This can-do couple was also busy serving in various capacities in the churches and communities where they worked. Del was active in the Lions Club and Rotary Club;

Marilyn was a Girl Scout leader. At one of them, Del served on the church council for nine years, six of those as council president. Marilyn was active in the women's groups in their churches wherever they lived and taught Sunday School. With all of their experience and willingness to serve, SMLC gained two valuable assets when Del and Marilyn joined this body of Christ at the invitation of the Reverend Dan Mangler in 2007.

Small wonder they are so often seen efficiently and cheerfully supporting SMLC's various ministries. Marilyn works faithfully behind the scenes to make sure the altar is prepared and functioning well. When asked to lead the WELCA ladies, she agreed to serve her term doing that, too. When Del was asked to coordinate the ushers, he stepped right in without any hesitation. Leadership and service are their middle names.

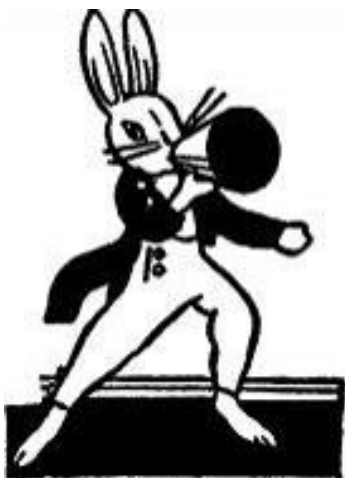
When asked about their favorite pastimes, they put visiting their daughter, Amy, with her husband and grandchildren, ages 20, 17, and 15 at the top of their list. Traveling in the U.S. and beyond runs a close second. Surprisingly, Del has also enjoyed running an antique business for the past 41 years in his spare time. What spare time?—*Lynette Johnson*

Young Adults in Global Missions in Madagascar

Check out this picture of Brynn Wiessener and some friends. She is one of the Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM) currently serving in Madagascar. Read her most recent blog on generosity, especially the part about foot washing Madagascar-style and the true meaning of giving and service. A copy of her blog is posted on the church bulletin board. Your local WELCA women's group has been contributing funds to help support YAGMs in Madagascar for the last several years.—*Linda Schlitt*



Announcements!



Thanks for Your Caring

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Church Council and SMLC members for the cards, calls, care, concern and especially the prayers while I was in the hospital for foot surgery and during the recovery. I am now able to wear my regular shoe and walk around the house and for short distances. It is great to be home and to know that there is a loving church family that's there when needs arise.—*Rich Stolte*

Reminder to All Committee Chairs

A reminder to committee chairs that you need to get your summary of what has been done this past year in to your council member liaison by the May 12th church council meeting. Although our [semi-] annual meeting takes place in June, we need this info ahead of time so council can take a look at the progress, and also so we have time to format the reports for the meeting. Thanks!—*Jean Siddle, SMLC Council President*

Mark Your Calendars for May 1st

Sunday, May 1st, Peter Severson, Director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado for the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod, will be speaking during the church service and will also be available during the Adult Forum to address advocacy issues presented in the Colorado General Assembly (Colorado's state legislature). Please plan to be present for this unique learning opportunity.

Upcoming Donation to LaPuente

Sunday, May 15th, will be our second quarterly offering benefiting LaPuente. Watch for more information in the May newsletter, as well as an upcoming presentation by Gary Brown.

Spring Fling Luncheon

On Monday, May 2nd at 11:30 am we're planning a sandwich-and-salad "Spring Fling" luncheon for congregation members and inviting residents of Good Samaritan Village to be our guests. "Major Thirteen" from Estes Park High School under the direction of Dr. Alan Denney will provide entertainment. Church members are welcome to attend, and are asked to bring either sandwiches or a salad to share. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex.—*Rich Stolte*

Join Table Talkers

Table Talkers is a wonderful way to get to know our church friends better. Each group meets once a month. When you are the host, you can choose to entertain in your home or, if you wish, you can instead meet somewhere for coffee, breakfast, popcorn and games—whatever you choose. We rotate hosts and groups, and have a wonderful time getting to know one another. Groups for April through June are forming now. Please let me know if you can join us for the fun, or if you need to drop out for awhile. Thanks and blessings—*Lin Smith, 970-977-1420*



April Men's Breakfast

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church Men in Mission will meet Saturday morning, April 9th at 8:30 am for breakfast and a program. Our cooks will prepare a hearty breakfast and Pastor Ron will provide a stimulating program. Hope to see all you fellows at the church on April 9th. P.S. Save the date for the June 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.—*John Stencel*

Women of the ELCA

At the March 8th meeting, Women of the ELCA completed the third session of Paul's letter to the Philippians. In working through the session, the women were challenged as to some of the ways they might help in complicated situations. In response to this challenge, WELCA has made a donation to the Crossroads Ministry special fire victims fund for the Chapin Lane families in Estes Park who lost their belongings in the early morning March fire. Six large quilts and two small quilts were also sent to these families on behalf of Shepherd of the Mountains, as the families are now living in a place that is quite chilly. Finally, Linda Schlitt was acknowledged for her work in ordering, pricing and displaying Fair Trade items purchased by SMLC members.

The April meeting will complete the four-session Bible study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. This lesson will provide an opportunity to encounter some of the best known passages from Philippians and time to reflect on all four sessions. Dorothy Refsell will lead this Bible study entitled, "Keep on Keeping On," which is in *Gather* magazine. Marian Stencil will serve as hostess for the fellowship time together. All women are welcome at the monthly meetings.

—Marilyn Kienker

Buy Safeway Gift Cards

Safeway gift cards are an easy way to donate to SMLC, and it doesn't cost you an extra cent! They operate just like cash when you buy groceries, work like cash when redeeming fuel credits, and the best part is, five percent of the proceeds automatically go back to the church. To purchase see Kelly Brown, either after church or by calling Kelly at 970-586-2021 during the week. —Kelly Brown



Peak to Peak Concert # 8 Estes Ensembles

April 9, 2016 at 2:00 pm

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

2000 Ptarmigan Trail



Jeff Tyler playing Grieg

The Q2 Strings: Jeff Tyler, Karen Olson, Mary Jo Andrews, Kathy Hornbein & Marty DeYoung, playing Mendelssohn



The Four Horns: Scott Anderson, Jerry Brubaker, Carolyn LaVallee, & Julie Esposito playing Brubaker's quartet arrangements.

Church Council Meeting, Summary 10, March 2016

- Key dates: Quarterly special offering for Crossroads 4/3. La Puente 6/2-5.
 - Pastor Ron attended a Denver congregation's Comprehensive Ministry Review 3/4-6. Council briefed on his experience at 3/19 council retreat and initial steps taken to request that SMLC conduct our own Ministry Review in September.
 - Kitchen Committee reported on Phase 3 status. Council approved that the committee may proceed with compiling a detailed specification to be used to seek bids and may begin seeking funding. Kitchen remodeling will not begin until the congregation has reviewed, and approved, the plans.
 - Audit committee formed and starting audit in March.
 - Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly: April 28-30 in Loveland. SMLC delegates are Pastor Ron, Peter Nelson, and Linda Schlitt. 'Field trip' for 10 delegates scheduled for 4/29 to Estes Park to experience a "Sacred Space" event.
 - Mid-year Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, June 12th to review annual committee reports and vote in 3 new council members.
 - Stewardship committee to kick off mortgage principal paydown program on March 6th.
- Special Purpose Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, February 28th. Approved payment of sound system bill of \$1,770 from savings. Approved proposal to proceed with purchase of a new computer, upgraded software, and installation services up to \$1,300 by transferring from savings.
- Next council meeting will be held Thursday, April 14th, at 6:00 pm at the church.*



—Submitted by Heidi Johnson

Quilting News

With the help of Susan Anderson, six large and two snuggle-size quilts were given to recent fire victim Stephany Tapia and her family. We hear that they are especially pleased by these gifts of love to help warm their chilly new dwelling. We all would probably recognize several of these quilts because we enjoyed seeing them hang in our fellowship hall over the last few months prior to the church's gift to Tapia. Two blue and white ones were on the walls very recently.



One of the quilts as it was being assembled.

Thanks to your continued support and the faithful service of our quilting workers, friends of our congregation who suffered great losses now have a warm and concrete reminders of our love and care. Your SMLC quilt group meets at church on the second and fourth Thursday morning every month to tie and assemble quilts for those in need in our community, throughout Colorado and around the world. Won't you join us during April for this time of service and fellowship? Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.—Linda Schlitt

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Christine Kellam 4/2
Sandy Stolte 4/9
Jan Trunnell 4/9
Darrell Paswaters 4/14
Charlie Yohe 4/17
Linda Schlitt 4/21
Mary Ann Johnson 4/24



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Roger and Marilyn Fjeld, 4/10
Gene Klovdahl, 4/13

MARCH PRAYERS

- Peter Nelson, medical tests
- Almina Ringdahl, former member, asked prayers for husband Irv, and sister-in-law Polly
- Bonnie Moore, friend of Nancy Matson, recovering from an accident
- Family of Kent Keller, upon his death
- Peggy Lorenz, father hospitalized in Omaha
- Allen Settje, hospitalized

Stewardship 365: Nourishment & Nurture

Reflecting stewardship in our daily lives, every day of the year.

We are so blessed. 2000 Ptarmigan Trail. Our church home.

We worship here, fellowship here and serve the community near and far from here. We find quiet solace with the Lord, spiritual refreshment through word and music, friends with whom to share joys, and sorrows, and breaking bread. It's a place to learn, and serve. A place to be known, and a place to be needed.

We can thank our early church leaders for their vision and prayer and dedication for this place we call home. We give thanks to God and to one another for financial stewardship year over year. We've always paid our bills, given generously to those in need, and in 2014 and 2015 were able to budget additional money toward our building's mortgage principal, saving us \$11,354 in loan interest and seven payments. Well done, good and faithful servants!

So what about 2016? Might you be interested in a special financial stewardship opportunity here at Shepherd of the Mountains? One that is guaranteed to multiply returns? If so, then consider contributing to this Spring's Stewardship Awareness Campaign to pay down our mortgage principal. Every contribution now will help us pay off the loan sooner and pay less in loan interest.

How? Start by reading Matthew 25:14-30, The Parable of the Talents. Pray. Open your heart.

Then, consider visiting the tabletop booth sporting a shiny metal tree located in the narthex. Select a colored envelope from the tree, place a contribution inside and place it in an offering plate. Note: if you are giving cash and would like the financial secretary to record your contribution, please write your name on the envelope. Everything received in the colored envelopes will go toward *additional* mortgage principal pay down. Finally, select a flower to add to the tree's branches, so all can witness our giving tree bloom.

—Heidi Johnson

Fair Trade News

Easter has always been my favorite season, but each year your caring response makes it even more special. Throughout Lent your actions seconded the belief of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) that coffee and cocoa farmers are a BIG DEAL as you faithfully purchased Fair Trade coffee, hot cocoa mix and chocolate bars. You enthusiastically embraced and purchased tiny chocolate hearts for Valentine's Day and little chocolate Easter eggs for Easter.

Again this year you started Holy Week by joining with more than 2,000 other ELCA congregations and invited palm harvesters and their families and communities to our celebration by waving ECO-Palms to honor Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for your caring. In the first two months of 2016 alone over \$157 was invested in church Fair Trade coffee and nearly \$200 came in from individuals for Fair Trade. I'm excited to see how your support of Fair Trade and Equal Exchange products continues to grow. In this time when we're so barraged by dark news it can be easy to forget that we're "resurrection people" and can make a difference even in our troubled world. Never underestimate what your support means in this world. Your support of Fair Trade is changing the world person by person, family by family and community by community.

See the December LWR special report posted on the church bulletin board to learn more about the difference being made in the world. I was especially touched to learn how cocoa is bringing hope to farmers in the Philippines. Visit lwr.org to keep up-to-date and "like" the LWR Facebook page to get news on a regular basis.—Linda Schlitt, Fair Trade Coordinator



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday Worship 9:00 am First Quarter Offering for Crossroads Ministry Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Oratorio 4:00-6:00 pm	4	5 PEO-HF 8:45 am- 12:00 pm	6 Sacred Space 7:00 am Prayer Group 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	7 Music Rehearsal 3:00-5:00pm Learning Committee 4:00 pm	8 Community Corner Café 4:30-6:30 pm Dry Gulch Road Closure	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am Peak to Peak Concert 2:00 pm Second Sat. Worship 5:00 pm
10 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Oratorio 4:00-6:00 pm	11	12 WELCA 1:00 pm	13 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	14 Quilters 9:15-11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 pm	15 Community Corner Café 4:30-6:30 pm	16 Council Retreat 9:00 am-12:00 pm Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am
17 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Congregational Meeting 10:00 am (No Adult Forum) Oratorio 4:00-6:00	18	19 PEO 5:30-9:00 pm	20 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	21 Worship Committee 9:00 am May Newsletter Submission Deadline	22 Community Corner Café 4:30-6:30 pm	23 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am
24 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Oratorio 4:00-6:00 pm	25	26	27 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm May Newsletter Emailed to Members	28 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Quilters 9:15-11:30 am	29 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Community Corner Café 4:30-6:30 pm	30 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am

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