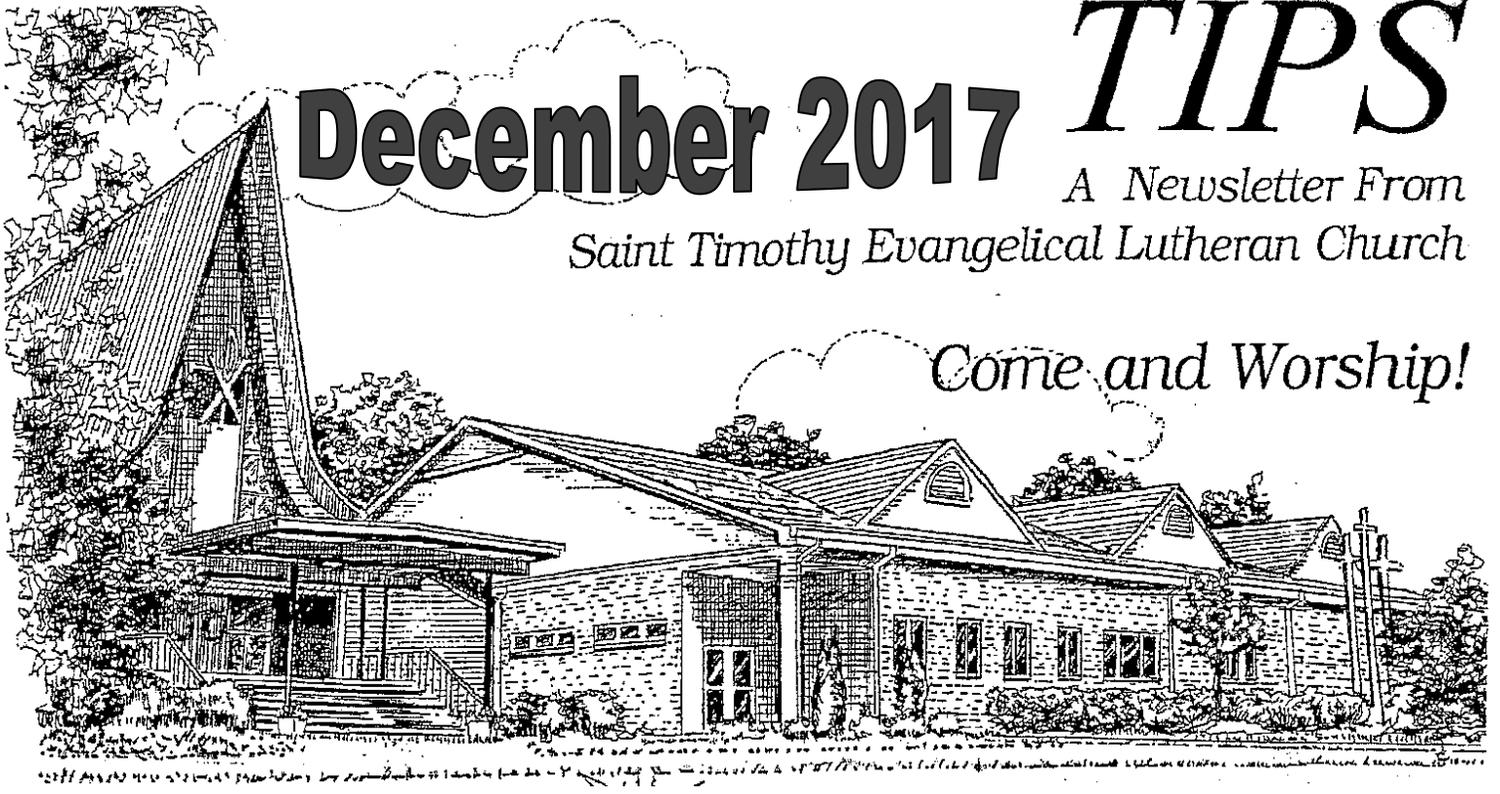


December 2017

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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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AAFH(AA in Fellowship Hall)	2 <u>6pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
3 <u>9 & 10:30am</u> Worship with Holy Communion HHM Fundraiser Jazz Concert 	4 <u>9am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>10am</u> HHM Sorting <u>7 pm</u> WELCA Board	5 <u>11:30am</u> Chair Yoga <u>7 pm</u> Adult Evening	6 <u>11am</u> PrimeTimers <u>7:30 pm</u> Jubilate Handbells	7 <u>7:30 pm</u> Alleluia Choir	8 AAFH	9 <u>9:30am</u> Bookworms  <u>6pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
10 <u>9 & 10:30am</u> Worship with Holy Communion 	11 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>10am</u> HHM Sorting	12 <u>11:30am</u> Chair Yoga <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	13 <u>10am</u> Angel Circle <u>12 Noon</u> Miriam Circle <u>7:30 pm</u> Jubilate Handbells	14 <u>7:30 pm</u> Alleluia Choir	15 AAFH 	16 <u>6pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
17 <u>9 & 10:30am</u> Worship with Holy Communion	18 <u>9am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>10am</u> HHM Sorting	19 <u>11:30am</u> Chair Yoga <u>1pm</u> Knitting <u>7:00 pm</u> CEC Meeting	20 <u>7:30 pm</u> Jubilate Handbells	21 <u>7:30 pm</u> Alleluia Choir 	22 AAFH	23 <u>6pm</u> No Service
24 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday School <u>5:30 & 10:30 pm</u> Christmas Eve Services ----- 31 <u>9:30am</u> Lessons & Carols No Sunday School	25  Merry Christmas!	26 <u>10:15am</u> Atrium Hymn Sing <u>11:30am</u> Chair Yoga	27 <u>7:30 pm</u> Jubilate Handbells	28 <u>7:30 pm</u> Alleluia Choir	29 AAFH	30 <u>6pm</u> No Service
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">IRREGULAR OFFICE HOURS</div>						

Worship Participants

December 2017

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Reader	Communion Assistants	Coffee Hosts
December 3 Advent 1	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Bob Bartelt Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto Bill Monsees	Colin Loftus Gabrielle Dittmer	Danielle Dittmer	Amy Taranto Dave Taranto	<u>Angel Gifts</u> Karen Sajban Pat Spardel
December 10 Advent 2	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack	Bob Bartelt Tom Sajban Craig Beyer Rick Beyer	Tyler Westerberg Ava Serventi	Jennifer Andersen	Carl Johnson Alice Huizinga	The Wantulas
December 17 Advent 3	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Bob Bartelt Tom Sajban Chris Taranto Dave Taranto	Andrew Gaffney Olivia Gaffney	Carolyn Russo	Cindy Gaffney Lori VanDerStad	Sandy DeRose Dolores Monsees
December 24 9:30 am Advent 4	Lori VanDerStad Lisa Fabian	Bob Bartelt Tom Sajban Rich Wantula Christian Wantula	Hailey Oosterwyk	Ilona Oosterwyk	Justin Oosterwyk	No Coffee
December 24 5:30 pm Christmas Eve <i>Eileen Smith, Liturgist</i>	ALL	Tom Sajban Eric Sajban Need 2 More	Adam O'Mealy Ryan O'Mealy Erik Lawson Bryan Lawson	Charlie Purcel	Samantha Sajban Jaclyn Sajban Jennifer Andersen Debbie Andersen Eileen Smith	No Coffee
December 24 10:30 pm Christmas Eve <i>Eileen Smith, Liturgist</i>	ALL	Rick Beyer CJ Beyer Rich Wantula Christian Wantula	Henry McGrath Need 3 More		Craig Beyer Carly Beyer Eileen Smith Need 2 More	No Coffee
December 31 Lessons/Carols Christmas 1	n/a	Tom Sajban Bob Bartelt Marnie Sperling Lindsay Sperling	Jacob Dittmer	Pastor Robin Koegel Eileen Smith Lori VanDerStad Need 1 More	Intinction	<u>ELCA World</u> <u>Hunger Appeal</u> Robin Koegel Mary Laverack

From the Pastor

Wake Up!

While doing some banking at the Valley Brook branch of Atlantic Stewardship Bank this morning, I heard “The Little Drummer Boy” playing over the sound system. Although it’s two days before Thanksgiving as I write this, the season for Christmas music has arrived, at least in the secular or, more accurately perhaps, “civilly religious” world. I’ve often stated that some of my favorite hymns of the church year are Advent hymns. Before I’m ready to sing or listen to much-beloved (and not so well-liked) Christmas carols, I need my annual dose of Advent hymns.

As I look through our hymnal, there is so much Advent music that fills my head and heart with expectation: Charles Coffin’s “Advent of Our God” (LBW 22) and “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” (LBW 36); the ancient “O Come Emanuel” (LBW 34); Samuel Wesley’s majestic “Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending” (LBW 27); the haunting “The King Shall Come”; the stirring “People Look East” (WOV 626). The list goes on. There’s something about Advent hymns – words and music – that evokes anticipation in me. My absolute favorite Advent hymn is known in German as *Wachet Auf* (Wake Up!) and in English as “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (LBW 31).

As you might expect from a favorite of mine, Wake, Awake is a 16th century German chorale. It was written by – surprise, surprise – a Lutheran pastor, Philipp Nicolai, who also wrote an Epiphany masterpiece, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” (*Wie Schon Leuchtet*, LBW 76). The hymn is rife with biblical references, most notably Matthew 25:1-13, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, but also Revelation 19:6-9 and 21:6, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Isaiah 52:8, and Ezekiel 3:17. All of these passages are apocalyptic – promises and visions of the end time. The words, combined with Pr. Nicolai’s moving tune, are fraught with anticipation. 133 years later, Johann Sebastian Bach was so taken with the hymn that it became the basis of his Cantata 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*.

As we saw last month with Martin Rinkart's "Now Thank We All Our God," great hymns are often born of suffering. Nicolai was a staunch Lutheran and often found himself in conflict with neighboring Catholics or Calvinists, depending on the location of his various pastorates. While serving a church in the city of Unna in Westphalia, he feuded with local Calvinists and endured a plague epidemic. During this time he wrote *Frewden-Spiegel dess ewigen Lebens* (Mirror of Joy of the Life Everlasting), a collection of hymns, of which Wake, Awake and O Morning Star were two. His purpose in writing this collection was "to leave behind me (if God should call me from this world) as a token of my peaceful, joyful Christian departure, or (if God should spare me in health) to comfort other sufferers whom He should also visit with the pestilence...."

While Nicolai's goals in writing this hymn may seem lofty, I would argue that he succeeds. Singing Wake, Awake is an exercise in faith – shall we call it catechetical calisthenics? Singing great hymns not only allows us to describe our faith in song, it also strengthens and emboldens our faith. The hymnist has put into words what is in our hearts and minds, and our singing reinforces what is there. I hope you'll sing with the hope, joy, and anticipation of Pastor Nicolai as you sing *Wachet Auf* and other Advent hymns this season. I also hope you'll consider the way they prepare us for singing the joyous Christmas carols we all know and love.

As Pastors Nicolai and Rinkart demonstrated so movingly, life's challenges and tragedies can actually increase our faith and strengthen our hope. Wake from your winter slumbers – Christ is coming! I pray that you and yours have a hopeful Advent and a joyous Christmas!

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Robin Mountenay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Robin Mountenay



12/1 Janet Romaine	12/21 Irene Stumpf
12/2 Ryan O'Mealy	12/21 Carol Labadie
12/3 Craig Beyer	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 Doris Sager
12/15 William Muschko	12/29 Sarah Riotto
12/18 Christian Wantula	12/30 Lisa Fabian
12/21 Julia Hayes	



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

*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!*



MEMORIALS

Since October 15, 2017, gifts were given to the General Memorial Fund:

in thanksgiving for 500 years of Lutheran pastors, most especially Pastor Mountenay and in honor of the 90th Birthday of Joe Suarez.

During this month, memorial funds have been used for partial payment of the organ restoration work.



No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this month, so our paver total stands at 112.

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. Please 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 and Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – and for the faithful loan repayments. We welcome additional contributions to these Funds, that we may continue to assist families with the high price of college.

Adult Evening Class ~ December 5th



We continue reading *The Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus J. Borg. We will read Chapter 4 for our December Meeting. This is a good time to join us.

Our discussions are lively and very thought provoking. Join us for 2 hours of discussion and laughter, You don't know what you are missing.

Carol, Art, Sandy, Dolores,
Le, Pat, Nancy, and Barbara

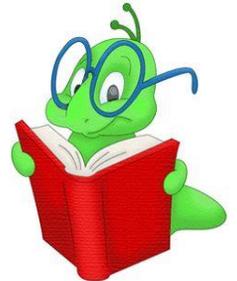
Bookworms ~ December 9th

We meet at Barnes & Noble on the 2nd Saturday each month. Our next meeting date is December 9th at 9:30 am. Here is our reading schedule for the coming months:

December – *The Secret Sense of Wildflower* by Susan Gabriel

January – *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

Colleen, Pat, Nancy, Le, Dolores,
Carolyn, Elsie and Barbara



Wayne Interfaith Network



Thank you Monday Morning Crew for setting up the tables for WIN to collect and pack the many Thanksgiving Baskets.

Items needed for the the WIN Food Pantry are canned fruits, canned corn, tuna and bar soap. Paper products are well supplied.

Thank you for your generosity.

www.WinFoodPantry.org

PRIME TIMERS
St. Nicholas Day Brunch
December 6th

Meet at the Village Inn at 11 a.m.
for our annual Christmas Brunch

Please sign up on the
Happenings Bulletin Board
\$24 per person may be
remitted to Laurie Crowley

Join together for an early
celebration of Christmas
with a fun brunch!

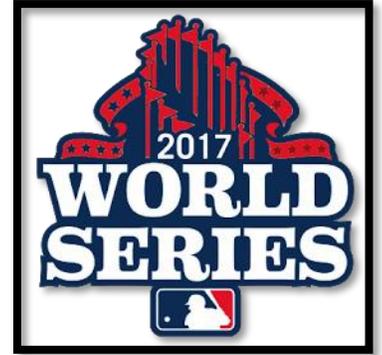
December 6, 11 a.m
The Village Inn



December 3	<u>Angel Gifts</u> Karen Sajban Pat Spardel	January 7	Monica Herasimtschuck Karen Sajban
December 10	The Wantulas	January 14	Carol Neilson Carolyn Russo
December 17	Sandy DeRose Dolores Monsees	January 21	Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky
December 24	No Coffee	January 28	The Fabians
December 31	<u>ELCA World Hunger</u> Robin Koegel Mary Laverack		

Women ^{of the} ELCA Happenings

WELCA would like to thank everyone who participated in the World Series challenge to help the WIN food pantry. St. Timothy can pick a winner in baseball, 47 food items for Houston Astros & 6 food items for LA Dodgers. WELCA again will be doing the Super Bowl challenge in January/February to help the WIN food pantry & let us hope St. Timothy can pick a winner in 2018.



Another big thank you to all who contributed hats, socks, sweat/T shirts to Seafarers International. The elves that packed the Christmas bags & delivered them to New York another thank you to them. Ho ho ho. After those many long months away from family & friends, your donations will bring a little bit of caring to these Seafarers... They really do appreciate being thought of during the Christmas season.

WELCA will be assembling care packages for military & college students that are not living at home the beginning of February. Please give their name & address to Teri Loftus starting in January.

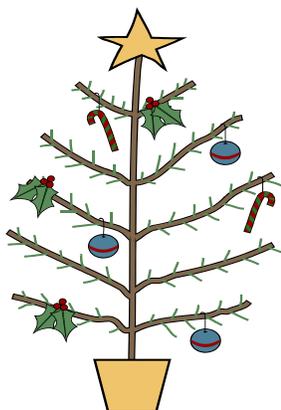




Dear members,

With our pending 60th Anniversary celebration, we are in the process of creating an online member directory on the St. Timothy public website . It is our hope that this directory will allow our members to connect easily, while celebrating our growing St. Timothy family. This password protected section of our site will allow members to enter their information and photo, if you choose to. We will keep you posted on the launch of this exciting tool over the next few weeks.

St Timothy Communications Committee



Under the Jesse Tree

This Advent season our children will be learning the meanings of Advent symbols in Sunday School and have an opportunity to color the ornaments to hang on the Jesse tree. We will also be placing gifts under the tree for children in need.

Our **Jesse Tree** gifts this year will be for children in need of clothing. There will be a basket with the names, ages, and sizes of children affiliated with the **Center for Family Resources**, the home of the upper Passaic County Head Start program, some of whom meet at St. Timothy every other Wednesday. There will also be a can to place the **attached portion with your name and phone number.**

We will have names and pertinent information available starting November 18th and 19th. Please take a name and buy a gift for the child named. Bring it back to the church and place the wrapped gift with the name attached under the Jesse tree. It will be delivered to children in time for Christmas day. To make sure all gifts are ready to be delivered, the deadline will be **Sunday, December 18th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Jesse Tree gift program. Please contact Pat Spardel (973-694-8219) or patch1103@aol.com) with any questions.



"All men wonder to see water turned into wine. Every day the earth's moisture, being drawn into the...vine, is turned by the grape into wine, and no man wonders. Gregory the Great from A Continual Feast by Jan Karon.

Your journal sentence is: The wonders I see in the world are.....

I'm still thinking of the Reformation. One of the things Luther taught is "We sin in everything we do because everything we do is inspired by selfishness. The best we can do is sin bravely-confess we are sinning in all we do and yet seek to do Gods will anyway." August Living Lutheran, page24.

In this busy, hectic time it is important that we find time to read. Not only is it an escape but it is a way to engage. We must protect this right.

You can drink too much water. Drink when you are thirsty. Men should drink about 13 cups of water a day and women about nine. That's including all types of non-alcohol liquids.

I read that if you want to remember your dreams you should say out loud, "I'm going to remember my dreams" three times before you go to sleep. Let me know if it works.

As the heat is now used in the house our nose can become dry. Try a nasal saline solution spray twice a day or use a cotton swab to apply a thin coat of petroleum jelly inside the nostrils.

Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple come, Raise the song of harvest-home. Amen

Common Service Book, The United Lutheran Church in America, 1917.

Deacon's Reformation Quiz:

Last Month's Question: According to Romans, we are justified by: (B) grace

My wishes for a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips

Angels Circle



The Angels will meet on December 13th.

We will finish working on the Christmas quilts that are being donated to the Atrium.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Barbara Kaplan



Kathy Knittel's new holiday CD, *A Songbird's Christmas*, will be released by Thanksgiving. She has been collaborating with longtime friend and artist/arranger Joan Bujacich, and the CD also includes melodious tones by acclaimed guitarist, Joe Bilotti. The arrangements range from Kathy's vocals being accompanied by hypnotic acoustic guitar to full festive ensemble instrumentation with piano, strings, percussion and harmonies. It is a magical collaboration.

The tracks include the songs: *Mary Did You Know, Do You Hear What I Hear, Toyland, Joy To The World, White Christmas, Aspenglow, 'Til The Season Comes 'Round Again, Night Of Silence/Silent Night, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, and That's What God Looks Like.* *A Songbird's Christmas* will be available to purchase and download through all the major digital distribution companies including iTunes, Rhapsody, Spotify, Amazon, CDBaby and Joanbujacich.com. I hope these songs bring peace and joy to your Christmas season.



Heart 'n Hands Mission

As we enter the Season of Advent, we thank you all for your support, your gifts, your commitment, and your tireless efforts to help us deliver comfort and joy to those in need. We are witnesses every month to the truth that no gesture is too small, no good deed goes unnoticed, and help comes in many ways and many forms.

Merry Christmas from all of the volunteers at Heart 'n Hands Mission!

Youth Report

What's Happening?

Here are some dates you can put on your calendar now:

From our very own New Jersey Synod of the ELCA:

- Feb 9-11 Winter Youth Assembly Retreat (High School)



Remember kids it's God's Work, Our Hands! Thank you, St. Timothy, for your support of the youth of our congregation.

In His Name,
Hannah, Christian and Cliff





Congratulations to our 2017 Good Steward Award recipient, William A. Monsees. It's fitting that Bill receive the award on its tenth anniversary, because his wife of 67 years, Dolores, received the very first Good Steward Award on St. Timothy's 50th anniversary in 2007. A life-long Lutheran and native of Union City, Bill and family joined St. Timothy in 1966 and have been active in its life ever since. Although his membership card notes that he was a member of the Stewardship Committee and worked with youth and young adults in 1968, Bill is best remembered for his work with the Property Committee and the Monday Morning Crew. An electrical engineer by trade, Bill has long been the go-to guy when circuits go awry.

Although electricity is his specialty, Bill is a jack of all trades. There are few jobs arising at St. Timothy that he can't do. He regularly attends to a wide variety of property issues, and when he's not actively involved in repairs, he's often on hand to greet professional technicians and let them into the church. Bill also sets up coffee hour for the Monday Morning Crew, assigns crew members their weekly responsibilities, and presides at Property Committee meetings.

Bill has been a member of the Finance Committee for as long as anyone can remember and has supervised the upgrades made to the pipe organ over the years. He's even been a member of a precision drill team at St. Timothy as one of the "Gentlemen's Gentlemen" in Uncle Cliff Hesse's variety shows of yore. Truly William A. Monsees is a renaissance man, a faithful servant, and the appropriate choice as Good Steward, 2017.



Sunday School News

Advent time is here again at St. Timothy's. Our Pre-K thru 3rd grade children will be meeting in the Sanctuary at the 9am service for their opening. Pastor will be telling them Bible stories at the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is the Advent Tree of anticipation. The children will be given ornaments to color that relate to the stories. 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 10th in Fellowship Hall. After a short lesson all will meet at 9:30am to enjoy the reading of the Nativity Story, crafts, games and cupcakes to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Parents are encouraged to enjoy all the fun too.

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year and a combined morning service will be held at 9:30. There will be no Sunday School. Pastor will offer children's sermons at both the 9:30am and 5:30pm services. There's also a Candlelight Service being held at 10:30pm.

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

In His Name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 10 – Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Dec. 17 – Party Snow Date

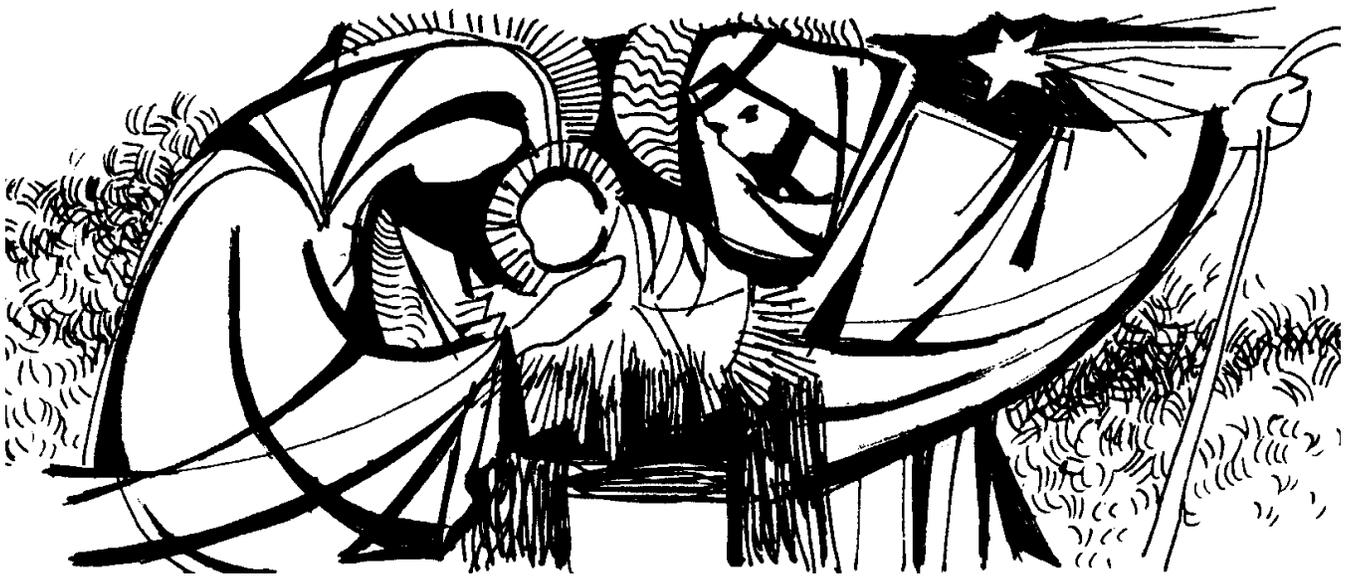
Dec. 24 – 9:30am Combined Advent IV Service

5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

10:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 31- NO Sunday School

Jan. 7 – Sunday School Resumes



Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

9:30 a.m.

Advent IV Service

with children's sermon

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 31st ~ 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 Services 12/23 or 12/30.
No Sunday School 12/24 or 12/31.*

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 **\$20 each**. To reserve a Sunday, you may sign up on the poster in the hallway near the elevator. The 2018 flower chart will go up on **December 11th**. 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.



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 2018 list will be available **December 11th**.

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.

Hearts for Tots

The American Heart Association donates red caps to newborns every February in honor of National Heart Month. These hats honor babies and moms in a very special way. Red hats are given out to thousands of babies during American Heart Month in order to empower parents to live heart healthy lives and help their children do the same. The hats come with a kit on good heart health for baby and parents. Members of St. Timothy who knit or crochet are invited to make a red cap (or a few!) for the American Heart Association. These caps are donated to hospitals in our area including Chilton and Valley. Due date for caps is January 3. You can use your own baby hat pattern or use one of the patterns below. Please do not put embellishments on the caps (buttons or bows). You may leave your caps in the "Hearts for Tots" bin in the donation area.



Please click on the links below for pattern ideas.

[Crochet Baby Hat Pattern](#)

[Crochet Preemie Hat Pattern](#)

[Knitted Baby Hat Pattern](#)

[Knitted Hat Pattern 2](#)

Thank you.



NEW WINDOWS

As I write this, the 57 year old windows in the Fellowship Hall are being dismantled and will be replaced with brand new, energy saving, double pane windows. Thanks to Bob and Mary Tiefenbacher for their very generous gift that makes this overdue project possible!

New Jersey Interfaith Cares
Happy Thanksgiving



Many thanks are due this past month for all the contributions made to help our refugee neighbors. Below is a **thank you** letter from NJIC President Jim Andreano for donations and endowment money given as part of our ESL supplies appeal. Nancy and I along with Meg Breeman continue to volunteer tutoring at the ESL program several nights a week. The program has grown to 16 adults and at times includes high school students looking for homework help. The program was scheduled to end in December but part two has been added beginning in January and going till May. New volunteers are still welcome. It's fun!



As a **holiday gift** to our families each congregation in NJIC was asked to provide a hat, scarf and gloves for a family or two as well as a toy and a book for each child. As we go to press St Timothy is very close to meeting that goal for our family. Thank you to all who have contributed.

You may think of other ways to help, if so please let me know. Many of the families are in need of simple **household items** they just can't afford. Thank you to Hearts 'N Hands who have shared some of the donations they've received. If you have something in good shape looking for a new home (like a fridge) please let me know.

And a final thank you to California Pizza Kitchen who will once again be hosting "**Dine and Donate**" on behalf of NJIC every Tuesday in December. You will need the attached flyer to have 20% of your bill donated.

In His name, Cliff Konnerth
Coordinator for St Timothy North Jersey Interfaith Cares



North Jersey Interfaith Cares

PO Box 3192, Wayne NJ 07474-3192

October 27, 2017

Ms. Karen M. Sajban, Treasurer
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
395 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

Dear Ms. Sajban:

On behalf of North Jersey Interfaith Cares (please note our new name), I sincerely thank you, your Congregation and Endowment Fund Committee, and the entire St. Timothy congregation for your generous donation of \$1,755.62. The incredible support that your congregation has provided to us, and to our predecessor organization Family Promise of Passaic County, has been both gratifying and humbling.

The funds will be used in our 2018 programs for the Syrian refugee families whom we support. While we have not yet finalized our 2018 plans, we would expect that they will include activities such as:

- English as a Second Language (ESL) Training. Our program is unique in Passaic County in that we use an Arabic-speaking instructor.
- Social/cultural shared experiences, such as the picnic we conducted in August for our families.
- Direct short-term financial assistance to specific families in extraordinary need.

As you may know, Cliff Konnerth is the St. Timothy liaison to our organization. If anyone in your congregation wishes to suggest any additional initiatives that we might undertake, or to become active in any of our current activities, please contact Cliff.

In any event, you can be assured that your donation will directly assist the refugee families whom we befriend and support. We are an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff, and our administrative expenses are minimal.

Again, I thank St. Timothy's for your generosity and look forward to our continued partnership. May God continue to bestow His blessings on your congregation.

Sincerely,

Jim Andreano

James G. Andreano
President, North Jersey Interfaith Cares

Pizza with a purpose.

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we'll donate **20%** of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:

North Jersey Interfaith Cares

Tuesday December 5th 11:00am – 10:00pm

Tuesday December 12th 11:00am – 10:00pm

Tuesday December 19th 11:00am – 10:00pm

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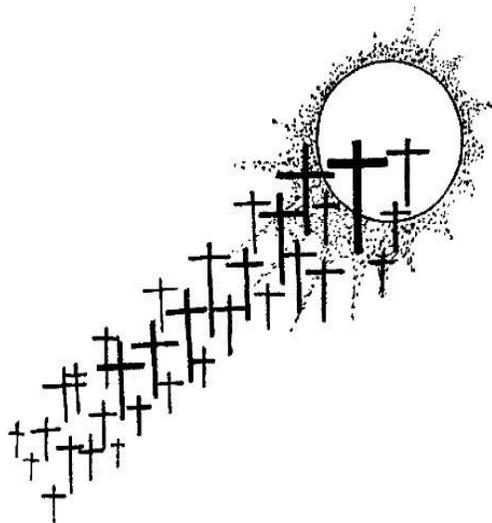
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At the Commemoration of the Faithful on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017, we remembered with love and affection these St. Timothy members, beloved relatives, and dear friends who went to the Lord within the past year:

St. Timothy members and former members:

- + David Suther
- + Henrietta Glans
- + Suzanne Kuehm
- + Margaret (Margie) Preiss
- + Carl E. Halye, Jr.



Beloved relatives and friends:

- + Giovanni Cormio, father of Marta Riotto
- + Edward C. Jenisch, friend of Joyce & John Steible
- + John Dane, friend of Carol Cook
- + Andrew L. Bain, Sr., father of Mary Tiefenbacher
- + Dennis McDermott, husband of Diane McDermott;
father of Deana McDermott-Fagan
- + Virginia Riel, sister of Nancy Konnerth
- + Lois Lange, sister-in-law of Barbara Westerberg
- + Janet Oest, sister of Mary Ann Levine
- + Evelyn Weaver, aunt of Robin Koegel
- + Catherine Huntington, sister of Mary Laverack
- + Carl Shepherd, friend of Mary Laverack
- + Linda Nielsen, aunt of Garey Goskowski
- + Elizabeth Van Riper, sister of Victoria Amico
- + Maud Bonanno, mother of Lisa Koppenal
- + John Socha, cousin of Ellen Grexa
- + Linda Paladino, very dear friend of Ellen Grexa
- + William Lawson, father of Mike Lawson
- + Joan Lender, sister-in-law of Raymond and Dee Lender
- + William Boland, father of Marcia Schloesser
- + Carol Grimm, mother of Gary Kellstrom
- + Jane Puccio, friend of William and Monica Mains

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- + Linda Sajban, sister-in-law of Tom and Karen Sajban
- + Gene Manfra, friend of the Taylor family
- + Donna Hallman, friend of the Taylor family
- + John Buckingham, friend of the Loffredo and Landolfi families
- + Robert Clouse, brother-in-law of Robert Andersen
- + Spencer Andersen, uncle of Robert Andersen
- + Olga Agresti, aunt of Jeff and Marta Riotto
- + William Brehm, friend of the Riotto family
- + Diane Reilly, cousin of Jeff and Marta Riotto



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.*

LUTHER MEDALS

As we commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year, it was noted that without the printing press, Luther's 95 Thesis may have done nothing more than initiate a debate between scholars and students at the University of Wittenberg. But there was another invention in the 16th century; that is, a more efficient means for striking medals and coins. Artists, sculptors, woodcutters and other craftsmen could make these durable miniature pieces of art to propagate the reform of the church creatively through the words of Scripture, symbols and stories from the life of Luther and events of the Reformation. It is estimated that there are now close to four thousand different medals associated with Luther and the Reformation, the earliest going back to 1520.

Not all of the medals produced were favorable, however. These medals were also used as instruments of fight between the followers of Luther and the Roman Catholics. One coin issued shows Luther on one side and on the reverse the inscription, "Luther the Swine, a filthy mind, a corrupt soul, enemy of Christ's Church". The Lutherans struck medals with hundreds of different variations of images of the Pope and when rotated 180 degrees he becomes the devil. Another was of a cardinal and when rotated he becomes a court jester.

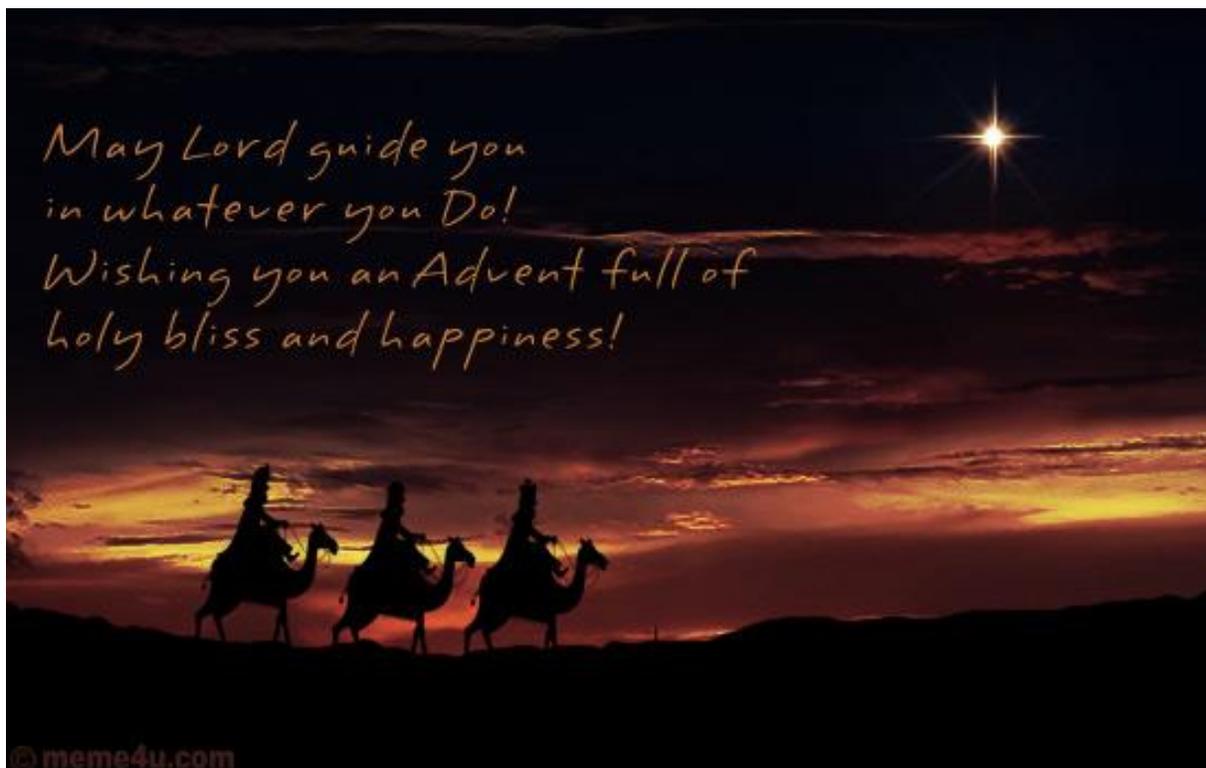
The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau issued (it is believed) the first positive medal in the history of medals produced by Lutherans and Catholics to highlight how far both churches have come from wars being fought against one another to the last fifty years of ecumenical dialogue and a growing appreciation of one another's ministries.

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October, we gave out medals in church. The medal depicts Luther looking at the Castle Church in Wittenberg; the other side depicts Luther holding a long scroll in his hand with a hammer. The medal is entitled, "Martin Luther Posts His 95 Theses." There are just a few left so if you did not receive one, please contact Eileen Smith.



Winter Parking

As you probably noticed in the past, there's a design flaw in the roof of our 2005 building that only reveals itself in cold, snowy weather. That is, when the rain gutters fill up with snow and the snow on the roof begins to melt, the water drips onto the parking lot and sidewalks where it puddles and freezes. The area around the handicap parking spaces in the back of the building is particularly prone to this problem, and all the rock salt in the world can't seem to remedy the situation. The best place to park in freezing weather is at the covered entrance to the Fellowship Hall. There are several herring bone spaces close to the door, and the roof doesn't slope in that direction. Although the distance from the Fellowship Hall entrance to the sanctuary is rather long, it is fully accessible. Another alternative to the icy but popular back lot is the parking area in front of the building. When the snow is very heavy, the front ground level entrance can be compromised by ice, as well as snow falling from nearby trees, but it does tend to ice up less, and it too is completely accessible. We'll make sure to unlock the Fellowship Hall entrance when there's snow on the ground (and the roof!).



DECEMBER LECTIONARY

Friday, December 1	Zechariah 14:1-9	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Saturday, December 2	Micah 2:1-13	Matthew 24:15-31	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Sunday, December 3	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Monday, December 4	Micah 4:1-5	Revelation 15:1-8	Psalm 79
Tuesday, December 5	Micah 4:6-13	Revelation 18:1-10	Psalm 79
Wednesday, December 6	Micah 5:1-5a	Luke 21:34-38	Psalm 79
Thursday, December 7	Hosea 6:1-6	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Friday, December 8	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 11:19-26	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Saturday, December 9	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Mark 11:27-33	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Sunday, December 10	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Monday, December 11	Isaiah 26:7-15	Acts 2:37-42	Psalm 27
Tuesday, December 12	Isaiah 4:2-6	Acts 11:1-8	Psalm 27
Wednesday, December 13	Malachi 2:10—3:1	Luke 1:5-17	Psalm 27
Thursday, December 14	Habakkuk 2:1-5	Philippians 3:7-11	Psalm 126
Friday, December 15	Habakkuk 3:2-6	Philippians 3:12-16	Psalm 126
Saturday, December 16	Habakkuk 3:13-19	Matthew 21:28-32	Psalm 126
Sunday, December 17	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday, December 18	1 Kings 18:1-18	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalm 125
Tuesday, December 19	2 Kings 2:9-22	Acts 3:17—4:4	Psalm 125
Wednesday, December 20	Malachi 3:16—4:6	Mark 9:9-13	Psalm 125
Thursday, December 21	2 Samuel 6:1-11	Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Friday, December 22	2 Samuel 6:12-19	Hebrews 1:5-14	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Saturday, December 23	Judges 13:2-24	John 7:40-52	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Sunday, December 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Monday, December 25	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
Tuesday, December 26	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60	Matthew 23:34-39
Wednesday, December 27	Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 21:20-25
Thursday, December 28	Jeremiah 31:5-17	Matthew 2:13-18	Psalm 148
Friday, December 29	Jeremiah 31:15-17	1 Peter 4:12-19	Matthew 2:13-18
Saturday, December 30	Proverbs 9:1-12	2 Peter 3:8-13	Psalm 146
Sunday, December 31	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46

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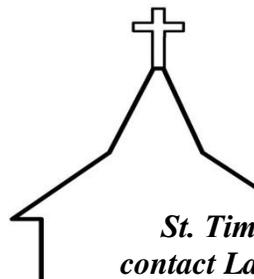
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