

Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am

Saturday Worship 6pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		appy*	2 <u>11 am</u> PrimeTimers <u>7:15 pm</u> : AAFH <u>8 pm:</u> Alleluia Choir	3	4 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	5 <u>6 pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion <i>FH Rented</i>
6 <u>9 & 10:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion	7 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting <u>7:00 pm</u> WELCA Board	8 <u>11:30 am</u> Chair Yoga <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	9 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>12 Noon</u> Miriam Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> : AAFH <u>8 pm:</u> Alleluia Choir	10	11 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	12 <u>9:30 am</u> Bookworms <u>6 pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
13 <u>9 & 10:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion BAPTISM of our Lord	14 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting	15 <u>11:30 am</u> Chair Yoga <u>1pm</u> Knitting <u>7 pm</u> CEC Meeting	16 <u>7:15 pm</u> : AAFH <u>8 pm:</u> Alleluia Choir TIPS Deadline!	17 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group	18 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	19 <u>6 pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
20 <u>9 & 10:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion	21 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	22 <u>10:15 am</u> Atrium Hymn Sing <u>11:30 am</u> Chair Yoga	23 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> : AAFH <u>8 pm:</u> Alleluia Choir	24	25 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	26 <u>6 pm</u> Worship with Holy Communion
27 <u>9 & 10:30 am</u> Worship with Holy Communion	28 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30 am</u> HHM Sorting	29 <u>11:30 am</u> Chair Yoga	30 <u>7 pm:</u> Handbells <u>7:15 pm</u> : AAFH <u>8 pm:</u> Alleluia Choir	31		



Worship Participants

January 2019

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Reader	Communion Assistants	Coffee Hosts
January 6	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Marnie Sperling Lindsay Sperling	Tyler Westerberg Erik Lawson	Jennifer Andersen	n/a	Robin Koegel Mary Laverack
Epiphany		Tom Sajban Pat Kaplan	Bryan Lawson Hailey Oosterwyk			
January 13	Nancy Farina Debra Tanis	Chris Taranto Amy Taranto	Jaclyn Langschultz Ava Serventi Madison Schloesser	Linda O'Sullivan	n/a	Cliff & Nancy Konnerth
Bapt of our Lord		Dave Taranto Alex Banu	Tricia Kellstrom			
January 20	Valerie McGrath Le Eckert	Craig Beyer Rick Beyer	Olivia Gaffney Henry McGrath	Carolyn Russo	n/a	Laura Dec Amanda Dec
Epiphany 2		Cindy Gaffney Andrew Gaffney				
January 27	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Bill Monsees Doug Zangrilli	Jacob Dittmer Joshua Dittmer	Art DeRose	n/a	Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky
Epiphany 3		Jeff Riotto Justin Oosterwyk				

From the Pastor

An Epic Epiphany

Matthew's account of Jesus' birth receives short shrift at Christmas time. On Christmas Eve we read Luke account of the Nativity and hear the message of the angels and witness the adoration of the shepherds. Our Christmas morning Gospel (on the years that Christmas falls on a Sunday) is John's prologue ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ...") and we hear a poetic theological reflection on the Incarnation. Matthew's story of the angel's nocturnal annunciation to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25) appears in our lectionary as the Gospel on the 4th Sunday of Advent in Year A, but the visit of the magi doesn't make it into our Christmas readings in any of the three years.

The reason that the wise men and the star aren't part of the Church's Christmas observance is that the Christians have long associated Matthew's account of our Savior's birth not with Christmas but with Epiphany, which we celebrate on January 6. Long ago the Church sought to harmonize the two Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. Luke tells us of Gabriel's appearance to Mary, of the census that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, of an inn with no vacancy, of the appearance of angels and of the visit by shepherds. Matthew, on the other hand, tells a much briefer story from Joseph's point of view and introduces wise men from the east and seems to know nothing of the Lord's birth in a stable (when the wise men visit, they enter "the house"). Church fathers sought to reconcile the differences between the stories by ordering them chronologically. Luke tells us of the events surrounding Jesus' birth; Matthew relates what happened a few days later. After all, the magi had a greater distance to travel than did the shepherds!

Epiphany means revelation, manifestation, or appearance. In the church year, the Feast of the Epiphany signifies the expanding revelation of God's Son to the world. The shepherds of Luke represent the manifestation to the Jews – the locals – while the wise men of Matthew represent the revelation to the Gentiles – the nations.

This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday, so it's a great time to hear Matthew's account of the magi's visit and to reflect on its meaning for us. You'll note that

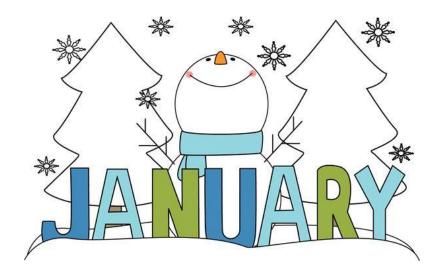
Matthew doesn't tell us how many wise men visited Jesus. Tradition has assumed there were three, because Matthew mentions the three gifts they bore: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Nor do we learn from Matthew that these visitors were kings; this tradition probably arose after reflection upon Isaiah 60:5 – "Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." In fact, here, as in Luke, Old Testament references abound. Joseph, the guardian of Jesus receives revelations in dreams, as did his ancestor and namesake, Joseph the patriarch. The wicked King Herod, who jealously seeks the destruction of the newborn king, reminds us of the evil Pharaoh of Exodus who sought to destroy Moses. The Holy Family will flee Herod's wrath by sojourning in Egypt, as did their Israelite ancestors in order to escape death by starvation. The wise men are reminiscent of Balaam, the seer from the east who was hired by the evil King Balak of Moab to curse Israel as they crossed his territory on their way to the Promised Land (Numbers 22-24). God however would not permit Balaam to curse the Israelites, and only blessings came from the astrologer's mouth. Balaam offered this favorable vision of Israel's future greatness: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not close: a star shall rise from Jacob, and a scepter [king] shall come forth from Israel" (Numbers 24:17). The Church has long seen these Old Testament references and prophecies fulfilled in Christ.

It's also worth noting that, while the star is a natural phenomenon and the wise men – astrologers who study the stars – are led by it, there are limitations to where nature will lead. The magi find it necessary to seek spiritual advice to make the last leg of their journey. It's only when the chief priests and the scribes quote scripture to them (Micah 5:2 and 2 Samuel 5:2) that they learn that Bethlehem is their destination. Reason has its limits in understanding God's work; only divine revelation enables them to complete their search for the newborn king.

Throughout the season following the Epiphany, we learn of the widening revelation to the world of God's Son. We follow him from his baptism through his earthly ministry to the vision on the mount of Transfiguration. This leads us to the ultimate revelation, Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, but we'll wait for Lent and Easter for that.

In Jesus' name,

Pastor Robin Mountenay



- 1/2 Elsie McKenzie
- 1/3 Tanner Purcel
- 1/4 Nancy VanHorn
- 1/6 Brandon Kratky
- 1/8 Robert Kratky
- 1/10 Melissa Andersen
- 1/10 Robert McHugh
- 1/12 Kaylee Tango
- 1/14 Andrew Koppenal
- 1/15 Danielle Dittmer

- 1/16 Deborah Andersen
- 1/17 Edward A. Cleaver
- 1/18 Mark Tietjen
- 1/19 Dorothy Vasilenko
- 1/23 Barbara Westerberg
- 1/24 Joseph Mikutta
- 1/25 Lori Van Der Stad
- 1/26 Ethan DeRose-Travia
- 1/27 Leonard Smith
- 1/29 Scott McGrath





1/12 Clifford & Nancy Konnerth1/24 Elizabeth & John Koch

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



Since November 15, 2018, gifts were given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Connie Gruters, sister of Doug Zangrilli Doris Sager Pat Spardel Carol Cleaver

and to the Organ/Music/Bells Fund in memory of: John Lilgegren

There have been no Memorial purchases during this month.



A Memorial Garden paver was purchased this month in memory of Carol Cleaver, so our paver total stands at 113. 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 each loan fund. We welcome additional contributions to these Funds, that we may continue to assist families with the high price of college.

Adult Book Group ~ January 17th

New time: 10:30am



We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the parlor. In January we will be reviewing chapter 8 of Borg's book, *Reading the Bible again for the first time*. Our discussions are lively and many times go off topic. We are lead by our wonderful leader Art DeRose. Everyone is welcome.

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

Bookworms ~ January 12th

We will be meeting January 12th at the usual Barnes & Noble coffee shop. Our book selection is *An Innocent Client* by Scott Pratt. In February we will be reviewing *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman. Come and join us for good camaraderie and interesting discussion. We'd love to have you.



January – An Innocent Client by Scott Pratt February – The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman March – Behold the Dreamers by Imbalo Mbue April – The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe May – The Tortilla Curtain by T. C. Boyle

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

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

PRIME TIMERS – JANUARY 2ND SING IN THE NEW YEAR

On January 2nd at 11 AM, we will sing in the New Year and celebrate the ninth day of Christmas. We'll provide sandwiches and beverages and ask that you bring a dessert to share. Carolyn Russo will lead us in singing some of our favorite Christmas



carols, since the season will still be going strong. Since we need to know how many sandwiches to bring, please sign up on the Happenings bulletin board.



Wayne Interfaith Network

Currently WIN is serving 118 clients and their families. Approximately 22 families are served each week. The pantry particularly needs cereal, coffee, canned fruit and pasta sauce. There is no need for canned corn, green beans, variety beans, soup or pasta.

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. <u>www.WinFoodPantry.org</u>

Women ELCA Service Representations

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.





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



January 6

January 13

January 20

January 27

Robin Koegel Mary Laverack Cliff & Nancy Konnerth Laura Dec Amanda Dec Lois Clapp Loretta Kratky February 3 February 10

February17 February 24 The Fabians <u>Knitters and Crocheters</u> Barbara Westerberg The Herasimtschuks <u>WIN</u> Le Eckert Carol Cook



Happy New year! Did you make a new year resolution? I did. Mine was to think more before I speak, not be so impulsive. Thinking of the 10-10-10 rule: 'Slow down to think and ask about a decision I make - how will I feel about this, 10 minutes, 10 months, and 10 years from now', From Suzy Welchs book. Hoping to get more objectivity, I don't want my words or actionS to be hurtful to anyone.

I'm also reading, for Advent, Father Morris' book *The Way of Serenity*. He says as a Christian there is more to this idea. We need to evaluate our actions in the light of eternity, a sense of God's perspective. In the book *The Imitation of Christ*, counsel is "in every deed and every thought, act as though you were to die this very day".

How do I know if this is the right thing? So now what? I guess that's where the serenity prayer comes in:

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept The things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference.

I guess I need to pray for wisdom and add eternity to my thoughts. I know I'll fail. As I write this its Advent and we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. Enjoy this life we have been given, and if you are like me, think before you act. Thank you Lord for Jesus.

> More "Make Life Easy" next Tips Barbara Westerberg



Special thanks to all the Angels for the work they've done on the quilts. Thanks also to everyone who has donated fabric and WELCA for the batting to five the quilts warmth.

Angels Circle

Everyone's generosity ha helped us to donate 20

quilts to St. Joseph's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Morristown, 20 quilts to St. Joseph's Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa, 5 quilts to St. Peter's Episcopal "Aferschool on South" and quilts to the Native Americans.

In the new year we will meet on January 9th and 23rd.

Happy, Healthy New Year, Barbara Kaplan



Heart 'n Hands Mission

Once again, your generous support of our annual Blessing Bag Project provided comfort and necessities to hundreds of homeless individuals and families in need during the holiday season. We will continue to collect and distribute winter clothing, coats, and boots through February.

We are also very grateful for the congregation's endowment gift, which we will use to provide additional cold weather necessities to the homeless this winter.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support, which allows us to provide comfort to so many. May God bless us all with love, health, strength and wisdom in the New Year.



Christmas at the Atrium

"The Atrium" residents were all smiles upon receiving "warm and wonderful" quilts made by the "Angels" of WELCA St. Timothy. "Just in Time" for the chilly (COLD!) days (& nights) that came upon the scene in November.

Our WELCA Hymn Sing gals brought the "beautiful" quilts in November as early Christmas Gifts. The lovely smiles and "Thank You's" must be passed along to the faithful "gals" of WELCA's Angel Circle. Their gift "quilts" were truly admired by each recipient who "loved" the colors and patterns ~ and especially the warmth and the thoughtfulness that came with each "gift".

It was wonderful to be there! Thank you "Angels"!

From: Alice Huizinga, Mary Laverack, Carolyn Russo & Dolores Monsees

To: "Angels" Barbara Kaplan, Carol Cook, Le Eckert, Eleanor Liljegren, Margot Weinert, Dolores Monsees



"A Nativity For Us", St. Timothy's Sunday School Advent Program was on Sunday December 16. The entire audience was part of the story. The young and not so young joined in as animals, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels and more. Favorite Christmas Hymns were sung between scenes. What a great way to remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. A special "Thank You" goes out to Debbie Mountenay for finding this great program. We also need to say "Thank You" to Monica Mains and Robyn Koegal, Caroline Parody for playing the hymns, Craig Beyer, Fallon Goskowski, Hannah Wantula, Christian Wantula, Gabi Dittmer and Charlie Purcel for helping present this great Sunday School event. And, like we promised, you didn't have to say a word!

In His Name, Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 6 – Sunday School classes resume 9am & 10:30 Services resume

New Jersey Synod's Bosnia International Servant Trip January 13, 2019 - Save the Date St Timothy!



On Sunday, January 13, 2019 there will be a presentation on the Synod's ministry to Bosnia and Herzegovina after the 10:30 am service.

For anyone interested in possibly joining the travel team for 2019. The application form is available on our newly revamped website (the link is below). I encourage you to apply if you are at all interested, this is not a commitment but it would serve to keep you in the loop on this years plans, the leadership team is now developing.

For everyone else please check it out and I hope to see you on January 13th.

Thank you, remember it's God's Work, Our Hands, Cliff

https://servanttrips.org/



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Happy New Year God has amazing plans for you. Jeremiah 29:11



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God's work. Our hands.

December 5, 2018

St Timothy Lutheran Church 395 Valley Rd Wayne, NJ 07470-3557

Dear St Timothy Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in October of 2018.

In the wake of fire and flood, wind, drought and disasters of every kind, you have joined with the whole church, with prayers and presence, physical and spiritual comfort. With your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response you are in many places here and around the globe all at once, on the front line with families and communities, bearing witness to the power and grace of the Christ child born to bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer.

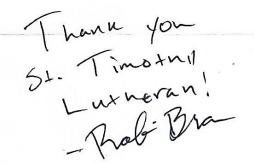
> *"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1:23*

Thank you for your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response this holy season

With the light and hope of Christ,

Janiel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal





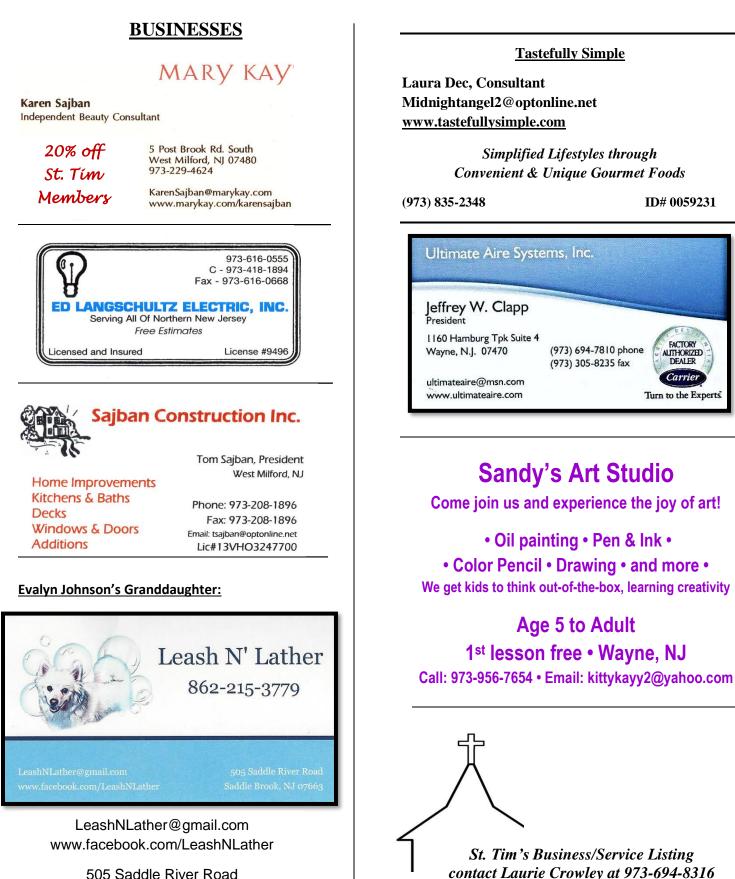
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JANUARY LECTIONARY

<i>Tuesday, January 1</i>	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Wednesday, January 2	Proverbs 1:1-7	James 3:13-18	Psalm 147:12-20
Thursday, January 3	Job 42:10-17	Luke 8:16-21	Psalm 72
Friday, January 4	Isaiah 6:1-5	Acts 7:44-53	Psalm 72
Saturday, January 5	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Psalm 72
Sunday, January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Monday, January 7	Daniel 2:1-19	Ephesians 4:17—5:1	Psalm 72
Tuesday, January 8	Daniel 2:24-49	Ephesians 5:15-20	Psalm 72
Wednesday, January 9	Numbers 24:15-19	Luke 1:67-79	Psalm 72
Thursday, January 10	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Psalm 29
Friday, January 11	Ecclesiastes 2:1-11	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	Psalm 29
Saturday, January 12	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	1 Corinthians 2:11-16	Psalm 29
Sunday, January 13	Isaiah 43:1-9	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Monday, January 14	Judges 4:1-16	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalm 106:1-12
Tuesday, January 15	Judges 5:12-21	1 John 5:13-21	Psalm 106:1-12
Wednesday, January 16	Numbers 27:1-11	Luke 11:33-36	Psalm 106:1-12
Thursday, January 17	Jeremiah 3:1-5	Acts 8:18-24	Psalm 36:5-10
<i>Friday, January 18</i>	<i>Acts 4:8-13</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 10:1-5</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>
Saturday, January 19	Jeremiah 4:1-4	Luke 11:14-23	Psalm 36:5-10
Sunday, January 20	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Monday, January 21 Tuesday, January 22 Wednesday, January 23 Thursday, January 24 <i>Friday, January 25</i> Saturday, January 26 Sunday, January 27 Monday, January 28 Tuesday, January 29 Wednesday, January 30 Thursday, January 31	Isaiah 54:1-8 Song of Solomon 4:1-8 Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1 Isaiah 61:1-7 <i>Acts 9:1-22</i> Nehemiah 5:1-13 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Jeremiah 36:1-10 Jeremiah 36:11-26 Jeremiah 36:27-32 2 Chronicles 34:1-7	Romans 12:9-21 1 Corinthians 1:3-17 Luke 5:33-39 Romans 7:1-6 <i>Galatians 1:11-24</i> Luke 2:39-52 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 2 Corinthians 7:2-12 Luke 4:38-44 Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 145 Psalm 145 Psalm 145 Psalm 19 <i>Luke 21:10-19</i> Psalm 19 Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 119:89-96 Psalm 119:89-96 Psalm 119:89-96 Psalm 119:89-96 Psalm 71:1-6

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