

March 2021

TIPS

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday Worship 10am

Saturday Worship 6pm

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Hello, St. Timothy Lutheran Church! I am overjoyed to have been called to be your pastor. My road to ordination has been a long and winding road. For years, I did ministry both in the church and out of it. Finally, in 2012, enough

people had asked me when I was going to pursue ordination, that I started to take it seriously. I had no idea the journey that would be.

To be ordained in the ELCA, a person has to write essays clearly articulating their call story, theology, and answer personal questions. I started my journey in the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana synod. I submitted my first essay and had a subsequent interview. I did that again to be endorsed for internship. And, finally, a third time to be approved for ordination. Along with all of that, a person must pass psychological evaluations, seminary faculty evaluations, and earn a Masters of Divinity.

The amazing thing, is that even going through all of that, does not guarantee someone to be ordained. The final step is a call to a local congregation. I have been waiting for that since March of last year. A combination of COVID and other complications left me in limbo waiting for this final step. By voting to call me on January 17, you have made this a reality. Thank you!

Of course, my call to be your pastor isn't the end of the road, it is the beginning of a new relationship. Change can be so very hard. Already in 2020, we have all experienced a lot of change. Now we have this new relationship to navigate. Although, I am already hard at work reaching out to parishioners – getting to know what you care about, what you miss, what you love, not even all my best efforts would be enough to return everything to the normal you knew a year ago.

Some things we will revive. Some things we will have to grieve. And some things will be new and exciting. As I move into this new role, I am mindful of Jesus's words in Mark 2: 22, "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." You are not the same as any church I have served. I am not the same as any pastor you have had. We have an opportunity to be new wine in new wineskins together.

The ELCA, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, myself and my family have all worked hard to prepare for this ministry that we will do together. I am a bundle of strengths and weaknesses – all of which I offer in service to you. On the 21st of this month, I will be ordained by Bp. Traci Bartholomew in the sanctuary of St. Timothy's. Fortunately, the entire service will be streamed on Facebook, so that all of you can participate virtually. Please pray with me and for me – as I will be doing with and for you all as we begin this new relationship together.

In the love of Christ, Kimberly



What is happening for Holy Week and Easter this year?

Many people are asking me this. Unfortunately, it isn't going to be "back to normal." It isn't because the new pastor wants to change things. One major factor is that we are continuing with streaming worship

until after Easter. It isn't possible to follow all the usual traditions in that setting. Another factor is that I, the new pastor, don't know all the traditions yet. All those who serve in worship are doing their best to educate me as quickly as possible, but there is a reason that the ELCA usually has pastors begin new ministry sites in the summer: it can take time to learn the context. Me trying to do that just as lent is beginning is very hard on those who are responsible for music, altar guild, and all the other pieces. I am beyond grateful to Laurie Crowley, Valerie McGrath, Caroline Parody, and many others for the time spent showing me around and teaching me about St. Timothy.

We are also going to work to increase participation in worship in the sanctuary. I know, from speaking to many of you, that you miss seeing people. That is something we can work on right away. If you feel safe being in the sanctuary with a few other people (10 max), then we would love your help with reading during the service. You can email me (pastorkimberly@optimum.net) or call the church to let me know you are interested.

I am sad that again this year, Holy Week and Easter will be brought to you on Facebook. But, we will keep this time focused on Jesus Christ. We will remember the cross and the joy of the resurrection. That will be the same as every year. I request your grace, for me as I learn, for the worship committee as they scramble to do all the things, and for the church leaders that are making the best decisions they can in a challenging time. I trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to hold us together until we can gather again. In the meantime, please feel free to call or email me to tell me about the traditions you are missing. I am so eager to get to know you!

In the love of Christ, Kimberly



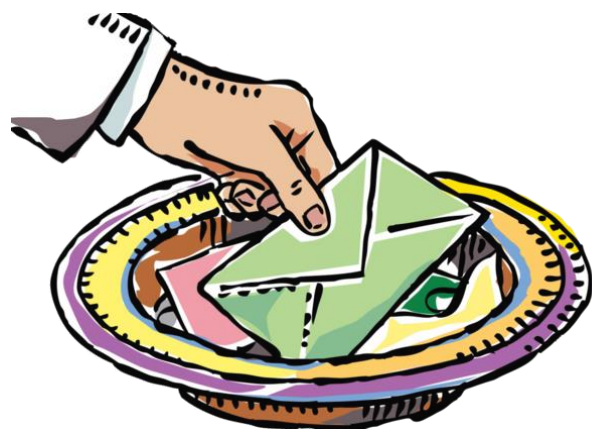
Wayne Interfaith Network

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



**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



3/2 Donna Milito	3/14 Dorothy Lender
3/3 Brendan Loftus	3/16 Arthur DeRose
3/3 Joann Bachorik	3/18 Barbara Kaplan
3/5 Katherine Knittel	3/18 Alice Huizinga
3/6 Rachel Stevens	3/19 Rebecca Kremen
3/7 Andrew Konnerth	3/19 Kieran Roman
3/8 Anna Dittmer	3/22 Cliff Konnerth
3/8 Christopher Gaffney	3/23 Donna McHugh
3/10 Diana DeAngelis	3/23 Robert Bartelt
3/11 Claire Zimmerman	3/24 Marie Beyer
3/12 Amanda Loftus	3/25 Amanda George
3/13 Patrick Kaplan	3/28 Samantha Scillieri
3/13 Stevie Lynn Fabian	3/30 Barbara Tammi
3/14 Joyce Steible	3/31 Peter Johanson



3/6	Carolyn & Louis Russo
3/10	Rebecca & Richard Kremen
3/26	Dorothy & Ray Lender

*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 January 15, 2021, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Lillian Fanslau

Henry Dec, father of Michael Dec

Susan B. DeRose, niece of Art and Sandy DeRose

During this month, Memorial Funds have been used to purchase computer equipment for Pastor Kim's use.



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. This work is ongoing. 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. One Flanders loan was paid in full this month, which is wonderful news! We welcome additional contributions as we assist families with the high price of college.

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On Behalf Of
THE NEW JERSEY SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Announce the
SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

KIMBERLY J. COOPER

Sunday, March 21, 2021

3:00 PM

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

395 Valley Road

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

In-Person Attendance Is by Invitation Only
Face Mask and Social Distance Protocols Will Be Honored
The Service Will Be Live Streamed and Recorded
The Color Is Red



We hope you are enjoying your “lent in a bag” and are finding this a rewarding and comforting experience as an alternative to any in person services.

A total of 160 bags were put together and 139 bags were hand delivered on Sunday Feb 14th. We would like to thank all our drivers who helped with deliveries, Bob &

Cathe Davidson, Crystal, Herbert & Spencer Eggers, Fallon Goskowski, Carolyn & Louis Russo, Karen & Tom Sajban, and Rich & Carin Wantula.

We also thank Structural Stone for the donation of sand.

Laura Dec, Terri Loftus, Valerie McGrath & Ilona Oosterwyk

Update from the Bosnia International Servant Team



When the pandemic hit last spring, the 26 members of the 2020 Bosnia International Servant Team had just returned from an amazing retreat at Cross Roads. We were inspired and excited to work with the Bosnia children and teachers — and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ministry at synod assembly.

Among the many disappointments last year, our trip was put on hold, and synod assembly was canceled. We had hoped to return to Bosnia this summer, but sadly, coronavirus rages on, vaccinations are progressing slowly, and we now must look to summer 2022.

Our team remains committed to spreading hope, healing and peace, at home and aboard. Look for news this spring about a virtual celebration full of music, games, and laughter we're planning for June, when we normally travel. Stay tuned for how to join us.



We are in the middle of Lent, a sad time for us as we think about the suffering Jesus endured. Did he ever doubt? What was he saying to himself as he preached in his difficult political time?

What do you say when you talk to yourself? Are you kind? Are the things you say helpful? We talk to ourselves more than we talk to anyone else and we say things to ourselves that we would never say to anyone else.

Do you try to see the good in others, do you get the facts, are you compassionate? Are you the same with yourself?

I'm sure you can see where I'm going. We are very hard on ourselves sometimes. Especially if we make a mistake or misspeak or don't try to put ourselves in another's shoes. Be kind to yourself and others.

This is a time to think about the model Jesus gave us. What was he saying to himself in his time before the crucifixion? He was kind and understanding of people right up to the end? The politics were difficult then too. How can we heal the division between ideas? Let's try to put ourselves in another's shoes. Let's focus on inventiveness to find solutions. I wish you could all have heard the members of council as they discussed how to solve the ice problem at the church. Remember we are doing this through Zoom and emails. It has been wonderful. The brainstorming was great. A model of working together to come to a solution.

As I write this it's been announced that Rush Limbaugh died. Whatever you think of him, what he said was a thought for all of us. "Remain open to things, the good in it will reveal itself."

Many thanks to all who worked on and delivered the bags for Lent. It is so special. What a wonderful idea.

See you soon. Remember God is always with you.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips
Barbara Westerberg



Our Sunday School and Catechism classes are now participating in a Lenten Appeal. It was originally for Lutheran Disaster Response and now is for COVID-19 through the ELCA. The appeal started on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and ending on Easter Sunday, April 4. Each student received a box to decorate as they wanted and the information (read below) about the appeal and why it is so important to help out.

It truly is "God's Work, Our Hands."

-Help people and ministries affected by COVID-19-

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) continues to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need. **To continue this important work, the church needs your help.**

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. In the United States, unemployment has soared. We see rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care.

Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

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

March – First Communion – Date to be Determined

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday



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

Angel Circle



Quilt kits are available in the church fellowship hall. This is a good stay safe at home project.

A quilt kits contains the squares and description sheet on how the squares go together. Some kits have a few as 16 or 25 squares. There are also spools of thread readily available.

Feel free to pick up one or more kits. Remember to call the office to be sure you can get in the church.

Thanks, Barbara Kaplan



Heart 'n Hands Mission Our 2020 OUTREACH

Despite COVID limitations on us and on our gathering sites, your support made a tremendous impact in 2020!

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ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED

2500

FAMILY SIZE
TOILETRIES

32

VAN LOADS
OF CLOTHES

4000

PAIRS OF SOCKS
AND UNDERWEAR

1400

COATS AND
SWEATSHIRTS

6400

TRAVEL SIZE
TOILETRIES

MARCH LECTONARY

Monday, March 1	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 1:8-12	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Tuesday, March 2	Genesis 22:1-19	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Wednesday, March 3	Jeremiah 30:12-22	John 12:36-43	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Thursday, March 4	Exodus 19:1-9a	1 Peter 2:4-10	Psalms 19
Friday, March 5	Exodus 19:9b-15	Acts 7:30-40	Psalms 19
Saturday, March 6	Exodus 19:16-25	Mark 9:2-8	Psalms 19
Sunday, March 7	Exodus 20:1-17	I Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Monday, March 8	1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	Psalms 84
Tuesday, March 9	2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19	Hebrews 9:23-28	Psalms 84
Wednesday, March 10	Ezra 6:1-16	Mark 11:15-19	Psalms 84
Thursday, March 11	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 1:3-6	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Friday, March 12	Daniel 12:5-13	Ephesians 1:7-14	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Saturday, March 13	Numbers 20:22-29	John 3:1-13	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Sunday, March 14	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Monday, March 15	Exodus 15:22-27	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 107:1-16
Tuesday, March 16	Numbers 20:1-13	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Psalms 107:1-16
Wednesday, March 17	Isaiah 60:15-22	John 8:12-20	Psalms 107:1-16
Thursday, March 18	Isaiah 30:15-18	Hebrews 4:1-13	Psalms 51:1-12
Friday, March 19	2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16	Romans 4:13-18	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday, March 20	Habakkuk 3:2-13	John 12:1-11	Psalms 51:1-12
Sunday, March 21	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Monday, March 22	Isaiah 43:8-13	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Psalms 119:9-16
Tuesday, March 23	Isaiah 44:1-8	Acts 2:14-24	Psalms 119:9-16
Wednesday, March 24	Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23	John 12:34-50	Psalms 119:9-16
Thursday, March 25	Isaiah 7:10-14	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Friday, March 26	Jeremiah 33:1-9	Philippians 2:12-18	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Saturday, March 27	Jeremiah 33:10-16	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Sunday, March 28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1 — 15:47
Monday, March 29	Isaiah 42:1-9	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 30	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, March 31	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32

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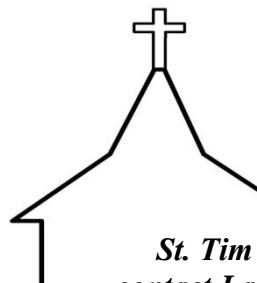
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