

# December 2019

# TIPS

A Newsletter From  
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come and Worship!*



Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am

Saturday Worship 6pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><u>9 &amp; 10:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>11:30 am</u> Chair Yoga</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>11 am</u> PrimeTimers <u>7:15 pm</u>: AAFH <u>7:30 pm</u> Advent Lessons and Carols</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>7 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>7</p> <p><u>6 pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion</p>
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<p>29</p> <p><u>9:30 am</u> Lessons &amp; Carols <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting</p> <div>IRREGULAR OFFICE HOURS</div>	<p>31</p> 	<p>31</p> <p><u>7:15 pm</u>: AAFH</p>			



# Worship Participants

December 2019

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Reader	Communion Assistants	Coffee Hosts
December 1 Advent 1	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Jeff Riotto Pat Kaplan Craig Beyer Rick Beyer	Colin Loftus Hailey Oosterwyk	Linda O'Sullivan	Intinction	Eleanor Liljegren Barbara Johanson
December 8 Advent 2	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Tom Sajban Alex Banu Dave Taranto Amy Taranto	Jacob Dittmer Joshua Dittmer	Carolyn Russo	Intinction	Valerie & Henry McGrath Janet Lawson
December 15 Advent 3	Nancy Farina Debra Tanis	Marnie Sperling Lindsay Sperling Bob Bartelt Rick Beyer	Caroline Corbett Henry McGrath	Marie Beyer	Intinction	The Wantulas
December 22 Advent 4	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack	Cindy Gaffney Andrew Gaffney Oliva Gaffney Doug Zangrilli	Tricia Kellstrom Tyler Westerberg	Laura Dec	Intinction	Sandy DeRose Mary Stevens
December 24 5:30pm Christmas Eve <i>Eileen Smith, Liturgist</i>	ALL	Justin Oosterwyk Marnie Sperling Lindsay Sperling <b>Need 1 more</b>	Hailey Oosterwyk Ryan Bedi Joshua Dittmer Jacob Dittmer	Lisa Koppenal	Eileen Smith Christine Bedi Ken DeAngelis Deana Fagan Danielle Fernandez	No Coffee
December 24 10:30pm Christmas Eve	ALL	Pat Kaplan <b>Need 3 more</b>	<b>Need 4</b>	Robin Koegel	Lori VanDerStad Nancy Tammi <b>Need 3 more</b>	No Coffee
December 29 Lessons/Carols Christmas 1	Valerie McGrath Lori VanDerStad	Jeff Riotto Craig Beyer Rick Beyer Pat Kaplan	Deana Inciardi <b>Need 1 more</b>	Jen Andersen Mary Laverack Art DeRose Eileen Smith Linda O'Sullivan	Intinction	No Coffee



## From the Pastor

### About “Taking Back Christmas”

It’s been stylish in some circles in recent years to talk about the “war on Christmas.” Some decry the ways in which secular society limits public observances of Christmas, removing nativity scenes from public places and encouraging public figures to say “happy holidays,” rather than “merry Christmas.” I agree that some of the extremes to which we’ll go to avoid offending our non-Christian neighbors seem ridiculous: a decorated evergreen tree is obviously a Christmas tree, rather than a “holiday” tree.

On the other hand, I often find myself saying “happy holidays,” rather than “merry Christmas.” In our pluralistic society, we can’t assume that the people next door are Christian; they may be Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, or nothing at all. When I encounter my Jewish friends in December, I routinely wish them a “happy Hanukah,” and they reply in turn, “merry Christmas.” Moreover, I think “happy holidays” is a wonderfully inclusive greeting. Many of us celebrate more than one holiday in the early winter: Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, New Year’s Day, Epiphany (not to mention a whole string of Christian feast days between December 25 and January 1: St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, 12/26; St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, 12/27; The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, 12/28; and The Name of Jesus, 1/1) cluster around the transition from December to January. Happy Holidays encompasses all of the celebrations we and our neighbors observe as the old year ends and the new one begins. I will happily wish my Christian friends a merry Christmas, my Jewish friends a happy Hanukah, and everyone happy holidays!

In the same way, I’m okay with limiting public seasonal displays to relatively “neutral” symbols. The menorah and Christmas tree are two such examples. While both have religious significance, they’re less expressive than, say, a nativity scene. Churches, parochial schools, religious institutions, as well as Christian families and individuals may freely display religious symbols, but when a municipality displays one, it threatens to violate the Constitution’s non-establishment clause. Of course, I’m not an attorney, so what I say is simply a matter of theologically-informed, reasoned opinion.

While we may argue accurately that Christmas isn't for everyone, it's hard to deny that Christmas has made a huge impact on our secular society. Our economy rises and falls with retail sales in the last months of the year. Holiday parties brighten the darkness of winter, Christmas specials flood the airways, and gift giving is almost universal, whether or not the giver or recipient is Christian. Christmas has almost gotten away from us, and it's no wonder. People need a break from the darkness of winter; they need a reason to celebrate when the earth is cold and bare. Sometimes it seems that our society is more observant of the ancient pagan festival of Saturnalia, which celebrates the lengthening of days with the winter solstice, than it is of Jesus' nativity. Rather than beholding the wondrous generosity of the God who humbled himself and took on human flesh, we emphasize our capacity to spend and celebrate the success of our workaday endeavors.

If we are to reclaim Christmas, we must do so in the spirit of the season, with generosity and great humility. Jesus is God's gift to the world, and Christmas is therefore something to share. We shouldn't force Christmas upon others; rather, we should share its benefits. We give because God gave to us. Rather than celebrating our accomplishments, we acknowledge our helplessness and marvel at God's eagerness to meet us at the depths of our humanity. No matter how much secular society has coopted Christmas, they can't take it away from us. God has taken on human flesh and dwelled among us. Perhaps we Christians should celebrate society's move away from identifying Christmas as their winter holiday, if it means that we who understand the holiday's true meaning may observe the Nativity of our Lord reverently and generously.

Merry Christmas, everyone!



In Jesus' name,

*Robin Mountenay*  
Pastor Robin Mountenay




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12/1	Janet Romaine	12/21	Julia Hayes
12/2	Ryan O'Mealy	12/21	Irene Stumpf
12/3	Craig Beyer	12/21	Carol Labadie
12/5	Ellen Grexa	12/21	Ann Rocko
12/9	Karen Kong	12/22	Alex Banu
12/9	Matthew Stevens	12/22	Roberta Jankiewicz
12/10	Nancy Tammi	12/26	CJ Beyer
12/14	Vincent Venturelli	12/27	Jean Marc
12/15	Taisha Purcel	12/29	Sarah Riotto
12/15	William Muschko	12/30	Lisa Fabian
12/18	Christian Wantula		

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12/2	Raymond & Marie Threlfall
12/23	Barbara & Richard Koegel
12/28	Barbara & Richard Westerberg
12/29	Leonard Smith & Kathryn Jones-Smith

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*Should you be on this list, and you're not??  
 Please email Laurie at [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)  
 or call the office at 973-694-8316!*





## MEMORIALS

Since October 15, 2019, gifts were given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Peter Weinert

Sandra Creathorne, mother of Cindy Cleaver

Memorial funds were used to purchase 5 cases of Eternal light candles.



No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this month, so our paver total stands at 114. The price of a paver is \$300.00. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words “Memorial Garden” on the memo line. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones, or left blank for future engraving. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. See Pat

Winters for further information or assistance. The Memorial Garden is self-supporting; gifts are welcome at all times!

We also welcome contributions to the fund for restoration and enhancement of our Church organ. The work is on-going and should be completed very soon. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words “Organ Repair” on the memo line.



We are grateful to all who have given to the St. Timothy Memorial Funds – the General Memorial Fund, the Music Fund, the George Laubscher Monday Morning Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, the Eternal Light Candle Fund, and the Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – and for the faithful repayments to the loan funds. We welcome additional contributions as we assist families with the high price of college.



## Adult Book Group ~ December 19<sup>th</sup>



We've continue reading *Days of Awe and Wonder* by Marcus J. Borg.

We'll go on to chapter 9 this month. Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 in the morning. We would love to have you join us. We meet in the parlor and Art DeRose is our leader so you know it's a mixture of study and laughter.

Art, Sandy, Nancy, Mary, Le and Barbara

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## Bookworms ~ December 14<sup>th</sup>

We will be meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> at the usual Barnes & Noble coffee shop. Our book selection is *The List Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly. Come and join us for good camaraderie and interesting discussion. We'd love to have you.



December - *The List Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly

January - *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Windgate

Join us any time at the coffee shop in Barnes & Noble on Rt. 46. Happy reading.

Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn,  
Le, Elsie and Barbara

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Don't forget **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock. Beginners and experts welcome. We meet in the church parlor. Come for sharing in our work and helping each other when needed. It's a fun time.





Come join us. There are approximately 8 of us that attend weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Both men and women are welcome, some of us are church members and some are from the community. All are welcome.

We meet in Fellowship hall every week. You may have noticed the chair set up. The cost is \$30 a month. We have a great yoga leader who teaches us in ways to help both body and mind.

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Do you know of a parishioner, family member or friend who is undergoing medical procedures, needs comfort in times of stress, suffering bereavement, during an illness or recovery and would benefit from prayer or meditation from others? The prayer shawl ministry has lovingly

hand knitted and crocheted prayer shawls that are created through a ritual of prayer asking God to answer whatever need the recipient may have, asking Him to bless them and surround them with His love. The softness of the shawl is a reminder of His love as they are surrounded with it. Share it with loved ones, or cuddle with others with it. Please let Pastor Mountenay know of anyone who might be in need of the embrace of a hug and prayers as they go throughout their day.

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December 1	Eleanor Liljegren Barbara Johanson The Kaplans
December 8	The McGraths The Lawsons
December 15	The Wantulas
December 22	Sandy DeRose Mary Stevens
December 29	<b>No Coffee</b>

January 5	Robin Koegel Mary Laverack
January 12	Cliff & Nancy Konnerth
January 19	Laura & Amanda Dec Colleen Duffy
January 26	Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky



Have you noticed the cost of cards and stamps? I'm sure you have. Because of this we are bringing back two St. Timothy traditions:

- 1) We will have a card rack in the narthex. Some of you may remember when we had one. The card rack will have an assortment of cards including sympathy, get well, birthday, etc. for you to use as needed. In return, if you receive cards from charities that you don't use, we would welcome them for the card rack.
- 2) A congregational Christmas card will be displayed at the top of the stairs before you enter the sanctuary (or the narthex). Everyone is invited to write a Christmas wish for fellow members.

Joy to the world! The Savior has come!

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## THANK YOU FROM EVA'S KITCHEN

Once again we saw rising numbers of clients on Stew Sunday. St. Timothy chefs were very generous in their gifts. We had 22 sign-ups but 35 stews. If your name is not on this list, please let me know.



With thanks to our Stew Chefs: Dani Dittmer, Laura Dec, Terri Loftus, Cindy Gaffney, Eileen Smith, Pam Richardson, Lisa Koppenal, Christine Bedi, Barbara Johanson, Ilona Oosterwyk, Nancy Farina, Ann Rocko, Art and Sandy DeRose, The Brassel Family, Carol Neilson, Margot Weinert, Dan, Monica, and Andrew Herasimtschuk, Barbara Tammi, Nancy Tammy, Carolyn Russo, Tricia Kellstrom.

In Jesus Love,  
Eileen Smith



We'll get a new card in 3 to 5 days! Yes, we've been hacked! No VISA – what will I do? Cash~ No, then I'd actually see how much I spend! Can't use Amazon and now my Kindle and Fitbit want new passwords on my phone, how do they know I've been hacked?

Am I stressed? Deep breaths... Thanksgiving is late this year. Only a month after and its Christmas. Will I be ready? Am I joyful? Will I have the decorations up in time? What is wrong with me? Have I forgotten the message of Christmas? Didn't I just buy as a gift, *The True story of Saint Nicholas* by William Bennett? He was a Saint!

When our normal routine is disrupted, how do we react? When you are stressed, what do you do? Do you remind yourself, whatever it is, just has to be "good enough, not perfect"? Isn't "good enough" getting to church for worship? Isn't a phone call to a friend for Christmas more meaningful than writing all those cards? Isn't a candle in the window to await the coming of Christmas even better than any other decoration? Aren't homemade cookies or breads just perfect gifts?

Remember, life doesn't always remain the same, it is constantly changing. With each change is a new gift from God. No VISA Card – what was the message? Pay attention, you may not like it, but it's a wakeup call.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may the true meaning of Jesus' message fill your hearts. Light a candle in the window.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips  
Barbara Westerberg



## Angels Circle

The Angels will meet on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Barbara Kaplan



## Wayne Interfaith Network

Currently WIN is serving 126 clients and their families. Approximately 66 children are served each month. The pantry particularly needs vegetable oil, condiments (regular size), canned fruit, canned meat & fish, canned green beans and personal care items.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be made “in memory of” or “in honor of”. Mail to Wayne Interfaith Network, PO Box 3341, Wayne, NJ 07474-3341.

Thank you for your generosity.

[www.WinFoodPantry.org](http://www.WinFoodPantry.org)



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# Senior Moments

What's an easy way to protect brain health as we age?

Have your hearing checked, and if you need a hearing aid, get one.

While hearing loss may not actually cause dementia, recent studies show that there is a link between the two. Researchers point to 3 possible reasons for this link: 1) When you have to listen very hard to conversations due to hearing loss, your brain becomes overloaded. Power that could be used for other functions, like memory storage, becomes diverted to trying to hear. 2) Studies show that brain structure changes due to hearing loss. The part of the brain that processes sound actually shrinks due to lack of stimulation when you can't hear well. 3) Hearing loss can lead to social isolation which is definitely linked to dementia. Sometimes when we can't hear well we avoid social situations like parties or visits to restaurants where it is noisy.

Studies have shown that improving a person's hearing has led to better performance on memory tests. So ask your doctor to test your hearing, and if friends and family are telling you that you're not hearing well, listen to them. You will not only improve your hearing, you'll be helping your brain.

Liz Koch for the Senior Advisory Team

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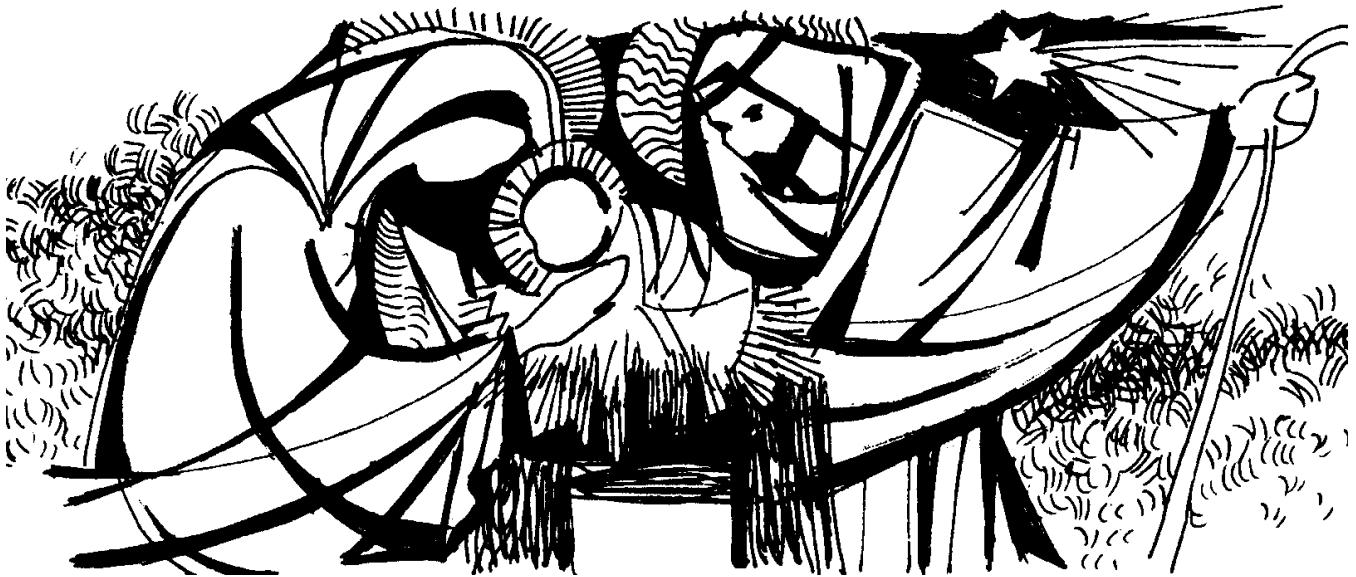


## Prime Timers – December 4<sup>th</sup>

We're looking forward to our annual Christmas lunch. This year we will meet at The Barnyard on Totowa Road at 11:30. It promises to be a fun day. If you prefer to drive with someone, please let Eileen Smith or Laurie Crowley know. We have some drivers able to meet at St. Timothy for the ride to The Barnyard.

As the first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day we are moving Prime Timers a week out. On January 8th Lutheran Social Services will present on the topic of volunteering. Even those of us who find it difficult to get out and do the things we once enjoyed will find ways that they can help their neighbor.





## **Christmas Worship Schedule**

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

*5:30 p.m.*

Family Christmas service  
with children's sermon and Cherub Choir

*10:30 p.m.*

Candlelight Christmas service  
with Alleluia Choir, Bell Choir and instrumentalists

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December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ The First Sunday After Christmas

*9:30 a.m.*

Christmas Lessons and Carols

~ Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services ~

*Please note:    No 6:00pm Saturday Service 12/28.  
                          No Sunday School 12/29.*



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Consider honoring a birthday, anniversary, baptism, marriage, or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring flowers for worship. You are invited to celebrate and remember the special people and occasions in your own life, and in the life of the church. We purchase two bouquets each week and you may sponsor one or two bouquets for the sanctuary at **\$25 each**. To reserve a Sunday, you may sign up on the poster in the hallway near the elevator. The 2020 flower chart will go up on **December 8th**. Please indicate the person whom you are honoring or remembering with your gift and, if you would like, your relationship to that person. Checks should be made payable to St. Timothy - Flowers. We only place two bouquets per Sunday on the altar, so we ask that if your date is already filled, you consider sponsoring the closest available date. You may take the flowers home after the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.



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## ETERNAL LIGHT



Another way to celebrate and remember the special people in your life is to sponsor the eternal light. You may make a donation to the Eternal Light Fund, either in memory of a loved one or in honor of friends, family, or a special occasion. The donation for an eternal light is **\$5.00** and we ask that we have one sponsor per Sunday. There is a poster in the hallway near the elevator where you can sign up to sponsor an eternal light. Please indicate the person whom you are honoring or remembering. Please make your check out to St. Timothy Lutheran Church and write, "Eternal Light" in the memo line.

The 2020 list will be available **December 8th**.

Your gift will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin and your loved ones will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful on the Sunday that you have designated.

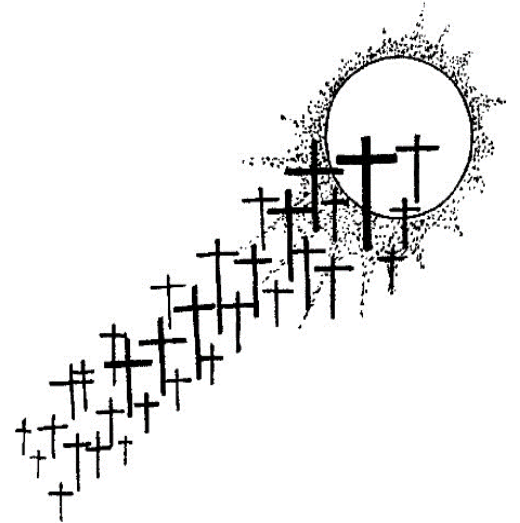
*At the Commemoration of the Faithful on All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019, we remembered with love and affection these St. Timothy members, beloved relatives, and dear friends who went to the Lord within the past year:*

St. Timothy members and former members:

- + Doris Sager
- + Carol Cleaver
- + John C. Liljegren
- + Dorothy Vasilenko, former member
- + Peter Weinert, former member

Beloved relatives and friends:

- + Connie Greuters, sister of Doug Zangrilli
- + Donald Hamm, husband of Alice Hamm
- + Morton Bates, father of Debra Mountenay
- + Sandra Creathorne, mother of Cindy Cleaver
- + Glenda Farrell, dear friend of Ellen Grexa
- + Robert Conway, friend of the Dec family
- + John Arvila, brother-in-law of Stu Anderson
- + Lindsey Nigro, friend of Sarah Riotto
- + Margaret Boland, mother of Marcia Schloesser
- + John Spanedda, great-grandfather of Samantha and Jackson Scillieri



*We remembered also many loved members, relatives and friends who went to the Lord in years past.*

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
And may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they and all the faithful departed  
Through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



## *Sunday School News*

Advent time is here again at St. Timothy. Each of the four Sundays a member of the 9am service will assist in lighting the Advent Wreath. And, the Children's Sermons will be Bible stories at the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is the Advent Tree of hope and expectation. The children will be given ornaments to color that relate to the stories and hang up on the Jesse Tree. After the story they will go to class to learn more about the Birth of Jesus.

Happy Birthday Jesus! A special Birthday Party is happening on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. After a short class lesson all will meet at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall to enjoy the reading of the Nativity Story, crafts, games and cupcakes to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Parents are also invited to enjoy all the fun too.

The Christian Education Committee wishes everyone a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

In His Name,  
Laura Dec

### **Dates to Remember:**

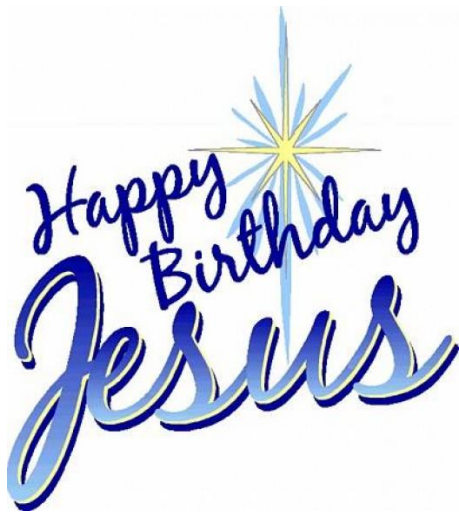
Dec. 1 – Advent begins

Dec. 15 – Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Dec. 22 – Party Snow Date

Dec. 29 – **No** Sunday School or 9am Service

Jan. 5 – Sunday School Resumes and 9am Service



**Sunday School**  
**Happy Birthday Jesus Party**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**  
**Snow date: December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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Please join us as we decorate  
the church for the Advent season

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm**

*Bring a dessert to share and a beverage  
of your choice for afterward!*



**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7:30 pm**

*Once again, we will gather to hear the  
prophecies of old and sing the beautiful  
carols of Advent as we await the birth of  
our Savior. Please join us for this beautiful  
service.*

Catechism students: *Attendance at this service is counted toward the required  
church attendance.*



Congratulations to Carol Cook for winning St. Timothy's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Good Steward Award. The award is given to the member of St. Timothy who best exemplifies the Christian standards of stewardship in the use of time, talents and treasure. Carol has

been a member of St. Timothy for more than 60 years. She's active in many aspects of ministry, including Women of the ELCA (Miriam Circle and WELCA board), Heart n' Hands Mission, gardening, and Wayne Interfaith Network (she served as WIN's president for 16 years!). Carol is a member of St. Timothy's Outreach Committee, often provides ride for members of the congregation who are unable to drive and, in past years, she taught Sunday School. Carol Cook is a tireless worker, and can be found working around the church on a wide variety projects. She truly is a good steward. Well done, good and faithful servant!

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## Angel Gifts under the Jesse Tree



Please grab a name or 2 from the basket in the Narthex (tear off the contact info portion and leave in can) and purchase a **gift of clothing** to support the children affiliated with the Center for Family Resources, the

home of the upper Passaic County Head Start program. Bring it back to the church and place the wrapped gift with the name attached under the Jesse tree (*feel free to leave in the back right corner of chancel where the Jesse Tree is placed prior to the start of Advent*). **Please return gifts by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks as always for your support! Contact Karen Sajban with any questions (973-229-4624).



## DECEMBER LECTIONARY

<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	<b>Matthew 24:36-44</b>
Monday, December 2	Genesis 8:1-19	Romans 6:1-11	Psalms 124
Tuesday, December 3	Genesis 9:1-17	Hebrews 11:32-40	Psalms 124
Wednesday, December 4	Isaiah 54:1-10	Matthew 24:23-35	Psalms 124
Thursday, December 5	Isaiah 4:2-6	Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Friday, December 6	Isaiah 30:19-26	Acts 13:16-25	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Saturday, December 7	Isaiah 40:1-11	John 1:19-28	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-10</b>	<b>Romans 15:4-13</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>
Monday, December 9	Isaiah 24:1-16a	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Psalms 21
Tuesday, December 10	Isaiah 41:14-20	Romans 15:14-21	Psalms 21
Wednesday, December 11	Genesis 15:1-18	Matthew 12:33-37	Psalms 21
Thursday, December 12	Ruth 1:6-18 2	Peter 3:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10
Friday, December 13	Ruth 4:13-17 2	Peter 3:11-18	Psalms 146:5-10
Saturday, December 14	1 Samuel 2:1-8	Luke 3:1-18	Psalms 146:5-10
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:1-10</b>	<b>James 5:7-10</b>	<b>Matthew 11:2-11</b>
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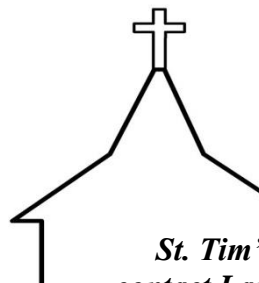
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