

November 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

St. Timothy ELCA is a community of faith creating
connection through the love of Jesus Christ

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November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>First Sunday of Advent 30</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>9:35am Programs*</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>1pm AA</p>  		<p>Indicates Coffee Hour</p> <p>following the latest Worship service</p> 	<p>*Programs include:</p> <p>Sunday School classes</p> <p>Confirmation classes</p> <p>Adult Forum</p> <p>Adult Christian Ed</p>	<p>This month's Heart n' Hands item is</p> <p>Protein Bars</p>	<p>Next month's item is</p>  <p>Medicated Powder</p>	<p>1</p> 
<p>2</p> <p><i>All Saints</i></p> <p>9:35am Programs*</p> <p>9 & 10:30am Worship</p> <p>1pm AA</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9-11:30 am Heart 'n Hands</p> <p>7pm Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 pm Meditation w/Movement</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study w/Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:15 pm Jubilate Bells rehearsal</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am</p> 
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Church EVENTS

Weekly Tuesday Events ~ November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

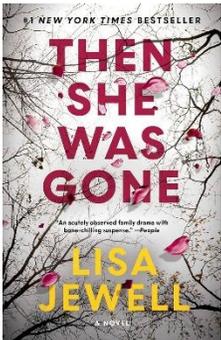


Meditation with Movement at 1pm. Can't make it every week, no problem: cost is \$40 cash per month, pay as you go. No mat needed, but a bottle of water suggested. Fellowship Hall.

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**

Bookworms Book Club ~ November 8th



NO ONE EVER JUST DISAPPEARS.

Ellie Mack was the perfect daughter. And then she was gone.

Ten years after Ellie's disappearance, her mother, Laurel Mack, is trying to put her life back together when she meets an unexpectedly charming man in a café. Before she knows it, she's meeting Floyd's daughters—and his youngest, Poppy, takes Laurel's breath away.

Because the eerily precocious Poppy is the spitting image of Ellie.

And now, the unanswered questions she's tried so hard to put to rest begin haunting Laurel anew. Where did Ellie go? Did she run away from home, as the police have long suspected, or did something more sinister happen? A haunting page-turner of "sheer perfection" (*Booklist*, starred review), *Then She Was Gone* is a gripping and emotionally resonant tale of one mother's quest to uncover the clues she failed to recognize and finally discover the truth of what happened to her daughter.

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

Needleworks Groups ~ November 12th



Quilters, knitters & crocheters will meet only once this month since the 4th Wednesday is right before Thanksgiving. 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.

November 14th ~ Line Dancing

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

All dances are Beginner Level to a mix of music!

Wear comfortable shoes or boots that can slide on the floor.

Bring water and snacks if you'd like to munch between dances.

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



Dates:

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!

Questions: see Cathe or Bob Davidson

Hymn Sing @ Alps of Wayne/The Atrium ~ November 19th

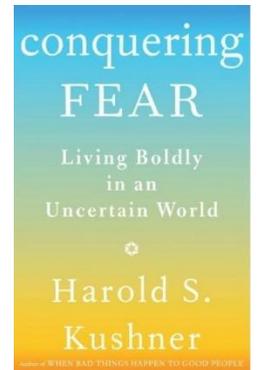


Spend an hour engaging the shut-in population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

Meet in the Lobby at 10am. Questions? See Carolyn Russo

Adult Book Group ~ November 20th

Come join us as we read & discuss *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.



Interested? Call the Church Office at 973.694.8316.

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

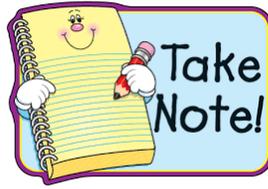
November 23rd ~ Hanging of the Greens



Please join in after the service to help transform our church into a warm, welcoming space that reflects the spirit of the season.

From hanging wreaths and stringing lights to setting up the Advent wreath and arranging seasonal greenery, there are plenty of ways to lend a hand. Whether you have a creative eye or just a willing heart, your help would be a blessing.

Come as we prepare our sanctuary for this sacred time of anticipation and hope. Cookies and coffee will be served.



ADVENT SUNDAYS



November 30
December 7
December 14
December 21

ANGEL GIFTS

Jesse Tree - Angel Gifts

We will once again be doing the Jesse Tree gifts (**Angel Gifts**) for children in need of clothing. There will be a basket of gift tags with the names, gender, and sizes of children affiliated with the **Center for Family Resources**, the home of the upper Passaic County Early Head Start program, some of whom meet at St. Timothy every other Wednesday. There will also be a container to place the other half of the tag that must include your name and phone number.

For those streaming only but want to participate, feel free to contact Karen Sajban to arrange receipt of gift tags.

We will have the tags available starting Sunday, November 16th. Please take a name...or 2...or 3... and purchase a **gift of clothing** for the child named. Bring it back to the church and place the **wrapped** gift with the gift tag attached under the Jesse tree (*please avoid large bows and ribbons for packing purposes*). Feel free to leave in the back right corner of chancel prior to the start of Advent where the Jesse Tree is placed. It will be delivered to children in time for Christmas! To make sure all gifts are ready to be delivered, the deadline will be **Sunday, December 14th by the 10:30am service**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Jesse Tree Angel Gift program. Please contact Karen Sajban at (973-229-4624) or ksajban@gmail.com with any questions.



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!

TIPS DECEMBER EDITION



November 10th is the second Monday of the month and marks the deadline for contributions to the December newsletter. Members of the congregation are welcome to share news and information via TIPS. Call or email the office for assistance!

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS



An assortment and abundance of Christmas cards are available for free! They can be found in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Thank you Barbara Kaplan for your year-long dedication in organizing this kind offering.

The first Sunday in Advent kicking off the sale of Christmas poinsettias occurs in November this year. Prices and forms will be ready for publication at the end of this month.



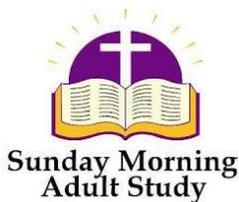
Sunday School UPDATES

St. Timothy's Sunday School for all ages is engaged in learning all about God and His Son Jesus Christ. The new Sunday School time is 9:35 to 10:20. There is something for all ages to enjoy.

Our young ones are learning through the Godly Play program where the Bible story unfolds in front of their very eyes.

First Communion was received by Jackson Scillieri, Spencer Eggers and Nicholas Lutu on October 26 at the combined 9:30 service. These 4th graders learned all about receiving communion. They even baked the bread for the Lord's Supper with the Konnerths right here in the St. Timothy kitchen!

The Confirmation class is diving deeper into the New Testament this year. Videos, Bible readings and engaging activities help to reinforce the constant love of our Lord and Savior.



The Adult Sunday School class is watching "The Chosen" every Sunday in The SonRise Bistro. You can drop in when you can because each week is different.

It's a great way to spend time and fellowship with other adults/parents. I've been told that they have really good conversations. So go grab something to drink and a snack from the kitchen and join in.

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 30 – We have Sunday School classes
Advent 1

Dec. 21 – Christmas Program

Dec. 28 – NO Sunday School
9:30 service only

HEART 'N HANDS UPDATE FROM BOB DAVIDSON

We had a busy summer, maintaining monthly deliveries to all of our partner organizations.



We developed a relationship with New Hope Ministries in Prospect Park, a food pantry providing food and necessities to 100 families twice a month. We periodically supply personal care items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products.

Cliff and Nancy Konnerth made a connection with the Good Shepherd Mission in Paterson through Scout Troop 107. Good Shepherd is a men's shelter that serves 30 clients. We are supplying them with personal care items and bedding.

We have also begun delivering clothing to CUMAC/ECHO in Paterson, a food pantry in Paterson that began nearly 50 years ago. CUMAC/ECHO has a small clothing distribution area in addition to its large food pantry.

St. Timothy's Endowment Gift and major contributions from Airbus America and Hudson Lutheran Charity provide the funding for our personal care program. We are grateful for all this continued support.

We are currently accepting donations of fall and winter clothing. We always need men's jeans, sneakers and boots, and outerwear, including children's coats and sweatshirts.



This month's **Heart 'n Hands** collection item is Protein bars.

Please keep this in mind when you are shopping. You may place your donation in the blue bin near the front glass door on the classroom level.



MEMORIAL FUNDS UPDATE FROM ANNE LOFFREDO

Since September 10, gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Stuart Anderson, and to the Eternal Light Candle Fund. There have been no Memorial purchases.

No Memorial Garden pavers have been purchased this month; our paver total stands at 117. The price of a paver is \$300.00. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Memorial Garden" on the memo line. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones, or left blank for future engraving. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. See Pat Winters for further information or assistance. 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, Memorial Garden Fund, Eternal Light Candle Fund, Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – or to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Memorial giving is good giving!

BOOK ART WORKSHOP

Thank you to Laura Dec and Valerie McGrath for bringing this wonderful easy craft to St. Timothy all the way from the Book Barn in Denville! Laughter and smiles were the themes of the afternoon... take a look at some participants:



NOVEMBER



11/1 Dolores Monsees	11/15 Olivia Gaffney
11/2 Robert Andersen	11/16 William Koppenal
11/2 Mark Muschko	11/20 Marta Riotto
11/2 Louis Russo	11/20 Carolyn Russo
11/3 Richard Wedemeyer	11/21 Laura Dec
11/4 Richard Vogt	11/21 Jeff Riotto
11/9 Gloria Cooper	11/28 Veronica
11/9 Liz Koch	Goskowski
11/13 Samantha DeRose	11/29 Richard Horn
11/14 Mark McGrath	



11/10 Lora & Michael Inciardi
11/26 Debra & James Sansone
11/30 Valerie & Mark McGrath

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!



2026 Wall Calendars

Our annual Vander May Funeral Home sponsored wall calendars have been ordered and we are only awaiting delivery. They will be sprinkled about for pick up as soon as they arrive!

Caroling ~ December 3rd

Singers of all ages meet at the church in the evening before caravanning to homebound members houses for traditional caroling at the front door.

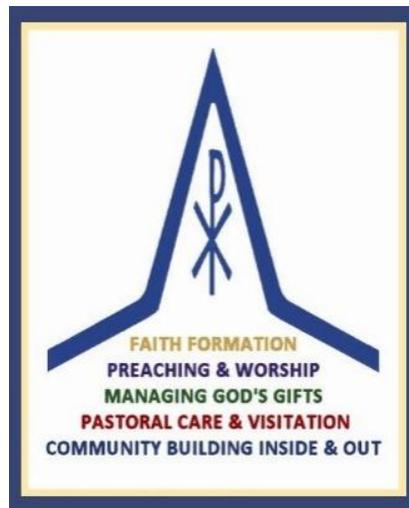
Lyric booklets are provided with seasonal favorites!

Christmas Pageant ~ December 21st

Sunday School children will present the story of Baby Jesus within the single 9:30am worship service this year... you won't want to miss it!

Christmas Pajama Service ~ December 25th

The new-ish annual tradition will again bring worshippers together on Christmas morn to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a casual fun manner!

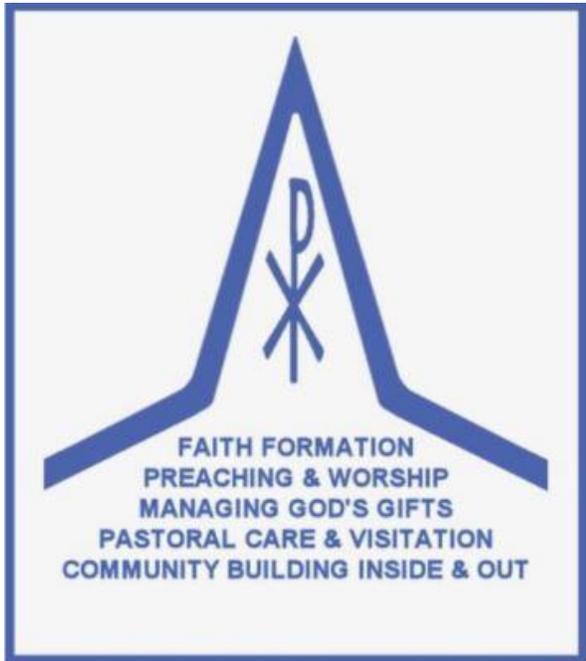


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DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Nov 2	Valerie McGrath	Sue & Chris Phelan	Spencer Eggers	Garey Goskowski	Marie Beyer	Craig Beyer
Nov 9	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Lori VanDerStad Karen McAleer	Herbert Eggers	Robin Koegel	Bob Davidson	Compton Cooper
Nov 16	Debbie Andersen Karen Sajban	Tom Sajban Laura Dec	Nicholas Lutu	Karen McAleer	Jeff Riotto	Karen Sajban
Nov 23	Terri Loftus Ilona Oosterwyk	Jeff Riotto Doug Zangrilli	Kaila Gabel	Laura Dec	Karen Sajban	Compton Cooper
Nov 30	Nancy Farina Valerie McGrath	Sue & Chris Phelan	Jackson Scillieri	Carolyn Russo	Art DeRose	Samantha DeRose

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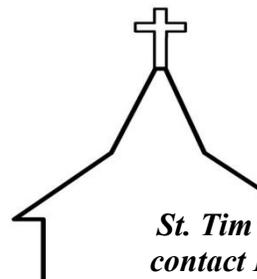
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