

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

St. Timothy ELCA is a community of faith creating
 connection through the love of Jesus Christ

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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Boy Scout mum pickup 1 <u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> ** <u>9:15am</u> Youth Group <u>11:30am</u> Coffee Hour <u>1pm</u> AA	2 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	3 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7 pm</u> Worship Comm	4 <u>7 pm</u> Bell rehearsal	5 	6 <u>7 pm</u> FH <i>Line Dancing</i>  <u>7 pm</u> AA	7
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BUDGET VOTE  22 <u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> ** <u>11:45am</u> Coffee Hour <u>1pm</u> AA	23 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	24 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	25 <u>10 am</u>  Hymn Sing At Spring Hill <u>7 pm</u> Choir rehearsal	26 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group	27 <u>7 pm</u> FH <i>Line Dancing</i>  <u>7 pm</u> AA	28
Reformation Sunday 29  <u>9:30am</u> Worship followed by Brunch <u>1pm</u> AA	30 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts	31 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	 		 	** Regular Sundays: <u>9:15am</u> Sunday School Adult Forum Adult Christian Ed Confirmation Class



(This article is an abridged version of a sermon that Pastor Kimberly prepared for September 10, but it was too heavy on law without enough gospel, so she tabled it and did something else from the pulpit. It is a reworking of her reflections on Matthew 18:15-20.)

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

We all know that God forgives us, when we ask. Many Sundays throughout the year, we confess to God that we have sinned and then I, as your pastor, proclaim our sins are forgiven by the work of Jesus Christ. This is the cornerstone of Christianity. But something that we tend to forget is that, whereas God forgives unconditionally, other people do not. When we hurt other people or they hurt us, it takes work to reconcile or heal that relationship.

This is Jesus's teaching in our gospel reading for today. It's a template for reconciling people within a church community. If someone hurts you, you go and tell them. Hopefully, they will apologize. Quite often hurts are not intentional. Sometimes though, there isn't an apology or even an acknowledgement of hurt. So, Jesus says, the next step is to take others with you to witness what is said. The witnesses may help to facilitate a conversation between someone that was hurt and someone that did the hurting.

If even that doesn't illicit an appropriate response from the wrong-doer. Then the next step is to take it to the church. Only if that fails to lead to repentance, does Jesus then encourage treating them like a Gentile or a tax collector. What he means by that, is to treat them as someone outside of the church.

This isn't Jesus's path to excommunicate people. He doesn't want people to be treated as if they are outside the community. The proof is in his own actions. God becoming human to be with humans in community. Our God is one God, three Persons in community. For Jesus, community is everything. In fact, Jesus spent his time on earth trying to help humans understand what community in the realm of God looked like. He kept that going all the way to the cross and then resurrected and went right back to his community – even though they had really hurt him badly. Although we don't have Jesus with us in the flesh now, we do have the Holy Spirit connecting us to one another and to God.

I know that that is much easier said than done. No one needs another place to hear that they aren't enough. No one needs another person telling them to do more. It's shoved in our faces all the time. So, instead, I want to hear from you, what would help for you to be more engaged in this church community? Based on what I know from the bible, theologians, and experience, the easiest way to be connected to God and church is to show up – to be here with us in worship. Worship is the one thing that is meant for absolutely everyone of every age and ability. All the other things that church does are important, but they are each geared to specific groups of people. Sunday School in particular divides people up by age. Volunteer activities are based on people's specific callings to minister. All of those things are important, but as a supplement to worship – not a replacement for it.

So, what can we do to get more people in worship? Before you start to think up answers and start texting me, I want to clarify that I am *not* talking about catering to individual wants. We cannot add more worship times. We aren't in a position to hire a rock band to lead worship. And, while I have joked about handing out Snickers bars, that isn't really what I'm looking for either.

My real question is: what would make you feel like you belong here? What would make you feel more connected to God and to this congregation? Church can't compete with other entertainment sources. Church that is following Christ isn't going to make anyone rich. It might not help you get into a good college or find success in the work place. We aren't here for self-help or advancement. We are here to share in the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, what would make you feel like you are sharing in that?

Jesus has promised that he is present in our community. Communal prayers are powerful – especially for those people struggling to come up with the words on their own. Ministry is more successful with many hands each doing what they can do. The realm of God isn't about individual satisfaction. It is about people working together to care for the brokenness in the world. That is the gospel in action.

Church News

Attention High School Youth & Parents

Teens and their parents are invited to continue the planning process for Youth Group activities for the year. We will meet Sunday, October 1st at 9:15am in Sunday School Classroom B (opposite the Church Office).



Celebrate Oktoberfest with St. Timothy Lutheran Church!

Join us on Saturday, October 14th at 6:30pm for a festive evening full of heartwarming food, games, and good company. Experience the flavors of Oktoberfest with a delightful menu featuring:



- Wurst and Sausages
- Spaetzle
- Soft pretzels with a rich cheese dip
- Sauerkraut
- And a specialty for our younger guests – Pizza!

Limited home-brew beer by Compton will be available as long as supply lasts. Other non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, but those 21 years and over are welcome to BYOB.

We kindly request that you sign-up in advance to help ensure a wonderful experience for everyone (aka enough provisions!). You can do so using our Google Form ([click HERE](#)) or via the bulletin board sheet.

While there is no fixed cost to attend, we welcome and greatly appreciate cash donations to help offset the event costs.

Can't wait to celebrate with you... Prost!

Friday Night Line Dancing! After an unexpected delay, we'll get off to a boot-shuffling beginning with an October 6th make-up date followed by our regularly scheduled October 27th session.

Wear comfortable shoes or boots that can slide on the tile floor and be ready to dance the night away.

We meet at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget your water and snacks!

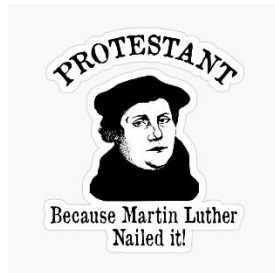


October 22nd Annual Budget Meeting



Please plan on staying after Worship on Sunday, October 22nd when the annual budget meeting will take place in the sanctuary. Actions to include voting on the 2024 Budget and adoption of ELCA revisions for the St. Timothy

Constitution. Constitutional changes have been posted on the bulletin board and emailed to active members. Hard copies available upon request to Deb in the office.



Reformation Sunday with Brunch

A special 9:30am Worship is in the works and will feature a jazz liturgical music with the Alleluia Choir, traditional hymns, and guest musicians. Come hear this beautiful service and sing Martin Luther's inspirational hymn!

After the service, the tradition continues... enjoy brunch in Fellowship Hall! Everybody welcome and encouraged to both attend and contribute a tasty dish! Paper sign-up will be posted soon as well as the convenient electronic form [HERE](#).



Fall Adult Sunday School ~ Exciting News!



Following the success of last year's journey through "The Story," Fallon Goskowski will lead Adult Sunday School through a study focused on the life and legacy of Martin Luther, using the 2017 film "Martin Luther: A Return to Grace" as a guide. Expect film clips, Bible passages, and engaging conversation. All adults welcome Sundays at 9:15am in the SonRise Bistro. Feel free to bring beverages and snacks!

Available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall

Whether a daily reader or occasional peruser, pick-up the latest quarterly devotional to find just the right inspiration when you need it. Included are morning, evening, and mealtime prayers, lists of festivals & commemorations, and suggestions for Bible passages to explore the day's topic in more depth.



2023 Good Steward Award Nominations

Who do you know that gives tirelessly and endlessly (and maybe even silently), truly living the principles of a Christian life? Nominations for our annual Good Steward Award are now being accepted. Hard copy forms are available in the narthex, or simply fill out the online form by [clicking HERE](#).



St. Timothy Lutheran Church
The Good Steward Award 2023

In 2009, as a part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we established a new tradition at St. Timothy for 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, faithful obedience to the Christian disciplines of prayer and worship, a strong commitment to the ministry of St. Timothy Church.

The award has been given to:

David M. Jones, 2009

Joe Ganser, 2010

Debbie and Karen Anderson, 2011

Anna Lefkowitz, 2012

Carol M. Jones, 2013

Robyn Gaudin, 2014

David Jones, 2015

John Anderson, 2016

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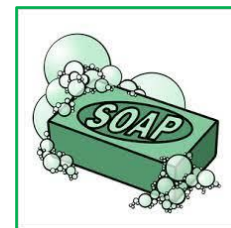
John Anderson, 2016

Due into the office by **Friday, October 13th**

Heart 'n Hands Monthly Collection

This month's product is travel-size or boxed soap.

See drop-off information in H'nH section under "Missions"



LivingLutheran ...Goes All Digital

Beginning with the January/February issue, ELCA leadership made the difficult decision to cease print publication of their premier periodical magazine, Living Lutheran, which St. Timothy has faithfully provided to members. However, the same editorial and writing team will continue to bring their full storytelling engine online at livinglutheran.org. It will include articles, videos, audio stories, podcasts, live events, opportunities for user-generated content and more! Scroll to the bottom for current and past issues or go to livinglutheran.org/issues.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH



ALL CONTRIBUTORS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY THAT MORNING

Looking Ahead...

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering News

July 13-16 MLE & the tABle

July 16-20 Youth & Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans, LA



**2024 ELCA
Youth Gathering**
including **MYLE the tABle**
Young Adult Gathering



November 18: The Songbird Trio will perform a special Benefit Concert for Heart 'n Hands Mission here at St. Timothy. Look for more details in November TIPS and bulletin announcements.

Special Coffee & Treats

November 12: A representative from Thrivent will present information helpful for your financial planning needs. Details to follow.



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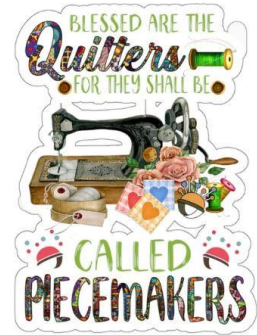
The Bulletin Board

Angels Circle & Knitters/Crocheters ~ Bi-Monthly

The Angels will meet at 10am on October 11th and 25th.

The numbers of Angels are dwindling. Are you interested in making lap quilts for shut-ins? Are you not available on Wednesday mornings? If an afternoon or evening works better for you, please contact me.

Barbara Kaplan at (973) 341-7920



Nellie's Knit (and crochet) Group will also meet on the 11th and 25th at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Meditation with Movement ~ Every Tuesday

We welcome our new regular leader, Tara Temple. Tara is trained in Restorative Therapeutics and holds Gentle Chair Yoga classes at Laurelwood Arboretum. Tara has been quoted as thinking of her practice "as a prayer of thanks and a way of deepening my connection with God and my true self. I feel blessed and honored to have the opportunity to share the wonderful gifts with others."



Join us Tuesday afternoons at 1pm. Bring your own water bottle. The cost is \$30 per month, cash only, but pay as you go. Enjoy the companionship and reap the fitness benefits!

September 5th session will still be downstairs, but we will return to Fellowship Hall starting September 12th.

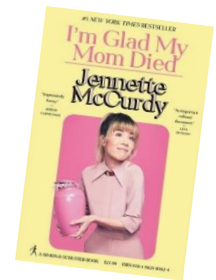
Adult Book Group ~ October 19th



Join Art DeRose and friends as they explore interesting and relevant faith-based readings chosen by mutual consent. Topics are approached singularly allowing for attending on any date. All are welcome, please join us.
–Art & Sandy DeRose

Bookworms ~ October 14th

A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by *iCarly* and *Sam & Cat* star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life.



Jennette was six years old when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and she would do anything to make her mother happy. So she went along with what Mom called "calorie restriction," eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income.

In *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail—just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called *iCarly*, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with paparazzi, Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing, which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when her mother dies of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants.

Told with refreshing candor and dark humor, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* is an inspiring story of resilience, independence, and the joy of shampooing your own hair.

—from *Simon & Schuster*



For Bookworms information, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.

Happy reading!

Communion & ~ Every Tuesday

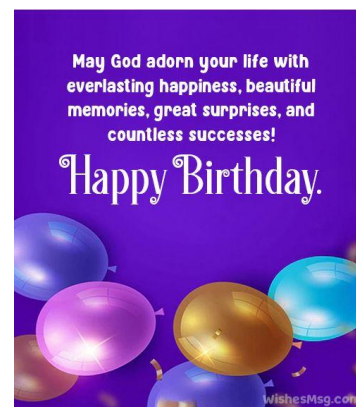


The essence of practicing faith in the Lutheran way is through Word and Sacrament. In addition to worship on Sunday mornings, you can also engage in the bible readings for the upcoming week and receive communion on Tuesdays at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for a less formal gathering in the parlor.

Pastor Kimberly also arranges for home visits to provide pastoral care and to administer Communion to those unable to receive the Sacrament either on Tuesdays or Sundays. Please call or text her or contact Deb in the Office if you would like to schedule a time for yourself or a loved one.



10/1 Lauren Bedi	10/20 Nathaniel Kaplan
10/5 Conrad Brassel	10/21 Josh Abrahamson
10/5 Lisa Koppenal	10/24 Eleanor Germann
10/7 Henry McGrath	10/24 Pam Richardson
10/10 Kathryn Jones-Smith	10/25 John Steible
10/12 Maddie Schloesser	10/29 Robert Gerding
10/17 Terri Loftus	10/31 Ewald Schloesser
10/18 Pat Zangrilli	10/31 Connie Venturelli



10/10 Joyce & John Steible
10/11 Melissa & Steven Pardalis
10/16 Cindy & Christopher Gaffney
10/26 Karen & Tom Sajban
10/26 Claire & Larry Zimmerman

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 October! We are asking for donations of children's winter coats this month and next for the hundreds of families we serve. You may visit us any Monday morning between 9:00 and 11:30 am to drop them off, and you are welcome to stay and help sort clothing.

Our monthly personal care item for October is travel size body wash or boxed bar soap. Thank you for your continued support of our monthly collections. If you wish to purchase any items (which are delivered directly to the church) please click on the link or the image below. The list will open within your Amazon account, and please select the **Heart 'n Hands Mission-St Timothy Lutheran Church's Gift Registry Address** at checkout.

[Click here](#)



We are excited to announce that Kathy Knittel and the Songbird Trio will perform a benefit concert at St. Timothy on Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 pm. They last performed here in 2019, following the release of Kathy's album *A Songbird's Christmas*. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks. We hope you will all accept our invitation to join us for an afternoon of wonderful music.

Thank you for your continued support of Heart 'n Hands Mission!

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



WIN Food Pantry

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Currently the Pantry is serving 170 clients, of which 50 are families with children. Here's how YOU can help:

Donations: Nutritious, non-perishable food-[click HERE](#) for current needs. Consider sugar-free, gluten-free, and no-salt food items for our families with members who have dietary restrictions.

Supermarket Gift Cards: Donations of Shoprite gift cards, in denominations of \$10 or \$20, are useful to the pantry in a variety of ways and are always welcome.



Volunteer: You can also donate your time and talents as well as encourage your religious or service organization to work with us to become better informed about the needs in our community.

Dedications: If you would like to make a donation "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" please add all of the pertinent details into the "notes" section of the online donation form or as an enclosure with your check if being sent by mail. This information should include the person's name and address of where you would like an acknowledgement card sent, as well as your own name and address.

The food pantry hours are:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Tuesdays: 9:00 to 11:00 am

Thursdays: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fridays: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

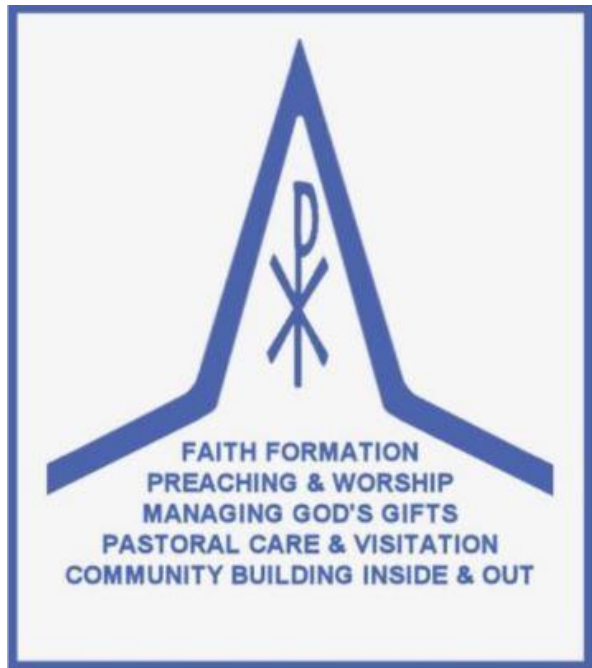
*Food donations may only be brought to the pantry
on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
during normal business hours or by appointment.*

Call us at 973.595.1900 first to be sure someone will be there.



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader
October 1	Lori VanDerStad	Karen McAleer Jeff Riotto	Andrew Inciardi	Laura Dec	Bob Davidson
October 8	Nancy Farina	Diana DeAngelis Ken DeAngelis	Jayden Fagan	Frances Ochart	Art DeRose
October 15	Karen Sajban Debbie Andersen	Lisa Koppenal James Koppenal	Andrew Koppenal	Josh Abrahamson	Marie Beyer
October 22 Annual Budget Meeting	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Lori VanDerStad Pat Kaplan	Kaila Gabel	Ken DeAngelis	Lori VanDerStad
October 29 Reformation Sunday	Valerie McGrath	Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Mia Fernandez	Karen McAleer	Colleen Duffy

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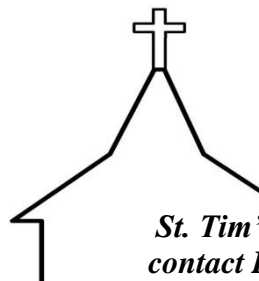
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