

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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	First Communion 10 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am ** 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm AA 3pm ShineALight-UMC	9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm Pancakes 7:30 pm Council	13 10 am Knit & Crochet 6:30 Soup Supper 7 pm Bells rehearsal	TIPS deadline 14 10:30 am Adult Book Group	Iftar Dinner @Packanack Community Church 6 pm AA	16
100	Melinda Memory 17 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am ** 12pm Luncheon talk 1pm AA	Flower orders due 18 9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	19 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7 pm Christian Ed Committee	10 am 20 Hymn Sing @ SpringHills 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Choir rehearsal	21	22 <u>6 pm</u> AA	23
	Palm Sunday 24 9:30am Worship Followed by Brunch 1pm AA	9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	27 10 am Both Needleworks groups 7 pm Bells rehearsal	Maundy Thursday 28 6:30 pm Agape dinner & Worship	Good Friday 29 Noon THE STATIONS OF THE COMMON AA 7 pm Worship	CROSS
_	Easter Sunday 31 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Egg Hunt 11:30am Coffee Hour						** Regular Sundays 9:15am Sunday School Adult Forum Adult Christian Ed Confirmation Class



Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom; and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

-- Proverbs 9: 10

I normally discourage the use of scripture for "self-help." The bible, generally speaking, isn't a great go-to source for determining morality. Slavery, oppression, authoritarianism, and various other atrocities are found throughout and those passages have been used to support some of the most immoral acts in history. Instead of a moral guide, the bible is a tool to understanding how humans and God relate to one another. Time and again, when people hurt one another and even strive to mess up their relationship with God, God keeps coming back for more. God is always working to bind up the broken hearted. The bible goes way beyond morality to radical love.

There is one really good exception, though, for people wanting a bit of "self-help." That is the book of Proverbs. It is chock full of great advice for anyone wanting to do their best to love God, love neighbor, and, just maybe, thrive in a challenging world. One, in particular, that I should probably tape to my forehead would be, "When we control our mouth and our tongue, we keep ourselves out of trouble. (21:23)."

King Solomon is credited with writing the biblical proverbs. As the story goes (1 Kings 3), God loved him very much and offered him a gift of his choosing. Solomon didn't ask for long life, money, or power, he asked for wisdom. This really pleased God, so God granted this to Solomon and asked that Solomon always follow YHWH and no other gods. Solomon reigned for 40 years and for most of that, he kept his focus on God. Unfortunately, his wisdom also led to lots of wealth and power. These can corrupt even the wisest of people. He also accumulated a whole lot of wives (700!) from all over the region and, as he entered old age, worshiped their gods with them. God was upset about this and divided the kingdom of the Israelites into two. Never again would the Israelites experience the prestige and power that it did under Solomon.

Fortunately for us, Solomon did have several decades of wisdom straight from the Almighty. He wrote down advice for "his children," which is really all of his followers and all who came later. That is what we find in the book of Proverbs. One really neat thing about this book, is that it is 31 chapters long. That is the same number of days in most months — including this one!

As we make our way through Lent and to Easter, a wonderful way to grow spiritually and get a bit of self-help advice, would be to set a goal of reading one chapter a day. You can underline the verses that seem especially applicable to you. I also give you permission to ignore the ones that don't. For example, the last passage in chapter 31 is hyper focused on a perfect wife, who seems to do all the work in her family while her husband goes and hangs out with his friends. That is just a recipe for disappointment. Keep in mind Solomon had 700 wives and also 300 concubines. If he knew what made for a perfect wife, then he sure didn't act like it.

I would love to hear from you what proverbs you find interesting. Are there some you would like throw out? Are there some you'd like to bring to the attention of someone else? I look forward to learning from you too!



Brought to you by special Synod grant for Youth & Family programming: Melinda's Musical Memory talk

Learn how family members can care for loved ones with diminished memory through music therapy. Come to the luncheon following services on March 17th in Fellowship Hall.

Melinda Burgard, a music therapist with decades of experience working with elderly people experiencing memory loss, will come for a luncheon discussion around caring for family members experiencing those challenges. Check out her website by clicking the link: https://www.melindasmusic.com/bio.html



These programs are intended to be outreach to the community, so if you know anyone interested, please make sure they hear about it.

What Better Way to Spend a Friday Night?

Line Dancing ~ Friday March 1st at 7pm

NEW! Please RSVP to Cathe Davidson via text to 201-563-2658 on or before February 27th so she can plan

which dances to prepare! Thank you!

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare your heart for the coming redemption of Jesus through the cross by joining in community during our Lenten Soup Suppers, followed by a reflective meditative prayer service. **March 6**th~**13**th~**20**th



Sign-up to contribute to the meal (bread or soup) using the sheet on the bulletin board or online by <u>clicking HERE</u>.



Special Communion Service

On Sunday, March 10th at the 8:30am service, some of our youngest worshipers will participate in a special way for Communion. Please join us as Herbert Eggers, Lillian Johnsson and Andrew Cleaver share a new-found deeper understanding of the sacrament.

They'll even spend some time on Saturday beforehand baking loaves of bread!

Shine A Light on Hope: series part 2

The goal is to shine a light on the similarities among cultures and religions by dispelling hate and bigotry that can come from being less educated about these matters. An hour of learning and questions will be followed by a light meal of soup and salad. This event is free, but registration is required due to limited space.

March 10, 3:00-5:00pm at the United Methodist Church, 99 Parish Drive, Wayne

Go to shinealightonwayne.com or <u>click HERE</u> for more information and to sign-up.

Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner



We have been invited to Packanack Community Church for an enlightening Ramadan Iftar dinner on March 15th.

Learn about the traditions of your fellow neighbors who practice the Islamic religion. Registration information coming soon.

Pastor Juli of PCC is also looking for helpers for setting up in her Fellowship Hall. Please let the office or Pastor Kimberly know if you are willing.

Show your St. Timothy pride with SPIRITwear!

Participants for the summer youth trip designed this apparel just for you to show your spirit & support! There's T-shirt and sweatshirt options in multiple color options and a wide range of sizes. Online store closes March 10th at Midnight, so don't delay... order today! <u>Click HERE</u> to check it out.



Easter Flower sale ends March 18th ~ absolutely!



Orders are currently being taken for Easter flowers. Prices are slightly higher for some varieties, but the overall range remains the same: between \$5 - \$16. Paper forms are available in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Online forms are available at: Order Form

After adorning the altar for the holiday, please feel free to take your purchase(s) with you!

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday 3/24: Single 9:30am worship begins in Fellowship Hall with procession into sanctuary; followed by our annual brunch.

Click to note your contribution to the potluck: via <u>SignUp Genius</u> OR <u>Google Form</u> OR paper (see bulletin board at church). Deb will reconcile sources regularly... do what's easiest for you!

Maundy Thursday 3/28: Agape dinner & worship starting at 6:30pm; <u>click</u> <u>HERE</u> to help us plan, no later than Tuesday, March 26, by 4pm.

Good Friday 3/29: Join in for Noontime Stations of the Cross and/or a 7:00pm Tenebrae Service.

Easter Sunday 3/31: 8:30am and 10:30am services with youth Easter egg hunt in between!



DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

ALL CONTRIBUTORS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY THAT MORNING

Meeting News



The Worship Committee will NOT meet on their normal date of the first Tuesday of the month.

Their regular schedule will resume in April.

Youth Group: Pasta Party fundraiser Saturday, April 27th Proceeds will be matched by Synod grant and will go towards the expenses for the trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.



Line Dancing: April 5th @7:00pm



Needleworks Groups

Weather permitting, the Angels Circle will meet on **March** 13th and March 27th at 10am.

The Angels donated 22 quilts to the residents at Spring
Hills, formerly The Atrium. We also donated 7 quilts to Inglemoor Rehab and
Care Center.

There are currently no quilts in the closets available to give and we have requests for more. We need volunteers to help tie and pin the quilts together. The squares have been done. If you have an hour or two a month to spare, consider joining us. We'll teach you this easy part that can even be done at home! For more information, call Barbara Kaplan at 973-341-7920.

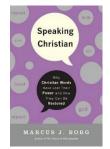


Nellie's Knit & Crochet group will meet the same dates and times as the quilters.

Adult Book Group ~ March 21st

Our Book Club meets as a group of friends on the third Thursday of the month in the Church Parlor.





We are currently reading the final chapters of "Speaking Christian" by Marcus Borg. This book, (one of many we have read by Borg) analyses the profound effect language interpretation can have upon words and scriptural passages to change the intent and perceptions of often misunderstood religious beliefs. We have read many authors and diverse books related to

understanding scripture, biblical personalities and scriptural themes. The discussion is lighthearted, fun, interesting and always helpful to our own understanding of the foundations of our Christian heritage. Discussions are singular by chapter and can be joined at any point. All are welcome, please join us.

Meditation with Movement ~ Every Tuesday

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! We are open to all... not just church members, so tell your friends!



Communion & ~ Every Tuesday

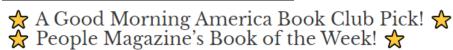
The essence of practicing faith in the Lutheran way is through Word and



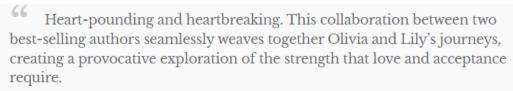
Sacrament. In addition to worship on Sunday mornings, you can also engage in the bible readings for the upcoming week and receive communion on Tuesdays at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for a less formal gathering in the parlor.

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.

Bookworms ~ March 9th



A soul-stirring new novel **about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we choose to leave behind**, from the New York Times bestselling author of Wish You Were Here and the bestselling author of She's Not There.









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

Happy reading!

Sunday School ~ Every Sunday, September to June



Communion will be received for the first time by three of our younger Sunday School students on March 10th at the 8:30 service. Andrew Cleaver, Herbert Eggers and Lillian Johnsson will also be baking the actual

Communion Bread with Pastor and Ilona Oosterwyk at the Parsonage. The students have been learning Holy Communion from the coloring book "A Place For You – My Holy Communion Book". Each one will receive a special Bible that is written like a giant comic book. It makes reading the Bible fun and easier to understand. A special reception will follow to celebrate the day.

Palm Sunday is right around the corner and everyone is invited! On March 24th, our Sunday School and Confirmation students will participate in the service. Church Council has organized a Congregational Pot-Luck Brunch immediately following the service. Come and enjoy great homemade food and conversation with your church family.

Who's ready for an Easter Egg Hunt? St. Timothy Sunday School students are! A fun time searching for the "Surprise Inside" will be around 9:45ish, between the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Pre-K thru 5th graders are invited to come and bring your basket or bag to gather the eggs and have some fun with your classmates.

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. You can ask any of the committee members: Pastor, Jeff Riotto, Terri Loftus, Ilona Oosterwyk, Cindy Cleaver, Fallon Goskowski or Laura Dec for more info.

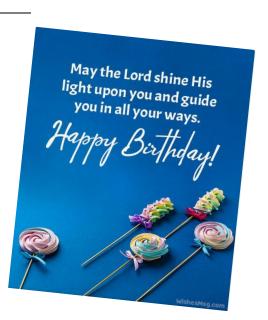
In His name, Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

March 10 – First Communion during 8:30 service
First Day of Daylight Savings Time
March 24/Palm Sunday – 9:30 service with Brunch
March 28 – Maundy Thursday
March 29 – Good Friday
March 31/Easter – 8:30 and 10:30 service
No Sunday School
Easter Egg Hunt 9:45
April 7 – Sunday School resumes at 9:15am



3/3	Brendan Loftus	3/17	Herbert Eggers IV
3/5	Kathy Knittel	3/18	Barbara Kaplan
3/7	Kayla Fagan	3/18	Alice Huizinga
3/7	Andrew Konnerth	3/19	Rebecca Kremen
3/8	Anna Dittmer	3/20	Henrik Johnsson
3/8	Christopher Gaffney	3/22	Cliff Konnerth
3/10	Diana DeAngelis	3/23	Donna McHugh
3/10	Adam Johnsson	3/24	Marie Beyer
3/12	Amanda Loftus	3/25	Amanda George
3/13	Patrick Kaplan	3/28	Samantha Scillieri
3/14	Joyce Steible	3/29	Greg Kratky





Thomas Neglio

3/16 Arthur DeRose

3/15

3/6 Carolyn & Louis Russo3/10 Rebecca & Richard Kremen

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!

3/31 Peter Johanson



WIN Food Pantry

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Thank you for donating to the WELCA Super Bowl food drive which supports the WIN food pantry.

Donations were split evenly between the 2 teams, so while we did not predict which team would win the championship,

1 do believe we did predict the 4th quarter ending in a tie!



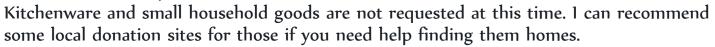
Donations requested for Church World Service

As you know St Timothy had been collecting donations of furniture and household goods for both GERA and NJIC. GERA has unfortunately lost their storage facility and the Kanaan family we sponsored through NJIC has been fully supplied with furnishings and we are not at this time sponsoring another family.

Church World Service (CWS) https://cwsglobal.org/ who we worked with settling the Kanaans does resettle one or two families a month in New Jersey. I arranged with them to take many of our "leftovers" and have since agreed with council to continue collecting and storing donations for CWS on the Fellowship Hall stage. Collection will be limited to the most requested items listed below. Please contact me with your donation offer before bringing to church. I will also pick up donations as needed.

Please consider donating:

- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Small dressers
- Couches and loveseats
- Single chairs (not overstuffed)
- Twin beds
- Coffee and end tables
- Lamps



God's Work, Our Hands.

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Heart 'n Hands Mission



Thank you to the congregation and council for your generous Benevolence Gift. We plan to use it for our monthly Care Kit program. In 2023 we assembled and distributed over 3,600 personal care kits – shaving, shower, and dental. This was a 50% increase over 2022!











In March, our monthly request is for travel and full-size shave cream. Please help us do even more in 2024!

Lord, we ask that you watch over those in need, that they may find shelter when they seek it, food when they are hungry, clothing and comfort when they are cold, and Your grace and loving encouragement in their darkness.

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



MEMORIALS

Since January 15, gifts have been given to the Laubscher Property Fund in memory of: Bernard L. Spardel

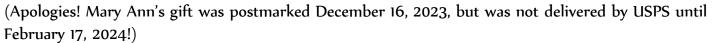
to Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of: Carol J. Cook

to the General Memorial Fund in memory of:

and to the Organ Repair Fund in memory of:

Kathleen Gormley

Janet Gale Oest, sister of Mary Ann Levine



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!

Through Memorial funds, we have recently purchased four cases of Eternal Light candles.



A Memorial Garden paver was recently purchased in memory of Carol Cook, so our paver total stands at 117.

See Pat Winters for further information or assistance. The Memorial Garden is self-supporting; gifts are welcome at all times!

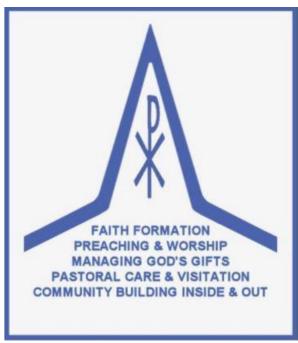
Thank you for the gifts to all these branches of St. Timothy Memorial Fund!



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader
March 3	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Cindy Gaffney Ethan Gaffney	Jayden Fagan	Garey Goskowski	Karen Sajban
March 10	Karen Sajban Nancy Farina	Lori VanDerStad Pat Kaplan	Lauren Bedi	Fallon Goskowski	Colleen Duffy
March 17	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Diana & Ken DeAngelis	Mia Fernandez		Lori VanDerStad
Palm Sunday March 24	Valerie McGrath	Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto	Lillian Johnsson	Ken DeAngelis	Congregation
Good Friday March 29 Noon Evening	Not needed	Vacant! Jeff Riotto	TBD (if possible) Vacant!	Not needed Laura Dec	Not needed Vacant!
Easter March 31 8:30am	Valerie McGrath Nancy Farina	Lisa & James Koppenal	Acolyte (A) & Crucifer (C) Andrew Koppenal (A) Vacant (C)!	Vacant!	Vacant!
10:30am		Pat Kaplan Lor VanDerStad	Samantha Scillieri (A) Vacant (C)!	Josh Abrahamson	Karen Sajban

Contact ministry chairperson or the office as soon as possible if you are able to fill a vacancy!

St. Timothy Business & Service Directory



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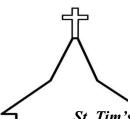
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