

January 2020

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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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 7 pm AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	4 6 pm Worship with Holy Communion
5 9 & 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	6 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30 am HHM Sorting 	7 11:30 am Chair Yoga	8 11 am PrimeTimers 7:15 pm: AAFH	9	10 7 pm AAFH	11 9:30 am Bookworms 6 pm Worship with Holy Communion 
12 9 & 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 	13 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30 am HHM Sorting	14 11:30 am Chair Yoga 7:30 pm Council Meeting	15 12 Noon Miriam Circle 7:15 pm: AAFH 	16 10:30 am Adult Book Group	17 7 pm AAFH	18 6 pm Worship with Holy Communion <i>Confession of Peter</i>
19 9 & 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	20 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30 am HHM Sorting  <i>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</i>	21 10:15 am Atrium Hymn Sing 11:30 am Chair Yoga 1pm Knitting 7pm CEC Meeting	22 10 am Angel Circle 7:15 pm: AAFH	23	24 7 pm AAFH	25 6 pm Worship with Holy Communion <i>Conversion of Paul</i>
26 9 & 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	27 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30 am HHM Sorting	28 11:30 am Chair Yoga	29 7:15 pm: AAFH	30	31 7 pm AAFH	



Worship Participants

January 2020

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Reader	Communion Assistants	Coffee Hosts
January 5 2 Christmas	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Lofus	Alex Banu Dave Taranto Amy Taranto Tom Sajban	Coline Loftus William Koppenal	Jeff O'Sullivan	n/a	Robin Koegel Mary Laverack
January 12 Bapt of our Lord	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Marnie Sperling Lindsay Sperling Bob Bartelt Rick Beyer	Bryan Lawson Erik Lawson Ava Serventi Hailey Oostewyk	Bob Davidson	n/a	Cliff & Nancy Konnerth
January 19 Epiphany 2	Nancy Farina Debra Tanis	Doug Zangrilli Cindy Gaffney Andrew Gaffney Olivia Gaffney	Jacob Dittmer Joshua Dittmer	Danielle Dittmer	n/a	Laura Dec Amanda Dec Colleen Duffy
January 26 Epiphany 3	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack	Craig Beyer Rick Beyer Jeff Riotto Pat Kaplan	Henry McGrath Caroline Corbett	Robin Koegel	n/a	Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky

From the Pastor

Thoughts on the New Year

It's hard for me to believe that I'm entering my 8th decade. I'm not saying that I'm 80 years old (not yet!), but, as of January 1, 2020, I will have lived in 8 decades. Since our congregation was founded in the same decade as my birth, it stands to reason that St. Timothy is likewise entering its 8th decade. I'm pleased to say that the church is aging rather well – maybe better than I am! We've welcomed new adult members to our congregation in the past year, and our run on baptisms continues into 2020. Our Sunday School is well-attended, and worship attendance has been good too (though there's always room for improvement). Even though we're a growing and active congregation, we need your support to continue to thrive. If you're thinking about New Year's resolutions, why not consider ways of supporting your church home?

Possible resolutions:

- 1) We need volunteers to count weekend offerings! The counting ranks are thinning, since some of our folks have been counting offerings for more than 50 years! Offerings are counted and deposited immediately after the 10:30 service (though holiday offerings are often counted on a weekday following the feast). Most counters volunteer on a once a month schedule, but other arrangements are possible. If you're good with figures, please talk to Carl Johnson.
- 2) St. Timothy has a rich musical heritage, but the choir has shrunk over the years. Part of the problem is the increased popularity of the spoken services, but our 10:30 service is still well-attended. We hear many excellent singing voices coming from places other than the choir loft on Sunday mornings. Even if you're not able to commit to singing in the choir each week, please speak to Caroline Parody if you'd like to lend your voice. And remember, you don't read music to sing or play hand bells!
- 3) Altar guild is another ministry of St. Timothy that's staffed with some long-time veteran. Now that we're communing by intinction most weeks, setting up for communion is relatively easy and can be done in just a few minutes. Other altar guild jobs involve changing paraments (the colored altar hangings)

when the seasons change, washing and pressing altar linens, laundering acolyte robes, and decorating for holidays. Although women have traditionally staffed the altar guild, there's no reason why men can't be part of it as well. Please talk to Valerie McGrath if you'd like to help.

- 4) Our facilities are in constant need of maintenance and upkeep, and our ranks of property volunteers have been thinning. While retirees have traditionally taken care of our property (Monday Morning Crew and the Gardening Group), there's always something that could be done after work, evenings, or Saturdays. We've recently had several additions to the Monday Morning Crew, and more are always welcome. If you're interested in gardening, please talk to Carol Cook. If you'd like to join the Monday Morning Crew, Bill Mains, Carl Johnson, or Robert Andersen would love to hear from you. If you'd like to volunteer for other property work, Tony DeStefano is your guy.
- 5) Heart n' Hands Mission is a wonderful ministry of St. Timothy that provides clothing and other essentials for the urban poor and homeless of North Jersey. H&H sorts clothing most Monday mornings, as well as on the first Tuesday evening of each month. In addition, they hold days of service several times during the year, either on Saturdays or Monday holidays. If you have any questions about H&H or would like to help out, please talk to Barbara Kaplan or Bob or Cathe Davidson. Heart n' Hands also welcomes donations of new or lightly worn clothing, travel size toiletries, and monetary gifts.
- 6) Our congregational committees -- Christian Education; Worship; Stewardship; Finance; Mutual Ministry; Facilities / Property -- are always looking for support. Would you like to serve on a committee? Talk to me, and I'll connect you with the right person.

Obviously, there are many other areas of ministry at St. Timothy; these are just a few. Please prayerfully consider how best to serve God and his people. St. Paul says that the church is the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27) and we are individually members of it. Each member is given particular spiritual gifts -- talents -- and God invites us to use them in service to the Kingdom. Have a happy, blessed, and faithful New Year!

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Robin Mountenay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R. Robin" and the last name "Mountenay" clearly distinguishable.

Pastor Robin Mountenay



1/2	Elsie McKenzie	1/16	Deborah Andersen
1/3	Tanner Purcel	1/17	Edward A. Cleaver
1/4	Nancy VanHorn	1/18	Mark Tietjen
1/6	Brandon Kratky	1/23	Barbara Westerberg
1/8	Robert Kratky	1/24	Joseph Mikutta
1/10	Melissa Pardalis	1/25	Lori Van Der Stad
1/10	Robert McHugh	1/26	Ethan DeRose-Travia
1/12	Kaylee Tango	1/27	Leonard Smith
1/14	Andrew Koppenal	1/29	Scott McGrath
1/15	Danielle Dittmer		



1/12	Clifford & Nancy Konnerth
1/24	Elizabeth & John Koch

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



Since November 15, 2019, a gift was given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Peg Boland, mother of Marcia Schloesser

During this month, Memorial funds were used for five items, completing our set of beautiful new communion ware: a Galilee chalice and paten set of silver plate, gold lined; a second Galilee chalice, also silver plate, gold lined; and two 7" x 7" embroidered palls to cover the chalices and protect consecrated wine. Last month, the first vessel in the set arrived: a Galilee ciborium, silver plate, gold lined, which can hold 270 Communion hosts. The new communion ware was dedicated on December 22nd.



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 ~ January 16th



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

We'll go on to chapter 10 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

Bookworms ~ January 11th

We will be meeting January 11th at the usual Barnes & Noble coffee shop. Our book selection is *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Windgate. Come and join us for good camaraderie and interesting discussion. We'd love to have you.



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

Don't forget **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, January 21st 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.



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.



January 5	Robin Koegel Mary Laverack	February 2	The Fabians
January 12	Cliff & Nancy Konnerth	February 9	<u>Knitters and Crocheters</u>
January 19	Laura & Amanda Dec Colleen Duffy	February 16	Barbara Westerberg
January 26	Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky	February 23	Karen Vogt
			The Herasimtschuks
			<u>WIN</u>
			LoriVanDerStad
			Carol Cook



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!

Women of the ELCA Winter Happenings

In January, WELCA will be doing care packages for military & college students living away from home; please give those names to Terri Loftus. WELCA will be looking for cookies bakers to bake for the care packages.



SUPER BOWL

WELCA will be hosting the Super Bowl Challenge for WIN later in the month of January.



A friend of mine, who is Jewish, sent me a blurb about an another attack on a Jewish person on the N. Y. subway. What is happening in our society? Where does this hate come from? What are hateful people afraid of? How can we help change this?

Those of you who know me know my mind jumps from one idea to another... It's never quiet. I thought of this blurb called "The Dash" and so I'll quote it here:

"I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the date on her tombstone from the beginning... to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters most is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives... like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?" By Linda Ellis.

I jump now to standing up for what we know is right and against such awful prejudice. When we help others, we help ourselves and our world!

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips
Barbara Westerberg



Angels Circle

The Angels will meet on January 22nd, weather permitting.

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 canned fruit, canned meat & fish, Chef-boyardee products, canned chili, peanut butter and jelly, personal care items & pasta sauce.

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



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Senior Moments

When one considers the history of a congregation one must stop and give thanks for the seniors in the congregation, men and women who volunteered tirelessly in the ministry of the church. As we age, some seniors need to lessen, even stop, their volunteer activities. So often one hears the sentiment of a sense of wistfulness, a sense of wishing they could do what they did in middle age.

Volunteering may be one of the most fun and meaningful activities you do as a senior. You can get out of the house, meet new people, and make a difference in your community. Volunteers at senior homes might play games, make crafts, or swap stories with the residents. Libraries, museums, thrift stores, and soup kitchens also rely on volunteers in order to operate. Plus, many cities have foster grandparent programs in which you get to spend time with at-risk youth who need positive role models in their lives. Additionally, Senior Corps (seniorcorps.com) is a government agency that links seniors with community volunteer opportunities. Of course right here at St. Timothy there are many ways seniors can still serve. 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. We look forward to seeing you on January 8th to learn more about senior volunteering.

Eileen Smith for the Senior Advisory Team



PRIME TIMERS • JANUARY 8 • 11 AM-1 PM
PRESENTER IS LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

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. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide dessert and a beverage.



Happy Birthday Jesus! A special Birthday Party was celebrated on Sunday December 15th. All Sunday School children, parents and teachers met in Fellowship Hall after a short class lesson. The children had a lot of fun playing “pass the gift” game while Debbie Mountenay read the Nativity Story. They made Mangers and Stars out of popsicle sticks and Candy Canes out of beads and even played a “Snow” game with mini marshmallows. Our Catechism class helped out with the activities and enjoyed in the fun too. Cupcakes with candles and singing “Happy Birthday to Jesus” wrapped up the fun party. Thank you to Cindy Cleaver for making the party a hit! Everyone had a fun time.

In His Name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 5 – Sunday School Resumes and 9am Service

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 10 – Good Friday

April 12 – Easter – **No** Sunday School

JANUARY LECTIONARY

Wednesday, January 1	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Thursday, January 2	Genesis 12:1-7	Hebrews 11:1-12	Psalms 72
Friday, January 3	Genesis 28:10-22	Hebrews 11:13-22	Psalms 72
Saturday, January 4	Exodus 3:1-5	Hebrews 11:23-31	Psalms 72
Sunday, January 5	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9], 10-18
<i>Monday, January 6</i>	<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i>	<i>Ephesians 3:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
Tuesday, January 7	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalms 72
Wednesday, January 8	1 Kings 10:14-25	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16	Psalms 72
Thursday, January 9	1 Samuel 3:1-9	Acts 9:1-9	Psalms 29
Friday, January 10	1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a	Acts 9:10-19a	Psalms 29
Saturday, January 11	1 Samuel 7:3-17	Acts 9:19b-31	Psalms 29
Sunday, January 12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Monday, January 13	Genesis 35:1-15	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 89: 5-37
Tuesday, January 14	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 8:4-13	Psalms 89: 5-37
Wednesday, January 15	Isaiah 51:1-16	Matthew 12:15-21	Psalms 89: 5-37
Thursday, January 16	Isaiah 22:15-25	Galatians 1:6-12	Psalms 40:1-11
Friday, January 17	Genesis 27:30-38	Acts 1:1-5	Psalms 40:1-11
<i>Saturday, January 18</i>	<i>Acts 4:8-13</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 10:1-5</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>
Sunday, January 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Monday, January 20	Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28	Acts 8:26-40	Psalms 40:6-17
Tuesday, January 21	Isaiah 53:1-12	Hebrews 10:1-4	Psalms 40:6-17
Wednesday, January 22	Isaiah 48:12-21	Matthew 9:14-17	Psalms 40:6-17
Thursday, January 23	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 1:11-24	Psalms 27:1-6
Friday, January 24	1 Samuel 9:27—10:8	Galatians 2:1-10	Psalms 27:1-6
<i>Saturday, January 25</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-22</i>	<i>Galatians 1:11-24</i>	<i>Luke 21:10-19</i>
Sunday, January 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Monday, January 27	Judges 6:66-24	Ephesians 5:6-14	Psalms 27:7-14
Tuesday, January 28	Judges 7:12-22	Philippians 2:12-18	Psalms 27:7-14
Wednesday, January 29	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26	Luke 1:67-79	Psalms 27:7-14
Thursday, January 30	Deuteronomy 16:18- 20	1 Peter 3:8-12	Psalms 15
Friday, January 31	Deuteronomy 24:17- 25:4	1 Timothy 5:17-24	Psalms 15

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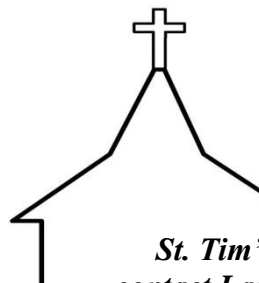
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