



**Atonement
Lutheran
Church**

*Living in God's love ~
Reaching out with hope*



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Pastor's Message

Greetings!

So you think he doesn't exist? He does! He really does! Check it out February 19th!

One time when I was serving as Pastor at Nativity Lutheran, a group of us were standing around in the kitchen (a very scary place for me), and someone asked if my daughters would be at the church for some event on an upcoming Sunday. I said, "No, they'll be with their Dad that weekend." As soon as I said that, a Middle School aged boy looked petrified and said outloud, "What? Pastor

Kristi, I didn't know you were divorced?" I said, "No, Justin, Scott and I aren't divorced. We are married; we just serve in different congregations." I

had never even thought about it when I said it. Yet those very words could trigger a young person, or anyone for that matter, to think a couple could be divorced. No, Scott and I just traded off taking the girls to worship with us since we served in different congregations. But I understood where he was coming from. Our young people are so familiar with divorce these days that their thoughts go right to that. So as soon as Justin said that, I instantly changed how I said things about Scott and my relationship!

It's true ... Scott and I are rarely together. We serve different congregations in different cities ... 106 miles apart, and believe it or not, pastors lead busy lives; they don't just work on Sundays. My parents used to think it was an absolutely crazy living arrangement. But you do what you have to do. Think about it ... a city house and a mountain house for city lovers and mountain lovers ... what else could you

ask for in life?!?!

I can tell you this ... we do get together during ski season if nothing else! That's a true passion of ours. We got married in August 1988 and by Christmas of that year, my Dad, Mom and I had Scott outfitted in skis, boots, poles, and of course a matching ski outfit, as we knew he'd never get out on the ski slope if he wasn't matching (he's worse than a girl!). After we taught him how to ski (ok, he claims my

Mom actually taught him), we ended up creating a monster! He loves skiing at least as much as I do, if not more.

In 1998, I had brain surgery for a large tumor sitting on top of my pituitary gland, crushing my optic chiasm. I was mostly afraid of becoming

blind from the surgery, but thanks be to God, I did not. Following my successful surgery and recovery, Scott and I became involved with Foresight Ski with the Blind at Vail Ski Resort. It's been one of the best things we've ever done! We've met the most incredible people with the most amazing stories of perseverance and faith you can imagine! Every time I ski with the blind, I'm filled with tears of joy and amazement!

So do you want to meet him? Or see him again? Do you want to hear him preach God's Word? Do you want to hear him tell you about skiing with the blind and how it's impacted his life? (Or do you want to hear him tell you he's a better skier than I am? And if he says this, disregard it ... it's a lie! I have always skied behind him in order to pick up all the pieces when he crashes! Someone has to!)



ADVENTURE GUIDES FOR THE BLIND

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, you september email their name and reason for request to: PrayerRequests@atonement-denver.org

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But if you do want to meet him, or see him again, or hear the Gospel proclaimed from Rev. Dr. Scott K. Beebe ... show up for worship on February 19th! **My Valentine will be preaching at Atonement Lutheran Church and sharing the Transfiguration Gospel Message and the “Drop in the Bucket” Benevolence message for Foresight Ski with the Blind as we have so many Visually Impaired People wanting to come and ski with us this season that we need to raise funds in order to accommodate them and give them an experience that otherwise they may not be able to have.**

Pastor Scott is looking forward to seeing you on February 19th! Let’s give generously to Foresight Ski with the Blind ... a passion of Scott and mine ... and, yes, we ARE married, and you can find us together on the ski slopes, guiding Visually Impaired Persons, having the time of our lives!

Pastor Scott will be here on February 19th, and by the way, I’ll be up in Vail preaching for him! It’s a pulpit exchange ... a great way for

us to show each other’s congregation’s that we do exist!

Happy Valentine’s Day and Thanks be to God for the gift of sight, and the gift of helping those who have no sight until Jesus comes again!



—Pastor Kristi Beebe

P.S. Please Note: Now that I’m an Empty-Nester, I’ll be holding Office Hours during February on Wednesdays from 10am – 2pm; and 5pm – 6pm, followed by Lent; and Thursdays from 10am – 2pm. I will be in the Office more than that, of course, but those are times you will likely be able to find me there without having to schedule an appointment, unless I am called out for a hospital visit or other such emergency. Come on in and visit!

Drop in the Bucket Benevolence Ministry

FEBRUARY 2023

Foresight Ski with the Blind

This Non-Profit Organization is near and dear to Pastor Kristi’s heart. (So much so that she and her husband volunteer as a sighted guide for blind skiers!) Foresight helps Visually Impaired People (VIP’s) ski, at no, or very low cost. The VIP’s aren’t connected to the Guides via any ropes, but ski freely, following only the Guide’s verbal directions. Guides “help personal limits disappear as we literally conquer mountains, and it literally transforms lives.” Although located in Vail, Foresight

serves people of all ages throughout the nation, including students in Denver Metro Area Schools, such as Jeffco and Denver.

Pastor will tell you, “*With faith you can move mountains, or at least ski them! The joy on the face of a VIP skiing down a mountain makes me join with Isaiah in saying, ‘I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them ... I will not forsake them.’*” Foresight relies solely on donations; all Guides and Shadows are volunteers. Please consider donating to this exciting and worthy program!

Wow, it is almost time for Lent. Ash Wednesday starts on **February 22**. We will be having Wednesday evening services through Lent. The Paraments will soon be changed to my favorite color Purple. I can't wait to see all of you for this season of Lent.

—Shauna Skaff, Worship and Music Team Leader

Wednesday's wake-up call

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

With these words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of all that God entrusts to us.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 22, teaches us that we are mortals, after all. It crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God's mysteries: Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's *really* important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. Yes, but we are God's dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each a speck of "dust" created by God billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally "earthy" beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. As part of creation, we work to preserve, protect and sustain creation.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living.

Donating Stocks to Atonement Can Be Easy

If you own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds in a taxable account they can be transferred as gifts to Atonement (or other charities). This can be used to:

1. Support our church's mission
2. Can result in savings on taxes for you
 - a. You don't have to pay the capital gains tax.
 - b. The full market value on the date of transfer can be used as a charitable deduction if you itemize on your taxes.

The stocks, etc., must be:

- Currently in a taxable account.
- Must have been held for over one year.
- The actual stocks, etc., must be transferred directly to Atonement.

We are breath. We are "dust" into which God has "breathed the Holy breath of life" (Genesis 2:7).

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy, reminding us of God's life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy realities of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

Our time is brief. Our "dust" will return to the earth someday. We are mortal.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to possessions, knowing that we hold onto them only for a little while.
- Therefore, we fill our lives with treasures of lasting value – friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent, spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

—Rob Blezard

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After this date, you will no longer be able to donate to Atonement through Amazon Smile.

However, Amazon will provide participating charities with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program. Charities will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February.

Amazon will continue giving through a Housing Equity Fund, an Amazon Future Engineer Program for students, a Community Delivery Program, which will partner with food banks to deliver food and donate meals in communities across the country. Amazon Disaster Relief will help transport relief items along with donating some items themselves to disaster-ridden communities. They will also participate in Community Giving, supporting hundreds of local nonprofits doing meaningful work in cities where our employees and their families live.

Atonement has a brokerage account specifically for the purpose of receiving stock donations. If you plan to donate stock, etc., to Atonement:

- Call our treasurer or the church office to get our account information to give to your broker to make the transfer.
- Remember, the stock must be transferred directly from your brokerage account to Atonement's stock account.
- Notify Atonement when the transfer is to be made so they can liquidate the stock, etc., once it has been transferred.
- It's easy, and you will have contributed to our church mission.

As is always a good idea, you should consult with your tax advisor when you begin this journey to see if this is the best path for you to follow.



The Souper Bowl is on February 12th!

Please bring canned soup to church to benefit



Help them tackle Hunger!

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Pantry Needs for February  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Corn  
Canned tomato products

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

# FUNDRAISING

»» *Support* ««

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
**3:30PM-9:30PM**

## 10% DONATION NIGHT

for **Community Ministry**.  
Present this flyer at the Sheridan location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to **Community Ministry!**

**303-761-7427**  
**3696 S. NATCHES COURT**  
**SHERIDAN, CO**

**QUEEN CITY JAZZ**

**February 21, 2023**

Carpool with Atonement to this wonderful Shrove Tuesday event on February 21st!

Leave the Atonement at 5:00 pm to get supper at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 11500 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lakewood, CO 80216. Pancake supper starts at 5:30 pm.

**Admission:** \$10 per child, \$20 per adult, \$45 per family. Tickets available at <https://www.soth.net/event-details/queen-city-jazz-concert-1>. Contact the office if you would like to carpool.

Mardi Gras beads given out to Atonement members in the parking lot. Let's have a fun evening before Ash Wednesday!  
-Let the good times roll!



## THE CORNER DESK

Hello Friends! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy February!

After the rush of the holidays, and then January's Annual Winter Congregational meeting, the office is still recovering from a spate of activity!

February will not disappoint anyone though; plenty is still going on at Atonement.

Don't forget Souper Bowl Sunday on February 12th! Please bring canned soup to church to benefit Community Ministry. Help them tackle hunger.

We will have a special guest pastor on Sunday, February 19th, when the one and only Rev. Dr. Scott Beebe will be preaching for us! He will also speak about this month's "Drop in the Bucket" ministry, Foresight Ski for the Blind! Don't miss it!

And yes, Ash Wednesday will be on February 22nd. Then, join us for Lenten services every Wednesday until Holy Week! (I know I say this every month, but where does the time go?)

I'm wishing God's best for you this month!

Audrey Brack-Banks  
Atonement Office Manager

# Worship Reflections for 2023

Worship. What is it? It's the time when we gather and focus on our awesome God and the abundant life we have in Him. It's a time to hear the Word, to hear a message from the Word, to praise, thank, pray, share, sing, teach and to see others and just be together. It's the life-blood of our community. When the pandemic turned our world upside down in March of 2020, we had to quickly adjust and make changes in how we worship. We continued to offer worship services every single Sunday in new ways. We simplified, shortened and moved worship outside where some stayed in cars and others sat in chairs on an asphalt floor; we were together but masked and social-distanced; we had hot, cold, windy and lovely days; we learned to move equipment inside to outside and back again; we learned new technologies of using radio waves and the Internet to send worship outside of the church when the time and place no longer mattered. We created a Christmas Eve drive-through experience outside in the parking lot. As the pandemic ended people sought normalcy again. We gradually returned to worshiping inside the church by offering one service inside and one service outside, and then both services moved inside with online services continuing. Today there are 5 worship options! One can gather at church at 9 am or 10:30 am, engage in worship from home via a YouTube or Facebook worship at 9 am, 10:30 am, or anytime. (so actually, many more than 5 options!)

A 2022 summer survey on worship was followed by Cottage meetings held in November. What should be the best way forward? In January 2023 Atonement members were asked again to share their thoughts on

worship for this "Reflections on worship" article. Twenty-two members have responded with their reflections. Of the 22 responses, 12 (57%) stated that they worship at church at 9 am, two (10%) worship at church at 10:30 am, two worship online for one of the live-streamed services and four worship online at a later time. The remaining responses varied between online worship at Atonement, online or in person worship elsewhere, and no worship.

Reflections from those who worship at church include: they enjoy *being with other worshippers and seeing friends (several mentioned this)*, *it's less distracting (two people mentioned this)*, *they enjoy the live music and live singing, it's more sensory and real, they can attend Adult Ed following; they feel connected to the people they're worshiping with, they like to see how everyone is dressed, especially the children for the Pastor's message (several mentioned the children in worship); it's a better experience in person, they enjoy the liturgical worship, they enjoy being in the Sanctuary and feel it enhances their experience.*

Comments from those who worship online include: *it's convenient, they prefer the 9 am service but it's too early and online allows them to attend the 9 am at a later time; they work Sundays and can attend later; online is great and allows them to go to church whenever they were ready to listen; and they enjoy the sermon and service style.*

In the March newsletter we will share more reflections and the form is still open if you haven't participated yet.

(<https://forms.gle/32ybPikqCnhgw6jj6>)

—Gayle Gunderson  
Church Council Secretary

## Thank You!

*First of all, I would like to thank Audrey Brack-Banks for her helping to set up my Realm pledge account. It was very much appreciated.*

*I would also like to thank Mike Skaff for his computer expertise and all of his daily help to the church.*

—Sharon Krebs

## LAM-CO LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW AT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Faith in Action hosted a look at the 2023 legislative agenda for Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado on Sunday January 15. Many areas of priority are ongoing such as:

- Ending Hunger
- Poverty Reduction
- Access to Housing
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Public Health
- Migrants and Refugees
- Caring for Creation

LAM-CO will be following the implementation of Prop. FF, the Healthy School Meals for All under the Ending Hunger category.

Under Ending Poverty proposed bill SB 23-3 will create an adult High School program to earn a diploma and work force access and will include child care and transportation.

Access to Housing: SB 23-1 would provide \$13 M to public/private partnerships to encourage affordable workforce housing on state-owned lands. Renters' rights and rent stabilization will also be under consideration.

Public Health: HB 23-1002 would cap the cost of a 2 pack of Epi Pens for Coloradans without insurance. HB 23-1003 would form a mental health assessment program for Colorado youth to ID concerns and direct them to resources.

Under Caring for Creation, SB 23-016: Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures, concerning measures to promote reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in CO. This is now assigned to Energy and Transportation. sponsored by Chris Hanson and Karen McCormick initially. The bill in its initial form sets new lower reduction goals, requires PERA decisions to "align" with new reduction goals, establishes state income tax credit 30% of purchase price of new, electric-powered lawn equipment, among other sections.

Migrants and Refugees: A resolution on

climate change refugees will be offered the ELCA Assembly. (Cathy Bajcsi)

**Starting this month, Denver trash customers will be charged for their trash service depending on the size of their black trash cart — the smaller the cart the smaller the fee.**

**As part of the new program, recycling will now be picked up every week instead of bi-weekly. And beginning this summer, residential customers will receive a compost bin that will also be picked up weekly.**

**A Greener, Cleaner Denver!**  
Starting in 2023, Denver is expanding its Solid Waste services to **WEEKLY recycling and compost collection** for every customer, at no additional cost!

Your service fee will be based on the size of your trash cart  
The smallest trash cart has the lowest monthly fee (billed quarterly)

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| <p><b>\$9</b></p> <p><b>SMALL TRASH CART</b><br/>Recycling &amp; Compost INCLUDED</p> | <p><b>\$13</b></p> <p><b>MEDIUM TRASH CART</b><br/>Recycling &amp; Compost INCLUDED</p> | <p><b>\$21</b></p> <p><b>LARGE TRASH CART</b><br/>Recycling &amp; Compost INCLUDED</p> |
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**What's next?**

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| <p><b>ACT NOW!</b><br/>Download the Denver Trash &amp; Recycling App</p> | <p><b>JANUARY 2023</b><br/>Weekly recycling begins</p> | <p><b>EARLY 2023</b><br/>Look for your first compost bin pickup in the mail between January &amp; March</p> | <p><b>THROUGHOUT 2023</b><br/>Compost collection service begins in all areas eligible</p> |
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**Need help paying? Rebates available**  
Denver will provide rebates on waste services for low-income households. Customers may qualify for 50%, 75%, or 100% off their bill based on their income and the number of people in the home.

Apply online at [DenverGov.org/ExpandedCollection](https://denvergov.org/ExpandedCollection) Scan the QR code  
Need a paper application? Call (720) 944-3300

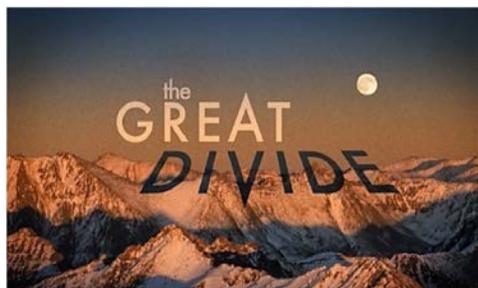
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For missed collections and other service related requests go online to [PeakNet.com](https://PeakNet.com) or call 311 (720-913-1311).

(Cathy Bajcsi)

## “Water, water, everywhere, but is there a drop to drink?”

Faith In Action led the discussion on Sunday, January 22, at our “Table Talk” after watching more chapters of the DVD, The Great Divide, sponsored by Colorado Humanities. We viewed three chapters: The Gold Rush which led directly into the



discussion of Co water law; The Growth of Agriculture which introduced Ben Eaton and ditches, canals, and prior appropriation; and the final chapter of the series: Crossing the Great Divide which discussed the coupling of rivers and aquifers and the growth of inter-basin transfers and compacts. We continue to be amazed at the amount of information a 10-minute Chapter can convey and the equally amazing photography shot within our state.

Our Talk ended with two different Colorado examples of outcomes from the water crisis we are now facing: Aurora Water and its innovative system of water recapture and reuse and the challenges faced by the Republican River in northeast CO whose basin is “disappearing”. Our discussion of Aurora’s system hit home with Mike Lewellen as he worked on that very project while he was with Denver Water. The Republican River was both a geography lesson (where is that?) and a legal lesson around when compacts are not kept. Do you remember the draining of Bonney Lake and the end Bonney Lake State Park?



*The marina wharf at what was Bonney Lake State Park, “no water, just a dry hole”*

Our wide-ranging discussion brought us back to where we started this DVD series in October of last year with this Water for Thought from former Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr., Colorado Supreme Court:

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Gregory Hobbs, Jr., Colorado Supreme Court:

“We’re going to have to sustain ourselves, our grandchildren, and theirs with same basic water supply, aggravated by the effects of climate change, that the Ancestral Puebloans had at their disposal. Now that’s a sobering thought, isn’t it.” (Suzanne Rousso)

## Crucial Conversations New Dialogues Series

“Being an Affirming Community for LGBTQ+ folks”

Begins Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Keynote speaker:

Rev. Dr. Paula Stone Williams

*Reverend Doctor Paula Stone Williams, Pastor of Preaching and Worship of Left Hand Church in Longmont, CO - “is an internationally known speaker on gender equity, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and religious tolerance. She is also a pastor and pastoral counselor in Boulder County, CO. Paula has been featured in the New York Times, TEDWomen, TEDSummit, TEDxMileHigh, Red Table Talk, the Denver Post, the New York Post, New Scientist magazine, Radio New Zealand, and many other media outlets. Her TED Talks have been viewed more than six million times.”* (From her memoir, *As a Woman*, 2022)

The series also includes:

Session 2 (2/14): “Stories from the community”

Session 3 (2/21): “Addressing our awkwardness”

Session 4 (2/28): “Learning to create an authentically affirming community”

Sessions 3 & 4 will be led by Pastor Lindsay Bates, Rejoice Church, Erie, CO.

Any questions may be directed to [kj\\_carp@yahoo.com](mailto:kj_carp@yahoo.com).

Please join us and invite others!

The Crucial Conversations Team:

Karen Carpenter, Mary Chapel,

Ralph Morgenweck,

Bob and Nena Steger

From Abiding Hope Church

(Sent by Michelle Healey)

## Faith in Actions Attends Inauguration of CSU Spur Hydro Building



On Friday, January 6, the Inauguration of the Hydro Building at the CSU Spur campus took place. Among the dignitaries as Governor Polis, Mayor Hancock, and U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack in attendance, were two non-dignitary members of Atonement’s Faith in Action committee, Suzanne Rousso and Barbara Kaare-Lopez. John Gritts, an Elder with the Cherokee Nation also spoke. Before the actual inauguration, we witnessed him “Smudging” inside the Hydro Building, where he used smoking sage to purify and bless this new space. Others at this event were the loud and entertaining CSU Marching Band, and Cam the Ram, who we were able to pose with. CSU Spur cowbells were handed out, which we rang with delight.

This campus is situated close to the National Western Complex. The Terra (land) and Vida (life) buildings are part of this campus; those buildings opened earlier in 2022. The Terra Building brings agriculture to life. The Vida Building houses the Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital and the Temple Grandin Equine Center. The Spur address is 4817 National Western Drive.



What is inside the Hydro Building? “The Hydro Building connects visitors to water, which is our livelihood, showcases careers in water, and advances the state of the art in water management and policy....”

“ Denver Waters new Water Quality Lab is located there, among other workshops and the Confluence Theater and the Western Daughters Kitchen. And it is free to visit CSU Spur.

Those of you who have read our Faith in Action articles learned that we are studying water as part of the Caring for Creation ELCA Social Statement. For those of you interested in visiting this very interesting complex, they are open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus the 2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Per a flyer, it states “Every 2nd Saturday of the month, visit CSU Spur for family-friendly FUN! Some activities listed are: “play in our Kid’s Mock Vet Clinic and Kid’s Kitchen; watch veterinarians at work; see horses assisting with therapy for people....”

Also, read the Sunday, January 8 front page article on the Colorado River. It is no surprise that Governor Polis declared 2022 the Year of Water. And Faith in Action has also declared 2022 and 2023 the years to study water from the Caring for Creation perspective. (Barbara Kaare-Lopez)

## FAITH IN ACTION PICKS:

### Events:

- See Crucial Conversations Hosted by Abiding Hope Church; this is a 4 week Zoom on “Being an Affirming Community for LGBTQ+ Folks. The Zoom presentation begins on Tuesday February 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. & lasts 4 Tuesdays.
- Faith in Action Book Discussion on *The Water Knife* by Paolo Bacigalupi on Sunday, February 12 at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch.
- Lutheran Day at the Capitol:  
When: Thursday, February 16 from 8 am to 1 pm  
Where: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1600 Grant PLUS Colorado State Capitol Building  
Cost: \$20.00 for full day in person  
To Register: Visit Colorado Lutheran Day at the Capitol info + FAQ

Faith in Action articles compiled by  
Barbara Kaare-Lopez

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**Shauna Skaff**



## ADULT ED HOLY LANDS TOURS

Join Adult Ed beginning January 22 for an immersive journey through 10 key sites of the Bible with Dr. Wayne Stiles and Walking the Bible Lands.

Enjoy a more vibrant relationship with God and deepen your understanding of God's Word by experiencing the Holy Land from wherever you are.

**These tours include:**

**Temple Mount – A Walk Inside and Around God's Holy Place**

**Sepphoris – Why Our Little Lives Matter So Much**

**Timna Valley – Seeing in the Dark with Job**

**Beth-shan – Why the Blessings of God Seem Hard to Hold**

**Valley of Achor – Trading Your Trouble for Triumph**

**Patmos, Greece – Seeing the Second Coming of Christ**

**Ephesus, Turkey – Redeeming the Time**

**Appian Wat, Rome – Walking God's Surprising Path**

**Balm of Giliad, Jordon – Your Help is so Close**

**Mount Sinai, Egypt – Why God's Word Comes First**

*In order to show two locations each Sunday, we will start playing these tours by 9:50 each Sunday morning.*



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