

# Timothy's Epistle

March 2018



## Dates to Remember

March 2	4 pm—9 pm—Parent's Night Out
March 7	11 am—Lenten Service 7:30 pm—Lenten Service
March 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 14	11 am—Lenten Service 7:30 pm—Lenten Service
March 21	11 am—Lenten Service 7:30 pm—Lenten Service
March 24	5 pm—7:30 pm—Family Movie Night
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	MAUNDY THURSDAY—11 am Service/Communion 7:30 Service/Communion
March 30	GOOD FRIDAY— <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 7:30 pm Service
April 1	EASTER SUNDAY—8:30 am Service/Communion 11 am Service/Communion



# Pastor's Corner

There is an old African-American spiritual that is in the Lenten hymn section of our Lutheran Service Book, entitled "Were You There?"

Verse one is as follows:

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

The subsequent verses ask:

*"Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?"  
"Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?"  
"Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?"*

This spiritual compels us to bridge time and space, and place ourselves squarely in events central to the Christian faith. It causes us to tremble as we ponder our involvement: *"Were YOU there ... when the events of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection occurred?"*

In many churches (including our own) during this Lenten season, a large wooden cross is placed in the sanctuary to become a central focus. As we sing "Were You There," and all the other Lenten hymns, and hear the Passion readings, we feel deep emotion as we look at that cross and contemplate the death of Jesus. And there is little doubt that somehow, by faith, what had taken place back then in Bible times really is part of the present. And the present, filled with burden and guilt, somehow is transported back to the day when Christ himself was lifted up.

2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us the meaning of what happened on that cross: "God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us." The sinless Son of God took upon himself all the guilt of all our sin, and God judged it once and for all with Jesus' death and condemnation. But 2 Corinthians 5:21 continues: "So that *in him* we might become the righteousness of God." "In Him," i.e., "in Christ"—which is a New Testament phrase referring to our baptism into Christ—we are considered to have the righteousness, holiness and innocence of Jesus in God's sight! Paul affirms this again in Romans 6 when he says that we have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. That means that all the saving benefits of what Jesus accomplished on Good Friday and Easter are ours personally, even now. By the power of this Good News we confess our sins each day and leave them on the cross, and, with God's forgiveness, we rise to new life with the risen Christ, anticipating the fullness of life that will be ours when he grants us the resurrection of the body on the Last Day.

So, for us Christians, in the mystery of God, time ceases as we celebrate these things. The past is made present and the present is taken to the past. Even now in faith we are given a share in Jesus' past victory and a foretaste of our heavenly future.

Please come to our Holy Week services-- Palm Sunday, March 25 (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.), Maundy Thursday, March 29 (11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.), Good Friday, March 30 (7:30 p.m. only), and Easter Sunday, April 1 (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.). Holy Week, indeed the whole of the church year, is not simply the remembering of the teachings and events of Jesus' life in the past. The liturgies take us deeply into the life of Jesus, into the mysteries of God and the gift of salvation, that we may receive them and be renewed by them yet again.

*"Were YOU there when they crucified my Lord?" "Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?" "Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?" "Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?"* Yes you were, and so was I. Let's participate in those blessed events again this year, and rejoice in our salvation!



Barbara  
Bowler,  
Director

# Preschool News

## Timothy's Preschool:

- Has served their congregation and community for 32 years
- Is blessed with a capable, nurturing staff
- Has age-appropriate learning through play for children ages 18 months - 6 years
- Offers integrated academic and religious curriculum
- Is NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation) accredited since 2004
- Teaches Transitional Kindergarten in a personal classroom environment that meets individual student needs
- Has extended the operating hours from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Gives Timothy members a 15% tuition discount

Prepares you little ones for success in later learning!

Call Barbara Bowler for more information or to visit the school: 770.924.7995

Most classes are filled for the upcoming school year, but we are accepting names for our wait list. Please check our website for the most current availability.

### 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

## Parent's Night Out

Join us on March 2nd, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (or anytime in between) for our quarterly Parent's Night Out. This is an evening open to congregation and preschool children which provides children with a fun and safe time at our preschool while the parents have some fun of their own. Supper is included and is served around 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5/hour per child and \$4/hour for each sibling. Ages are 18 months to 8 years old. Please call or email Barbara Bowler if you have any questions or would like to register.

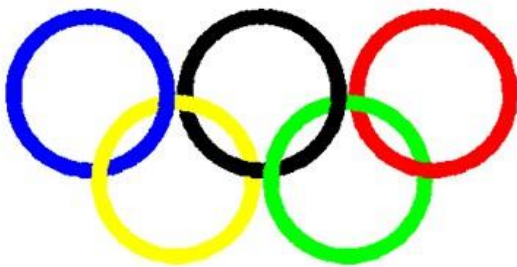
## We Appreciate You!

Thank you to all of those who have helped with our preschool events these past months. We couldn't have done it without you!

## March Preschool Happenings

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March 2	Parent's Night Out
March 14 & 15	Donuts with Dads
March 21 & 22	Ms. Carol Story Telling
March 30	Snow Make-Up Day



Ms. Melissa's class got into the Olympic spirit today while learning about the letter O! We learned the history of the games, the meaning and colors of the Olympic rings, and made Olympic torches. At the end of the day we were all winners, and received gold medals!



## Get To Know Your Elder

As the incoming Chairman of the Board of Elders, and a new elder myself, I have had to learn about how to become a good elder and what it is we do. We have all seen the elders at the services help the Pastor with Communion and Baptisms. However, the primary concern of the Board of Elders is the spiritual life of the whole Congregation and of the individual members specifically. Every member has an elder assigned to them and can reach out to them for help at any time. I think that too often this is forgotten or the member does not know who their elder is. Our current roster of elders is:

Pastor Constien  
 John Dicks  
 Larry Kastens  
 Jim Taylor  
 Wally Kelly  
 Bob Erickson  
 Eric Symonds  
 Dan Bartell  
 Roger Hecht

We recently lost some elders and picked up some. Consequently, member assignments have changed and the new assignments are posted on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office window. Please look at the list and make sure you know who your elder is. If you don't already have a personal relationship with your elder, please make a point to introduce yourself. He may have a name but not a face, so an introduction from you would be appreciated.

Remember, the elders are there for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Christ,

John Dicks

### Rewoven

After Jen Hatmaker's dog shredded an heirloom baby blanket, she piled up the dirty yarn and asked her mother-in-law to somehow reassemble the original. In *Of Mess and Moxie* (Nelson Books), Hatmaker explains how this is a picture of God's sovereign work.

When our lives are tattered by sin and suffering, God doesn't start from scratch or create a replica. Instead, he uses the original threads to reweave a stronger version and to restore beauty. (Interestingly, when Joseph tells his brothers in Genesis 50:20 [ESV], "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good," the word meant is Hebrew for wove.)

"Nothing bears a better witness than watching God resurrect someone's life," writes Hatmaker. "That is a God who folks want to know, a God worth his glory."

## Lutheran Coalition for Habitat House Build – 2018

The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat, a group of 11 northwest Metro Atlanta churches will be working on two houses again this year. We were able to sponsor a half of a house for \$40,000 located at 147 Gramling Street in Marietta and support another house on Kemp Drive in Acworth with \$10,000. With these two houses we will need volunteers to help build 5 days in Marietta and two days in Acworth. Below is listed the build dates, house location and the scheduled work for each day. Anyone 16 or older can help to build and you do not need carpenter skills to help. This is a great opportunity to learn house building skills and techniques while helping a very deserving family get a decent home to live in and raise their children. It is always a fun and rewarding time as well as educational. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please call or text Don Snyder at 770-337-5908 or email me at [dongsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:dongsnyder@gmail.com) to learn more and help you get signed up.

2018 Lutheran Coalition Build				
Day	Date	Work	Address	Start Time
1	7-Apr	Interior Framing	147 Gramling St, Marietta	7:45
2	14-Apr	Insulation/Siding	147 Gramling St, Marietta	7:45
3	21-Apr	Exterior Painting	147 Gramling St, Marietta	7:45
4	5-May	Interior Painting	147 Gramling St, Marietta	7:45
5	12-May	Paint/Trimwork	147 Gramling St, Marietta	7:45
6	2-Jun	Siding	6017 Kemp Drive, Acworth	8:45
7	9-Jun	Siding	6017 Kemp Drive, Acworth	9:45

## TLC Endowment Fund Total Now Over \$45,000

**As of the end of 2017, the Timothy Lutheran Church Endowment Fund balance is now over \$45,000!** The Fund earned approximately \$3,400 in income in 2017.

Once the Fund reaches \$50,000, the income (earnings) can be distributed to the designated ministries that are outlined in the Fund Bylaws.

**Please consider giving to the Endowment Fund.** Donations to the Fund given today are a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor others, celebrate special events, or thank God for his many blessings to you. There are several categories within the Fund that you can designate that your donation go towards such as mission and ministry outreach, church equipment and facility improvements, and long range planning needs.

As you work on your estate plans, please consider designating the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary.

If you wish to make a cash donation to the Fund, please make a check out to "Timothy Lutheran Church Endowment Fund" and place it in the Sunday offering plate or give it to one of the Fund Committee members. In addition to cash (checks), you can also donate stock to the Fund.

If you need more information about the Endowment Fund, please contact Elli Klune at 770-345-5725 or [elf2elk@windstream.net](mailto:elf2elk@windstream.net) or Amy Brown at 770-570-9512 or [brown1957@comcast.net](mailto:brown1957@comcast.net).



# Board of Education Update



## **Save the Date - June 4-8: Vacation Bible School Coming to TLC**

Michelle Roskovich and Christy Hopewell will lead our VBS program this year with the theme "Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus."

For the elementary-aged program we are in need of a "games" station leader, four assistants to help the station leaders, two snack preparation assistants, and crew leaders (adults and teen assistants).

For the pre-school-aged program we are in need of station leaders and crew leaders (adults and teen assistants)

**If you can help** or have questions, please contact Michelle Roskovich ([mdroskovich@gmail.com](mailto:mdroskovich@gmail.com)) or Christy Hopewell ([ChristyKHopewell@gmail.com](mailto:ChristyKHopewell@gmail.com)).

## **Save the Date: Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning, April 1st – (Filled) Egg Donations Needed**

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 (March 29th) in the basket under the sign-up sheet. Questions? Please contact Elisabeth Constien ([liesel68@juno.com](mailto:liesel68@juno.com)) or Amy Brown ([brown1957@comcast.net](mailto: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!**

## **Children's Sunday School**

Classes are available for children from ages two through 18.

The curriculum for the pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Concordia Publishing House's "Growing in Christ Series". For the winter quarter the lessons will focus on the New Testament --"The Holy Spirit Leads the Apostles". The Middle and High School class is using a bible study series called "Teen Encounters".

## **Adult Bible Study**

**Timothy offers three adult bible studies each week:**

**Pastor's Sunday morning class** at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall. During the Lenten *AND* Easter seasons, this bible study will focus on the three Scripture readings ("pericopes") heard in the worship services week by week.

**The Wired Word class**, led by members of the class, at 9:45AM on Sundays in the conference room outside of Pastor's office. **This study focuses on a topic in the news from the past week.**

**Pastor's Wednesday morning class** at 11:00AM is on hiatus until after Easter, but there are Lenten services in that same time slot so plan to attend those!

## **Sunday School/Bible Study Mission Offering**

For the month of March, we will continue to collect money for Alan Mueller's seminary costs as he attends Concordia Seminary – St. Louis.

*"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." Proverbs 9:9*

## *Congratulations!*



To Megan Schuster and Jordan Atkins on their Sunday, March 11 wedding. May God richly bless them and always be in the center of their marriage.

To Julie Nunn, a new TLC member and Val Dicks daughter, as the Cherokee Arts Center director of community public art. See article on bulletin board.



Three Christian based movies will be coming to our area this month.

**"Tortured For Christ"** will be shown on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Regal Cherokee Stadium Cinemas 16. The dramatic testimony of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand as told in the international bestseller Tortured for Christ. In 1945, Communists seized power and a million Russian troops poured into his beloved Romania. Pastor Wurmbrand was captured by the secret police and held as "Prisoner Number 1." 14 years of unthinkable torture in Communist prison could not break his faith.

**"I Can Only Imagine"** will be opening on March 16 in area theaters. It is a true story about the writer, Bart Millard, lead singer of the Christian vocal group Mercy Me, who wrote the song "I Can Only Imagine" and his difficult times in growing up with an abusive non believing Dad and how God can turn things around.

**"God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness"** will be playing at local theaters beginning March 30. This is the third film in the God's Not Dead franchise.

## Ladies Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night Out will be meeting on Monday, March 26, 6:30pm. The location will be at Izumi Asian Bistro at 2035 Towne Lake Parkway, Suite 150. (678-238-1899)

## **Spring Clean-Up**

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 8:30 AM we will gather to clean up the church grounds. Bring your yard work equipment and work gloves. Questions, - contact Suzanne Forman—770-364-1018.

**TWIGS** will gather on March 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM to clean tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bucket, rags, cleaner, scrub brush, and Magic Erasers. Many hands make quick work! Hope to see everyone there. Questions—Contact Linda Basler 770 917-0323.



## Timothy Lutheran Church Youth

***Thrive in His word, Live in His word, Crave His word***

### March TLC Youth News

**Sign up to help donate items for Easter Breakfast is posted in on the SIGN UP board next to member mailboxes!**

If you signed up for Easter Breakfast donations,  
please be sure to deliver them

by **Saturday March 31st 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! Thanks!**

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

**Sunday March 25th**

**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 last minute planning for Easter Breakfast fundraiser event, an interactive devotion with lots of fun! You don't want to miss it!

### **Youth Easter Breakfast Fundraiser**

#### **Easter Breakfast Prepping**

All youth come help us prep the fellowship hall and take in food donations on **March 31st at 10:00am - 12:00pm.** Please sign up on the Easter volunteer sheet or let Cindy know that you will be there.

#### **Easter Breakfast – THE BIG DAY**

Our Annual Youth Easter Breakfast cooking starts at 7am that morning of Sunday the 1st. 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! NYG 2019 is just a year away! I

**f 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 Howard

Schuster at [nutmeg1197@aol.com](mailto:nutmeg1197@aol.com) or 404-376-6383 (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!

## Board of Fellowship



Timothy Lutheran Church will be hosting a Movie night on 3/24/18 from 5 – 7:30pm in the fellowship hall upstairs. This is a free-to-attend event for all ages, the movie shown will be an animated kids movie (Trolls, Moana, Secret Life of Pets, etc.). Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you have a comfortable bean bag chair or camping chair you'd like to bring you are welcome to do so. There will be a sign-up form near the church mailboxes, or you can send a note indicating how many in your group will be attending to [brianhowe57@gmail.com](mailto:brianhowe57@gmail.com). Feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or someone from your school to come. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm.

## Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is working on Armed Forces Sunday on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gail Trimble at 404-822-4378 or [gardengail@comcast.net](mailto:gardengail@comcast.net), if you are interested in helping plan this special Sunday.

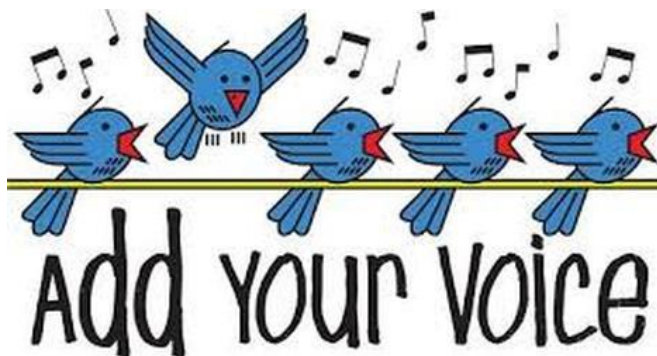
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod defines Christian stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the Church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.” People typically think of stewardship as being about money – pledges, meeting the budget, etc., yet whole life stewardship is so much more. *More to come in the future...*

## Ringer’s and Singer’s Wanted!

Do you love music and like to sing to the glory of our Lord and Savior? As a current vocal choir member, we would love to have you come and join us. All voices are welcome. Practices are each Tuesday evening at 7:15 to 8:30 and we allow plenty of time to learn each vocal part. We typically sing at least once a month and it is not necessary to be able to read music.

Our Bell Choir would also like to invite you to join to help make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Practices precede the vocal choir on Tuesday, starting at 6:30 and ending at 7:15.

Both choirs are directed by Paul Fostvedt. Please prayerfully consider participation in one of these ministries. You will be most welcomed in either or both choirs.





# March

## BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Constien	3/1	Robert Lovell	3/8
John Hornberger	3/1	Kayla Howe	3/10
Cameron Howe	3/1	Allison Butler	3/13
JoAnn Miller	3/1	Richard Marks	3/13
Patti Turner	3/1	Mary Douglass	3/15
John Lischke	3/2	Jeff Withhart	3/18
Fran Holcombe	3/4	Carol Alquist	3/19
Sue Knothe	3/4	Jim Moody	3/19
Simon Morrison	3/4	Ty Furnish	3/20
Davina Furnish	3/5	David Infante	3/22
Eleanor Dolvin	3/6	Patti Kastens	3/27
Mina Rainbow	3/6	Mallory Hopewell	3/28
Nicole Traina	3/6	Samantha Standridge	3/29
Marion Mamrick	3/7	Wanda Chastain	3/31



# March

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Lauren Withhart	3/4
Nelson & Carol Alquist	3/8
Mike & MiJa Lawson	3/18

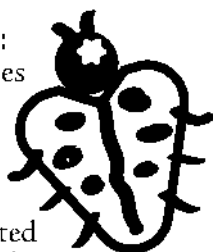
# Kid's Corner

## FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

### What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V at top each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



## Spring's Beauty

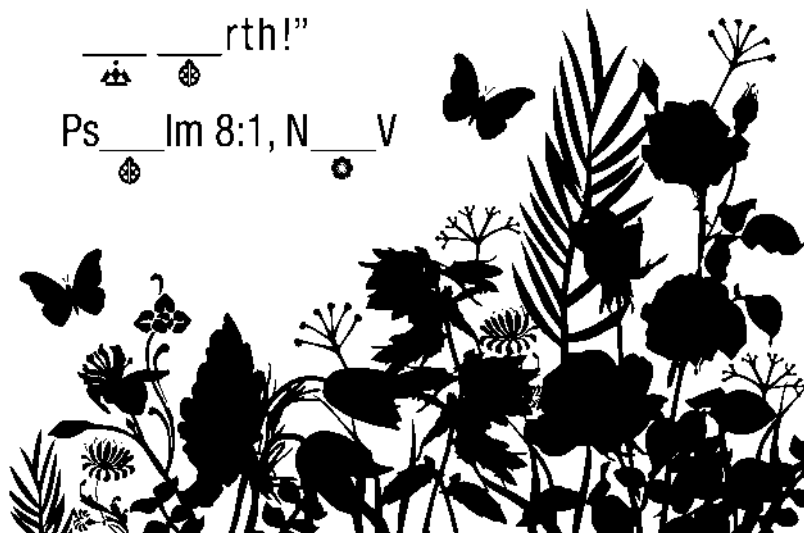
During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.*

A = E = I = O = U =

"L\_\_RD, \_\_r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c\_\_s y\_\_r  
n\_\_m\_\_n\_\_ll th\_\_  
\_\_rth!"

Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
Psalm 8:1, NIV