



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

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






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February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food Drive February 5 February 12	 Palm Collection February 5 February 12 February 19		1 7 pm Rehearsal-Bells	2 	3 7 pm  Line Dancing 7 pm AA	4
5 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and MORE! Photo Booth for Directory Super Bowl Food Drive WELCA Cookies DUE 1pm AA 7pm C4AC rehearsal	6 9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7 pm Worship Committee	8 10 am Angel Circle and Knitters & Crocheters 7 pm Rehearsal-Choir 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 7 pm  Line Dancing 7 pm AA	10  10:30 am Bookworms	11
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Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 1 Peter 4: 8-9

In a conversation with one of my kids, I labeled something as cultural appropriation. She stopped me and asked, “What even is cultural appropriation?” She went on to tell me a story of a girl from her school telling her that she couldn’t learn a middle eastern dance, because it would be “cultural appropriation.” That is not my idea of cultural appropriation at all. In fact, the dictionary definition is:

The *unacknowledged* or inappropriate adoption of customs, practices, ideas, etc. of one people or society by members of another and typically more dominant people or society.

Based on this definition, I am very sure that learning a middle eastern dance from a middle easterner in order to participate at a middle eastern party is not in anyway cultural appropriation. On the other hand, there are some things that are clearly cultural appropriation. One of the best examples is Bo Derek wearing corn rows in the movie 10 in 1979. At that time (and even in some places today), it was the norm for employers to implicitly, and even explicitly, forbid African braids in the work place. Bo Derek had her hair done in an African style and was celebrated for the beauty of it. Subsequently, many white women had their hair done this same way not in appreciation of African culture so much as a desire to look like Bo Derek. Her use of the hairstyle did not make any discernible change in the acceptance of the hairstyle for black people in society. In this case, white women took on a piece of African culture that black people themselves couldn’t have for themselves.

Even with a working definition and some clearcut examples of what is and what is not cultural appropriation, there are a lot of questions in the gray area. For example, which of these qualify as cultural appropriation:

Dream Catchers	Spirit Animals	Dread locks
Gospel music	Ebonics	Yoga
Christian Seders	Kimonos/Saris	Halloween Costumes

The correct answer is that they all *could* be. It would be great, if we could just have a checklist, but, like most things in life, it’s more complicated than that. Questions of power dynamics and giving credit where credit is due each factor heavily. The truth of the matter is that the question of cultural appropriation is often very subjective. And, I would argue, as Christians desiring to follow such scriptures as the quote above, we can best decide by listening to those that originated the cultural practice. If people of African descent say, “Don’t do dread locks,” then the love of Christ demands we honor their wishes. If people of Asian descent say, “Don’t wear saris or kimonos as Halloween costumes,” then, again, the love of Christ demands we honor their wishes.

Of course, it can be embarrassing – maybe even shaming – to hear that we have offended someone unintentionally. It’s especially galling, if it is something we have always done. I’ve experienced it more than once, but I have found that apologizing and stopping the offensive behavior goes a lot farther toward maintaining a good relationship than trying to defend my choices.

Even with my original example of my kid being denied the opportunity to learn that middle eastern dance. She didn’t pitch a fit and demand to be included in the group of immigrant teenage girls. She let it go and went about her life. If she can do that, then those of us who are grown-ups can probably do it too.

Church News

WELCA Care Packages – Cookies Needed

WELCA will be sending surprise Valentine's Day packages to men & women away at college or in the military soon. Help us add a touch of home by baking & donating a batch of cookies!



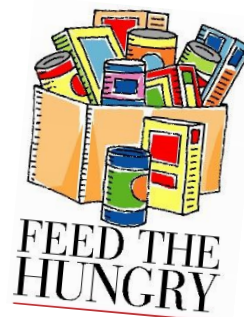
Simply wrap each cookie individually and contact Terri Loftus by email at tkabloft@optonline.net.

Cookies are due by February 5th.



It's a Super Bowl WIN!

Let's have some fun in predicting the Super Bowl winner while making a difference by donating nutritious, non-perishable items to the WIN Food Pantry. **Bring your donations through Feb 12th** and place them in the box in the narthex of the team you think will take home the trophy.



Also consider donating sugar-free, gluten-free, and no-salt items for those who have dietary restrictions.

Please remember:
Nonperishable foods only.
No expired foods.
No foods that require refrigeration.

All non-perishable food donations are welcome but at this time, the pantry is especially in need of the following items:

- Condiments - ketchup, mustard & mayo (regular sizes)
- vegetable oil (regular sizes)
- canned fruit
- snacks (individual size crackers, pretzels, chips)
- healthy, cold breakfast cereal (cheerios & other non-sugary options)
- canned meat & fish (tuna, salmon, spam, beef, chicken)
- canned protein like Dinty Moore stews, chili, etc.
- hearty soups (i.e.: Progresso, Campbells Chunky, etc.
- jelly (small jars but not individual packets)
- paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- peanut butter



Adult Fellowship Country Nights - Come Join the Fun!

No boots? No cowboy hat? No problem!

Join us Fridays at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall for some line dancing!

No experience, no partners required.

Shoes that can easily slide on tile floor a must (for turning and shuffling)

BYO drinks and snacks.

Dates are February 3rd, February 10th and February 17th.

Come to one or all three! We'll learn different dances each week. Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the hallway on the Sunday School level.

We hope to see you this month!



Send in your pictures for the Photo Directory today!

Sunday February 5 is the last day to use the photo booths 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 are 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. Please identify, left to right, the folks in your photos.

Please look in the green binder and update your information as well!

We need your palms from this past year!
We burn these to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.
Please bring to the church no later than February 19th.
There will a collection container in the narthex
beginning February 12th.



Then, join us for services with distribution of ashes on
Wednesday, February 22nd at 12:00 Noon or 7:00pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE DINNER

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Shrove Tuesday is also called Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, or Pancake Day.
Traditionally, it served as both the final opportunity for a little indulgence
before 40 days of fasting and a chance to finish up food that couldn't be eaten
during Lent.

In years past, we celebrated this evening as a church community and we are
excited to bring it back! You are encouraged to invite any friends and family
that are not members of the church.

The more the merrier!

This event is free, but we will be taking donations to plan future events.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 19 so that
we can have an accurate count for food.

Signup by clicking [HERE: Shrove Tuesday
Signup Form](#) in the electronic version or use
the signup sheet posted on the board in the
hallway at church.



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...

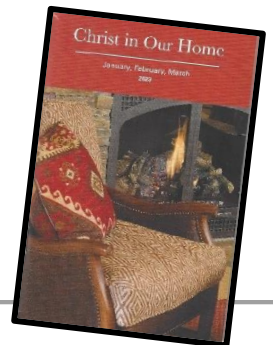
Simply write your name and dedication on the sheet posted on the bulletin
board near the elevator. Or [click here](#) on the electronic version of TIPS. Or
email Deb in the office at st.tims395@yahoo.com

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

Eternal candles are \$5; same signup process (except [click here](#) for online candle
registration). Please make checks payable to St. Timothy Memorial Fund.

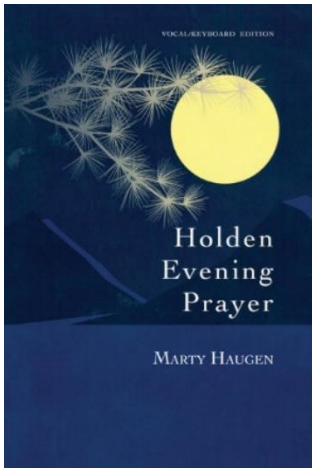
The quarterly Christ in Our Home devotional booklet is
available on tables in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Pick one
up today and find daily inspiration, comfort and divine
guidance.



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...



Beginning Wednesday, March 1st, join us for Lenten Soup Suppers followed by a time of musical and prayerful reflection. Holden Evening Prayer was originally written during the winter of 1986 while the composer was at Holden Village in the North Cascade mountains of Washington state.* The Village is a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, welcoming all people to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth, and each other.**

*Augsburg Fortress website

**holdenvillage.org website

Soup Suppers make their return beginning March 1st. Donations of meal components are requested; sign-ups will be posted electronically and on the bulletin board by Ash Wednesday.



Please join us in this meaningful time of preparation for our hearts and minds leading to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and redemption giving us hope for our own.

Sorry...the links in the block below are not activated. Please speak with Pastor Kimberly or call the office if you are interested.

Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church

As you may know, the 2022 Churchwide Assembly directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism, and to present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention to be called under the rules for a special meeting of the Churchwide Assembly.

To this end, each synod is asked to submit two potential nominees to serve on the commission. The NJ Synod Council Executive Committee will receive nominations for potential synod candidates until February 15. If you are interested in being a NJ Synod nominee, please complete the synod nomination form found [here](#).

In addition, ELCA congregation members can submit a nomination form to be considered for an at-large position. If you are interested in being an at-large nominee, please complete the ELCA form found [here](#).

To read more about the commission and its work, please visit the [NJ Synod website](#).



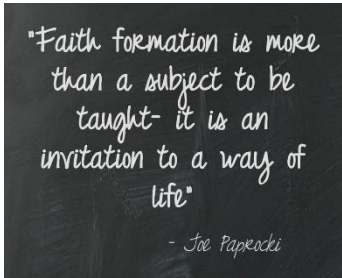
Easter Flowers will go on sale in March.

We expect a similar variety to last year. It's too early for pricing just yet.

Information will follow in bulletins and March TIPS



Sunday School ~ Every Sunday



Sunday School is going great this year! Attendance is really good. And, the students are having fun while learning. I believe that's the best part. Learning the Bible through the eyes of our younger ones and our youth is one of the best ways to learn. The stories are broken down for the age(s) of the students. If anyone would be interested in helping out, please let us know. The curriculum is easy to follow.

"What they have to offer is important" a quote from Pastor. All of our Sunday School students have a gift they can offer. Each of our Confirmation students will be serving at church, in some way, offering their gifts. They can serve as acolytes, ushers, altar setup/clear off, help with Heart 'n' Hands, etc. We want them to feel comfortable at serving. It can be a little hard for some to be in front of the congregation and on live stream. So, they can serve out of the spotlight. I know it can be a little scary to be up front. Yes, I used to get nervous when I was a reader or communion assistant. I try to remember to let them know that they did a great job in whatever way that they did to serve.

Members wanted! Calling out to all who would like join our Christian Education Committee. We have one requirement – wanting to help continue teaching the Word of God to all ages. Our meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm each month in the Parlor. If you have any ideas that you want to share, please come join us.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Adult Bible Study ~ Every Tuesday

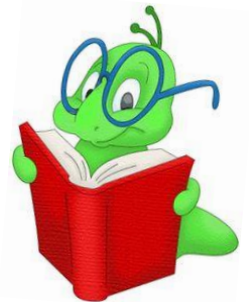
Join us each Tuesday afternoon at 2pm for an in-depth discussion of a select lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Kimberly celebrates a Liturgy of Holy Communion following the discourse.



Bookworms ~ February 11th

Did you enjoy the historical novel The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek? Pick up and read your copy of The Book Woman's Daughter and join our friendly group in discussion.

For more information call Barbara Westerberg at 973-696-1471
Happy reading!



Angel Circle & Knitters/Crocheters

Attention Men and Women

Do you want to learn how to make a simple lap quilt?
Would you like to learn to knit or crochet?



Join Nellie and Barbara on Tuesdays, February 8th and 22nd at 10am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Book Group ~ February 16th

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!

Meditation with Movement ~ Every Tuesday

Our Tuesday group has room for more!

Join us as we gently get the juices flowing, our bodies stretching, and our minds calming during our weekly hour-long sessions, led by Shirley, an experienced yoga teacher. We gather in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 1pm. Bring your own water bottle. The cost is \$30 per week, cash only, but pay as you go. Enjoy the companionship and reap the fitness benefits!





2/1	Dawn Brassel	2/19	Mala Ciania
2/2	August Koch	2/19	Jackson Scillieri
2/3	Nelly Koch	2/20	G.K. Kellstrom
2/3	Loretta Kratky	2/21	Edward Kramer
2/4	James Fetherston	2/21	Jennie Tietjen
2/4	Mia Fernandez	2/23	Gary Goskowski
2/5	James Sansone	2/24	Geraldine Hayes
2/10	Deb Califf	2/25	William Mains
2/15	Michael McHugh	2/26	David Taranto
2/15	Justin Oosterwyk	2/26	Lindsay Sperling
2/16	Richard Westerberg	2/27	Fallon King
2/17	Brent Fabian	2/28	David Richardson
2/18	Peg Gerding	2/28	Kimberly Cooper



2/1	Art & Sandra DeRose
2/1	Karen & Mike McAleer
2/4	Janet & Wallace Romaine
2/27	Betty Ann & Mark Tietjen

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!



Refugee Outreach

Thank you St Timothy for your continuing donations helping to resettle Afghan refugee families in the area. I continue to collect small furniture and household items for storage or immediate delivery.

While the overall number of new refugees settling in the area has slowed there are still families in need and we are not the only congregation looking to help. North Jersey Interfaith Cares (NJIC), consisting of several congregations we worked with during Family Promise, has asked St Timothy if we'd be interested in helping sponsor a specific family being resettled in the area. Pastor and I have met with their representatives and discussed what this commitment would entail.

Basically NJIC is looking to grow a list of volunteers willing to help a family assimilate through personal interaction, such as grocery shopping together offering rides to job interviews or doctor appointments. I know we have members willing to do this, as the proposed coordinator I would like to have that list at my disposal. If you're willing to help in some way please call, email or text and let me know. Thank you :-)

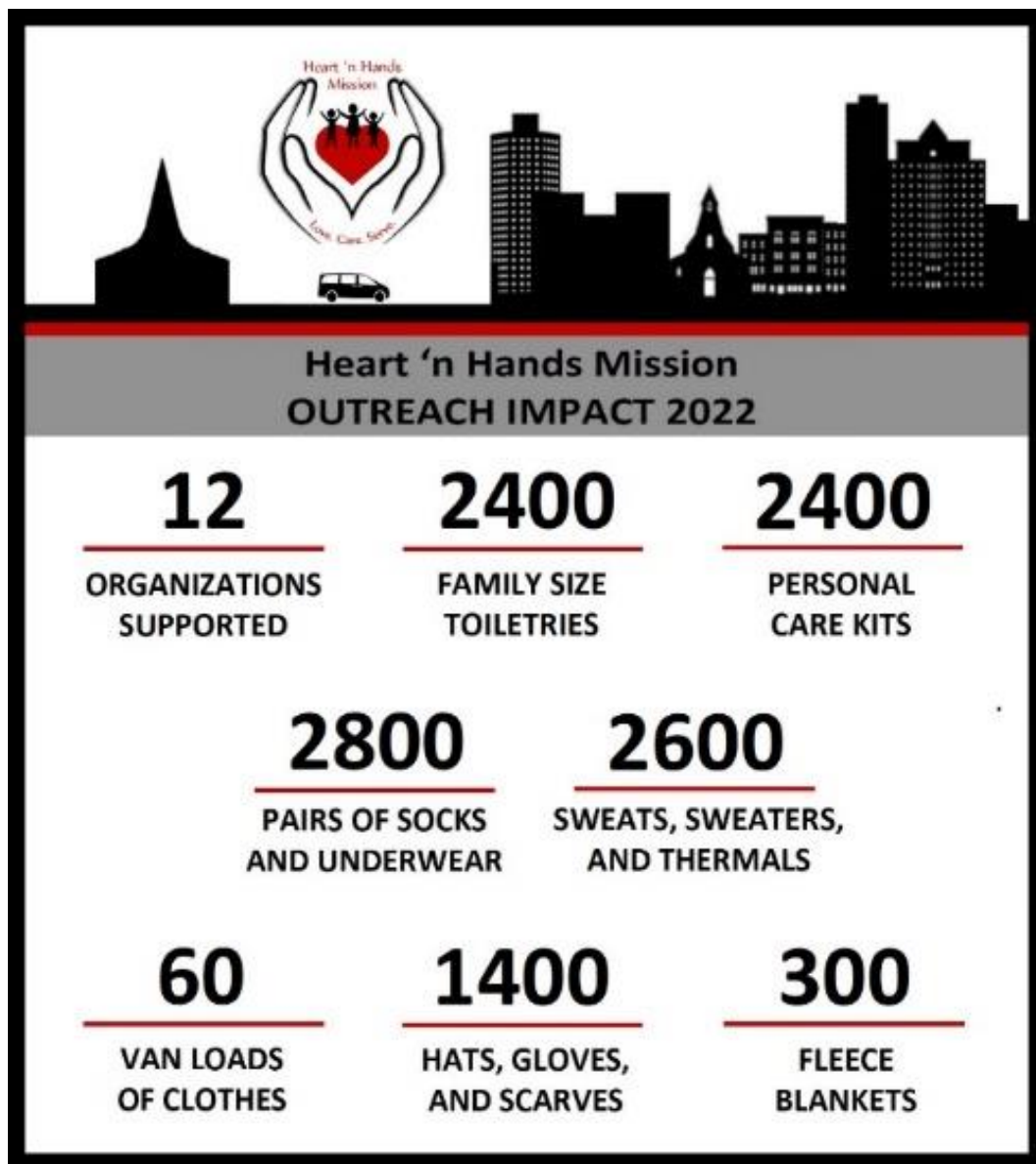
In His Name
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Heart 'n Hands Mission

Our sincere thanks to the congregation and council of St. Timothy for your generous benevolence contribution, which will help provide cold weather gear and other necessities this winter. We are also grateful for the January donations of winter gloves. This month we are asking for donations of adult size crew socks, which are the most requested item from the homeless shelters we serve. You may drop them off at the donation station or on the table in Fellowship Hall.



In 2022, your support helped us provide this assistance to those in need:





Since December 15, 2022, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:
Kenneth and Betty Jones, long-time faithful members of St. Timothy

Memorial Funds continue to be instrumental in helping us move from Christian Education to Faith Formation. We have used gifts in memory of Jean Marc for the “Godly Play” Sunday School program, most recently for the resources “Good Shepherd and World Communion” and “Synagogue and The Upper Room.”

We also recently made a second disbursement to the Angel Circle from the gifts in memory of Lillian Fanslau, designated “Angel Circle.” And we have used funds from Musicales for a donation to the Agape Singers & Ringers, who added so much to our Reformation Day service.



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 – 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 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



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Assisting Minister	Reader
February 5	Ilona Osterwyck Terri Loftus	Ken & Diane DeAngelis	Jayden Fagan	Karen McAleer	Carolyn Russo
February 12	Karen Sajban	Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Kayla Fagan	Karen Sajban	Lori VanDerStad
February 19	Valerie McGrath	Karen McAleer Lisa Koppenal	Ethan Gaffney	Colleen Duffy	Art DeRose
February 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Noon</i>			n/a	Frances Ochart	Lori VanDerStad
February 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>7pm</i>		Lisa Koppenal	Anya Cooper	Laura Dec	Bob Davidson
February 26	Nancy Farina	Karen Sajban Tom Sajban	Lauren Bedi	Laura Dec	Ken DeAngelis

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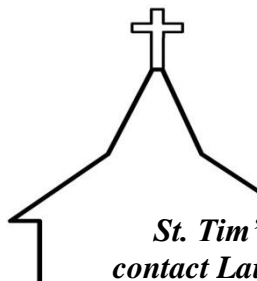
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