

September 2022

TIPS

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday Worship 8:30am and 10:30am

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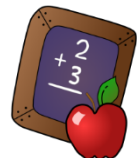
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September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>Beginning Sept. 18, join us in Fellowship Hall after Worship</i>				1	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship, Online & In-Person 1pm AA	5 Office closed 	6 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:00 pm Worship Committee	7	8	9	10
11  9:30 am Outdoor Worship 1pm AA	12 9 am Mon Morn Crew HHM	13 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Council Committee	14 10 am Angels Circle Knitters & Crocheters <i>Holy Cross Day</i> 	15 10:30 am Adult Book Group <i>TIPS Deadline!</i> 	16 6:30 pm AA	17
18 Return to Regular Worship Schedule 8:30 Worship, In-Person 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Online & In-Person 1pm AA	19 9 am Mon Morn Crew HHM	20 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:00 pm Christian Ed	21  <i>Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	22 	23 6:30 pm AA	24
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Worship Participants

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Altar Guild	Valerie McGrath	Nancy Farina & Valerie McGrath	Lori VanDerStad	Ilona Oosterwyk & Terri Loftus
Ushers	Pat Kaplan Laura Dec	Karen Sajban & Tom Sajban	<i>vacant</i>	Ken & Diane DeAngelis <small>(tentative)</small>
Acolyte	Andrew Koppenal	Jayde Fagan	Deanna Inciardi <small>(8:30)</small> Kayla Fagan <small>(10:30)</small>	Andrew Inciardi <small>(8:30)</small> Lauren Bedi <small>(10:30)</small>
Assisting Minister	Art DeRose	Frances Ochart	Josh Abrahamson	Colleen Duffy
Reader	Josh Abrahamson	Bob Davidson	Compton Cooper	Laura Dec

Thank
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 — **FOR** —
serving



Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Jesus of Nazareth, all of his disciples, and the earliest “Christians” were Jewish. Then as Paul (and other apostles) started evangelizing among the Gentiles, a learning gap appeared. We know a lot of this from the New Testament writings, but the details of their catechesis or instruction in the faith is recorded in extra-scriptural letters and a document referred to as “The Didache” from the first century of the common era. From these documents, we know that *new converts* underwent three years of instruction before being baptized on Easter weekend.

The instruction they underwent was much more than what we would call religious education. They were expected to work with a catechist, who would have mentored them in the way of Jesus. Everyone would gather to worship in the evenings followed by a meal, but those that weren’t yet baptized would leave before the eucharistic liturgy. On the same day of their baptism,¹ they would then participate in the eucharist for the very first time. They would have been full and complete members of the body of Christ.

The Church has taken a long and winding road to the point we are now. Some things have gotten much better (i.e. the Roman Empire isn’t trying to martyr us!). Unfortunately, while many churches maintain the practice of a catechumenate, it has devolved into a series of classes that kids take so that they can “graduate” out of Sunday School. While they may be well-educated in the religion, very few seem to have matured in their faith.

¹ Scholars are conflicted, but in most churches practicing infant baptism, it is believed that this would have been an entire family affair meaning that an entire household would be baptized together and the entire family would then take communion together.

I know that many people bemoan the state of the church today. Many of us know more people that have abandoned church than people who are still engaged. It's easy to point fingers at parents, pastors, boring worship, lost traditions etc. Some people are sure it's because things aren't like they used to be when they were kids (or raising kids). Others think we haven't progressed enough with the times to be relevant to the people of today. Those things might be true, but I think they are symptoms of a problem not the cause.

I've been to churches in ramshackle buildings that can't afford a full-time pastor, but are thriving spiritually in neighborhoods that know who they are and what they do. I've also been to churches packed with people and multiple clergy, who are barely identifiable as Christian. The true indication of a healthy church isn't numbers – money or people – it's in the faith formation of the people choosing to be there. Religious education matters, but only if it is combined with worship and community engagement.

Church was never meant to be an educational institution, social club, or service project. Church was meant to be a *community of people* dedicating their lives to following the way of Christ. Being Christian is a complete lifestyle not just another activity added to an already busy life. As the passage above indicates, we are walking with God, when we keep God's words in our hearts at church and throughout every area of our lives.

An effective church is one in which the people worship, study scripture, pray, and break bread together. A healthy congregation is one in which we listen to one another and care for one another. A thriving church is one that is well-known in the neighborhood for following Christ.

I'm excited about this coming fall. We are starting a new Sunday School program for kids that is geared toward faith formation. It isn't about teaching the kids bible stories. It is about helping them to see themselves in the stories – recognizing that the stories are about them. We also will be providing an adult bible study that pairs with the confirmation class, so parents *and others* have another tool to mentor our young people into adulthood in the church.

I am full of hope for our church, because I see so many of you living out your faith in many ways. On the one hand, we look at the world around us and think it is so very different from the early church, but the need for God and a loving community with which to practice our faith has remained the same.





September 11th

St. Timothy is so excited to start Sunday School once again! Come join us for the first day of Sunday School on September 11 with an outside, congregational, service at 9:30. Treats and activities will follow. All of our Sunday School classes are now on the main level. Everyone is welcome to see the new classrooms and meet the teachers. We also are introducing two new programs this year, Godly Play and The Story. Godly Play, will teach the Bible through story, wonder and play. The Story, brings the Bible to life with the story of God's love and His plan for our lives. Sunday School classes will begin on September 18 at 9:15 in the classrooms.

In His name,
Laura De

Dates to remember:

Sept. 11 – 9:30 outdoor service
Sunday School begins
Sept. 18 – 8:30 service resumes
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 service resumes

Sunday School Registration Is Underway



If your child is turning 3 you can sign them up for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year by contacting Pastor Kimberly or Laura Dec.

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions



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Pastor Kimberly is available for listening or discussion on any questions you may have arising from these initiatives

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly met August 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Gathering under the theme "Embody the Word," the assembly worshiped together in services of eucharist and lament, experienced a liturgy rooted in Indigenous traditions, and heard a public apology in a non-legislative session to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina for harm experienced from actions taken by the Sierra Pacific Synod and this church.

The following key actions were taken by the assembly:

- Elected Imran Siddiqui of the Southeastern Synod as vice president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
- Directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of organizational structure and our shared commitment to dismantle racism, with findings to be reported to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention. Directed an external audit of the governing documents of the ELCA to consider diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, with findings resulting in recommended changes to the governing documents.
- Authorized revisions to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of "bound conscience."
- Encouraged members, congregations and synods of this church to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, calling on the churchwide organization to work with synods and Indigenous partners to identify sources of funding for ministries for Indigenous peoples, and encouraging restorative justice that could include the return of land to the appropriate Native nations.
- Referred a proposed study of pay gaps for rostered ministers to the Church Council.
- Mandated a review process of the roster manual and policies related to specialized ministries, on leave from call status, and protocols for removal from the rosters; encouraged bishops and synod councils to use sparingly the process of removal from the roster for nondisciplinary reasons.
- Approved the budget proposal for the triennium, including a spending authorization of \$68,814,000 for 2023 for the current fund, along with a spending authorization of \$22,869,000 for ELCA World Hunger.

- Affirmed limits on the use of nondisclosure agreements by the churchwide organization; urged synods, congregations and other ministries to apply the same limits.
- Reaffirmed the commitment of this church to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization to set a goal of a 50% reduction of net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Called for a review of the nomination and elections processes used by synods and the churchwide organization.
- Responded to memorials on diversity; nuclear weapons; voting rights and Washington, D.C., statehood; strategies for fortifying urban ministries; a Black migrant strategy; the right to boycott; gun violence; LGBTQIA+ welcome; substance abuse; Roe v. Wade; remembrance of Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocide; parental and medical family leave; a process for pre-identification of nominees for the Office of the Presiding Bishop; revisions to the mission development process; consideration of communion practices related to remote worship; affirmation of the task force created by the Church Council to review the discipline process; and a social message on child abuse and protection.
- Approved or ratified amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA, most of which were related to general clarifications and updates; inclusive language; synod-authorized ministry; designation of advisory members by the Church Council; boards of the separately incorporated ministries; and election procedures for officers and the Churchwide Assembly.
- Elected members of the Church Council, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee and boards of the separately incorporated ministries.



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.

A vibrant community thrives when its members are engaged!
Please consider participating in one of the following volunteer missions:



Altar Guild members needed. Help us care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish, prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Training will be provided. Serve with a partner and only once every 6 weeks. Please call or text Valerie McGrath (973-519-0839) to volunteer.



On Monday mornings at 9 AM some of our members meet to do some light work / building & property maintenance 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.

In 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.

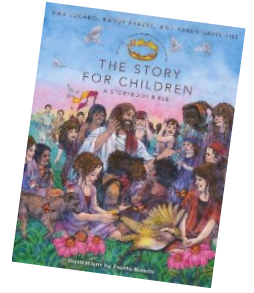
If you need more information, please contact Robert Andersen at 973 831 0326 or anderob1@aol.com.



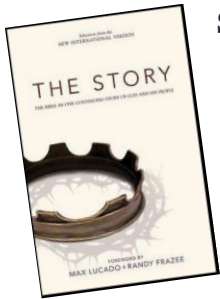
It's time to grow the pool of volunteers needed for ushering. Rotations can be as few as once every 6-7 weeks provided we have a few more folks step up. It's easy! Ask Pastor Kimberly or present usher, call Deb in the office – 973.694.8316, or email st.tims395@yahoo.com.

Get ready for a multi-generational connection!

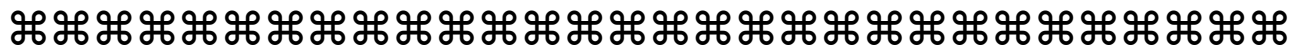
As a part of Sunday School, children and teens will be embarking on an adventure presented by well-received pastor, speaker and author, Max Lucado, called *The Story*.



As co-author Randy Frazee writes, “God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurt people. That is what *The Story* is all about—the story of the Bible, God’s great love affair with humanity.



An adult session will run concurrently allowing a deeper connection among the generations. Parents – ask Pastor Kimberly or call the office for how you can participate and be active in building the faith of our church!



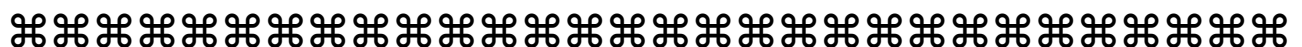
Angel Circle & Knit/Crochet Group



The next gatherings of these two groups will be September 14th and September 28th at 10:00am to Noon.

Kits to sew at home are available in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Colleen, Vicki, and Ed for sewing at home.

Feel free to stop by and join us, Barbara Kaplan

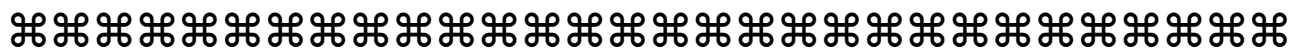


Bookworms

Please feel free to join our little group as we explore a murder mystery and two “BOAT” stories this Fall. First up for September is *The Maid* by Nita Prose, a NY Times #1 best-seller and GMA Book Club pick. *The Maid* follows the story of Molly in this whodunit with a heartwarming twist. For more information call Barbara Westerberg.



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



Heart 'n Hands Mission



We are moving! Yes, we are moving our operation to some of the lower-level rooms. We vacated the Orange Room in August, and this month we will move from Fellowship Hall as we transition to fall and winter clothing. We are excited to have our sorting, packing, and care operations together in this new space. Entry to our new home is through the glass doors under the Rose Window. We are keeping our collection table at the side of the Fellowship Hall stage, where you may drop off donations.

We are now collecting fall and winter clothing, coats, hats, boots and gloves. We are also collecting Halloween Costumes through September 30 so that we may distribute them in early October.

Thank you for your continued support, and for the steady stream of boxes you provide. We continue to need copy paper boxes, which we use for sorting and storage.

To fold the hands in prayer is well, to open them in charity is better.

— French Proverb

Join Cliff Konnerth as he continues his efforts in support of GERA, whose mission is to protect human rights and restore the dignity and well-being of those physically, emotionally and mentally affected by conflicts.



Cliff accepts donations of “gently used” household items on their behalf. Especially useful goods include hand tools, sewing machines (many families make their own clothing), kitchen necessities, and the like.

Please note that GERA is not taking furniture donations at this time due to storage constraints but boxed household items are still acceptable.

Please call or email Cliff when you have a donation:
(201) 757-4086 Ksnacs@msn.com



Wayne Interfaith Network

The pantry is open to accept donations Tuesdays (9-11am), Thursdays (9am-12pm), Fridays (11am-1pm) or by appointment (call 973-595-1900) at their location at the YMCA, 1 Pike Drive. You may also use their drop-boxes located at the Public Library and inside the Municipal Building (near the Health department).

Monetary donations allow the purchase of ShopRite gift cards and are always welcome. Mail to Wayne Interfaith Network, PO Box 3341, Wayne, NJ 07474-3341.

For food donations, please remember: Non perishable foods only. No foods that require refrigeration. No frozen foods. No expired foods.

Please also consider donating sugar-free, gluten-free, and no-salt food items for our families with members who have dietary restrictions.

We are always in need of paper bags. Please consider donating those you have that are in usable condition to WIN. Thank you!!

Thank you for your generosity.
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9/2	Laura Kong	9/19	Joseph Suarez
9/2	Tricia Anton	9/19	Kate Jones-Smith
9/4	Danielle Andersen	9/19	Gary Kellstrom
9/6	Jeff Knittel	9/21	Steven VanHorn
9/9	Hannah Wantula	9/21	Charles Purcel
9/11	Monica Mains	9/22	Christopher Gaffney
9/13	Rich Milito	9/24	Christina Perrone
9/15	Jennifer Andersen	9/25	Bob Davidson
9/16	Bernie Spardel	9/25	Doug Zangrilli
9/16	Douglas Gabel	9/28	Ken DeAngelis
9/17	Dorothy	9/29	Robert Taylor
	VanderWende	9/30	Norma Massood



9/10	Laura & Michael Dec
9/18	Ellen & Edward Kramer
9/19	Anna & Bill Muschko
9/25	Kathy & Jeff Knittel
9/29	Pamela & James O'Mealy

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

Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call the office at 973-694-8316!



MEMORIALS

Since July 15, we have received gifts to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:
Jean Elizabeth Marc

We are grateful to Jean's daughter Pam Richardson and her family for designating these gifts to our exciting new Sunday School program, "Godly Play." Gifts in memory of Jean have been used to purchase materials for the "Godly Play" program and for classroom preparation.

There were no additional Memorial Fund purchases during the summer.



No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this summer, 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 ongoing. 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.



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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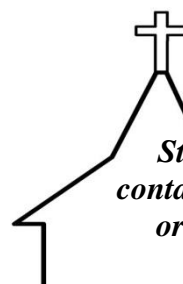
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