

March 2022 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Additional Livestream Worship</u> 10:30am each Sunday 7:00pm on Ash Wednesday		1 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	2  <u>Noon & 7:00 pm</u> Worship	3	4	5
6 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>8:30 & 10:30 am</u> Worship 1pm AAFH Communion Class Begins	7 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Council Meeting	9 10 am Angels Circle 6 pm Soup & Study	10	11 7:30 pm AAFH (AA in Fellowship Hall)	12
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Worship Participants

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Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Reader	Assisting Minister
March 6	Karen Sajban	Doug Zangrilli Lori VanDerStad	Laura Dec	Fallon King
March 13	Terri Loftus	Doug Zangrilli Lori VanDerStad	Karen Sajban	Carolyn Russo
March 20	Ilona Oosterwyk	Ken and Diana DeAngelis	Art DeRose	Lori VanDerStad
March 27	Lori VanDerStad	Tom and Karen Sajban	Jennifer Anderson	



“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

All across the USA, churches of all sorts are declining in attendance. For the mainline churches (Methodist, Presbyterian, and yes, Lutheran) this has been going on since the 1960s. Evangelical churches with their focus on “contemporary” music and other modern additions experienced revival in the late 70s and throughout the 80s in most part by pulling members from other Christian traditions. A lot of the preaching and teaching in these churches over the past few decades has centered on a personal relationship with Christ and feeling good about oneself. I remember driving around Fort Worth, Texas seeing billboards for a church that had photos of people with word bubbles next to them saying, “I am second,” by which they meant, people need to put God first and themselves second. What about others?

Over the past few years, however, even the mega churches are starting to show drastic decline in numbers. In an effort to keep numbers up, they open new church plants with exciting new technology. People from area churches, who are bored with the music and preaching at their own church, start attending for a time, but eventually the newness wears off. The danger in prioritizing one’s own personal relationship with Christ, is that it actually makes church community irrelevant. Churches selling a self-help version of theology have to constantly come up with new ways to engage members seeking ways to feel good about who they are and what they are doing.

The truth is that all churches across denominational lines, face the same root question: what makes church relevant in the USA of the 21st century? Too many church leaders have tried to answer that question with partisan politics. They are using personal opinions to fill their pews instead of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I know a lot of people have left churches like that. Other preachers see

that too and become nervous to apply the gospel to current affairs at all. They struggle to carefully balance a fence that is becoming narrower and narrower with each passing election cycle. In the case of the first group, they are limiting the relevance of the church to a few like-minded individuals. In the case of the second group, they are discarding relevance all together.

What does this mean for our small church in one small suburb of this great country? I think it starts with throwing out the questions that most churches are asking. We need to stop trying to answer questions like: how can we be relevant without being controversial? The answer to that is we can't. Preaching the gospel is inherently dangerous. Peter and Paul were both executed by the state for preaching the gospel. At the same time, as Christians, we recognize that partisan politics is a product of a broken world. No mere political party can come close to representing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Partisan politics has no place in church.

We also need to stop asking questions like: how can we fill our pews and increase our budget? Neither of those things matter to anyone outside the church. What matters is that the people that are coming are engaged in hearing, living, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. I would rather have a handful of people engaged in the work of the church than 500, whose primary focus is in themselves.

Instead of those questions, we have to start with the one most important question: Why does God want St. Timothy to be here in Wayne, NJ? The truth is that if God wants us here, then nothing can diminish our value. And if God doesn't care about our presence here, then no changes we make will matter even the slightest bit. My hope over this next year, is to really start to dig deep with this question. Why does God want us here?

There is no way for me or even all of church council to answer this question alone. We need to hear from anyone that has an idea. So, what do you think? Why does God want us here? I'm eager to hear from you!



MEMORIALS

Since December 15, there have been no gifts to the Memorial Fund.

Pat Winters has designated one of the new trees in the Memorial Garden – the Coral Maple (*Acer palmatum* “Sango-Kaku”) – in memory of her husband, Harold. What a wonderful idea!

If you would like to designate either the Rising Sun Redbud tree (\$130.00) or the Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar tree (\$370.00) in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. We hope to plant another tree in the Spring, in memory of George Terembes. This is a beautiful way to honor someone special.



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 Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words “Organ Repair” on the memo line.



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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.

Soup & Study



Do you struggle to pray? Have your prayers become rote and dry? Perhaps you are looking for new ways to pray? This Lent, join us to explore alternate prayer practices while enjoying a delicious soup supper.

Sessions begin March 9th at 6:00pm followed by the study at 7:00.

All are welcome... come when you can, leave when you must!

Adult Bible Study

Join us each Tuesday at 2pm for an in-depth discussion of a select lectionary reading for the upcoming Sunday. For the month of March, Pastor Kimberly will lead the conversation based on the following passages:

March 1 – Luke 4:1-13

March 8 – Luke 13:31-35

March 15 – Luke 13:1-9

March 22 – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 29 – John 12:1-8



Liturgy of Holy Communion will follow.

Angels Circle



The Angels Circle will meet on Wednesdays March 9th and 23rd at 10AM, weather permitting.

If you like to sew but are unable to join us, there are kits and thread available to take home. They are located in the baskets on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Feel free to join us or sew at home,

Barbara Kaplan

Adult Book Group



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 March is A Women is no Man by Etaf Rum.

For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

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



Sunday School began again on February 6th after our January hiatus. It was so exciting for us teachers, our students and parents to see each other after about 6 weeks! So happy that some normalcy returned.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

- March 1 – Shrove Tuesday
- March 2 – Ash Wednesday
- March 6 – New Sunday School Schedule Will Begin
God's Global Barnyard Collection Begins
- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 14 – Maundy Thursday
First Communion
- April 15 – Good Friday
- April 17 – Easter Sunday – **NO Sunday School**

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 DeAngeles	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 Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call 973-694-8316!



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 170 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.

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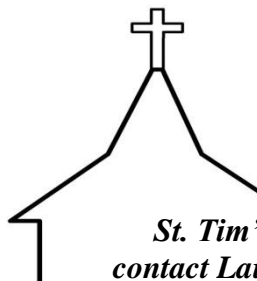
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