

April 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Additional Livestream Worship</i>	10:30am each Sunday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday & Good Friday				1 <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	2
Easter Flower Orders 3 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>8:30 & 10:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH	4 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	5 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	6 <u>6 pm</u> Soup & Study	7	8 <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	9
10 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship followed by Potluck Brunch <u>1pm</u> AAFH	11 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	12 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion  TIPS Deadline!	13 <u>10 am</u> Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters <u>6 pm</u> Soup & Study	14 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group <u>7:00 pm</u> Worship <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	15 <u>12:00 pm</u> Stations of the Cross <u>7:00 pm</u> Worship <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH <i>Good Friday</i>	16
17 <u>Approx. 9:15 am</u> Easter Egg Hunt <u>8:30 & 10:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH	Office Closed 18 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	19 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:00 pm</u> Christian Ed Meeting <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	20	21	22 <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	23
24 <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>8:30 & 10:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH	25 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts <i>Mark, Evangelist</i>	26 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	27 <u>10 am</u> Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters	28	29 <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	30



Worship Participants

April 2022

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Reader	Assisting Minister
April 3	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack	Doug Zangrilli Ken DeAngelis	Carolyn Russo	Gary Goskowski
April 10	Valerie McGrath Nancy Farina	Doug Zangrilli, Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Colleen Duffy	Bob Davidson
April 14	n/a	Tom Sajban	Marie Beyer	Frances Ochart
April 15	n/a	Tom Sajban	Colleen Duffy	Carolyn Russo
April 17	All please help	Pat Kaplan Lori VenDerStad	Ken DeAngelis	Josh Abrahamson
April 24	Debbie Andersen	Tom and Karen Sajban	Bob Davidson	Jennifer Anderson



“For our sake, God made the One who was without sin to be sin, so that by this means we might become the very holiness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

What is it about Jesus’s death and resurrection that means we are forgiven and promised resurrection?

You might be thinking right now that you know the answer. And why doesn’t pastor know the answer. Well, in fact, the answer that you have is one of many possibilities. Scripture holds many different metaphors and symbols for Christ from sacrificial lamb to living water to bread and wine. Scholars throughout the millennia have used scripture and theology to suggest ways that Jesus’s death and resurrection mean forgiveness and salvation.

The first thing that must be understood is that for humanity to be saved, Jesus Christ had to be fully human and fully God. For the first few hundred years after Jesus’s crucifixion and resurrection, Christian leaders and scholars wrestled with that exact idea. For a firm statement of faith to be crafted, the Church had to address heresies that Jesus was a man body with a God soul or God pretending to be a man or half and half God/man. It wasn’t until the 4th century that a group of scholars referred to as the Cappadocians determined that Christ could only heal humanity, if he was fully human and he only had the power to implement the healing, if he was fully God. It wasn’t until the next century that what we call the Nicene Creed was completed.

Since then, scholars have developed several theories to explain how the crucifixion led to our salvation. This is probably the part in which you will hear what you were raised to believe. The first is Ransom Theory. In this theory, Satan has us under his control and God paid for our release with the death of Jesus. The next is Christus Victor, or victorious Christ. This theory depicts Christ as a warrior fighting against “the evil enemy of God.” Christ defeats the evil one freeing us from the darkness. The next one, which is very popular, is the Satisfaction Theory. This one was developed by Anselm in the 12th century. In this theory, we, as sinners, are infinitely guilty. Our guilt or sin must be paid for, but we don’t have the currency to pay the bill. Only Godself can satisfy the debt.

Next, we have the Moral Influence Theory. I will be honest with you that when I first heard this one, I wasn't impressed, but I'm coming around. Developed by Abelard, also in the 12th century, this idea is that it is "Christ's love expressed in his suffering that frees us from the power of sin and ensures us the freedom of God's children." Jesus's death out of love for us moves us to want to be better people and give up our sin.

The Penal Substitution Method came about during the reformation period. This builds on the satisfaction theory. More than just paying our sin debt, Christ is punished on our behalf. We, in fact, deserve to suffer and die on the cross, but Jesus did it instead. Jumping to the 20th century, we find the Last Scapegoat Theory. This one acknowledges the ancient practices of killing/sacrificing to satisfy the wrath of people and gods. In this theory, Jesus Christ was the last scapegoat dying to appease conflict.

The final theory, and my favorite, is the Nonviolent Christus Victor Theory. This was developed by a Mennonite theologian, J. Denny Weaver, who as far as I can tell, is still living. In this he looks at the Christus Victor theory with fresh eyes. He describes it as Jesus Christ living to demonstrate or even bring about the will of God on earth. "His death was not the will of God but was instigated by the powers that opposed the reign of God."

You can agree with any of these theories and not be wrong, but at the same time, all of them are imperfect explanations for the mystery of Christ's work on that cross two thousand years ago.

I definitely see Christ's death as the result of humanity's violent ways and not as a conflict between Satan and God. When I read Genesis chapter 3, I see original sin as humanity learning how to be evil. It was through our knowledge of evil that Jesus died on the cross. Then he was resurrected as proof that death/evil don't get the last word. Some of Abelard's explanation that God's expression of love is through suffering resonates with me in that we then learn that love has the ultimate power. The world, with its emphasis on power and might demonstrates evil winning, but Jesus and his power through love has the last word.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY: WORSHIP BEGINS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9:30AM WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS. PARTICIPANTS WILL PROCESS INTO THE SANCTUARY FROM THERE. IF YOU FEEL UNABLE TO PROCESS, PLEASE FEEL COMFORTABLE TO SETTLE INTO THE PEWS DIRECTLY AS THE REMOTE PART OF THE SERVICE WILL BE AUDIBLE IN THE CHURCH.

MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY: EVENING DEVOTIONS WILL BE POSTED VIA YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK ONLY.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: WORSHIP COMMEMORATING THE FIRST COMMUNION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM.

GOOD FRIDAY: THE NOON SERVICE WILL CENTER ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. THE 7:00PM SERVICE WILL FOCUS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS WITH PREACHERS LAURA DEC, JOSH ABRAHAMSON, FALLON GOSKOWSKI, JEFF RIOTTO, ART DEROSE, GLORIA COOPER, AND PASTOR KIMBERLY.

FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER: WORSHIP WILL BE HELD AT 8:30 AND 10:30AM WITH AN EASTER EGG HUNT IN BETWEEN SERVICES.

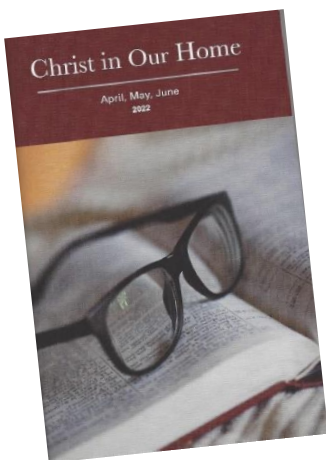
THURSDAY, FRIDAY EVENING, AND SUNDAY 10:30: ALL THREE SERVICES WILL BE IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED.

Palm Sunday

CHURCH COUNCIL IS HAPPY TO PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO RE-ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONNECTION AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

PLEASE COME TO THE POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE 9:30AM PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE FOOD AND SIGN-UP TODAY! THE SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD NEXT TO THE ELEVATOR AND NEAR THE STAIRS TO THE NARTHEX. OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS (M-F 9-12) AND DEB WILL TAKE CARE OF IT!



Daily Devotional booklets are now available
for Spring 2022.

Pick one up today either in the narthex or
in Fellowship Hall!

Soup & Study

There's still time to join in to explore ways to enhance and deepen your prayers. Sessions continue until April 13th.

We break bread together at 6:00pm followed by a time of quiet time to try different methods of connecting with God.





**Since February 15, we have received a gift to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:
Elizabeth R. Jones and Kenneth E. Jones**

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. We hope to plant another tree in the Spring, in memory of George Terembes. This is a beautiful way to honor someone special. Please call the Church office if you are interested in making a similar designation.

During this month, Memorial funds have been used to purchase 5 cases of Eternal Light candles, and Memorial Garden funds have paid for mulching, weed-killer and labor in the Garden.



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.



John Steible was recently honored for his many years of dedicated service to the Lincoln Park Fire Department—a whopping 65 years! During that time, he contributed in both small and big ways; for example, he wrote for the boro's monthly newsletter on behalf of the department and served as the NJ State Fireman's Association chapter Secretary and is a Life Member of that organization.

Congratulations, John, and thank you for the lives you've touched!

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 April, Pastor Kimberly will lead the conversation based on the following passages:

April 5 – **1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

April 12 – **Luke 24:1-12**

April 19 – **John 20:19-31**

April 26 – **John 21:1-19**



Liturgy of Holy Communion will follow.

Angels Circle



The Angels Circle will meet on Wednesdays April 13th and 27th 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

Knitters & Crocheters



Welcome Back!

This group is starting again under the guidance of Nellie. We will meet on April 13th and 27th from 10AM to noon.

Beginners, as well as experienced, men and women are welcome to join.

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 April is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

Happy reading,

Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn, Valerie & Barbara





Spring is in the air at St. Timothy's Sunday School with new things and some "old" new things.

We began our New Sunday School schedule in March and it's going very well. Lent has been the topic during our openings in Fellowship Hall. Our 30-minute class time has also been a great thing. The teachers have the right amount of time for the lesson without downtime waiting for parents to pick their child/children up. Snack time in Fellowship Hall, after class, has been fun. We celebrate birthdays with singing and prizes from the Sunday School Treasure Chest. And, what we believe is the best for them, they get to talk to each other. They missed each other so much in the past 2 years. It's so nice to hear chatter and laughter from them. Also, from the parents and teachers too.

A big Thank You to Rich Wantula for teaching our 5th Graders about First Communion and how important it is to gather together at The Lord's Table. Kayla Fagan and Andrew Koppenal are preparing to receive Communion for the first time. Rich had taught in our Sunday School for many years and has once again been called to service.

After 2 long years we will have a congregational meal on Palm Sunday. Everyone is invited, and will gather in Fellowship Hall to process waving palms into the sanctuary at 9:30am. Our Sunday School students will process and sit in the front pews so they can experience the Passion of Our Lord. The procession may not be neat and orderly, but I bet it was NOT neat and orderly when Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem! I'm so excited to be able to enjoy this tradition again. Church Council has organized a Congregational Brunch immediately following the service. Come and enjoy great homemade food and conversation with your church family.

Who's ready for an Easter Egg Hunt? St. Timothy Sunday School students are! A fun time searching for the "Surprise Inside" will be between the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Easter Sunday.

Come bring your basket or bag to gather the eggs and have some fun with your classmates.

PreK thru 2nd and 3rd thru 6th will each have their own hunts. FYI, we haven't had an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday if my memory is correct since around 1999. That's a long, long time ago.

God's Global Barnyard, our Sunday School and congregational Lenten Appeal will end on Easter Sunday. Please bring your Banks to church on Easter Sunday or the Sunday after. We want to see which class collected the most and what animals we can give to families in need.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

April 15 – Good Friday

April 17 – Easter Sunday: **NO Sunday School**

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4/14 Eric Knittel	4/28 Mary Schloesser
4/15 Hulda Ritz	4/30 George Labadie



4/29 Amy & David Taranto

Should you be on this list, and you're not??

Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call 973-694-8316!



Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response during this crisis are already at work. Because of your generosity, \$1 million will support the Lutheran World Federation and these member churches:

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They are distributing hygiene supplies, food, medicine, bedding and psychosocial and pastoral care to refugees and internally displaced people, most of whom are women and children.

Your support has made this possible, but more work remains. Your gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used in full (100%) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Together we pray for our siblings in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May God be with them in their time of need.

Three Ways to Give



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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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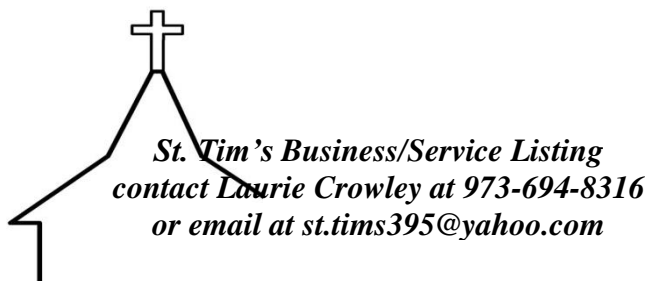
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