

June 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
			Ballot Deadlines! 1 <u>7:00 pm</u> Executive Committee <u>7:30 pm</u> Handbell Choir practice	2	3	4 <u>1:30 pm</u> Eagle Scout Ceremony
Confirmation 5 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH <i>Pentecost</i>	6 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	7 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:00 pm</u> Worship Committee	8 <u>10 am</u> Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters	9	10  TIPS Deadline! <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	11 <u>10:30 am</u> Bookworms <i>Barnabas, Apostle</i>
12 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	13 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	14 Flag Day <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	15	16 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group	17 <u>7:00 pm</u> Youth Group <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH	18 <u>9:00 am</u> Art Show
Happy Father's Day 19 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH	20 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	21 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:30 pm</u> Christian Ed	22 <u>10 am</u> Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters	23	24 <u>7:30 pm</u> AAFH <i>John the Baptist</i>	25
26 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Annual Meeting following Worship <u>1pm</u> AAFH	27 <u>9 am</u> Mon Morn Crew <u>9:30-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	28 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	29 <i>Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	30		



Worship Participants

June 2022

Date	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
June 5	Valerie McGrath	Doug Zangrilli Lori VanDerStad	Laura Dec	Carolyn Russo	Lauren Bedi
June 12	Nancy Farina Lori VanDerStad	Doug Zangrilli	Gary Goskowski	Marie Beyer	
June 19	Karen Sajban Debbie Andersen	Karen Sajban Tom Sajban	Frances Ochart	Josh Abrahamson	
June 26	Alice Huizinga Mary Laverack	Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Lori VanDerStad	Jennifer Andersen	



"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another."
Galatians 5:13

During our time living in Texas, Compton and I wrestled a good bit with the meaning of *freedom in Christ*. Texas really is a cowboy state in that values are very much based on each individual. For people there, freedom means little to no regulations on things like education, employment, and one's own home. In the home we owned, Compton was able to do all kinds of work himself without a license or any kind of inspection. When we sold our house, the inspector said it was absolutely comparable to a professional. That wasn't always the case, though!

It is difficult to be a part of a *community of faith* while also prioritizing individual freedom. Many of the churches in Texas are Evangelical – specifically Southern Baptist. They are stand-alone churches loosely affiliated with one another. The pastor is the main authority, so when the pastor misbehaves, it is really up to the congregation to determine how to proceed. On Sunday May 22, 2022, an independent investigative report was released documenting widespread sexual abuse of church members by pastors and elders across the SBC. No one was surprised, but the sheer volume of cases was horrifying none-the-less.

It is easy for those of us outside the SBC, to see how their system of hierarchy and complementarianism* gave too much space to abuse. The lack of accountability for the men at the top allowed them to misbehave egregiously. In the ELCA, we have three expressions of the church all working together and holding each other accountable: churchwide (national), synod (local), and congregation. For me to serve as pastor of St. Timothy, I have to be in good standing with all three. Two things that lead to a pastor being removed from the roster – meaning we are no longer ordained – are sexual and financial misconduct. The ELCA has zero tolerance for either of those things. This doesn't mean abuse doesn't happen, but this system has been effective in holding pastors accountable and providing care for healing of victims when abuse has happened.

Texas is at one end of a spectrum that defines freedom by a lack of regulations, but all across the USA, there are increasing numbers of people that would agree with that. A shocking number have elevated individual freedom or liberty to even higher than the gospel of Jesus Christ. Or they have confused the two, because of scriptures about the *freedom of Christ*. I've heard this from preachers (many of whom have been named in the sexual abuse report that came out recently). When they have preached freedom of the individual as the highest ideal, what they have really sought is the license to abuse without consequences.

This kind of freedom has nothing to do with Jesus Christ. *Freedom in Christ* is the gospel message that we are not responsible for our own salvation. That, by the grace of God, we are freed from the tyranny of sin, freed from damnation. *Freedom of Christ* means that there is no longer immigrant or citizen, there is no longer black and white, there is no longer male or female for all of us are one in Christ Jesus (paraphrase of Galatians 3:28).

The biblical definition of freedom has nothing to do with individuals or regulations. It has to do with letting go of ourselves to care for others. Following Christ means that we cannot enslave or oppress people, who are different from us. Following Christ means that we cannot put our own rights or desires above other people's basic needs. It's both very simple and incredibly difficult, but it is our calling as church.

*The belief that God has created men and women with specific complementary purposes: women are nurturers/caretakers; men are warriors/leaders. Extreme complementarians teach that women cannot work outside the home, speak in church, or even vote in elections, because they are not permitted by God to make decisions that would affect men.

Just what is Juneteenth, you may wonder.

It commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States. In 1865, two and a half years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, the last area to come under federal control, thus ensuring that all enslaved people be freed. Celebrations among the newly freed spontaneously abounded and what became "Jubilee Day" was first organized on June 19, 1866 and celebrated annually thereafter. As former slaves migrated from Texas, the Juneteenth tradition spread; it became a Texas state holiday in 1979 and a National holiday last year.



**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH DIRECTLY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP.**

**ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE REMINDED
THAT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE AT THIS TIME.**

Parents of children in Grades 3-8

For all trained acolytes, please feel free to sign up on the bulletin board or email Josh Abrahamson at jabrahamson85@gmail.com.



If your child would like to acolyte but has not gone through the training, please email Josh so a training session can be arranged. **It's easy!**



As we continue to return to normal worship practices, we also need to return to a regular sign-up or assignment process. Current ushers, if you haven't already done so, please complete and return your Usher Survey. This will inform in what manner the process moves forward. Meanwhile, PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE THE BULLETIN BOARD to volunteer for now.

If you would like to try out as an usher or have any questions, feel free to reach out to either Deb Califf in the office or Pastor Kimberly.

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 His followers.



Beginning JUNE 5th, we will meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm in the parlor, 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.

Registrants, please check in with Pastor Kimberly for which chapters should be read prior to the first discussion.



Adult Mid-Week Bible Study



Join us each Tuesday at 2pm for an in-depth discussion of a select lectionary reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Liturgy of Holy Communion will follow.

Angels Circle



The Angels meet on two Wednesdays each month, beginning at 10:00am. This month will be on June 8th and June 22nd.

Volunteers, to sew at home or at church, are always welcome. No experience necessary.

Come and join us!

--Barbara Kaplan

Knitters & Crocheters



This month, we will meet on June 8th and 22nd; we're here from 10AM to noon.

Come work on your own project or contribute your skill for a charitable handmade gift. And enjoy the chats and community of fellow crafters!

--Nellie

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. We are up to Chapter 4.

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

Bookworms

We discovered we've seen the movie, but never read the book! We continue this month, beginning at Part Four, of the classic Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell.

Anyone can join in at anytime at our monthly 10:30am discussion; this month's gathering will be Saturday, June 11th. For more details, call Barbara Westerberg.



Happy reading,

Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn, Valerie & Barbara



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



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.

6/2 Sarah Konnerth
6/5 Lynn Gaffney
6/5 Richard Kremen
6/7 Marjorie Catania
6/8 Colleen Duffy
6/12 Amber Venturelli
6/13 MaryLou Wedemeyer
6/14 Barbara Johanson
6/17 Jordan Milito
6/17 Karen Schulze
6/17 Jonathan Gaffney

6/18 Alyssa Stoffer
6/19 Matthew Riotto
6/20 Christopher Bachorik
6/22 Kyle Lindstrom
6/24 Ann Muschko
6/25 Cheryl Johnson
6/25 Kaitlyn Langschultz
6/26 Richard Koegel
6/28 Richard Wantula
6/30 Eleanor Liljegren

Happy Birthday



6/1 Patrick & Barbara Kaplan
6/4 George & Carol Labadie
6/8 Richard & MaryLou Wedemeyer
6/10 Kevin & Terri Loftus
6/23 James & Lisa Koppenal

*Should you be on this list, and you're not??
Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com
or call 973-694-8316!*



Thank you St. Timothy Community for your continuing donations which do so much to help resettle Afghan refugee families in the area. I've personally delivered furniture and household items to several families over the last month.

I've met several fathers at storage who helped me load up donations and heard some of their stories as we shared Dunkin coffee, a sacrament in many religions obviously 🙏, on the way to their apartments. As translators and special forces working with our troops in Afghanistan, they are very grateful their families are safe here. One young father, a mechanic by trade and anxious to work, invited me in for tea but after several trips up four flights of stairs, I was most happy for just a glass of water. They offered me a seat on their only small couch in the living room, while his family sat on the floor and he introduced them. His eldest daughter was happy to practice her growing English as I asked her about school. She liked science 🧐. Not only were they grateful for the donations but that they were allowed to show their hospitality.

Please keep GERA in mind if you have or know of someone looking to donate items in "like-new" condition. An example of especially useful items are sewing machines since many of the women make their own clothes. Also, in their efforts to be self-sufficient, small hand tools are greatly appreciated to fix things around their apartments. I've found loving homes for many of the extra screwdrivers and pliers left me by my Grandpas 😊. Small donations can always be left at church. In the fellowship hall by the piano seems a good spot. Just label "Cliff for GERA" and let me know they're there and I'll pick up ASAP. Note, please use my cell number below, we got rid of our landline phone which is still in the directory.

Thanks, In His Name,

Cliff Konnerth

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Heart 'n Hands Mission



We need boxes for deliveries and pickups! Please save your medium size Amazon and other delivery boxes for us, and place them in Fellowship Hall under our collection table.

On select summer Sundays, we are hosting Care Kit Coffee Hours after worship, and invite you to join us for fellowship and Care Kit assembly. Notices of these Sundays will be in the weekly bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!



Wayne Interfaith Network Food Pantry



Currently WIN continues to serve about 170 clients and their families. Approximately 70 children are served each month.

Doors are open to accept donations:

Monday & Wednesday: 1:00-4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00-11:00am

Please call 973-595-1900 for information or if you need to arrange an alternate drop-off time.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be made “in memory of” or “in honor of” and may be mailed to:

Wayne Interfaith Network, PO Box 3341, Wayne, NJ 07474-3341

OR via PayPal on our website www.WinFoodPantry.org

The Summer Sneakers and Tees collection is suspended once again this year. Efforts will be funneled into the School Supplies and Backpacks collection during Back-to-School time.

Follow and Like us on FaceBook... search “Wayne Interfaith Network”

A way to respond with love to the violence at Tops Supermarket in Buffalo



The Upstate New York Synod has a mission start in that community operating a food bank and providing much needed pastoral care to the traumatized neighborhood.

Beginning May 22 and continuing through June 19th, we will take up a special offering to provide financial support to that ministry. If you are interested in making a donation, please make out a check to St. Timothy and include "Buffalo" in the memo line.

Thank you!



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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.

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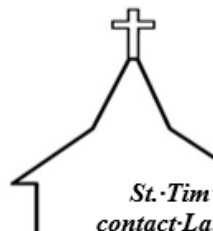
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