

April 2024 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



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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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Office Closed</i> 1 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	3	4	5 6 pm AA 7 pm Line Dancing 	6 PASTOR'S VACATION DATES  April 7 th through 13 th
7 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am ** 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm AA	 8 9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7:00 pm Worship Committee	10 9:30 am Angels Circle 10:00am Knit & Crochet 7 pm Choir rehearsal	11	12 TIPS deadline 6 pm AA	13 10:30 am Bookworms 
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“The work of the Holy Spirit is to infuse into the heart the true love of God so that obedience to the command of the law is brought about not by fear of punishment but because of a free and happy love to God.”

--Regin Prenter (Danish Luther scholar)

Most religions include rules. Sometimes, depending on the broader society, the rules can be written into the laws of the land. Throughout time and space, leaders have used religious laws to control others. This is true for almost every major religion – even the paganism of Rome during Jesus’s days on earth. It’s one of the reasons Jesus’s radical love of outsiders was considered dangerous to the powers of the day.

He was unique in that he turned the law inside out. He told his fellow Jews that God’s law was absolutely NOT about controlling others. It was entirely about loving others. He said this in so many ways on so many occasions. He also lived out God’s radical love all the way to the cross *and beyond*. It is the *beyond* part that we will be focusing on this Easter.

In the gospel of John, chapters 14-17 all take place at “The Last Supper.” We often focus most of our attention on the foot washing and the supper portions, but also recorded are Jesus’s words to the disciples – both those present in the room and those of us to come later. Some of Christ’s greatest statements are found during this discourse. It is here that he promises to come and collect us at our death and take us to our eternal dwelling place prepared for us by him. It is here that Jesus promises the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14: 25-27)

Jesus, in the flesh, would be crucified, resurrected, and then ascend into heaven, but he would not leave us alone. Instead, God the Holy Spirit would provide all the teachings, support, and peace *within us* that Jesus, the Man, provided in his earthly life.

Throughout lent, we have been looking toward the crucifixion and resurrection, which promises us eternal life. Now, as we enter into the Easter season (March 31-May 19), we are invited to focus on the lives we are leading now. Christ’s work on the cross guarantees us eternal salvation, but if we just accept that and go on about our daily lives as normal, we are practicing a shallow faith that misses out on the sustenance offered by the Holy Spirit.

God is Creator, Redeemer, *and Sustainer*. This Easter, I encourage you to deepen your faith by the power of the Sustainer:

- Pray more
- Participate in worship more
- Read your bible more
- Connect with others more

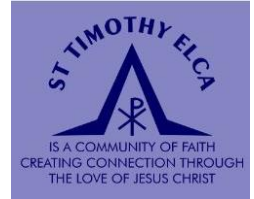
These are the ways that the Holy Spirit works to deepen our love and understanding of God and neighbor, so that we can obey God’s will in the world.



Church News

Revealing the SPIRIT Sunday!

On Sunday, April 14th, the entire congregation is invited to show your joy and exuberance in being a part of this very special community that is St. Timothy! If you recently purchased any of the SPIRITwear from the youth group fundraiser, please wear your apparel to church on this date.



Several people communicated that they are uncomfortable wearing T-shirts (especially to church). In that case, come in whatever you'd like. You don't have to wear special clothes to be loved by God or this church! All are welcome!

Pasta Party Youth Group FUNdraiser!



Come enjoy a variety of pastas and toppings for dinner! Salad and desserts as well! Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available! **Yummmm...**

Saturday, April 27th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

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. The cost is \$25 per adult and only \$5 per child ten-years-old and younger. Payment option information available on the Registration form – just [Click HERE](#) – or see the bulletin board at church.

Ready for a boot-scooting good time!

Line Dancing ~ Friday April 5th at 7pm
This is our last “practice” session before our party!
Bring your water & your snacks!



Please RSVP to Cathe Davidson via text: 201-563-2658 on/before April 2nd.

In Pastor Kimberly's absence

During times when Pastor Kimberly is out of town, she often arranges for ministerial coverage for pastoral care. Call the office and leave a message; Deb will route your inquiry appropriately as soon as possible during the next available business hours. The office is open from 9:00am to Noontime, Monday through Friday every week unless noted.

April is a busy month for Pastor as she is taking vacation from April 7th to the 13th; she will be attending Ministerium Day on April 16th for Synod Rostered Leaders and then from the afternoon of April 23rd through April 25th, she will be attending a pastor's retreat.

Spring Devotionals

The April-May-June booklet is available now. Pick up your inspirational copy in the narthex, the parlor, the Bistro, or Fellowship Hall.

Explore diverse themes such as what makes the church distinct to what to hold/what to drop to God's creativity.



TIPS Business Directory Re-Vamp

Are you a small business owner? Tradesperson? Feel free to share your business card or details of your services offered with Deb in the office. She will be re-working the page of ads that appear at the end of each TIPS over the summer.



St. Timothy's appreciates all of our faithful and dedicated volunteers who graciously give of their time and talents to enrich our community in so many ways, big and small, seen and unseen. You are valued!

Looking Ahead...



DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 13TH



ALL CONTRIBUTORS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY THAT MORNING

Next in the Series

Brought to you by special Synod grant for Youth & Family programming:
The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker... May 5th

Julie Faith Parker is an Old Testament/Hebrew Bible scholar who passionately believes that the ways we read the Bible matter. Author of Valuable and Vulnerable: Children in the Hebrew Bible and editor of T&T Clark Handbook of Children in the Bible and the Biblical World, this presentation will focus on the importance of children in scripture and in community. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and an MDiv from Union Theological Seminary. She is ordained in the United Methodist Church and worked full-time in ministry prior to doctoral studies, first as a congregational pastor then as a university chaplain. She is a Visiting Scholar at Union Theological Seminary in NYC and the Biblical Scholar in Residence at Marble Collegiate Church.

Check out what she has to say about children in the Bible:

<https://religionnews.com/2019/09/13/faith-like-a-child-an-interview-with-a-childist-biblical-scholar/>

This is a community event, so share the details with friends and neighbors. The event is FREE but registration is necessary for planning – [click HERE](#).



Line Dancing Dance Party

May 3rd 7:00pm until 8:30ish

Come early at 6:30pm for a quick refresher before the party starts!

Ascension Day Worship (May 9th)

Save the date to attend an evening service and share dinner as we reflect & celebrate on the meaning of our belief of Jesus' bodily ascension into Heaven.

Alice Hamm paver (May 18th)

A short service and paver installation will take place at 2:00pm in the Memorial Garden to honor long-time congregant, Alice Hamm, who passed away on August 19, 2023. All are welcome to join her family.

Start of Summer Schedule (May 26th)

We move to a single 9:30am service on this Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CROSS ROADS

OPEN HOUSES: May 4th, 2024 and June 8th, 2024

Visit Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center to learn all about our summer and year-round opportunities. Take a tour, hear stories about summer camp, ask questions of our staff, and finish with a delicious lunch in the dining hall. These are especially great opportunities for families interested in sending their children to camp for the first time (or attending Family Camp together) or for retreat leaders interested in one of our many buildings that are open year-round. These tours start at 10:30 am from the Lodge and conclude after lunch at noon. Please register by the Monday before the date attending: <https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/open-houses/>

The Bulletin Board

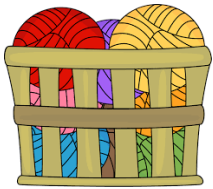
Needleworks Groups

The Angels Circle will meet on **April 10th and April 24th** at 9:30am. *Please note NEW earlier time!* We will wrap up by 11:30 am. Quilts made by this Outreach Ministry are appreciated by the recipients.



Can you help? Recently retired and looking for a way to fill some of your new-found free time serving God and others? No sewing experience necessary, just a willingness to tie the quilt layers together or pin edges closed.

Call Barbara Kaplan at 973-341-7920.



Nellie's Knit & Crochet group will continue to meet on the same dates as the quilters, but remain at the 10am-12pm time.

Communion & ~ Every Tuesday

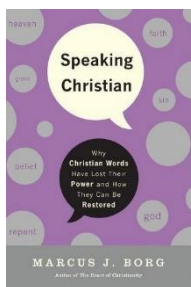
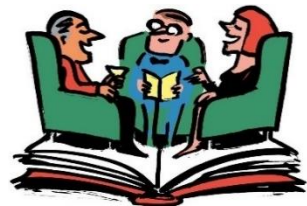


The essence of practicing faith in the Lutheran way is through Word and Sacrament. In addition to worship on Sunday mornings, you can also engage in the bible readings for the upcoming week and receive communion on Tuesdays at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for a less formal gathering in the parlor.

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.

Adult Book Group ~ April 18th

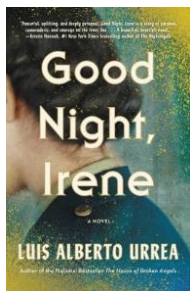
Our Book Club meets as a group of friends on the third Thursday of the month in the Church Parlor.



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. 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.

Bookworms ~ April 13th

What if a friendship forged on the front lines of war defines a life forever?



In 1943, Irene Woodward abandons an abusive fiancé in New York to enlist with the Red Cross and head to Europe. She makes fast friends in training with Dorothy Dunford, a towering Midwesterner with a ferocious wit. Together they are part of an elite group of women, nicknamed Donut Dollies, who command military vehicles called Clubmobiles at the front line, providing camaraderie and a taste of home that may be the only solace before troops head into battle.

Through her friendship with Dorothy, and a love affair with a courageous American fighter pilot named Hans, Irene learns to trust again. Her most fervent hope, which becomes more precarious by the day, is for all three of them to survive the war intact.

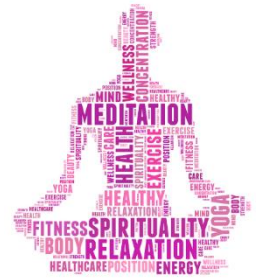


For Bookworms information, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.

Happy reading!

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!



Sunday School ~ Every Sunday, September to June



Important Dates for the remainder of the School Year:

April 7 – Sunday School resumes at 9:15am

April 27 – Pasta Party FUNdraiser

May 5 – Evening presentation on the importance of children in a faith community

May 26 – Beginning of one service at 9:30am for the Summer

June 2 – Special Worship celebrating the close of Sunday School

June 9 – Confirmation



4/5	Cathe Davidson	4/26	Mary Laverack
4/7	Bryan Amico	4/28	Charlie Bedi
4/9	Crystal Eggers	4/28	Ed Cleaver
4/9	Bud Romaine	4/28	James Cleaver
4/10	Mary Ann Levine	4/28	Lillian Johnsson
4/12	Deanna Inciardi	4/28	Mary Schloesser
4/14	Eric Knittel	4/30	George Labadie
4/22	Ray Lender		



4/19	Pam & David Richardson
4/29	Amy & David Taranto

*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!*



WIN Food Pantry

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Thank you to Jack and Liz Koch for faithfully transporting WIN donations left at St. Timothy to the food pantry. Such a small task; such a big impact!



Heart 'n Hands Mission

April is National Volunteer Month, a time to recognize our dedicated **volunteers and those throughout** our community providing comfort to those in need.

As part of our monthly collection of personal care items, in April we are asking for donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste, travel and full-size. Thank you for your continuing generous support of our mission!



We are now collecting spring and summer clothing for children and adults, lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, sneakers, hiking boots, and socks. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

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



Kitchenware and small household goods are not requested at this time. I can recommend some local donation sites for those if you need help finding them homes.

God's Work, Our Hands.

Cliff Konnerth

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Would you like to be part of a prayer chain?

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

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!

There have been no Memorial purchases this month.



Memorial Garden pavers may be purchased at a price of \$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.



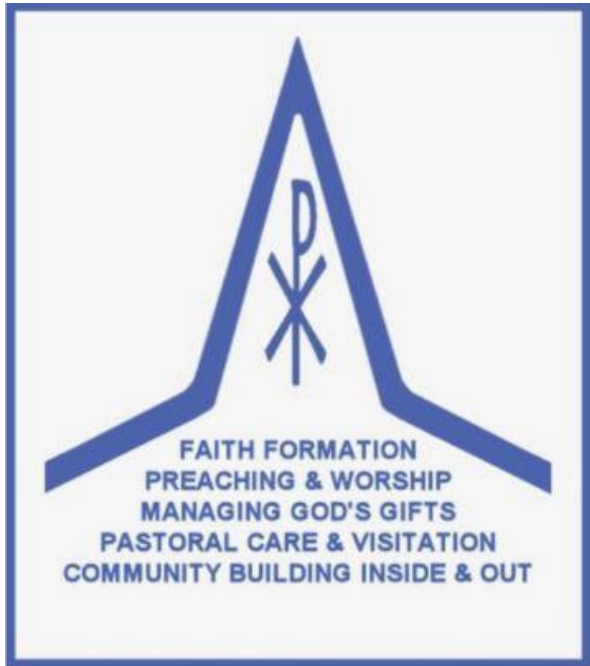
Thank you for the gifts to all these branches of St. Timothy Memorial Fund – the General Memorial Fund, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, the Music Fund, the Laubscher Property Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, the Eternal Light Candle Fund, and the Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – and for the members who are faithfully repaying loans.




DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader
April 7	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Sue & Chris Phelan	Kaila Gabel	Ken DeAngelis	Jeff Riotto
April 14	Karen Sajban Nancy Farina	Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto	Kat Mazzaccaro	Laura Dec	Art DeRose
April 21	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Lori VanDerStad Pat Kaplan	Andrew Inciardi	Carolyn Russo	Colleen Duffy
April 28	Valerie McGrath	Ethan Gaffney Cindy Gaffney	Lillian Johnsson	Josh Abrahamson	Karen Sajban

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

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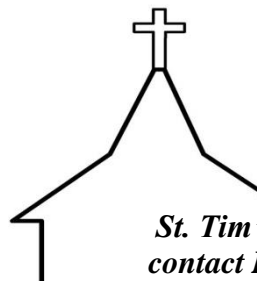
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