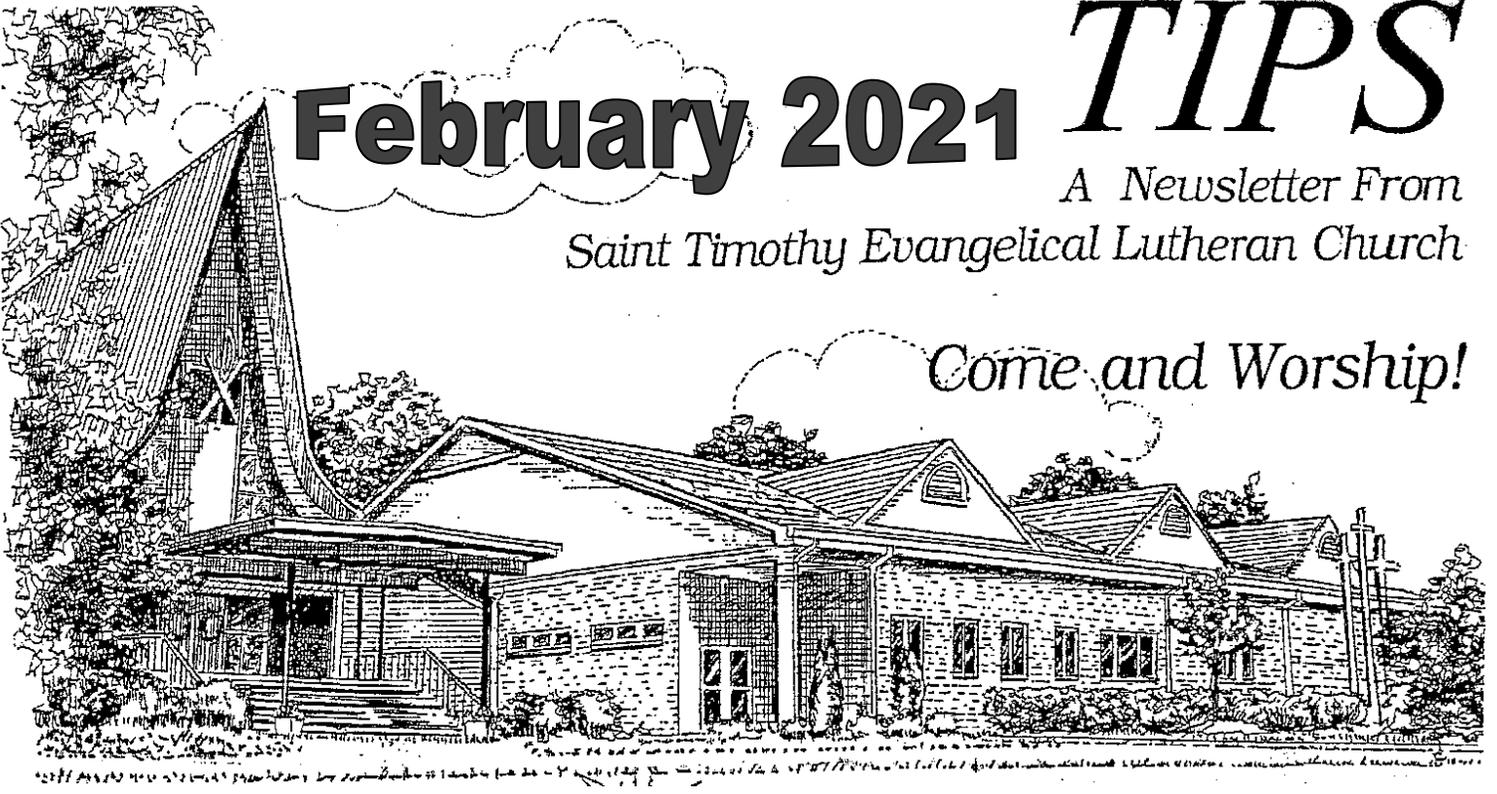


# February 2021

# TIPS

A Newsletter From  
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come and Worship!*



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Saturday Worship 6pm

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## When Jesus Comes to Town....

This Coming Sunday's Scripture talks about a healing story of Jesus' opening days as he enters a new town at the start of his ministry.

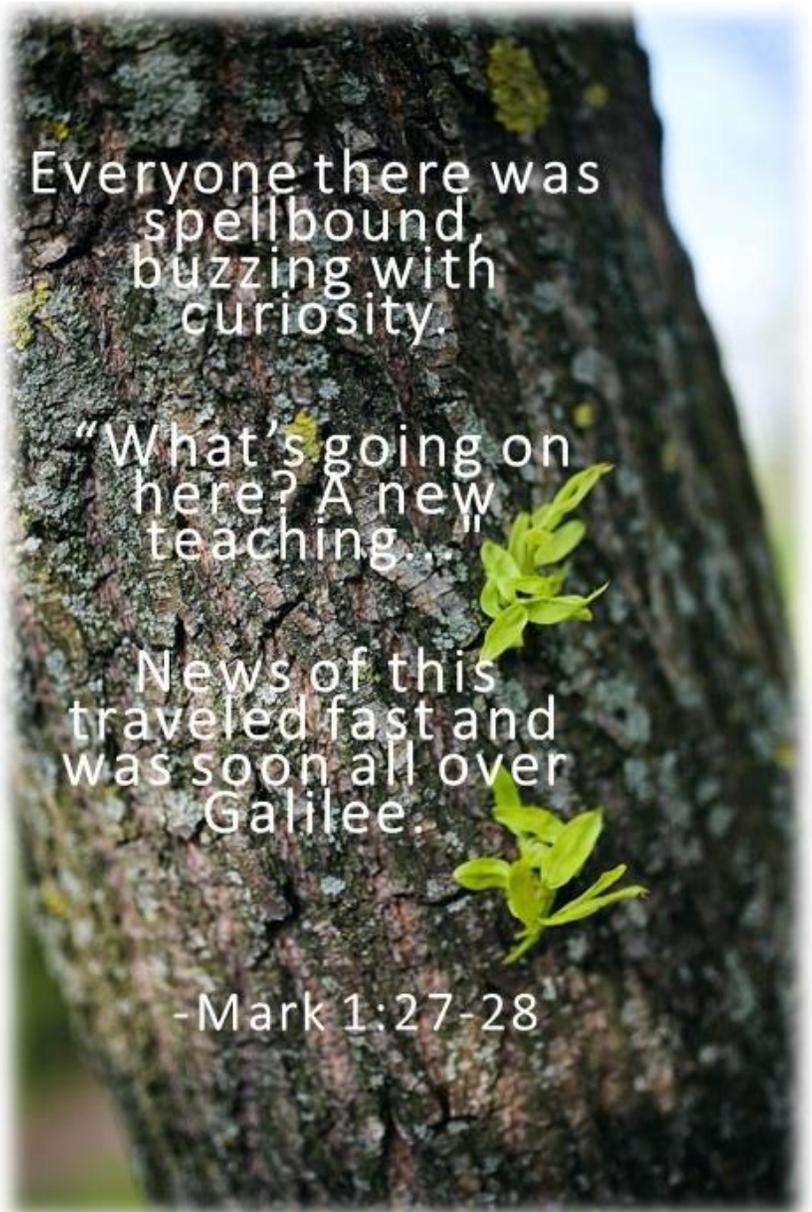
In Jesus' healing stories it is very easy to miss the community's influence. We more often focus our attention on the healing miracle itself or the person being healed and often miss other details like the people in attendance.

We could think of them as if they were backup singers in a song or the chorus of classic Greek play.

The backup singers of a song add harmony, dimension and context to the song making it a much richer experience.

The chorus in a Greek play had an important role too. The chorus was a group of actors who described and commented upon the main action of the play using singing, dancing, and recitation. The chorus helps the audience to become a part of the story.

The chorus is like having all your aunts, uncles and grandparents



Everyone there was  
spellbound,  
buzzing with  
curiosity.

"What's going on  
here? A new  
teaching..."

News of this  
traveled fast and  
was soon all over  
Galilee.

-Mark 1:27-28

commenting on your life. As background figures the chorus and commentators help us, the audience get a perspective of what's happening and help us get into the story.

Even though it seems to be operating only in the background, the community in Jesus' stories is a like a chorus but much more, it is a vital part of what's happening.

For example, in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," it's the background community of castle servants who work to transform the lives of Belle and Beast and help them find friendship and hope for a new future together.



The community in Mark's story for this Sunday's reading plays an important role in Jesus' ministry. The presence of the community is not merely incidental; its presence is intentional pushing well beyond the "oohs" and "ahhs" that we read in Mark's gospel.

Major transformations and substantive changes take place that affect the dynamics and very future of what happens when Jesus comes to town. These important changes are played out in the community's response to his ministry there.

There are also big and exciting changes coming to St. Timothy as this community welcomes its new pastor. Pastor Kimberly Cooper will be starting this month to bring her ministry and vision and energy and experience to work together to transform both the church and the Wayne community. It is a time of celebration and joy for all of us as and a great start for the new year.

Pastor Bernd, Interim Pastor

## Council Update

It has been an eventful 12 months. Within the span of a year, we said goodbye to our beloved pastor of 24 years, weathered a global pandemic, closed (then opened, then reclosed) our doors for the safety of our congregation, had two wonderful interim pastors who helped us to stay the course, and approved a new pastor to lead us into our next chapter.

We are pleased to announce that Kimberly Cooper has been called as our new pastor! Although she has not been ordained, we are in talks with the Bishop's office to secure a date in March. Kimberly will begin on February 1st while moving into the parsonage with one of her daughters. The rest of the family will follow on February 14th. Pastor Bernie will be staying with us through February to help with the transition.

I know there are so many questions as to how the process unfolded through the months. Although we did provide regular updates, I think it's important to give you a proper timeline as to the actions that took place to get us where we are today.

After Pastor Mountenay announced his retirement, Council began discussing the process of saying goodbye while also reaching out to the Bishop for guidance in the Call Process.

April 14 - Council's first meeting with the Bishop We discussed completing our congregational MSP (Ministry Site Profile), which is a breakdown of our church, its members, our mission, and our hopes for the future.

May 15 - The congregational survey is distributed We allowed everyone to voice their opinions on what was important to St. Timothy's, which gave us a more complete picture of our church.

May 20 - The Call Committee is selected These members are Robin Koegel, Charlie Purcel, Craig Beyer, Art DeRose, Hannah Wantula, and Fallon King, Chairperson. Based on the instructions given to us by the ELCA and the Bishop, these 6 members were chosen based on their varying backgrounds and experiences they have within the church.

July 13 - Call completes the MSP

July 19 - The MSP is approved by Council and submitted to the Bishop's office

August 13 - The References are submitted The MSP required we receive reviews from people outside our congregations. We asked Pastor Wendy Abrahamson and Rabbi Randy Mark to submit them.

September 17 - Call Committee meets with Bishop Bartholomew We discussed the process in-depth, including interviewing a candidate when one became available. We also received word that Pastor Maristela Freiberg, assistant to the Bishop, will be our contact and guide through the process.

October 14 - Finance meets with Pastor Maristela to discuss compensation guidelines

October 19 - Kimberly Cooper becomes available as a candidate for our congregations Churches are only allowed to interview one candidate at a time per ELCA protocols. If the congregation does not approve the candidate, the person is "released" from that relationship and may be contacted by another church.

October 27 - Call Committee meets with Pastor Maristela to discuss the candidate

November 12 - First Call Committee interview with Kimberly

December 1 - Second Call Committee interview with Kimberly

December 2 - Call Committee recommends Kimberly to Council

December 14 - Council interview with Kimberly Council recommends Kimberly to the congregation

January 6 - Finance meets with Kimberly to discuss the compensation package

January 16 - Town Hall Meeting

January 17 - Kimberly leads Worship Congregational Call Meeting/Vote

First and foremost, I want to thank the Lord for being the source of our strength. It has not always been easy, but I have not felt lost or alone, and that is a true blessing.

A heartfelt thanks to Hannah Wantula, our previous Council President. She was a great leader and without her, this process would not have run so smoothly.

Thank you to Pastor Maristela and Bishop Bartholomew for providing us with the guidance we needed through this process.

Thanks to Pastor Julie Haspel for holding down the fort, so to speak, while we searched for a more permanent interim pastor.

Big thanks to Pastor Bernie (Pastor Bernd Weishaupt) for your continued faith in us and for helping us see our potential. And your sweat equity will always be appreciated.

Thank you, Kimberly Cooper, for your honesty and willingness to work with us as we move forward. We are very excited!

I want to thank all the council members, past and present, for being hard-working and committed to the mission of St. Timothy's.

Thank you to the Call Committee, whose work in the interview process gave us the insight we needed to get to know Kimberly.

And thank you, all of our beloved congregants. We are the St. Timothy family and I am blessed to have you all in my life.

Blessings to you all, Fallon Goskowski, St. Timothy Council President



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

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**Please  
remember the  
extra envelopes!**

At this time of year there are two  
Additional envelopes to Remember:

1. Initial Offering: Helps to Offset the Cost of Envelopes
2. The Lutheran: Helps to offset the cost of "Living Lutheran" Magazine



# February

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| 2/1  | Dawn Brassel       | 2/19 | Jackson Scillieri |
| 2/2  | August Koch        | 2/20 | G.K. Kellstrom    |
| 2/3  | Nelly Koch         | 2/21 | Edward Kramer     |
| 2/3  | Loretta Kratky     | 2/21 | Jennie Tietjen    |
| 2/4  | Mia Fernandez      | 2/23 | Gary Goskowski    |
| 2/14 | Jeff Vander Wende  | 2/24 | Geraldine Hayes   |
| 2/15 | Michael McHugh     | 2/25 | William Mains     |
| 2/15 | Justin Oosterwyk   | 2/26 | David Taranto     |
| 2/16 | Richard Westerberg | 2/26 | Lindsay Sperling  |
| 2/17 | Brent Fabian       | 2/27 | Fallon King       |
| 2/18 | Peg Gerding        | 2/28 | David Richardson  |
| 2/19 | Mala Cianza        |      |                   |



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| 2/1  | Art & Sandra DeRose      |
| 2/4  | Janet & Wallace Romaine  |
| 2/27 | Betty Ann & Mark Tietjen |
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*Should you be on this list, and you're not??  
Please email Laurie at [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)  
or call the office at 973-694-8316!*



## MEMORIALS

Since December 15, 2020, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Lillian Fanslau

Michael Massood, husband of Norma Massood

There have been no Memorial purchases during this month.



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.



Do one thing differently.

Here we are in February and some of us have still not gotten the vaccine injection and the fear of getting the COVID-19 virus is still around. Many of us find ourselves staying in our homes. What can we do, besides calling family and friends, to not just pass the time but that is beneficial? A title of an article I recently saw attracted me, it said 'You're never too old to become a beginner.'" The article then went on to explain that it is helpful to the brain to do something new. So get out your old tennis balls and start juggling or maybe it's time to learn how to play a musical instrument. Don't worry about failing, think about a child learning to walk. How many falls does he make before he moves on to the next challenge?

Here's a candle problem that 5-year-olds do well on. You need to attach a candle to a wall using a matchbox and a bag of tacks...

Did you watch "The Queen's Gambit" on T.V? The more we try something different the more we expand and this is true for all ages. The more we fail and pick ourselves up again, the more we accomplish. So, while we are stuck home a little longer what do you want to try? Play a guitar, juggle those balls, do the Sunday crossword puzzle, maybe tap dance. Remember brushing your teeth with your other hand? Back to the problem: 5-year old's have a wider idea of how an object can work. So, tack the box to the wall and use the box as a candle holder.

We'll be together soon and with a new Pastor. We welcome Kimberly Cooper. We will be beginners together. How exciting. God will be with us and watch over us as we try and sometimes fail but we know God is always with us.

Bless us all. See you soon.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips  
Barbara Westerberg



St. Timothy's Sunday School and Catechism is continuing to teach our youth during these different times. We have been blessed that we can use our talents with technology to reach all of our students. The attendance each Sunday has been better than ever before. We have discovered a new curriculum from WeAreSparkhouse.org and it is working out great. They have both non-digital and digital

formats so each class can use exactly what they need. This is the first time in many years that it follows the Liturgical Year Calendar. So that means that what they learn in Sunday School is reinforced in the weekly service.

First Communion classes will be starting February 14th under the instruction of Rich Wantula. Our three 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive Communion for the first time on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> during the 10:00 service. Rich teaches our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class each week except for during this special instruction. His daughter, Hannah, will be teaching his 4<sup>th</sup> graders during the 5 weeks of instruction.

Our Sunday School and Catechism classes will be participating in a Lenten Appeal for Lutheran Disaster Response beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17. They will be receiving boxes and information (read below) about the appeal and why it is so important to help out.

*"Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need".*

In His name, Laura Dec

**Dates to Remember:**

Feb. 14 – Instruction for First Communion (5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

Mar.14 – Daylight Savings Begins ("Spring" ahead 1 hour)

Mar. 21 – First Communion

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday



**Lent in a bag, a home study and reflection of Jesus' journey to the cross.**

Lent is the season before Easter where we try to “journey” with Jesus. His life, ministry and death are remembered during this season. Lent in a bag is filled with small objects that are used as symbols along with bible verses to focus individual, family or group meditations and conversations during the Season of Lent. The bags will be distributed before Ash Wednesday.



**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Ash Wednesday Service will be pre-recorded and available at 12 Noon. The link will be on Facebook and will also be sent in an email.**



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

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## Angels Circle

We haven't been able to meet in person but that hasn't sopped us from working on quilts!

If you would like to sew a quilt top together, take a kit home... The kits are on the table in fellowship hall. Look at the quilt tops draped on the divider and you'll see how simple this project is.

Feel free to pick up one or more kits when you pick up your church envelopes and calendar. Call the office first to be sure you can get in.

Thanks, Barbara Kaplan



## Heart 'n Hands Mission

We are pleased to welcome Kimberly Cooper as St. Timothy's new pastor. We also want to sincerely thank Pastor Bernd Weishaupt for his unwavering support during his time here with us.

Our sincere thanks go out to the congregation of St. Timothy for your generous benevolence contribution, which helped to provide cold weather gear and other necessities to our sites in January. Along with many other generous year-end contributions, your donation purchased blankets, sweatshirts, socks, adult gloves, children's gloves, fleece hats, men's and women's underwear, reading glasses, hand warmers, toe warmers and string bags for our Veterans, the homeless and families in need.

The new year began with a big MLK Virtual Day of Service, highlighted by our new [Heart 'n Hands Mission Amazon Wish List](#). Being unable to host volunteers from the community for our annual sorting day, we created the Wish List featuring socks, personal hygiene products, and winter headbands. Your response was overwhelming and thank you for your generosity. We received your donations and are now preparing them for distribution.



We will continue to update our Wish List with items of high priority requested by the sites we serve. If you wish to purchase any items (which are delivered directly to the church) please use the link above. The list will open within your Amazon account, and please select the ***Heart 'n Hands Mission-St Timothy Lutheran Church's Gift Registry Address*** at checkout.

We are truly blessed to have such broad support, which allows us to provide comfort to so many. May God continue to bless us all with love, health, and

strength.

## FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

Monday, February 1	Numbers 22:1-21	Acts 21:17-26	Psalm 35:1-10
<i>Tuesday, February 2</i>	<i>Malachi 3:1-4</i>	<i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>
Wednesday, February 3	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Mark 5:1-20	Psalm 35:1-10
Thursday, February 4	Proverbs 12:10-21	Galatians 5:2-15	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Friday, February 5	Job 36:1-23	1 Corinthians 9:1-16	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Saturday, February 6	Isaiah 46:1-13	Matthew 12:9-14	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
<b>Sunday, February 7</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:21-31</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</b>	<b>Mark 1:29-39</b>
Monday, February 8	2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37	Acts 14:1-7	Psalm 102:12-28
Tuesday, February 9	2 Kings 8:1-6	Acts 15:36-41	Psalm 102:12-28
Wednesday, February 10	Job 6:1-13	Mark 3:7-12	Psalm 102:12-28
Thursday, February 11	1 Kings 11:26-40	2 Corinthians 2:12-17	Psalm 50:1-6
Friday, February 12	1 Kings 14:1-18	1 Timothy 1:12-20	Psalm 50:1-6
Saturday, February 13	1 Kings 16:1-7	Luke 19:41-44	Psalm 50:1-6
<b>Sunday, February 14</b>	<b>2 Kings 2:1-12</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</b>	<b>Mark 9:2-9</b>
Monday, February 15	Exodus 19:7-25	Hebrews 2:1-4	Psalm 110:1-4
Tuesday, February 16	Job 19:23-27	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Psalm 110:1-4
<i>Wednesday, February 17</i>	<i>Joel 2:1-2, 12-17</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10</i>	<i>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</i>
Thursday, February 18	Daniel 9:1-14	1 John 1:3-10	Psalm 25:1-10
Friday, February 19	Daniel 9:15-25a	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Psalm 25:1-10
Saturday, February 20	Psalm 32	Matthew 9:2-13	Psalm 25:1-10
<b>Sunday, February 21</b>	<b>Genesis 9:8-17</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b>	<b>Mark 1:9-15</b>
Monday, February 22	Job 4:1-21	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 77
Tuesday, February 23	Job 5:8-27	1 Peter 3:8-18a	Psalm 77
Wednesday, February 24	Proverbs 30:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	Psalm 77
Thursday, February 25	Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18	Romans 3:21-31	Psalm 22:23-31
Friday, February 26	Genesis 16:1-6	Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 22:23-31
Saturday, February 27	Genesis 16:7-15	Mark 8:27-30	Psalm 22:23-31
<b>Sunday, February 28</b>	<b>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</b>	<b>Romans 4:13-25</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>

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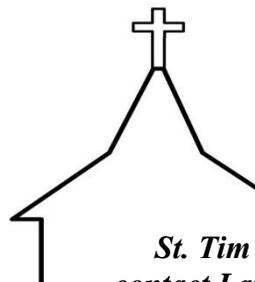
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