

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

February 2019



Dates to Remember

Feb. 3	Souper Bowl Sunday—Bring your soup, chili, stews, & crackers to donate to Food Bank
Feb. 17	Noon—TTF Cottage Meeting / Light Lunch
Feb. 18 — Feb.22	No Preschool
Feb. 25	Ladies Night Out

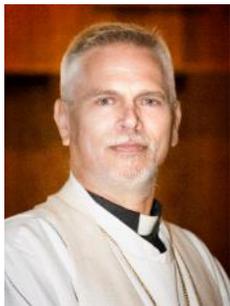
Weekly Activities

Monday & Tuesday	9:30 AM—Preschool Chapel
Tuesday	6 PM—Handbells 7:30 PM Choir
Wednesdays	11 AM—Mid Week Bible Study 5:30 PM Confirmation Class
Fridays	Noon— Cards Day

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Pastor's Corner

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

**Rev. Robert
S. Davis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Body of Christ,

Today as I write I can still see your smiling faces when I drove up to Timothy Lutheran the first time, and unloaded my office items and books. What a beautiful day. And today was just as beautiful. Leaving church after the worship services and classes today, the wonderful beauty of the children from the school singing, the guests, all the loved ones gathered together and praising God, it all was such a gift.

Yes, one body, the body of Christ is a wonder to behold when you contemplate this truth from God's Word. We are so wonderfully and powerfully and intricately connected, even before we knew one another.

Through the eternal Son of the Living God who in the fullness of time became flesh, who came to save us, to unite us again with God through his taking our place under the law to bear our sins and exchange his righteousness to clothe us, we have peace with God, rebirth as children of God, oneness as such through oneness with our Redeemer. And on that basis, we have oneness with each other all the way back to Adam and Eve, throughout time with the people of God from ancient times, with the apostles and the New Testament believers, and those of Corinth, with each other now here at Timothy, those before us even though some have moved away and some have gone to paradise before us, and with every Christian on the planet, from the birth of the Church to today no matter what country they are in, what language and race, and with those not yet even born in the future.

Because of the Omnipresent and Resurrected Jesus Christ, the Son of Man as well, this reality of our union with him is timeless. Our souls in their timeless connection are one with him and each other, and our bodies in the here and now and through the resurrection forever and ever. This is an amazing and incredible wonder and mystery. Such grandeur, such mercy and grace, such love, and such saving power from our God.... He is amazing. And as his children, so are you.

If we think about it, because of our connection to Jesus Christ because of Jesus Christ, we have this oneness in the past, and now in our present, and in our future. It is something to ponder in such grand significance of how we are individuals, individually redeemed, individually justified, individually reborn, individually sanctified, individually saved, individually known by name, and yet connected, family, one body. Our past, our present, our future part of his story, the His-tory of God's salvation, with our names written in the Lamb's book. So, on the one hand, our salvation and relationship to God is so precious and priceless down to the minutia of even the number of the hairs on our head being known, and yet we are not alone, we are one with one another. It is awe inspiring. We are part of something so significant, and so is Timothy Lutheran Church.

This month we are in the present of Now, the Now of the time of God's favor, the plan of God's salvation, and the now but not yet of being heirs of the kingdom of glory to come. We are in the present moving forward from our rich history in the past to the goal in the future that God has for us. We are also at the same time moving forward with the saints of God, the redeemed, around the world, in the writing of history, History which God has foreseen and foreknown, and of which together as we go forward to our future even our steps and their steps are known by God. Beloved, we are doing this together with our Lord the head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Savior, and with each other as well- one body here at Timothy and around the world, just as those before us did even back to the time of the apostles.

Beloved of Jesus Christ, what we are facing, in other words, is incredible. Let us not be daunted. Instead, let us realize the wonder of what is going on and what has gone on in the past and what is ahead of us as being an incredible gift of God, and his work of salvation for all of us and for the world itself. The journey we are embarked on now in our present in the *Interim*, is known by God, with Christ our Savior as our leader by night and by day. It is in Christ how we have our union with God the Father as such no matter what, and with each other, and thus for our comfort and assurance may we know that we are Not alone. We are one through Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, and he has our every need and concern in his heart at the forefront for our care and guidance. We have this assurance because he is our Savior. He has brought us forgiveness of all of our sins, and given his life as a sacrifice of atonement for each of us, and purchased us each with his life and his blood shed unto death on the cross to make us his own.

By grace, let us remember this Good News this month as we look at our present in the Interim, and be readied by him for what is ahead. Amen.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Robert Davis



Barbara
Bowler,
Director

Preschool News

National Lutheran Schools Week

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

National Lutheran Schools Week provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

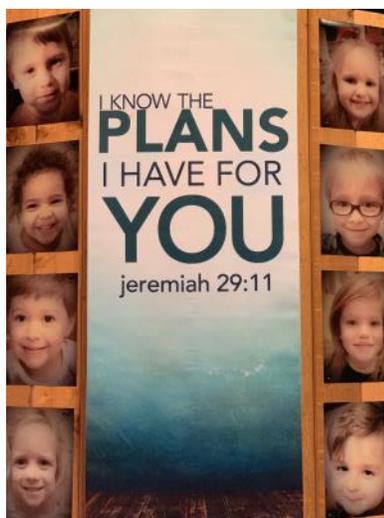
Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

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

We celebrated the kick-off to National Lutheran Schools Week at Timothy on January 27th at the 11:00 a.m. service. Twenty two students came to church that day with their families to listen to our service and join in fellowship afterwards over cake and drinks. Many thanks to those of you who welcomed these families! Thank you, also, for your encouraging words on that day and always about our preschool ministry here at Timothy!

Barb Bowler



PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Preschool Happenings

Jan. 27-Feb. 2	National Lutheran Schools Celebration
<u>February 12 & 13</u>	Spring Individual, Class & Graduation Portrait Shoot
February 18-22	Winter Holiday
February 27 & 28	Ms. Carol Story Reading

Ms. Melissa's class has been learning about Five Senses and had fun exploring sounds with their ears.



TRANSITIONAL TASK FORCE

Dear fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (Matt. 18:19-20) We rejoice in this promise from our Father in heaven, and we exalt in his blessed assurance, holding it as the hallmark, the very foundation of our work; to seek God’s Will for Timothy Lutheran Church as we prepare for the process of issuing a Divine Call to our next dedicated pastor. As we continue to listen to God’s Word and seek his Holy Will, this passage stands as the cornerstone of our congregation’s mission and ministry to the Woodstock community. To God be the glory!

Following the recent first Cottage Meeting there is a certainty that a sense of dedication to a Christ-centric process is alive and growing in the church today at Timothy Lutheran. Despite the unusually cold weather the Transitional Task Force was delighted with the attendance and encouraged by the depth and sincerity of the discussions. Many member’s recollections created a sense of warm nostalgia, while at the same time we listened to members who spoke of both significant and ongoing ministries as well as growing pains encountered at times in the congregation’s history. We are blessed by all who participated and we look forward to continuing these discussions in the days and weeks ahead.

We also listened to questions which were asked prior to the survey portion of the meeting and want to share some of that dialogue with the congregation as a whole.

Question: What is the role of the Transitional Task Force (TTF) in the call process?

Answer: The TTF, with the input from the congregation and its leadership, will work to define the present state of the congregation – its ministries and assets – and to present a vision of how our future mission to the Woodstock community could evolve. By understanding our congregation’s goals and the assets we already have in place to nurture that growth, we will be better equipped to discuss what attributes, experiences, and perspectives we would seek in our next pastor. The expected result is the Spirit-blessed alignment of vision and passions of the congregation and pastor.

Question: Will the congregation be involved in that process?

Answer: Definitely and regularly. There will be three Cottage Meetings where we will seek congregational input through specific surveys plus we plan on utilizing online platforms to further allow for members and families to participate in the dialogue of our mission and vision. The next Cottage Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 17th, will focus on our church’s present state; a final Cottage Meeting will be held in March to build our vision for our future ministry together.

To help us prepare for the next Cottage Meeting, a simple, straight-forward survey has been placed in your mail slots in the Narthex. We’re asking each Communicant Member to complete a survey and return it to the church no later than Sunday, February 10th. There is a box on the table in the Narthex to collect your surveys. These surveys are completely anonymous, but very vital in helping us see where we have ministries which are excelling, ministries which are evolving, and ministries which need future support.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 17th; a light lunch will begin at 12:00 PM; our Cottage Meeting will start at 12:30 and we expect to be adjourned by 2:00 PM.

Your co-workers in the Kingdom of God’s Grace in Christ Jesus,

The Transitional Task Force

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Sunday School:

Classes are available for children ages two through 18. The curriculum for pre-school through 5th grade is Concordia Publishing House's New Testament theme "God sends His Son to save us".

The middle and high school class uses a variety of materials.

Bible donation received:

Thank you to Janet Zimmerman for donating the monies needed to purchase "The Growing in Faith Bible" class set for our 3rd through 5th grade class. The Bible's have come in and offer a lot of special features.

Ephesians 5:20 "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We have a sign up sheet posted next to the member mailboxes if you are interested in purchasing one of these bibles personally. We will probably order these in the next couple of weeks. Note: if you signed up at the ministry fair we will add it to the sign up sheet if it is not already on it.



Adult Bible Classes:

- 1) Pastor's Sunday morning 9:45am led class meets in the fellowship hall and continues the study of Revelations.
- 2) Wired Word Sunday morning 9:45am class meets in the small conference area. Class members lead a study from a topic in the news.
- 3) Pastor's Wednesday morning 11:00am class is studying "Act's".

Colossians 3:16a "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. . ."

Sunday School/Bible Study Mission offering:

We will continue to collect for Christian Einertson's seminary expense.

Matthew 19:26b ". . .with God all things are possible."



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date June 10th - 14th:

BS - GROUP'S theme "ROAR!"

Thank you to Michelle Roskovich for directing this outreach program again this year. Many volunteers are needed during the week as we share God's love through this week long program with around 100 children from our community.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Ministry Fair

Thank you to the boards for their displays at the ministry fair, to those who attended and listened to the information, to Jack Basler for taking photos, to those who helped with set up and clean up, and for the administrative and pastoral support for this event.



It was a great success! 24 workers represented the boards and, while not all attendees turned in passports, 44 of you did. The completed passports were entered into the drawing for prizes.

Congratulations to the prize winners: Carol Hoffman (Godiva chocolate gift package), Paul Fostvedt (Mellow Mushroom gift card), Kayla Howe (Starbucks gift card), Lois Niss, Jessica Niss and Terri Greer (movie gift cards), and Dean Butler (Target gift card).

When I say “February”, what immediately comes to mind for you? Now, I know some will say **Superbowl Sunday!** In that case, be sure to celebrate the **Souper Bowl** by bringing in cans of soup, stew and

chili to support Timothy’s Cupboard on Sunday, 2/3/19 ... *and don’t forget crackers!*

Football aside, the #1 response is probably Valentine’s Day. In our house we are not big on mushy, super-sweet cards. Instead, we lean toward ones that are either irreverent, ‘punny’, or a bit pithy with a nod to some inside joke. Regardless of the card type, there is always a message of heartfelt love and affection.

Have you noticed how Pastor Davis has been reminding us of God’s abundant love for us? Have you noticed how much love language is in scripture? One source says the King James Version mentions love 310 times (131 times in the Old Testament and 179 times in the New Testament). In researching how many times love was mentioned I happened across Debbie McDaniel’s blog, <https://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/debbie-mcdaniel/50-verses-of-love-to-cover-any-shade-of-grey.html>. She lists 50 verses to illustrate some examples of God’s love on grace, strength, hope, and peace. What unconditional love is provided in the Word!

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.” [Ephesians 2:4-5](#)



Key Changes

After taking a couple weeks off to re-energize, the choirs are back in full swing preparing for the up coming months.

The Bell Choir has already participated in one service. Thank you Mike for taking the reins while Sena and I were in Chicago welcoming our 5th grandchild.

The Christmas Cantata was a huge success. I want to thank all of you who attended that night. From the comments we received, it made all that hard work worth it.

We are presently working on a schedule that will take us through Lent and Easter. Then on through to June.

We are still looking for more voices to join our choir. If anyone, who is interested in joining, but maybe not commit to a whole year, we are willing to work with you. Anyone who is interested can contact any of the choir members or myself.

YOUTH

Thank you to all that were able to visit our booth at the TLC Ministry Fair. It is not late to get involved with the youth...if you are good at Bible studies and want to prepare our devotion for our monthly get together, we'd love to have you guest speak. If you are good with games and want to come and play games with us (and maybe teach us a few games) please do! If you are a skilled/craft-minded person and want to teach a crafting class we'd love to incorporate you into one of our sessions. Many have asked if they can make a crafting item that could be sold at the Craft fair in December or auctioned off in silent gift baskets, and the answer is YES!! If you'd like to knit some hats, quilt a blanket, create woodwork items, make necklaces, or ANY other craft item that the youth can sell we'd certainly appreciate it. I wanted to give you the time to start crafting now in preparation for our December events. Baked goods are fine too, but we'll wait until December to get those from you. =)

TLC Youth are looking forward to our upcoming trip to the National Gathering and want to again thank the congregation for their generous support and continued prayers that this be a safe and very fulfilling experience for all involved.

If you want to get involved with TLC Youth please contact Brian Howe at brianhowe57@gmail.com or at 701-340-5049.



2 Corinthians 7:16 – “I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.”

People's confidence in you springs from two things. The first is the trustworthiness of your character. The second is how responsible you are. The friends who trust you do so because they can count on you.

Your companions are like the buttons on an elevator. They will either take you up, or they will take you down.

Hurricane Michael Repair Help

As you may recall, Hurricane Michael struck Florida, Alabama and Georgia last fall. While Florida was hit the hardest, southwest Georgia still suffered much damage. The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat has made contact with people in the Albany area, one of the poorer areas of Georgia. The Coalition is working through Inspiritus (formerly the Lutheran Services of Georgia) to coordinate repair effort. We will be helping repair families' homes, many of which were inadequately repaired or not repaired at all due to lack of monies or no insurance etc. Inspiritus currently has 700 outstanding work orders and they will provide materials and supplies for the work orders. We will need to provide our own transportation, tools, food and lodging. Currently we are scheduling two weekends where we would travel down to Albany on Saturday morning and return home on Monday afternoon. The weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 23-25.

A typical situation in Albany is: An elderly couple on fixed incomes did not have insurance as it was canceled a few weeks before the storm, possibly for non-payment. They received some assistance from FEMA and a SMA loan to help with repairs but still insufficient to complete the work. They have been living in an apartment as their home cannot be occupied. They hired a contractor, but he did a poor job and took most of the FEMA money. Albany Relief and Recovery helped by paying for the roof repair. They still need some framing, insulation and drywall repair work and some other general repairs before the house can be occupied again.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Don Snyder at donqsnyder@gmail.com or 770-337-5908.

2019 Habitat House Build

Our 2019 Habitat house will be built at 105 Stell Road in Woodstock. It is located just across Hwy. 92 from First Baptist Church, very close to Timothy. We will start building on March 2nd and have six build dates. They are:

March 2 First Nail Ceremony – Build first floor walls

March 9 Second Floor System

March 16 Second Floor Walls

April 6 Siding

May 18 Painting – Finish exterior and paint interior

June 15 Landscaping

There is a total of eleven build days; however, The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat, being the primary sponsor, is funding ½ of the house for \$40,000. Other sponsors will cover the balance of the house and build on the other five build days. The new homeowner family this year is Will Perry and his two daughters. Please see his bio below.

Breakfast and lunch are provided each day along with bottled water. Breakfast is served at 8:30 AM and we start work at 9:00. If you are available to help out on any of these days, please contact Don Snyder at 770-337-5908 or dongsnyder@gmail.com for registration information and directions.

THE PERRY FAMILY



Will Perry grew up in Gary, Indiana. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served on active duty until 1982 and in the Army Reserve until 1985. After relocating to the Atlanta area, he worked 18 years for MARTA and then as a school bus driver in Fulton County until 2012. In his 20's, Will was diagnosed with glaucoma and by 2012 it had progressed to the point he is now legally blind.

Will has one adult daughter, Brittany, who is happily married. He is raising his other two daughters, Gabriel (age 15) and Sofee'Ah (age 13), on his own. Gabby

enjoys cooking and plans to pursue this passion in college. She is already considering Johnson and Wales or the Culinary Institute of America once she graduates high school. Sofee loves reading and art. Reading peaks her imagination, which leads to her expressing herself on paper or canvas. Her dream is to attend Stanford University to become a neurosurgeon.

While Will's vision is a significant physical limitation, you would never know it to talk with him. He is extremely positive. He recently completed an advanced studies course at his church, Fellowship Bible Church in Roswell. He loves to share his testimony about how God has taken a broken man and restored him for His purposes. Due to Will's disability, a friend has stepped up to replace him on the construction site. Every homeowner is required to contribute 200 hours with the help of family and friends before moving into their own home.

The Perry Family currently lives in a townhouse in Milton. The rent is extremely high. By partnering with Habitat for Humanity-NCG, their new home will be affordable and permanent. Will and the girls could not be more excited and grateful for this blessing from God.

TIMOTHY'S CUPBOARD

Timothy's Cupboard Highlights for 2018

During the past year the floors in three rooms in the cupboard were replaced and re-tiled.

With donations, we acquired 2 new commercial refrigerators and 2 new commercial freezers.

More shelves were added throughout the building.

Our prayers were answered by sending us more men volunteers to help with the heavy lifting and driving the truck. With that being said we have had many wonderful volunteers from the church and the community come to help us. We appreciate each and everyone of them. The Food Bank could not be what it is without our volunteers.

Month	Number of Families fed	Numbers of persons fed	Number of Children fed	Number of Seniors fed	pounds of food distributed
January	192	878	271	94	38008
February	242	830	233	88	41839
March	276	1626	464	235	53910
April	235	1038	344	65	46969
May	282	1409	383	226	50960
June	235	1285	224	118	46965
July	242	910	193	203	53859
August	288	1097	300	199	61225
September	231	905	224	155	59203
October	297	1101	297	130	59351
November	292	1379	255	256	59034
December	240	1022	229	109	48700

yearly totals	3052	13480	3417	1878	620023
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average per family	203.15	amount in tons	310.01
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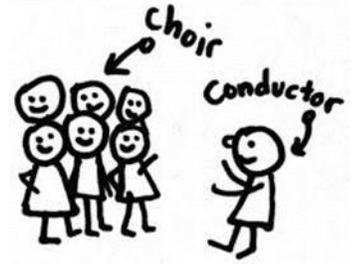
We are looking forward to the new year and more opportunities to meet new volunteers and servicing the community.

Seasonal Singing



Like to sing, but can't make the year-round commitment? Consider being a seasonal singer for Lent and Easter!

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm, in the sanctuary, February, March & April.



EVANGELISM



Meet the New Co-Chairs

Grant and Erika Martin are taking on the role of Evangelism co-chairs and are excited to embark on a new exciting journey together. Erika Martin has been a member of Timothy Lutheran Church since early childhood while Grant Martin joined the church this past year. In their free time, Grant and Erika enjoy visiting with family members and going to the gym.

Some long-standing church events will be continued such as the Fourth of July parade float and new ideas are in development for the year ahead. Suggestions for outreach are always appreciated. If you would like to reach out about any recommendations you may have or would just like to say "hi," you may contact them at etighe13@gmail.com.

Greeters Wanted

We are in search of new greeters for both services, but especially the 11am service. Greeters are asked to be available a little bit before the start of the service to welcome members and guests alike into our church. You may also partner up and volunteer together! If you would like to learn more about becoming a greeter, please reach out to Hal Hoffman at hoffmanhal52@gmail.com or Erika Martin at etighe13@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, February 25, 6:30pm

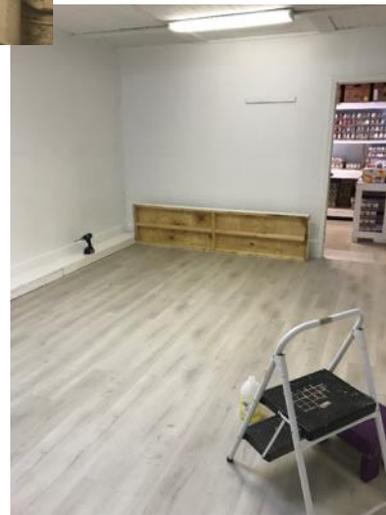
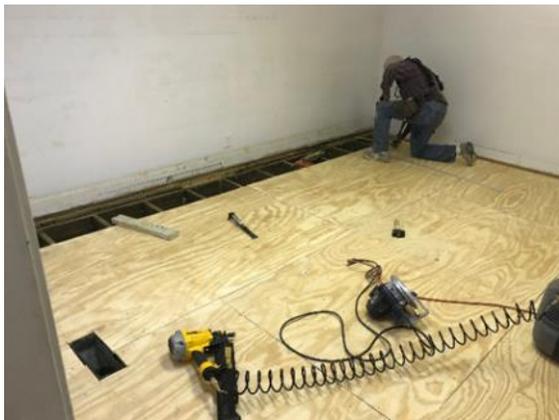
Lucia's
4705 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Sign Up bulletin board.



TRUSTEES

I want to thank everyone who helped the week of January 14th with the special project to replace one of the foodbank floors. This was a large project that required demo of the floor beams and the old fireplace, and then rebuilding a new floor and replacing the storage shelves. A special thanks to Don Snyder for coordinating the project and to those who worked: Mike Lawson, Jim Taylor, Lawson Knot, Jon Holbrook, Pastor Davis and Jeannie Bernerth.



Don,

I can't get over how utterly amazing your team and the hard working volunteers at Timothy's Cupboard did in removing the shelving units, leveling and replacing the floor, sanding and painting the shelving units and putting everything back in place. They worked hard all week.

Absolutely Outstanding Team! Wonderful People!

God Bless All... Thanks for your Leadership! John

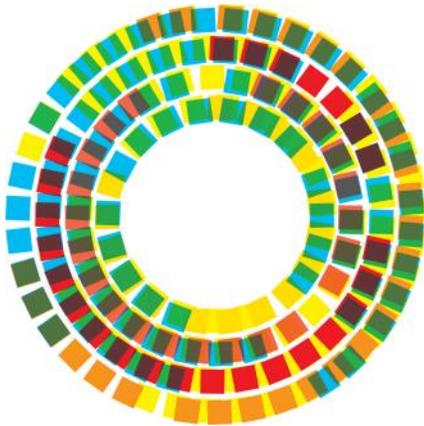


FELLOWSHIP

At the January Church Council Meeting we discussed Lenten Meals. The Boards of Timothy along with Fellowship will coordinate these meals. If you would like your family to participate helping with one of the meals please contact me at (415) 531-9494, and I will put you in contact with date of meal you can assist with.

March 6, 2019 Board of Fellowship, Patricia Freeman
 March 13, 2019 Board of Early Childhood Education (ECE) – Carol Taylor
 March 20, 2019 Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship, Marlene Snyder
 March 27, 2019 Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship – Grant and Erica Martin
 April 3, 2019 Boards of Trustee and Christian Education – Pete Greer
 April 10, 2019 Boards of Elders and Social Ministry – John Dicks

I will try to keep the refrigerator as clean as possible and would appreciate it if everyone would label anything that you plan to leave in there for any length of time. If items don't have a label on them and it has a "best used date that has passed" I will dispose of it as I don't want anyone to get sick from old items.



A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

Kim & Jason by Jason W. Kotecki

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Annie Morrison	2/2
Markham Peykoff	2/2
Michael Wiese	2/3
Debra Acklie	2/4
Cynthia Schuster	2/4
John Turner	2/4
Maureen Dicks	2/5
Hadley Hooks	2/5
Theresa Marks	2/8
Jared Hopewell	2/9
Cyndy Ganschow	2/10
Laura Hilyard	2/13
Norm Grossman	2/14
Ava Riney	2/14
Charlotte Davis	2/16
Lindsey Young	2/18
Ben Infante	2/19
John Bowler	2/21
Mary Huguenard	2/21
Susan Plunkett	2/22
Alan Mueller	2/23
Christine Ericksen	2/24
Kenna Weber	2/24
Cole Kastens	2/26
Alexis Wemmer	2/29

Robert & Sally Koether	2/2
Wally & Roxanne Kelly	2/5
Jim & Sue Burmeister	2/14
Paul & Margaret Cehanovich	2/14
Harper & Eleanor Dolvin	2/14
Robert & Casey Lovell	2/14
Larry & Patti Kastens	2/29

“What Do I Have?”

What do I have, Lord, that you would need me as a servant?

Eyes, he said,
to see the beauty in all that I’ve made —
and my children as they travel life’s highway.

Hands, he said,
to reach out and touch hurting souls,
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.

Feet, he said,
to lead my children through this world of strife
and to help them run from sin and follow me.

Mouth, he said,
to lift up your voice and sing praises to me
so others may hear the joy in your heart.

Ears, he said,
to listen to my still, small voice of love
and to hear my children when they cry for help.

Heart, he said,
so you may know the full love of my Spirit
and love my children as I have loved you.

—Thomas Butler

KID'S CORNER

A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

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