



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

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


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January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Worship @ St. Michael's</p> <p>1pm AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Rehearsal-Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p> 7 pm King Cake & Games</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15 am Adult Forum, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Photo Booth for Directory 1pm AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am Angel Circle and Knitters & Crocheters</p> <p>7 pm Rehearsal-Bells</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p> 10:30 am Bookworms</p> <p> TIPS Deadline!</p>
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"We three kings of orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star." By John Henry Hopkins Jr.

In January 2018, I participated in a seminary class in Cuernavaca, Mexico. It was three weeks of intensive education in the faith and worship of Spanish speaking Christians. We arrived just in time for the biggest celebration of the Christmas season, Three Kings Day. Throughout the Spanish speaking world (i.e. lands colonized by Catholic Spain), Three Kings Day is the most important day of the Christmas season. It is, after all, the day we commemorate baby Jesus receiving the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In Mexico, children go to bed on Jan. 5 expecting the three kings to set gifts around the nativity scene for the children living in the home. In addition to the presents around the manger, family and friends gather for parties centered around the Rosca De Reyes (King Cake). This is a bread decorated with fruit and icing served with hot chocolate. Somewhere hiding in the cake is a small plastic baby Jesus. Whoever finds Jesus in their piece of cake is then obligated to provide tamales and other food for another celebration on Feb. 2, Candlemas.

In the church, we refer to Jan. 6 as Epiphany. For us, it marks the end of the Christmas season, but many throughout the USA stop celebrating much sooner. For retailers, Christmas begins as early as October and by the second day of Christmas, they are already marking things down for clearance and prepping for Valentine's Day. A few things hang on until New Year's Day, but after that, we are back to work and school. "The Holidays" are over for most of us before the Christmas season finishes.

I'm not sure Jesus is concerned about how or when we celebrate. I don't think God cares if we get a tree or stocking with presents. God probably isn't concerned about how many cookies we bake or the dishes we prepare for Christmas dinner. I doubt that God even minds that some people don't show up for worship on the day we commemorate Christ's birth.

That said, I do think God takes delight in our worship and praise. I believe that God wants us to take time (whenever that may be) to really reflect on the fact that God loves us so much that God became a human to be with us. If you weren't able to take the time to do that during Advent or even on Christmas eve or day, it is never too late. You can celebrate *real* Christmas, the birth of Jesus, any day of the year.

Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season, because the *Magi* were the last to arrive to see the Child Savior. They brought him gifts and bowed in adoration. Maybe Christmas has become too busy and too loud for us to do it properly, but we can use Epiphany to catch up. We can take time in January to give gifts and adoration to the One Who really matters.

For more information on

Three Kings Day: <https://guideposts.org/positive-living/entertainment/travel/how-three-kings-day-is-celebrated-around-the-world/>

Epiphany and Candlemas: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Candlemas>



Worship with new friends in faith

January 1st ~ The First Sunday After Christmas

After joining us here for comfy Sunday on Christmas Day, on January 1st, we will meet and worship in the sanctuary of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, for a single combined congregation service at 10:00am. The address is 1219 Ratzer Road, in Wayne.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

January 6th ~ Friday Night ~ 7:00pm

Join the fun in Fellowship Hall as we come together to celebrate Epiphany with a feast of King Cake and plenty of games! And don't forget to have one more wear of that Ugly Christmas Sweater before it gets packed away for another year.



A ribbon-cutting took place on December 12th to formally open the newly re-imagined space at the bottom of the staircase leading from the narthex to the lower level. For his Eagle Scout project, Troop 107 Scout Matthew Ginart helped transform the old library into the new St. Timothy technology room. The new room now contains two six-foot long movable desks that the Scouts built, as well as chairs for visitors to sit and collaborate. A brand-new mounted TV on the wall is great for presenting presentations by connecting to a laptop. All the books previously occupying the space were donated to the Wayne Public Library. We hope that the congregation enjoys utilizing this new space!

We're going to make a St. Timothy Photo Directory!



We're producing a new pictorial directory in-house in the new year. From Sunday, January 8 through Sunday February 5 we will have several photo booths set up in Fellowship Hall. Every member and family can take a fun photo for inclusion in the directory, which we hope to publish in April. Tripods with smart phone mounts will be available, or you can ask a friend to take a fun picture for you, and email it to us at st.tims395@yahoo.com with "photo booth directory" in the subject line. If you wish to use a photo from a vacation, a Christmas card photo or any other, just email that photo to us.

We will create a digital book for distribution via email in April.

Please join in the fun and put yourselves in the new directory!

The quarterly Christ in Our Home devotional booklet is available on tables in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Pick one up today and find daily inspiration, comfort and divine guidance.



Also available to take home are free 2023 wall calendars sponsored by Vander May Funeral Home with a prominent display of St. Timothy's basic information available at a glance.

Find them on the tables in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall.

Looking Ahead...

WELCA Care Packages

It's that time of the year; WELCA is looking for names & addresses of any men or women away at college or in the military to receive one of our special Valentine packages. They need not be members of St. Timothy. Please give names & addresses to Terri Loftus via email at tkabloft@optonline.net or [click HERE](#) to submit electronically.



Information is due no later than January 29th.



Also, we are looking for cookie bakers (each cookie individually wrapped please). If you can bake a batch, let Terri Loftus know by dashing off a quick email at tkabloft@optonline.net.

Cookies are due by February 5th.

Altar Flowers and Eternal Candles

Sign-up Sheets for 2023 are available now

Celebrate a special day, think birthday, anniversary, adoption day, coming home day, graduation or a just-because day...

Honor a friendship, a parent's love, a child's accomplishment...

Remember those you hold dearest who are now in Christ's presence...

Simply write your name and dedication on the sheet posted on the bulletin board near the elevator. Or email Deb in the office at st.tims395@yahoo.com

Don't forget your check (or cash)... place it in the Secretary mailbox or in the collection plate or mail to St. Timothy Lutheran Church
395 Valley Road, Wayne NJ 07470

Sponsorship of flowers currently remains at \$25 per arrangement; please make checks out to St. Timothy Floral Fund

Eternal candles are \$5; please make checks payable to St. Timothy Memorial Fund

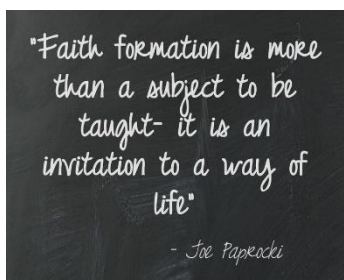


Baking your own King Cake?

Caroline Parody is still working on her long-term project. She's collecting 100 empty boxes from butter and margarine. Collection baskets can be found in the narthex and choir room



Sunday School ~ Every Sunday

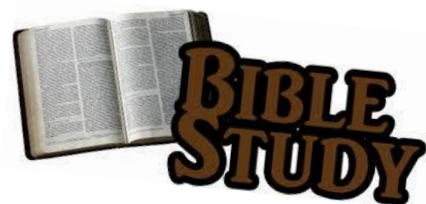


Each week at 9:15am, our youngest Christians learn about our faith, our traditions, our Lord & Savior in Christ Jesus.

Please keep them, and their teachers, in your daily prayers as they grow in love and faith throughout the year.

Adult Bible Study ~ Every Tuesday

Join us each Tuesday afternoon at 2pm for an in-depth discussion of a select lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Kimberly celebrates a Liturgy of Holy Communion following the discourse.



Bookworms ~ January 14th

For our January meeting, we will have read and will discuss Gabrielle Zevin's novel, *Elsewhere*.

For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

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



Angel Circle & Knitters/Crocheters



Join us in the new year on January 11th and 25th.
We meet & work in Fellowship Hall.



In November, 20 quilts were distributed to the Sisters of the Poor in Totowa and 30 to Inglemoor Rehab in Livingston. Quilts were also sent to the Navajo Indians.

Many thanks to all the angels that made these donations possible.

Any questions, call Barbara Kaplan

Adult Book Group ~ January 19th

Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30am in the parlor. We continue to make our way through *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power-And How They Can Be Restored*. Art DeRose is our leader so you know it's a mixture of study and laughter. Hope you jump on in!



Art, Sandy, Nancy Mary and Barbara

Adult Forum ~ Every Sunday



Join us each Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Church Parlor. The Forum is a discussion and review of the religious, secular, and social "topics of the day" and how we relate to them as Christians in the modern world.

Enjoy "coffee/and," lively conversation, an energizing hour of fellowship (an a few chuckles) before the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!



1/2	Elsie McKenzie	1/12	Kaylee Tango
1/3	Tanner Purcel	1/14	Andrew Koppenal
1/4	Nancy VanHorn	1/15	Danielle Dittmer
1/4	Debra Sansone	1/16	Deborah Andersen
1/6	Brandon Kratky	1/17	Edward A. Cleaver
1/7	Mike Fetherston	1/23	Barbara Westerberg
1/8	Robert Kratky	1/25	Lori Van DerStad
1/10	Melissa Pardalis	1/26	Ethan DeRose-Travia
1/10	Robert McHugh	1/27	Leonard Smith
1/10	Tanya Kellstrom	1/29	Scott McGrath



1/12	Clifford & Nancy Konnerth
1/24	Elizabeth & John Koch

*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!*



Heart 'n Hands Mission



Happy New Year! With your continued support, we are looking forward to another year of providing comfort to many in need. Last month, in addition to our distributions of used clothing, your endowment gift provided new blankets, hats, gloves, fleece jackets, underwear, and socks to the homeless in Hoboken and Paterson.

Several organizations we support serve families with children. This month we are asking for donations of warm gloves in adult and children sizes.

We are currently accepting donations of winter clothing, coats, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves.

If you did not receive our December newsletter and wish to join our mailing list or would like a printed copy, please contact Cathe Davidson at info@heartnhandsmisson.com.

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

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



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Assisting Minister	Reader
January 1	Worship is at St.	Michael's Church	today, so there is	no need for any	helpers
January 8	Ilona Osterwyck Terri Loftus	Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Jayden Fagan	Fallon Goskowski	Ken DeAngelis
January 15	Karen Sajban	Karen McAleer Jeff Riotto		Laura Dec	Bob Davidson
January 22	Nancy Farina	Pat Kaplan Lori VanDerStad	Ethan Gaffney	Josh Abrahamson	Garey Goskowski
January 29	Lori VanDerStad	Karen Sajban Tom Sajban	Kayla Fagan	Frances Ochart	Colleen Duffy

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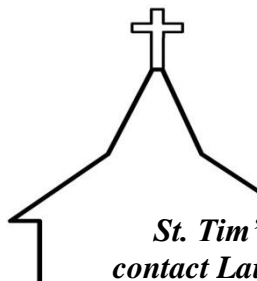
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