

September 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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September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	OFFICE CLOSED 1 	2 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/Holy Communion	3 7 pm Alleluia Choir rehearsal 	4	5 6 pm AA	6 9 am-4pm WELCA Garage Sale 
7 9:30am Worship 1pm AA	8 9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7pm Scouts 	9 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/Holy Communion 7:30 pm Church Council meeting	10 9:30/10:30am Needleworks 7 pm Jubilate Bells rehearsal 	11	12 6 pm AA	13 10:30 am Stu Anderson's Memorial 
14  & Sunday School kickoff 1pm AA 	15 9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands 7pm Scouts	16 1 pm Meditation w/Movement 2 pm Bible Study w/Holy Communion 7 pm Christian Ed committee meeting	17  10am Hymn Sing 7 pm Alleluia Choir rehearsal 	18 10:30 am Adult Book Group	19  Boy Scouts Mum Pick-up 6 pm AA	20 10:30 am Bookworms Book Club 
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Word from Our Pastor



“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
– Jesus (Matthew 11: 28)

The Holy Spirit and I have this little thing that we do. It has happened often enough that I really do believe God has a hand in it. When I have a rough time at work or school or even arguments with friends or family, and I get in my car and turn on the radio – not my phone playing through the stereo or a fancy satellite radio or a CD – just a radio station with a DJ picking the songs, will play “Nothing’s gonna stop us now” by Starship. Immediately, I am in a better mood. I sing along as loud as I can sometimes with tears running down my face relishing the words and the music.

This is not poetry. It doesn’t have a great message of God’s love and yet, God knows how it makes me feel and gives it to me, when I need it. Belting out the simple words that “nothing’s gonna stop *me* now” helps me turn the ignition in my car and move onto the next thing.

I think it’s important to be praying about the big things: the suffering of the world, our nation, and world peace. And sometimes, God does come through with miraculous healings, discoveries, and new leadership right when they are needed. In my experience of faith, though, it is much more common that God shows up with unexpected and beautiful gifts. Praying to God is always worth the time and energy, because it can bring wisdom, comfort, and power to us when we need them the most.

Prayer doesn’t have to be prescribed words (although that is fine too). Prayer can be drawing or coloring a picture. It can be walking in nature. It can be singing songs that you love. It can be a project like putting together a puzzle or knitting a scarf. We can talk to God while we are cutting the grass or doing dishes. God is always listening and always caring.

You may ask, “but Pastor what do I say to God, while I am doing these things?” Words are welcome, but unnecessary with God. You can set out to do something with the intent of *listening and looking* for God in that prayer. The relationship isn’t just us talking and God listening. Sometimes God is communicating to us – even through such strange mediums as 80s pop music.

Beyond that, there are times when we just need to sit and be with God. Paul tells us in Romans 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.” We can just sit still and know that God is God. Often, just knowing that there is something more than the pains and frustrations of this world, is enough to keep us going.

Choir Rehearsals



As we approach Fall, the air gets crisper... in temperature and in song! Both the Alleluia Vocal Choir and Jubilate Handbell Choir begin rehearsals this month in preparation for enhancing our liturgical year with their moving musical contributions.

Interested in trying your hand or lending your voice? An accomplished music instructor, Caroline Parody gladly welcomes newcomers!



Garage Sale St Timothy Church

395 Valley Road

Sat Sept 6th 9am-4pm

Household items, kitchen items, home decor items, linens, costume jewelry, handbags, books, toys, games, puzzles, crafts and much much more.



Thank you to everyone who has provided our sales stock by donating such wonderful treasures! And to those who intend on shopping and making purchases. The proceeds go a long way towards a variety of missions supported by WELCA.

Weekly Tuesday Events ~ September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



Meditation with Movement at 1pm. **Can't make it every 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**

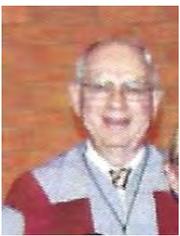
Needleworks Groups ~ September 10th, 24th



Angels Circle and Nellie's Knit & Crochet return from Summer break this month. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Angels begin their sewing at 9:30am, while the yarnworkers arrive at 10:30am.

Both meet for about an hour and a half or so... there's plenty of flexibility for participant's schedules.

Memorial Service ~ September 13th



Stu Anderson's long and happy life will be celebrated by family and friends during a Memorial Service at St. Timothy beginning at 10:30am.

A casual time to visit and reminisce will directly follow with a repast in Fellowship Hall.

Outdoor Worship ~ September 14th



Sunday School Kick-off will take place beginning at 9:30am with our annual outside **worship!** **Bring a sweater if it's cool or a shade umbrella if it's hot...** though no matter what, bring your joy in the Lord and our little ones!

(No, that's not a typo... we're trying one week later than in past years!)

Hymn Sing @ Alps of Wayne/The Atrium ~ September 17th



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.

Questions? See Carolyn Russo

Adult Book Group ~ September 18th

A new selection is in the works as the group finishes off their previous read. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements for details!

Questions? Ask Sandy or Art DeRose

Bookworms Book Club ~ September 20th



Franco Fiorvante is a handsome lemon-grower who has toiled for years on the estate of boss Baron Zito. Determined to secure a prosperous future, Franco will do anything to prove his loyalty to the Baron. But when asked to arrange the kidnapping of a little boy, Franco crosses the point of no return, setting in motion the making of the world's first Mafia family.

The kidnapped boy, Dante, grows up in a madhouse without even knowing his last name. He doubts his own sanity until he meets Lucia, a girl with a tragic past of her own. They fall in love, then set out to find Dante's kidnapper and learn his true identity. *-From goodreads*

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

Happy reading!



Oktoberfest ~ September 27th

Our popular Oktoberfest event returns this year to be celebrated in its traditional Germany month – September! Details to follow in weekly announcements!



NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church Council voted to change the regular Sunday Worship Service schedule. **Starting on Sunday, September 21st**, the times of our two services will be 9:00am and 10:30am. The earlier service is a more casual family-oriented worship while the later service retains the traditional experience.



RETURN OF COFFEE HOUR

Enjoy fellowship (and food) with fellow members and visitors during coffee hour directly following most Sunday 10:30am services. Bakers (or grocery store shoppers) are invited to provide treats along with a helper for clean-up duties. Volunteer here for one or more dates:

Click for [online Sign-Up Genius](#) or see the paper sheet at church on the bulletin board!



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION ETC. ETC. ETC.

Parents and Guardians of children aged three through Grade 8 are asked to register for Sunday School at this time by [clicking HERE](#).



Our inspired and inspiring teachers are prepping for the partnership with parents and families to form a strong foundation of faith in our youngest worshipers. Please help as we organize the classes by taking the few minutes to complete the online form!

Classes are held in between the two worship services;
Instruction begins at 9:35am and ends about 10:20am!

Sunday School Kick-Off with Outdoor Worship ~ September 14th
Sunday School Classes begin ~ September 21st

MEMORIAL FUNDS UPDATE FROM ANNE LOFFREDO

In July and August, gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Stuart Anderson. There have been paybacks to the Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds. There have been no Memorial purchases during the summer.



Memorial Garden pavers are always on sale; the price is \$300.00. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones or left blank for future engraving. Samples are available from the office. 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.

We also welcome contributions to the fund for restoration and enhancement of our Church organ. This work is on-going. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Organ Repair" on the memo line.



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!

TIPS OCTOBER EDITION

Given that 9/1 is a Monday, the regular TIPS deadline of the second Monday, puts the due date for the October edition at September 8th. Understandably, Contributors, if you need a few extra days, please feel free to consider Thursday morning, September 11th as the hard submission deadline.



2025 ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION

By supporting local, national, and global organizations, we extend our church's mission beyond our walls – bringing hope, healing, and opportunity to communities near and far. These gifts reflect our shared commitment to compassion, justice, and lasting impact.

Please see the 2025 Endowment Fund Distributions of \$20,948 to Local, National and Global entities in need.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
	20,948.00
Church World Services	-3,491.00
Heart 'n Hands Mission	-1,745.74
Wayne Interfaith Network	-1,745.74
Lutheran Disaster Response	-3,491.52
North Jersey Interfaith Cares	-1,047.40
Market Street Mission	-2,094.80
New Hope Food Pantry	-2,094.80
Navajo Lutheran Mission	-2,094.80
Mercy Ships	-2,094.80
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	-1,047.40

Thank you for the input of both the Congregation and Endowment Committee.

2025 Endowment Committee members:

Ed Cleaver

Ken DeAngelis

Colleen Duffy, Council Liaison

Cliff Konnerth

James Koppenal

Pastor Kimberly Schmidt-Cooper

Lori Van der Stad

ST TIMOTHY AT WAYNE DAY

Building on last's year's inaugural participation, St Timothy will again sponsor a booth during our hometown's Wayne Day on September 28th.



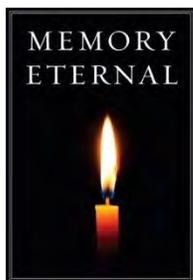
Interested in helping organize before or staffing day-of?
Please reach out to Laura Dec

FLOWER & CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS

It's not too late to honor a special someone by sponsoring either a floral arrangement or the memorial candle. Below are dates that still have open slots. You can sign up on the bulletin board at church or via the links noted beneath the specific column.

Dates available for Eternal Light:

September 28
October 5
October 12
October 26
November 30
December 14



Click for online
[candle signup](#)

Dates available for Altar Flowers:

September 28 (1 or 2)
October 12 (1 or 2)
October 19 (1)
November 9 (2)
November 23 (1)
December 7 (2)
December 14 (2)
December 21 (1)
December 28 (1)



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[flower signup](#)

BOY SCOUTS MUM SALE

Similar to years past, Troop 107 will be holding a Fall Mum sale fundraiser. Ordering details will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletin, with pick-up on September 19th/21st.



NEW CHURCH LEADERS

Congratulating NJ Synod Bishop The Rev. Dr. Christa M. Compton
ELCA Presiding Bishop-elect The Rev. Yehiel Curry
ELCA Secretary-elect The Rev. Lucille "CeCee" Mills

Please keep this man and these women in your prayers as they rise to new leadership positions within our denomination.



SEPTEMBER

9/2	Laura Kong	9/16	Douglas Gabel
9/2	Adam O'Mealy	9/22	Kevin Phelan
9/3	Reimund Breimer	9/24	Andrew Gaffney
9/4	Danielle Andersen	9/25	Bob Davidson
9/9	Caroline Parody	9/25	Erin Neglio
9/9	Hannah Wantula	9/25	Santino Sylvester
9/11	Monica Mains	9/25	Doug Zangrilli
9/15	Jennifer Andersen	9/28	Ken DeAngelis



9/10 Laura & Michael Dec
9/15 Sue & Chris Phelan
9/19 Anna & William Muschko
9/29 Pamela & James O'Mealy

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!



Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

Review & approve 2026 budget; the meeting will be held either October 16th or October 26th in the sanctuary directly following worship.

Reformation Sunday ~ October 26th

Brunch following 9:30am Worship & Congregational Meeting



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte/Cantor	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Sept 7	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto	n/a	Fallon Goskowski	Marie Beyer	Karen Sajban
Sept 14	Valerie McGrath Nancy Farina	Sue & Chris Phelan	n/a	Garey Goskowski	Jeff Riotto	Lori VanDerStad
Sept 21	Debbie Andersen	Laura Dec Doug Zangrilli	(A) TBD	Josh Abrahamson	Bob Davidson	Samantha DeRose
Sept 28	Terri Loftus Ilona Oosterwyk	Karen McAleer Lori VanDerStad	(A) TBD	Lori VanDerStad	Anne Loffredo	Craig Beyer

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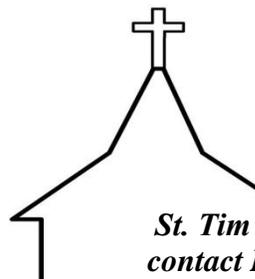
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