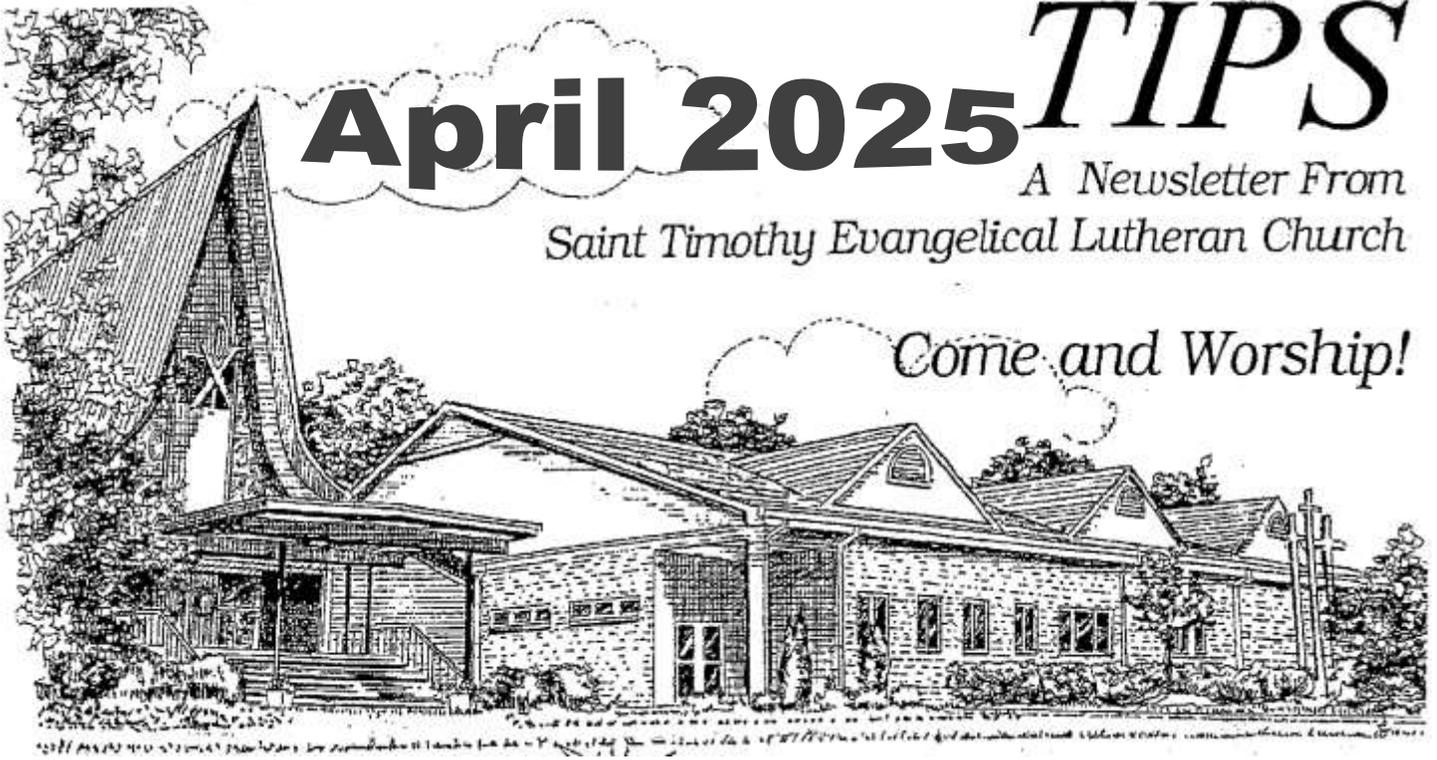


April 2025 *TIPS*

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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Sunday Christian Ed Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Forum in Parlor</p>	<p>programs include: Adult Christian Ed in the Bistro</p>	<p>1 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> Worship</p>	<p>2 <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Soup Supper followed by Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Paper orders due 6 <u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Christian Ed* <u>11:30am</u> Coffee Hour <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>Online orders due 7 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:30pm</u> Council</p>	<p>9 <u>9:30am</u> Angels Circle <u>10:30am</u> Knit & Crochet <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Soup Supper NO Music rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>12 <u>10:30 am</u> </p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY 13  <u>9:30am</u> Worship Followed by Brunch <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>14  <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7 pm</u> Christian Ed Committee</p>	<p>16  <u>10am</u> Hymn <u>7 pm</u> Bells & Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>17 <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group Maundy Thursday <u>6:30 pm</u> Agape Dinner Church</p>	<p>18 Office Closed Good Friday <u>Noon</u> Stations of the Cross <u>6 pm</u> AA <u>7 pm</u> Service of the Word</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Egg Hunt <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>Office Closed 21 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>23 <u>9:30am</u> Angels Circle <u>10:30am</u> Knit & Crochet NO Music rehearsal</p>	<p>24 Deb out  Eva's Kitchen prep</p>	<p>25 Office Closed <u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Christian Ed* <u>11:30am</u> Coffee Hour <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>28 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>30 <u>7 pm</u> Choir rehearsal</p>		<p> This month's Heart n' Hands items are toothbrushes toothpaste</p>	





A special Maundy Thursday message from your Council President, Colleen Duffy

One of the disheartening things about death is that the person who is dying rarely has the opportunity to gather together with all of their beloved family and friends before they become the dearly departed. We gather later in remembrance at the wake, the funeral or the memorial service. The season of Lent reminds us that Jesus' crucifixion is drawing near, and as the Paschal Triduum begins, we have the opportunity to begin our collective mourning before His death with a Maundy Thursday service. The service at St. Timothy's includes a shared meal with communion followed by the stripping of the altar.

Maundy Thursday is a remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples.

They knew it was the last gathering before the crucifixion and the last Passover that He would attend with His disciples. When we join Jesus at the table, we have the opportunity to confess our shortcomings as they are reflected back to us when Jesus calls out to his beloved inviting the doubtful, the fearful, the cautious, the jealous, the privileged and anyone in between. It is a commemoration of Jesus' commandment "That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). The congregation at St. Timothy demonstrates this love for one another by sharing with and serving each other during the meal. The meal includes a communion service to commemorate the sacrament of Holy Communion, initiated by Jesus for the first time at the Last Supper.

The meal is followed by a silent procession to the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar. It is a brief but solemn service. The stripping of the altar represents both the disciples abandoning Jesus and the soldiers stripping Jesus of his garments before the crucifixion. This portion of the service sets the tone of the Paschal Triduum as we move to the crucifixion on Good Friday and mourning the absence of Jesus the following day.

The hymn "Build a Longer Table" echoes the commandment shared by Jesus at the Last Supper. The lyrics remind us to gather together making room for all, feeding those who hunger and that gathering together turns strangers into friends. Coming together at the table with our friends at St. Timothy for the Maundy Thursday service, as Christ invited us to His table, is an opportunity for worship, to build community and serves as a solemn reminder of our approaching salvation. We are all invited to Jesus' table. The Maundy Thursday service is a beautiful and meaningful opportunity to honor His sacrifice as the Paschal Triduum begins. We would love for you to join us and bring a friend. We hope to see you around the table.



Weekly Tuesday Events ~ April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Meditation with Movement at 1pm ~ feel the stretch, feel the calm! Can't make it every single week, no problem: cost is \$40 cash per month, pay as you go. No mat needed, but a bottle of water suggested. Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study with Holy Communion at 2pm ~ Join Pastor Kimberly as she leads the group through an exploration of timely readings followed by the sharing of Communion. Parlor.

**BIBLE STUDY
& COMMUNION**

Soup Suppers & Holden Evening Prayer ~ April 2, 9



Wednesday evenings during Lent provide a time to prepare for the remembrance and commemoration of the events of Holy Week and take in the meaning of the Resurrection.

A humble meal of soup and bread are shared before a short prayer service. We gather at 6:30pm for about an hour in Fellowship Hall.

Attendees provide the meal components each week... that's generally three folks plus Good Samaritans to set-up/clean-up. If you choose to contribute your talents, please use the page on the bulletin board or [click here](#).

Needleworks Groups ~ April 9th and April 23rd

The Angels Circle sewers meet bi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. All materials (pun intended) are provided and finished lap quilts are donated to a variety of charities and places. Beginners welcome! Quilt kits for those who can only work at home are also available... speak with Ed Cleaver or Barbara Kaplan.



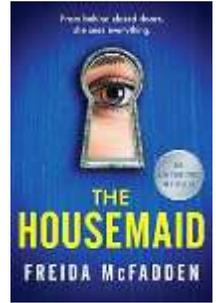
Nellie's Knit & Crochet group meets the same dates as the Angels, also in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 10:30am for about 2 hours. Bring your own projects and enjoy the company and share or add to the expertise of the group!

Bookworms Book Club ~ April 12th

Later becoming a literary series and coming later this year, a feature film, this month's selection tackles the addictive psychological page-turner, *The Housemaid*.

Twisty is exactly what you want from a thriller and it's hard to get any deliciously twistier than *The Housemaid*. You'll zig and zag throughout, and when you're done you'll quickly seek out McFadden's follow-up, *The Housemaid's Secret*.

Barnes & Noble



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

Happy reading!

Palm Sunday Brunch ~ April 13th

Are you looking forward to the first Potluck Brunch of the year?! Palm Sunday is quickly approaching... sing Hosanna, collect your fronds, then head over to Fellowship Hall!



The single worship service of the day begins at 9:30am in the sanctuary followed immediately by the community feast.

A sign-up sheet for donations is on the bulletin board at church. If you prefer online, [click HERE](#) or enter this url: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC45AEAC28A5FCC43-55822779-palm>

Hymn Sing @ Alps at Wayne ~ April 16th



Same address (1120 Alps Road) but another new name.
Same joyful connection with residents!

Spend an hour engaging the shut-in population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

Please reach out to Carolyn Russo if you'd like more info.

Sandwich Night ~ April 24th

As a service project, our Confirmation Class will be making 250 cold meals for Eva's Kitchen.

A list of components will be forthcoming as they seek congregational donations.





EASTER PLANT SALE

Orders for Easter flowering plants are now being accepted. Boslands, our florist, confirmed that prices will remain the same as last year, ranging from \$5 to \$16. Choices again include hyacinths, tulips, violets, daffodils, lilies, azaleas and hydrangeas.



Paper forms are available in the narthex and are due on Sunday, April 6th. You may place with your offering or put in the Church Secretary mailbox.

The online link will remain active until 10am Monday, April 7th. [Click HERE](#). You may also call Deb in the office at 973.694.8316.

*All monies are due at time of order;
please make checks payable to St. Timothy Flower Fund.*

Holy Week



OFFICE OPERATIONS

Please note that regular office hours are suspended during Holy Week through Easter Monday, April 14-21.

Please call the office at 973.694.8316 in advance of stopping by. As always, you can reach out to Pastor Kimberly to schedule an appointment.

Separately, Deb's annual trek to Philadelphia to work at the Penn Relays track meet will take her out of the office on April 24-25.

Palm Sunday: One worship service at 9:30am followed by Potluck Brunch.

(paper and online sign-ups to contribute a dish)

Maundy Thursday: Dinner Church beginning at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, concludes with Stripping of the Altar in the sanctuary.

(RSVP requested for planning food quantities via paper or online)

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at Noontime; Service of the Word at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday: Full worship at the regular times of 8:30am and 10:30am with egg hunt in between for children in Grades 5 and younger.

(Bring your own basket!)

QUARTERLY DEVOTIONAL

The quarter begins with expected, but fresh, contemplations for Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Sprinkled in are prayers and stories for and about caregivers, like Tabitha and Martin Luther's call for God's Kingdom on earth. There are words and assurances for hard times, times of uncertainty, times of grief: times that can touch all our lives.



Seek out these and more, daily or when the spirit moves you! Booklets are found in numerous places about the buildings.

TIPS DEADLINE: APRIL 14TH FOR THE MAY EDITION



The 2nd Monday falls late this month for contributors, so please be timely with your submittals. Deb would like to enjoy the holiday weekend towards the end of the month too!

All members of the congregation are invited to send in news that they'd like shared with the St. Timothy community.

NEW SIGN-UPS GALORE... BUT DON'T FORGET THE OL' STANDARDS

Weekly Altar Flowers: [Click HERE](#)

Weekly Eternal Candle: [Click HERE](#)

Coffee Hour: [Click HERE](#)

AN UPDATE FROM ANNE LOFFREDO

Since February 10, gifts have been given to the New Roof Fund, in memory of: Lou Warner and to the Organ Repair Fund, in memory of: John Robert Schott, father of Lynn Schott.



Memorial Garden pavers are always on sale; the price is \$300.00. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Memorial Garden" on the memo line. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. See Pat Winters for further information. The Memorial Garden is self-supporting and gifts are welcome at all times.

Please consider a gift to any branch of St. Timothy Memorial Fund – General Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Laubscher Property Fund, Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – or to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Memorial giving is good giving!

AN UPDATE FROM CLIFF KONNERTH

As reported previously NJIC has been successful in finding a good used car for the Rodriguez family. We assisted them in finding affordable insurance and they are now proud owners, Wilmar's first car! ☺☺ Other good news, Dailyn informed us that their son Wuitman has been accepted into the Passaic County Gifted and Talented program! As you might imagine, she and Wilmar are over the moon about this.



In regard to the Executive Order (EO) resulting in deportations there has been much concern on their resident status being denied. CWS has assured us that they have legal status and should carry their documentation at all times in the event they are questioned.

Further EOs have threatened our CWS partner in refugee resettlement by cutting off funding and has prevented any new refugees from entering the country. CWS is directing us to other families already here who may need help, and they have challenged this EO in a court. NJIC will determine how we may be able to help other recent refugees in our area. In light of this I am still collecting furniture donations and have found a local organization that also provides to the needy in the area. Priority needs remain small apartment size pieces including beds, dressers and kitchen tables and chairs. Please contact me for a pick-up.



AN UPDATE FROM BOB DAVIDSON

We often quote Helen Keller in our communications. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Even as a small group of volunteers, with the support of our St. Timothy community and supporters throughout our local area, we are able to provide relief and comfort to thousands of neighbors throughout the year. We enjoy fellowship in common purpose, we rejoice in sharing good news with one another, and grief in times of trial and loss. This is a time of loss as we mourn the death of Lou Warner.



Lou Warner was a champion of serving others, coming to the mission each Monday to sort shoes and accessories, and taking home cases of socks to repack for distribution each month. He was truly a stalwart; loyal, reliable, and hardworking. He did all this with a smile and keen interest in everyone around him, contributing greatly to our fellowship and fun. We all miss Lou, but we can hold his memory as an example of how to serve others while serving with others.



APRIL

4/5 Cathe Davidson
4/7 Bryan Amico
4/9 Crystal Eggers
4/9 Miles Fetherston
4/9 Bud Romaine
4/12 Deanna Inciardi
4/14 John Bleeker
4/14 Eric Knittel
4/22 Ray Lender

4/25 Ava Serventi
4/26 Mary Laverack
4/28 Charlie Bedi
4/28 Ed Cleaver
4/28 James Cleaver
4/28 Lillian Johnsson
4/28 Mary Schloesser
4/30 George Labadie



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

Know someone who should be on this list but isn't??

Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call the office at 973-694-8316!

COMING NEXT MONTH!

Special Choir Visit

Agape Choir
May 18th

Look for details in the coming weeks in
Announcements & E-blasts!



Sharing God's Joyful and Healing Love through Music

Share the Light series continues

Hindu Temple
May 18th

Look for details in the coming weeks in Announcements & E-blasts!

Ascension Day Worship



Thursday, May 29th
7:00pm

Look for details in the coming weeks in Announcements
& E-blasts!

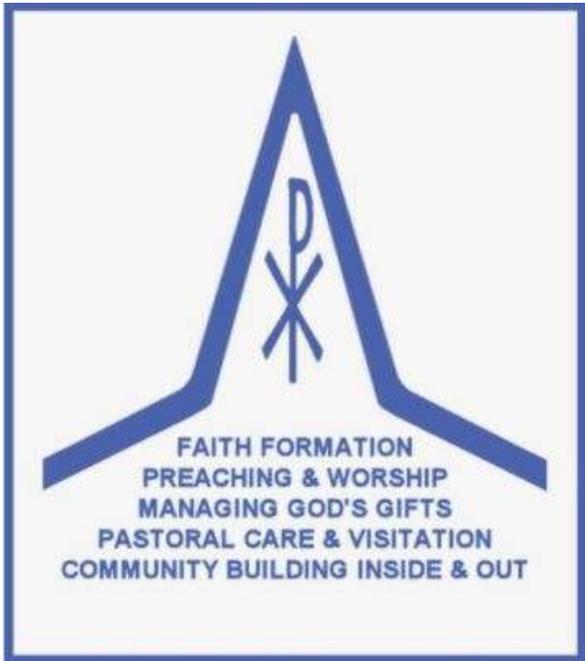


**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Apr. 6	Terri Loftus Ilona Oosterwyk	Jeff Riotto Lori VanDerStad	Samantha Scillieri	Karen McAleer	Art DeRose	Karen Sajban
Apr. 13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Chris & Sue Phelan	Jayden Fagan	Josh Abrahamson	TBD	Samantha DeRose
Apr. 18 <i>Good Friday 7pm</i>	n/a	Tom Sajban Doug Zangrilli	A: Lillian Johnson C: Andrew Inciardi	Bob Davidson	Marie Beyer	Karen Sajban
Easter Apr. 20 <i>8:30am</i> <i>10:30am</i>	Nancy Farina Valerie McGrath	James/Lisa Koppenal Tom Sajban & TBD	Herbert Eggers TBD	TBD Robin Koegel	TBD Fallon Goskowski	n/a Craig Beyer
Apr. 27	Nancy Farina Valerie McGrath	Karen McAleer Lori VanDerStad	Kayla Fagan	Laura Dec	Karen Sajban	Craig Beyer

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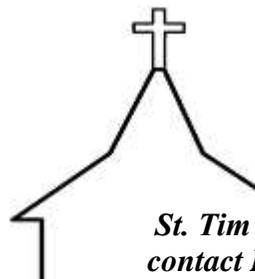
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