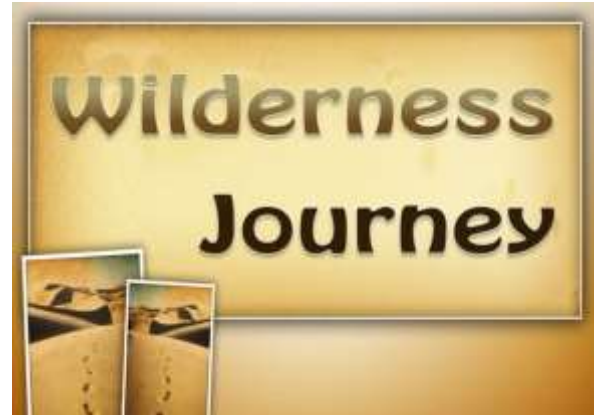


LIVING INTO GOD'S WELCOME: Welcome to the Wilderness Journey

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. ~ Isaiah 43:19



There is something life-giving about the wilderness, the land that is undomesticated, that land that has not yet been subdued by humans. It is not safe, and life in the wilderness can be a struggle – but the wilderness is a place where our souls are nourished.

This season of the Church year, Lent, invites us into those internal places of wilderness, where we enter alone, where we face our mortality and those parts of ourselves, we fear or dislike. For some of us, those places have been sealed off behind success or busyness. Others of us cannot help but face the wilderness places, perhaps of depression or grief. We have the promise that God is with us in our wilderness journeys and should we honestly and wisely enter the wilderness way, God promises to bring blessing through the journey.

May God grant us courage in the trek!
Pastor Beth

LENT

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday Church Night

5:30 pm – Meal

6:30 pm – Taizé Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, March 11, 18 & 25

6:00 pm – Taizé Lenten Worship

6:30 pm – Soup Supper

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday Church Night

5:30 pm – Meal

6:30 pm – Taizé Lenten Worship

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday, April 5

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

9:30 am - Festival Worship

11:00 am - Processional Worship

to St. John Fisher Catholic Church

Thursday, April 9

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:30 am & 7:00 pm - Worship

Friday, April 10

GOOD FRIDAY

11:30 am & 7:00 pm - Worship

Sunday, April 12

EASTER SUNDAY

Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 am - Festival Worship

9:30 am - Festival Easter Worship

11:00 am - Easter Contemporary Worship

WELCOME JUAN CARLOS LA PUENTE TAPIA

Bishop's Associate for Inter-cultural Inter-religious Mission

Juan Carlos will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 1st at both worship services.



I moved to Portland, Oregon from Peru in 2014 with Rae Anne and our daughter Isabel. It has been a wonderful adventure surrounded by the beauty of the forests, rivers, and mountains. For many years I have been working on supporting organizations and institutions on how to root their work for justice and peace into a relational culture that fosters community dialogue and discernment. Since 2016, working with leaders from the Oregon Synod and other countries, we have been doing theology to enlighten the community dialogue and discernment in communion with those we call our ancestors as a source of compassion and deep hope. All of these efforts have been developed through spiritual and theological mutual accompaniment.

When Bishop Laurie called me to join the Oregon Synod staff as Bishop's Associate for Inter-cultural and Inter-religious Mission, my first heartfelt response was, 'We are journeying on the path together' – this is the meaning of the Greek word Synod (syn-odos). But I also asked myself 'what path?'

I feel called to walk a path that we discover together with the people when we are able to open our hearts, our stories, our vulnerabilities, and our dreams. From that openness, we share our longing to be truthful facing the threats to Life, mainly Life that is most vulnerable and damaged. This is the path that has been helping me to see once again the living Gospel. I am honored to walk this path alongside people who have been accompanying one another through the Oregon Synod (congregations, projects, initiatives, and more). This is a path of transformation, a path that is always new because it is nurtured by Love and continuously opened through diversity and the plurality of creative responses to protect Life. Sometimes I ask myself, 'what might a People's Synod look like?'

It is inspiring to continue to be 'Ecclesia semper reformanda (always reforming)' that lives and encourages us to disclose our truth with love - therefore without fear - and remove everything that is deafening us to the call to universal love, universal compassion, and to unbounded openness to be freed to love.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 8, 10:35 am

Meeting to Approve the revised Compensation Package for Pastor Patti Welch.

NOTE:

Daylight Savings Time Begins: Spring Forward!

Turn clocks ahead one hour: Saturday night, March 7

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Church Night – March 4 – 5:30pm

Chef: Leann Van Horn

Program: The Moth at St. Luke Join us for incredible food and some great stories. Enjoy stories from St. Luke members in the Moth style of sharing.

Taizé Service:

6:30pm following THE program.

WEDNESDAY TAIZE LENTEN SERVICES

Our annual **Wednesday night Lenten services will be held from 6:00-6:30pm ~ March 11, 18 and 25** in the narthex followed by a soup supper in the fellowship hall. We will be singing several Taizé choruses along with Scripture readings and times for silent reflection.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Wilderness Welcome:

God's Welcome Through Repentance

As we journey through the spiritual reality-check known as Lent in order to prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection, we look at how we meet a God of incredible welcome and love through the experience of repentance. Calling all prodigal sons and daughters (and non-binaries) to join us from 10:45-noon in the Conference Room.

**God's Welcome through Repentance
Adult Education Sundays, 10:45am-12noon
(location: 2nd floor classroom (above church office))**

3/1	Visio Divina~The Prodigal Son Explore scripture using beautiful icons, and engage, not just the mind, but the heart.	Dr. Karen Eifler , Professor of Education at UP and Co-Director of the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture.
3/8	One Coin Found (delayed start due to congregational vote)	Dr. Elise Moentmann
3/15	One Coin Found, part 2	Dr. Elise Moentmann
3/22 3/29	Spring Break! No Class	

Much thanks to Paul Fauske, the "Word is Bond" group, Bing Swigart, and Michael Ford for facilitating our Adult Education series on Interracial Welcome in February!

HEALING MINISTRIES

St. Luke Health Ministry

Please join us in prayer about the possibility of starting a healthcare ministry, where lay members whose backgrounds are in healthcare can share their training and gifts with St. Luke and with the wider community. For further conversation, contact St. Luke member Carol Lindeman, retired Dean of OHSU School of Nursing at (707)696-0221 or cal951@sbcglobal.net

HELP NEEDED

Photo Directory Coordinator Needed! Do you have a computer and internet? Do you have a desire to help St. Luke members deepen their connection to one another? We need someone to coordinate 15-20 families for updates for our most recent photo directory. For more information, contact Pastor Beth.

FRIENDLY FRIDAYS IN LENT

March 6, 13, 20, and 27 – Join Pastor Wilder in exploring the theme “living into God’s welcome” more deeply as we read “*God’s Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*” by Amy Oden.

We will meet at 10am in the narthex. Copies of the book are available online at www.smile.amazon.com or through St. Luke.

MONTHLY MEMORY CAFÉ

Join us in the **Fellowship Hall** for the next monthly social time for persons with memory loss and their family/friend care partners on **Thursday, March 12th, 2:30 - 4:00pm.**

ST. LUKE REACHING OUT: SW Portland Events

► **SW Hope 5K – calling all runners!** Join the St. Luke Lutheran Team and run in Gabriel Park for a cause on **Saturday, April 4!** The \$30 registration (more after Jan. 30) helps to raise funds for Neighborhood House’s food pantry! Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OR/Portland/swhope5k>. The password for St. Luke Lutheran is “Welcome”

► Portlanders Stand with Refugees and Immigrants

St. Luke is a full partner in the annual Portland Parks and Recreation festival. Join us **Thursday, March 19 at 6pm** at the SW Community Center. Or volunteer as a St. Luke member: volunteer training on Saturday, March 14 at 10am at the SW Community Center.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

Would you be willing to share an Action Team Grant with St. Luke? If so, please contact Pastor Beth: pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com or 503-246-2325. These grants can help us to Worship, Connect, and Serve through various special ministry projects.

PRAYER PAUSE AT ST. LUKE

Have a prayer request? Want to join with a fellow Christian in praying for our world, our Church, and those in need of healing? **Join Pastor Beth in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:30pm.** She will pray for those prayer requests on Sunday’s attendance cards as well as for requests emailed to her at pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com or sent via Facebook.

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY

Looking for a way to connect with others – to serve, but with a flexible schedule? Want to grow your relationships with Christ and with other St. Luke members? If you are a good listener and like spending time one-on-one or in small groups with people, St. Luke’s Lay Visitation Ministry may be for you. We have a dynamic group of volunteers who are each paired with a homebound member to visit once or twice a month. If you are interested, contact Pastor Beth: pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com for more information.

RECYCLING FOR VBS

Please save your empty rectangular tissue boxes and empty paper towel rolls for a VBS musical instrument project. ★If you have any stickers, multi-colored yarn, or embroidery floss that you would like to donate that would be wonderful, too. Please put them in the bin in the Ministry Center.

~ Thank you so much, Nancy Scheele

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

Our booklist through June:

- March 8** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
April 19 *Educated* by Tara Westover
(rescheduled date because of Easter)
May 17 *My Brilliant Friend* by Elene Ferrante
(rescheduled date because of Mother’s Day)
June 14 *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

Happy reading!

Caryl Walker: cawpdx@icloud.com

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Take this message from an applicant who received Benson Family Foundation Scholarship support to heart. ‘Apply for the Benson Scholarship! As a former recipient of this scholarship, I can honestly say that attending a Lutheran college is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The Benson Scholarship makes your experience affordable. Due to the scholarship, I was able to make lifelong friends, graduate after 4 years, and participate in the countless activities that took place each day on campus. If you are at all considering a Lutheran college, I strongly encourage you to apply! It could truly change your life in the most positive of ways.’ *McKenna Johnsen* èThe deadline to apply for the 2020-2021 school year is **March 15, 2020.** Application materials are ready to download from the St. Luke website. Questions: Contact Craig Christensen at cchristensen1@msn.com.



THANK YOU to all of you who have donated fabric, yarn, crochet tread, sewing machine thread and any other items to the Priceless Quilters. We don't know who all of you are, but we are very grateful to you. As you clean out your cupboards please think of us and know all of your items will be put to good use. **With your help we make about 300 quilts a year.**



SW Hope is an annual campaign to collect food and donations to benefit the food pantry at Neighborhood House, located in Multnomah Village. **This year's food drive begins on Sunday, March 1st with a kickoff event at 2pm at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, where our own St. Luke Rejoice Choir will be singing!**

The food drive continues through Palm Sunday, April 5th. St. Luke will join with 40 other local churches and businesses to reach this year's goal of collecting 200,000 pounds of food or the cash equivalent (\$1 = 4lbs of food). Please bring nonperishable food items of all kinds and leave them near the display in the Narthex. The donations collected during SW HOPE will provide a three month's supply of food for Neighborhood House to distribute to those who are hungry in our community! **Watch for other special events to raise money during the drive every – we will be highlighting them each week in our Sunday bulletin.**

SALE OF AFRICAN ART FROM ZIMBABWE

**Benefits the Graham Scholarship:
for local Refugees and Immigrants
Academic English Studies
Lewis & Clark College**

Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:0am – 12:30pm, Narthex

With the approval of the Social Concerns Committee and Church Council, the Dallaire-Graham Scholarship Committee at Lewis & Clark College will be selling beautiful, hand-painted artwork consisting of painted board and fabric wall hangings ranging in price from \$10-\$100. All artwork includes information about both the art and the artist.



80% of sales will support the Michael Graham Scholarship for Refugees and Immigrants, a newly created scholarship for local high school graduates (to be piloted for the 2020-21 academic year through Wilson High School) for a full tuition scholarship and bus pass for intensive study of English at Lewis & Clark through the Academic English Program.

20% of sales will be dedicated to congregational benevolence.

Cash or credit card preferred.
Checks payable: St. Luke Social Concerns.

~ Thank you, Michael Ford

WORSHIP + SERVE + CONNECT.

★ Serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings. Be the welcoming smile at our front doors before worship. This is the best way to get to know more people and to extend a St. Luke welcome to all! Contact Jan Peterson: jmp77.peterson@gmail.com

TOM KEESECKER IN CONCERT:

Sunday, March 29, 5:00 pm

In Sanctuary ~ Freewill offering



Thomas Keesecker will perform music from his best-selling "Quiet Series" piano collections in an hour-long Lenten program of piano music, congregational song, and poetry. Tom is a well-known Lutheran church musician and composer. Tom's informal folksy programs have been compared to a show featuring Garrison Keillor and George Winston. A Lutheran pastor described Tom's piano style as a blend of Paul Manz and Thelonious Monk! People have been touched by his arrangements of Beautiful Savior, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, There is a Balm in Gilead, and his Celtic and Jazz influenced stylings of other well-known hymns. In 2019, he gave performances in churches from Minnesota to Florida. CDs of his music will be available for purchase at the performance.

ANNUAL "SPRING RING 'N SING" CONCERT

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm

St. Luke's children's and bell choirs will present a program (following dinner) in the sanctuary. This concert features both of our children's choirs, Timbrel Ringers, and St. Luke Ringers presenting favorite musical arrangements from the past year. The program will include audience singing and a free-will offering benefiting the special music fund. Put this date on your calendar and plan to invite a friend to a night of fun and inspiring music!

SPRING CONCERT: "MUSICAL REFLECTIONS"

Sunday, May 31 at 4pm

The Rejoice Choir and St. Luke Ringers will present a one-hour concert entitled "**Musical Reflections: the Year in Review**" on **Sunday, May 31 at 4pm** in our sanctuary. The program will include several of our favorite anthems and bell numbers from the various seasons of the past church year (May, 2019 – April, 2020). Also included will be some audience singing and a free-will offering for St. Luke's Special Music Fund.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER AV TECHS

We want to express our gratitude to Andrew Watson, John Kresl, Jonathan Maier, and Tom Lynham for spending 5 hours on Saturday, February 8 in training on our new digital mixer and iPad controllers as part of our sound system upgrade. In addition, John Kresl and Dan Got spent 5-6 hours on Friday, February 7 working with the AV consultant installing and testing the new equipment. Thank you! We are already experiencing the improvement in our sound on Sundays!

FIRST COMMUNION

March 15th at 12:15pm in the Shalom House. Does your child want to take Communion? Our spiritual journey begins with baptism and continues the rest of our lives: the journey of Communion preparation begins with Communion Basics and continues through First Communion. Sign-up sheet in the Ministry Center.

BIBLE SUNDAY

When a baby is baptized, we promise to support the child and its parents in their life of faith. One of the ways that we do so is by teaching our children Bible stories and then giving them each a Bible during their 2nd Grade Year. In support of the continuing faith journey, we also give 6th graders a Lutheran Handbook. This year we will present Bibles and Lutheran Handbooks during the 11am service on **Sunday, March 15**.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK and more....

► For messages, reminders and an easy 'Share' option for you to help St. Luke with outreach in your network of contacts Like Us -

www.facebook.com/StLukeLuth/ or @StLukeLuth to send photos that you think reflect St. Luke and we will post them: office@stlukechurch.com.

► To learn about 'What's New' and spread this word, take a look at our website www.stlukechurch.com. You will find our Sunday bulletin with upcoming announcements.

FRED MEYER REWARDS:

Our own St. Luke Community Table Food Box Program is a designated nonprofit organization with the Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program. You can choose to link your individual Fred Meyer rewards cards to St. Luke, and Community Table will receive some of the funds that Fred Meyer designates to nonprofits! This will not affect the amount of money you personally receive each quarter from the program – the charity portion of the rewards program is separate. All you have to do to link your Rewards Card to St. Luke is to log in at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. **From there you can designate your personal reward dollars to Community Table Food Box Program using the NPO number assigned to us – ND166.** Thank you for taking the time to help increase financial support to our Community Table Food Box Program!

IN THE FAMILY

PRAYERS: the family of Tom Lynham on the death of his father, Dick Lynham, Gary Tremper, Gladys Johnson, Merlin White, Gary Hofsommer, Tatiana Tkachenko, Becky (daughter of Gayla and Jeff Ross), Don Nichols, Brittany Teodorski, Genie Parker, Steve Blindheim, Henry Heuer (leukemia), Will Heuer, Wendy Metz, Georgann Dustan, Bonnie Brunk, Dee Mills, Lou and Sonja Perkins, Dottie Inman, Harry Flesher, those incarcerated.

IN MEMORIAM

Virgil Anderson

February 26, 1936 ~ February 17, 2020

PARISH ACTS

(2/22/20) ~ **Ethlyn "Lynn" Potter Fromme**

August 17, ~ January 16, 2020

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAYING.....



For prayers in emergency, specific events in your life (happy or sad) or in any case you feel the need for others to be praying with you, St. Luke has Prayer Chains that take phone calls day and night:

The church office (8:30am~4:30pm) **or our Pastors:**

503-246-2325

Day calls: (8am~5pm) Rujeanne Anderson

503- 297-2246

Night calls: (after 5pm) Carol Greene

503-245-4189

Calls are confidential.

THE 2020 FLOWER CHART is posted in the Ministry Center on the bulletin board across from the elevator. Lovely way to remember family or celebrate a special date. **Thanks for signing-up!**



Happy Birthday to Margrethe Farnstrom (2/22/2020)



Bev Westlund	3/1	Kathryn Nuss	3/12
Lori Metz	3/1	Judy Moline	3/13
Brandon Curran	3/1	Gary Bishop	3/13
Cathi Holmes	3/1	Scott Bremmer	3/15
Ron Dobyns	3/3	Nicholas Montplaisir	3/15
Cindi Farnstrom	3/3	Edward Mattingly	3/16
Amalia Thornton	3/3	Nora LeBlanc	3/16
Gabe Volk	3/4	Kim Watts	3/16
Laurie Johnsen	3/4	Shane Durham	3/17
Julie Kresl	3/4	Shane Mileham	3/17
Mary Thumma	3/4	Julie Hanna	3/17
Jonathan McCollom	3/4	Louise Grande	3/18
Barbara Nesbitt	3/5	Carrie May	3/18
Yolande Adibonou	3/5	Barbara Roady	3/19
John Jackson	3/5	Gwen Spalding	3/19
Natalie Olson	3/6	Margaret Johnson	3/19
Chloe Meurisse	3/7	Laura Pahlmeyer	3/21
Scott Willis	3/7	Jon Read	3/21
Tracy Meurisse	3/8	Ron Hudson	3/21
Beverly Wallin-Endres	3/8	Logan Schreiber	3/22
Don Baack	3/8	Sam Volk	3/22
Lorna Beckley	3/8	Paul Weber	3/23
Blaine Dustan	3/9	Miriam Greene	3/23
Francine Read	3/9	Judy Reed	3/23
Bonnie Brunk	3/10	Beth Vorderstrasse	3/24
Annie Joy Morgan	3/10	Grant Pratasiewicz	3/24
Jeremy Eckhardt	3/10	Scott McLoud	3/24
Michael Kerr	3/10	Jeff Nuss	3/25
Carolyn Loch	3/10	Becky Turner	3/25
Janet Swan	3/10	Wendy Noreen	3/27
Jill Metz	3/11	Coleen Ahmann	3/28
Ellie Moe	3/12	Clyde Hanna	3/31

Please, contact the office if we have missed a birthday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



In February our Kids baked together partnership between Children's Ministry and Middle School Ministry ages 3 – 8th grade

Lead by Baker Marilyn Simmons, Garden Educator Judy Sims, and Children's Educator Beckah Sims

Seed-To-Feed Focus: Field to Farm to Faith come full circle

Connection: The heirloom wheat grown by the children last spring, harvested, hand ground [by kids] this fall, the [hand ground] flour then baked into the communion bread on Feb 16 and shared with our St. Luke community

Enough to feed us over the next couple of Sundays

A huge thank you to our teachers, volunteers, and kids!



February Focus: Living and Loving. Living our Baptism and Loving our Neighbor.

Hearts are painted and are gifted to folks in our community.

Children's Bulletin Board: Check out our Kindness Quilt theme and meet some of our Sunday teachers – Thank you [teachers] for putting your heart into teaching!

February 9 Love-In-Action: Tagging Blankets with Nancy Scheele – the children decided to send these to local and international neighbors

Scripture Verse Highlights: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12*

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10: 25-37

February 23: Pastor Wilder visited with us to help prepare for Lent and understand what Ash Wednesday means.

Huge thanks to all our visitors this February!

MARCH CALENDAR:

March 1, 8, 15, 2020 – Lenten themed classes
March 22 and 29 ~ Spring Break: no classes

June 15 - 19, 2020

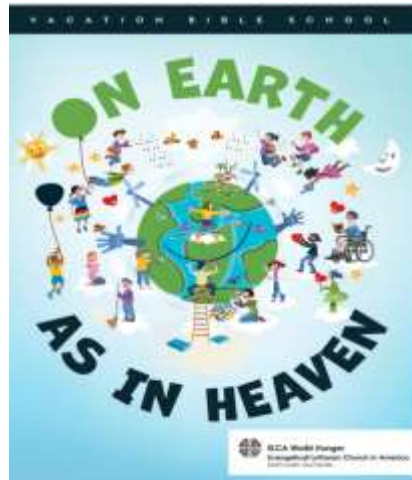
Vacation Bible School! Save the dates!

FIVE-DAYS ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Half-Day and Full-Day options: June 15–19.

Attention: Church Families - Get your registrations in now! Registration opens to the community in March. Forms available in the narthex or online:

<https://www.stlukechurch.com/vbs.html>



June 15 - 19, 2020

Vacation Bible School! Save the dates!

CAMP LUTHERWOOD SUMMER CAMP 2020

Registration is Open!

Check out their flyer for weeks and age groups:

<https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/>

Kim Weber

childrensministry@stlukechurch.com

Children's Ministry Coordinator
Hosannas Children's Choir Director

★ YOUTH NEWS ★

St. Luke Youth NEWS



Thanks to all SLY who worked the subs and salads fundraiser. It was a great team effort – and after expenses we came away with \$1615 toward SLY events and trips!!

Thanks also to the many St. Luke members who supported us so generously as always! Super kudos to adult leaders Scott, Lisa and Judy for heading up this event!

YOUTH LED WORSHIP WAS A BLESSING!



February 23rd, SLY once again led the congregation for both worship services and blessed us with their gifts of music, service and speaking.

Thanks go to all who participated:
Rachel Chan,
Kara Van Horn,
Molly Sickler,

Emma Hayes, Katrina Phillips, Kyle Pinnell,
Josiah Chan, Emmett Crawford, Annika Deazley,
Melia Patrick, Lynn Weeks, Ethan Volk, Thomas Berg,
Sam Volk, Gavin Martini, Matthew Boca,
Joe Kresl, and Greta Halvorson!

COMING UP . . .

★**Sunday, March 15 – Las Vegas Team Meeting**
12noon-1pm – parents and students
1-2pm – students only team building

★**Sunday, March 22 and 29 –**
NO SLY
Spring Break

★**June 15-June 19, 2020**

St. Luke VBS – Sign up to be a crew leader!

★**June 21-June 26, 2020**

Summer Service Mission Trip to Las Vegas

Middle School

Ministries/Confirmation

Join us – Sundays at 9:30 – Lower Shalom!
Gather with us as we share in fellowship, food, fun and the stories of our faith.



- **3/1 – Sadducees & Pharisees**
- **3/8 – Judas Iscariot**
- **3/15 – Pontius Pilate**
- **3/22 & 29 – Spring Break, no classes.**
Safe travels!

CHRIST KIN 2019-2020 began in December! Now that your student has had a chance to meet their Christ Kin, help them to build rapport. A supportive adult outside of the family can help your student grow in faith.

Looking ahead:

- **Spring Retreat, Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26, 2020**
- **Confirmation, Sunday, May 31, 2020**
- **Confirmation Camp – June 28-July 3, 2020**

LOOKING AHEAD:

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