



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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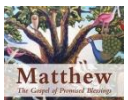
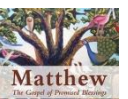
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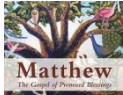
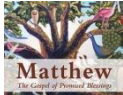
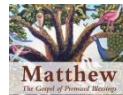
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AA	6	7 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/Holy Communion	8 <u>9:30 am</u> Angels Circle 	9  <u>4-8 pm</u> Dine to Donate	10 <i>Office Closed</i> <u>7 pm</u> AA	11 <u>10:30 am</u> 
12 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Followed by Summer Bible Study <u>1pm</u> AA 	13 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands	14 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study	15 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>10 am</u> 	16 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group	17 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <u>11 am</u> Ray Lender funeral & repast <u>7 pm</u> AA 	18 <i>Pastor vacation</i>
19 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>9:30 am</u> Worship <u>1pm</u> AA 	20 <i>Pastor vacation</i> <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands	21 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/Holy Communion	22 <u>9:30 am</u> Angels Circle 	23 <i>Pastor vacation</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i> <u>7 pm</u> AA	25
26 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Followed by Summer Bible Study <u>1pm</u> AA 	27 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands	28 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/Holy Communion	29	30	31	



AUGUST 2026



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“Jesus loves me this I know. For the bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.”
– Anna Bartlet Warner

In honor of the 250th birthday of our nation, I recently did a deep dive into the history of hymns written in the USA over that time period. It has been interesting to discover that many of them were written by women and African Americans. More recently Latin American, African, and Asian hymn writers have found their way into our Lutheran hymnals. In other words, the hymns we sing reflect the diversity of Christianity here in the USA.

Regardless of their background, many hymns were written as prayers during very difficult times either for our society or the individual who wrote them. Some of the greatest hymns, like “When Peace Like a River” and “Precious Lord Take My Hand,” were written by men who lost their families in tragic circumstances. Others, like “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Still, Still With Thee,” were written by abolitionists before and during the Civil War.

The history of “Jesus Loves Me” is as sweet as you might imagine. Anna Bartlet Warner and her sister, Susan Warner, were prolific writers, gardeners, and even game designers. They were dedicated Christians and bible teachers to the cadets of the West Point Military Academy in New York. In 1860, Susan wrote the book, “Say and Seal.” For the book, Anna wrote the poem, “Jesus Loves Me” for a scene in which someone is giving comfort to a dying child. In the real world, the song has been a comfort to many people of all ages.

The history of American hymns is a history of the church in the USA. We are varied in our theology and experiences and style, but every single one of us has had times of trouble, doubts, and joy. Hymns are a reflection of all that life throws at us. They are also a reminder of things like God’s grace, love, and care.

As we look at the world around us, we may not always see how we are the *United* States of America. Divisions are often more apparent than connections, but that is where church can come in. We are one of the last places that are intergenerational, but that is definitely my favorite part of being in church. Getting to regularly interact with both little ones and O.W.L.s (Older Wiser Lutherans) is a huge gift!

We may not always be able to find common ground in life or politics, but as Christians, we can all agree that “Jesus loves...” me, you, us, and even them over there “for the bible tells me so.”

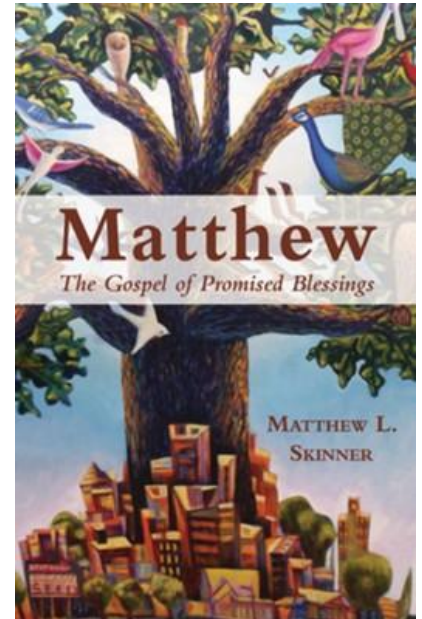


Summer Bible Study

This summer, you have an opportunity to take a deeper dive into the stories and teachings of Jesus in the first book of the New Testament using the book, "Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings," by Matthew Skinner.

You can purchase it through [Christianbook](#), [Amazon](#), or [Barnes & Noble](#). In addition, the author has made video pieces for each chapter, so if you'd rather not read, you could watch the video and come prepared to discuss.

An introductory video on the study can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiXPpeI0xiA>



Mark your calendars for July 12 & 26, and August 2, 16 & 23.

Each discussion will be independent, so join as much as your schedule allows.

We will meet in the Parlor after Worship on those six Summer Sundays.

Announcing Church Leadership

During the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 28th, new Church Council members were elected, as follows:

1st three-year term: Craig Beyer, Alisa Corbett, James Koppenal,

2nd three-year term: Marie Johnsson,

One-year term: Gloria Cooper & Art DeRose.

Also elected were new Endowment Committee members, Lynn Schott & Karen McAleer.

Congratulations, electees!

And thank you to outgoing council officers, Josh Abrahamson, Karen Sajban & Barbara Westerberg and endowment members, Ed Cleaver & Ken DeAngelis. Your years of service are most appreciated!

Memorials Update

Since the last detailed report in December 2025 TIPS, gifts have been given to the St. Timothy Memorial Fund in memory of: Ken and Betty Jones, Elizabeth (Betty) Hancock, aunt of Lynn Schott, Peter Johanson, Ray Lender and to the Organ Repair Fund in memory of Louise Hawkridge.

Through memorial funds, we have purchased 4 cases of Eternal Light candles.

We appreciate the partial repayments to loans from the Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Funds. We hope to be able to offer financial support to additional students this fall.



Two Memorial Garden pavers have been purchased during this period; our paver total stands at 119. 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!

Newsletter September edition

As things ramp up for the new program year, September news is at one of the highest of the year. Deb requests TIPS submitters be on time with content so she has plenty of time to synthesize the high volume into a meaningful kick-off newsletter. The deadline is the normal second Monday of the month, August 10th. Early would be even better!



Christian Education 2026 Wrap-up



Another year of Sunday School has wrapped up already. I feel like it just started. We covered a lot this year, just like every year. And, even with all the snow we still got it done! We really saw God's helping hand. The Christian Education Committee wants to acknowledge all of the Sunday School and Confirmation students (parents and grandparents too) for another great year of learning about who loves us the most, God. And, what His greatest gift to us is, Jesus! And, the two greatest commandments, to love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

A quote from Robert Heinlein., "When one teaches, two learn." This is so true. I've been teaching for over 25 years and I still learn something each time I teach. Now that being said, teaching Sunday School and Confirmation is very rewarding. And, it takes a lot of dedication and devotion. We have a great crew of teachers here at St. Timothy. Today we would like to celebrate them. In our Godly Play class, we have Garey Goskowski, Elissa Scillieri, Adam Johnsson, Gloria Cooper, Maggie Cooper and myself. In our 4th grade class, we have Cliff Konnerth, Deanna Fagan and myself. Our confirmation class is instructed by Jeff Riotto and Pastor. Fallon Goskowski enjoys leading the Adult Sunday School that is held in The SonRise Bistro at 9:15 on Sundays. And last, but not least is Josh Abrahamson who gives our acolytes great training. To honor all of our teachers, St. Timothy will make a donation of \$200 to the ELCA Good Gifts program. We are donating a goat and a flock of chicks, 5 Bibles and to help serve 20 people at a soup kitchen.

Once again thank you all!

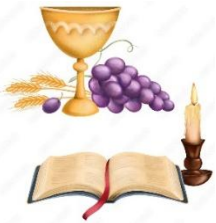
Laura Dec



Weekly Tuesday Events ~ July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

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 5th 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.

During the summertime when Pastor is away, Anne Loffredo often steps in to lead the group rather than cancel the session. Thanks Anne!

Restaurant Fundraiser to support Heart 'n Hands ~ July 9th

P.F. Chang's reached out to our mission and made an offer not to be refused! Consider joining us for a delicious meal at the Dine to Donate event at Wayne's Willowbrook Mall location from 4-8 pm on July 9th.



Heart 'n Hands will receive 10% back on all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales generated by participants. If you dine-in, please mention your support of Heart 'n Hands. For pickup and delivery orders placed online (pfchangs.com) or via app, please use promo code D2D26.

Pick up a flyer at church for complete details.
We hope to see you there!



Angels Circle ~ July 8th and 22nd , August 12th and 26th



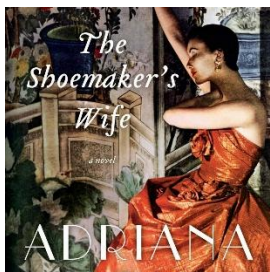
The Angels Circle plans to meet according to their regular schedule (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month) over the summer. If you'd like to help with the quilts but can't attend in person, we have kits that can be sewn at home. Kits and thread are in the fellowship hall. Feel free to pick up one or two and return them when complete.

Volunteers are needed in person or at home.

We appreciate all helpers as do the recipients of these quilts.

Nellie's Knit & Crochet group is taking the summer off and will start back up on Wednesday, September 23rd at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Bookworms Book Club ~ July 11th



The majestic and haunting beauty of the Italian Alps is the setting of the first meeting of Enza, a practical beauty, and Ciro, a strapping mountain boy, who meet as teenagers, despite growing up in villages just a few miles apart. At the turn of the last century, when Ciro catches the local priest in a scandal, he is banished from his village and sent to hide in America as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Little Italy. Without explanation, he leaves a bereft Enza behind. Soon, Enza's family faces disaster and she, too, is forced to go to America with her father to secure their future.

Unbeknownst to one another, they both build fledgling lives in America, Ciro masters shoemaking and Enza takes a factory job in Hoboken until fate intervenes and reunites them. But it is too late: Ciro has volunteered to serve in World War I and Enza, determined to forge a life without him, begins her impressive career as a seamstress at the Metropolitan Opera House that will sweep her into the glamorous salons of Manhattan and into the life of the international singing sensation, Enrico Caruso.

This riveting historical epic of love and family, war and loss, risk and destiny is the novel Adriana Trigiani was born to write, one inspired by her own family history and the love of tradition that has propelled her body of bestselling novels to international acclaim. Like Lucia, Lucia, The Shoemaker's Wife defines an era with clarity and splendor, with operatic scope and a vivid cast of characters who will live on in the imaginations of readers for years to come.

—from goodreads

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.



Hymn Sing @ Alps at Wayne ~ July 15th and August 19th



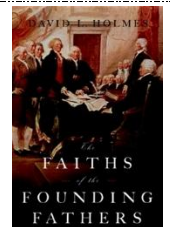
Spend an hour engaging the shut-in and rehabilitating population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

Students needing Community Service hours - this is a fine way to check off some requirements! Our singers go once a month generally on the third Wednesday, even over the summer.

Meet in the Lobby at 10am – 1120 Alps Road, Wayne New Jersey.
Questions? See Carolyn Russo

Adult Book Group ~ July 16th and August 20th

We'll soon begin to read The Faiths of the Founding Fathers, by David Holmes in view of our nation's 250th anniversary.

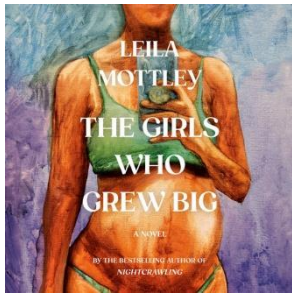


We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Each session is stand-alone, so jumping in at the middle is fine!

The discussion is lighthearted, fun, interesting and always helpful to our own understanding of the foundations of our Christian heritage.

Seek out Barbara Westerberg if interested in joining

Bookworms Book Club ~ August 8th



Adela Woods is sixteen years old and pregnant. Her parents banish her from her comfortable upbringing in Indiana to her grandmother's home in the small town of Padua Beach, Florida. When she arrives, Adela meets Emory, who brings her newborn to high school, determined to graduate despite the odds;

Simone, mother of four-year-old twins, who weighs an abortion in the heart of the South; and the rest of the Girls, a group of outcast young moms who raise their growing brood in the back of Simone's red truck.

The town thinks the Girls have lost their way, but really they are finding it: looking for love, making and breaking friendships, and navigating the miracle of motherhood and the paradox of girlhood.

Full of heart and life and hope, set against the shifting sands of these friends' secrets and betrayals, *The Girls Who Grew Big* confirms Leila Mottley's promise and offers an explosive new perspective on what it means to be a young woman. *—from the author's website*

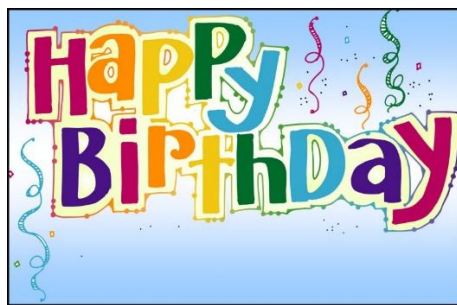
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Church Picnic~ August 22nd



Did you know that Pastor Kimberly's involvement extends beyond St. Timothy? She actively participates in the Wayne Clergy Council for townwide events such as the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. The summer, the Council is sponsoring a picnic for all congregations! Mark your calendar for August 22nd. Details will follow in bulletins and eblasts.



7/1 Ian Kremen
 7/3 Clayton Davidson
 7/3 Tiffany Kellstrom
 7/3 Lynn Schott
 7/5 Alisa Corbett
 7/5 Spencer Eggers
 7/5 Marcia Schloesser
 7/8 Carl Johnson
 7/9 Pat Winters
 7/10 Judy Knoblauch
 7/11 Ashley Serventi
 7/14 Irma Enders
 7/15 Eddy Schloesser
 7/20 James Koppenal
 7/20 Alexa Serventi
 7/21 Charles Riotto
 7/22 Carin Wantula
 7/24 June Bierwas

7/25 Maxwell Amico
 7/26 Cindy Gaffney
 7/26 Anne Loffredo
 7/27 Nancy Farina
 7/30 Compton Cooper
 7/30 Garey Goskowski
 7/31 Carol Neilson



8/2 Carly Beyer
 8/3 Pam Griffin
 8/5 Sandra DeRose
 8/5 Barbara Koegel
 8/6 Magdalene Cooper
 8/7 Thomas Sajban
 8/8 Kaila Gabel
 8/10 Colin Bedi
 8/10 Fred Dittmer
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 8/13 Claire Brassel
 8/14 Nicole Hittner
 8/16 Lois Clapp
 8/17 Nancy Konnerth
 8/18 Karen McAleer
 8/18 Valerie McGrath
 8/18 Chuck Riotto
 8/19 Karen Sajban
 8/21 Jayden Fagan
 8/21 Janis Neilson
 8/23 Matt Englesbe
 8/24 Tricia Kellstrom
 8/26 Laura Fetherston
 8/26 Patrick Loftus
 8/28 Riitta Englesbe
 8/29 James Leon
 8/29 Monica Schneider
 8/30 Andrew Inciardi
 8/30 Jaclyn Sajban
 8/31 Andrew Venturelli



7/1 Carl & Margaretha Johnson
 7/6 Robert & Debbie Andersen
 7/6 Andrew & Connie Venturelli
 7/9 Bill & Monica Mains
 7/10 Eddy & Marcia Schloesser
 7/12 Bob & Loretta Kratky
 7/25 Conrad & Dawn Brassel
 8/1 Carol & Douglas Gabel
 8/12 Craig & Marie Beyer
 8/20 Russell & Gloria Everett
 8/26 George & Jacqueline Serventi



Coming Mid-Late August



TIPS Contributions for September Edition ~ due August 10th

Sunday School Registration

Coffee Hour Sign-ups



Coming in September



**Sunday School Kick-off ~ Sunday after Labor Day,
with start of classes the following week**

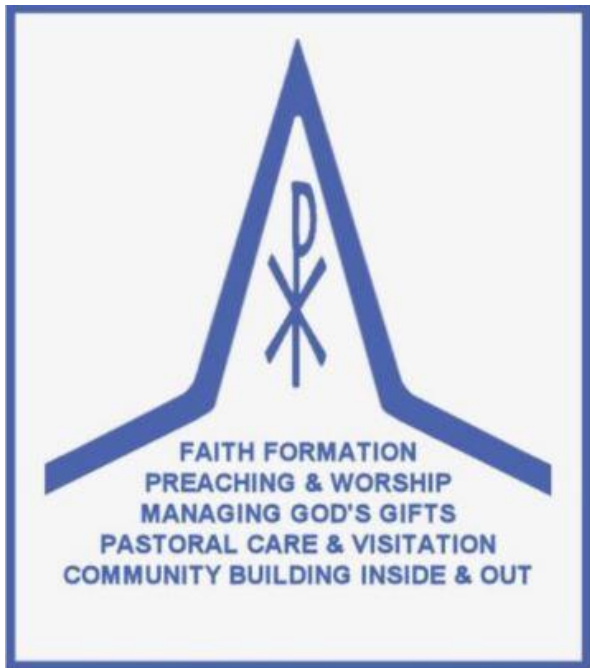


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July 5	Nancy Farina	Laura Dec Lori VanDerStad	Marie Beyer	Garey Goskowski	Colleen Duffy	Craig Beyer
July 12	Karen Sajban	Sue & Chris Phelan	Carolyn Russo	Art DeRose	Robin Koegel	Samantha DeRose
July 19	Valerie McGrath	Jeff Riotto Doug Zangrilli	Marie Beyer	Carolyn Russo	Lori VanDerStad	Craig Beyer
July 26	Lori VanDerStad	Karen McAleer Laura Dec	Garey Goskowski	Laura Dec	Fallon Goskowski	Compton Cooper

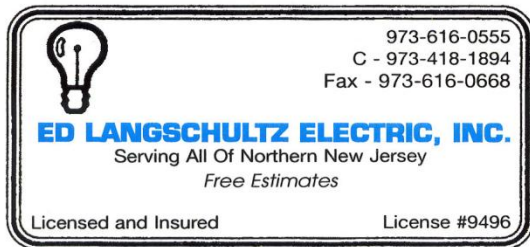


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August 2	Terri Loftus	Tom Sajban Doug Zangrilli	Fallon Goskowski	Karen McAleer	Marie Beyer	Karen Sajban
August 9	Nancy Farina	Tom Sajban Lori VanDerStad	Carolyn Russo	TBD	Garey Goskowski	Karen Sajban
August 16	Valerie McGrath	Chris & Sue Phelan	TBD	Carolyn Russo	Colleen Duffy	Samantha DeRose
August 23	Karen Sajban Debbie Andersen	Lori VanDerStad Karen McAleer	TBD	Laura Dec	Robin Koegel	Compton Cooper
August 30	Lori VanDerStad	Laura Dec Karen McAleer	Marie Beyer	Fallon Goskowski	Jeff Riotto	Craig Beyer

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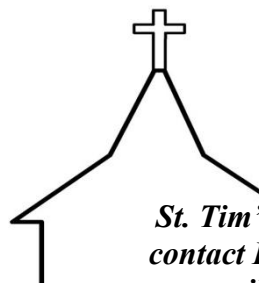


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