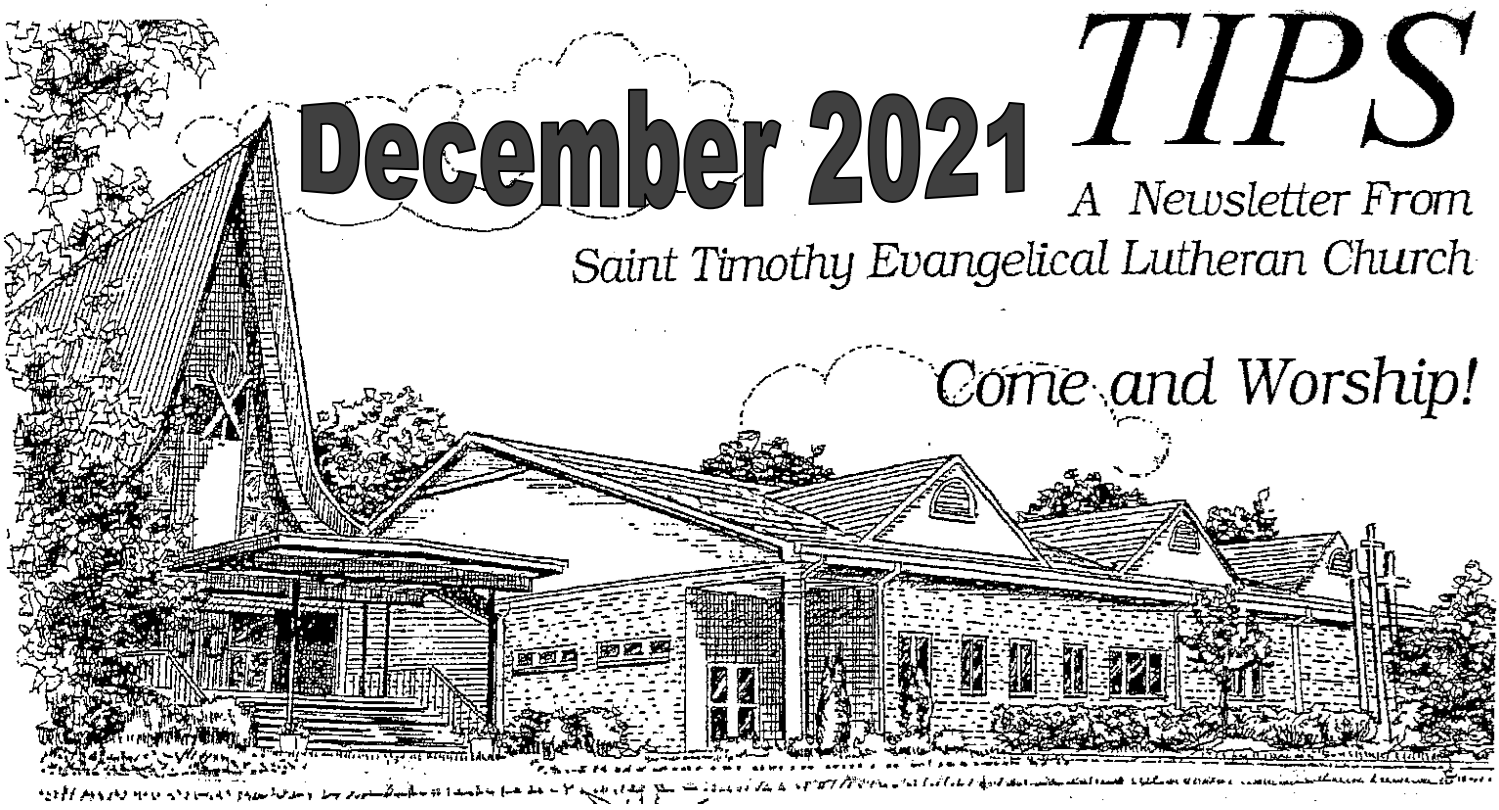

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Sunday Worship 10:30 – 11:30 am

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December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Caroling 7:15 pm AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	2	3 7 pm AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	4
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26 ***10:00 am*** Carols & Communion In the Parlor – wear your pajamas! *No SS*	27 9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands	28 1 pm Mediation Group	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR	

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Worship Participants

December 2021

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Reader	Assisting Minister
December 5 Advent 2	Karen Sajban	Lori VanDerStad TBD	Colleen Duffy	Frances Ochart
December 12 Advent 3	Terri Loftus	Pat Kaplan Craig Beyer	Carolyn Russo	Laura Dec
December 19 Advent 4	Nancy Farina	Ken DeAngelis Doug Zangrilli	Colleen Duffy	Art DeRose
December 24 5:30 pm	All	Tom Sajban Eric Sajban	Ken DeAngelis	Karen Sajban
December 24 10:30 pm	All	Pat Kaplan *Need 1 more usher*	TBD	TBD
December 26 Christmas	Valeri McGrath	n/a	n/a	n/a

FROM THE PASTOR

This month might be the very best time of the year. Advent, the beginning of the church year, means decorating the altar with blue – arguably the prettiest of the liturgical colors. It is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. Many think it's preparing to celebrate his birth, but, really, it's a time for us to reflect on the fact that he is coming again. My New Testament professor – to this day – always looks up to the clouds in the sky to see if Jesus might be on his way back.

I know that many church leaders put a lot of energy into discouraging people from rushing into Christmas. At this point in time, that is a counter-cultural act. To focus, entirely, on Advent and hold off Christmas would mean avoiding school and work functions; putting on blinders to get through stores; and turning off the radio and TV every time there is a holiday special or Christmas music. Since none of us are likely to stick our fingers in our ears and start humming each time Christmas comes up in conversation, we probably need to find a way to hold the anticipation of Advent *and* the joy of Christmas together.

We can start by really thinking about what matters to us during this time and letting go of the other things. If our kids don't want to perform in the school holiday show, let them sit it out. If party preparations are weighing on your mind, don't do it. If you are struggling to come up with ideas of gifts to give people that already have everything, don't waste your time and money at the mall. Let it go!

Instead, crank up the songs you want to listen to. Watch the movies you want to watch (who doesn't love a good Hallmark Christmas movie?). Bake the food you want to eat and share it with the people you love. Prioritize the

relationships that matter to you. Life is already so full of responsibilities and obligations, give yourself a break this holiday season. The world around you won't make this easy, but only you can decide how to prioritize your resources.

Take the time and money that you aren't wasting on things you don't care about, and use them to do God's work in the world. Feed the hungry, care for the lonely, and worship the One that has given you all that have. God was willing to be born into this world, as a human baby to be with us: Immanuel! Look for him this Advent. While it is possible that you might see him returning in the clouds, you can be 100% sure he is in the poor, the sick, the prisoner, and the foreigner (Matthew 25).

My favorite kids' Advent/Christmas short is *Martin the Cobbler*, based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. It was made in 1977 in Claymation – comparable to some of our other Christmas favorites, like Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. It is free now on Youtube (see the link below). Excellent for people of all ages to get into the spirit of Advent.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W91E_iE97Nc&list=PLXIxUBgDUdQ9WJTaiRJItUZg1WFndFnKL&index=16

I wish for you all a **Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!!!**

Angel Circle

The Angels will meet this month on December 8th at 10:00 am.

Merry Christmas,
Barbara Kaplan

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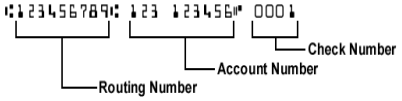

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Adult Book Group ~ December 16th

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

Bookworms

Our book selection for December is *The Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Upcoming selections are:
January: *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Bedan
For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

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

Heart 'n Hands Mission

Merry Christmas to our St. Timothy family
from all of us at Heart 'n Hands Mission!

This month we are delivering approximately 400 blessing bags to the homeless in Hoboken, Passaic, and Paterson, and full-size toiletries to several hundred families.

With your ongoing support, we continue to serve those in need each month, and we relay to you their thanks and wishes of God's Blessings upon you. As we have said and written in the past, no gestures are too small, no good deeds go unnoticed, and help comes in many ways. We are grateful for all of them.

12/1 Janet Romaine
12/2 Ryan O'Mealy
12/3 Craig Beyer
12/5 Ellen Grexa
12/9 Karen Kong
12/9 Matthew Stevens
12/10 Nancy Tammi
12/14 Vincent Venturelli
12/15 Taisha Purcel
12/15 William Muschko
12/18 Christian Wantula
12/21 Julia Hayes
12/21 Carol Labadie
12/21 Ann Rocko
12/22 Alex Banu
12/22 Roberta Jankiewicz
12/23 Anya Cooper
12/26 CJ Beyer
12/27 Jean Marc
12/29 Sarah Riotto
12/30 Lisa Fabian

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, we have received a gift to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of:

George Terembes

No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this month, 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.

Relax. Calm down!

Deep Breathing.

1. Take a slow, even, full breath in through the nose and out through the mouth.
2. Tightly clench your fists as you inhale.
3. Hold
4. Let your fists unwind and say a calming word as you slowly let the air out.
5. Repeat 3 times.

Let go of thing you can't change.

Lift shoulders up to your ears and hold for a count of 10, relax. (Do this 5 times)

Smile, even if you don't want to.

Set up your advent readings. There are books available or you can find some on your computer or phone.

Does everything have to be perfect? Change negative thoughts to positive ones.

Think of a pencil to remind you to list your blessings every day, an eraser to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it's okay, a candy kiss can remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug.

Turn off the TV!

As usual, I've taken ideas from many places. I thank them all.

Merry Christmas and wishes for a blessed 2022.

And remember, God is always with you.

More "Make Life Easy" next Tips
Barbara Westerberg

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. Each week two Bible stories are told to the younger children through ornaments that they will color and hang on the branches each Sunday. If you would like a copy of the ornaments please let me know.

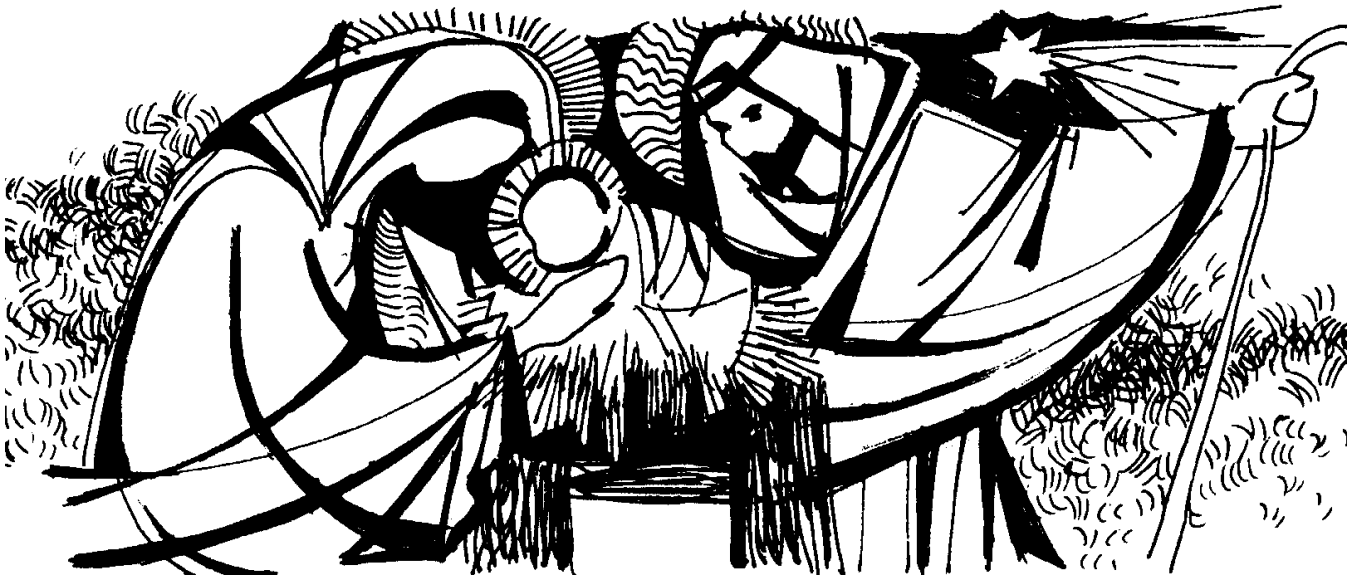
We are so excited to have a Christmas Pageant this year IN PERSON! Come join us on Sunday December 12 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to experience "The Reason for The Season". Everyone is welcome to see our Sunday School students and sing Christmas hymns to get you in the Spirit.

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

In His Name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 28 – First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 5 – Second Sunday of Advent
Dec. 12 – Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday School Christmas Pageant at 9:30am
Dec. 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Snow Date for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant
Dec. 26 – No Sunday School
Jan. 2 – No Sunday School
Jan. 9 – Sunday School resumes at 9:15



Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m.
Family Christmas service
with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m.
Candlelight Christmas service
with Holy Communion

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December 26th ~ The First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 a.m. worship (Parlor)
Caroling, Communion & Treats ~ *wear your PJ's*

January 2nd ~ The Second Sunday After Christmas

10:00 a.m. worship (Sanctuary)
Christmas Lessons and Carols

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. There will be a basket of gift tags with the names, gender, and sizes of children affiliated with the **Center for Family Resources,** the home of the upper Passaic County Head Start program, some of whom meet at St. Timothy every other Wednesday. *There will also be a jar/can to place the other half of the tag that must include your name and phone number.*

For those streaming only but want to participate, feel free to contact Karen Sajban – will mail your tags and you can either drop off at church or we will gladly pick up!

We will have the gift tags available starting Sunday, November 14th. Please take a name - or 2 - and buy a **gift of clothing** for the child named. Bring it back to the church and place the wrapped gift with the gift tag attached under the Jesse tree (please avoid large bows and ribbons for packing purposes). *Feel free to leave in the back right corner of chancel prior to the start of Advent where the Jesse Tree is placed.* It will be delivered to children in time for Christmas! To make sure all gifts are ready to be delivered, the deadline will be **Sunday, December 12th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Jesse Tree Angel Gift program. Please contact Karen Sajban (973-229-4624) or ksajban@optonline.net with any questions.

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.

I 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.

The SonRise Bistro has not re-opened yet this year. Sunday School parents and others are invited to join together in the Fellowship Hall while Sunday School is in session. Nancy Farina and Valerie McGrath have been setting up a really nice spread of coffee, tea, hot chocolate and snacks in Fellowship Hall. So please come and hang out with each other safely in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 to 12 noon each Sunday morning. There are plenty of tables and chairs to social distance and gather together for some much-needed fellowship.

GERA provided an update on the Afghan refugee situation. As you may know, they are currently housed and processed at several military bases throughout the country. The process is slow and inefficient. Three families have been settled in NJ, one in Woodbridge and two in Newark. Follow up assistance has been inadequate, so GERA is helping them with food and clothing donations. On the positive side these first families come from Afghan Special Forces so the prospects of being employed quickly are good. Ten other families are ready to be settled and are in need of housing and furnishings. The question of whether churches can temporarily house a family for up to a month is on the table and being discussed among the congregations we worked with during Family Promise.

I continue to collect household items and furniture as well as coordinating with Heart 'n Hands on the refugees clothing needs.

As always GERA welcomes financial help for the refugees and other needy populations in the area. If you feel called to help their website address is:

https://www.gera-ngo.org/

Thank for your past support of our new neighbors, let us continue praying for peace and justice for all.

God's Work Our Hands,
Cliff

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

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

DECEMBER LECTIONARY

Wednesday, December 1	Isaiah 1:24-31	Luke 11:29-32	Psalm 90
Thursday, December 2	Malachi 3:5-12	Philippians 1:12-18a	Luke 1:68-79
Friday, December 3	Malachi 3:13-18	Philippians 1:18b-26	Luke 1:68-79
Saturday, December 4	Malachi 4:1-6	Luke 9:1-6	Luke 1:68-79
Sunday, December 5	**Malachi 3:1-4**	**Philippians 1:3-11**	**Luke 3:1-6**
Monday, December 6	Isaiah 40:1-11	Romans 8:22-25	Psalm 126
Tuesday, December 7	Isaiah 19:18-25	2 Peter 1:2-15	Psalm 126
Wednesday, December 8	Isaiah 35:3-7	Luke 7:18-30	Psalm 126
Thursday, December 9	Amos 6:1-8	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Isaiah 12:2-6
Friday, December 10	Amos 8:4-12	2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Isaiah 12:2-6
Saturday, December 11	Amos 9:8-15	Luke 1:57-66	Isaiah 12:2-6
Sunday, December 12	**Zephaniah 3:14-20**	**Philippians 4:4-7**	**Luke 3:7-18**
Monday, December 13	Numbers 16:1-19	Hebrews 13:7-17	Isaiah 11:1-9
Tuesday, December 14	Numbers 16:20-35	Acts 28:23-31	Isaiah 11:1-9
Wednesday, December 15	Micah 4:8-13	Luke 7:31-35	Isaiah 11:1-9
Thursday, December 16	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 10:10-18	Psalm 80:1-7
Friday, December 17	Isaiah 42:10-18	Hebrews 10:32-39	Psalm 80:1-7
Saturday, December 18	Isaiah 66:7-11	Luke 13:31-35	Psalm 80:1-7
Sunday, December 19	**Micah 5:2-5a**	**Hebrews 10:5-10**	**Luke 1:39-55**
Monday, December 20	Genesis 25:19-28	Colossians 1:15-20	Psalm 113
Tuesday, December 21	Genesis 30:1-24	Romans 8:18-30	Psalm 113
Wednesday, December 22	Micah 4:1-5	Ephesians 2:11-22	Luke 1:46b-55
Thursday, December 23	Micah 4:6-8 2	Peter 1:16-21	Luke 1:46b-55
Friday, December 24	*Isaiah 9:2-7*	*Titus 2:11-14*	*Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]*
Saturday, December 25	*Isaiah 62:6-12*	*Titus 3:4-7*	*Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20*
Sunday, December 26	**Samuel 2:18-20, 26**	**Colossians 3:12-17**	**Luke 2:41-52**
Monday, December 27	*Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31*	*1 John 1:1--2:2*	*John 21:20-25*
Tuesday, December 28	*Jeremiah 31:15-17*	*1 Peter 4:12-19*	*Matthew 2:13-18*
Wednesday, December 29	*2 Chronicles 24:17-22*	*Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60*	*Matthew 23:34-39*
Thursday, December 30	2 Chronicles 1:7-13	Mark 13:32-37	Psalm 147:12-20
Friday, December 31	*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*	*Revelation 21:1-6a*	*Matthew 25:31-46*

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