



LOVE, NOT JUDGEMENT, IS FOUND HERE.

MARCH 2020

**“WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME? I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. I WILL FULFILL MY VOWS TO THE LORD IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL HIS PEOPLE.”
- PSALM 116:12-14**



Janey is my daughter's best friend. They have been friends since 5th grade when I was sent to Janey's church to be the pastor. In fact, they are still best friends to this day. So for the last twenty years, Janey has had a bird's eye view and entree into our family life. She has spent the night too many times to count, gone on vacation with us, helped Jamie set up her room every time we have moved, and was my right-hand person a few years ago when Jamie got married.

Some years ago at the start of Lent, Janey asked me if I had given up anything. I smiled and said that I had given up hating my children. There was total silence while she thought about my answer and her response. She knew me and my family better than anyone. Finally she broke the silence by saying, "RL, you don't hate your children." "Exactly," I said, "Look how well I am doing for Lent."

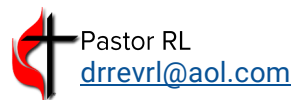
So often we look at Lent as something we are supposed to give up briefly only to pick it back up again 40 days later. We pick something that easily fits into our lifestyle and doesn't challenge us. But what if we put down the hard stuff in our life and picked up or replaced it with something more meaningful, long lasting, and life changing?

During this season of Lent, I want to invite you into a "soul reset." A time of picking up and practicing spiritual disciplines that help you reconnect with our first love, God. You can do that through a 6-week Bible study led by Rev. Sandra Huber on Mondays at 10 am or 6 pm in the Genesis classroom. We will follow this same theme in a preaching series during the Lenten season as well.

Also, instead of giving up something during Lent, you can also give back. Our Mission Committee will be hosting a baby shower throughout Lent for much needed items for new moms such as diapers, wipes, pacifiers,

diaper rash cream and trial size lotion and shampoo. These items will be stored at the church and shared with all parents who have a need. You will find more information about this opportunity in your bulletin. It is St. Luke's way of "loving our littles at Lent."

There are many ways to change a life at Lent. One of them might be yours.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

We are excited about all our friends who attend each week to learn about the love of Jesus! There is a Children's Ministry meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00. This meeting is for all parents, grandparents, childcare staff & all those who help with our children. Even if you just want to see what's going on with our children please come. We need your input, your ideas & your help as we plan the next couple of months! Please join us for this informative hour. Childcare will be available.

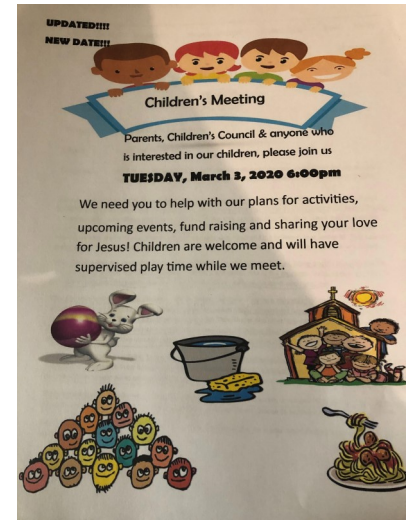
A big thank you to Beth Guy, Ann Willis & a new friend Brandon for all the help with cleaning out the prayer room & the craft closet!! They look great! Thank you, Mary Hughes, for the yummy snacks.

Mark your calendars for Bunnies & Baskets Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 am - 11:00am! We would love donations of cookies and candy-filled gifts for our event!

Thank you again for all your support!

Jesus loves you & so do we!

Christy Terrill,
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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Chancel Choir would like to welcome Judy Rugg as our newest member! Judy has sung in choirs in the past and has also played piano and organ. Her favorite hymns are *It Is Well with My Soul* and *Amazing Grace*. We are excited and blessed to have her!

I would also like to express my gratitude to *Collin Hughes*, to *Emily Gregory* and *Aaliyah Thomas*, and to *Sarah Duet* for providing special music in January and February. Thanks to all who contribute to our music ministry by singing, ringing, and accompanying! Thanks also to our supportive church family!

As we begin the Lenten season, the Bell Choir is preparing to play and the Chancel Choir is working on special anthems for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will strive to add to the beauty of worship!

Peace,

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Make a Joyful Noise!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

It has been a pleasure to continue working with the Youth of St. Luke's in this time of transitions. Even amidst the changes, the Bridge Buddies (our 4th-6th graders) have continued to faithfully serve as acolytes and walked a journey of faith together during the Sunday School hour.

The Senior High students repeatedly show up before seven in the morning on Tuesdays to fellowship and eat a great breakfast. The Youth also meet collectively after church to play games, eat lunch, and develop spiritually. During this time we have been working to lay a great foundation for the next Youth Director, our Youth, and our Children who are quickly moving to Youth age.

If you have any questions or want to help during this time please do not hesitate to reach out to me at collinbhughes@gmail.com.

May The Lord Bless You and Keep You,
Collin B. Hughes
Interim Youth Director
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News from Pumpkin Patch Grower:

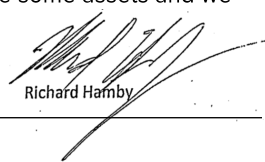
I can't express how badly I feel after the 2019 pumpkin season. We disappointed many of you, our partners. Many of your organizations have come to depend on the revenue produced by the patches. In recent years our partners collectively have realized over \$6,000,000 per year for your charitable causes. This year our partners were down to around \$4,000,000. Over 160 partners either received no pumpkins, only part of their regular shipments or damaged pumpkins loaded after the freeze.

In 2019, the freeze involved record lows. In the 28 years we've grown in New Mexico we have never experienced a complete destruction of the crop as early as October 10th. Over 300 acres were lost.

In order to prevent this from happening in future years, we have secured an additional growing location at a lower altitude. We will grow a portion of the crop at these spots. Since the best quality pumpkins are grown at higher altitudes, we will still grow the majority of our crop on the Navajo Farm.

Many of our partners have expressed concern regarding Pumpkin Patch's financial situation. We will plant our normal 1100 acres of pumpkins and ornamentals and will be able to fully supply all of our existing and new partners in 2020. We mechanized our harvest process in 2019 to increase our capacity to harvest miniatures, gourds and pie pumpkins.

Due to the losses of 2019, we have been forced to liquidate some assets and we have laid off 1/2 of our permanent employees. We hope to be able to rehire them as things improve. Please thank all of the volunteers at your church for all their work.



Richard Hamby

Healthy Lifestyles

Join us each month on the 2nd Sunday at our new time of 1:00PM for Healthy Lifestyles. We will start each meeting with a low impact exercise program followed by a group discussion of healthy lifestyle topics.

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Crafting 4 Missions / Methodist Men

Crafting 4 Missions meets 3/26/20 @ 5:30pm

St. Luke's Methodist Men meets 3/26/20 at 6:30 pm

Debbie Laffitte / Larry Blair

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Methodist Women February Meeting

Join us Mar.. 19th at 12 noon in the Conf. Room. All women are invited. Bring a sack lunch.

Upper Third

Upper Third will gather on Mar. 12th at 11:30 pm. Bring a pot luck item to share.

Thank you, Donnie / dbrook7111@aol.com

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM

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St. Luke Book Club

We will next meet on March 15th at 3:00 p.m. Our reading selection is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. A debut romantic novel set in Australia, the plot revolves around a geeky genetics professor's attempt to find the perfect wife scientifically. Its author approaches the genre convinced it can appeal to men and women alike and be intellectually satisfying as well as amusing and charming. One can assume he has been successful on the advice of none other than Bill Gates, who praised it highly. Gates read it straight through one night and describes it as "extraordinarily clever, funny, and a moving book about being comfortable with who you are and what you're good at." Join us as we enjoy a very good read and also become more aware of the challenges of Asperger's Syndrome.

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SUNDAYS

MARCH 1,8,15,22,29

WORSHIP, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP, NOON - 2 PM
AA, 7 PM

MARCH 8

CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 1:00 PM
SPIRITUAL FORMATION, 6:00 PM

MARCH 15

BOOK CLUB, 3:00 PM

MARCH 29

VISIT TO ROCK CHAPEL, 12 PM

MONDAYS

MARCH 2,9,16,23,30

SOUL RESET, 10:00 AM
SOUL RESET, 6:00 PM
AA/ AL-ANON 7 & 7 PM

MARCH 16

TRUSTEES, 7:00 PM

TUESDAYS

MARCH 3,10,17,24,31

SR. HIGH PRAYER BKFST, 6:50 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(10TH IS TACO TUESDAY)
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GRP, 6:30 PM

MARCH 3

WORSHIP COMM, 2:00 PM
CHILDREN'S PARENT MTG, 6:00 PM

MARCH 3,17,31

STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 4,11,18,25

KOINONIA, 7 AM
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM
AA, 7 PM

MARCH 11

CADA TTOUR, 10:00 AM
CADA TTOUR, 6:00 PM

THURSDAYS

MARCH 5,12,19,26

AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM
JOURNALING, 6:30 PM

MARCH 12

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

MARCH 19

WOMEN'S MINISTRY 12:00 PM
COMMON GROUND, 5:15 PM

MARCH 26

CRAFTERS 4 MISSIONS, 5:30 PM
METHODIST MEN, 6:30 PM

MARCH 5,19

CRAFTERS, 10 AM

FRIDAYS

MARCH 6,13,20,27

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

MARCH 6

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 12 PM

MARCH 20

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 5:15 PM

SATURDAYS

MARCH 7,14,21,28

AA, 10 AM
AL-ANON, 10 AM

MARCH 21

SRSR, 10 AM-2 PM

MARCH 28

CRAFT/SCRAPBOOK, 9 AM-5PM