

October 2025 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday School 9:35 – 10:20 am
Sunday Worship 9:00 am & 10:30 am

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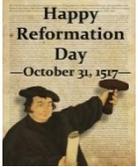
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October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	This month's Heart n' Hands item is Body Wash or Boxed Soap 	Next month's item is Protein Bars	1 7 pm Alleluia Choir rehearsal 	2 	3 6 pm AA	4
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Word from Our Pastor



So, God created humankind in God's image. In the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them. –Genesis 1:27

I am writing this the morning after the assassination of Charlie Kirk and, yet another school shooting in Colorado. Just last week, there was a shooting at Annunciation Catholic school. In the meantime, Israel has attacked Qatar. Russia has sent drones into Poland. And our own country sunk a boat of Venezuelans *suspected* of trafficking drugs (since proven to be untrue). Has WWII already started? Will there be another Civil War? All of this is scary.

On the one hand, it might feel good to point fingers and place blame. It might even be correct. However, if history is our guide, then the root problem is a rise in *fascism around the world*. Interestingly, the same thing happened approximately 100 years ago across Europe. In order to better understand what I am seeing in various places across our globe today, I read a book, “*How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them*” by Jason Stanley. The title explains the power of fascism, **which is dividing people into us and them**. That means the absolute best response is **the way of Christ**.

Fascism is a movement centered on a leader or an elite group that centers their power on *identity*. They work to divide society between us and them. An in-crowd and outsiders. Winners and Losers. Meanwhile, from the very earliest verses in the bible, we are told that *all* of humanity is created in the image of God. No one is better than anyone else. Paul reinforces that point in his letters. He tells us that in Christ there are no distinctions between people (Galatian 3: 28-29). And, of course, there are loads of stories of Jesus running around with people deemed undesirable by the leaders and elite of his day.

Christ is the best foil to the divisions fracturing our world. As Christians led by the Holy Spirit, we can learn all the parts of history – even the parts that make us feel bad. After all, we already know that all of our ancestors and predecessors were simultaneously sinner and saint. We can recognize sin without diminishing anyone's value. Since all people are valued equally in Christ, we can also refuse to demonize any whole groups of people – political parties, universities, countries, etc. We can demand evidence of criminality and provide due process *before* imposing consequences or engaging in violence. We can seek out people that are different than us with curiosity about them and their viewpoint.

In other words, defeating fascism and healing our world is as simple and hard as loving as Christ first loved us (John 13: 34-35). How did Christ love us? Christ loved us without regard to our background, our work ethic, our politics, our families, our viewpoints. Our value in the *Realm of God* isn't dependent on anyone's opinions. It is based entirely on the love of God. The One that created us loves us beyond our wildest imaginations. And every time God looks at us, God calls us good. Can we offer that same love to everyone around us? I hope so. It's the only way *everyone* wins.

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Weekly Tuesday Events ~ October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

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 & COMMUNION

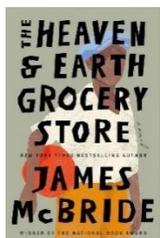
Bible Study with Holy Communion at 2pm ~ Join Pastor Kimberly as she leads the group through an exploration of timely readings followed by the sharing of Communion. Parlor.

Needleworks Groups ~ October 8th, 22nd

Angels Circle and Nellie's Knit & Crochet return from Summer break this month. They meet on the 2nd and 4th 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.



Bookworms Book Club ~ October 11th



James McBride's *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* opens with the discovery of a skeleton in a well in a small town. This introduction to the Chicken Hill area of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, sets up a sense of mystery as the narrative jumps back nearly 50 years to explore the town, its secrets and its people.

Chicken Hill is a vibrant community of immigrants, Jewish and black people, resulting in a mix of characters with intertwined lives and shared histories. This novel tells their stories with affection, humor, and occasionally some level of vexation with the world when a deaf boy in town is left without a mother and the state looks to take him into their custody.

It's a story about people who are struggling and their ambitions, successes and disappointments. In this compassionate, life-affirming and often funny novel, McBride explores what it means to be in a community and to live in the margins of "white" American.

-From the *Bibliofile.com*

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

Hymn Sing @ Alps of Wayne/The Atrium ~ October 15th



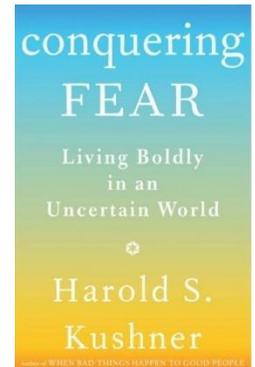
Spend an hour engaging the shut-in population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

Meet in the Lobby at 10am.

Questions? See Carolyn Russo

Adult Book Group ~ October 16th

Come join us as we begin reading *Conquering Fear* by Harold S. Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. In uncertain times, coping with fear can be especially challenging. Drawing on the teachings of religious and secular literature, and on true stories of those who have faced and conquered their fears, Kushner's wisdom is deeply spiritual and eminently practical.



We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am.

Location TBD: call the Church Office.

Great discussions, great fellowship, come join us! -Barbara Westerberg

Family Book Art Workshop ~ October 19th



Mark your calendar and join in the fun creativity!

Sunday, October 19th, 12:15-2pm

Light lunch will be served.

The class will teach the skill of paper flower making and you'll leave with a beautiful book (one of our old hymnals!) bursting with blooms! Cost is only

\$5/person: best for middle school and up.

Headcount is limited, so please sign-up on the bulletin board or online ([click here](#)) NOW! Questions: contact Valerie or Laura (see flyer for details).

October 26th ~ A date that's chock full of activity!

Special Communion: After spending the past four weeks learning in-depth about the meaning of Holy Eucharist, our 4th graders will be preparing bread for worship and participating in Communion with a larger understanding of a basic tenet of our faith.



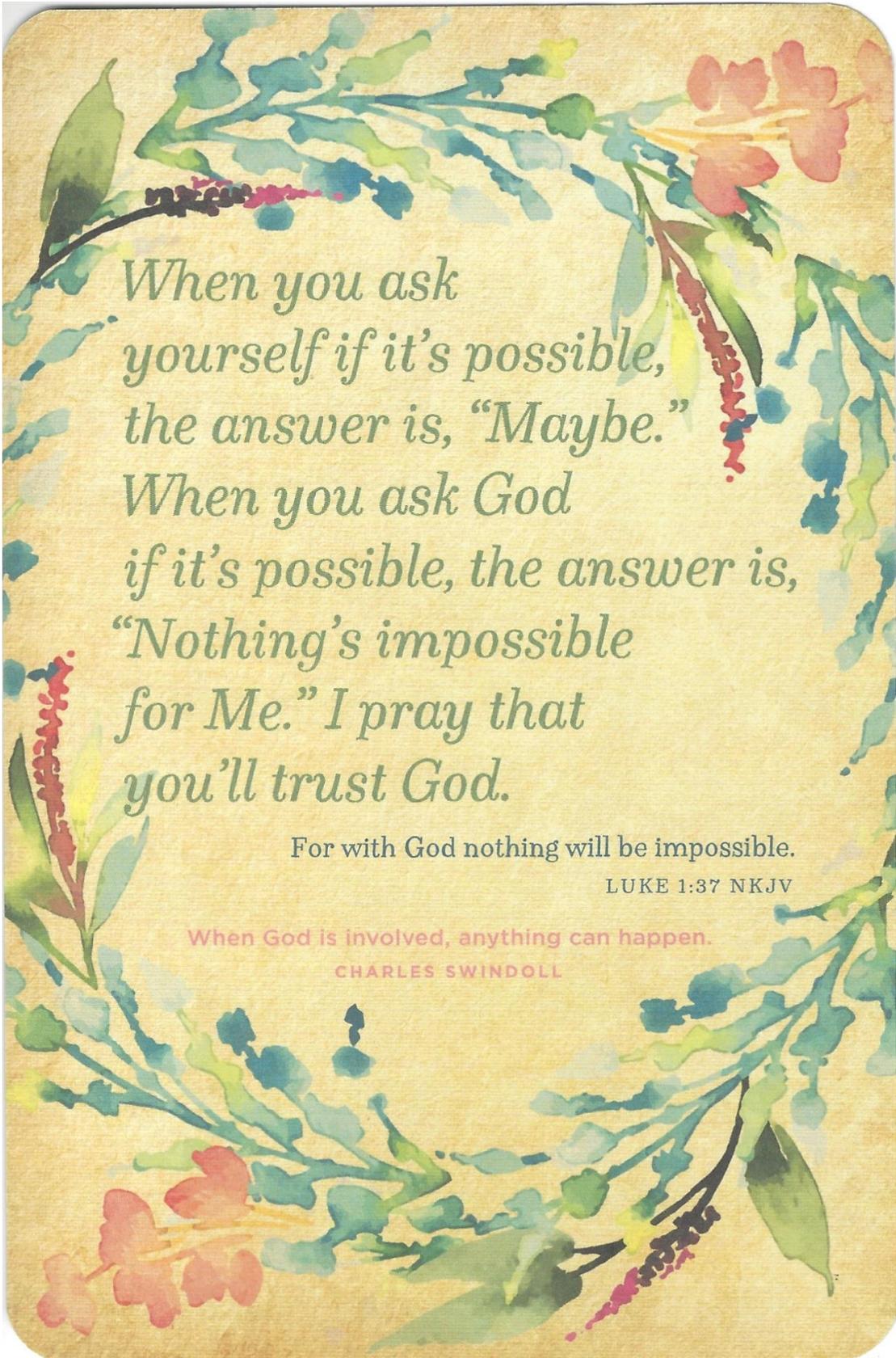
Annual Congregational Budget Meeting: The 2026 church budget will be reviewed and voted upon during the annual meeting held in the sanctuary directly following worship.



Reformation Sunday Brunch: Sign-ups are now available for the traditional potluck brunch celebrating the courageous acts of Martin Luther which laid the foundation of our theology. You can use the paper sheet on the bulletin board at church or simply [click here](#) to do so online.



Reformation Potluck



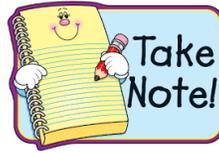
*When you ask
yourself if it's possible,
the answer is, "Maybe."
When you ask God
if it's possible, the answer is,
"Nothing's impossible
for Me." I pray that
you'll trust God.*

For with God nothing will be impossible.

LUKE 1:37 NKJV

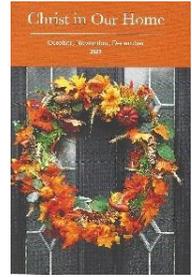
When God is involved, anything can happen.

CHARLES SWINDOLL



4TH QUARTER INSPIRATION

The final devotional booklet of the year is available in various places about the buildings. Take home your copy and find encouragement, wisdom and peace among the daily passages.



LINE DANCING IS BACK IN SESSION!

We will meet in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Friday of each month beginning in October from 7 pm - 9 pm.

Wear comfortable shoes or boots that can slide on the floor. Bring water and snacks if you'd like to munch between dances.

All dances are Beginner Level dances.

There will be a mix of music - some familiar dances to those who have come in previous sessions and new dances, too!

Dance sessions are free - we do ask for a small donation to the church at each session if you are so inclined.



Dates:

Friday, October 10th

Friday, October 24th - extra session to make up for missing December

Friday, November 14th

Friday, January 9th

Friday, January 23rd - extra session

Friday, February 13th

Friday, March 13th

Friday, April 10th

Friday, May 8th - end of season party!

Please let Cathe or Bob Davidson know if you would like to join us for Friday night fun so we can plan accordingly!

2025 GOOD STEWARD NOMINATIONS

Who do you know that gives tirelessly and endlessly (and maybe even silently), truly living the principles of a Christian life? Nominations for our annual Good Steward Award are now being accepted. Hard copy forms will be available in the narthex, or simply fill it out by [clicking HERE](#).



Due into the office by *Thursday, October 23rd*.

ANNUAL SEAFARERS SUPPORT CAMPAIGN



Time to think Christmas for the men and women who sail the seven seas serving our needs. Holiday time can be lonely when far, far from home. Seafarers International House ministers to the people in port throughout the year, counseling, providing every facet of pastoral care. At Christmas, the chaplains visit ships in the harbor delivering gifts to over one thousand seafarers.

St. Timothy WELCA has been a partner in "Christmas at Sea" for many seasons. Please help us with giving of a donation from the list provided below.

- Sweatshirt – M, L or XL
- Socks – Crew
- Large bar of chocolate or can of nuts or healthy snack bar
- T-Shirt – M, L or XL
- Knitted winter cap

A box is in the Fellowship Hall level next to the elevator to capture our booty and make "Christmas at Sea" another success!



ALL SAINTS' BOOKLET INFORMATION COLLECTION



For the majority of October (until Monday the 27th), data collection on our own family of saints is taking place in preparation for their remembrance during the November 2nd All Saints Sunday service. Paper forms will be available shortly or you can go online now & complete the Google form ([click HERE](#)).

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 NOVEMBER EDITION

October 13th is the second Monday of the month and marks the deadline for contributions to the monthly newsletter. Members of the congregation are welcome to share news and information via TIPS. Call or email the office for assistance!





OCTOBER



10/1 Lauren Bedi

10/5 Conrad Brassel

10/5 Lisa Koppenal

10/7 Henry McGrath

10/12 Maddie Schloesser

10/17 Terri Loftus

10/18 Pat Zangrilli

10/20 Nathaniel Kaplan

10/21 Josh Abrahamson

10/21 Amber Rusin

10/24 Eleanor Germann

10/24 Pam Richardson

10/25 John Steible

10/31 Eddy Schloesser

10/31 Connie Venturelli



10/11 Melissa & Steven Pardalis

10/16 Cindy & Christopher Gaffney

10/21 Julia Suarez & David Hayes

10/26 Karen & Tom Sajban

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!



All Saints Sunday ~ November 2nd

See previous pages for information on how to submit names and data of your deceased loved ones to be included in the annual All Saints booklet.

If you've had a loved one who has departed from earthly life in the past year, you are invited to bring a picture for display in the narthex.

Questions? Please see Anne Loffredo, Valerie McGrath or Nancy Farina.

Eva's Kitchen ~ November 13th

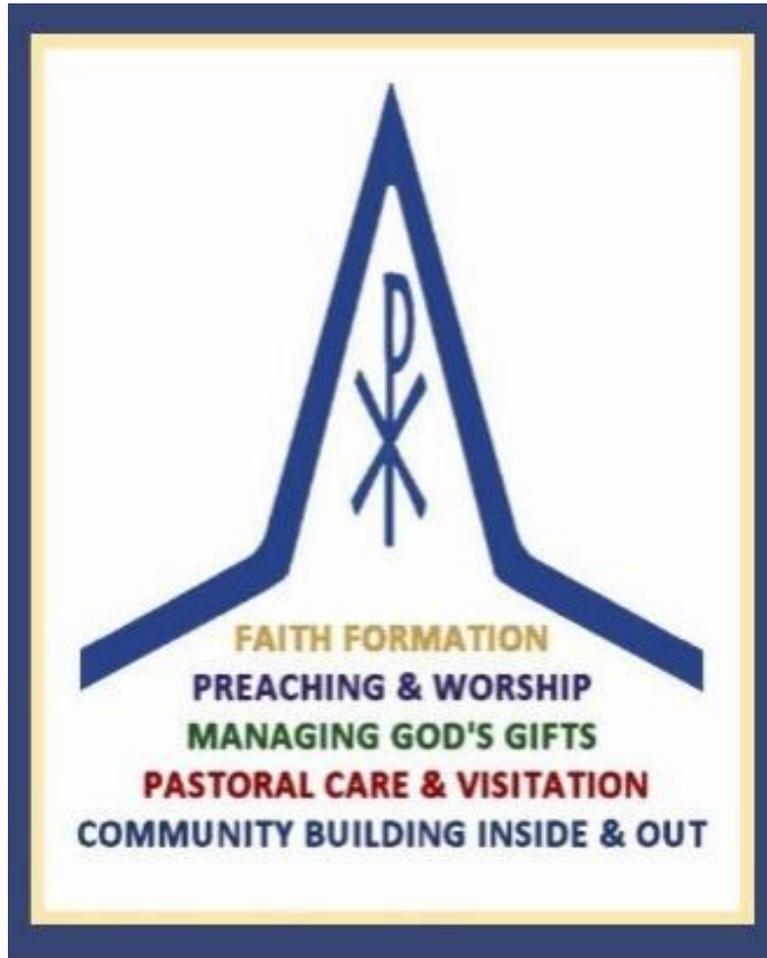
As the Youth Group organizes their support of Eva's Kitchen, like last year, a congregational collection of goods may be requested. Keep an eye on Announcements and next month's newsletter!

Hanging of the Greens ~ November 23rd

Start decorating the church for Christmas, which will include the greens in the sanctuary and the Jesse Tree.

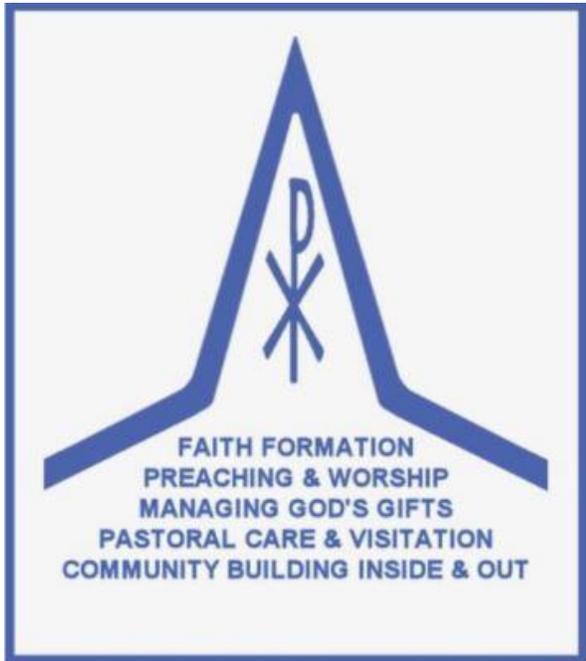


DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Oct 5	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Sue & Chris Phelan	Samantha Scillieri	Carolyn Russo	Karen Sajban	Compton Cooper
Oct 12	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Doug Zangrilli Tom Sajban	Jayden Fagan	Robin Koegel	Bob Davidson	Karen Sajban
Oct 19	Terri Loftus Ilona Oosterwyk	Karen McAleer Laura Dec	Andrew Inciardi	Josh Abrahamson	Art DeRose	Lori VanDerStad
Oct 26	Nancy Farina	Lori VanDerStad Jeff Riotto	Lillian Johnsson	Karen McAleer	Colleen Duffy	Samantha DeRose



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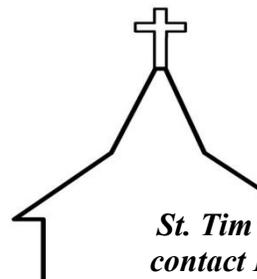
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