

May 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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May 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ First Communion 1pm AAFH	2 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts <i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>	3 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:00 pm Worship Committee	4 7:00 pm Executive Committee 7:30 pm Handbell Choir practice	5	6 Synod Assembly 7:30 pm AAFH	7 Synod Assembly
Happy Mother's Day 8 9:15 am Sunday School w/ Acolyte Training 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship 1pm AAFH	9 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Council Committee	11 10 am Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters 7:30 pm Alleluia Choir practice	12	13  TIPS Deadline! 7:30 pm AAFH	14 <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>
15 9:15 am Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:30 am Worship w/ Baptism 1pm AAFH	16 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:00 pm Christian Ed	18 7:30 pm Handbell Choir practice	19 10:30 am Adult Book Group	20 7:30 pm AAFH	21
Begin Summer 22 Worship Schedule Confirmand Interviews 9:30 am Outdoor Worship 1pm AAFH	23 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Council Meeting	25 10 am Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters	26 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	27 7:30 pm AAFH	28
29 9:30 am Worship 1pm AAFH	Office Closed 30 9 am Mon Morn Crew 9:30-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	31 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <i>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</i>				Please note that on Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate Confirmation during 9:30am Worship



Worship Participants

April 2022

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader
May 1	Karen Sajban	Ken and Diana DeAngelis	Compton Cooper	Lori VanDerStad
May 8	Terri Loftus		Frances Ochart	Art DeRose
May 15	Ilona Oosterwyk		Karen Sajban	Colleen Duffy
May 22	Lori VanDerStad	Tom and Karen Sajban	Fallon Goskowski	Ken DeAngelis
May 29	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack		Art DeRose	Bob Davidson



"A Person who, owing to wellfounded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it." Definition of refugee from the 1951 UN Refugee Convention and Protocol

My earliest experience working with refugees was as a young child when my church sponsored Polish refugees fleeing the USSR. I vividly remember visiting the family and playing with their young children, who spoke no English. And then, just a short time later, visiting them again and being surprised to find that the children did speak English. Later, as an adult, I discovered that children can, in fact, learn a new language in a matter of weeks and months. People, of all ages, immersed in any new language gain proficiency with surprising speed.

It takes much, much longer to recover from the traumas of war and the loss of *everything*. We know that women and children are flooding out of Ukraine. Their husbands, fathers, and sons are remaining behind to defend their homes. Some are doing so voluntarily – others are being forcibly detained by Ukrainian military. People who had jobs and homes just two months ago are now separated from loved ones and sheltering in schools and churches. They are refugees.

I know a good many of you want to help. In February, when Russia originally invaded Ukraine, Lutheran Disaster Response immediately started working with Lutheran churches in Ukraine and surrounding countries to get assistance to people remaining to fight and those fleeing for their lives. They are still doing that work. I also know, though, that the work of finding long-term solutions is much more complicated. The Lutheran Church also has a national organization dedicated to that work: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

The Ukrainians are joining a world-wide refugee population of 82.4 million people. Like Afghans, Syrians, and many others, they will face the hardest decisions of their lives: to remain sheltering in place in the hope that war will end; to return to their home country; or apply to be resettled in a new country. The USA may be an option for those choosing to resettle, but over the past few years, the network of refugee resettlement programs has been underfunded and disbanded. Organizations like LIRS and GERA (local to North New Jersey) will need all the support they can get.

Refugees need help with basic needs. They need to learn English well enough to get a job and provide for their children. Too often they are single-parent households. And, even more tragically, they are children whose parents have been lost. As Jesus followers, we are required to care about them (Matthew 25:35; Luke 10: 29 & 37). We are required to provide practical care as we are able. For all those things over which we have no control, we must remember that we are not alone in this work.

Ultimately, it is God's reign that we pray will come. God alone can bring an end to the brokenness. Let us pray both for the broken and an end to the breaking. Let us pray that our world leaders will do God's will. Let us pray that we ourselves will follow the way of Christ in caring for our neighbor. Amen

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Thankful
ALWAYS
Grateful
ABUNDANTLY
Blessed

What a gift to be able to honor Lent and Holy Week in-person this year! Big thank you to all who served in the meaningful conversations, meals, and worship. Especially Art and Sandy DeRose and Nancy Farina for organizing the soup suppers; all who participated in the Passion Reading on Palm Sunday; Jenn Andersen for organizing the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday; Bob Davidson and Frances Ochart for leading stations of the cross; and all who provided thoughtful meditations on the evening of Good Friday.

Your work mattered a lot to everyone who participated.

Heart 'n Hands Mission



With a steady stream of donations and your support over the past few months, we have continued to provide clothing and necessities to all our partners, which now includes Christhouse, the food pantry and clothing ministry of St. Luke Baptist Church in Paterson.

Due to the decline in travel since the COVID-19 pandemic began, donations of hotel size toiletries have all but ceased. You can help by donating these Care Kits or Care Kit Items so that we can continue our goal of distributing 100 kits each month. These travel size items in a sandwich Ziploc bag can be for men or women:

Shave Care Kit

2 Razors
2 oz Shave cream
Pack of tissues
8 Band-Aids
Sugar Free Gum

Dental Care Kit

Toothbrush & Cap
Toothpaste
Floss or 30 Flossers
Chapstick
Deodorant

Shower Care Kit

Shampoo
Body Wash
Gold Bond Powder
2 oz Skin Lotion



Thank you for your support!

St. Timothy Lutheran Church *The Good Steward Award 2021*



In 2007, as a part of our fiftieth anniversary celebration, we established a new tradition at St. Timothy, the annual presentation of the Good Steward Award. The award is given to a member of the congregation who best exemplifies the principles of Christian stewardship: the gracious giving of time, talent and treasure; selfless devotion to serving Christ and his people; faithfulness to the Christian disciplines of prayer and worship; a strong commitment to the ministry of St. Timothy Church.

Our awardees have included:

Dolores Monsees, 2007

Joe Suarez, 2008

Debbie and Robert Andersen, 2009

Anne Loffredo, 2010

Grace Flanders, 2011

Kathy Gormley, 2012

Eileen Smith, 2013

Cliff Konnerth, 2014

Robin Koegel, 2015

Art and Sandy DeRose, 2016

Bill Monsees, 2017

Pat and Bernie Spardel, 2018

Carol Cook, 2019

Carl Johnson, 2020

It's time to make up for 2021 by choosing an honoree retroactively. We will resume our typical schedule in the Fall for our 2022 recipient.

Please make your recommendation for our fifteenth annual Good Steward Award. Simply fill out the attached form and **return it by June 1, 2022**. Recommendations will be compiled and considered by St. Timothy's Congregational Council who will make the final decision on the Good Steward for 2021.

My recommendation for Good Steward 2021 is:

(Name)

Please summarize in one or two sentences why you make this recommendation:



MEMORIALS

Shortly after April 1, we received a gift to the General Memorial Fund from Mrs. Trudy Insel, in memory of her husband Charles Insel, who passed away January 23, 2022. Mrs. Insel explained in her note that her husband was born in Budapest, Hungary, and was brought to the U.S. in 1956 after the Hungarian Revolution. The Lutheran Church of Hungary paid for his trip, and helped him get started here. They have been Wayne residents for 52 years. Mrs. Insel said that they are forever grateful to the Lutheran Church – and we are grateful for her gift!

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, there have been no Memorial purchases.



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 and for the faithful repayments to the Schleer and Flanders loan funds. We welcome additional contributions to the loan funds as we assist families with the high price of college.

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Dear All,

The St Timothy Endowment Committee is asking you, the congregation, for suggestions for the 2022 endowment benevolent allocation.

Background: St. Timothy Lutheran Church's ministry extends beyond the walls of the sanctuary and into the local and world community. St. Timothy established the Endowment Fund in 2013 through the generosity of Ms. Marie Forester, as St. Timothy was named as beneficiary of her estate.

Purpose: To strengthen and extend God's mission, reaching out in response to human need, locally, nationally, and globally.

Allocation: The Committee is responsible for the annual allocation of endowment dividend funds (\$17,449.00 this year) which is 50% of the 2021 total dividends. Of the 50%, half (\$8,724.50) of the total dividends will be determined by the committee and the other half (\$8,724.50) is to be determined by the congregation.

Requirements: Funds can only be given to legally qualified recipients; no funds can be used for St. Timothy's normal operating expenses. Requests can be made for special projects of the congregation, capital improvements for the congregation and other purposes.

For our donations to have the greatest impact please consider giving to the local chapters of national and global organizations.

Due Date: June 1st. There will be a suggestion box in the back of the Narthex. You will be asked to list one local, one national and one global charity and also include your name on the ballots provided. You may cast your ballot by placing it in the box in the Narthex, mailing it to the church "Attn. Endowment Committee", or emailing it to st.tims395@yahoo.com. There will also be an online voting form available – keep an eye out for a Constant Contact email!

In His Service,

The Endowment Committee: Edward Cleaver, Ken DeAngelis, Cliff Konnerth, James Koppenal, Karen Sajban, Lori Van der Stad, and Colleen Duffy (Council Rep)

ENDOWMENT BALLOT



Purpose: To strengthen and extend God's mission through the Lutheran Church, reaching out in response to human need

Local _____

National _____

Global _____

Signature & Printed Name _____

Please submit by June 1, 2022

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:



May 3 – **Acts 9: 36-43**

May 10 – **John 13: 31-35**

May 17 – **John 14: 23-29**

May 24 – **John 17: 20-26**

May 31 – **John 14: 8-27**

Liturgy of Holy Communion will follow.

What does it mean to be a part of One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church?

It can be an effort to feel unified with Christians in our own church and community let alone a global church, but we are, in fact, “one body.” In the earliest days of The Church, there were disagreements and struggles to understand who Christ is and who we are as followers.



Beginning May 29th, we will meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm, to wrestle with the saints and expand our understanding of community through a study of the Acts of the Apostles.

We will use the book Three Months With the Spirit by Justo Gonzalez. You can purchase your own copy or request a copy through the church office.



Angels Circle



The Angels will meet on Wednesdays May 11th and 25th at 10AM, weather permitting.

Thanks to Vicki Coyle, Ed Cleaver and Colleen Duffy for sewing the quilt tops at home.

Kits are available in the fellowship hall.

Feel free to join us or take a kit home to work on,

Barbara Kaplan

Knitters & Crocheters



We are thrilled to be back together after a long hiatus! This month, we will meet on May 11th and 25th from 10AM to noon.

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

Adult Book Group



Join us in the Parlor every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. We'll be reading and discussing Marcus Borg's Speaking Christian, a study of why and how many "Christian words and phrases" have lost their meaning and power in the 21st century. The book's purpose is to help us listen, read and discover anew

Biblical truths obscured as language has evolved.

Barbara, Art & Sandy, Nancy, Mary in casual (and often humorous) conversation

Bookworms

We discovered we've seen the movie, but never read the book! Feel free to join us over the next several months as we take on the classic Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell. For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

*Happy reading,
Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn, Valerie & Barbara*



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

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As the weeks go by and Ukrainians are continuing to flee bombed homes, it is becoming apparent that this is not a short-term crisis. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services is our national agency responsible for assisting displaced people with long-term solutions. As we continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine and other areas of the world, we also have the opportunity to give tangible assistance through LIRS. Learn more today at lirs.org.

Make a Difference

#Welcome Our Neighbors

Donate Today at lirs.org/give-now



First Communion time is here again at St. Timothy. Our 5th grade students have been blessed to have Rich Wantula teach them what it is to join at The Lord's Table. Lucia Amico, Anya Cooper, Kayla Fagan and Andrew Koppenal will receive communion for the first time with their family at the 10:30 service on May 1. Each of them will also receive a graphic novel of Martin Luther. After service all are welcome to a special reception in Fellowship Hall for our new communicants. The Christian Education Committee will be hosting this special event.

Our Sunday School year is coming to end so quick this year! The last teaching day is May 15. We will all gather outside again this year in for an intergenerational service at 9:30. The Last Day of Sunday School for many, many years has been known as Cross and Crown Sunday. Cross and Crown Sunday celebrates each of the students that have had good attendance for the year. They are given special pins as a reward for missing 4 Sundays or less during the Sunday School year. Well, this year, attendance was really good. Almost every student has had perfect attendance! All are welcome to join for bagels, muffins and light refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. *The Christian Education Committee and Pastor Kimberly decided not to count attendance from mid-December through February due to a high COVID rate.

A full list of the Cross and Crown recipients will be in the June TIPS.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

May 1 – First Communion at the 10:30 Service

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 15 – Last Teaching Day of Sunday School
Last 8:30 Service

May 22 – Intergenerational Outdoor Service at 9:30 (**No 10:30 Service**)

June 5 – Confirmation at the 10:30 Service
Pentecost Sunday

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



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

/4 Elissa & Frank Scillieri
/5 Marta & Jeff Riotto
'9 Carin & Richard Wantula
'10 Dorothy & Roy Vander Wende
11 Joann & Ed Bachorik
12 Cathe & Bob Davidson
16 Donna & Rich Milito
5/19 Danielle & Fred Dittmer
5/24 Marie & Craig Beyer
5/26 Pastor Kimberly & Compton Cooper
5/26 Riitta & Matthew Englesbe

*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

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