

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE APRIL 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, April 1	11 am & 7:30 pm—Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion
Friday, April 2	11 am & 7:30 pm—Good Friday
Sunday, April 4	8:30 am & 11 am—Easter Sunday Services with Holy Communion—HE IS RISEN!
April 5-9	ECE Spring Break
April 12	6:30 pm—Council Meeting
April 17	10 AM—LWML
April 21-23	ECE Accreditation Visit

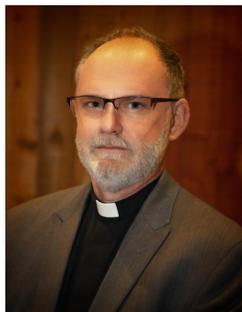
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's	8:30, 11 am, SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday's	9:45 am—Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
Wednesday's	11 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor
	5:30 pm—Confirmation Class

Watch our services live or On Demand at www.tlcwoodstock.org,

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**Rev. Daniel
Brammeier**

Pastor's Corner

Did We Learn Anything?

As we are beginning to emerge from the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic what lessons can Christians realize from the whole experience?

There will no doubt be hundreds, if not thousands, of studies on the effects of COVID and the ensuing societal lockdowns that will give us hindsight and useful information for any future viral outbreaks. The debates over the value of what was done and not done will no doubt go on for a long time.

But did we learn anything? We should realize that WE ARE NOT IN CONTROL. We believe we are in control of our lives and generally do not think that death many come to us at any time. COVID should be a wake-up call that as we build our individual towers of Babel and act like the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21) who hoarded all that God gave him and suddenly died, we cannot escape the inevitability that one day "our souls will be required of us" (Luke 12:20). The Wednesday morning bible study group has discovered, from Solomon's wisdom in Ecclesiastes, life under the SUN is a like "chasing after the wind," while living life "under the SON" gives life meaning. Jesus Christ has secured eternal life for us through his death and resurrection. With Paul we can be confident, "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8)

As God's creatures we have the creative ability to adapt as needs arise. It is unlikely that our streaming services would be the way they are without having to meet the need to keep getting the Gospel preached, when the church could not gather. But given the drive to want to hear God's Word our streaming service at Timothy has been able to reach our members and beyond to other states and countries. We have been blessed with the tools to get the good news of Jesus out to people locally, nationally, and internationally.

One of the obvious lessons from COVID is that we have been created to live in "community". There are those who can and do live in isolation. But for the majority, living in isolation is not natural. God created the basic human "unit" called the family and from families we get community. Thankfully, we live in a time where communication is much easier than when we had rotary phones, but still it is not the same as being able to gather for birthday parties and other celebrations of life. Many of us may not take giving a loved one a hug for granted for some time.

Pastor Brammeier

Worship Committee Notes

A word of thanks to all the members who donated Easter flowers, azaleas and tulips, and creative butterflies to enhance our sanctuary during this Easter season. The flower response was a wonderful surprise since we have been displaying lilies for so many years and doing something different is a little leap in the changing of a tradition. Members who stated that they will take their plants home, can do so after the 11:00am Easter service.





**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

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! What wonderful words we get to share with the little ones here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool this month of April after their return from Spring Break. We love to tell the story of Jesus and what a wonderful story to tell. The children spent the last month preparing for the death and resurrection of our Lord and celebrating His life with water colors, crayons, freshly planted green grass and even a class egg hunt. Our classrooms are filled with wonderful artwork, spring decorations and the love of Jesus and His love for us. Easter season in the Preschool is in full bloom!

We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us as we begin to wrap up what is most definitely one of the most memorable school years to date. We continue to successfully serve our families each day amidst the temperature checks, face masks and frequent hand-washing. Our staff has been amazing at making sure that “love grows here” each day and that there is always a smile on their face (even if it is hidden!) whenever they are interacting with the little ones. I am so very grateful for this ministry and all that serve in it each day.

Our ECE program will be hosting some special guests in April with a visit from our Florida-Georgia District Accreditation team as we wrap up an 18-month long project of Re-Accreditation through the National Lutheran Schools. Three team members will be on campus from April 21-23 touring our program, meeting with staff and church members and reviewing all of our documentation (over 500 pages!) to make sure that our program meets the standards set forth by the National Lutheran Schools. We completed our Self-Study document last month and I couldn’t have done that without some amazing help from our Accreditation Chair, Terri Greer. She kept me in line and made sure that all of our I’s were dotted and T’s were crossed as we edited hundreds of questions in 10 different areas of standards. Terri, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your time, energy and love with this project and for helping to make sure our ECE program is top-notch!! There were many others that also contributed to the success of this project. All of the staff had a hand in the process as well as church members: Carol Taylor, Suzanne Forman, Davina Furnish, Lauren Withhart, Michelle Roskovich, Jim Taylor, Christy Hopewell, Pete Greer, Joan Mueller, Teresa Jarmick, Amy Brown and Pastor B. Thank you for all of your time, dedication and support of this endeavor for our program. I am hopeful to receive that stamp of approval for another five years of a nationally-accredited program.

I also want to say a BIG thank you to all of our trustees in the congregation as they help to make sure the school is running in its best form possible each day. Maintaining a building is not an easy feat some days, but our staff and families are so very grateful for the facility and for your hard work in checking in on us, fixing broken items and just overall maintenance with all the things! I appreciate all that you do for this church and our program!

In closing, as I reflect on the last year and where we were just one year ago, words from the April 2020 Epistle still reflect our philosophy.

We will rejoice when we can return to our “normal” routines in life and hug our sweet little ones and fill them with God’s love each day. Until then, we continue to be that program where “love grows here” well into the future.....

“Let all that you do be done in love.” -1 Corinthians 16:14

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin

Registration 2021-22 School Year!

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is on-going and we have only a few spots remaining. We are so very grateful to continue to serve the community of Woodstock with this ministry for another year. Thank you for all of your love and support and allowing us the opportunity to share God's good news 5-days a week here. If you would like to register your child, grandchild, friend or neighbor, please contact me. Love truly grows here!

Playground Fundraisers!!

Spirit Rock

You may have been wondering what that painted rock out front is all about... it's our very own "Spirit Rock" for Timothy Lutheran Preschool. Many area schools have launched these fun and decorative rocks as a fundraiser for their schools, and while we are working on improving our playground for the children, we joined in on the fun! Our parents are able to "rent the rock" for a small fee and decorate it for their children. All monies collected from the Spirit Rock will be used towards our playground improvement project.



T-Shirts

Check out our new child size t-shirts available for our preschoolers to share the Good News around Woodstock! Shirts are available for \$10 with all monies collected for the playground improvement.



For more details on either fundraiser or an interest in supporting this playground improvement project, please reach out to Ms. Kristin. Thank you!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Name: Caleigh Moore

Birthday: August 21

Number of Years Serving: 5 years

Favorite Song: Too many to choose from!

Favorite Food: Chick-fil-a

Favorite Saturday activity: Just being outside

Favorite Place to Visit: The Carolinas

Dream Vacation: Montana

Favorite Holiday: 4th of July

If you can meet anyone in the world, it would be..... Donald Trump





STEWARDSHIP – April 2021



Timothy 4.0
... the refreshing



Living Our Faith Through Discipleship

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – April 2021

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”



The ladies of LWML welcomed spring with our FIRST in-person Bible study and meeting in March! Our monthly theme was *Through love serve one another* Galatians 5:13b. Pastor Brammeier led us in Bible study. Thank you! Please join us on Saturday, April 17th, at 10:00 A.M. for our monthly devotion, Bible study and meeting. The Atlanta Zone will hold the Spring Rally April 24th, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at Faith, Marietta. The theme of the day is *He prayed with them.* Acts 20:36b. Our gifts from the heart will be supporting Brumby Food Pantry, so please bring items to support this ministry that feeds 300+ families of which 40% are Seniors. Please let Teresa Jarmick or Patti Kastens know if you are interested in attending. Registration deadline is April 18th and the fee is \$10. If you would like to carpool, please let us know and we would be happy to assist.



Put your Old cans of Paint to Good Use!

Timothy (through the Board of Trustees) will sponsor a used paint drive to help raise money to build a new Habitat house in 2022. So, here is the deal. On Saturday, May 8th, you can bring your old cans of paint to the church between 9:00AM until 3:00PM. We request a donation of \$5.00 per can to help raise money for Habitat. The money will go to build a new Habitat House next year except for a small amount to be used for shipping. Please make checks out to Timothy Lutheran Church and we will write one check to the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat. The paint must be a latex paint, no stain, interior or exterior, must be gallon cans and must be at least ¼ full.



The paint will be shipped though Global Paint for Charity to many countries around the world where paint is considered a real luxury. No paint will go into the landfill. It will be repurposed to paint homes to help the local people have a safer home, make it last longer and the people will have a healthier place to live. Please contact Don Snyder at 770-337-5908 or Mike Lawson at 770-776-7367 for more information. Thanks for your participation.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC

ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR

LSM 2021
June 27-July 25
At Valparaiso University
Grades 8-12

2021 Exclusive!
Experience LSM from
home with the LSM
Remote Session!



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...or online!

Is there a young musician in your household who would thrive in an immersive music program supported by dedicated faculty and enthusiastic peers?

Lutheran summer music 2021 Valparaiso University*

Full Session: June 27-July 25
Half Session: June 27-July 11

**Unable to travel to campus this summer? Consider the [LSM Remote Session](#) for a fully online LSM experience from home!*

For additional information, please go to www.lsmacademy.org.

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SCREEN-FREE

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS

familystrongproject.com

All things Delicious

- Pizza and movie night at home
- Go out for ice cream and drive with the windows down and a full-on JAM SESSION!
- Go for a picnic in the park or by a lake

SPORTS FANS

- Take a sports lesson together: golf, tennis, baseball, etc.
- Frisbee golf: Google “Frisbee golf course in my area.”

FAMILY NIGHT IN

- Classic board game night with take-out
- Build a fort
- Pick a DIY project to do together: Christmas ornaments, headbands, bracelets, model cars, etc.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- Go kayaking or canoeing
- Create a screen-free scavenger hunt based on your city history and landmarks
- Go fishing

APRIL



Lincoln Staton	4/1
Charlene Stark	4/4
Jacob Erbe	4/5
Sue Johnson	4/5
Bill Chastain	4/7
Erik Riefe	4/8
Samantha Niss	4/9
Janet Zimmerman	4/9
John McLain	4/11
Roxanne Kelly	4/13
Ken Hill	4/14
Annie Brammeier	4/16
Sue Burmeister	4/16
Abby Hoffmann	4/18
Lois Niss	4/19
Linda Mehlhop	4/20
Steven Schaff	4/18
Sharon Utych	4/23
Daniel Brammeier	4/24
Marcelina Sullivan	4/26
Janet Bardonner	4/27
Alfred Dingler	4/28

APRIL



Joe & Karen Hurst	4/3
Dennis & Sharon Bermingham	4/15
Grant & Erika Martin	4/20
Chris & Susan Riefe	4/30



Fellowship

A kitchen clean-up will be occurring in April to clear out unused kitchen supplies. A table will be set up if you want to rescue any of these items for yourself or others you know would use them. If you would like to help with this clean up effort please contact Kim Howe (kimhowe82@gmail.com)

If you would like to use the kitchen for an event and have questions about where items are located or how to use some of the equipment please contact Brian or Kim Howe (brianhowe57@gmail.com)



SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:45 am in the conference room near Pastor's office. Come join us as we continue to read Revelation and discuss what this means to us as Christians.

Join us for a game night in April! Bring your favorite board game or card game as we have some fun and fellowship together. April 24th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Food will be served.

Timothy's Cupboard

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Greetings from your foodbank. Well, March has turned into a very stressful month for the foodbank. Not only are we having another month of record low clients each week, but our beautiful newly wrapped truck broke down. And unfortunately it was the transmission; needless to say, that will be a costly repair, plus fees for the rental truck.

We also had one of our major volunteers, Jon Holbrook, decide to take his many talents elsewhere. Jon will be very sorely missed; he was always at the foodbank and was willing to do anything and always smiling and pleasant to everyone. We all wish Jon the very best and hope he's happy wherever he lands!

We have been providing our clients with a survey regarding the food received, and here are comments from one individual:

"The quality of the food provided is very good; the quantity of food given is just right; the variety of food is very good; the amount of food that I have to throw away is very little.

"I've gone to other places and barely can get by so I had to go to several, but this is enough for all month. More meat and fresh veggies than anywhere. I love everyone there. They are friendly, caring, and work very hard to please and be helpful. Everything is wonderful with the food. I have been to other places and no other place compares! They do their best!! This place is A+++! Blessings to all people.."

Kid's Corner

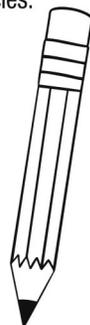


WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Read Hebrews 11:5.
What do you think it would be like to be alive when Jesus returns?

5

Read Hebrews 11:6.
Discuss the ways through which God reveals His existence to us.

6

Read Hebrews 11:7.
How did other people treat Noah for his faith?

7

Read Hebrews 11:8.
What does it mean to obey?

8

Read Hebrews 11:9-10.
Draw a picture of what you imagine God's city to be like.

9

Read Hebrews 11:11-12.
How has God been faithful to your family for generations?

10

Read Hebrews 11:13.
Who do you know who lived like a stranger in this world?

11

Read Hebrews 11:14-15.
Talk about a time when you left to go somewhere for a long time. What was that like?

12

Read Hebrews 11:16.
Have each person in your family share what they imagine heaven will be like.

13

Read Hebrews 11:17-18.
What kinds of feelings do you think Abraham had when he was about to sacrifice Isaac?

14

Read Hebrews 11:19.
Take time to remember your Baptism today. Thank God for bringing us from death to life.

15

Read Hebrews 11:20.
Who were Jacob and Esau?

16

Read Hebrews 11:21.
Write a blessing for each member of your family.

17

Read Hebrews 11:22.
What instructions do people who are dying give today?

18

Read Hebrews 11:23.
What was the king's edict that Moses was being hidden from?

19

Read Hebrews 11:24-25.
What did Moses give up by identifying himself as part of the people of God?

20

Read Hebrews 11:26-27.
What were some of the places and ways Moses encountered God?

21

Read Hebrews 11:28.
What is the Passover?

22

Read Hebrews 11:29.
Spend some time learning about the Red Sea!

23

Read Hebrews 11:30.
Learn about the battle of Jericho. What, to you, is the most interesting part of that story?

24

Read Hebrews 11:31.
Who were the spies Rahab welcomed? Why were they spying?

25

Read Hebrews 11:32.
Pick one name from this list to learn more about.

26

Read Hebrews 11:33-34.
Draw a picture of what you hear in these verses.

27

Read Hebrews 11:35-36.
Who is someone from the New Testament who was raised from the dead?

28

Read Hebrews 11:37-38.
Talk about a time when you or someone in your family suffered for your faith.

29

Read Hebrews 11:39.
Talk about a time when you had to wait for something.

30

Read Hebrews 11:40.
Pray: Come soon, Lord Jesus.

3

Read Hebrews 11:4.
Who were Cain and Abel? What can we learn from them?

2

Read Hebrews 11:3.
Talk about what you remember from the creation account in Genesis.

1

Read Hebrews 11:1-2.
Discuss what we hope for as Christians.