

# June 2025 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From  
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship End of Program Year <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts  Reports DUE</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><u>7 pm</u> Bell rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Synod Assembly</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA  Synod Assembly</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship Followed by Brunch <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:30pm</u> Council</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30am Angels Circle <u>10:30am</u> Knit &amp; Crochet</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><u>10:30 am</u> </p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship Confirmation <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><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><b>18</b></p> <p> <u>10am</u> Hymn Sing</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship Graduation Sunday <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30am Angels Circle <u>10:30am</u> Knit &amp; Crochet</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship Followed by Annual Meeting <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands</p>					<p>This month's Heart n' Hands item is</p> <p></p> <p><b>Travel-Sized Sunscreen</b></p>

## Word from Our Pastor



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### **PASTORAL IMPERATIVE, SOLEMN VICTORY**

#### **Remembering the life and ministry of His Holiness, Francis, Bishop of Rome**

Christians everywhere are mourning the death of our brother in Christ, Francis, Bishop of Rome. As Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, he was the preeminent religious leader in the world and his death leaves an emptiness that is uncharacteristically quiet. As a Jesuit, he was well aware of doctrine but always willing to translate that theological doctrine through the human lens of compassion and hope, mercy and simplicity.

His humanity and humility were intertwined while his pastoral care and leadership shouted out God's message of salvation in Jesus Christ. With Francis, pastoral leadership was paramount and deliberate, by example, whether in parish ministry, as a Bishop of the Church in Argentina, or even upon serving as Pope. He was beloved for showing care to little children, to outcasts, to non-Christians, for seeking peace among nations in Ukraine or Gaza, advocating for justice to the oppressed or homeless or immigrants, and seeking openness in the face of scandals that still confront the Church. He championed the Mass in the language of the people, and made changes to many long-standing traditions, bringing simplicity, integrity, and a concern for the world's resources.

Unafraid of change, his ecumenical and cultural tolerance was tempered by his trying not to get too far ahead of the people he was trying to lead. He deliberately and clearly sought out those who were disadvantaged by the Church and the world, including women, gay and lesbian and transsexual people, not as labels but as persons. This often led to internal disagreements within the hierarchy and concern among those who try to report on issues within the Church. His confrontations with Church and political leaders often got more attention than did the pastoral issues he was espousing, and the perceived slowness in making other decisions caused some of his detractors to take unfair advantage for their own causes. But, steadfast even to the end of his life, the pastoral imperative was his driving force.

But for Francis, as a Roman Catholic, whether layman, priest, Bishop or Pope, his faith was boldly proclaimed through the incarnational presence of Jesus Christ in the Triune God revealed among God's People in the Sacraments and in the worship and devotion of the Church, uniting the divine and the human in every aspect of life. In his personal devotion, Francis reinforced his compassionate strength through his love for Christ and for the divinely appointed role of Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus.

The Church and the world are better because of his ministry. Francis brought about no earth-shaking changes to the Church; but he helped the Church to listen to the world, and leaders of the world listened to him. "Synodality" was an expression he used for coming together and listening to each other. Listening is the foundation for understanding. Even the profound mysteries of peace amid disorder he expressed with the simplicity of faith. Francis paraphrased the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12): what we want let us give. "If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

God gave Francis many opportunities, despite ill health from childhood and later infirmities of age. We can all thank God for sustaining him throughout these eighty-eight years of his life. He brought the message of God's eternal love; he proclaimed the victory of Christ over the evils of sin. He lived that Easter Victory of Christ's Resurrection, now to rise with Christ. To GOD be all glory and thanksgiving!

*--The Rt. Rev. Richard W. Horn April 22, 2025*

*Bishop Horn is a Missionary Bishop in the Lutheran Church – International,  
living in the United States.*



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## **Sunday School Closeout ~ June 1<sup>st</sup>**

We bring our year to a close with a casual outdoor worship celebrating our youth. Bring a sweater or parasol if you feel the need, though we will move into Fellowship Hall if it rains or is too cold.



Lemonade & cookies will be served!



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## **Weekly Tuesday Events ~ June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**

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## **Pentecost Sunday ~ June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Jesus' time on earth after his Resurrection came to an end with his Ascension. But on this day, we joyfully revel in God the Holy Spirit being ever present to walk with us, to guide us, and to bind us together in community.

Please plan to attend our traditional Pentecost Potluck Brunch in Fellowship Hall directly following worship! Sign-ups for contribution of food and beverages can be found in two places: paper on the bulletin board at church or online by [clicking HERE](#). Deb reconciles both regularly so you can plan on variety.

There will be fun crafts for any children in attendance!

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## Needleworks Groups ~ June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Angels Circle meets bi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. All materials 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 for more information.



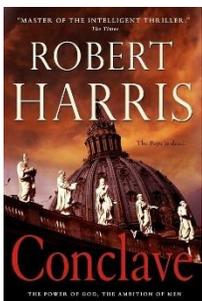
Nellie's Knit & Crochet group meets the same dates as the Angels, also in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 10:30am for about 2 hours. Bring your own projects and enjoy the company and share in or add to the expertise of the group!

**Summer operations:** please note that Nellie's Needleworkers will take off for the months of July and August, gathering again in the Fall tentatively on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Bookworms Book Club ~ June 14<sup>th</sup>

How timely of a selection, even though it was decided awhile ago! This month, Bookworms are reading and will discuss Conclave, where Robert



Harris gives us his most ambitious, page-turning thriller yet-- where the power of God is nearly equaled by the ambition of men.

The pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on Earth.

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

Happy reading!



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## **Confirmation Sunday ~ June 15<sup>st</sup>**

Cake and coffee will be enjoyed in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30am service to celebrate our confirmands as they affirm their vows given on their behalf in Baptism.

Congratulations Kayla Fagan, Andrew Koppenal, and Anya Cooper on your continuing faith journeys as young adults.

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## **Hymn Sing @ Alps of Wayne/The Atrium ~ June 18<sup>th</sup>**



Anne Loffredo is filling in for a vacationing Carolyn Russo on the keys this month. She'll be thrilled to have your company!

Hey parents... as kids get out of school, perhaps a little community service could be a nice engaging experience?!

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!

Meet in the Lobby at 10am.

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## **Graduation Sunday ~ June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Graduates and their families & friends are invited to share in the community of Christ with a special blessing given during worship to honor their achievements.

See the next section on how to submit the name and information of students who are eligible for this recognition.

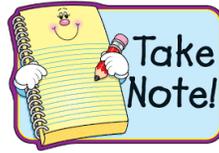
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## **Annual Congregational Meeting ~ June 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is set to take place in the sanctuary following worship on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Relevant documents will be made available in advance to members.

Please plan to stay... we'll even bribe you with some light refreshments in the narthex during a brief recess before business gets underway.

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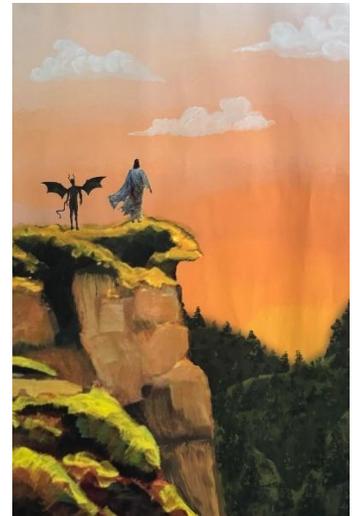
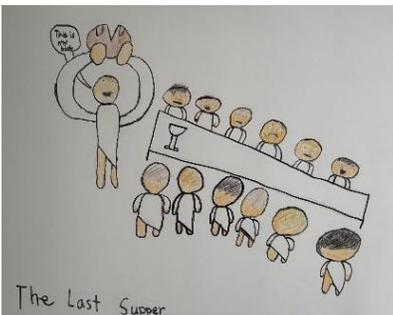


## OUR ARTISTS DID NOT DISAPPOINT

Pastor Kimberly threw out the request, and boy did folks come through like gangbusters!

Art DeRose: Nativity painting, Bob Davidson: social media post mock-up of young Jesus in the Temple, Marie Johnsson: Baptism of the Lord collage, Craig & Carly Beyer: Jesus in the Wilderness pastel, Dawn Brassel: Jesus Heals a Blind Man painting, Herbert Eggers: The Last Supper drawing, and Magdalene Cooper: The Resurrection photograph – this note of gratitude is for you. Easter worship was greatly enhanced by your talents.

If you missed seeing these snapshots in the life of Jesus, here's a peek:



**Originals will be on display in the narthex through Pentecost.**

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## **TIPS SUMMER EDITION**

There are no planned facility disruptions to report on this year, so we will revert to our regular format of producing a single mid-Summer edition of TIPS.



At the time of this publication, deadlines for submission have not been established. Look for more information via email and announcements or call Deb in the office for input.

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## **“GRADUATES” CAN COME FROM MANY SCENARIOS**

If a cherished friend or family member is completing high school or collegiate studies, it's easy to recognize them as a Graduate, Class of 2025. But widen that thinking to include those finishing up professional training, whether it be for a military position or a secular (like nursing) job.

[Click HERE](#) on the electronic version to complete a short questionnaire. Or send an email to [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com) with student's name, school from which they are graduating, and degree/certificate at minimum. Any biographical information such as notable accomplishments during the course of study and plans after graduation are welcome.

**Deadline to submit data is Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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## AN UPDATE ON WIN FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Canned soup, small jars/containers of mayo/mustard/ketchup, gluten-free items, low-salt items, canned proteins such as tuna, chicken & chili, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, cooking oil, pasta & pasta sauce, and shampoo.

### Food Drop-Off Locations

- Wayne Y at 1 Pike Drive in the main lobby during building hours.
  - Wayne Public Library during library hours.
- Wayne Municipal Building at 475 Valley Road in the container in the lobby of the Wayne Health Department during building hours.
- Directly at the food pantry which is located at the side entrance of the Wayne Y at 1 Pike Drive.
  - Tuesday 9-11am, Thursday 9am - 12pm, Friday 11am - 1pm.
  - Or by appointment

## Summer Sneakers and Tees

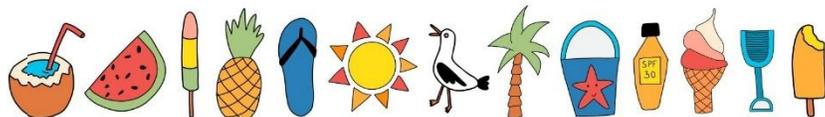
In the late spring, each eligible child receives a voucher to a local department store to purchase new summer clothes. **If you would like to help support our Summer Sneakers and Tees program, please earmark your monetary donation for Sneakers and Tees.**

Information on how to make a monetary donation is just a click away! [Click HERE!](#)

For more details about

their services, please visit their website: <https://www.winfoodpantry.org/>

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# JUNE

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6/1 Christine Bedi	6/15 Nathaniel Corbett
6/2 Sarah Konnerth	6/17 Karen Schulze
6/5 Richard Kremen	6/19 Matthew Riotto
6/8 Colleen Duffy	6/24 Anna Muschko
6/8 Jessica Rusin	6/26 Richard Koegel
6/12 Caroline Corbett	6/28 Richard Wantula
6/12 Amber Venturelli	6/29 Ute Kattner-Horn
6/13 MaryLou Wedemeyer	6/30 Eleanor Liljegren
6/14 Barbara Johanson	

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6/4 George & Carol Labadie
6/8 Richard & MaryLou Wedemeyer
6/10 Kevin & Terri Loftus
6/23 James & Lisa Koppenal

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

*Please email Deb at [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)*

*or call the office at 973-694-8316!*



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## **Summer Bible Study with Pastor Kimberly**

**~ your input is welcome, actually encouraged!!**



Did you know that the ELCA has formed "Social Statements" about the major issues of our day? These statements are held up against the teachings of scripture and the Lutheran confessions in order to best ensure our church is providing a faithful response to the issues of our day. Some of which couldn't even have been imagined by the people of Jesus's day or the time of the Reformation.

As such, they are heavily discussed throughout the wider church in order to best encompass the wide range of views held by diverse members, often for years, before being voted upon at Churchwide Assemblies. Some of them are quite old having been established back in 1991 shortly after the ELCA was formed. Some are still being formed now and could be voted upon this summer. They also range in topic from Human Sexuality to Healthcare to the Death Penalty. For our adult bible study this summer, we will take a look at some of them. I can guarantee that you will not agree with everything you read. I sure don't! But, they are each a tool to open up faith filled discussions on challenging topics.

We will meet after worship on July 20, 27, and 31; August 3, 17, and 24. There are 13 topics, so we probably won't get to all of them, but you can take a look at them here:

<https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-statements>

Each session will be stand alone, so you can attend the sessions that you find most interesting. If you are especially interested in one of the statements, please let me know and I'll make sure it is included. These conversations will be more interesting, if people with differing views attend. So, please consider participating. We will make a covenant in order to engage with respect for one another and remember that we are a community that loves one another. Looking forward to learning with you!

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Devotionals

Will be out on tables around the St. Timothy facility beginning June 29<sup>th</sup>. Check the narthex, the parlor, and Fellowship Hall and pick up some Light reading!



### Pastor Is On Vacation

Please note that Pastor Kimberly has planned her Summer time off with her family. She will be on vacation for two separate non-consecutive weeks:

July 8<sup>th</sup> through and including July 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the office or an Executive Council member if you are in need of assistance when those times arrive.

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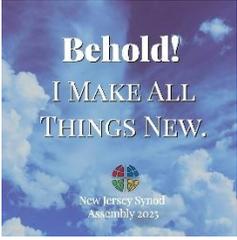
## Bi-Annual Church Garage Sale

St. Timothy will be holding our every-other-year Fall Garage Sale on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting donations of gently used items beginning on or about July 19<sup>th</sup>.

More details will be shared as we get closer to the date, but start boxing up your unwanted treasures now!

**WE NEED YOUR  
TREASURES!**



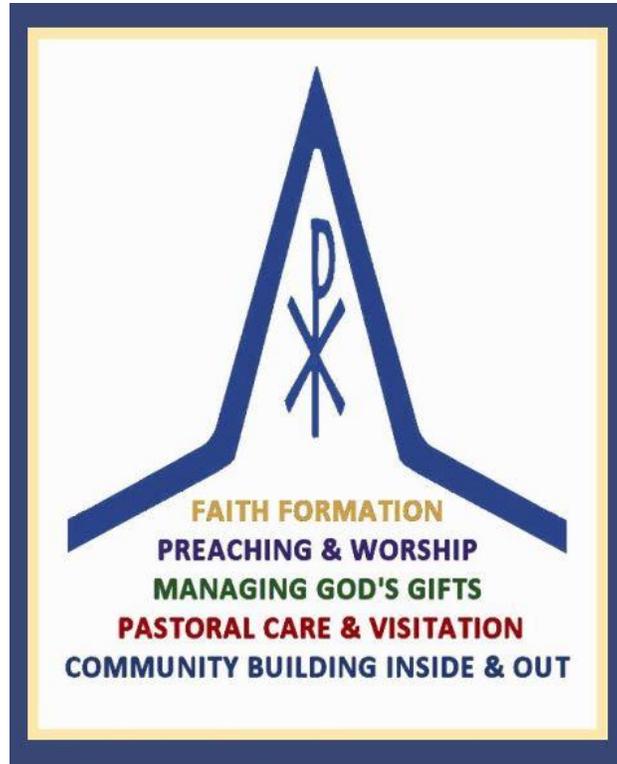


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A New Bishop is to be elected during the Annual New Jersey Synod Assembly on June 5-7<sup>th</sup>, followed by Installation on August 23<sup>rd</sup> with on the job duties beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thank outgoing Bishop Tracie Bartholomew for her unwavering support and wish her many blessings in her retirement!

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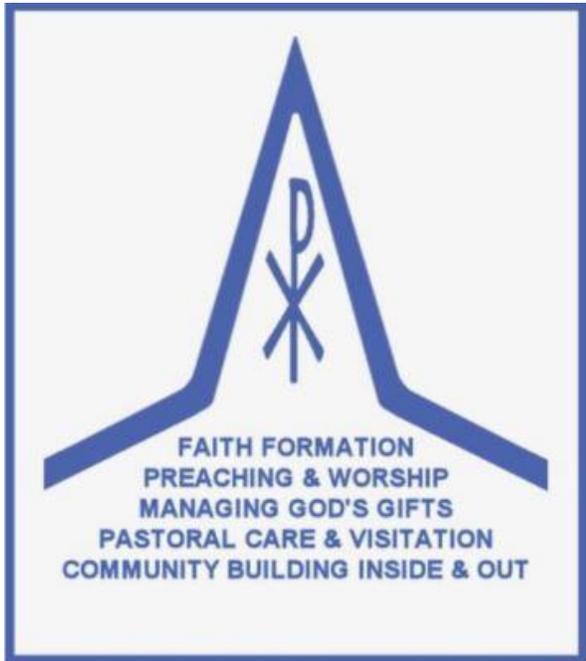
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolyte/Cantor</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>A/V</b>
June 1	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Lori VanDerStad Doug Zangrilli	(C)Carolyn Russo	Carolyn Russo	Josh Abrahamson	Craig Beyer
June 8	Terri Loftus	Jeff Riotto Karen McAleer	(A) Anya Cooper (C) Goskowski	Robin Koegel	Colleen Duffy	TBD
June 15	Ilona Oosterwyk Valerie McGrath	Chris & Sue Phelan	(A) Jayden Fagan	Laura Dec	Marie Beyer	Lori VanDerStad
June 22	Nancy Farina	Lori VanDerStad Doug Zangrilli	(A) TBD (C) TBD	Karen McAleer	Karen Sajban	Samantha DeRose
June 29	Karen Sajban	Tom Sajban Laura Dec	(C) Goskowski	Fallon Goskowski	Jeff Riotto	Karen Sajban

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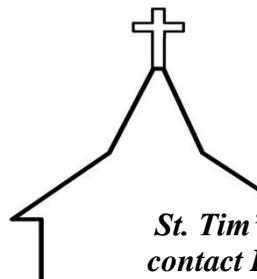
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