

September 2021

TIPS

A Newsletter From  
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 – 11:30 am

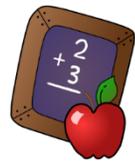
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# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	2	3 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	4
5 <u>9:30 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	6 <b>Office closed</b> 	7 <u>2pm</u> Mediation Group	8 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH	9	10 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	11 
12 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:30 am</u> In Person and Online Worship  <i>Fall Schedule Begins</i>	13 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	14 <u>2pm</u> Mediation Group <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting  <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	15 <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH  <b>TIPS Deadline!</b>	16 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group	17 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	18
19 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:30 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	20 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	21 <u>2pm</u> Mediation Group <u>7 pm</u> CEC Meeting <i>Matthew, Apostle</i> 	22 <u>10 am</u> Angel Circle <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH 	23	24 <u>7 pm</u> AAFH	25
26 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:30 am</u> In Person and Online Worship	27 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew HHM	28 <u>2pm</u> Mediation Group	29 <u>7:15 pm</u> AAFH  Michael & All Angels	30		



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to  
embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing. Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 4, 5*

I have always loved studying history. When I read about events from hundreds and thousands of years ago, I can enjoy the stories with excitement instead of fear. For example, the black plague, the Spanish flu, and diverse other pandemics all seem dramatic and interesting *from a distance*. Now that I am living through a pandemic, I don't find it nearly so interesting. The Black plague lasted from 1346 to 1353 - seven years! The Spanish flu raged from 1918-1920 and took the lives of 17 million people! Compared to these two events, COVID doesn't seem so bad. After all, only 4.4 million people have died since the first case was reported in December 2019.

However, I have been with families when they lost someone to COVID. I saw a son go down on his knees at his mother's bedside finally able to see her just hours before she passed. I have spoken on the phone with wives struggling to tell me – through their own coughing – how horrible it was to be separated from their husband in the hospital. I got frantic phone calls from adult children asking me to find a way to baptize or anoint their parent, because everything else was failing, so why not get God involved. For every one of those 4.4 million people that have died, there are many loved ones left grieving.

Churches all across the USA stopped having in-person worship in March 2020. Ever since that time, doing ministry has been really, really hard. It isn't ever easy to do kingdom work in a broken world, but having to remain apart and then get back together and then apart again has made it so much harder. One significant challenge, is that different people are afraid of different things. In the one congregation of St. Timothy, there are some people that have a hard time breathing in masks AND there are people that are worried to be around people that aren't

masked. There are people that are nervous about the vaccine and people that couldn't get vaccinated fast enough. Everyone's fears and concerns are valid, but it can be tricky caring for everyone with significant diversity of experiences and concerns.

One thing that I know, for sure, does not help is to write others off as stupid or uncaring when they disagree with us. Every single week since I have started serving as your pastor, I have spoken to people that are angry, sad, and scared. No one has said, "I just don't care about the other people at church." But a whole lot have said, "I don't know if the others care about me and my family." I think, the church is a microcosm of our broader society. This is how a lot of people are feeling about almost everything from shopping to working to education. We work out in our minds the balance of safety and function and it's frustrating when others don't "let" us do what we think is best.

Whether we like it or not, we are still in a pandemic. Whether we like it or not, the world – including the church – changed 18 months ago. We can neither bully nor wish COVID away. Along with the rest of society, the church is working to recover from all that has happened (or not happened). Recovery requires love of neighbors. It requires trust in God. More than ever, we need people to step up and serve the community. What are you going to do to help out?

### **Some ways to help:**

Volunteer with children's activities like Sunday School

Help with Heart and Hands

Serve in Worship as usher, reader, cantor, altar guild, or assisting minister

Visit, call, send cards to some of our parishioners that can't get to church

Start a bible study or fellowship group



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# FALL KICKOFF

***Fall schedule kickoff is September 12.  
The education hour will be from 9:15-10:15.***

- Kids (Pre-K through 6th) will meet their teachers, do some activities, and see how in-person SS will be this year.
- Adults will meet in the parlor for adult forum.
- Confirmands will meet with Pr. Kimberly to go over the curriculum and requirements for the year.
- Youth and their parents will meet to learn about the national youth gathering happening next July in Minneapolis, MN

***Outdoor worship will be from 10:30 - 11:30 am.***

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In addition to the morning schedule, we are looking to begin a Sunday evening worship at 6pm. To do this we need some volunteers willing to help with set up, hand out bulletins, serve communion, and clean up after. If you are interested, please email Pr. Kimberly ([pastorkimberly@optimum.net](mailto:pastorkimberly@optimum.net)).



## Angel Circle



The Angels will meet on September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

Thanks to Vicki Coyle for sewing the quilts during these summer months.

Come and see how easy it is to make a quilt.

Thanks, Barbara Kaplan

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## Adult Book Group ~ September 16th



Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 in the morning. We would love to have you join us. We will be in the parlor. Art DeRose is our leader so you know it's a mixture of study and laughter.

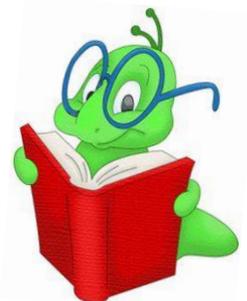
Art, Sandy, Nancy, Mary and Barbara

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## Bookworms

Our book selection for September is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

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





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9/2	Laura Kong	9/19	Joseph Suarez
9/2	Tricia Anton	9/19	Kate Jones-Smith
9/4	Danielle Andersen	9/19	Gary Kellstrom
9/6	Jeff Knittel	9/21	Steven VanHorn
9/9	Hannah Wantula	9/21	Charles Purcel
9/11	Monica Mains	9/22	Christopher Gaffney
9/13	Rich Milito	9/24	Christina Perrone
9/15	Jennifer Andersen	9/25	Bob Davidson
9/16	Bernie Spardel	9/25	Doug Zangrilli
9/16	Douglas Gabel	9/28	Ken DeAngelis
9/17	Dorothy VanderWende	9/29	Robert Taylor
		9/30	Norma Massood



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9/10	Laura & Michael Dec
9/18	Ellen & Edward Kramer
9/19	Anna & Bill Muschko
9/25	Kathy & Jeff Knittel
9/29	Pamela & James O'Mealy

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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

During summer 2021, we have received one gift to the Gordon Schleer Scholarship Loan Fund. We have also received one partial repayment on a Schleer loan. Thank you for both!

During the summer, there have been no Memorial expenses.



One Memorial Garden paver was purchased this summer, so our paver total stands at 116. 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 on-going. 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 to the loan funds as we assist families with the high price of college.



How many of you carry around a stone? We got one in a Lenten bag in February. It reminds us of the rock that was rolled away on Easter morning. Does it help remind you that God is always with you? I do like to use physical things, especially to help in times when I'm feeling depressed or anxious. Sometimes I wear a chakra beaded bracelet to help remind me to pray during the day. It's one of many colors and I've assigned each color to different reasons for my prayer. It could be for myself and some for others.

So many things can be used to help us during the day. Maybe yours is a daily bible reading that pops up for you on your computer. Maybe it's the serenity prayer on a card on your night table next to your bed that you read each morning. Maybe it's the cross you put on each morning or wear around your neck. Let me know yours and I'll share some.

We have endured many pandemics in the past but, as some of you have shared, the mixed messages about how to handle this time only makes us more worried and anxious. As with most things a positive attitude helps. Also, don't forget to read the funny papers. Remember to write in your journal, read nice uplifting books, or whatever else you like. Call friends.

Check for changes in Sunday schedule coming September. Use physical things to help you remember God is always with you and to pray.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips  
Barbara Westerberg



St. Timothy is very excited to start our 2021 Sunday School year in person! Students will be able to learn in person from their teachers and helpers. All adults, students and staff will be masked at all times to assure everyone's safety while learning the great stories and lessons from the Bible.

We will be offering an Adult Sunday School during the regular Sunday School hour. All Sunday School and Catechism classes will begin at 9:15 and finish at 10:15.

Sunday September 12 our first day of Sunday School will begin with a Sunday School Open House followed by our 10:30 outdoor service for all. As always, we are going to have an exciting and great Sunday School year.

The Christian Education Committee is happy to hear about any ideas that you may have for activities and events for the coming months; contact Pastor Kimberly or Laura Dec.

In His name,  
Laura Dec

### **Dates to Remember:**

Sept. 12 – First Day of Sunday School – Open House - 9:15-10:15

Sept. 12 – Sunday Service returns to 10:30

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## **Sunday School Registration Is Underway**



If your child is turning 3 you can sign them up for the 2021-2022 Sunday School year by contacting Pastor Kimberly or Laura Dec.



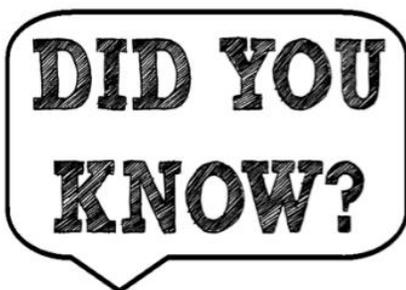
On Monday mornings at 9 AM some of our members meet to do some light work / building & property maintenance items around the church. Our group has traditionally been called "The Monday Morning Crew". We usually meet on Mondays from 9 AM till around 12 noon / 1 PM.

Pre Covid, we had several members coming every Monday which was helpful for us to accomplish the work we were doing around the church, but recently the number of attendees has dropped off due to members not returning after Covid as well as individuals that retired from the group.

We would like to remind those who previously attended, that the group is meeting weekly again and invite those folks back to join the group.

In addition, we are asking that anyone who could join our group to come on Monday morning and be part of this Fellowship and help us perform this important work that we provide for the church. Although regular attendance would be great, come on the Mondays that you are able.

If you need more information, please contact Robert Andersen at 973 831 0326 or [anderob1@aol.com](mailto:anderob1@aol.com).



Carl Johnson has been organizing teams of counters each week for over 30 years! Just like so many other things COVID has brought about some changes to how we are handling the offering. For now, he is working with Laurie Crowley, the financial secretary, to count the money and make the deposit on Monday mornings. St. Timothy owes a great debt of gratitude to him for his dedication and care in service.

## Heart 'n Hands Mission



We've been busy all summer sorting and distributing clothing, and appreciate the use of the green classroom and the Fellowship Hall stage so that we maintain social distancing as we work. We also provided over 100 backpacks and school supplies to several of our sites in August, and plan to purchase and deliver jeans and other cool weather apparel this fall.

Our annual Blessing Bag campaign began on July 1. There are many ways to help this year, as we return to our roots and assemble the bags ourselves. You can find the list of Blessing Bag items in our July newsletter and on our Facebook page. There are also flyers in the Donation Station. In addition, you can purchase items from our [Heart 'n Hands Mission Amazon Wish List](#) (this link takes you there.) We hope to have all Blessing Bag donations by October 15 so that we have sufficient time to assemble and deliver them before the holidays.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Timothy's Heart 'n Hands Mission.

*Lord, we ask that you watch over those in need, that they may find shelter when they seek it, food when they are hungry, clothing and comfort when they are cold, and Your grace and loving encouragement in their darkness.*

**Thank you for your continued support of Heart 'n Hands Mission!**

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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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## 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)

I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

EPHESIANS 3:19 CEV

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## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

Wednesday, September 1	Deuteronomy 4:21-40	Mark 7:9-23	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Thursday, September 2	Isaiah 30:27-33	Romans 2:1-11	Psalm 146
Friday, September 3	Isaiah 32:1-8	Romans 2:12-16	Psalm 146
Saturday, September 4	Isaiah 33:1-9	Matthew 15:21-31	Psalm 146
<b>Sunday, September 5</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:4-7a</b>	<b>James 2:1-17</b>	<b>Mark 7:24-37</b>
Monday, September 6	Joshua 6:1-21	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Isaiah 38:10-20
Tuesday, September 7	Joshua 8:1-23	Hebrews 12:3-13	Isaiah 38:10-20
Wednesday, September 8	Judges 15:9-20	Matthew 17:14-21	Isaiah 38:10-20
Thursday, September 9	Joshua 2:1-14	Hebrews 11:17-22	Psalm 116:1-9
Friday, September 10	Joshua 2:15-24	James 2:17-26	Psalm 116:1-9
Saturday, September 11	Joshua 6:22-27	Matthew 21:23-32	Psalm 116:1-9
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>	<b>James 3:1-12</b>	<b>Mark 8:27-38</b>
Monday, September 13	1 Kings 13:1-10	Romans 3:9-20	Psalm 119:169-176
Tuesday, September 14	<i>Numbers 21:4b-9</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:18-24</i>	<i>John 3:13-17</i>
Wednesday, September 15	Isaiah 10:12-20	John 7:25-36	Psalm 119:169-176
Thursday, September 16	Judges 6:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Psalm 54
Friday, September 17	1 Kings 22:24-40	Romans 11:25-32	Psalm 54
Saturday, September 18	2 Kings 17:5-18	Matthew 23:29-39	Psalm 54
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	<b>Jeremiah 11:18-20</b>	<b>James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a</b>	<b>Mark 9:30-37</b>
Monday, September 20	2 Kings 5:1-14	James 4:8-17	Psalm 139:1-18
Tuesday, September 21	<i>Ezekiel 2:8—3:11</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>	<i>Matthew 9:9-13</i>
Wednesday, September 22	Jeremiah 1:4-10	John 8:21-38	Psalm 139:1-18
Thursday, September 23	Exodus 18:13-27	Acts 4:13-31	Psalm 19:7-14
Friday, September 24	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Acts 12:20-25	Psalm 19:7-14
Saturday, September 25	Deuteronomy 27:1-10	Matthew 5:13-20	Psalm 19:7-14
<b>Sunday, September 26</b>	<b>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</b>	<b>James 5:13-20</b>	<b>Mark 9:38-50</b>
Monday, September 27	Zechariah 6:9-15	1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 5
Tuesday, September 28	Zechariah 8:18-23	1 John 2:18-25	Psalm 5
Wednesday, September 29	<i>Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3</i>	<i>Revelation 12:7-12</i>	<i>Luke 10:17-20</i>
Thursday, September 30	Genesis 20:1-18	Galatians 3:23-29	Psalm 8

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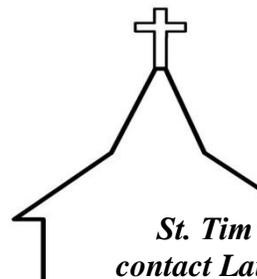
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