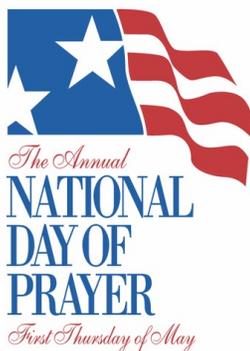


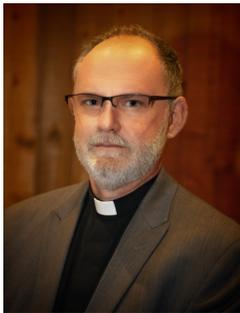
TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

MAY 2020



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Pastor's Corner

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with endurance.” Romans 8:25

“Will this ever end?!” At one time or another during the coronavirus pandemic we have probably thought of this question. Even with the prospect of States beginning to allow businesses to reopen, many are still so afraid to be in public spaces around other people. Wearing masks, gloves and social distancing greatly diminish the risk of contamination from the virus. As time drags on and the walls of our homes start to close in on us and it becomes harder to cope with our children all day, we cry out, “Will this never end?!”

The Bible gives us some great encouragement in times like the one we currently live in. There’s a specific word used in the New Testament that I want to draw your attention to, the verb “to endure” and the noun “endurance.” In the original Greek text these words are a compound word meaning “under” and to “remain.” Together these words literally mean “to remain under,” giving the figurative sense of “to endure” or “endurance.” Many times the English words, “perseverance,” “patience” and “steadfastness” are used in translations.

What comes to mind when you think about “endurance”? I think of a marathon runner. It takes so much perseverance, and endurance to complete a 26.2 mile run, let alone be a contender to win a marathon race. Endurance is the stamina and fortitude to continue living under stressful conditions. People in the armed forces undergo all types of training so they can perform their duties under the stress and fatigue of battle.

Christian endurance is the God given ability to continue living in a world marred by the consequences of the Fall into sin. Christian endurance is the ability to keep hope in our future life and resurrection in and through Jesus Christ. While the world is falling apart all around us and our lives are turned upside down, it is hard to “keep the faith.” But consider the following verses from Hebrews 12:

[Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who in exchange for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

Yes, it is hard for us to keep the faith in our ultimate future with Jesus, but where we have doubts and failures Jesus did not. Jesus endured a life an itinerant teacher who had no home of his own. He faced mounting persecution from the religious elites of his day. He was put on trial and endured beatings, scourging and a crown of thorns. He was nailed to a cross and died. Then he rose on the third day. Therefore I prefer the translation “who in exchange for the glory set before him, endured the cross.” Jesus gave up his glory to endure the cross for all of us. Yet he who was faithful unto death was given life on the third day after his crucifixion.

Jesus’ endurance gives us the ability to endure and keep faith even though the trials and tribulations around us are seemingly endless. The apostle James sums this up for us, he wrote:

12 Blessed is a man who endures under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 5:11

May the Lord bless you with the endurance you need to be faithful to Jesus unto death and receive the crown of eternal life (Revelation 2:10).



**Kristin Freeman,
Preschool
Director**

**ECE Mission and
Ministry State-
ment**

At Timothy Lutheran Preschool, we believe that "children are a gift from God; they are His reward." (Psalm 127:3)

Timothy Lutheran Preschool is a ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church. Its mission is to serve children and families by sharing Jesus' love with them through an academically excellent Christian Education in a safe, loving environment.

Preschool News

Greetings from the quiet of the Preschool,

Well April was certainly a very different month for all of us as we had the opportunity to slow down, stay put and turn to God's word in this challenging time. Here at the Preschool, we continued to stay in community with our 80 Preschool families through technology and "distance play and learning". It was definitely unlike any previous time here at Timothy, where we would have been celebrating Easter together, Carnival Day, Teacher Appreciation and prepping for our annual Muffins for Moms event. Instead our teachers spent time reaching out to our little ones with love through Facetime, Story book videos and even a few Zoom correspondence meetings! Pastor B even got creative and had a "virtual" egg hunt, which the families loved! While we are still unsure of exactly what the future holds in the days and month ahead, we are planning for two additional Learning Bag pick up days, like those previously held in the month of March. We are also hoping to plan for a Family Picnic and a Pre-Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten graduation in the month of July. And we know that while we may hope and plan, God is in control and He is sitting right here with us in the midst of the uncertainty.

We are so grateful for your love and support of this ministry and our ability to reach out to those families in the Woodstock community even during this time of crisis. We continue to share God's word and love with them in whatever way possible. We pray for those that are deeply impacted by the isolation, the loss of a regular paycheck, the lack of structure in their regular routines and especially for those little ones who may not understand exactly what is happening in the world. I hope you will continue to pray all of these things with us for our families we serve in this Preschool. Our staff is so appreciative of your support and for the continuation of this preschool ministry into another year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

I've included some pictures of our fun in the midst of "social distancing" and some of the sweet kiddos working hard at home on activities our teachers have shared with them. We certainly are ending our school year on a much different note, but we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection of the Lord that we will gather together again in August for that 35th year of preschool ministry here at Timothy Lutheran where we know "love grows here"!

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin





Marshall Kastens will graduate from the University of Georgia Pharmacy school with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May. Upon Georgia board certification, he plans to practice in the state.



Thaddeus Gordon "Tad" Furnish will graduate from Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in May. His plans are undetermined at this time.

Kenna Weber will be graduating from high school this May. Kenna has been dual enrolled at Reinhardt University this year, and will continue there, with a major in Musical Theater.





May 2020

Due to the present conditions our May meeting has been cancelled and the planned business will be postponed to the next meeting. Currently this is the August kick-off brunch on Saturday, 8/15/20.

We also are still planning to host the breakfast for our Preschool teachers again in late July/early August (according to their schedule). We'll reach out closer to the date for assistance.

In the meantime, please reach out to your sisters in Christ with words of love and encouragement, and continue to nurture your Secret Sister. The officers will continue serving the group until elections can be held.

Remember your Secret Sister!!

UPCOMING DATES:

WHEN	WHAT
TBD	Host Pre-school Teacher Breakfast
Saturday, 8/15/20	Monthly Meeting – Officer Election; Secret Sisters reveal

Here are links to LWML information:

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

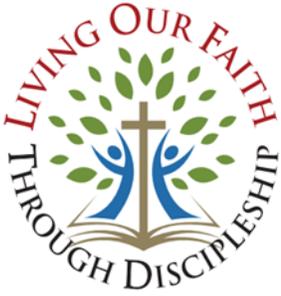


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Timothy 4.0
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Living Our Faith Through Discipleship *2020 Stewardship Initiative*

Give your spirits a lift – be sure to “attend” church either by live streaming the service or viewing the recording available at the website. Thank you to everyone involved in their production.

Thanks, too, to all those continuing to do other things around the church – gardening, working in the office, boxing food at the food bank, and many more tasks.

Our Armed Forces Sunday plans have been postponed and will now be part of the Veterans’ Day observation in the fall due to the current conditions. Please keep all those who serve in your prayers.



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On the tlcwoodstock.org website, scroll down to the Give Plus icon.



The Stand of Faith

*From sight and sound,
from taste and touch,
from senses stand aloof;
for faith stands on
the Word of God . . .
It needs no further proof.*

Lyrics of Faith

1 John 5:4b . . . This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

After reading this poem I was drawn to these verses when Jesus appears to His disciples in **Luke 24:45-48**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, *“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. . .”*

Sharing with all of you our thoughts and prayers during this time apart from each other.

God’s Comfort and Peace

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Note that LCEF recently distributed \$1 million directly to the Districts of the LCMS. Through its Soldiers of the Cross initiative, the LCMS who is setting aside an additional \$1.5 million, will use these funds to assist church workers (both rostered and lay) who find themselves with immediate unmet financial needs stemming from COVID-19. Praise God for this initiative, something that would not have happened without faithful investors like you!

Call 800-843-5233 or visit lcef.org/invest to invest.

LCMS individuals and ministries need us more than ever-people like you and me-to step in and help them bear this unprecedented load. There is no better time to stand together, strengthen our bond and come out on the other side of this crisis stronger.

Youth

The youth group has been able to get together to do online trivia a couple times in April and will likely try to do more in May. Topics range from the Bible to Star Wars, Food, Candy, and more. Pastor B. has been able to join us and it really is a lot of fun. If you would like to join in on the next session just email or text your phone number to Kim Howe at 517-420-7017 (with your name) to let her know you are interested in joining us. We are looking forward to getting together with the youth in person soon.

Timothy's Cupboard

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Greetings from the Cupboard. Well, we have had another challenging month here at the Pantry. From trying to get donations from our regular suppliers to actually getting clients in to pick up food. We can only speculate that they are either afraid to come out or think we are closed because the church is.

We are very grateful to all the individuals and business' that have stepped up this month and donated to our food bank. So thank you very much to all!

We are here for all who need us and will remain open for business as usual.

National Day of Prayer May 7, 2020

"Pray God's Glory Across the Earth"

This year's theme is based on Habakkuk 2:14. "The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea". Kathy Branzell, President of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, states " These days have proven that we cannot rely on our health or wealth; we have absolutely no earthly power to instantly change our circumstances, but our fervent effectual prayers speak to the ONLY One who is able. As we lift up our prayers we should watch for His answers, listen for His wisdom, and continually speak hope and faith to our neighbors and the world." We may not be able to gather face-to-face but public prayers for America will be conducted by streaming on the internet, social media, radio, and television broadcasts. For more information, go to NationalDayofPrayer.org.

How the Virus Stole Easter
By Kristi Bothur
With a nod to Dr. Seuss

Tw'as last in '19 when the virus began
 Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full,
 Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
 The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen,
 They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced and
 cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.
 "There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.
 No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
 The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.
 "Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and
 went.
 The virus pressed on: it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
 The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh, pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.
 "They're finding out now that no Easter is coming."

"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!
 Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
 And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."
 So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
 It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed. Why, this sound was
 triumphant!
 It couldn't be so! But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.
 Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,
 Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!
 Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
 Stood puzzling and puzzling. "Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
 It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
 "Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.
 Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then?
 Well...the story's not done.
 What will YOU do?
 Will you share with that one
 Or two or more people needing hope in this night?
 Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty – but so is the tomb,
 And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,
 As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
 May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
 May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrec-
 tion,
 May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
 May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
 But not only that – Let it start a revival.

MAY Birthdays

Dennis Bermingham	5/2
Brayden Huguenard	5/4
Paul Cehanovich	5/8
Pam Althardt	5/10
Kristen Smith	5/11
Sue Flinchum	5/12
Brenda Standridge	5/14
Karen Bennett	5/15
Debbie Hill	5/19
Hailey Weber	5/22
MiJa Lawson	5/24
Wendy Wemmer	5/25
Lucy Orantes	5/27
Gail Goeddeke	5/28

MAY Anniversaries

Darren & Stacie Weber	5/14
John & Patti Turner	5/14
Greg & Joy Pepitone	5/15
John & Charlene Stark	5/17
Gerald & Sue Flinchum	5/19
Jeff & Mary Huguenard	5/24
Bob & Gail Trimble	5/25
Steve & Jennifer Armbrust	5/25
Brian & Kim Howe	5/26
John & Barbara Bowler	5/27
Jim & Carol Taylor	5/29

We want to recognize our “Crew Behind the Scenes” for the long, complicated process of getting the “live streaming” of our worship services up and running. Many, many days at church, lots of frustration, hours of research, and trial and error testing have gone into providing a quality product to stream the services to our congregation and the world. One of the benefits of their tireless work on this has been getting the “Word of God” out – not only to our congregational members, but also across the United States and even other countries. Even though we cannot meet together as a church, the Word of God is being spread to others.

Thanks to the core team of Jack Basler, Don Snyder, and Dean Torek for their dedication to this project. Assistance was also received from John Turner and Brian Howe.

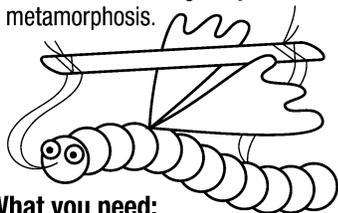
A special thanks also goes out to Marlene Snyder for playing for the services, to Tom Ganschow, Wally Kelly, and Gail Trimble for their musical accompaniment, others who shared their talents for an Anthem, and to those who volunteered to come and read the Lessons during the services.



KID'S CORNER

CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



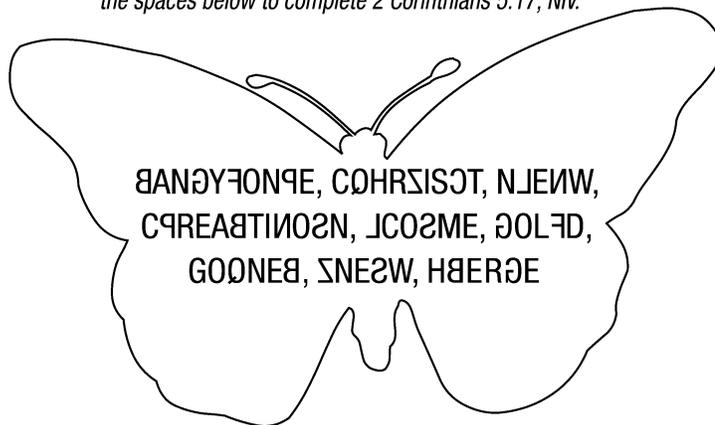
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____ ,

the _____ has _____ :

The _____ has _____ ,

the _____ is _____ !

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV