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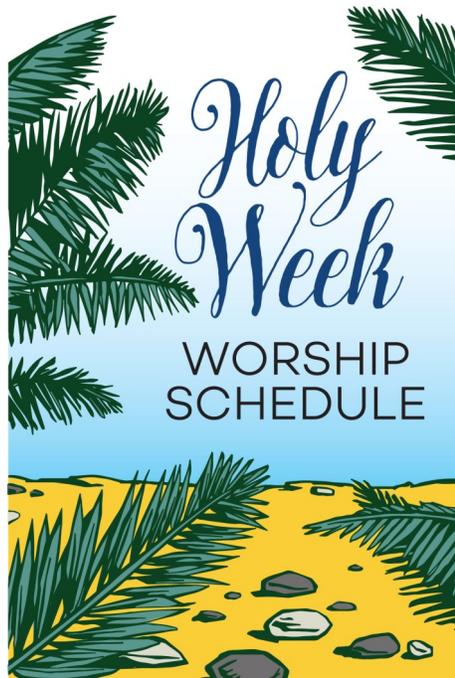
Timothy's epistle

April 2017



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Maundy Thursday
11:00 am and 7:30 pm
(with communion)

Good Friday
7:30 pm

Easter Sunday
8:30 and 11:00 am
(Both Services with Communion)

Voters Meeting

Sunday, May 7th after Late Service
(This meeting concerns the budget)



**Barbara
Bowler,
Director**

ECE mission statement

- To serve as a Ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church
- To share Jesus' love with children and families
- To provide academically excellent Christian education to children and their families in a safe, loving environment

Preschool news

Dear Friends,

To me, it seems like this year has just begun, and we are already planning for year-end festivities. Sometimes I feel like our time is spent planning and we are left looking behind (or ahead), missing what was right in front of us! This reminds me of one of my favorite verses: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33.

As we approach Easter Sunday, with the fun of Easter egg hunts and parties, we celebrate the gift that God has given us in His son. Our children have learned the story, yes, of Jesus' death on the cross, but more importantly, the good news of the empty tomb on Easter! "Jesus is not here! He has risen!" How awesome to hear these words from our little ones! It is times like these that our teachers and I often say that we have the best job in the world!

With a Grateful Heart,

Barb Bowler

Church and Preschool Family Campfire

Please save the date and join us for our Annual Family Campfire on April 21 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We build two campfires and supply hotdogs, marshmallows and drinks for all. There is story-telling and lots of fun for the children and adults.

Preschool news Cont.

We have two “official” opportunities for the church and preschool to come together to meet and this is one of them (along with Trunk n’ Treat in October). We would love to see everyone there together! Please call Barb if you have any questions at 770-757-7394.

Preschool Happenings

April

3 - 7	Spring Break – No School
12 & 13	Egg Hunts & Easter
19 & 20	Ms. Carol Storytelling
21	Family Campfire
24 & 25	Teacher Appreciation
26 & 27	Carnival
28	Parent’s Night Out

May

3 & 4	Muffins with Moms
8 – 12	Timothy Beach
11	Graduation
12	Last Day of School

Preschool news Cont.

“Lunch Bunch Leprechauns”





Pastor's corner

On April 19 (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.) we will celebrate the greatest festival day of the church year: The Resurrection of our Lord (otherwise known as Easter Sunday)!

But this year let me urge you to celebrate not just one, but **five**, Easters. That's right, *five* of them!

Let me explain what I mean. I recently re-read an article by a pastor named Herbert Hohenstein, in which he discussed the five "layers" of our Easter celebration. We don't want to miss the joy or significance of any of them.

The **first** Easter to celebrate, of course is that glorious Sunday centuries ago when Jesus our Savior emerged out of his tomb, raised from death, alive again and forevermore. In so doing he became our death-defeating, grave-conquering Savior!

But there's a **second** Easter to celebrate, too: The day of our baptism. For, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 6, in this word-and-water miracle we were forever joined and united to Jesus, crucified and risen. Which means that, in a beautiful and blessed baptismal sense, whatever happened to Jesus has already happened to us. His death for sin counts for us; our guilt before God is forever removed. His resurrection is ours, too—a new life in God's love that literally lasts forever, which begins now and which will be fully realized in heaven.

You also have a **third** Easter in which to rejoice: Every Sunday service! Why was Sunday the day those first Christians chose on which to worship, when the previous practice had been to worship on Saturday (the Old Testament Sabbath)? Quite obviously because Sunday was the day Jesus rose and robbed death of its sting and the grave of its victory. In His Word and at His Table every Sunday, Jesus comes into our midst just as he did for his first disciples on the first Easter, breathing his Spirit upon us, forgiving our sins, and even letting us touch and handle Him as we receive His true body with the bread of Holy Communion, and His true blood with the wine. Every Sunday service, he makes a personal Resurrection appearance to you! Take advantage of this miraculous opportunity! There is no such thing as an "ordinary" Sunday.

There's a **fourth** Easter, too: The way we think, feel, speak, act, and live every day. Each day is an Easter as we rise and live every moment as a precious gift from God, viewing what we do from the perspective of eternity. Truly, our future has no end to it—not even physical death stops it. That brings peace to our lives that helps us ride out and overcome all our day-to-day difficulties, and helps us prioritize what we will strive after. The Risen Christ has gifted us with the "Big Picture"—and what a blessing that is!

Which leads to the **fifth** and final Easter I encourage you to celebrate: The one to come! On some near or distant day, the risen Christ will return, speak the reviving, resurrecting word, then call us forth from our graves with those whom we have loved and laid to rest. And then what? You will experience life, love, and laughter that will never end! There is an Easter to come that you can already celebrate in anticipation: The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting--and an eternity of joy beyond our wildest hopes and dreams.

So: Happy five Easters to you! Recognize, celebrate, and thank Jesus for each and every one of them!

ARMED FORCES submitted by Amy Brown

Armed Forces Sunday Set for May 21st

This year we will celebrate Armed Forces Sunday on May 21st.

If You Are a Veteran or Have Relatives that Are Currently Serving

- **If you are a vet:** If you served in the Armed Forces please check the list of veterans in the sign-up area next to the church mailboxes to ensure that you are on it. If not, please add your name, branch of service, and years of service to the list.
- **New members that are vets - call for photos:** If you joined Timothy in the last year and are a vet, please provide a photo (in uniform is best but if you do not have a photo in uniform any photo will do) to Jack Basler, including your name. The photos will be returned to you. They will be used during the Armed Forces Sunday services.
- **If you have relatives currently serving:** If you have relatives that are currently serving, please contact Amy Brown with the following information on your relative: name, rank, branch of service, location currently serving at (base and state, or country), and photo (preferably in uniform)

New this year - Display of Memorabilia

If you have mementoes from your time of service we would like to display these before and after the services on Armed Forces Sunday. Items could include things like your boot camp commencement program, photos from where you were stationed or the ship you served on, medals, mess kit, etc. If you have something you would like to display, please contact Amy.

New Members

Terri & Peter (Pete) Greer

Terri and Pete were both born in White Plains, N.Y. They moved from Michigan to Georgia to be near their daughter and her family (2 grandkids). Pete was a process chemical engineer and Terri is a retired Lutheran School teacher having taught grades 2 – 5, along with play director, science coordinator and field day director. Pete likes to golf, play cards and go hiking. He is great at fixing things but Terri doesn't know if he enjoys it. Terri is an avid reader, likes nature and hiking, walking and bike riding. She also enjoys crafting and decorating.

The Greers visited Timothy because our church is near their new home but were referred by former TLC members Karen and Greg Jones, who attend St. John Lutheran Church in New Boston, Michigan.



This and That

Blue Bag Brigade

With delightful spring weather here, volunteers are needed to hit the streets in the 30114 & 30188 zipcodes to deliver our informative TLC material to new home owners. John Hornberger has assembled the blue bags and they are ready for distribution. Contact John, johnhornberger@bellsouth.net if you are interested in handing out info about our church. Good News about our resurrected Lord needs to be shared with others.

Thank you For Work Day Help!



A big thanks to the following members who came out to help at the Spring (outdoor) Work Day on March 18th:

Bob Erickson, Gail Goeddeke, Ron Hendricks, Jared Hopewell, Brian Howe, Michelle Roskovich, Marlene and Don Snyder, Jeanne Scursso, and Jim Taylor. We were able to spread pine straw and mulch in all of the most visible areas, as well as do some tree trimming.

Suzanne Forman & Amy Brown

The Landscape Committee

TLC Youth news

TLC YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday April 2nd

6:30 to 8:30 at the church

This event is for TLC YOUTH –

THRIVE grades 6-8 and LIVE grades 9-12 only

Never know what we will do like games, board games, movies, creative activities, devotions but we will surely have FUN!

ATTN: CONGREGATION!!!

If you signed up for Easter Breakfast donations,

please be sure to deliver them

by **Saturday April 15th between 10:00am and 12:00pm.**

You can deliver them earlier in the week if you wish.

Just mark for YOUTH and place in the kitchen frig.

Have bacon and sausage links cooked half way!

It helps us out! Thank you so much!

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser WEEK-END is APRIL 15-16!

Our Easter prep is on Saturday April 15th from 10:00am to Noon!

We need help setting up tables, decorations, etc and a little pre-cooking if needed.

Our Annual Youth Easter Breakfast on April 16th starts at 7am that morning of Sunday April 16th. Breakfast continues for us til 10:55am with clean up. **ALL youth and parents, please sign up on**

the Easter Volunteer sheet on our

Youth board and come help us fix a complete breakfast for our whole congregation and visitors! *This is our biggest event of the year and we need all the help we can to make it successful!*

Our Youth “PPP: Pizza, Planning, Praise” will be on

Sunday April 23rd

6:00 - 8:30pm at the church

This event is for TLC YOUTH –

THRIVE grades 6-8 and LIVE grades 9-12 only

We will have delicious pizza and dessert, important planning, an interactive devotion with lots of fun! You don't want to miss it!

If you are not on our email youth listing, please let us know so that we can start sending you emails for updates and reminders! Please see all current

news and info on the Youth Board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Cindy Schuster -

TLC Youth Director at [nut-](mailto:nut-meg1197@aol.com)

meg1197@aol.com or 404-754-9978

(texting# or call#) and let us know if you are planning to attend any of these events.

This is also extremely helpful in knowing how much food, etc we will need. Thank

you!

Trustees submitted by John Hornberger

Timothy's Cupboard Floor Repair: - The normal range of adjustment would not allow the vertical refrigerators/freezers to be leveled due to the sagging floor in the south-west room of the old cupboard. Don Snyder verified this and in mid-February, he, Lyle Hilliard, Mike Lawson and Lawson Knoté entered the crawl space with bottle jacks and 4x6 beams to reinforce the center of the room to make the floor level.



Don Snyder, Dennis Avery, Ken Hill & Lawson Knoté

By March 9th weekend Don Snyder had assembled a team to move the refrigerators/freezers out, remove the tile, the wooden underlayment, install new underlayment, lay new vinyl plank flooring, add toe molding, re-install the refrigerator/freezer doors, move the refrigerators/freezers back in place, level them and clean-up. The team was Dennis Avery, Rebecca Avery, Jeannie Bernerth, Ken Hill, John Hornberger, Lawson Knoté, and Mike Lawson,

All the refrigerators/freezers leveled with the front higher than the back by ¼ to ½ inch.

A Big Thanks to All!



Don Snyder, Ken Hill, Rebecca Avery, Mike Lawson & Lawson Knoté

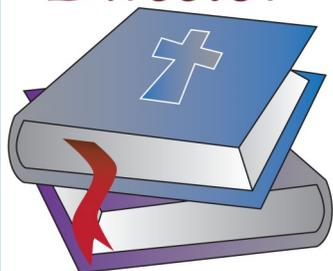


With the new floor installed, Dennis Avery & Lawson Knoté install doors and level.



Dennis Avery, Rebecca Avery and Don Snyder

Christian Education Director



Submitted by Dan
Bartell



Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Morning, April 16th at 10:15AM. For children ages two through the 5th grade. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **We also need donated plastic eggs filled with either candy or stickers** - see sign-up sheet in Narthex. Please drop off your donated (filled) eggs by Maundy Thursday (April 13th) in the basket under the sign-up sheet. Questions? Please contact Elisabeth Constien (liesel68@juno.com) or Amy Brown (brown1957@comcast.net).

Volunteers Needed to Hide Easter Eggs. We are in need of two people to hide eggs on Easter morning before 9:30AM. If you can help, please contact Elisabeth Constien.

Note – there is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on Easter Sunday – enjoy the Easter Breakfast!

Save the Date - June 12 -16: Vacation Bible School Coming to TLC

A big thanks to Barb Bowler for being in charge of the pre-school-aged children for VBS once again. Both Barb and Michelle Roskovich are hard at work getting the week of VBS organized.

On-line registration for members is open starting at noon on May 1st, and for non-members starting May 3rd. Go to www.tlcwoodstock.org to register. **There is a fee of \$10 per child**, but the fee is waived for anyone that volunteers (must register either May 1 or 2 for the free admission).

We are in need of the following volunteers during the week:

- Station leaders
- Crew leaders (adults and teen assistants)
- Snack preparation assistants

If you can help, please contact Michelle or Barb (see contact info below), or Elisabeth Constien or Amy Brown.

The following items are needed to help decorate: Styrofoam “To Go” lunch or dinner containers, egg cartons, empty paper towel rolls, and empty larger sturdy rolls. Please place them in the designated box near the mailboxes.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Roskovich at mdroskovich@gmail.com or Barb Bowler at barbara.bowler@comcast.net.

Thanks and Good Luck to David Snyder

We would like to thank David Snyder for his ministry over the past several years of serving as the substitute Sunday School teacher for the Middle School-aged children. Good luck to David as he moves out of the area to start his career.

More Christian Ed

Children's Sunday School

Classes are available for children from ages two through 18.

The curriculum for the pre-school through 8th grade classes is Concordia Publishing House's "Growing in Christ" series, with this semester focusing on New Testament lessons around the theme "Jesus Shows He Is True God".

The High School class is using a series of lessons called "Encounter God".

Adult Bible Study

Timothy offers three adult bible studies each week:

Pastor's Sunday morning class at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall will continue to study the Ten Commandments in light of Luther's Small Catechism on April 2 and 9, and will study a post- Easter topic (TBD) starting on April 23rd.

The Wired Word class, led by members of the class, at 9:45AM on Sundays in the conference room outside of Pastor's office. During Lent the class is studying a Lenten-related topic. Otherwise, the class focuses on a topic in the news from the past week.

Pastor's Wednesday morning class at 11:00AM will start up once again on April 19th after its Lenten break with the study of "1st Peter: God's Chosen People".

Sunday School/Bible Study Mission Offering – Stepping Stone Mission

For the month of April we will be collecting for the Stepping Stone Mission, a ministry to homeless men and women in the Atlanta area. For more information visit:

www.stepsingstonemission.net

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



Joe & Karen Hurst	3
Dennis & Sharon Bermingham	15
Brian & Nancy Pomrenke	15
Will & Kim Fanning	21
Chris & Susan Riefe	30

Joel Frantz	1
Charlene Stark	4
Jacob Erbe	5
Bill Chastain	7
Erik Riefe	8
Samantha Niss	9
John Ross	9
Janet Zimmerman	9
Jesse Marks	10
David McLain	11
Maria Jordan	13
Roxanne Kelly	13
Ken Hill	14
Sue Burmeister	16
Lois Niss	19
Debbie Lane	20
Rosanne Martin	20
Linda Mehlop	20
Keegan Frantz	21
Amanda Hurst	21
Charles Rainbow	22
Sharon Utych	23
Nicholas DeLaigle	24
Will Fanning	25
Ava Jordan	26
Marcelina Sullivan	26
Janet Bardonner	27
Beth Power	27
Al Dingler	28
Kayla Horne	30
Rhonda Sandy	30



Please join us on Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 pm for supper during Lent.



Motorcycle Club submitted by Bob Sullivan

Bell Mountain Ride--March 11, 2017

Well we had it all, sun, clouds, cold, wind, rain, and snow...but we had a blast.

No sooner than the five of us (Richard, Al, Jarrod, Garrett and yours truly) headed north from Hickory Flat we could see dark clouds forming far to the north. Probably we thought, that's the rain they forecasted for late afternoon.

Our plan was to ride over to Silver City then up Ga 9 and cross country to catch Ga 115 near Garland on our way to Cleveland's McD to meet Tad and Mel coming up from more eastern areas. But you know about plans. Soon after we got to Silver City we came upon warning signs about a road closure. Sure enough Ga 9 was closed north of Dawson Forest. We changed plans and crossed Ga 400 onto Ga 136 and after negotiating cross country, picked up Ga 115 and headed to Cleveland as planned. In Cleveland we got to study the workings of the McD franchise and interview locals in the parking lot, while Mel and Tad scouted a new route to Cleveland via Tallulah Falls.

Once the seven of us were together we rode toward Helen but wisely turned east at the Indian Mound and again north at Sautee Nacoochee. Soon we were on Smuggler's Road passing Lake Burton and Moccasin Creek State Park, on the way to Lookout Mountain Scenic Parkway (aka US 76). Turning west onto US 76 we rode over to Hiawassee for lunch (Ga Mountain Restaurant) and talk about what we would find riding up Bell Mountain. Would the grade and hairpin turns be a hazard if jeeps were on the "trail"? Would the three scooters, without engine braking to speak of, overheat their brakes on the way down? These and other concerns were put to rest by Jarrod, who had been up the mountain on his dual sport before, and some of the locals who reassured us as well.

Right they were. Yes it was a steep slope and the switch backs were tight and often close together, but unless you met head on with a four wheeler with a nervous driver, it was very doable, even pleasant. On top the view was fantastic, and if you climbed the new stairs to the very top, a 360 degree view was afforded.



(l-r) Garrett, Mel, Al, Bob, Jarrod, Richard, Tad

From on top we could see snow beginning to form on some distant mountains in North Carolina. By the time we headed down Bell, snow flurries were frequent and, and at the lower elevations rain showers started off and on.

Here's a video of the trip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kDRFVJl8To>

The ride home was down Ga 75, again bypassing Helen. After a stop in Dahlonega at the top of Ga 400 we were back in Hickory Flat within an hour.

It seems everyone enjoyed the adventure. Total mileage was around 210 (more if you came via Tallulah Falls LOL)

Kids page

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

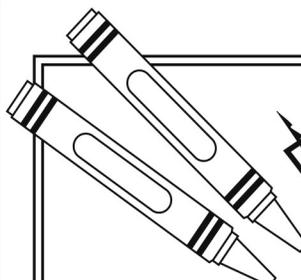
What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

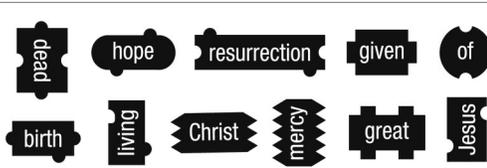


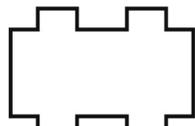
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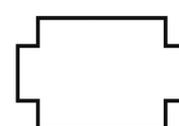
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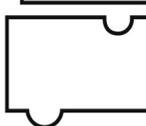
How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

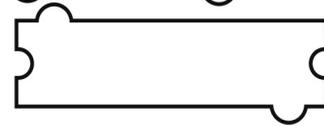
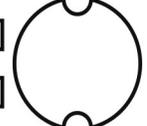
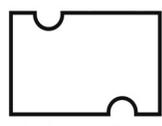
Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

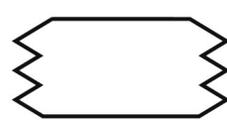
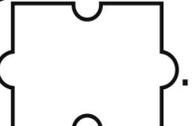


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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV