

# **TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE**

## **JANUARY 2020**



### **Dates to Remember**

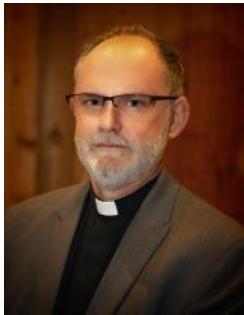
Jan. 5	Mite Box Sunday
Jan. 18	10 AM— LWML Meeting
Jan. 25	9 AM—All Things Motorcycle
Jan. 26	National Lutheran Schools Week
Jan. 27	6:30 PM—Ladies Night Out

### **Weekly Activities**

Wednesday	11 AM—Mid-week Bible Study (Beginning Jan. 15) 5:30 PM—Confirmation Class
Fridays	Noon— Cards Day

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# Pastor's Corner

December 31, 2019

New Year's Eve

**Rev. Daniel  
Brammeier**

The New Year starts tomorrow! We can say goodbye to 2019 with all its ups and downs and look forward to what the New Year, the new decade might have in store for us. Many will be making those New Year's resolutions as January begins. The top three New Year's resolutions are getting more exercise, closely followed with dieting and eating right. Alongside getting into better physical shape the third resolution has to do with financial shape, that is, saving more.

When I was into doing spin bike class at the YMCA every year in January the Y would become crowded with those wanting to fulfill the exercise resolution. For about six weeks it was hard to find a treadmill or get on the weight machines. Around mid-February things had calmed down and most had gone back to their normal daily life that didn't include spending every day at the gym.

I found a statistic that suggested only 46% of people keep their New Year's resolutions. I was surprised as I thought the percentage was much lower.

As I looked at the lists for the top New Year's resolutions I didn't find one that resolved to attend church on a more regular basis, for those who don't attend regularly. For those who do attend regularly I didn't read one that resolved to try and get other people to attend church. New Year's resolutions concentrate on personal physical well-being, but what about spiritual well-being?

I think the issue comes down to one of "NEED". We see the need to get in better physical or financial shape, but we don't see the NEED to be in perfect spiritual shape. We know others who we think need Jesus, but we feel awkward or not equipped properly to bring them to church.

Let's face it, we all NEED Jesus and what he has to give. We need the forgiveness of sins that can only be given by Him through Word and Sacrament. No matter what time of year it is we need to hear and receive the redemption won for us by Jesus. We need to hear about the cross and resurrection. We need our spiritual imperfection to be covered and paid for by the perfection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

So does this mean I want you to make New Year's resolutions to attend church more often or try and get others to attend more often? It may read that way but NO that's not what I want. Unfortunately New Year's resolutions turn into "laws" that we put ourselves under and the law is not a good motivator. Eventually we get tired of trying to keep the law. Like those who leave the gym after a few weeks we may give up.

What we should focus on is the Gospel, the good news that God comes to us in Divine Service every week and at other times. Again, it doesn't matter what time of year it is, we can come to our Savior and receive His good gifts through preaching, teaching and receiving His gifts in the sacraments. As we receive forgiveness, life and salvation we grow in faith. As we grow in faith we can help others grow in their faith also.

So happy New Year and always remember, LOVE GROWS HERE at Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool.



# Preschool News

Greetings in a New Year!

Kristin Freeman,  
Preschool  
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

God's blessings to you as we enter this New Year with renewed faith and love for our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for one another! It's so hard to believe we are entering the year 2020, but I am sure this is going to be another wonderful year in the ministry of Timothy Lutheran Preschool! Thank you for your love and support of this precious ministry to our members and the community. We continue to serve 94 children in the program and we will begin our registration process for the 2020-21 school year at the end of this month. If you (or anyone you know) are looking for a Christ-centered, academically-excellent preschool for your child, please consider Timothy. We have wonderful loving teachers, a terrific facility, extended hours, a Christian curriculum and an encouraging, supportive congregation at our preschool...there is also a "Timothy" tuition discount. Please call or email me if you would like to discuss this further.

As we enter 2020, the Preschool will once again begin the process of being re-accredited through the National Lutheran Schools. I am so grateful for Terri Greer's willingness to step up and serve as the chairperson to lead this very important endeavor. I know she has already reached out to several of you to help serve in various ways throughout this process. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this self-study to allow our program to continue to not only grow, but also thrive into the next decade. The accreditation process takes about 18 months from start to finish and God-willing in July 2021, we will receive the news of our re-accreditation through the FL/GA District of the National Lutheran Schools. I am looking forward to the process and showcasing our wonderful program!

We had a wonderful month of December enjoying the love and joy of Jesus' birth throughout the whole month with crafts, activities, and of course our precious Christmas program, "The True Meaning of Christmas". There is nothing sweeter, in my opinion, than hearing little ones sing (slightly off-tune of course) the classic Christmas carols of "Away in the Manger" or "Silent Night" and this year didn't disappoint. I do believe the children love "Go Tell it on the Mountain" the best as you could hear their beautiful voices all the way in downtown Woodstock! I hope you have been able to see some of the pictures from that evening and to see the precious little ones in their costumes. I am so grateful that our preschool continues to be rooted in the love and faith of Jesus and the little ones can share that love with others. I am continually reminded each day as the little ones walk through our doors that "love grows here."

Thank you all for everything you do for the preschool. Stop by and visit anytime!

Grace and Peace,  
Kristin Freeman  
Director

# Preschool Happenings

January 6	Staff Work Day & Staff Meeting 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
January 7	Students return from Christmas Break
January 13 & 14	Ms. Carol Reads
January 20	MLK Day: Student Holiday
January 26	Preschool Sunday
Jan. 26-Feb. 1	National Lutheran Schools Celebration
January 26	2020-21 Timothy member registration opens - noon
January 27	2020-21 Current family registration opens – 9:00 a.m.
January 29	2020-21 Public Registration begins – 10:00 a.m.

## Celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week at Timothy

Beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week at Timothy, along with about 2,000 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools across the country. 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 allows us to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's Real love for us through Christ by teachers and students.

As part of this celebration, we are inviting our preschool families to come to the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The children will sing the call to worship and a couple of other songs lead by our Music Director, Ms. Barb White. Pastor Brammeier will deliver a message based on our theme, the ECE staff will be introduced and will meet with families and congregation members during a cake reception after the service. Congregation members will also have the opportunity to be the first to register for the upcoming school year at our preschool on this Sunday, immediately following the second service. Please come and celebrate the Lutheran schools and families such as those right here at Timothy that are served by this awesome ministry.

## Preschool Registration Opens Early for Timothy Members

Our weekday preschool early registration begins Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at noon for congregation members. In our program, we teach children, ages 18 months to 5 years, the skills and practice the behaviors needed to succeed in later learning. The children enjoy activities that build academic readiness, creative thinking, and social skills at their developmental level while learning that God is all important and that everything we have is given by Him. Please check your mailboxes for class schedules and details and feel free to share this information with neighbors, family members and friends. Registration opens to the community on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Kristin Freeman at 770-924-7995 or email [TLC.ECEDirector@comcast.net](mailto:TLC.ECEDirector@comcast.net).

# In the Spotlight

**Name:** MaryAnne Valkenburg

**Birthday:** April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Number of Years Serving:** 13 years

**Favorite Song:** Any Van Morrison song

**Favorite Food:** Bread, Cheese, Pasta!

**Favorite Saturday activity:** watching my daughter ride horses

**Favorite Place to Visit:** Disney or the Beach

**Dream Vacation:** Greece

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas





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## JANUARY 2020

**Update on the Cookie Sale** – Many thanks to everyone who made the sale a big hit – we ran out of boxes about 2:30pm! Whether you baked or boxed cookies and other sweet treats, helped with set-up/clean-up, staffed the LWML table or bought a box of cookies you were an important part of our tremendous success. We raised \$519.

**Thank you to:**

Rosalie Atwood	Maureen Dicks	Sue Knothe	Michelle Roskovich
Karen Bennett	Sue Flinchum	Deanna Lennon	Carol Taylor
Susie Bishop	Georgia Holko	Joan Mueller	Nancy Terrill
Kristen Blackwell	Christy Hopewell	Carol Pflueger	Gail Trimble
Pastor B.	Teresa Jarmick	Kristina Pins	Patti Turner
Margaret Cehanovich	Sue Johnson	Susan Plunkett	Vernee Zagel
KC Colburn	Patti Kastens	<i>and a mystery baker or two!</i>	

**Also in December** – A group of ladies from TLC attended a Christmas Festival at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and had dinner together after the concert. *Thank you to Patti Kastens for making all the arrangements.* (This was in lieu of our regular monthly meeting for December.)

**Next Mite Collection – Sunday, 1/5/20 – Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**Save-the-date: Saturday, 1/18/20** – This is LWML's January monthly meeting. We are ready for some laid back fellowship and fun in the new year. We will have a devotion and a limited business meeting. Joan Mueller and Kristen Blackwell will teach us some knitting and crocheting basics. (All tools and materials provided.) Everyone attending is asked to bring a food or snack to share in fellowship. Appropriately enough, after the hustle and bustle of a busy holiday season, the January theme is **BALANCING ACT**. Please join us as you are able or your schedule allows – every woman in the congregation is invited to attend.

### **Remember your Secret Sister!!**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

WHEN	WHAT
Sunday, 1/5/20	<b>Mites Collection Sunday</b> 8:30am LWML Mite Offering Ushers      11:00am LWML Mite Offering Ushers Sue Flinchum      Alice Jacobson Georgia Holko      Teresa Jarmick Carol Pflueger      Joan Mueller Sue Plunkett      Carol Pflueger
Saturday, 1/18/20	<b>Monthly meeting: BALANCING ACT</b> <i>Plus...</i> Joan Mueller & Kristen Blackwell will lead knitting & crocheting lessons All to bring a snack or food to share – join us for fun and fellowship!
February 2020	<b>Partnership with Sunday School for Birthday Bag items</b> for Timothy's Cupboard (They are collecting items in February & we will assemble bags at the March meeting.)
Saturday, 2/15/20	<b>Monthly meeting</b>

LWML Resources: <http://www.lwml.org/resources> LWML Daily Devotions: <http://www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion> LWML FL-GA District: <http://flgalwml.com/>

**Questions?** Please contact Teresa Jarmick, Patti Kastens, Gail Trimble, KC Colburn or Kristen Blackwell

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*Thanks be to God for His incredible gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15*

Our Sunday School students shared the Christmas message “**Jesus is my Christmas Gift**” at our 12/11 Advent service reminding us of God’s very special gift to us at Christmas. Thank you and God’s Blessings to our Sunday School staff, students, families and program director Marlene Snyder.



Thanks to Amy Brown, our youth students and many of our Sunday School teachers for sharing “**cocoa and The Christmas Story**” on Sunday 12/22. The Sunday school students had a lot of fun with the interactive Christmas story, drinking hot cocoa (or chocolate milk), making a craft and playing *Glory* (a Bible version of bingo).

We are blessed to have Pat Freeman join us as our 2 - 4 year old lead teacher with Jeannie Symonds and Sandy Hooks assistants.

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

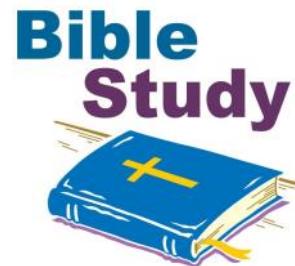


## Sunday School Offering Mission Outreach

During the months of September to December, we have collected \$600.00 which will be sent to assist the mission work Peter and Lucy Hoffmann have been doing in the Czech Republic since March 12, 2018. In their December newsletter, which is posted on the Christian Ed. bulletin board, they describe the religious and non-religious traditions and customs in that country. They also stated that their mission commitment in the Czech Republic will be ending

March 12, 2020. They ask us to continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the good people of Olo-mouc and that a church will some day be planted there.

Beginning January 15, join Pastor Brammeier on Wednesdays, 11 AM for Bible Study in the conference area. Topic will be decided by the group at the first session..



## Worship Committee Notes

The Committee would like to thank all the members who assisted in the Advent/Christmas services of worshipping our coming King. That includes members who were busy elves decorating the facilities, purchasing poinsettias, conducting Wednesday night services and offering musical talents in worship services. **BTW, please consider volunteering to help pack up our Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 5 after the 11:00am service.**



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all the Timothy family from the choirs! We want to thank everyone who came and enjoyed our Music Ministry Service on December 18th.

On Christmas Eve, the Bell Choir served in the early service and the Choir in the second service. It was decided to do it this way to just focus on one group during the service. Any positive or negative input would be appreciated.

The Choir participated in Pastor Brammeier's installation.

The choirs are taking a break until February. Our first practice will be Tuesday, January 21st, both choir and bells.

## YOUTH

The TLC Craft Fair was a big success with over 40 vendors and 200+ shoppers/participants! We raised over \$1,200 from selling table spots and from the youth items sold (thank you to Gail Trimble, Christy Hopewell and other volunteers who made ornaments, crafts, etc. to sell for the youth).

Thank you to those who bid on our silent auction Advent baskets! Winning bidders have been contacted, don't forget to pay for and pick-up your basket from the youth/choir room.

If you are interested in getting more involved with the youth, or have ideas for ways our youth can help or interact with the congregation or community, please reach out to Brian Howe (701-340-5049 or [brianhowe57@gmail.com](mailto:brianhowe57@gmail.com)).

## FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all who helped plan, decorate, and attend Pastor Brammeier's installation service and reception on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had about 80 join us in officially installing Pastor Brammeier and in welcoming his family to our church family.

If you have a great idea for a fellowship activity, or if you want to further get involved with the TLC Fellowship group please email Christy Hopewell ([christykhopewell@gmail.com](mailto:christykhopewell@gmail.com)) or Kim Howe ([kimhowe82@gmail.com](mailto:kimhowe82@gmail.com)).



## Timothy's Cupboard

***John 3:16—Go God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, who ever believes I Him shall have everlasting life.***

Greetings from Timothy's Cupboard

December was a short month for the pantry: We served 203 families, 747 total people, 222 children, 106 seniors. We distributed a total of 38,362 lbs. of food.

We are looking forward to the New Year and helping as many Cherokee families as possible.

We are still in need of any and all volunteers available.

Thank you,

From the Cupboard

### **Sunday, February 2—Souper Bowl Sunday!**

Yes, you read that right! Sunday, Feb. 2, we celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday here at Timothy. Please bring your canned soups, stew, crackers, etc. to donate to Timothy's Cupboard. Canned goods and/or monetary contributions designated for the food bank will be collected during the offering at the services on Feb. 2.



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### **Ladies Night Out**

Monday, January 27, 2020. 6:30 pm  
 The Olive Garden  
 2040 Cumming Highway, Canton  
 All TLC ladies and friends are welcome to join us. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.





## 2020 Planning Forum – February 1<sup>st</sup>

Our 2020 planning forum will be on Saturday morning, February 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00 am. This is for all Council members, Board members and committees of Timothy. This will be our opportunity for us to have a great start to our new year of ministry with Pastor B (Pastor Brammeier) as our shepherd and many new officers and board members. We will begin with a short worship/Bible study focused on our theme and ministry outreach for the coming year. Pastor B will be sharing some of his ministry experience and how he would like to work with the various boards at Timothy. We will

be formulating plans so that we all can work together to be a strong witness in our community. Please plan on attending. Refreshments will be available at 8:30 am so we can start at 9:00 sharp. If you have any questions, please contact Don Snyder at 770-337-5908.

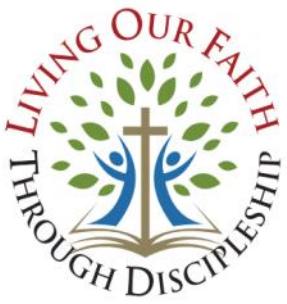
## 2020 Habitat House Build

Thanks to many of you who helped to raise funds for the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat this past year, the Coalition is able to contribute \$45,000 to our 2020 build which is one-half the cost of a house. Our build in 2020 will be in Canton this year at 160 Garrison Trail. This will be a two-story house built over a crawl space. Our portion of the build will start on February 29<sup>th</sup> with the first nail ceremony. Our build schedule will be as follows:



Date	Work
February 29	First Nail, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor walls
March 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor System
April 4	Siding
April 25	Drywall/siding/paint
May 2	Drywall
May 30	Paint Trim/Touch-up

Each of the 11 churches is assigned a workday to provide a meal for the workday. Timothy's assignment is to provide a lunch on April 25. If you can help us out on any of the workdays, please contact Don Snyder at 770-337-5908 and I will get you all of the details.



## STEWARDSHIP – January 2020

**Timothy 4.0**  
*... the refreshing*



### **Living Our Faith Through Discipleship** **2020 Stewardship Initiative**

#### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – January 2020**

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

"I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]," St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His "yes" to you, but others will find it, too, through you. "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

## KID'S CORNER

# “STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



#### What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

#### What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



# Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

*Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.*



So \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answers: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

# JANUARY

## Birthdays

Helen Wilson	1/1
Jeanne Frantz	1/1
Carol Pflueger	1/2
Bill Schuette	1/3
Lee Mehlhop	1/4
Joe Hurst	1/5
Gwen McIntyre	1/6
Rosalie Atwood	1/6
Bob Erickson	1/6
Bob Trimble	1/10
Jessica Niss	1/10
Kara Staton	1/11
Jack Basler	1/13
Grayson Smith	1/17
Nancy McLain	1/17
Jonathan Plowman	1/18
Stephanie Plowman	1/18
Peter Samosky	1/19
Ron O'Donnell	1/20
Ryan Erickson	1/20
Kimberly Howe	1/21
Barb Bowler	1/21
Lillian Hopewell	1/23
Doreen Erbe	1/24
John Mennicke	1/26
Amanda Korey	1/27
Jon Holbrook	1/28
Pat Freeman	1/30
Elaine Parnow	1/31

# JANUARY

## Anniversaries

Gerald & Joan Mueller	1/5
Dean Torek	1/8
Chris & Annie Morrison	1/10
Sam Black & Kristina Pins	1/11
Tom & Laney Share	1/12
Al & Inga Dingler	1/13
Jim & Lois Moody	1/15
Jonathan & Stephanie Plowman	1/21
John & Maureen Dicks	1/22
Dennis & Connie Williams	1/26



# INFECTION PREVENTION & YOU

Influenza A & B cases are on a dramatic rise in our area. This link [https://apic.org/monthly\\_alerts/cold-and-influenza/](https://apic.org/monthly_alerts/cold-and-influenza/) has additional information and includes guides for “What if I think I’m starting to get sick?” and “When should I get help from my doctor or healthcare provider?”

## Don’t Touch Your Face

To help prevent infections, keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth. Why? Touching the mucus membranes on your face with your dirty hands allows germs that cause respiratory infection to enter the body.

## Why is not touching your face so important?

It is estimated that people touch their faces about 23 times per hour! Respiratory infections can be caused by different bacteria, viruses, and other disease-causing germs. When you touch your face with dirty, unwashed hands, germs can take up residence in your mucous membranes which can lead to an infection.

## How are respiratory infections spread?

Respiratory infections, like pneumonia or the flu, can spread through droplets in the air when a sick person coughs, sneezes, or talks near you. Respiratory infections can also spread by direct contact with bacteria, viruses, and other disease-causing germs. When we touch people who are sick, or touch dirty surfaces, we contaminate our hand with germs. We can then infect ourselves with those germs by touching our faces.

## How can I protect myself from respiratory infections?

There are several ways that you can protect yourself from getting a respiratory infection:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Never touch your face with dirty hands.
- Wash your hands frequently. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean your hands if soap and water are not available.
- Get a flu shot every year. Encourage your family and friends to get a flu shot too!