

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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"Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own." Henri Nouwen

A lot of my colleagues are very uncomfortable with the idea of fundraising. Money is considered a private affair that isn't anyone else's business. There's also the fact that there are pastors and churches that are more about greed than gospel. None of us want to come across as either greedy or nosey. That said, *there is* a connection between spiritual health and how we spend our money. That means talking about money is an important part of a pastor's job.

Biblically speaking, the Law of God, stipulated that Jews give 10% to the temple for the maintenance of the building and the provision of the priests. The Christian church continued the tradition by pressuring people to give as much as possible in an effort to earn salvation (see Martin Luther's 95 theses). As good Lutherans we know that we could never possibly do enough or spend enough to earn our salvation. We have the promise of eternal life with God anyway due to the work of Jesus Christ. Which is definitely good news for the modern church goer, who is very unlikely to give even 10% of their income to the church.

Anyway, giving money to the church in order to get something out of it, completely misses the point as to why God commanded it in the first place. Giving to God is a deeply spiritual act and it involves much more than money. All baptized believers are meant to give of *ourselves* to the ministry of the church. Giving of time and money is only useful if it deepens the relationships in the community. God wants us to use our resources to grow closer to God and neighbor (literally the essence of the commandments).

Much of what fills our lives is stressful: school and work; caring for elderly family members; even fun things, like sports, are competitive, which can add to our overall stress load. Many people try to relieve the stress by vacationing or buying expensive toys to play as hard as they work. All of these things are great, but only provide a short-term stress relief. Investing in healthy spirituality: prayer and conversation with other faithful people; volunteering to care for our neighbors; worshipping and receiving communion. These things lead to an overall more peaceful life. They give you something to lean on when life becomes overwhelming.

God created us to be in community and community *requires* the engagement of everyone in it. Beyond that, it requires investment. Please start with prayer. Pray for our community and pray for God's direction in how you can best be a part of it. Then consider raising the amount you give over the course of 2024. If you are nowhere near 10%, consider upping your offerings by just one additional percentage point. If you plan that now, you can work on budgeting in a way to make it work for yourself and your family. (Word of caution: God does not want you to suffer need in order to give to the church. Prioritize eating and safe housing, etc, before giving anything away.)

In addition to the financial investment in the ministry of the church, find ways to be directly involved with the ministry. This can be as simple as committing to yourself attending worship more frequently. Again, it can be helpful to set yourself a goal for attendance. If you are already attending regularly, then look for an additional ministry or two to check out during the year. The following pages are full of suggestions.

Not everyone is in a position to give more time or money. If that is the case, then know that God is well aware of your circumstances. God sees you and cares about all life's struggles. If you know of ways that the church could do a better job of supporting you, please reach out to me – anytime. God has equipped St. Timothy to do really good work in Wayne, NJ. We do have enough people and money to make a significant impact. Each one of you is an important part of that.

Opportunities to serve

1. **Delivering communion to home bound members after church on Sunday.**

What does that involve? After the rest of the community receives communion, you would come up to the altar and receive some to take to someone's home. Depending on the recipient, this could be a quick drop off without conversation. It also could mean visiting for an hour. It may be someone that you already know or it could be a new friend for you.

Time Commitment: Once each month for up to 1 hour (+transportation time).

2. **Serving on a committee to work to become a more inclusive congregation.**

What does that involve? Last June the congregation voted to engage in the Reconciling In Christ process, which means working to make our church a place where all people can feel a sense of belonging. This means working to be a more comfortable environment for members of the LGBTQIA+ community; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); and disabled people. The specific tasks are:

- a. Craft a statement making clear that we are a community that welcomes these groups specifically and publicize the statement.
- b. Craft a wedding policy that specifically states we will serve all of the populations above.
- c. Plan events that will help educate our community about the ways these groups have been excluded in the past, so we can understand how to do better moving forward.

More information can be found here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/becomeric/>

Time Commitment: Meetings of the committee should be one hour/month. You can decide for yourself how much time/energy you want to put into additional events.

3. **Music Ministry**

What does that involve? If you play a musical instrument or like to sing, you can perform during worship either with the choir or on your own. If you are part of a musical group that would be interested in offering a piece, that would be great too. Please speak with Caroline Parody.

Time commitment: Worship on Sunday morning is one hour + practice.

4. **Delivering food donations to WIN**

What does this involve? Taking the food donations from the main floor of the church to the food pantry at the Y (1 Pike Dr. Wayne, NJ). It is 2.4 miles away. This was a ministry that Carol Cook did right up until her death, so you don't have to be especially strong – just capable of handling a few bags of groceries.

Time commitment: 1 hour each month.

5. **Coordination/communication**

What does this involve? St. Timothy is blessed with worker bees. Many people show up to help with potlucks, property maintenance, and worship. Things work out very well, when all the workers are clear about what is happening and well-coordinated with each other. We are looking for a few good people to step up and help with communicating needs and coordinating efforts specifically for the property maintenance, ushering, and social media. To be clear, you do not have to show up and do the work, you just need to coordinate the work of others.

Time commitment: 1-4 hours each month depending on the role you choose.

Once you have chosen your preferred ministry, please be in contact with Deb in the office or Pastor Kimberly directly to get started.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action



Church News

2023 Good Steward

And the Award goes to... Bob Davidson! Bob is a behind-the-scenes leader who puts in countless hours working to improve St. Timothy. From shepherding the “pond project” to being regularly involved with worship, Bob is invested in his relationships with the congregation and in community building. This kind-hearted individual is most deserving for this recognition.

Congratulations, Bob!

Friday Night Line Dancing!

Join Cathe Davidson for her regularly scheduled November 17th session. Wear comfortable shoes or boots that can slide on the tile floor and be ready to dance the night away.

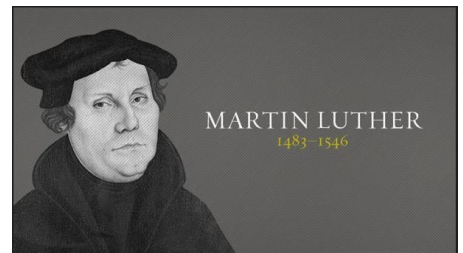
We meet at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget your water and snacks!



Join Adult Sunday School Class This Fall!

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the faith and its history? This season, our Adult Sunday School class is diving into the fascinating life of Martin Luther, the man who played a pivotal role in shaping Protestant Christianity. Led by Fallon Goskowski, we watch segments of the PBS documentary, Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World, and discuss his impact on lives around the world, both in the past and currently.



⌚ When: Sunday mornings at 9:15 am

📍 Where: SonRise Bistro

Whether you're new to the faith or looking to enrich your spiritual journey, you'll find a welcoming community and enlightening discussion.

We can't wait to see you there!

WELCA

A huge thank you to everyone who helped before, during, after and at the garage sale. From setting up the tables, receiving donations, giving donations, picking up donations, sorting, pricing, organizing, advertising, feeding us, working early, working late, buying, selling, packing up, sweeping up, carrying boxes, and just supporting us. It was all worth it. We raised \$4,000 which will go a long way in helping support our missions such as the Seafarers and Valentine Care Packages. Get ready, we'll do it again in 2025!



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.



Heart 'n Hands Proudly Presents...

A Benefit Concert

Please join us on
Saturday,
November 18th at
2:00 pm in the
sanctuary for **My
Favorite Things**, a
performance by
The Songbird Trio.
Admission is free,
all are welcome,
bring your family
and friends.



My Favorite Things

A Concert to Benefit Heart 'n Hands Mission

Saturday, November 18th at 2 pm

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

395 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ

Come and enjoy this nationally acclaimed trio with
Kathy Knittel, Joan Bujacich and Joe Bilotti, performing
a program of holiday music and other favorites.

Admission is Free – All are Welcome
Suggested donation of \$15.00 for adults



**Wayne Township Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
By the Wayne Clergy Council
at
Our Lady of Consolation
RC Church
1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne
Monday, November 20, 2023
7:00 pm**

This year's interfaith service continues our community's 30+ year tradition of giving thanks together and to share the joy of Thanksgiving with neighbors and friends!

**Please bring a Non-Perishable item to be
donated to the WIN Food Pantry!**

**We are excited to be able to gather
together in person once again!**

Heart 'n Hands Monthly Collection

This month's product is Protein Bars.

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



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

December 6th



December 24th Worship Services



9:30am celebrates the 4th Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service

10:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service



DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

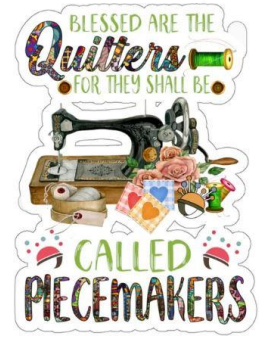


**ALL CONTRIBUTORS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY
THAT MORNING**

The Bulletin Board

Angels Circle & Knitters/Crocheters ~ Bi-Monthly

We mourn the loss of another Angel. Carol Cook faithfully worked on quilts. She would match the thread to the quilts she lovingly tied together. In recent years, she learned how to turn and pin the edges. She will be greatly missed.



November 8th is our next meeting date. Questions?
Contact Barbara Kaplan at (973) 341-7920



Nellie's Knit (and crochet) Group will also meet on the 8th; same time ~ 10am; same place ~ Fellowship Hall.

Meditation with Movement ~ Every Tuesday

We gladly welcomed a new participant last month who found out about us from a community source. So feel free to spread the word to your friends who might be interested but who are not church members... we are open to all!

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 wellness benefits!



Adult Book Group ~ November 16th

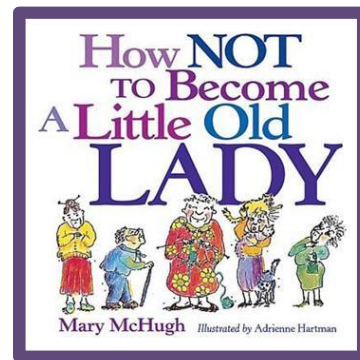


Join Art DeRose and friends as they explore interesting and relevant faith-based readings chosen by mutual consent. Topics are approached singularly allowing for attending on any date. All are welcome, please join us. -Art & Sandy DeRose

Bookworms ~ November 11th

After a couple of months of heavy topics, this month we take time for a bit of a light-hearted look at aging.

We've all seen her, hunched forward, her hair tucked neatly under a plastic rain bonnet. She's clutching expired coupons, or discussing her latest health problems over lunch. She's a little old lady . . . and she's coming your way at 2 mph.



Little old ladies have elastic waistbands on all their slacks. They save rubber bands, remember fifteen-cent McDonald's hamburgers, and have never seen a public rest room that was clean enough.

How Not to Become a Little Old Lady is for any woman who is proud to have escaped little old ladyhood – or those in danger of slipping into it. Lighthearted and affectionately funny, it also includes charming illustrations from Adrienne Hartman. –*from goodreads*



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.

Sunday School ~ Every Sunday, September to June

Sunday School has been going great this year! Attendance is great too! “The Story” is being enjoyed by our younger students. Our 4th & 5th grade students are using the “Whirl” curriculum that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Now, what they learn in Sunday School class is reinforced when they come to church service. The confirmation class is learning from the “Here I Stand” curriculum from SparkHouse.

A weekly offering has always been part of our Sunday School classes. We started again last year and honestly, many of us have forgotten about this important act. When our children learn how to give at a young age, they will likely carry that practice into adulthood. Our offerings are an act of worship where we respond to the grace, love and mercy of God. Each of our classes will have a basket for offerings. If you still have envelopes from the past, feel free to use them. If you do not have envelopes, no worries, we have more.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 4 (Saturday Night)– Daylight Savings time ends – turn clocks back 1 hour

Nov. 5 - All Saints Sunday

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving weekend – We **have** Sunday School classes

Dec. 3 - Advent season begins

Dec. 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour

Dec. 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

November



11/1	Dolores Monsees	11/15	Olivia Gaffney
11/2	Robert Andersen	11/16	William Koppenal
11/2	Mark Muschko	11/17	Eric Mains
11/2	Louis Russo	11/20	Marta Riotto
11/4	Kailiegh Taylor	11/20	Carolyn Russo
11/4	Richard Vogt	11/21	Laura Dec
11/9	Gloria Cooper	11/21	Jeff Riotto
11/9	Liz Koch	11/22	Dwayne Garbrandt
11/10	Zack Fernandez	11/22	Karen Taylor
11/10	Lucille Neglio	11/23	Bill Monsees
11/13	Samantha DeRose	11/25	Carl Schroeder
11/13	Cory Knittel	11/28	Veronica Goskowski
11/14	Mark McGrath	11/29	Richard Horn



11/10 Lora & Michael Inciardi
11/26 Debra & James Sansone
11/30 Valerie & Mark McGrath

*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!*



Update on our Syrian family

The Kanaan's are settling in nicely. Mohammad is now working 3 days a week in his chosen field as a tailor for the Bartobella Fashion Company in Paramus and is optimistic to go full time soon. He and Amani are both enrolled in ESL courses. Young Ahmed is enjoying preschool and Hala loves her new winter coat courtesy of NJIC.

As it appears our sponsored family is assimilating nicely the question has arisen within NJIC, "Do we want to do this again for another family?" I will certainly continue to do what I can to collect donations for those in need. While much of the furniture we collected was delivered to the church I did have to pick up larger pieces with the help of my son. To commit to this effort again I would have to have a larger list of volunteers ready to help. Please ask yourselves – Do you want to do this again? and if so, can you volunteer to actually help collect and deliver furniture? Please prayerfully consider and give me your thoughts over the coming weeks. Remember it's God's Work, Our Hands.

Thank you, Cliff Konnerth 201.757.4086 or ksnacs@msn.com



Heart 'n Hands Mission
Love. Care. Serve.

November is the month when we give thanks for our abundant blessings, for family and friends, for food on our table, clothes on

our backs and the roof over our heads. It is also a time to remember our friends in need who may be struggling, hoping and praying for these things we so often take for granted. We do what we can to help others in their time of need, bringing clothing to give them dignity, blankets and sleeping bags to provide warmth and shelter, and bringing new socks and toiletries to help them maintain good health and hygiene.

We are now accepting winter clothing, coats, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves. We especially need children's winter coats. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember our friends in need who may be struggling, hoping and praying for necessities and comfort.

Volunteers are available at the church on Mondays from 9am to 11:30am. Please come to the school entrance (with the railings) in the back.

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



Since September 15, 2023, gifts have been given to a new sub-fund, The Pastor's Discretionary Fund, in loving memory of: Carol J. Cook

We are pleased that there have been additional paybacks from St. Timothy members who received Schleer and Flanders educational loans. We encourage all recipients of these loans to set up payment schedules, so that we can continue to assist our young people with the high cost of college. Gifts to the Schleer and Flanders Loan Funds are always appreciated, as well!



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 those faithful repayments to the loan funds.



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.

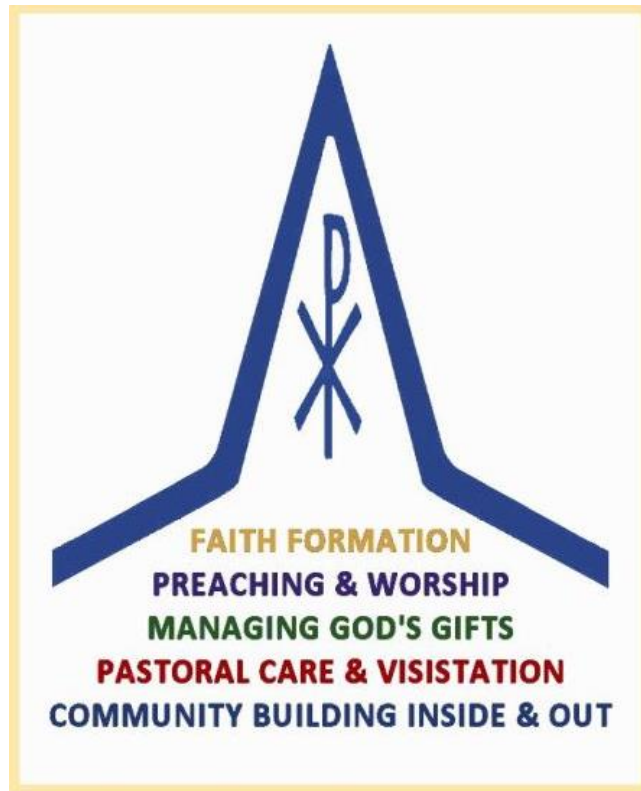
The food pantry hours are:

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.



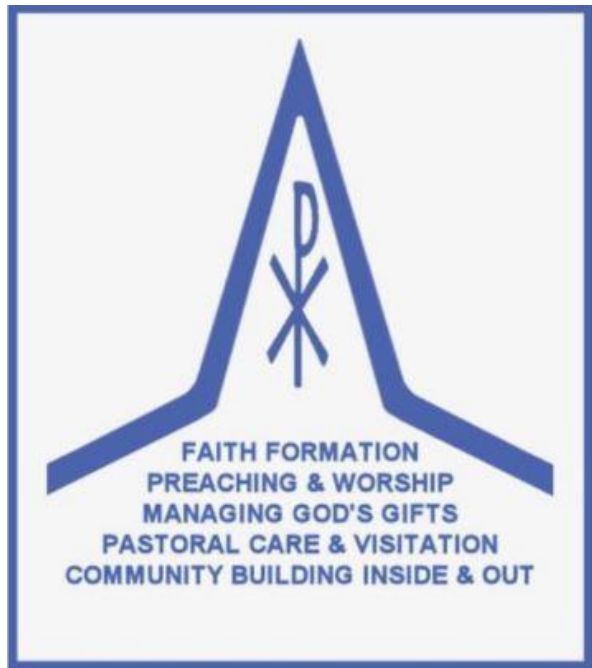


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DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader
November 5 All Saints Sunday	Lori VanDerStad	Chris & Sue Phelan	Anya Cooper	Ken DeAngelis	Robin Koegel
November 12	Karen Sajban Debbie Andersen	Tom Sajban Laura Dec	Lauren Bedi	Laura Dec	Marie Beyer
November 19	Nancy Farina	Pat Kaplan Lori VanDerStad	Kayla Faga	Bob Davidson	Karen Sajban
November 26	Valerie McGrath	Diana DeAngelis Ken DeAngelis	Andrew Inciardi	Carolyn Russo	Colleen Duffy

St. Timothy Business & Service Directory



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Sandy's Art Studio

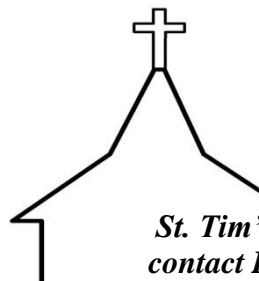
Come join us and experience the joy of art!

- Oil painting • Pen & Ink •
 - Color Pencil • Drawing • and more •
- We get kids to think out-of-the-box, learning creativity

Age 5 to Adult

1st lesson free • Wayne, NJ

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