

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

December 15th Christmas Caroling



All, including children, are invited to share the *Sounds of the Season* with our homebound members and friends! After the 10:30am worship service, we'll have a pizza lunch downstairs before leaving in carpools for caroling. Hot chocolate and cookies await us when we return. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Or, you can sign-up online by clicking on the following link: <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/sttim/events/1347> Questions? Contact Michelle Elliott at (717)798-2750 or gandmplus4@gmail.com.

Special Family Friday

December 20th Gingerbread Houses!



From 6-8pm in the MPR. Enjoy a cozy winter's evening and build a gingerbread house with family or friends! Gingerbread house kits, pizza and drinks provided. Please feel free to bring a side dish, snack or dessert to share! Please RSVP at this link <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/sttim/events/1353>, or scan the QR code, or call the church office at 717-737-5243. One gingerbread house will be provided per family or small group. Questions, please contact abechard@sttim.com. Hosted by Family Discipleship Ministry.

Christmas Cookie Time



Share the flavor and love of the Christmas Season. The Fellowship committee is encouraging the congregation to invite a friend or family member (grandkids too) to join you at your home in a time of fellowship to bake Christmas cookies to share with Downtown Daily Bread, Bethesda Mission, and a Half Way House run by Christian Churches United. The Fellowship committee will meet after worship on Sunday, **December 15th** to pack the cookies after enjoying pizza. Place your cookies in the collection box in the vestibule between Friday, December 13th and noon on Sunday December 15th. If you would like your cookies picked up, please call Carolyn Irvin at 717-697-9633.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

Please join us on Christmas Eve!



4:00 pm - Nativity Story,
Candlelight Service with Holy
Communion

7:30 pm - Candlelight Service with Holy
Communion

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Holy
Communion, Choir

Invite your neighbors, friends and family!

**Pre-service *Special Music* begins 20
minutes before each Worship Service.



From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends,

Oh, Come, O Come Emmanuel! "Come a new" is my prayer. The Lord has come to earth so let us all rejoice. It is exciting to look ahead for his second coming when all people and creation will be restored to the peace God imagined for the world to have!

Keep looking ahead with the hope only Jesus gives. Expect a better future. No matter what dark signs of the end of our lives or our world as we know it, we, because of our Emmanuel, who is with us in life and in death, in hard places and easy paths, still rejoices! Joy to the World!

Would you join me in worship and prayers this Advent Season to rejoice in the hope we have in Christ? Will you roll up your sleeves and put on your best work shoes and step up to join Jesus in building faith in Christ and making this world a better place?

I know many of you are happily joining Jesus and joyfully anticipating a Holy Christmas celebration focused on the adoration of the gift of our salvation!

Look around to see if there are some new ways to walk in this season of Advent. New ways for you to see and hear to join Jesus and let your light shine on the path of someone else walking in darkness.

There are two new Emmanuel ministries underway at St. Timothy that may well suit you.

First, a reorganization of Outreach and MOV (Mobilization of Volunteers) on December 7th at 10 AM. So many exciting ways to make the world a better place, if even in a small way.

The second ministry is to train volunteers in spiritual care that would bless our congregation, other congregations, and the community in general with caring spiritual care, especially in a time of personal or community wide crisis. Could this volunteer be you?

Jim Vogel, chair of shepherding, and I have been talking and planning for some time about what would be the best way to train visitors to be spiritual care givers in an effective way. One of the first steps to training up skilled and caring visitors may be to invest in a program that both Jim and I have completed, "Spiritual First Aid," get a certificate and attend sessions of direct training with me and some others who have been making home communion visits. In the wonder of the Epiphany season and new calendar year, on Saturday January 25, is the information meeting to discern if becoming a trained volunteer visitor is right for you.

Advent is a wonderful time of year to stop and pray and then look and listen....so we do not miss the truth: God is with us and seeking to lead us every step of our lives. Come join us every Sunday during worship or Christian education for the Advent work of preparing for a most joyful Christmas season!!!

Blessed Advent, Pastor Keller

St. Timothy Prayer Care & Concerns

Prayer Requests to the Congregation



Prayer Requests

Please join in prayer for the following members and friends who are in need. Many suffer long-term illness and injury. Others have urgent requests. But all are seeking the Lord for healing, restoration, strength, and stamina. Thank you for seeking the Lord on their behalf. Please remember that requests will remain on the list for 2 weeks unless an update is provided to the Team. Removed requests can always be restored by the requestee. Your requests for prayer may be submitted to the church office, Pai Swanger: 717-982-0882 for texts or pswanger56@gmail.com. Urgent prayer requests contact Amy Ewbank

Celebrations & Thanksgivings

Answered prayers for Jane Bruns, she has been healed!

The Brass Triumphant Ensemble on sharing their gifts of Music.

Pastor Karen Tamorria Celebrated her 30th Anniversary of Ordination.

Eli Keller and Aidyn Vargas were married 10/25/24.

The installation of the Atlantic Mission Region (NALC) Rev. Rodney Lilly.

Megan Sheaffer was ordained 10/19/24.

Pastor Hummel, Pastor of Satazan Lutheran Church received his bone marrow transplant.

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregations of the Month

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, PA

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Middleburgh, NY

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Middle River, MD

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Hamburg, PA

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millersburg, PA

Homebound

Chip Custer*

George & Shirley Brown*

Audrey Hettrick*

Joyce Horn*

Phyllis Levengood*

Margaret Mans*

Bernice Markle*

Greg Slaybaugh

Tom Trayer*

Military/1st Responders

LC Preston Casper

SFC Jonathan D. Pusztai

Michael Kleindienst

SPC Aubron Swartley*

Cpt. John Tartline

1st Responders

Fire & Police Departments

Ambulance Crews

Seals, Delta Force, and all the service men & women especially those heading to Israel.

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Grieving

Family and Friends of Eugene Baldwin

Family and Friends of Jim Jenesko

Care & Concern

Myretta Anderson*
 Ell & Wendy Beckmann
 Eric Brown*
 Eileen & Rick Bullock
 Carrick Methodist Church Members
 Barbara Chipppo
 Donna
 Bonnie Ekas
 Ross Flint*
 Harry Fox
 Jim G
 Sandra Graham
 William Hern
 Audrey Hettrick* (Hospice)
 Monica Hill
 Dick Himler
 Hurricane Helene Flood Victims
 Susan & all those being cared for by CAPC

Hurricane Milton Victims
 Pastor Sue Irons
 Carolyn Irvin*
 Alex James
 Jenn
 Cricket Jones
 Julie
 Judy K
 Gary Larson*
 Stephen Larson
 Leigha
 Sandy Lingle*
 Jasmine Lopez
 Baby Wyatt Lowe
 David & Debbie Malcein
 Mary

Anthony Marino
 Anthony Marino
 Jane Ann Marquardt
 Kathleen Milbrand*
 Kevin Murphy
 Lynn Neibert
 John Pusztai
 Janet Reinbrecht*
 Sue Schlegel*
 Betty Semke*
 Mel Strait*
 Theovision
 Shirley Turnbaugh
 Adam Urffer
 Luann Verno
 David Wyant*

*Denotes St. Timothy member/friend

Birthdays

December 1 Guy Knorr, Jr.
 Megan Reich
December 4 Betty Semke
December 5 Paulette Black
 Alex Craft
 Lori Zimmer
 Dana Conrad
December 6 James Douty
December 7 Rich Lepley
December 9 Lisa Cronin
December 11 Vickie Miles
 Beverly Brader

December 15 Arlene Young
December 18 Gary L. Milbrand
December 24 Justin Semke
 Jennifer Swinchock
December 25 Michelle Elliott
December 27 Monika Rahn
December 29 Corey Dickey
December 30 Amy Ewbank
 Stephanie Sulzer-Miller
December 31 Amy Gehman
 Pai Swanger

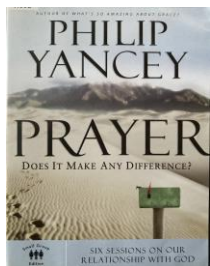
Red Cart Library



Bulletins

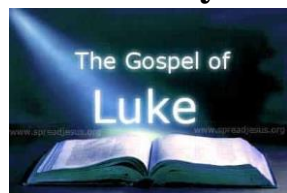
Have you noticed the “Red Library Cart” with the sleepy cat napping on top of the books that welcomes you to the vestibule? It is a new benefit for members of St. Timothy for those who love to read! It’s our own Christian book lending library where you will find a wide range of biographical, non-fiction and fiction books for your reading pleasure. Please stop by, browse and sign a book out!

PRAYER Does It Make Any Difference?



Join us in the Youth Room on Thursday evenings at 6:15 as we explore and experience the very heartbeat - the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect - of our relationship with God: prayer. “Prayer is the act of seeing reality from God’s point of view,” says Philip Yancy.

St. Timothy in Carlisle Bible Study



The Carlisle Bible study group has completed its study of the Book of Hebrews. We have started our study to the gospel of Luke. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. For more information, call Karen or Mike Tamorria at 717-706 3818.

Thanks to everyone who donated goodies and/or helped at the November 5th Election Day Café and Bake Sale. We collected a total of \$400 for donation to New Hope Ministries.

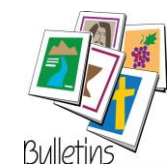


Altar Flower Sponsorships 2025



The 2025 flower chart is ready to be filled. It is located on a tabletop easel on the information desk in the narthex. Won’t you consider adding your name for a vase or two. Do you have a special occasion, remembrance, or thanksgiving you would like to recognize by adorning our Sanctuary with flowers. Join us and select a Sunday when an altar vase(s) will be presented by you. The cost of both Altar vases is \$50 or \$25 for a single vase. Please note: Weekly altar vases are a self-funding portion of our church budget.

Bulletin Sponsorships 2025



Please consider signing up for one of the months during 2025 to prevent an impact on our church’s finances. The monthly bulletins donation is \$80 per month with the availability of sharing a month at \$40 per sponsor. By helping fund the cost of the paper used for the weekly bulletins, the cost of the paper will be considered a self-funding item in the budget. Every little bit helps to keep the general funds solvent for items earmarked within the operating budget. **Thanks for helping ... The Worship Committee**

Monthly Food Pantry Collection December 2024 New Hope Ministries.



**Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
Salad Dressing**

Please place items in box in vestibule.

St. Timothy's Wonderful Volunteers



Thank you to all those who continually help the church office as well to all those who graciously help with all of St. Tim's activities!

You are all a very special blessing and may the Holidays brighten your lives and may Blessings from Heaven shower down upon each of you!

A very special thank you to Beckie Brunner for her dedication and magical work on producing "The Mission Edge" newsletter monthly. Kudos to a wonderful Editor we will miss!

"THANK YOU" dear God for continuing to guide our thoughts, words and actions!

Pastoral Care



If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Roger Keller one of several ways: call or text direct on his cell phone at 724-713-0549 or email him at prkeller@sttim.com.

Sunday Morning Brunch



Everyone is invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship at the **Trindle Family Restaurant** at 5001 E. Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg on Sundays after the 10:30 am service. Anyone interested in joining us should meet at the restaurant following the service.

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast will be held on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the Peppermill Diner.

Next breakfast is **December 7th**

****1st timers eat FREE****

Sunday Mornings



Join us between services in the narthex for coffee, snacks, and fellowship.

Family Sunday is December 15th



The Family Discipleship Ministry Team would like to invite all children ages 4 to 5th grade to join us in the MPR the 3rd Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hours (9:15-10:15 am) for a story, game, craft, and snack! During this time, parents are welcome in the Family Fellowship Room for coffee and conversation. For additional information, or to volunteer, please contact Ann Bechard.

Church Council Recognitions



The Church Council recognized the following individuals for their service to St. Timothy at the November council meeting.

- Special Music: Trio by Brock Kerchner, Gina Kerchner, Karissa Murdock; Solo by Jane Bruns; Brass Triumphant Ensemble Reformation Sunday guests.
- Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee for a splendid Germanfest with music and entertainment on Reformation Sunday.
- Kudos to the cast of characters, sound crew and team directors of Luther's Pigtails during Germanfest.
- Pr. Karen Tamorria celebrating her 30th anniversary of Ordination.
- Worship & Music, Fellowship & helpers for Celebration of Life with luncheon for Baldwin family.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? If so, why not bless others with your talents by making

Prayer Shawl Ministry prayer shawls! Every other Monday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, this ministry group gathers at church for good conversation and fellowship as everyone stitches. And if you're unable to attend the group gatherings, consider becoming a remote group member! Do you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls are available to give to people who are ill or in need of comfort. The shawl represents the Lord's arms wrapped around them, a special way to feel the Lord's love, presence, and healing power. To obtain a prayer shawl and/or to be shawl maker, contact Bobbi Larson or Betty Semke.

"Stuff the Truck"



Thank you to all who helped. With three Thrivent Project cards as well as a donation

of 20 buckets/lids from Lowes, we donated 45 Health Kits, 30 Cleanup/Flood Buckets, 7 Prayers Shawls, 96 School Kits. These items were loaded into Al Kerchner's SUV and along with Deb Stein delivered to the warehouse in Middle River, MD. They were very glad to receive. We also collected monies to purchase additional Lowes Gift Cards totaling \$875 – these were delivered to the AMR Convocation held in Bloomsburg, PA on October 19th.



ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 17-19, 2025
REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 1

"Grace not Perfection"

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith; and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Plan to come to the Women's Annual Retreat 2025 which is being planned with you in mind. Registration brochures are now available by email or on the information table in the narthex. Plan to attend, bring a friend, sister or mother and remember this retreat is designed with just you in mind. Come for just Saturday or the entire weekend, a weekend you cannot afford to miss! Retreat registration and deadline - **December 31st**. Questions - contact Amy Ewbank (223-269-3011) or the church office. The More the Merrier!

Communion Bread Bakers for 2025



Thank you to the bread makers in 2024. Bread makers will be needed again for 2025. If you enjoy making bread, St. Timothy

is looking for people to make bread for Communion. Volunteers are needed. You would only be asked to bake the bread for 1 or 2 months during the year. Training is available with the recommended recipe.

Hopefully there will be enough volunteers so that each family would only need to bake bread for one month. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer your services, please contact Linda Townsend at ltownsend317@verizon.net or her cell (717) 979-1317. Thank you from the Worship Committee

Crop Walk – THANK YOU



St. Timothy's team:

Kristin Kachel,
Tom Kachel,
Kevin Kincaid,
Maria Cabezas,
and Rich
Lepley joined
320 other

walkers and joggers, representing 19 churches, 11 organizations/family/friend groups and one business at the 2024 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk. Along with the \$1,225 raised by St. Timothy walkers, over a total of \$40,400 was raised to feed the needy locally through New Hope Ministries and Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels and globally through Church World Service.

Thanksgiving Blessings Thank You



On behalf of New Hope Ministries, thank you for supporting the 2024 Thanksgiving food drive. We collected 244 food items plus 34 lbs. of fresh potatoes for a total of 280 lbs. Some of these food items will be used to help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets to provide the less fortunate a blessed Thanksgiving. The food items which are not needed for the baskets will help fill the shelves at the food pantry. All our food being weighed in at New Hope in Mechanicsburg.

Monthly Middler's



Monthly Middler group meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10th** at 5:30 pm at the Kellers. There will be a white elephant swap with a gift limit of \$10. Any questions, give Jennifer Keller a call/text at 724-713-1060. Remember, you can bring another Middler friend.

Bulletin Sponsors



Bulletins

A special thank you to Monika Rahn for sponsoring the bulletins for the month of December.

From the Newsletter Editor



From the
EDITOR

Please welcome Dawn Urffer as our new newsletter editor effective December 1st. Please send any articles for the newsletter to Dawn Urffer at dmariehall@verizon.net.

New Council Members



WELCOME NEW
COUNCIL
MEMBERS

Congratulations to Charles Boyle and Caroline Irvin on being elected to Council on Sunday, November 17th for the 2025-2027 three-year term. The membership appreciates your willingness to serve St. Timothy in leadership.

Christmas Giving Tree

November 17th thru December 8th



This year our Christmas Giving Tree will be helping children within the Mechanicsburg School District. The tree will be set up in the vestibule. Angels will be used for gift ideas. Purchase the gift, attach the tag to the package, and place in the box under the tree. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS!!** This project helps stock the Mechanicsburg Middle School – Marketplace. Here children are able to choose gifts – Books, Puzzles, and Toys (ages 5-15) for family members. Children love receiving jigsaw puzzles that they can do with their family members. Also, hygiene articles such as toothpaste, and toothbrushes as well as other items will be available.

Donate Jell-O for

New Hope Ministries



These boxes of Jell-O will help fill Christmas Baskets given out by New Hope Ministries to needy families in the immediate area. Our goal is 150 boxes of Jell-O. The Jell-O must be dropped off no later than **Sunday, December 8th**.

Brrrr...It's cold out!



During the months of November and December, our congregation will be collecting hats and mittens for **New Hope Ministries** in Mechanicsburg. Please consider bringing child sized hats and mittens or gloves to church in November and December to help keep another child warm this winter! A box will be in the vestibule this collection.



St. Timothy's On-Line Giving



Have you had a chance to view St. Timothy's On-Line Giving? On-line giving became available on July 1. Instructions on how to access the giving portal can be found on the St. Timothy website (www.sttim.com) under 'News and Events'. Paper copies of the instructions are available from the church office. Donations to St. Timothy can be made via ACH (automatic clearing house) transfers directly from a checking or savings account, or by debit or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express). Donations can be set up on a single transaction basis, or as a series of recurring transactions. Donors have the option to include in their gifts the transaction fees associated with ACH and credit card transactions. Mobile phones can also access the giving portal. Download and install My One Church App from Google Play or the iPhone App Store and then type St. Timothy Lutheran Church. No login credentials are required. All transactions are encrypted for privacy and security.



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In the sacred rhythm of the Christian liturgical calendar, this year's devotional invites us to journey through an extended season of anticipation, joy, and revelation—spanning the expectant weeks of Advent, the glorious celebration of Christmas, and culminating in the light of Epiphany. *Awakening Expectation* is an invitation to reawaken our hope and spiritual preparedness for Christ's return, reflecting on the wonder of His Nativity and the promise of His second coming. Through daily scripture readings and reflections, we explore God's unfolding plan of redemption, from the dawning light of Advent to the brilliance of Epiphany. We encourage you to download this devotional and share it with others. May it inspire your reflections, renew your anticipation, and deepen your faith throughout this sacred season of grace and expectation.

Ways to access the 2024 Advent & Christmas Devotional:

Download a copy

Download a black & white or color copy of this year's booklet. Once you've downloaded the booklet, you can print a copy for yourself or your congregation.

[Download PDF \(color\)](#)

[Download PDF \(black & white\)](#)

Daily Text Message

Receive a text message each day with that day's devotion. To sign up, text: ReadingTheWord to 24251.

Daily Email

To receive a daily email with that day's devotion: Text "ReadingTheWord" to 24251. When they confirm your signup, you have to additionally let them know you'd like to be added to the email list by signing up via the link they provide. Then, if you wish, you can unsubscribe from the texts.

Video Recordings

Watch a video recording of the devotional daily: facebook.com/thenalc
Listen to this year's devotional on the North American Lutheran Church podcast: [Apple](#), [Google Play](#), [Spotify](#) or thenalc.org/media

Shepherding Care Committee, Community Care Team

November's Blessings Challenge



So, how did you do with your November Blessings Challenge? Remember the definition of *blessing*? A benefit, something that provides happiness or does good for a person or thing. How did your month of blessing others or thanking those who have blessed you, go? As you may have heard when I touched base during worship in mid-November, I asked if anyone had any stories they wanted to share, some folks let us know they tucked the scripture card in neighbors' doors. Specifically, one story was that the neighbor was having a rough day, and it was just what she needed when she found it. On page 157 of the book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke, the author says this, "...when we hear each other tell our stories about how we saw God working last week it inspires us to do the same. Not only are we inspired, we gain insights and tools for how to do it." A paragraph later he says, "Missional stories reinforce missional values, which reinforce missional practices, which produce more missional stories!" I was intentionally, overly nice to cashiers this week, thanking them profusely and even wishing them a Happy Thanksgiving. It was obvious on a few occasions that it was a surprise and refreshing to be treated that way. Did it plant a seed? I sure hope so. I know it did for me, I'm going to keep doing it through the Christmas season! It felt good to get a big smile back too! Maybe you will continue the Blessing Challenge through the coming month as well. Chapter 18 in the book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke is titled, "What Will Your Story Be?" Please consider sharing your story with the Community Care Team (via email or drop a note in the offering plate with my name or Community Care on it) that we might spread the ideas and share the joy of Joining Jesus on His Mission.

Shepherding Care thoughts...Sunday Worship!



During Advent and Christmas, spend some time each day in God's Word pondering these wonderful promises of God! Then let your gratitude to God shine brightly as you attend worship each Sunday and Christmas!

- 1) Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17)
- 2) Jesus came to proclaim freedom for believers (Luke 4:18)
- 3) Jesus came to preach the kingdom of God (Luke 4:43)
- 4) Jesus came to do the will of the Father (John 6:38)
- 5) Jesus came to give life to the fullest (John 10:10)
- 6) Jesus came to bring light to a dark world (John 12:46)
- 7) Jesus came to testify to the truth (John 18:37)
- 8) Jesus came to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15)
- 9) Jesus came to taste death for everyone (Hebrews 2:9)
- 10) Jesus came to destroy Satan's power (Hebrews 2:14)



Shepherding Care thoughts...be imitators!

May your daily reflection upon the following verses from God's Word strengthen your desire and ability to imitate Christ in your life and help you to encourage others to do likewise!

Ephesians 5:1 - 2

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Hebrews 13:7 – 8

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

1 Thessalonians 1:4 – 8

"For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere."

Shepherding Care...Opportunities to Serve!

Praise God for the opportunities we get to love and care for others as God, through Jesus, loves and cares for us (1 John 4:19)! Contact Jim Vogel at (717)719-9519 or KJMTVogel@gmail.com letting him know which "I can" is yours!



- I can...provide baked "goodies" for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship!
- I can...pray for immediate needs by receiving urgent prayer text messages!
- I can...pray with our Prayer Ministry Team for those on our congregational prayer list!
- I can...provide meals to those recovering at home following a recent hospital visit!
- I can...knit or crochet shawls with our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team!
- I can...welcome visitors to Sunday worship!
- I can...help with community outreach events!



Keep-in-Touch Phone Gatherings

Keep-in-Touch gatherings are resuming this month! These gatherings are a quick, easy, and fun way for us at St Timothy’s to stay connected through fellowship, God’s Word, and prayer.

December’s gatherings will occur:


- December 15th - 6:30PM
- December 16th – 20th (each day: 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm)

Each gathering:

- Occurs by way of a group phone call
- Comprises about 6 – 8 people
- Lasts about 30 minutes
- Begins with a time for fellowship/sharing
- Continues with talking about an Our Daily Bread mini-devotion
- Closes with prayer and a blessing

For a gathering, all you need to do is:

- Pick a gathering date/time you’d like to attend
- Contact Eric/Tena Brown (717)440-0797 or Jim/Karen Vogel (717)719-9519 with your date/time selection
- On the date/time of your selected gathering, answer your phone so you can be connected into the group phone call
- Participate in the conversation as much as you wish!

 St. Timothy Lutheran Church Report Of Budget Financial Status For the Month of October 2024			
	ACTUAL Budget Income	ACTUAL Budget Expense	POSITIVE (Negative)
Current Month	\$ 33,638	\$ 36,178	(2,540)
Current Year-to-Date	\$123,172	\$130,064	(\$6,892)
Prior Year-to-Date Results	\$121,578	\$126,694	(\$5,116)
NALC Benevolence Year to Date	\$3,068.79		
Atlantic Mission Region	\$2,043.21		
2020 Vision Appeal	\$990.00		

VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2024



In recognition of Veteran’s Day, all St. Timothy Veterans of the US Armed Forces were invited to share a photo of their time in service. The result was a table full of photos of our heroes who served our country on behalf of all of us. Thank you to all those who shared their photos and for your service! And to Mindy Fesler for collecting all the photos and for a beautiful table display showcasing our St. Timothy Veterans in the Narthex!

Order Your Poinsettias Now!

To celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, St. Timothy’s worship space is brightened with Poinsettias and Winter Greenery. If you wish to donate plants, please **PRINT CLEARLY** all the information on the form below and return it in the offering plate or to the church office with a check by Sunday, **December 15th**. (If you need more space for names, please attach a second sheet.)



I (we) wish to provide ____ # of plants at \$8.00 each.

Name(s): _____

Please list my gifts of plants as follows:

____ To the Glory of God

____ In Honor of _____

____ In Memory of _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Envelope # _____



Upcoming Preschool Events

Christmas Program



All nursery school parents, family members, and members of the church are cordially invited to attend our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 19th! The program begins at 11:30 AM and will be held in the church sanctuary. Each class will entertain us with a few holiday songs, and then Pastor Keller will share the Christmas story with us. Following the brief program, everyone is invited to enjoy some punch and cookies downstairs in the nursery school. We hope you can join us in the fun as we prepare for the holidays!

Opportunity to help the Preschool

Weis 4 School Program



– If you do your holiday grocery shopping at Weis Markets this year, make sure to register your Weis Rewards card online at [weis4school](https://www.weis4school.com) and then use your rewards card when you shop! By participating in this program, you can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school. Thank you for helping us earn \$200 last year through this program!



DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If unexpected conflicts arise, please trade with each other

*Traditional Service

Communion
breadmaker
for the month of
December



Carole Harmon

8:00 am Worship Service

Role	December 1 st	*December 8 th	December 15 th	*December 22 nd	December 29 th
Assisting Minister	Greg Kincaid	Chappy Wagoner	Glen Elliott	Will Harmon	Al Kerchner
Lector	Michelle Elliott	Christine & John Brye	Pai Swanger	Kevin Kincaid	Glen Elliott
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Acolytes					

10:30 am Worship Service

Role	December 1 st	*December 8 th	December 15 th	*December 22 nd	December 29 th
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Conrad	R J Harris	Laura Hoover	Russ Urffer	Eli Fesler
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Altar Guild	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Mindy Fesler Arlene Young	Dona Colberg Carolyn Irvin Dawn Urffer	Marty Himler

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	2 9:30 am Fellowship 7:00 pm Property 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 10:30 am Database/Comm 1:00 pm Prayer Ministry	4 10:30 am Exec	5 9:30 am Pericope 6:15 pm Book Study 7:30 pm Choir	6 Church office closed	7 8:30 am Men's breakfast @ Peppermill 10:00 am-Outreach Ministry
8 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 7:00 pm Worship Services @ Bethesda	9 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Carlisle Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10 11:15 am Parents Connect 7:00 pm Scout Committee	11 7:00 pm Council	12 6:15 pm Book Study 7:30 pm Choir	13 Church office closed	14
15 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am – Sunday School Funday Sunday 10:30 am – Worship Noon – Christmas Caroling Cookie packing	16 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	17 10:30 am Database/Comm 1:00 pm Prayer Ministry	18 Newsletter Deadline 11:30 am Servant Leaders' Mtg	19 6:15 pm Book Study 7:30 pm Choir	20 Church office closed 6-8 pm - Family Friday	21 9:30 am - Altar Guild Set-Up
22 4th Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	23 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Carlisle Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Services 4:00 pm Blended Worship 7:30 pm Family Contemporary 10:00 pm Traditional Worship	25  CHRISTMAS Office Closed	26 6:15 pm Book Study	27 Church office closed	28
29 5th Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	30 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	31				

8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship Services Online

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