

Sunday Worship 10am

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2 <u>10 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	3 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	4 <u>2pm</u> Mediation Group	5 <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	6 NATIONAL DAY OF - PRAYER	7 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	8
9 <u>10 am</u> In Person and Online Worship M	10 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	11 <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	12 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH	Ascension of Our Lord	14 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	TIPS Deadline!
16 <u>10 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	17 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	18 <u>7 pm</u> CEC Meeting	19 <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH	20	21 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	22
23 <u>10 am</u> In Person and Online Worship Confirmation	24 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	25	26 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH	27	28 <i>office closed</i> <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	29
30 <u>10 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	31 office closed					



"We are not baptized because we are worthy and holy, nor do we go to confession pure and without sin; on the contrary, we go as poor, miserable beings and because we are unworthy in

ourselves; excluded is only [s]he who does not desire grace and absolution or one who never thinks of amending [her] his life." – Martin Luther *The Large Catechism*

In the Lutheran tradition, baptism is a sacrament along with the Lord's Supper (AKA communion). According to our church doctrine, the important thing about each of these is the pairing of the word (scripture) with the elements (water, wine/juice, and bread). We believe that the work of the sacraments is entirely accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit and not our own effort. As Martin Luther wrote, "Although a rogue administers the Lord's Supper or even takes it, it is the true Sacrament, that is Christ's body and blood, just as when one uses it most worthily. For it is not based on human holiness, but upon the divine Word."

I, as the presider, will strive against being a "rogue" as I expect all of you receiving the sacrament will as well. But, even on those moments when we struggle to be more saint than sinner, we can be sure to meet Christ where we are. Being community means recognizing that we are going to make mistakes. We don't exist as a church of perfect people. We exist as a church of a perfect God.

This month, we will celebrate as five young people affirm their baptism promises. I will ask them to profess their faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. After they have done this, I will turn to the congregation and ask you to promise to support and pray for them in their life in Christ. This ritual signifies **the beginning** of a new chapter in their faith as spiritual adults in the church. They will be able to vote on church matters, serve on council, and fully participate in church life. Their insights and experiences can inform us as a community to be a better church than we would be without them.

I have also spoken with some adults that want to learn more about the catechism or review it again after a long while. There are some that deeply desire to stand before the congregation and affirm the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized. I have purchased catechism curriculum from Augsburg that is geared specifically to adults. If you would like to be a part of such a class, please email or call me. Learning more about the church and the sacraments will help anyone to grow in their faith practices.

As the quote from Martin Luther at the top of the page clearly articulates, the sacraments and traditions of the church serve to make us more aware of Christ's presence and work in our lives. That presence and work is 100% dependent on the worthiness of God and not ourselves (thank goodness!!). But, the more we attend to God's work, the happier and healthier we will be as individuals and as a community.

I am loving getting to know you all. I see many ways that God is at work at St. Timothy and in Wayne. I look forward to growing my own faith along with you for years to come. God Bless!

See you soon! Pastor Kimberly



Pastor Kimberly's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday • 9 am – 12 Noon

Pastor Kimberly is also available by appointment, afternoons and evenings

Laurie's Office Hours

The church office hours remain the same

Monday – Friday • 9 am – 12 Noon





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

Bookworms

Our book selection is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

> Happy reading, Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn, Elsie and Barbara





This summer, Pr. Kimberly is offering an adult Catechism Class for any adults that either haven't been confirmed in the Lutheran Church OR would like a refresher on Lutheran Theology. The curriculum is published by Augsburg Fortress:

https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506431482/By-Heart-Conversations-with-Martin-Luthers-Small-Catechism

Classes will meet on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30pm for seven weeks beginning June 13 (not including Father's Day or Fourth of July). Please contact Pastor Kimberly with any questions and to enroll.



- 5/2 Eric Sajban
- 5/3 Joseph Dittmer
- 5/5 Alice Hamm
- 5/5 Nathan Eklund
- 5/6 Kimberlee Bartelt
- 5/9 Robin Koegel
- 5/12 Gloria Everett
- 5/12 Ilona Oosterwyk
- 5/12 Kathryn DeStefano
- 5/13 Ryan DeRose-Travia
- 5/16 Amy Taranto
- 5/17 Lisa Bielauskas
- 5/18 Helena Kremen
- 5/20 Melissa Taranto

- 5/21 Briana Venturelli
- 5/22 Chris Vogt
- 5/23 Timothy Schwartz
- 5/24 Jake Benjamin
- 5/26 Steven Englesbe
- 5/26 Jaimee Wright
- 5/26 Elissa Scillieri
- 5/27 Jacqueline Serventi
- 5/28 Hank Kroh
- 5/28 Christopher Taranto
- 5/31 Carol Gabel
- 5/31 Jessica McHugh Wood
- 5/31 Samantha Sajban



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- 5/5 Jeff & Marta Riotto
- 5/9 Carin & Richard Wantula
- 5/10 Dorothy & Roy Vander Wende
- 5/11 Ed & Joann Bachorik
- 5/12 Cathe & Bob Davidson
- 5/16 Donna & Rich Milito
- 5/19 Danielle & Fred Dittmer
- 5/24 Craig & Marie Beyer
- 5/26 Pastor Kimberly & Compton Cooper
- 5/26 Riitta & Matthew Englesbe

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 March 15, 2021, a gift has been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

Anna Cornett, sister-in-law of Gloria Everett

and gifts have been given to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of: Harold Winters, husband of Pat Winters

During this month, Memorial funds were used to purchase 2 air purifiers for the sanctuary; and Memorial Garden funds were used to engrave 3 recently purchased pavers. Also, a first disbursement was made to the Angel Circle from the Lillian Fanslau Fund. We thank the Fanslau family for designating gifts in Lillian's memory to the Angel Circle for supplies and equipment.



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. We welcome additional contributions as we assist families with the high price of college.



A joke: "I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust." We need jokes today. Comedy is gone.

So many things going on. I watch the news and feel overloaded with frustration. I hear mixed messages about going out again, even if we've had a vaccine. "Let go and Let God" comes to mind. I'll try that.

Jesus said, "let he who is without sin cast the first stone." John 8:7 -- Where is the country I grew up in? When did having a different opinion become a reason to get fired from your job? Where is free speech? What about the media misinformation? We all know you remember the first thing you hear not the later correction.

Another joke: "I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger and then it hit me".

I have to admit I'm worried about the children coming across the border and the trials they have been through to get here and how traumatized they must be. Where are the mental health professionals? I don't hear them talking about The PTSD most of them will face. Abandoned, abused, scared, dropped in a foreign country. The drugs coming across are a whole different issue.

The religious organizations will be the ones who will help. We need to search and find out where we can begin to help.

My last joke I promise. "What is the opposite of irony? Wrinkly."

We need each other to get through this difficult time. As I write this, in person services will begin again soon. How wonderful that will feel.

A fond memory... On the 69th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking into baseball I smile. My father and I were big Brooklyn Dodger fans. I can still tell you who manned the field when Robinson was on 2nd base. I went to Ebbits field. I have wonderful memories of baseball. How sad we were when they went to California.

One last thought. Remember the media reports the unusual, not the usual. Don't forget to tell some jokes, and remember God is always with you.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips Barbara Westerberg

Thank You

BIG THANKS to the many people that worked to make in-person worship possible again. Both the Worship Committee and the Re-opening Committee planned out the space and the service to make the worship safe and meaningful. Please thank them when you see them.

Worship Committee members: Fallon Goskowski, Anne Loffredo, Robin Koegel, Carolyn Russo, Valerie McGrath, and Crystal Eggers. Caroline Parody also works with this committee. She has also gone way above and beyond to provide excellent worship music despite tremendous challenges.

Re-Opening Committee: Dr. Lori Bleeker, Laura Dec, Ed Cleaver, James Koppenal, Ilona Oosterwyk, and Robin Koegel.

In addition to her work on re-gathering, Valerie McGrath went above and beyond throughout Lent and Holy Week with setting up - often more than once/week - for services that were being pre-recorded and livestreamed. Her team included her husband, Mark, and Nancy Farina. Their efforts, absolutely, made for a more beautiful experience for all of us.





Sunday School classes at St. Timothy are almost finished for the year. Our last date to meet will be on May 16. This year has been especially challenging for all of us who teach and the students/parents. I will give you the timeline of events, I hope you can follow along. Sunday School started on September 20 with some in-person and virtual teaching when we regathered with Pastor Bernie. Our curriculum that we all liked had been discontinued and the replacement was not liked by anyone. So, our

Christian Education Committee and our teachers found a digital and hard copy curriculum that we were really happy with; and that was not an easy task either, but it got done. Best yet, it was less expensive. Next, we all had some issues with our Wi-Fi in the building to find out we needed Optimum to come out for repairs. Now we were ready to teach and learn. All was going well until the COVID-!9 infection numbers started to climb again last fall. For safety reasons Sunday School was changed to completely virtual as was church service. Each teacher used the platform that worked best for their class. Whether it was Google Meets, Google Classroom or Zoom to teach Sunday School. In March we welcomed Pastor Kimberly and on her first Sunday threw her into, not literally, co-teaching the Catechism class each Sunday morning at 9am. Pastor Kimberly also met the Pre-K and K class one morning on Zoom in Fellowship Hall. Oh, and I almost forgot that Sunday School originally was the same time as service until we went all virtual last fall. That's when it changed to 9am or 9:30am depending on the class. And, now, it's May. It was a little bit of a rocky road but, we made it! We all made it together. This is definite proof that God and Jesus are always with us and looking out for us.

Confirmation Sunday is May 23 during the 10am service. Our five Confirmands are: Caroline Corbett, Jacob Dittmer, Joshua Dittmer, Bryan Lawson and Ava Serventi.

Cross and Crown Attendance award recipients will be listed in the June TIPS.

Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers and helpers:

Laura Dec and Hailey Oosterwyk (Pre-K and K), Charlie and Taisha Purcel (1st and 2nd), Rich and Hannah Wantula (3rd, 4th and 5th), Ilona and Hailey Oosterwyk (6th and 7th), Jeff Riotto (Catechism – 8th and 9th).

Our Christian Education Committee members:

Pastor Bernie (August – February), Pastor Kimberly, Jeff Riotto, Terri Loftus, Ilona Oosterwyk, Cindy Cleaver, Tanya Kellstrom, Hannah Wantula, Christian Wantula, Rich Wantula, Charlie Purcel and Laura Dec.

In His name, Laura Dec

Bosnia IST ~ SAVE THE DATE!



While the pandemic has delayed our return to BiH the leadership team is busy planning how we can celebrate the 20-year anniversary of this ministry. Come celebrate with us (virtually) Plans are underway for a two-day event June 25 and 26. We'll short fun presentations on what the travel and camp experience is like

highlighted with a live concert from our favorite musician, Larry Olson of Dakota Road (<u>https://www.dakotaroadmusic.com/music-audio</u>)

If you've ever thought of going, or just want to know what it's like this will be an excellent opportunity to learn and ask questions of former travel team members and hopefully some real live Bosnians too! A free will offering will be taken on the occasion to benefit the two special needs schools we visit when we are there, Leptir which benefits children and Joy of Life (pictured above) which runs a disabled adult's program.

Stay tuned for details and we hope you can join us.

Mir i Ljubav, Hannah, Cliff and the rest of the BLT NEW JERSEY SYNOD

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April 7, 2021

Pastor Kimberly Cooper St. Timothy Lutheran Church 395 Valley Road Wayne, NJ 07470

Dear Pastor Cooper,

On behalf of the children of Bosnia Herzegovina, I'm writing to thank the St. Timothy endowment for the generous donation of \$6,023.97 to the Bosnia International Servant Trip. These proceeds will sponsor "Friendship Camps," where American and Bosnian teammates will lead grade school children in games, storytelling, music and a servant project. The camps are filled with joy, learning and a shared meal.

Amid the pandemic, this New Jersey Synod-sponsored mission celebrated its 20th year. It's a rare intergenerational opportunity for team members aged 15 to 75 to work together toward hope, healing and peace. The travelers all bring back skills and insights to share here at home.

We had to cancel the 2020 and 2021 trips because of the pandemic, but we're eager to ramp back up as soon as it's safe to travel abroad again. Bosnia remains ethnically divided and economically challenged these many years after the 1992-96 war, and the pandemic has only worsened tensions.

We rely on our church partners, who support us with prayer, homemade gifts for the children, sports equipment donations, camp sponsorships, and travel team members from their congregations.

We cannot do this without congregations like St. Tim's.

Peace and blessings, Cindy Henry, team leader

And the Bosnia Leadership Team

Nicole Seitz, Hope, Freehold; Steve Smith, Prince of Peace, Marlton; Hannah Wantula, St. Timothy, Wayne; Cliff Konnerth, St. Timothy, Wayne; Carlos Cuevas, Christus, Camden; Wayne Olsen, Grace, Teaneck; Andi Gerrard, St. Stephen, Woodbury



Heart 'n Hands Mission

We are grateful to the congregation of St. Timothy for your generous endowment gift. Your support provides the means to continue our monthly deliveries of items our food pantries and shelters need most.

We are glad that we can again gather weekly in Fellowship Hall to prepare clothing and necessities for distribution, are blessed with clothing donations and deliveries of supporters' purchases from our <u>Heart 'n Hands Mission</u> <u>Amazon Wish List</u>. 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 click on the link above or on the image below. 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 look forward to seeing many of you again as we return to worship in our sanctuary. May God continue to bless us all with love, health, and strength.



For us to have a safe and meaningful worship experience, it is imperative that we have enough volunteers to make it happen. In particular, it has been challenging to get people signed up to usher. Please take a moment to look at the sign-up form and

consider serving on an upcoming Sunday:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48a8a72da5fe3-sttimothy

Crystal Eggers has taken on the role of coordinating ushers. If you have questions, please reach out to her or Pastor Kimberly.



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

The Angels will be meeting on May 12th and May 26th from 10 am to 12 Noon.

We will remain masked and socially distanced as we work.

If you would like to pick up a quilt this would be a good time to come. Personal Instructions will be available.

Thanks, Barbara Kaplan

Wayne Clergy & Leaders of Faith invites you to a VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WHAT DOES YOUR DINNER GUEST LIST REVEAL ABOUT YOU? A candid conversation about being unintentionally prejudiced



Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Jason Robinson

Jason is originally from Southern California and attended Langston University, a historically Black institution in Oklahoma. Jason has

established himself as a result-oriented, Business Development Executive across the nation and founded several businesses. To continue his legacy within the communities in which he lives and serves, Jason founded a nonprofit organization called the Three Fifths Foundation. The foundation provides African American students opportunities to obtain careers in law and law enforcement.

Through life experiences, Jason believes the cornerstone of transformation is conversation. He believes in gathering of communities and having difficult conversations such as those around and about race. Jason, his wife Brandi and two sons Rumi (21) and Nuri (17) are proud residents of Wayne, NJ

Welcoming Words: Mayor Christopher Vergano & Chief of Police Jack McNiff

Join the Interfaith Program via the Zoom link provided below:

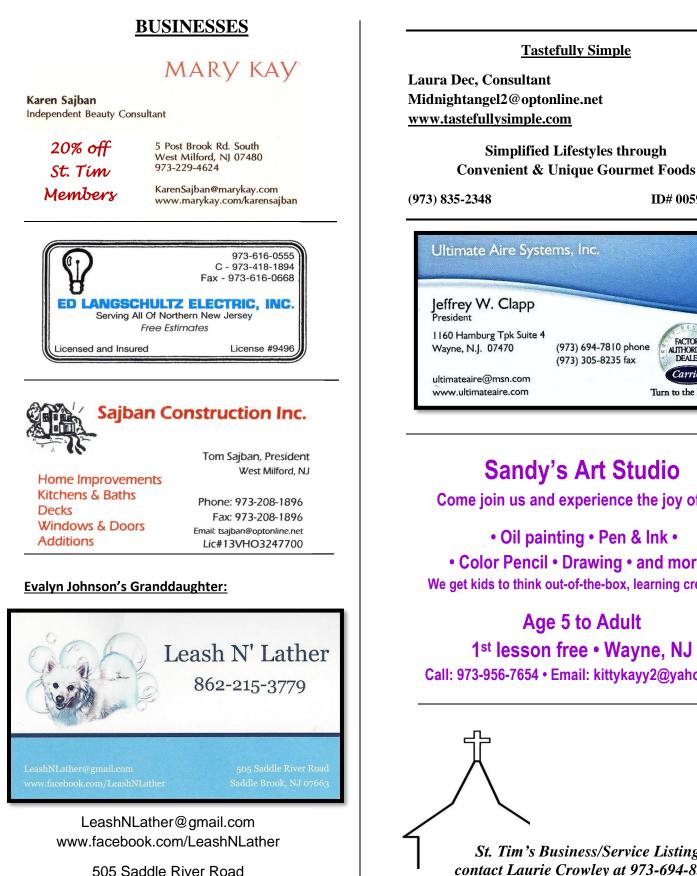
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MAY LECTIONARY

Saturday, May 1	Isaiah 30:18-21	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	John 14:8-14
Sunday, May 2	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
Monday, May 3	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26	Psalm 80
Tuesday, May 4	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18	Psalm 80
Wednesday, May 5	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31	Psalm 80
Thursday, May 6	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34	Psalm 98
Friday, May 7	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 98
Saturday, May 8	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45	Psalm 98
Sunday, May 9	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Monday, May 10	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12	Psalm 93
Tuesday, May 11	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Psalm 93
Wednesday, May 12	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20	Psalm 93
Thursday, May 13	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 14	Isaiah 66:1-2	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 6:12-16
Saturday, May 15	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	John 16:4-11	Psalm 47
Sunday, May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Monday, May 17	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	Psalm 115
Tuesday, May 18	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	Psalm 115
Wednesday, May 19	Ezra 9:5-15	John 16:16-24	Psalm 115
Thursday, May 20	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	Psalm 33:12-22
Friday, May 21	Job 37:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Psalm 33:12-22
Saturday, May 22	Exodus 19:1-9	Romans 8:14-17, 22-27	John 7:37-39
Sunday, May 23	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Monday, May 24	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Tuesday, May 25	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Wednesday, May 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-23	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Thursday, May 27	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8	Psalm 29
Friday, May 28	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11	Psalm 29
Saturday, May 29	Isaiah 5:15-24	John 15:18-20, 26-27	Psalm 29
Sunday, May 30	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Monday, May 31	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57

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