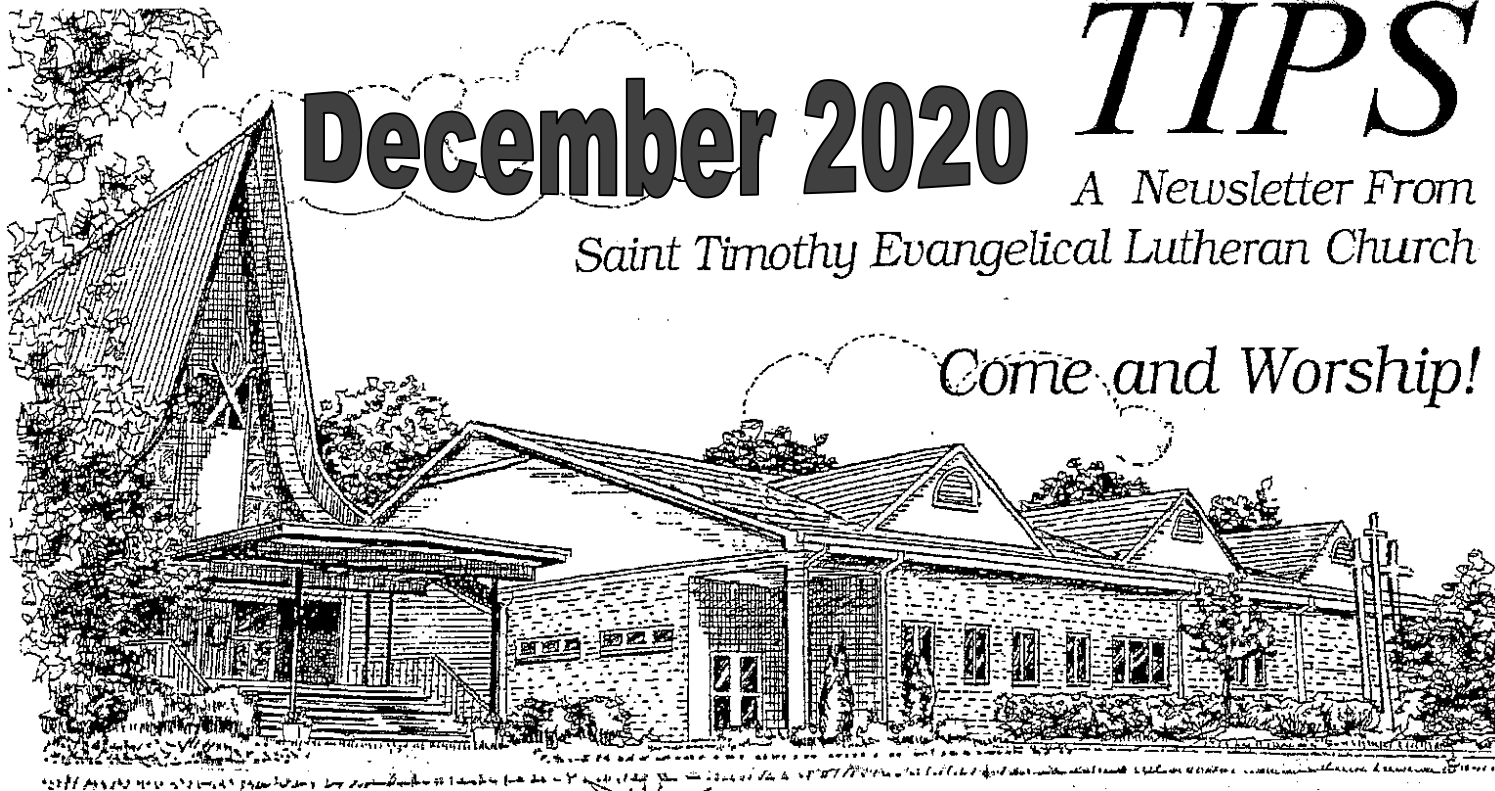


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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Do German Nutcracker's Really work?

As a child living in Germany one of my favorite things at Christmas was eating nuts...Christmas tradition was very important in my grandparents' house and the table would be set with a variety of nuts in their very hard shells (chestnuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, brazil nuts)



next to this was the Christmas Stollen (A traditional German Christmas cake, a sweet yeast bread packed with raisins, currants, citrus and marzipan). Next to all this sat the Christmas Carousel,



a spinning carousel powered by lighted candles. Also, on the table would be a nutcracker, a handcrafted bearded wooden figure with a handle



on back. The nut is placed in the wooden figure's jaws and the handle is used to move the jaw to crack the nut. This may seem strange but I never once remember using the nutcracker to crack open the nuts, I usually used a steel kitchen utensil that looks more like pliers or if that wasn't available put two nuts together in my hands



and crack them that way. As a kid who loved nuts, I invented a number of ways to open them...even tapping them with a small hammer on the kitchen table (this innovation didn't take long to get my grandmother's attention).

So, to answer the question "Do German nutcrackers really work?" some can but they are more or less designed to be decorative and to accompany a nice table setting with nuts in their shells, Christmas Stollen, Christmas cookies and a Christmas Carousel, and I almost forgot, my favorite a jar of Nutella (a hazelnut spread that goes on bread much like peanut butter). Nuts, Christmas Stollen, cookies, and Nutella-it was all delightful!



We all have our Christmas traditions to remember and to enjoy. These wonderful traditions are decorative ribbons for us to help wrap the greatest gift to us all.

Alongside of this beautiful creation and the gift of life is God's gifting of the Prince of Peace, the Messiah, the Christ. All of our special Christmas traditions come from our inspiration and gratitude to him, a little child born in a far-away land. As I write this, I find myself looking around my study reflecting on Christmas of days past, I look up from the keyboard for a moment and see...books and papers, file folders, pens and pencils, office supplies, a computer and screen, coffee in a cup, with Christmas music playing on Pandora through my headset while I type away at the keyboard. All good things but there is undeniably something missing.

The Spirit of Christmas!

As I write this Manheim Steamroller earns his Grammy from me ... on Pandora he's Playing "Kling, Glöckchen Kling," I recognize the tune, it's an old children's song which means-ring, little bell, ring.

On Christmas Eve, the children in Germany would wait for Christmas to arrive. I remember waiting until a little bell would ring near midnight which meant that the Kristkindl, the Christ Child has arrived to bring gifts. What about Santa you might ask? Well, yes Saint Nicolaus (dressed like a bishop decked out in red) would arrive with his companion Knecht Ruprecht (a scary figure dressed like a monk in dark robes) a few weeks before Christmas but they wouldn't bring gifts. That was judgement day for us kids about whether we were good or bad.



It's the Christ Child who flies from house to house to bring gifts to the children.

I can feel this special presence as I write this. *As you sit and read this article reach deep into your spirit to picture in your mind at this very moment the special Christmas tradition in your life that inspires, stops the world, provides meaning-a mystical, magical time beyond time that brings to life the deep joy you feel as a child of God pointing you to a time and a season so extraordinary and divine that you can live it and relive it endlessly.* This is the Spirit of Christmas. The busy, secular, and worry-ridden world is a hard nut to crack, but we have our Spirit of Christmas, to put the world in perspective to celebrate the advent and coming of the Christ Child.

I wish for each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Rev. Bernd Weishaupt



Wayne Interfaith Network

Currently WIN is serving 160 clients and their families. Approximately 70 children are served each month. ***The pantry is now open to accept donations by appointment only.*** Please call 973-595-1900 for information.

Monetary donations are still the best way to donate at this time. They 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

Global Emergency Response and Assistance (GERA) Update

Thank you to those who have continue to contact me with donations of furniture and household items. Thanks to Hearts 'n' Hands (see photo) the clothing area in storage is being well stocked. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Cliff Konnerth on his cell number at (201) 757-4086 or email Ksnacs@msn.com. Remember it's, God's Work, Our Hands 😊





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	



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, 2020, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Irene Schulze

Ken and Betty Jones

Johanna Wilbert

and to the St. Timothy Memorial Garden in memory of:

Johanna Wilbert

Eileen Smith

Etta Ebersbach

Evalyn Johnson

Henrietta Glans

Irene Schulze



No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this month, so our paver total stands at 115. 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.



Christmas is almost here and we are shut in. This virus has made for a very different Advent season. Instead of preparing for Christmas many of us are feeling separated from family and friends. We are worried. We wear masks when we go out. We wash our hands more than we ever have. We need to use our coping skills.

I have put up the Christmas wreath I got from the scouts. It's lovely. I even found my Christmas troll and he's sitting where I can see him. So I'm starting to make it look a little festive in my house. I've started a gratitude journal. Just a few lines each morning to remind me of my blessings. I try to be disciplined about it but I have to admit I have 8 or 10 spiral notebooks of different kinds and even some of those pads that come in the mail with gratitude notes and other jottings. I read in the Wall street Journal that many famous people had names for their notes. What would you name yours? I liked "Whimsy and ambition" and "flavorsome morsels." This is a good time to put down yours.

Pastor Bernie, in his sermon on November 2nd, said that we all need something to do, something to look forward to, something to enjoy, something to love and something to believe in. Now is a good time to write down these things. God gave us the freedom to plan our own course. We all have different talents. Remember nothing ever stays the same and this difficult time will, one day, be over. Meanwhile, how can you help someone through this time. Maybe you should write down how many people you helped smile today. Make your purpose to bring joy to someone each day and record how you did it. Start preparation for Christmas. Bring out your nativity display, if you don't have one out all the time. Humor is a good coping skill so it's even time for dancing Snoopy.

I've mentioned many things today. My jottings. Take three deep breaths when you are anxious. Remember worrying never solved anything. Optimism works. Merry Christmas to you all and remember God is always with you.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips
Barbara Westerberg



Congratulations to Carl Johnson for winning St. Timothy's 14th 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. Carl is a founding member of St. Timothy and has served this church his entire life. Most recently, he is the head of the counters and a member of the Monday Morning Crew. His dedication to the church is a great example of God's work, our hands. He truly is a good steward. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Thanksgiving Service

In case you missed it and would like to watch the Wayne Clergy Interfaith Thanksgiving service which was aired on Tuesday Nov. 24th at 7:00 PM.

Below is a link for you to view it in its entirety.

A production of the Wayne Clergy Fellowship together with Peace Island Institute & Wayne YMCA.

[November 2020 Wayne Interfaith Network Thanksgiving.mp4](#)



Sunday School News

Advent time is here again at St. Timothy! All of the Children's Sermons will be Bible stories that relate to the weekly lessons in Advent. The Advent Tree of "Hope and Expectation" is called the Jesse Tree. In past years, the younger children would be given ornaments to color that relate to the stories. They would then hang them up on our Jesse Tree. This year the children will color the ornaments in their own homes and hang them up there.

Our Sunday School teachers are using a new Advent Curriculum for the first time this year. Advent Adventures is a fun, educational and interactive way to learn about the times leading up to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Do Not Be Afraid": A virtual Christmas Pageant. This is our "new" way this year to still have a Sunday School Christmas Pageant. All of our Sunday School classes, PreK thru 7th grade, will be taking part in this program from the comfort of their homes. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday December 20 to watch from the comfort of your own home. The time for broadcast has not yet been determined but, we will definitely let you know!

In these very different and the "new normal" times the Christian Education Committee and our Teachers have been working hard to keep our Sunday School and Catechism classes going strong. We all want to say Thank You, students and parents/grandparents, for helping to keep it going strong.

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

In His Name, Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Virtual Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service – time to be determined

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day



St. Timothy Church is pleased to announce that we are now the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 107, a new Troop in Wayne. The Troop is very appreciative that the Church has opened up our doors to them and excited to be part of the extended Church family. Many of the current scouts are close to becoming Eagle Scouts and are exploring opportunities around the church to complete their Eagle Scout projects. If you know someone who would like to join the Troop or if you would like to be involved, please contact James Koppenal (james.koppenal@gmail.com) or Rich Wantula (richwantula@me.com).



Would you like to be part of a prayer chain? If you are interested please contact me at the number listed below.

Here's how it works: When someone calls me with a request you will be contacted to pray for that person, you will then pass the request on to one other person who will do

the same. These requests will not be published.

To ask for prayer, call me and I will start the prayer chain. Requests can be as simple as "please pray for my neighbor who has to move into a nursing home?" or it can be please "pray for my daughter Ann". Feel free to give as many or as little details as you feel comfortable. Your request will be on the list for 4 weeks, unless you call to continue.

Those calling with requests will be asked if it is confidential or if it can be shared. If you get my answering machine, you can simply say something like 'this is for prayers' and leave a phone number and I will call you when I get home.

Please call for any additional information,
Barbara Westerberg
973-696-1471

Angels Circle



Ed Cleaver has been sewing at home for us for many years. He now joins us at church. Welcome Ed!

Lou Warner has also been busy cleaning and organizing the Angels Room. Thank you Lou!

We welcome all volunteers. Can you cut, tie knots, pin seams? If not, we can teach you. Come, check it out, *just as soon as we are open again.*

Barbara Kaplan



Artist, *Kathy Knittel*, continues her collaboration with Producer, *Joan Bujacich*, releasing two new holiday favorites, *My Favorite Things*, and *Christmas Time Is Here*. In addition to all the major digital distribution centers (iTunes, Amazon, Spotify), both songs were also picked up on Pandora Radio

which only accepts 3 to 5% of submissions! The recordings feature *Kathy Knittel*-vocals, *Joan Bujacich*-Piano, *Joe Bilotti*-guitar, *Phil Butler*-upright bass and *Kevin Ellman*-drums. (Kevin is on many recordings with Todd Rundgren's Utopia)

Kathy released a complete CD of holiday music in 2018, [A Songbird's Christmas](#).

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 (*Angel Gifts*) will be for children in need of clothing.

Angel Gift change of process:

Even though we must return to virtual worship, we'd like to keep our wonderful giving tradition of purchasing Angel Gifts! We are offering 2 options to get tags for gifts:

1. Laurie Crowley will have tags available in the office for you to safely fill out and pick up. Please call in advance to make sure she is available (973-694-8316).
2. You may contact me via email or cell (below) and I will assign you a tag. You are welcome to choose gender & size if available. I will then mail you the tags to attach to the gift(s).

Gifts with tags securely taped to gifts can either be dropped off at the office or I will gladly pick up. I know people are not doing as much in person shopping these days, however there are many online options (including Amazon!). We hope that we can count on you all for your continued participation in this tradition. We have 122 tags to give out (as of today), so there is plenty to go around.

Thank you,

Karen Sajban

ksajban@optonline.net

973-229-4624

Heart 'n Hands Mission ~ Blessing Bag Project

Our Blessing Bag Project has a new look for 2020!

Virtual Blessing Bags

We are grateful to the many individuals, scout and school groups, congregations and clubs that have contributed to our Blessing Bag Program over the last 7 years. In an effort to **keep everyone safe**, we ask that you participate in a different way this year.

We are planning to go **contactless** with our Blessing Bag donations in 2020. Rather than filling individual bags, we will be ordering items in bulk that can be delivered to our sites.

How much do you typically spend on a Blessing Bag?

Please consider making that monetary donation to Heart 'n Hands Mission this year.

Of course, our Blessing Bags won't have the personal touch that they have had in the past, but **our friends will still be receiving the personal care items they so desperately need** to maintain good health and hygiene.



**Please send your monetary donations to: Heart 'n Hands Mission,
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 395 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470**

Thank you for your continued support of those in need.

DECEMBER LECTIONARY

Tuesday, December 1	Micah 4:6-13	Revelation 18:1-10	Psalms 79
Wednesday, December 2	Micah 5:1-5a	Luke 21:34-38	Psalms 79
Thursday, December 3	Hosea 6:1-6	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
Friday, December 4	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 11:19-26	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
Saturday, December 5	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Mark 11:27-33	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
Sunday, December 6	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Monday, December 7	Isaiah 26:7-15	Acts 2:37-42	Psalms 27
Tuesday, December 8	Isaiah 4:2-6	Acts 11:1-8	Psalms 27
Wednesday, December 9	Malachi 2:10—3:1	Luke 1:5-17	Psalms 27
Thursday, December 10	Habakkuk 2:1-5	Philippians 3:7-11	Psalms 126
Friday, December 11	Habakkuk 3:2-6	Philippians 3:12-16	Psalms 126
Saturday, December 12	Habakkuk 3:13-19	Matthew 21:28-32	Psalms 126
Sunday, December 13	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday, December 14	1 Kings 18:1-18	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalms 125
Tuesday, December 15	2 Kings 2:9-22	Acts 3:17—4:4	Psalms 125
Wednesday, December 16	Malachi 3:16—4:6	Mark 9:9-13	Psalms 125
Thursday, December 17	2 Samuel 6:1-11	Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
Friday, December 18	2 Samuel 6:12-19	Hebrews 1:5-14	Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
Saturday, December 19	Judges 13:2-24	John 7:40-52	Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
Sunday, December 20	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Monday, December 21	1 Samuel 1:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-14	Luke 1:46b-55
Tuesday, December 22	Zephaniah 3:8-13	Romans 10:5-13	Psalms 96
Wednesday, December 23	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Romans 13:11-14	Psalms 96
Thursday, December 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Friday, December 25	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
Saturday, December 26	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60	Matthew 23:34-39
Sunday, December 27	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Monday, December 28	Jeremiah 31:15-17	1 Peter 4:12-19	Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday, December 29	Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 21:20-25
Wednesday, December 30	Proverbs 9:1-12	2 Peter 3:8-13	Psalms 148
Thursday, December 31	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46

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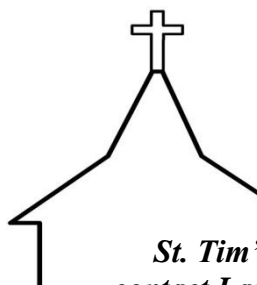
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