

# April 2026 *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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# APRIL 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>*Christian Ed includes</b>            Youth Sunday School            Confirmation            Adult Sunday School            Adult Forum</p>			<p>1            7:30 pm Bells rehearsal</p>	<p>2              6:30 pm            Maundy Thursday            Dinner            Church</p>	<p>3  <b>Office Closed</b>            Noon Stations of the Cross              6 pm AA            7 pm Good Friday            Worship</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5            9:00am Worship            10:00am Egg Hunt            10:30am Worship            1pm AA  </p>	<p>6  <b>Office Closed</b>            7pm Scouts</p>	<p>7    <b>Content Due</b>            1 pm Meditation w/Movement            2 pm Bible Study w/Holy Communion            7 pm Worship committee meeting</p>	<p>8            9:30/10:30am Needleworks            7:30 pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  <b>Office Closed</b>            6 pm AA              7 pm Line Dancing</p>	<p>11            10:30 am              11am-2pm            Wedding Resale Market  </p>
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*Jesus said, But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be subject to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be subject to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be subject to the fires of Gehenna."*

*-Matthew 5:22*

I have never been a fan of practical jokes. I don't even like watching TV shows or videos that make people look stupid. What is even worse, in this day and age, is the constant filming of people at their worst. People hoping to generate "views" on their videos will intentionally instigate conflicts in order to catch strangers saying or doing inappropriate things. What had been a tool to reveal bad behavior in our society has turned into a bully stick for people that disagree. Or maybe don't even disagree, but just want to manufacture drama for internet points.

I feel bad, when people are embarrassed and absolutely terrible, when they are shamed. I don't think it's funny. And even if it was, the harm that is done considerably outweighs any object lessons. Life is messy. And all people are complicated. Discrimination happens over and over again, but how we choose to handle it shapes our community.

Making fun of people or shaming them, when they make mistakes does not encourage them to change. Ever. Sharing stories and experiences, being honest about how words and actions make us feel, and choosing to stand up for people in love are all much more effective ways to make real change.

This is probably more important than ever. The divides in our society are growing wider and wider. I do not believe that simply refusing to talk about differences makes them less important. In fact, the opposite seems to be true. I can't even tell you how many conversations I have had with people in which they make assumptions about someone else's views that are actually entirely wrong! People have even made assumptions about me that are shockingly off base even though I am pretty free with my opinion.

A big part of the problem is that the human brain prefers binaries. We love to categorize people. In the 1980s, there were people that said a person couldn't be Christian and listen to heavy metal or play Dungeons and Dragons (watch Stranger Things for a good example of that). My friends who aren't Christian have been

astounded to find out that I have no problem with evolution. As I said above, people are complicated. Almost no one fits neatly into just one category or exemplifies the stereotypes of any group.

It is tempting to look at people on the other side of a divide as “fools,” but Jesus said that calling someone a fool is a very serious offence. We are all created in the image of God – not just our bodies, but our minds too. We can’t write someone off as stupid without offending the One, Who made them. It’s also too simplistic to assume that someone who disagrees with you is just stupid. It takes a lot of courage and moral integrity to approach them with curiosity instead. Find out why they think the way they do. Try to learn from people, who are different – *not in order to convince them you are right*, but in order to find Christ in them.

To be a Christian is to demonstrate radical love. I hate the divisions all around me, but I also recognize that this is an opportunity to show the love of Christ. Don’t miss the opportunity by avoiding people you think believe differently than you. You may just have more in common than you realize.



Love one another.

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## Holy Week Office Operations

As in years past, Pastor Kimberly will hold no regularly scheduled office hours during Holy Week. She will be available upon request; simply call Deb in the office to make arrangements. In case of emergency, you can always reach out directly to Pastor via her dedicated church cell number 551.315.7151.



The office will be closed on Easter Monday (April 6, 2026).  
Heart 'n Hands Mission is also taking the day off,  
so hold your donations until April 13<sup>th</sup>!

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## Easter Plants



For those who ordered the lovely plants that are adorning our altar this Easter, please feel free to take them with you after the 10:30am service concludes or anytime during the following week.

Valerie McGrath will have a master list if you need a refresher on what was purchased.

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## Special Pentecost Participants Sought

Can you pronounce words in a foreign language? Would you be willing to read a short bible passage aloud during Pentecost Sunday? If so, please see Pastor Kimberly for details and answers to any questions.



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## Deb's Vacation



Deb will again be working at the big track meet in Philadelphia known as the Penn Relay Carnival. She will not be in the office on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and possibly Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Any emails and phone messages received during her absence will be addressed in a timely manner upon her return.

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## Wedding Re-Sale Market



We're excited to share something a little different coming to our Fellowship Hall this spring! On Saturday, April 11, 2026, St. Timothy will host its very first Wedding Resale Market, a community event where recently married couples can sell their gently used wedding items, and engaged couples (or anyone who loves a great deal) can shop beautiful décor at a fraction of retail prices.

Available items include bridal gowns, party dresses, centerpieces, candles, signage, glassware, and more, all from real NJ weddings.

### BUYER TICKETS

VIP Early Access: \$18 with entrance beginning at 10:30 AM

General Admission: \$14 with entrance from 11 AM – 2 PM

At the door on April 11: \$20 cash (General Admission only)

Get your tickets here: [Eventbrite](#)

### GIVE BACK WHILE YOU SHOP

Bring 2 non-perishable food items for the Wayne Interfaith Network food pantry and enjoy complimentary coffee and light refreshments while you browse. Your donation directly supports local families in need.

### SELL YOUR ITEMS

Have wedding décor, a dress, or accessories taking up space? Rent a table and keep 100% of what you sell!

Church Members: \$30 per table; Non-Members: \$40 per table

ONE TABLE SOLD! Only 11 tables available, so spots are first come, first served.

Register as a seller here: [Seller Registration](#)

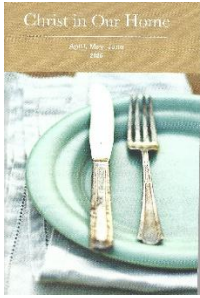
**Questions? Reach out to Fallon Goskowski - [fallon@devotednewjersey.com](mailto:fallon@devotednewjersey.com).**

Whether you have a wedding dress collecting dust in a closet or you're deep in the planning process, this event is for you.

All proceeds benefit St. Timothy Church. Food pantry donations will benefit the Wayne Interfaith Network.

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## Quarterly Devotional Booklets



This quarter's handout includes prayers dedicated to lifting up caregivers and public servants. A sample of devotional passages address people facing major life decisions, ministries that bring hope, people who feel judged, people who are overscheduled, and Confirmation classes... truly something that touches our daily lives! Pick up free copies in the narthex, in the Parlor and in Fellowship Hall.

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## Newsletter May edition



Members who would like to share news with the congregation are always welcome to submit a blurb to Deb no later than the second Monday of each month to appear in the following month's TIPS newsletter.

Feel free to give some parent-brags, note special milestones or advertise an upcoming special event!

**NOTE: Regular contributors: your content is due May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## Refugee Mission Update



North Jersey Interfaith Cares

The Alnahr family is slowly integrating into life in New Jersey. The two oldest children are now working part time and attending English lessons. We will continue to support them but we have concluded our major financial assistance. NJIC has made the final rent check assistance for the month of March.

We continue to check in on our first two families, the Kanans and the Rodriguezes. Both are anxiously awaiting their Green cards. So far there have been no threats to detain them for re-vetting as was an announced possibility by DHS last month. We pray all goes smoothly and that their legal status remains secure. The Rodriguez family is hoping to be able to move into a larger apartment. We are holding specific pieces of furniture for that eventuality.

NJIC board is now determining whether to sponsor another family through CWS. There is also a possibility to assist one of our member congregations (Preakness Reformed) now sponsoring a family in Jersey City and looking to sponsor another.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

-Cliff

## Christian Education Update



Palm Sunday was celebrated on March 29 with our 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders reading “The Passion” during the service. A Congregational Potluck Brunch immediately followed the service in Fellowship Hall. All who came enjoyed great homemade food, conversation and some games with their church family. We haven’t had games or activities during our events since before COVID in 2019. I thought it would be fun and, it definitely was!

Who’s ready for an Easter Egg Hunt? St. Timothy Sunday School students are! A fun time searching for the “Surprise Inside” will be at 10:00am, between the 9:00 and 10:30 services on Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come and bring your basket or bag to gather the eggs and have some fun with your classmates. I’m so excited because we have all new “surprises” in the eggs this year.

After several years, our confirmation class has finally been able to participate in making food again for Eva’s Kitchen in Paterson. A lot of things have changed since 2020 with how Eva’s Kitchen prepares and feeds the hungry. Even though we aren’t donating hot stew, the youth can still help. They have been filling bags with homemade sandwiches, fruit and a snack. All assembled with love, to feed the less fortunate.

I can’t believe our Sunday School year has only 6 more teaching weeks. Wow! That went very fast. The snow days we had off shortened it by several class sessions. Our last class teaching day will be on May 17 with Pentecost to follow the next Sunday, May 24.

In His name,  
Laura Dec

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5 – Easter: 9:00 & 10:30 services (no Sunday School)  
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt between services

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

April 3 – Good Friday

May 10 – Mother’s Day

May 14 – Ascension Day

May 17 – Sunday School last teaching day

May 24 – Pentecost

May 31 – Outdoor Family Worship @ 9:30am

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## Heart 'n Hands Mission Update



St. Gabriel Syriac Orthodox Church in Haworth contacted us last month and inquired about partnering in our ministry. They plan to hold four clothing drives during the coming year. They found us through an online search.

Structural, a large concrete repair and restoration company in Hawthorne, also conducted a clothing drive for our benefit. We receive many donations and inquiries from people who find us online. Our website and social media presence gets our name and work into our surrounding communities. It amazes us that our work attracts such widespread attention.

As our outreach continues to grow, so does the need to support and assist the increasing numbers of individuals and families in need. We are seeking more volunteers to meet this need and ask for your help in this St. Timothy ministry. Please consider joining us.





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## Maundy Thursday Dinner Church ~ April 2<sup>nd</sup>



Feel like a true disciple as we step through key events of the Last Supper with our commemorative dinner-church beginning at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. The evening ends with the stripping of the altar in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.

Your RSVP is appreciated for planning meal quantities. See the sign-up bulletin board at church or simply [click HERE](#) from the electronic version.

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## Good Friday Services ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup>



Attend one; attend both... Good Friday services offer variety. Mark Jesus' journey to his death at 12:00 Noon through The Stations of the Cross and/or at 7:00pm via The Seven Last Words of Christ meditative service.

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## Easter Sunday ~ April 5<sup>th</sup>

Full Worship at the regular times of 9:00am and 10:30am.



No Sunday School but a fun egg hunt in between services at 10:00am for children up to Grade 5 (please bring your own basket or bag).

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## Weekly Tuesday Events ~ April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>

Meditation with Movement at 1pm. Can't make it every week, no problem: cost is \$40 cash per month, pay as you go. When there's a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in a month, please contribute the extra \$10 for our wonderful leader, Tara. No mat needed, but a bottle of water suggested. Parlor.



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.

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## Needleworks Groups ~ April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>



Angels Circle and Nellie's Knit & Crochet meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Newcomers and beginners welcome!

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## Line Dancing ~ April 10<sup>th</sup>



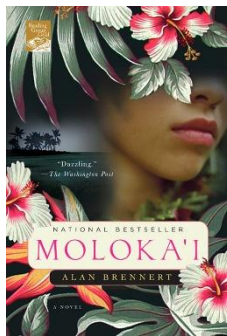
See Cathe Davidson if you have any questions or better yet, just show up! We're all novices and Cathe is a great teacher! Lessons start at 7pm and we dance until 9pm.

This is the last learning session before our wrap-up dance party in May!

Bring your own water & snacks. Wear shoes that have a little slide on the floor of Fellowship Hall.

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## Bookworms Book Club ~ April 11<sup>th</sup>



*Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert is the story of Rachel Kalama, a young girl growing up in Honolulu Hawaii in the 1890s who is forcibly removed from her family and placed in exile—where she finds a circle of family and friends to replace those she has lost. This “dazzling historical novel” (*The Washington Post*) with over 600,000 copies in print gained a cult-like following among fans of historical

fiction. The sequel, *Daughter of Moloka'i*, explores the relationship of Ruth and Rachel, only hinted at in *Moloka'i*. This emotional tale of love and friendship follows young Ruth through the Second World War, explores the topical history of the treatment of Japanese-Americans during that time, and places readers back in the rich storytelling of the world of *Moloka'i*.

-from MacMillan Publishers

For Bookworms information, including the complete list of chosen works for 2026, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.



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## Hymn Sing @ Alps at Wayne ~ April 15<sup>th</sup>



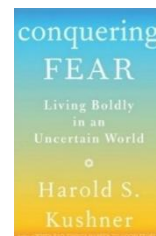
Spend an hour engaging the shut-in population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

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

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## Adult Book Group ~ April 16<sup>th</sup>

Come join us as we continue reading *Conquering Fear* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner.



We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Each session is stand-alone, so jumping in at the middle is fine!

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

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4/5 Cathe Davidson	4/22 Ray Lender
4/7 Bryan Amico	4/25 Ava Serventi
4/7 Jim Knoblauch	4/26 Mary Laverack
4/9 Crystal Eggers	4/28 Charlie Bedi
4/9 Miles Fetherston	4/28 Ed Cleaver
4/9 Bud Romaine	4/28 James Cleaver
4/10 MaryAnn Levine	4/28 Lillian Johnsson
4/12 Deanna Inciardi	4/28 Mary Schloesser

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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](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)*

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



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**Line Dancing Dance Party ~ May 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**Ascension Day 7pm Service ~ May 14<sup>th</sup>**

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**Pentecost Sunday Worship followed by brunch ~ May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**Outdoor Worship to close the program year ~ May 31<sup>st</sup>**

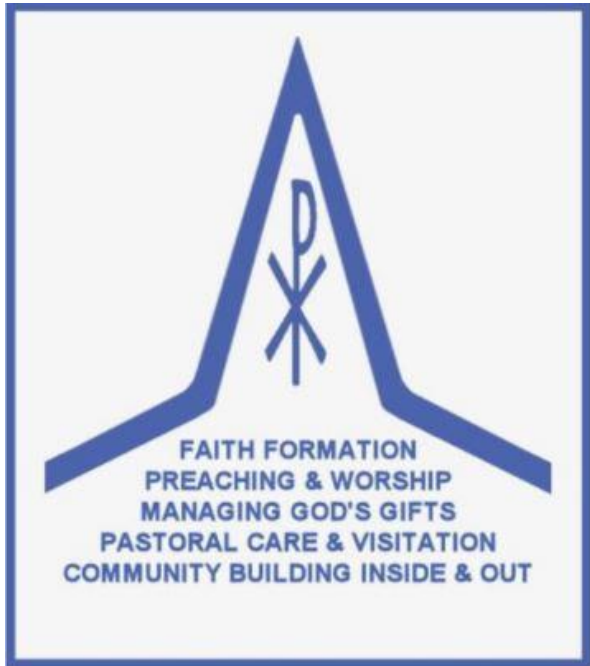
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>A/V</b>
Apr 3 Good Friday		12pm Lori VDS 7pm Tom Sajban & Chris Phelan	12pm TBD 7pm Spencer Eggers	12pm n/a 7pm Josh Abrahamson	n/a	Karen Sajban (if streamed)
Apr 5 Easter Sunday	Valerie McGrath Nancy Farina	9:00 Koppenals 10:30 Phelans	9am Jackson Scillieri 10:30am TBD	9:00 TBD 10:30 Laura Dec	9:00 Jeff Riotto 10:30 Cliff Konnerth	Compton Cooper
Apr 12	Terri Loftus	Doug Zangrilli Lori VanDerStad	Jayden Fagan	Garey Goskowski	Marie Beyer	Craig Beyer
Apr 19	Lori VanDerStad	Karen McAleer Laura Dec	Kaila Gabel	Carolyn Russo	Robin Koegel	Samantha DeRose
Apr 26	Karen Sajban	Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto	Andrew Inciardi	Josh Abrahamson	Bob Davidson	Karen Sajban

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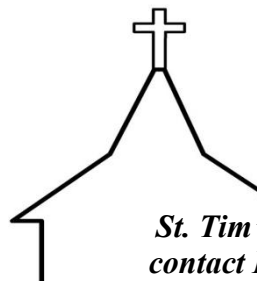
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