



The Mission Edge

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Are we really joining Jesus?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us how because the Holy Spirit, provides all that we need to join Jesus on God’s mission.

“A 4-year-old boy was waiting with his mother in the doctor’s office. They were discussing all kinds of great issues such as “What am I doing here?” and “Where’s the doctor?” and “Why isn’t God married?” --things like that.

Finally, the little boy asked the ultimate question: “Why doesn’t God ever just get tired and stop?”

His mother thought a long time before she answered. Then she said, “God is love, and love never gets tired.” (Homiletics, Dec. 1997).

God never gets tired of loving us!

It is clear to me, however, that I, that we, do get tired of loving...tired of loving each other, tired of loving our kids, tired of loving our parents. Love requires hard work. If you had a loved one recently hospitalized, you know what it takes to make that drive day after day. Many of you know what it means to come home from work and drive the kids to their many and varied commitments of the evening. We who love do need strength, energy, power to keep on loving. We need help!

From where does our help come?

Ella and Walter Regner from South Texas lived in a remote location, a mile and half to the closest country neighbor. Their home was described to me as “humble.” On my first visit, I drove to the end of a near mile long cow path, driveway past a shack, which I thought was a tool shed. It turned out to be their “humble” home! In their abode, Ella and Walter raised their only son. They got by with a small kitchen, bedroom/living room combo, a bathroom and a spare room. Built on over 500 hundred isolated acres that Walter’s German immigrant parents homesteaded, the family raised cattle, a vegetable garden, and six or eight dogs--to keep the snakes away. Walter worked in town many years to make ends meet. But now in their early nineties, they were content as ever, especially thankful for electricity and running water.

Are we really joining Jesus? Continued...

Sitting with them in their humble quarters on the vast brush country ranch, I could see daylight at various points in the walls and near the floor boards, I felt like a fish out of water in this ranch house and had worry about this dear, elderly couple's health and safety in such a "humble" and isolated place and said with calm, sincere concern, "Are you two really okay?" They both responded with one confident voice, "Oh, yes. Everything is good with us." And Ella with a finger pointed upward to heaven and flashing a huge toothless grin joined her husband to say, "God provides!"

As I began getting to know them, I learned that Ella and Walter had their frustrations over failing health and worry for the problems of their family and neighbors, but none of it shook the confidence of their trust in God. "God provides all that is needed" was their daily spoken liturgy.

Every visit thereafter for the next two years brought to my ears a joyful liturgy, "God Provides."

Visiting them never got old. One time I spotted on the drive down their path a near extinct, black Jagurandi! Like the wonder of a grand cathedral, the beauty and wonder of the vast Texas brush country prepared me for their wonderful testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. I looked forward their visit to hear the Word of God's promise.

During those years of my life, I was confused by the many things to do. I had been given my first church and my first child. Help!? Often my love tank was on "Empty" as I headed to their ranch. Worried and caught up by the questions a material world brings, I felt in the country western music speak, "rushin' rushin' 'till life is no fun...." I was in need and these two humble saints ministered to my need during those visits.

These two joined Jesus at work in my life to build my faith in the truth: true happiness is by faith in God's love found in Christ Jesus, our greatest treasure. Nothing else, earthly comforts or well-done achievements, matters as much as having faith in God's love.

On the drive home after a visit, I felt cleansed and ready to minister again, back on track. My priority clear: celebrate that which I already have been given and what is most precious, the love of God in Jesus Christ. Thank God for the help found in the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit provides the help you need to help others in need. You join Jesus by sharing the power of God in your testimony, just like Ella and Walter did on their ranch. Learning to speak to others the Good Word of how peace comes from faith in Jesus Christ is "how" God, the Holy Spirit, provides for you so that you can also provide for others.

Our path is clear. So let us get going to join Jesus in our daily life. The joy of sharing in God's mission will meet your deepest need.

Peace in Christ alone, PK

Palm Cross Making

Please join us on Friday, April 11th from 1:30-3:30 pm to make Palm Cross pins to be distributed to members of the congregation on Palm Sunday. A signup sheet will be available in the church vestibule.



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. Urgent prayer requests contact Amy Ewbank.

Celebrations & Thanksgiving

Hallelujah! God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son to give us ever lasting life!
The birth of Drew Stewart! Son of Alyssa and Ian Stewart.

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregations of the Month

Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown, PA
Sattazahn Lutheran Church, Jonestown, PA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joppa, MD
Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarks Summit, PA

Grieving

Family and Friends of Audrey Hetrick

Homebound

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

Military/1st Responders

LC Preston Casper SPC Aubron Swartly*
SFC Jonathan D. Pusztai Cpt. John Tartline
Michael Kleindienst
1st Responders (Fire, Policy, EMS), Seals, Delta Force
& all service men and women, especially those
heading to Isreal.

Care & Concern

Myretta Anderson*	Steve Oldemeyer	Valerie Marino
Ell & Wendy Beckmann	Jenn	Jane Ann Marquardt
Joan Bame	Cricket Jones	Kathleen Milbrand*
Eileen & Rick Bullock	Julie	Kevin Murphy
Paulette Black*	Judy K	Lynne Neibert
Pastor John Douglas	Bobbi Larson*	John Pusztai
Peter Kehler	Gary Larson*	Janet Reinbrecht*
Ross Flint*	Stephen Larson	Sue Schlegel*
Mark Smith	Leigha	Betty Semke
Jim G	Sandy Lingle*	Mel Strait*
Sandra Graham	Phyllis Swanger	Darlene Treisner
Shirley Turnbaugh	Jasmine Lopez	David Wyant*
Dick Himler*	David & Debbie Malcein	Lisa Wyant*
Pastor Sue Irons	Mary (Exe. Director, CCU)	New Orleans Victims & Families
Anthony Marino	Denny Yeingst	California Fire Victims & First Responders
School Shooting, Madison, WI	Those fighting flu, RSV, etc.	Nepal & Tibet Earthquake Victims

*Denotes St. Timothy member/friend

Executive Director/Christian Churches United
Hurricane Helene Flood Victims
Hurricane Milton Victims
Pastors, missionaries, & Chaplains

Shepherding Care thoughts... be an encourager!

“When Barnabas arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.”

Acts 11:23

Can you think of someone that joyfully lifts the spirits of others? That person is an encourager. In Acts 11:23, we see Barnabas being an encourager to the believers in Antioch. And like Barnabas, in Romans 1:12 we see the Apostle Paul longing to visit the believers in Rome for mutual encouragement.

Too often, unfortunately, we engage in a JAM (Jesus And Me) Christianity. While our faith is certainly a personal matter, it is never private. God brought us into Christ’s Body the Church, not just for our own benefit, but also for us to be a benefit to others in His Name. God encourages us to live out our faith, to look for opportunities each day to touch the lives of others, and to encourage them with a caring smile, a helping hand, a listening ear, and with our Lord’s love and forgiveness.

Praise God that we can be encouragers, as Jesus our Perfect Encourager, rescues us each day from the discouraging and deadly power of sin! Praise God for the opportunities we get each day to encourage and energize people with the love of Christ! Make encouraging and building up others part of your daily routine!

Council Corner

Recognitions within the Congregation

~Altar Guild & helpers who prepared for Advent/Christmas

~Special seasonal music: Jane Bruns, Beckie Brunner, Will Harmon, Lola Gehman, Tena Brown, Tim Vogel, Tom Gehman, Ella Bechard, Ron Bixler, Choir members, Dr. Adam Smith, Gina Kerchner, Kristen Kachel, Lili & Karissa Murdock, Faith & Gabby Kerchner

~All Leadership Retreat helpers, especially Marian Lefevre and Pastor Keller

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!



On behalf of New Hope Ministries, thank you for providing Kid’s Hat & Gloves. We collected a total of 110 knitted items including hats, socks, and gloves. These clothing items will keep another child warm this winter!

Thank you!

The St. Timothy Preschool wanted to send a special thank you to the congregation of St. Tim for the donated books for the Book Blessing! We met our goal of 50 books and had enough that we were able to give books to all the preschool children and also their siblings over the Holidays!



TO ALL OF ST. TIMOTHY’S WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

I would like to express my gratitude and thankfulness to our incredible group of volunteers who give willing of their time and support to the Church Office as well as St. Timothy. Your time and dedication are appreciated more than any words can convey. I would like to send a very special thank you to the “Newsletter Mailing” volunteers who faithfully come every month to help with the mailing for our members! Thank you, Jenny Blessing, Jane and Jerry Bruns, Pat Douty, Ross Flint, Cheryl Foster, Marcy Irvin, Rich Lepley, Monika Rahn, Frank and Dee Titus! “THANK YOU” to God for continuing to guide our thoughts, words and actions!



Bulletins

Special Thank You...the Bulletin Sponsor for February is Betty and Phil Semke.

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| February 1 | Carole Harmon
Michele Moyer |
| February 3 | Jeffrey Lefevre |
| February 4 | Luke Dentler |
| February 6 | Rebecca Lohr |
| February 8 | Cindy Kachel
Tom Kachel
Jeremy Metz |
| February 9 | Gregory Kincaid |
| February 11 | Gary Larson |
| February 14 | Hunter Allen
Kim Kerchner |
| February 16 | Shirley Brown
Saira Thomas |
| February 17 | Pr. Roger Keller
William Otto
Matthew Vogel |
| February 19 | Barbara Proctor |
| February 20 | Maria Cabezas |
| February 22 | Jean Sychak |
| February 23 | Scott Conrad
James Hoover
Philip Semke |
| February 26 | Jason Castillo |

CALLING ON EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

If you are trained on AED or a licensed medical provider, would you register with St. Timothy's database at:
<https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/sttim/groups/188>
 or scan the QR code below. By identifying yourself in our database, you can be called upon for assessment or assistance at the time of a minor medical emergency during an event at St. Timothy by servant leaders and Sunday ushers.



Family Discipleship News!

The Family Discipleship Ministry would like to thank all those that came out for our Special Gingerbread House Family Friday! We had a great turnout and lots of fun together! Keep an eye on the Announcements and E-blasts for upcoming events held every 4th Friday!



Job Opening

Biblically based, confessional St Timothy Lutheran Church (NALC) in Camp Hill, PA seeks musically talented individuals with piano, organ and/or guitar talent and experience with worship music. Under the direction of a Musical Coordinator, said candidates will work together as a team ministry to support the weekly worship life by sharing a rotating schedule. Candidates with experience directing choirs are also desired to lead a 14-member adult seasonal choir. This is an ideal opportunity for those wishing to share their talents on a rotating basis. Pay rates for all musical services are negotiable by experience.

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: From \$200.00 per day (this is a very competitive rate)

Flexible schedule: Possible: Holidays, Rotating weekends, Weekends only

Work Location: In person

Send resumes to hr@sttim.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Timothy is having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th at 10:30 am. All children from ages 2 through the 6th grade are encouraged to join us for this fun event. After the hunt, there will be Easter crafts, cookies, and punch. We are looking for donations of candy to fill the eggs. A collection basket will be in the vestibule. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Deb Stein at djstein50@comcast.net or 717 571-9313. We will fill the eggs on Friday, March 11th at 6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule.



St. Timothy Lutheran Church Report Of Budget Financial Status For the Month of December 2024

	ACTUAL Budget Income	ACTUAL Budget Expense	POSITIVE (Negative)
Current Month	\$ 71,866	\$ 35,267	\$36,599
Current Year-to-Date	\$229,537	\$196,771	\$32,766
Prior Year-to-Date Results	\$208,988	\$195,871	\$13,117
NALC Benevolence Year to Date	\$5,188.46		
Atlantic Mission Region	\$3,410.25		
2020 Vision Appeal	\$2,940.00		



Disaster Response: Fires in California

The best way to help those affected by the fires in California is to send monetary donations and gift cards.

Gift cards (Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, Tractor Supply):

Can be dropped off in the church office

Monetary Donations:

Write checks to: St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Memo: Disaster Response Fires

Or online <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHRP/home> and look for the Disaster Response option.



You can also go to www.thenalc.org, then select "giving." From there, select Disaster Response.

Preschool Updates:

February is a busy month at preschool! We will be collecting cans of Play-Doh for Caitlin's Smiles, having Valentine's Day parties, and having a Family Night on February 27th! We are also registering students for the 2025-2026 school year, so please let your family and friends know that we have openings in our 2 ½, 3, and 4-year-old classes. Last but certainly not least, Becky Tartline would like to thank the members of the church for her very generous Christmas bonus. It was greatly appreciated!

Opportunity to Help the Preschool: Preschool Sponsorship Program

Every year the preschool has children involved in its program that need financial assistance. Several years ago, we created a program where you could sponsor a child for a month, several months, or the school year. If you wish to provide a sponsorship, please mark your check "preschool sponsor" and place it in the weekly collection plate.

- A gift of \$43.75 pays for a child to participate for one week.
- A gift of \$175 enables a child to attend for one month.
- A gift of \$1,575 sponsors a child for an entire school year.

Any donation amount is helpful. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in a young child's life. Thank you!

In the same way,

let your light shine before others, that they
may see your good deeds and glorify your

Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Dear St. Timothy's Lutheran Church,
Linda + Monica ~

Thank you so much for collecting
hats, gloves and socks for our guests.
They are very much needed, especially
since we are having such cold
temperatures.

Your thoughtfulness each year is
so appreciated.

Thank you again! May
God Bless you all.

Finally,
Gina, Betty + Amy
Dillsborn Center Staff



Give,

and it shall be

given unto you;

good measure,

pressed down,

and shaken together,

and running over.

LUKE 6:38


St. Timothy members,

Praying the Lord blesses
your giving heart
in abundant measure.

Thank You

We appreciate all the support you have given us over the past year- the prayers, cards, Christmas caroling, and the visits. It has helped us, especially, Kathy during her hospital- and center stays.

Gary and Kathy Milbrand



P.S. We anticipate
Kathy coming
home on February
8th



February 2025 Worship Assistants

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

Date	Feb. 2	*Feb. 9	Feb. 16	*Feb. 23
Assisting Minister	Greg Kincaid	Chappy Wagoner	Linda Townsend	Will Harmon
Lector	Michelle Elliott	Pai Swanger	Pai Swanger	Kevin Kincaid
Ushers	Elliott Family	Tom & Cindy Kachel	Gary Larson Mel Strait	Rich Lepley Nancy Frankenfield
Greeters	Shannon Kincaid	Ross Flint Gary Bender	Bobbi Larson	Carole Harmon
Acolytes				

10:30 a.m. Service

Date	Feb. 2	*Feb. 9	Feb. 16	*Feb. 23
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Conrad	R.J. Harris	Laura Hoover	Russ Urffer
Lector	Boy Scouts	Jennifer Keller	Lisa Wyant	Eric Brown
Ushers	Boy Scouts	Bill Brown Chuck Irvin	Deb Stein Roger Williams	Ken Black Jerry Bruns
Greeters	Boy Scouts	Pat Douty	Ann Krammes	Irvin Family
Altar Guild	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Mindy Fesler Arlene Young	Carolyn Irvin Dona Colberg Dawn Urffer
Acolytes	James Hoover	Ella Bechard	James Hoover	Ella Bechard

If unexpected conflicts arise, please trade with each other.

EASTER EGGS!

Easter is April 20 this year, so it is time to think about making and selling St Timothy's chocolate covered Easter eggs. To do this, we need help from the congregation. Our egg making sessions are scheduled for the following Sundays: February 16, March 2, March 16, March 30, and April 13 from noon until 3 pm with a light lunch provided. Proceeds will benefit TBD. We always have a great time so if you are interested in helping, please notify Deb Stein at 717 571-9313 or djstein50@comcast.net or in person. Thanks for your prayerful consideration. We will be making peanut butter coated in milk & dark chocolate, coconut cream and sticky coconut coated in dark chocolate. Donations of the following items are needed:

- JIF creamy peanut butter (40 or 48 oz size works best)
- 8 oz blocks of cream cheese
- 13-15 oz bags flaked coconut
- 2# bags of powdered sugar
- Imperial margarine, (place imperial margarine into fridge in kitchenette).
- Other items can be placed into container located in the vestibule

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 Men's Breakfast- Peppermill 10:00 Outreach/ MOV (3/4) 4:00 Virtual Tour of Africa w/RJ
2 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 Worship Boy Scout Sunday	3 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Lounge) 7:00 Property Comm. (Lounge) 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	4 9:30 Fellowship Comm. (Rm 5) 1:00 Prayer Ministry Team (YR) 4:00 Exec. Comm. (Library)	5 10:00 Book Study (YR) 10:30 Vision Mtg. (3/4/5) 10:45 Parents Connect (YR) 7:00 Vision Mtg. (3/4/5)	6 9:30 Pericope (3/4/5) 7:00 Choir Practice	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 5 th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 Vision Mtg. (Conf Rm) 10:30 Worship	10 6:30 Hearts & Hands (Lounge) 6:30 St. Tim's @ Carlisle – Hebrew BS 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	11 11:15 Parents Connect (YR)	12 10:00 Book Study (YR) 7:00 Church Council (3/4/5)	13 7:00 Choir Practice	14 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Valentine Fellowship Lunch (3/4)	15 5:00 Parents Night Out (MPR)
16 6 th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Funday Sunday (all ages) 10:30 Worship 12:00 Egg Making Lunch (MPR)	17 1:00 Prayer Shawl (Lounge) 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	18 1:00 Prayer Ministry Team (YR)	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00 Book Study (YR) 11:30 Servant Leaders Mtg. (3/4/5) 1:00 Worship Comm. (Library)	20 9:30 St. Tim/District Ministerium (3/4/5) 7:00 Choir Practice	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 Family Friday-MPR	22 10:00 VBS Planning Mtg. (3/4/5)
23 7 th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 Worship 11:15 Women's Retreat Debrief (Rm 5)	24 6:30 Hearts & Hands (Lounge) 6:30 St. Tim's @ Carlisle – Hebrew BS 7:00 Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	25	26 10:00 Book Study (YR)	27 5:30 Preschool Family Night (MPR) 7:00 Choir Practice	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	



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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.