

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

MAY 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4-5	ECE Planting Days
May 9	Mother's Day
May 15	10 am—LWML Meeting
May 16	12:15 pm—Voter's Meeting
May 17-21	ECE Beach Days
May 20	6 pm & 7 pm—ECE Graduation
May 21	ECE Last Day of School
May 23	New Member Sunday
May 31	Memorial Day

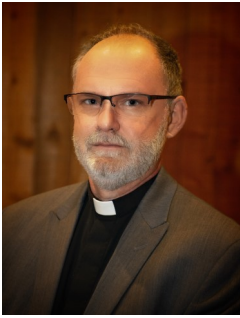
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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

Things are Happening

Have you noticed that things are happening at church?

Thanks to the work of some members we have a new great looking audio and video booth in the back of the church sanctuary. It is ready to receive our new sound system that is being installed the first week of June.

The double door emergency exit near the sound/video booth is now usable. For a long time there was a very long drop off from the step outside the exit doors. Thanks to the efforts of our Trustees the land level was raised to be in line with the step and sloped down away from the sanctuary. We also laid sod to finish the project. The sanctuary roof has also been repaired, so hopefully we won't have any more leaking over the handbells and altar.



As mentioned we are looking forward to a new sound system being installed, new carpet and new paint in the church sanctuary and outside the church.

Not only are we making upgrades and improvements to the church property, our marketing "team" has come up with some good looking t-shirt designs that have our "TLC" logo and church information on them .

All of these "things" are happening as a result of the Long Range Planning Committee's work. The LRPC put a lot of effort into short term, medium term and long term goals. We're getting our short term goals done very quickly. The medium term and long term goals, i.e. a new building for the foodbank and new "educational" building will take much longer to achieve, but we're off to a very exciting start.

But you might think, why? Why are we doing these things? In some ways the congregation is like home owners who have wanted to do "home improvements" but haven't gotten around to do them because they weren't a high priority. In other ways members have unknowingly taken to heart a very obscure text of the bible, Haggai 1:2-4 *"Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord."* 3 *Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,* 4 *"Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"* God's people had returned from exile in Babylon and built their own home, but neglected God's house, the Temple. While our church building is not in "ruins" it needed a little "TLC" (pun intended).

But this still doesn't get at the heart of "why" we are doing "things." To put it simply we want to take care of the space where God meets us with His Word and Sacrament and where we come to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, God gives through the means of grace. Like any space where people gather we want our sanctuary to be an aesthetically pleasing and comfortable space to worship in. As I often say to people, all that we do at Timothy comes down to and flows from what happens in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We exist to be a house of worship and a place where God shares his love in Jesus Christ with us and where we are encouraged to share it with others.

In the midst of all these physical improvements people are coming back to church as rates of COVID infections go down and lives return to a sense of normalcy. We have a group of people going through a new member class and we will receive new members and all those who have come into the congregation by transfer on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

It is an exciting time to be part of Timothy Lutheran Church, Preschool and Foodbank. But we should always remember the words from 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.* Let's keep praying that as "things happen" and we seek to spread the seed of God's Word, THAT GOD WILL GIVE THE GROWTH in His way and according to His good and gracious will.

In the name of Our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Pastor Brammeier



**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 Preschool,

We did it!!! What a wonderful feeling to have as we close out our 2020-21 school year. I can honestly say I had no idea what this school year would hold exactly when I began preparing and planning last July, but I do know this.... God is good! What an amazing year we have had here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool and I am so very, very grateful for each person—the ECE Board, Pastor B, my entire staff, the families that entrusted us with their child’s care and definitely each sweet child that spent their mornings with us during the last nine months. We could not have done this year without the grace of our Lord and each person’s special gift in this ministry. And to top off our year..... we continued to remain accredited through the National Lutheran Schools with a top-notch score of 95.9% We did it!!

The Validation team visit with three guests occurred on-site from April 21-23. They had a wonderful time and were so very appreciative of our hospitality and of what we are doing in the community as a church and preschool. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and we have a very bright future ahead of us! We will receive formal documentation from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at the end of July regarding our National Accreditation which lasts for another five years. The team had nine overall strengths of the program:

- Director well respected
- Pastor’s enthusiastic support
- A loving staff
- High teacher retention
- Outstanding teacher: child ratios
- A well maintained and clean facility
- Preschool fosters positive relationships with staff and parents
- Preschool provides flexible program options
- A strong ECE Board provides leadership and future planning

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful gift to our community!

We will wrap up our school year with our last day of school on Friday, May 21st. We are excited to have our traditional “Beach Week” the last week of school and we will be hosting graduation for our 4’s and Transitional Kindergarten classes on Thursday, May 20th in two ceremonies. While we are sad to watch our little ones go, we know they are well-prepared for “big-kid” school and we cannot wait to see all that they have to offer the world! These children know the love of Jesus and may they go out and share it with others. God’s blessings to them as they enter a new chapter!

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!

Summer Camp Days!!

This year the ECE Staff will be hosting Summer Camp days for our currently enrolled students (both 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year). Each week will have thematic lessons and lots of outdoor time and water play! Camp days will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-1pm during the following weeks: June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 and July 19. See Ms. Kristin if you are interested in more information regarding Summer Camp days!

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.

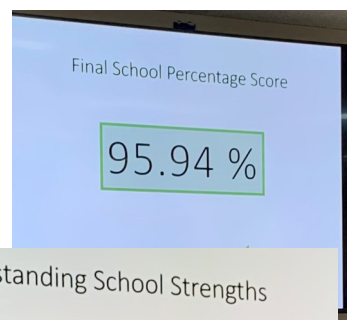


For more details on either fundraiser or an interest in supporting this playground improvement project, please reach out to Ms. Kristin. Thank you!

ECE ACCREDITATION VISITATION TEAM



Kristin Freeman, Terri Greer, Jon Peterson, Aimee Knoepfel, Shannon Veeder



Outstanding School Strengths

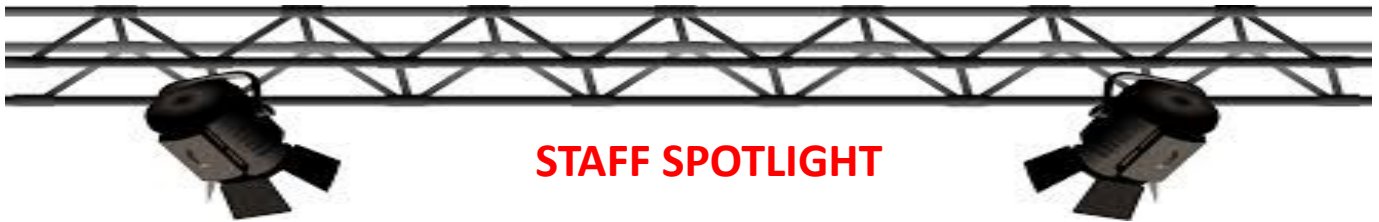
- Director is a well-respected leader who is committed to the ministry of the preschool and its pursuit of excellence
- Pastor is an enthusiastic and visible supporter of the preschool
- A loving staff is dedicated and maintains a good rapport with each other
- High teacher retention
- Outstanding teacher: child ratios
- Facility is well maintained and clean
- The preschool fosters positive relationships with open communication between staff and parents
- The preschool provides flexible program options
- A strong board provides leadership and planning for the future

Recommendation for Accreditation

The charge of the Validation Team was to review, validate and evaluate the evidence Timothy Lutheran Preschool provided.

Based on the findings from the review of evidence, the Validation Team unanimously recommends that Timothy Lutheran Preschool is accredited, pending further review by the District Accreditation Commission and final action by the NLSA National Accreditation Commission.





Name: Christy Ray

Birthday: January 31

Number of Years Serving: 5 years with MaryAnne and 10 years as a parent and sub!

Favorite Song: I like so many, I don't really have a favorite, but I have really been enjoying Toby Mac's new release, "Help is on the Way" and the new release from Crowder, "Good God Almighty". About 10 years ago, I made the decision to listen to Christian music only. Good vibes coming in helps to have good vibes going out.

Favorite Food: Chinese and Mexican

Favorite Saturday activity: impromptu driveway dinners and fire pit night with neighbors

Favorite Place to Visit: the beach

Dream Vacation: Italy- I took 4 years of Latin in high school and would like to see the Roman ruins.

Favorite Holiday: 4th of July—I love grilling out and watching fireworks.

If you can meet anyone in the world, it would be..... Priscilla Shirer. I have done so many of her Bible studies and watched her on the big screen. It would be cool to sit and have a one-on-one conversation with her.



Congratulations to Kristin Freeman, ECE Director and her staff!

Love Grows Here!

(and it is obvious, even to impartial judges)

To be an accredited school in the Florida-Georgia District is no small feat. Hundreds of hours are spent in self study: evaluating, scoring, making corrections and improving, re-examining, re-evaluating, and presenting the self study to folks at District, to then have them come to visit the school to see if we presented ourselves truthfully and accurately. To have achieved a score of 95.9% is outstanding.

I could not be more proud of the entire ECE team, headed by Terri Greer from the ECE Board, and Kristin Freeman, all of the ECE staff, and TLC members who support the preschool in so many ways. Further, we need to thank all those TLC members who help to keep the doors open: trustees with their many skills, media and computer specialists, gardeners, general helpers, Church Council and the Executive Committee who provide guidance, and the Voters' Assembly which votes to continue the program every year by approving the budget.

We also need to include in the praise and thanksgiving Pastor B, who has been our "cheer leader in chief" since even before he officially became our Pastor. His love for the children, their families, the staff and the program is evident, and has contributed to the outcome of the accreditation process.

The success of this program has not been achieved in isolation, however. God has placed in our midst just the right people at just the right time over the past 30+ years to staff and lead the program to the success it has achieved with this process. Their efforts are not to be ignored. There is no reason to believe that we will not be able to continue to build upon the past to grow and improve in the future, as we share Jesus' love with the children and their families.



STEWARDSHIP – May 2021



Timothy 4.0
... the refreshing



Living Our Faith Through Discipleship

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

St. Paul teaches us: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6). And again, he says: “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:13–14). In other words, ministers of the Gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them.

And this is how the church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just that we are to give but also what we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deut. 14:22–23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?” If it does, ask yourself: Is the church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then, there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations, and there are churches and ministries all around the world! How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, and the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of His Son – our Lord Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way – and in response to His fatherly divine goodness and mercy – we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.” For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

70th Annual National Day of Prayer. – May 6, 2021



This year marks 70 years since Reverend Billy Graham stood on the capitol steps in February 1951 and called for congress and the president to establish a day of prayer. By April of that year, President Truman signed the legislation into public law.

The theme this year echoes the prayer "Lord pour out your Love, Life, and Liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17 NKJV, states "*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,*" the theme verse.

For information on where to attend the corporate prayer gathering in our area, go to www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Summer Special Worship Service Music

As we cautiously move toward some normalcy in our worship services, members, adults and children are invited to share their musical talents in praising our Lord at the 8:30 am and/or the 11 am services. A signup sheet will be posted on the signup bulletin board by mid May. We missed not having special music last summer so it would be a real treat to enjoy hearing it this summer. Contact Marlene Snyder, qcsnyder@gmail.com, if you need more information.



Custom built oak audio/mixer board desk on casters. The dimensions are:

49in. Wide, 43 in. High, 32in. Deep. Asking \$200. Contact Mike Parnow 404-808-6252



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 1 gallon and 5 gallon cans of paint to the church between 9 AM until 3 PM. 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 through 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 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.





LWML – Vicar Jay Dass and wife Julie were welcomed at our April meeting as they stopped by Timothy having returned from Pakistan as missionaries with the Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan. In April, Timothy Thrivent members used Choice Dollars to ship Lutheran Study Bibles to Pakistani students currently studying to become Lutheran pastors.

LWML continues to support Elizabeth Ratliff, missionary to Zambia, by collecting much needed goods used in her ministry. Through JUNE we will be collecting the following requested items:



Donation boxes at the main entry at church:

Bibles/Devotionals/Bible Stories/How-to Books or Magazines

Twin Sheets & Towels

Sewing Items – Machines, fabric, notions

Step-down transformer (220 power to 110 power) from Todd Systems (\$60-\$75 each based on the wattage of the sewing machine)

Plastic tubs inside each entry to the sanctuary:

The following list includes suggestions for non-powered tools. These tools will be used to teach the boys at the orphanage skills needed in everyday life in Zambia. Additionally, the items will be used in Elizabeth's prison ministry. The items must fit in the plastic tub/shipping container to be shipped overseas.

HAND TOOL SUGGESTIONS	
<i>Metric Items Where Applicable</i>	
Axes	Squares - combination
Braces with auger/drill bits	Tapes - various types: electrical, masking, etc.
Brushes - wire, for paint/stain etc.	Tin snips
Chisels	Trowels - pointing, masonry, notched, etc.
Clamps - various sorts	Utility knives & replacement blades
Drill - hand powered / egg-beater style	Wire cutters
Files	Wood carving sets
Hammers - claw, tack, rubber mallet, etc.	Wood plane
Hex keys	Wrenches - sets or adjustable
Levels - small / torpedo	
Measuring tapes / folding rules	
Mitre box	SAFETY / OTHER ITEMS
Nail sets	Carpenter pencils / sharpies
Pliers - sets, locking, needlenose, round nose, slip joint, adjustable	Gloves - disposable, general purpose, rubber, etc.
Plumb bob	Magnetic trays
Putty knives	Masks - dust/particle
Rasps	Ratchet tie-down straps
Sanding - various sandpaper, blocks, Scotch Brite, etc.	Safety glasses
Saws - crosscut & hack (+replacement blades)	Steel wool - various grades
Screw starter	Tack cloths
Screwdrivers - sets, multi-bit or individual	Tool belts
Socket sets	Velcro loops / Zip ties

NO FLUIDS OR COMBUSTIBLES, PLEASE!

These are suggested items - everything must fit in the plastic tub / shipping container!



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.

We had a fun game night in April! We were able to teach the youth two new games, got to do a lot of laughing as we compared answers in a trivia-style game, and the kids got to play noodle-tag (if not familiar with what this is please ask a youth to explain it to you).

With the weather getting so nice we are looking to get outdoors for our next youth activity. Possibly miniature golf or a group outing to Six Flags...let Brian and Kim know your preferences and we'll check calendars to ensure we can get maximum participation.



A kitchen clean-up will be scheduled for May (didn't quite get to it 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).

Any bingo players interested in some bingo at church? What about a card tournament? Let us know if you'd be interested in something like this and we'll try to set up an event (to include prizes).

GRADUATION

Do you have graduates in your household? We would like to recognize their hard work. Please let the church office (770 928-2812 or admin.tlc@comcast.net) know who is graduating from where and what their future plans are by May 20.



Timothy's Cupboard

Psalm 17:6

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Greetings from your foodbank. Things are really about the same as far as clients coming in, we are holding steady at about 10-16 per Tuesday & Thursday.

We have however been able to help other people in need. We are now partnering with a church here in Woodstock (Resurrection) who cooks meals and gives to another church who serves the meals to the needy. We also have been providing our excess meat and supplies to other needy pantries & needy organizations, including a boys home, other churches, another pantry, and even a hog farm (so the excess bread does not go to waste!)

We have had 2 freezers (the old ones) bite the dust and had them replaced.

And on a very positive note we have had a couple of new volunteers come forward and give us a much needed hand! Thank you to everyone—all are appreciated!



Food Bank Volunteer Limelight



Name: Jeannie Bernerth

Birthday (Month / Day): August 25th

Number of Years Volunteering at Timothy's Cupboard: 7 years

Average Number of Volunteers Hours/Week at Timothy's Cupboard: Over 50+ hours

Average Number of Days/Week at Timothy's Cupboard: 7 days

Favorite Food: Chocolate

Favorite Song: Amazing Grace

Favorite Weekend Activity: Gardening

Favorite Place to Visit: Florida

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Dream Vacation or Bucket List Top Activity: Australia

If you could meet anyone, it would be: President Trump



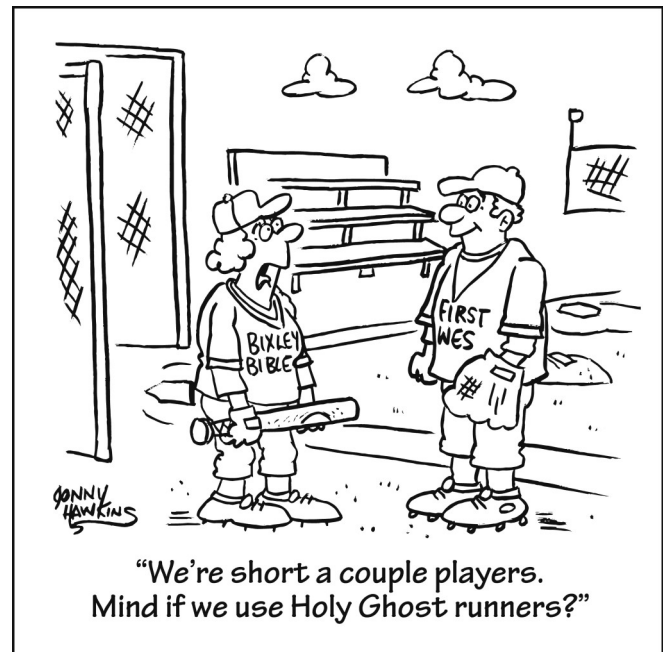


Dennis Bermingham	5/2
Brayden Huguenard	5/4
Paul Cehanovich	5/8
Pam Althardt	5/10
George Ottinger	5/10
Kristen Smith	5/11
Sue Flinchum	5/12
Brenda Standridge	5/14
Karen Bennett	5/15
Brian Hooks	5/17
Kevin Schaff	5/17
Debbie Hill	5/19
Nelson Alquist	5/20
Hailey Weber	5/22
Mija Lawson	5/24
Wendy Wimmer	5/25
Lucy Orantes	5/27
Gail Goeddeke	5/28
Gwen Lischke	5/28

Nearing the parish church during his daily walk, a young man saw that some shrubbery was on fire. He banged on the rectory door and told the woman who opened it to call the fire department. She ran to the phone, and he heard her place the call. She identified herself, gave the location, and explained the situation. "You mean to tell me," said the emergency dispatcher, "that there's a burning bush on the church lawn, and you want to put it out?"



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



THANK YOU!

Al & Inga Dingler thank the congregation for all the prayers on behalf of their son who had recent surgery.

From Karen & Keith Bennett: Timothy Lutheran Church Members, Thank You So Much. We are so grateful to all of you for your kind caring words of encouragement during Keith's ongoing medical issues. The cards that we have received have the words and thoughts that touched us both. You all are a blessing! *"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you"*...Romans 1:8a. God's Grace & Peace, Karen and Keith Bennett

To the generous, lovely saints at TLC, My name is XXXXXX and my daughter, XXXXXX has been attending TLP for years now, due to your kindness and generosity to sponsor her through the scholarship program! I just wanted to write in and express my gratitude to your congregation for blessing us so greatly! I can't even adequately share how much the amazing people at TLP have nurtured my sweet girl, taken us under their wings, and cared for us. The Lord has provided mightily for us through all—so thank you for being His vessel! Much love & gratitude XXXXXXXXX

Thank you to our group of talented workmen who are repairing/replacing selected portions of the woodwork on the outside of our facility as we prepare for painting.



Thanks also to Suzanne Forman and Amy Brown and others for the dedicated work that is done in maintaining our flowers and bushes. You can find either of them out here at all hours weeding, watering, planting, pruning, etc. Doesn't our yard look great? And Suzanne will be coordinating the ECE children, teachers, and volunteers as the ECE children plant the Easter azaleas and other plants around the church property this coming week. Thanks so much.

Kid's Corner



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

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V Q K R F D Y J O V V

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C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

— — — — — — — — — —

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

— — — — — — — — — —

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV

DID YOU KNOW?

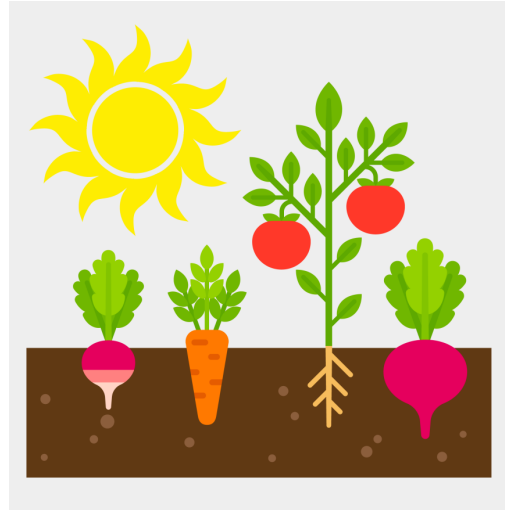
Gardening can build your character—if you follow the right set of rules. Here are some rules worth cultivating :

First, plant three rows of P's

- ◆ Patience
- ◆ Perseverance
- ◆ Purity

Second plant three rows of Squash:

- ◆ Squash criticism
- ◆ Squash gossip
- ◆ Squash indifference



Third, plant five rows of Lettuce:

- ◆ Lettuce be faithful to duty
- ◆ Lettuce be unselfish and loyal
- ◆ Lettuce be true to our obligations
- ◆ Lettuce obey rules and regulations
- ◆ Lettuce love one another

Fourth, no garden is complete without Turnups:

- ◆ Turnup for meetings
- ◆ Turnup with a smile
- ◆ Turnup with new ideas
- ◆ Turnup with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile



Courtesy of Mrs. A. R Kinney, a Flower of the Month member from Downing, Missouri

The Family of Timothy

T—Thankful and joyful toward our creating, redeeming and enlightening God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Romans 11:36 *“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”*

Romans 12:12 *“Be joyful in hope.”*

I—Intimately growing with God through Word, Sacraments and Prayer

Romans 12:1—*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.—this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

Romans 12:12—*“Be faithful in prayer.”*

M—Modeling our words, thoughts and actions after our servant King, Jesus

Romans 12:2 *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

Romans 12:21—*“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

O—Outreach into our community and world with urgency and boldness.

Romans 12:11—*“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”*

Romans 12:13—*“Share with God’s people who are in need.”*

T—Together in unconditional love toward each other. (Be there relationships; Christ Care Connections)

Romans 12:4—*“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

Romans 12:9-10 *“Love must be sincere. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

H—Harmony in the ministry and mission.

Romans 12:16 *“Live in harmony with one another.”*

Romans 12:18 *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

Y—Yielded to the Holy Spirit’s gifts, fruits and passions to adore Christ and serve people.

Romans 12:6 *“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.”*