



# The Mission Edge

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH



“Until now we have sojourned in Passion Week and rightly celebrated Good Friday. Now we come to the resurrection of Christ, to the day of Easter. After man has become thus aware of his sin and terrified in his heart, he must watch that sin does not remain in his conscience, for this would lead to sheer despair.”

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During the month of May, those of us going on the Mission Trip to North Carolina will be collecting items to make up Disaster Relief Health Kits.

Where we are going, Burnsville, located in Yancy County, has a population of 11,000. Of those, 6,000 have applied for help from FEMA. The people in this community have lost their homes completely and are beginning from scratch.

The mission team will be doing finishing work on the new homes that are being built. Many of these flood victims are still living in tents and temporary shelters, which is why the need for Health Kits is so great. A complete Health Kit includes the following items: bath towel, wash cloth, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush, toothbrush, bar soap in original wrapping, dental floss, nail clipper and comb. Complete kits or single items are appreciated.

We are also looking for donations of blankets, Bibles, devotionals (for all ages). Please deposit any items in the conference room, in the tub marked “Health Kit Items” during normal church hours by May 31, or on Saturday, May 10 and May 31 from 9am-3pm. If you wish to help with collection/drop off days or have questions, they can be directed to Deb Stein or Jen Conrad.

Thanks for your help!

**Dates of Interest:**

- Men’s Breakfast .. ..... 5/3
- Election Day ..... ..... 5/20
- Mission Collection Days 5/10  
..... ..... 5/31
- VBS ..... ..... 6/8-12
- Mission Trip..... .. 6/22-27



### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. -John 3:16.**

Happy Easter! When Jesus freely died for sinners, that's all persons, on the cross, and for the sin of the whole world, the love of the Creator for His creations touched all who saw it. On the third day, when Jesus was raised from the dead, the world saw the truth, the Creator has made a way for all souls to come back to fellowship with Him—His plan for creation completed! Love had come upon the

world in a new way.

Sometimes it might seem like it, but God has not forsaken the world. The love of Jesus still touches the world today. In fact, Jesus is alive and on the loose—continuing His mission of bringing people back to Himself. He desires for all to trust Him and be cleansed from their sin through redeeming work of Christ. How do we see him on the loose?

By faith and following his example changes our perspective!

Following the Way of Jesus is not about coaching (or offering opinions) from the bleachers. The Christian life by its nature moves a baptized person to get off of their pew and get out into the world to participate in the game, to meet and serve those in need of love, which is everyone.

What a great way to live each day! You get to carry your own cross of love and to step up to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. Giving a special offering to a Christ centered ministry, like our Lenten Water Mission, Heifer project or Chosen People's Ministry, giving up time used on bad habits, and praying for those in need. Everyone God puts into your day needs God's love. Jesus is on the loose everywhere you go as you do your errands, at work during lunch or even in the parking lot...everywhere is the chance to join Jesus in the mission of bringing people to faith in God and to show people how to love.

When you view every day as a mission trip then your life is lived in the genuine happiness of Easter, and you can sing along with the psalmist: "This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

You've been coached, you've practiced and now you can get off the bleacher to showing others how to pray, give up and give away. What an exciting way to live! Go, go, go, child of God go...pray, give up and give away...Jesus is the way for every day.

I can't wait to hear your story of what it was like most recently for you to join Jesus in your day's mission from God.

In Christ's Love, PK



## Full Camper Tuition for Students!

St. Timothy is offering full camper tuition for the next two Summers for students of any age who wish to attend a Christian camp! Many of our students have been going to Camp Hebron. If you would like to know more about camping experiences and the scholarship for every student, please contact Pastor Keller. You can learn more about Camp Hebron here: <https://www.camphebron.org>.

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Dear St. Timothy's Prayer  
Shawl Ministry,  
Thank you so much for  
the beautiful Shawl  
you gave to Shirley  
Turnbaugh! It keeps  
her warm and comforted.  
She uses it almost  
daily. Thank you so  
much for your prayers,  
love, and kindness.

So appreciated  
by me.

Love,  
Shirley Turnbaugh  
& Family  
(The Pitulski's and  
Wyants)

### **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Registration for Next Year:**

Our last day for this school year is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, but registration is still continuing for the 2025-2026 school year. Please let your family and friends know that we have openings in our 2 ½, 3, and 4-year-old classes. Please call Becky Tartline at 717-418-0676 for more information.

#### **Opportunity to Help the Preschool:**

**Weis 4 School Program** – If you do your grocery shopping at Weis Markets, register your Weis Rewards card online at [weis4school](https://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!

## UPCOMING WOMEN'S EVENTS:

Summer Brunch Fellowship - August 17 at 11 a.m.  
Autumn Soup Fellowship - October 19 at Noon  
Annual Winter Retreat - January 16-18, 2026

Please let the church office know if you are able to host either the August or October gathering.

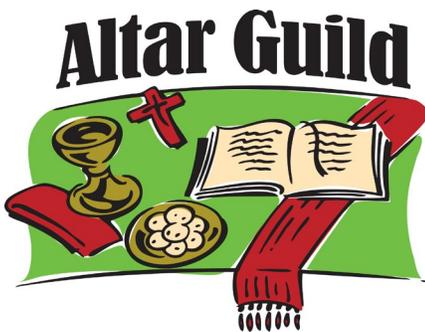
## Updated VBS article below:

Reminder: VBS 2025 - Epic Australian Adventure will be June 8-12 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Registration opens May 4 online at [www.sttim.com](http://www.sttim.com) or [vbsmate.com/sttimothyamphillpa](http://vbsmate.com/sttimothyamphillpa). Additionally, there will be sign-up sheets for supplies needed on the information desk in the Narthex beginning May 4. Questions, please contact Deb Stein at 717 571-9313. Decorating the MPR for this Epic Adventure will be on Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. – noon. We will be decorating for the Outback, Coral Reef, desert/mountain, Rain Forest and eucalyptus trees. All interested in helping are welcome to join us for this fun activity.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, words of condolences and support, and cards upon the deaths of Logan's mother, Phyllis, our Jack Russell, Sally, and Logan's aunt Marg. Experiencing their deaths within weeks of each other has been devastating; but God has shown His love through everyone of you and we are so grateful to be members of the St. Timothy family. God Bless.

Logan and Pai Swanger



### THANK-YOU for Easter Set-Up

Thanks to the following members of Altar Guild who made the Sanctuary so beautiful for Easter Sunday: Cheryl Foster, Dawn Urffer, Carolyne Irvin, Donna Kohr, Bill Brown, Monika Rahn, and Linda Townsend.



# St. Timothy Prayer Care & Concerns

## Prayer Requests to the Congregation

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](mailto:pswanger56@gmail.com). Urgent prayer requests contact Amy Ewbank.

## Celebrations & Thanksgiving

Kathleen Luntz was honored as NALC Global Worker of the Month!

### NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregations of the Month

- Christ Lutheran Church, Scituate, MA
- Christ Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf, PA
- Emanuel Lutheran Church, Elmer, NJ
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, State College, PA

### Homebound

- George & Shirley Brown\*
- Chip Custer\*
- Joyce Horn\*
- Phyllis Levengood\*
- Margaret Mans\*
- Bernice Markle\*
- Greg Slaybaugh
- Tom Trayer\*

### Military/1<sup>st</sup> Responders

- LC Preston Casper
- SFC Jonathan D. Pusztai
- Michael Kleindienst
- 1<sup>st</sup> Responders (Fire, Policy, EMS), Seals, Delta Force & all service men and women.
- SPC Aubron Swartly\*
- Cpt. John Tartline

## Care & Concern

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|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Myretta Anderson*                  | Dick Himler*     | David & Debbie Malcein           |
| Joan Bame                          | Lorraine Horvath | Anthony Marino                   |
| Jared Bartlett                     | Pastor Sue Irons | Valerie Marino                   |
| Shirley Brown* (Hospice)           | Alex James       | Mary                             |
| Eileen & Rick Bullock              | Eileen Jenek     | Kathleen Milbrand*               |
| Chip Custer*                       | Jenn             | Stephanie Miller*                |
| Bonnie Ekas                        | Crickett Jones   | Kevin Murphy                     |
| Bella Elliott*                     | Penelope Keith   | John Pusztai                     |
| Nancy Elliott                      | Guy Knorr        | Janet Reinbrecht*                |
| Donna Ellis                        | Ann Krammes*     | Rox                              |
| Linda Fick                         | Lori Krammes     | Betty Semke* (cancer treatments) |
| Ross Flint*                        | Al Laferte       | Shirley Turnbaugh                |
| Dick Himler*                       | Bobbi Larson*    | Adam Urffer                      |
| Jennifer Gluck                     | Gary Larson*     | Mary Wohler*                     |
| Sandra Graham                      | Sandy Lingle*    | Mary Wohler*                     |
| Barry Hair                         | Jasmine Lopez    | Rick Woodard                     |
| Lisa Wyant*                        | Denny Yeingst    | David Wyant*                     |
| Pastors, missionaries, & Chaplains |                  |                                  |

\*Denotes St. Timothy member/friend

## Council Corner

### Recognitions within the Congregation

Special worship musicians: Jean Sychak, Jennifer Keller, Beckie Brunner, Jane Bruns; Elijah Brye (violin) with Malinda Brye (pianist); Will Harmon, Brock Kerchner.

Gina Kerchner for coordinating the recent special music.

Jim Vogel for his continued coordinating and shepherding folks.

Celebration of all those who donated towards the organ repairs.

### Shepherding Care Keep-in-Touch Phone Gatherings

Keep-in-Touch Phone Gatherings are a quick, easy, and fun way for us at St Timothy's to stay connected through fellowship, God's Word, and prayer.

May's gatherings will occur:

- May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>: each day: 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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 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!

## THANK YOU!!



Altar Flowers

Thank you to Linda Townsend, Brock Kerchner, Jim & Karen Vogel, and John & Christine Brye for sponsoring flowers for May!



### TO ALL OF ST. TIM'S WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you so much to all our incredible group of volunteers and our Newsletter Editor who give willingly of their time and support to the Church Office as well as to St. Timothy. May Our Lord's blessings rain down upon all!

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Although we had this year's hunt indoors due to rain, everyone had a great time with the snacks, crafts and finding their bag of eggs. We had a total of 32 kids participate this year.

Thank you to all who helped with the production of St. Tim's chocolate coated eggs. We made a total of 1,885 eggs this year with 9-13 helpers each time. We could not have accomplished this great success with you. Total monies collected for Water Mission will be in the June newsletter.

Thank you to the St. Timothy women who attended the Spring Tea Luncheon for your free willing offering of \$155, which will be used to purchase devotional materials as well as Christian oriented coloring books and crayons for the kids when we are in North Carolina in June.

# May Birthdays



May 2	Roger Williams
May 6	Jack Robinholt
May 9	Kevin Kincaid
May 10	Gary Bender Lisa Wyant
May 14	Brock Kerchner
May 16	Michael Tamorria
May 19	Jim Vogel
May 21	Sharon Schwalm
May 22	Nancy Frankenfield
May 26	Jacqueline Keefer
May 27	Carter McClellan
May 28	Ken Black



Bulletins

Special Thank You...the Bulletin Sponsor for May is Jerry and Jane Bruns!

## Shepherding Care thoughts...table time!

**“When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him”**

**Luke 24:30-31**

- Kitchen, dining room, restaurant, and picnic tables have many stories they could tell. Around these tables fellowship occurs and guests are entertained.
- Around them family discussions are held that shape our lives. Around them we pray and hold devotions, and our lives are strengthened.
- Jesus' followers knew well the joy of sitting at the table with Him. In the home of Mary and Martha, at the celebration of the Passover when our Lord's Supper was instituted, Jesus used table time to teach and help His followers, leading them closer to Him. The eyes of the Emmaus disciples were opened as Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and shared table time with them.
- Think about your table time. Pray that God will use your hospitality, and the time you spend at table with family, friends, and strangers, as eye-opening experiences for them. Their eyes opened to the beauty and joy of their Savior, Jesus!

## MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR MAY

Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup  
Jell-o



## MAY BREAD MAKER Russ Urffer



## ***It's time for a Baby Bottle Blast!***

We are, once again, participating in the Capital Area Pregnancy Center's annual Baby Bottle Blessing fundraiser running from **Mother's Day, May 11th** to **Father's Day June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

We would like every family to pick up at least one baby bottle from the table in the lobby and fill it with spare change/bills (checks are OK, too) and return it on Father's Day.

***Remember to pray for moms, dads, and their preborn children during this time as well as those who've been hurt by abortion.***



- \$20 keeps the phone lines open for a day.
- \$40 provides an ultrasound and medical consultation for one client.
- \$50 provides the center with pregnancy tests for one month.
- \$80 provides pregnancy/parenting education for one client.
- \$500 ensures our doors stay open for one day.

**Any amount you give will help CAPC share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who God brings through their doors!**



*For You created my inmost being;  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Psalm 139: 13-14a*



### St. Timothy Lutheran Church Report Of Budget Financial Status For the Month of March 2025

	ACTUAL Budget Income	ACTUAL Budget Expense	POSITIVE (Negative)
Current Month	\$ 43,456	\$ 35,186	\$8,270
Current Year-to-Date	\$338,901	\$315,769	\$23,132
Prior Year-to-Date Results	\$323,056	\$314,423	\$8,633
NALC Benevolence Year to Date	\$7,822.90		
Atlantic Mission Region	\$5,284.94		
2020 Vision Appeal	\$3,790.00		

**Shepherding Care**  
**Calling All Graduates!**

Are you or someone you know a 2025 high school or post-secondary school graduate?

If so, please complete the form below so that this wonderful accomplishment can be recognized in prayers and praises to God!

A completed form can be left in the offering plate, in the church office mail slot, emailed to the church office at secretary@sttim.com, or emailed to Jim Vogel at KJMTVogel@gmail.com.

Graduate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation From: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans After Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

To celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, St. Timothy's worship space will again sprout glorious red geraniums. 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 June 8, 2025. (If you need more space for names, please write on the back of this form.)

I (we) wish to provide \_\_\_\_\_ # of plants at \$6.00 each.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my gifts of geraniums as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# May 2025 Worship Assistants

8:00 a.m. Service  
(\*Traditional Service)

Date	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Greg Kincaid	Glen Elliott	Linda Townsend	Chappy Wagoner
<b>Lector</b>	Michelle Elliott	Christine & John Brye	Pai Swanger	Kevin Kincaid
<b>Ushers</b>	Elliott Family	Tom & Cindy Kachel	Gary Larson Mell Strait	Rich Lepley Nancy Frankenfield
<b>Greeters</b>	Shannon Kincaid	Ross Flint Gary Bender	Bobbi Larson	
<b>Acolytes</b>				

10:30 a.m. Service

Date	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		RJ Harris	Jennifer Conrad	Russ Urffer <b>9:45 Outside</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Micah Keller	Jennifer Keller	Laura Hoover	
<b>Ushers</b>	Charles Boyle Dick Himler	Bill Brown Chuck Irvin	Deb Stein Roger Williams	Ken Black Jerry Bruns
<b>Greeters</b>	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Ann Krammes	Chairs: Doug Irvin Sound:
<b>Acolytes</b>	James Hoover	James Hoover	Ella Bechard	None Needed
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Mindy Fesler Arlene Young	Carolyn Irvin Dona Colberg Dawn Urffer

*If unexpected conflicts arise, please trade with each other.*



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COUNTER?

There is a need for additional counters of the financial receipts of St. Timothy. Most counting currently takes place on Monday mornings at the church for about 2 hours but has some flexibility in the schedule of when the counting actually occurs. A typical schedule would mean you would assist counting once or twice a month. Basic financial ability with attention to detail with accuracy is all that is needed to qualify for this

endeavor. If you have interest in being a member of the count team or have any questions about the position, please contact Al Kerchner in person, by email at [timothytreas81@gmail.com](mailto:timothytreas81@gmail.com) or by phone 717-802-5034.

**MAY 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>				
<b>4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 Worship 12 St. Tim Parents Luncheon (3/4/5)	<b>5</b> 7:00 Property Comm. (lounge) 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	<b>6</b> 9:30 Fellowship Comm. (Rm 5) 1:00 Prayer Ministry Team (YR) 4:00 Exec. Comm. (Library)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9-3 Collection Day for N. Carolina-St. Tim – Deb Stein 10:00 Chicken BBQ Mtg (Library)
<b>11</b> Mother's Day <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 Worship 7:00 Worship @ Bethesda	<b>12</b> 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Lounge) 6:00 Mutual Ministry (Library) 6:30 St. Tim's @ Carlisle-BS 6:30 Hearts & Hands (Lounge) 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 Church Council (3/4/5)	<b>15</b> Blessed Feet Retreat – Spain (5/15-26) 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 Funday Sunday (last one) 10:30 Worship	<b>19</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	<b>20</b> Primary Election Day <b>ELECTIONS 7 am-8 pm</b> 7:00 Election Day Bake Sale/Café 1:00 Prayer Ministry Team (YR)	<b>21</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 11:30 Servant Leaders' Mtg (3/4/5) 1:00 Worship Comm. (Library)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 Family Friday (MPR)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Outdoor Service 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:00 Worship 9:45 Worship	<b>26</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed 1:00 Prayer Shawl Committee (Lounge) 6:30 St. Tim's @ Carlisle-BS 6:30 Hearts & Hands (Lounge) 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9-12 VBS Decorating 9-3 Collection Day for N. Carolina-St. Tim-Jen Conrad



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# MAY NEWSLETTER



The Primary Election Date is Tuesday, May 20. Please note that St. Timothy will not have an Election Day Café and bake sale this year. We hope to see you on Election day.

**ST. TIMOTHY MISSION STATEMENT**

*We the baptized, responding in our faith created and sustained by the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacraments, commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, making disciples, and proclaiming His salvation by the grace of God through faith alone.*