

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

APRIL 2022



DATES TO REMEMBER

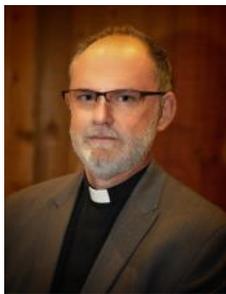
Sunday, April 3	12 Noon—First Sunday Potluck
Wednesday, April 6	11 am and 7 pm Lenten Service
Wednesday, April 6	6 pm, Lenten Dinner
Sunday, April 10	8:30 & 11 am—Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am
Thursday April 14	11 am & 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 15	11 am & 7 pm—Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 16	10 am—LWML
Sunday, April 17	6:30 am, 8:30 am, 11 am, Easter Services
Sunday, April 17	7 am—Noon—Easter Breakfast
Monday, April 25	11:30 am—Ladies Lunch Bunch

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's	8:30, 11 am— SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday's	9:45 am—Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
Wednesday's	10 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor

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Pastor's Corner

Ceremony in the Divine Service

"I was raised Catholic, but, I dunno. Mass is just ... well, it's so much ceremony."

This was overheard at a recent get-together. You may have heard a similar sentiment directed at the Lutheran Divine Service and its faithful use of liturgy. It seems that ceremony can be a bit of a deterrent to some, especially in our casual culture. But I would argue that it is the very ceremony of the Divine Service that beckons and invites those outside the Church in.

After all, many things in life involve ceremony, especially that other thing that is taking over our Sundays—sports.

Sports and Ceremony

There is a routine and structure to a sports game, especially in professional leagues. Each game involves a closely followed set of rules. Every player has a position, and gestures are carefully used to signal plays, pitches, or even fouls. Teams wear particular clothing in particular colors, and their jerseys even change depending on *where* they are playing. There is a specific structure to the beginning of each game, such as a coin toss or ceremonial first pitch. Frequently, music plays an important role too, like the national anthem, players' walk-up songs, and the ubiquitous seventh-inning-stretch performance of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

All these things are widely accepted and celebrated. Yet there are those who balk at the ceremony in the Divine Service, which also prizes physical position, employs gestures to help communicate, utilizes specific clothing in specific colors at different times of the year, follows a special opening structure, enlists music, and involves a closely followed, traditional set of rules.

Ceremony Gives Meaning

But maybe you are one who doesn't care much for sports. In that case, consider all the other [everyday things that involve ceremony](#). Families find traditional structures during holidays, daily meals typically involve a set order, and even a morning routine involves a certain amount of ceremony. Ceremony gives structure and order to the things we do in our life. Although ceremonial actions are not essential to life in the same way water or oxygen may be, they give meaning to life. We would not survive long without meaning.

[The ceremony of the Divine Service shows how important it is](#). It sets it apart from everything else we see in life. In this way, the ceremony of the Divine Service is actually a great welcome to those from the outside. It says to them, come in, you will find something different here. If the Divine Service only took its cues from the rest of the current culture, there would be no point in it. Instead, it offers people something different from their normal lives. It shows them that it has a significance they can only find in the Church. Arthur A. Just Jr. writes in [Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service](#):

Our worship must immediately proclaim to our unbelieving neighbors that something is happening in the liturgy that happens nowhere else in all of creation. God, who is everywhere, chooses to locate Himself in the liturgy in Word and Sacraments." (p. 26)



**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 Preschool world,

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 week preparing for the death and resurrection of our Lord and celebrating His life with watercolors, crayons, and freshly planted green grass. The 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 are excited for the month ahead where the children will participate in class egg hunts, have the experience of the newness of life with caterpillars becoming butterflies in our Science classes and enjoy some planting days with our ECE Board and church members for Earth Day. We will also be celebrating our parents and families with classroom "Parent days" this year as we honor all that they do in their child's life and in bringing them to our school each day to learn and grow in the love of Jesus. So many things to be grateful for in the blessings from our Lord.

We had a fantastic time on Friday, March 25th when we had the return of The Little Red Barn Petting Farm to TLP. The children, along with their parents, had a fun morning interacting with over 10 farm animals, including newborn baby goats and sheep. Check out the photos from the day on the next pages! Thank you to the ECE Board for helping to spearhead this event for our preschool families! I am looking forward to this becoming an annual event with our kiddos and their families.

I would also like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our church trustees as they help to maintain the building through our daily use. We are grateful for these folks that pop in and have a list of things to review and repair and for taking time to schedule HVAC visits and things. It's a hard job that doesn't go unnoticed by our staff! Thank you!

To the church community, we are so blessed to continue to serve the Woodstock community with this "hidden gem" of a preschool for another year and our families are so grateful for this loving, safe space for their children. A day doesn't go by that a parent or grandparent doesn't compliment me on our preschool program and the church presence that is felt in their family's life as they are a part of our "love grows here" philosophy. Thank you for helping to plant the seed of the peace, love and joy of Jesus here with this ministry.

Grace and Peace,

Kristin Freeman

Preschool Director

Timothy Lutheran Preschool is an amazing place to be:

- Serving the congregation and community for 36 years
- Blessed with a capable and nurturing staff—12 of our 16 staff members started out here as parents in the program and all of our lead teachers have a Bachelor's Degree or a CDA (Child Development Associate) certificate
- Age-appropriate learning through play for children ages 2 years - 6 years
- Integrated academic and Lutheran curriculum
- NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation) accredited since 2004 (with our most recent Accreditation score of 94.6%)
- Small classroom environments which allow individual student needs to be met
- Extended operating hours from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with traditional school hours from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Timothy members receive a 15% tuition discount
- Providing students with a strong foundation in education to create life-long learners
- A hidden gem in the Woodstock community!

Registration for the 2022-23 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!



Preschool Happenings

April 4-8	Spring Break: No School
April 11	ECE Board Meeting
April 15	Good Friday: No School
April 21 & 22	Planting Days



Name: Melissa Blick

Class: PreK 5-days

Years at Timothy: 10 years

Birthday: June 15

Where did you grow up: St. Charles, IL until age 9 and then Georgia

Who lives in your House: my husband Brian, daughter Emma (12) and Tucker our dog

Favorite Restaurant: Culver's (fast food), Monterray Mexican (everyday) and Aspen's (fancy!)

Favorite Saturday activity: Sleep, Garden, Pool/Lake days

Dream Vacation: The beach—any and all!

Why do you like teaching at Timothy Lutheran Preschool? I love the kids and their families. I hope I make a difference in their love for learning. It's the best feeling watching and witnessing a child's growth from start to the end of the school year. And having fun!







APRIL 2022

NEWS

The LWML ladies held their regular meeting on March 19. Tasty tea sandwiches, fruit and cupcakes provided by Rosalie Atwood were enjoyed during the meeting.

The group decided to assemble Personal Care Kits as our act of service to honor the 80th anniversary of the LWML. Items will be collected during late spring and summer and the kits will be assembled when the group reconvenes in the fall. The preschool will be invited to participate by providing bars of soap. More details will be shared after Easter.

To wish Carol Pflueger well as she leaves our community to live in Australia, we gave Carol a small heart-shaped charm "Sister in my Heart" made into a bookmark that she can use as is, or add to a charm bracelet or hang from a chain. She will be missed at TLC but we know the Lord has plans for her in Australia.

The next LWML meeting will be April 16 at 10 a.m. Y'all come, hear!



REMINDER

If you signed up for Secret Sister, check your mailbox. Some of you have not picked up your Secret Sister information.

Sanctuary Easter Flowers

This Easter, TLC members will have the opportunity to choose from 4 different flowering plants to decorate our Sanctuary. People can select from daisies, petunias, sunpatiens, and lantana. The signup flower chart, which includes pictures of the flowers, is on the sign up bulletin board. Each pot is \$9.00. April 10 is the last day to sign up for the flowers. As in previous years, you can take your flowers home after the 11:00 am service or donate the flowers for our preschoolers to plant the flowers around our facility with our landscape committee assisting them. Suzanne Forman has been diligently working with Lady Slipper Nursery to obtain a colorful array of flowers to enhance our chancel area.

Two satin Easter banners which resemble stain glass windows will be hung at the back of the Sanctuary next to the emergency doors. We thank our members who donated these banners.





April 2022

Mite Challenge Calendar



ATTACHED TO JESUS: *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing* (John 15:5).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Start a Prayer Journal. Donate 30¢	4 What is your favorite fruit? Donate 50¢	5 Pray for workers in God's vineyard. Donate 40¢	6 Read Rev. 22:1-2 To what does it refer? Donate 20¢	7 What Bible verse gives you strength? Donate 25¢	8 Pray for all teachers of God's Word. Donate 50¢	9 Prepare and share a fruit salad. Donate 10¢
10 Sing "Abide with Me" LSB #878. Donate 20¢	11 Read Christ's words of institution LSB page 162. Donate 40¢	12 Have you ever picked fruit? Donate 30¢	13 How are you "attached" to God? Donate 25¢	14 Have you ever attached a button to clothing? Donate 50¢	15 Read Matthew 20:1-16. Donate 20¢	16 Pray for faithful workers. Donate 30¢
17 What brings you JOY? Donate 10¢	18 Memorize Psalm 1:3. Donate 35¢	19 Share a fruit basket with someone. Donate 40¢	20 What is the "fruit of our lips" (Heb.13:15)? Donate 25¢	21 Sing "Fruitful Trees" LSB #691. Donate 30¢	22 Who is the "shoot" or "branch" (Isaiah 11:1)? Donate 20¢	23 Pray to remain faithful. Donate 40¢
24 Spend time planting or digging in God's soil. Donate 50¢	25 What fruit of the Spirit is mentioned in Isaiah 32:17? Donate 25¢	26 Water and tend your plants. Donate 35¢	27 Memorize the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Donate 50¢	28 Enjoy prayer time in a garden. Donate 20¢	29 Pray for those who have strayed from God. Donate 10¢	30 Look at your Prayer Journal and see God at work. Donate 40¢

Pastor B Cont.

God is giving us His greatest gift in the Word and Sacrament; the ceremony of the Divine Service proclaims that.

Different Levels of Ceremony

That's not to say that everyone will appreciate extravagant ceremony. In fact, while some Lutheran churches are very "high church," many Lutheran churches have a little less ceremony. This reflects the make-up of the congregation—perhaps it is smaller and has fewer resources to conduct all the bells and whistles highly ceremonial churches use; perhaps the people themselves are a community that appreciates a more toned-down, but still reverent, approach. Whatever the case may be, ceremony can still be shown even if it is not with great extravagance.

Due reverence is important, and guiding people to that due reverence with a certain amount of ceremony is beneficial for the congregation. Forcing a high level of ceremony on every congregation is not. Some people may find a church's high level of affectation in its ceremony disingenuous. Perhaps this is what the woman who spoke the opening sentence perceived in the Roman Catholic mass, although it is a messy thing to consider what is beautiful reverence and what is pretension.

Ceremony Shows What We Think Is Important

Ultimately, though, ceremony is necessary because it shows that something important is happening. If we take the Divine Service seriously, we will naturally appreciate the ceremony—and this in turn will show our neighbors what we deem important, namely, the gift of Jesus Christ's salvation. Just continues in *Heaven on Earth*:

Our neighbor from the highways and byways must see that no more important business is being carried out in the world than the business transacted in the liturgy proclaimed for the life of the world. If our liturgy does not express this, then we cannot expect our visiting neighbors to return to our liturgy. If they do not see a world made new in Jesus Christ in the gifts of salvation, then they will not desire to enter into catechesis that prepares them to receive the justifying gifts of Christ in Baptism and to celebrate a world made new in Christ in the Eucharist. (pp. 26-27)

Ceremony can turn off those who are not used to it, but it is only through ceremony that we show these same people that there is something worthwhile happening when we participate in the Divine Service. More than our morning coffee routine, more than our family Thanksgiving dinner, more than even the Super Bowl, we are receiving the only gift that offers us eternal salvation.

Quotations from *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service* © 2008 Arthur A. Just Jr., published by Concordia Publishing House.

Pastor B



Ladies Lunch Bunch (L.L.B.)

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 25, 2022, 11:30 am to gather at a place to be determined. Watch for an announcement in the Timothy Take Out regarding location.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can use our new Sign-Up Genius right from your home.

Christian Education

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so”

– Acts 17:11

<u>Children’s Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Bible Study</u>
<p><u>Upcoming Lessons</u></p> <p>04/03/2022 – Jesus Calls Disciples 04/10/2022 – Palm Sunday Egg Hunt 04/17/2022 – No Sunday School 04/24/2022 – A Wedding at Cana</p> <p><u>Next Sunday School Open</u></p> <p>04/03/2022</p>	<p><u>Learning the Lutheran Faith</u></p> <p>In area in front of Pastor’s Office Led by Pastor Teaching the basics of the Lutheran Confession of faith</p> <p><u>Wired Word</u></p> <p>Currently attending Pastor Porter’s class</p> <p><u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>1—3 John— Led by Pastor Porter</p> <p><u>Parents Bible Study</u></p> <p>Continues in the Nursery Non-parents are welcome too!</p>
<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Sunday School Offering</u>
<p><u>Vacation Bible School</u></p> <p>If you would like to help with planning and execution of this year’s VBS, please let us know!</p> <p><u>Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt</u></p> <p>Join us on Palm Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!</p>	<p><u>Local Charities</u></p> <p>Sent donations to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goshen Valley Foundation Foster Care Support Foundation The Children’s Haven</p> <p>We are still looking for any local charities to use for our Sunday School Offerings</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’ ”</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Isaiah 40:8</p>	



The 8 “T’s” of Christian Stewardship

This month we will talk about Time as the first of the Eight T’s of Stewardship.

TIME is a gift from God. Psalm 139:16 states that “All the days ordained for me were written in Your (God’s) book before one of them came to be.” Our times are truly in God’s hands (Psalm 31:15). And, regardless of the number of years God ordains for us, we say with the Psalmist, “You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man’s life is but a breath” (Psalm 39:5). Jesus reminds us that we cannot add a single hour to our lives by worrying about it (Matthew 6:27). Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that “there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

So, what are we to do with God’s gift of TIME? St. Paul gives this instruction: “And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:11-12). St. Paul also gives us this encouragement in Ephesians 5:15-16: “Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

As maturing stewards we receive TIME as a gift from God and strive to make the best use of it in our family relationships, work, and other life activities, including our work in God’s kingdom and church while He blesses us with life on this earth. We do this not only as an obligation, but also as a free and joyous activity. At the end of our lives when we stand before the Judge of every human being we will rejoice when the King says, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21).

Every January many people make a lot of good resolutions and some of them included using TIME wisely. Now we can reflect on how we’re doing...and resolve again to use our gift of TIME in a way that honors God and blesses others. And that is only fitting because **“maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do, including the wise use of their time.”**

Excerpts for this article were taken with permission from the LWML **8”T”s of Christian Stewardship** by Rev. John Heckman.



We welcome Landon Scott Blackwell into the family of God and into Timothy Lutheran Church. Landon’s parents are Brandon and Kristen Blackwell; Proud Grandmother is Karen Bennett.

“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14

FROM Carol Pflueger

Dear Friends in Christ,



First off I want to thank you at Timothy for the very wonderful send-off you gave me at Church. To say I was completely surprised would be an understatement. My Church and Christian friends and family have always been very special to me. I wish to thank everyone involved with putting the reception together as well as your thoughtfulness with gifts and cards and well wishes.

My time at Timothy has always been very special to me. I especially enjoyed greeting at the door every Sunday and getting to meet the members as well as new visitors. I will miss giving out goodie bags with the different breads to visitors. When I joined Timothy in 2005, I never realized what a great experience it was to meet and greet our members and visitors. I will miss that very much.

It will take me a while to get settled in Australia. So much is different and it will take a while to find a Church as I have to get settled in my own place.

My children are very patient with me. I will try to keep in touch and let all of you know how things are going.

God bless Timothy Lutheran and all the members and friends I have made over the years. I will continue to keep in touch from time to time.

Yours in Christ,

Carol Pflueger
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Australia.

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Use the WhatsApp and you may call Carol without charge at 612 9648-6356

It takes a long time to send mail, but Carol would love to hear from you! (She just received a birthday card this week that was sent in December.)





SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD - APRIL 2022

Serving Jesus by serving the least (based on Matthew 25:40)

Social Ministry formerly included both the Social Ministry Board and the Food Bank. This past fiscal year the two split into separate boards. While most understand what the food bank does, some of you may not be familiar with what the now-separate Social Ministry board is and what our budget, also known as the *We Care Community* fund, is meant to cover.

Our purpose is to address the immediate, one-time hardships of people living in Cherokee County, specifically with essential, necessary expenses. We also work with similar organizations in Cherokee County or the larger community. Two recent activities – *the Angel Tree for the Cherokee County Family Violence Center and the Foster Care Foundation, and the Souper Social lunch for the Stepping Stone Mission's homeless ministry* – are great examples of our larger community involvement.

Requests for financial assistance typically come through the pastor, the church office or from the food bank. Of course, as with most things in life, there are requirements and restrictions.

There is an application and proof of need process for each request.

If the need is small Pastor may provide one or two \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards.

If the need is larger there are tiered approval protocols to follow, depending on the amount of the request. Some examples of larger requests for assistance include help toward a mortgage or rent payment, public utilities, prescriptions and other health care costs.

If a request is approved (after following its specific protocol), payment is made solely to the debt holder, utility, etc. *No applicants receive cash or a check made out to them.*

We Care Community funds are not intended for on-going, recurring requests where no plan is in place to avoid future hardship, thus there will be no consideration of more than one request within a two-year period without counseling. Further, certain expenses are excluded from consideration.

This fiscal year, despite a number of phone and email inquiries, as well as a few people showing up in person, only one individual has made the effort to go through the application and approval process. In that instance we were able to assist with a utility bill.

Some say we'll be scammed in our efforts to serve those in need. As Christians we want to think the best of others and assist them as we are able, yet we are also called to be discerning and wise stewards. To that end we implemented the tiered protocols and other safeguards.

TWIGS—Timothy's Wired, Inspired, Godly Servants

The T.W.I.G.S. (Timothy's group of empty-nester's and retirees) are a fun-loving group who get together every once in a while for fellowship with other Lutheran's who are in the same stage of our lives. We are always looking for new members. The TWIGS participate in several activities to help at our church. Individual members are Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild Members, Audio Team, Fellowship Board. Some of our past activities have been movie nights, day-trips, plays, baseball games, game nights, dinners, weekend trips, and service projects. All members are welcome to join us at any activity. Upcoming activities include:

April 9— SPRING CLEANING (it has been a couple of years!)—Pew Polishing, table and chair cleaning, and window washing—9 am –Noon. Bring non-ammonia window cleaner and rags or paper towels, Murphy's Oil for pew cleaning, rags and a bucket, and a good cleaner for tables and chairs. Let's get things sparkling for EASTER! Contact Carol Taylor (770 977-5314) for more info.

April 23—LET'S GO TO A PLAY: The TWIGS are planning a trip to the Cherokee Theatre Company in Canton to see the play "Faith Country" by Mark Landon Smith (A hilarious look at life in a small southern town). The date is Saturday, April 23 at 8 pm. Senior tickets are \$15 each plus a \$2.60 service fee. We can get a group ticket rate of \$13 each if you can give the money to Don Snyder by Palm Sunday. Also, if you are interested in dinner beforehand, please let him know.

TBD—September—possible trip to Branson, MO to see "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater. Watch for further details.



Audio and Video Help is needed

Can you see, hear, have a license to drive, are teachable and dependable???

You are qualified to be on the Audio/video team! Free training provided.

Please contact Don Snyder at 770 337-5908 or Jack Basler at 404 680-8516.

There are currently 5 A/V team members—and one of them will be moving away this summer. Your help is needed.

Worship Servants Wanted

It takes a village.....many helpers are needed to work together as a team to facilitate our worship services. You can volunteer as an usher, lay reader, greeter, altar guild member, nursery attendant, handbell choir member, choir member, or organize the pew racks weekly, etc. As you see, there are many areas where you can volunteer your talents to help our family at Timothy Lutheran Church.

Please contact the church office at 770 928-2812, Marlene Snyder at 770 364-5405, or Mike Parnow, Scheduler, at 404 808-6252.

Many hands make light work!



Join us for an Easter Breakfast Buffet hosted by the Youth Group. Pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served from 7-11am on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please sign up on the church bulletin board to let us know you will be there.

If you have an idea for our youth (or would like to organize an event the youth can help with) please contact Brian Howe (brianhowe57@gmail.com).



First Sunday Potluck Join us after second service on Sunday, April 3rd for fellowship and lunch. Bring a dish to share!

Are you interested in hosting an event at TLC? The Fellowship committee is happy to support with plates/utensils, shared art supplies, a bingo set, and some board games. Email brianhowe57@gmail.com for more info or with any questions you have.

Check out the TLC Kitchen Updates We have beautiful new cabinets, a range oven combo, double oven and new countertops! We thank our congregation members and the Board of Trustees for their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure! We want the kitchen to be used – if there are any supplies needed, please let Christy Hopewell or Kim Howe know.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RETURNING!!

VBS is happening! Mark your calendars for June 6-10. Children ages 3 (fully potty trained) through rising 5th graders are invited to jump aboard our rocky railway and discover how Jesus's power can pull them through life's ups and downs! VBS will be held from 9:00 am - noon. We are currently seeking volunteers in various areas. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

On Monday, April 25, Email with the link will be emailed out to congregation members and volunteers to register their children for VBS.

On Sunday, May 1, - the Link for VBS will go live on the Timothy Lutheran Website for everyone to register.

Any questions please reach out to director, Christy Hopewell @ TLCWoodstockVBS@gmail.com.

A Sampler of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (ESV)

In 1912, Whitman's Chocolates and Confections company began production of the product that is now the only thing that is known by the Whitman's brand: the Whitman's Sampler. Now I'm no snob when it comes to chocolate, but the Whitman's Sampler was probably the first box of assorted chocolates that I really remember. Maybe you're already imagining the sort of yellow box with the fake needlework, or the great "chocolate treasure map" that came on the inside of the lid at times, or maybe you're just imagining a specific variety of the chocolates inside. I'm a big orange crème fan.

Hopefully this devotion so far hasn't made you fault on your Lenten fasting, but I have a reason for bringing it up. Just like a Whitman's Sampler, we are connected together as the Church. We are each a little different, but we're also the same. Some of us are creamy, some of us are nutty, some of us are chewy, and some of us are fudgy. We're all given different gifts, but we're all covered in the thing that unites us. Maybe some days we would wish that we were all united in being covered in chocolate like the Whitman's candies, but we're covered in something better - the Spirit of God who unites us.

That Spirit who covers us puts us in the same boxes together, our churches. We're arranged in a way that shows off the varieties in our box. But interestingly, just like you know what I'm talking about when I say "Whitman's Sampler," the Spirit arranges all of our boxes to be identifiable: that a church, even one as messed up as the Corinthian church, is recognizable because of the Spirit's unifying power is truly a great miracle.

We are equipped by the Spirit to invite people to take a chance and to "bite into" one of these Spirit dipped Christians. They might have to bite into a few before they find one that they really like, but when they do, they'll find something that was produced for them by the one Spirit who draws us all together. Amen.

Written by:

Rev. Jay Winters, Pastor

University Lutheran Church & Student Center

Tallahassee, Florida

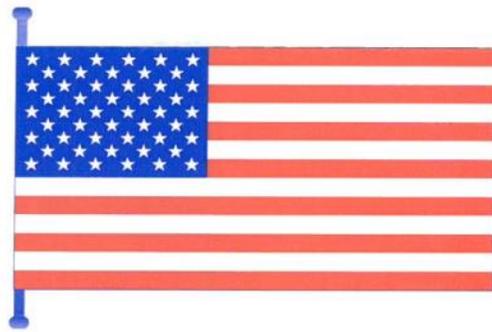
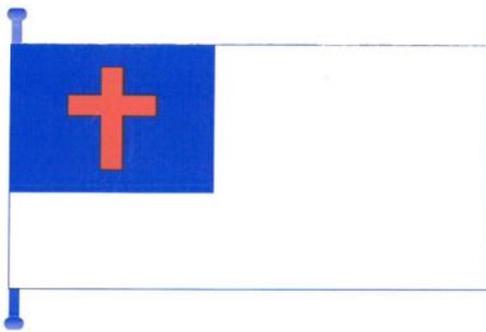
What does your faith mean to you?

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven”
(Matthew 10:32-33).

Will you fight for it?

Will you put it on display?

Will you FLY YOUR FLAG for Jesus Christ?



The Christian flag dates back to an impromptu speech given by Charles C. Overton, a Sunday school superintendent in New York, on September 26, 1897. The guest speaker for the Sunday school kick-off didn't show up, so Overton had to wing it. Spying an American flag near the podium, he started talking about flags and their symbolism. Along the way he proposed that Christians should have their own flag — an idea that stayed on his mind long after the speech. In 1907, Overton teamed up with Ralph Diffendorfer, secretary to the Methodist Young People's Missionary Movement, to produce and promote the Christian flag.

The colors on the flag — not surprisingly — match those on the American flag. White represents purity and peace, blue indicates fidelity, and red stands for Christ's blood sacrifice.

*“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands;
one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again,
with life and liberty to all who believe.”*



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/4	Charlene Stark
4/5	Jacob Erbe
4/7	Bill Chastain
4/8	Erick Riefe
4/9	Samantha Niss
4/9	Janet Zimmerman
4/11	John McClain
4/13	Roxanne Kelly
4/14	Ken Hill
4/16	Sue Burmeister
4/18	Abby Hoffmann
4/19	Lois Niss
4/20	Linda Mehlhop
4/24	Daniel Brammeier
4/26	Marcelina Sullivan
4/28	Al Dingler

[Romans 12:10-13](#)

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.



APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES



4/10	Krista Mallon
4/15	Dennis & Sharon Bermingham
4/20	Grant & Erika Martin
4/30	Chris & Susan Riefe

“God is as near to you as the vine is to the branch, as present within you as God was in the temple, as intimate with you as a husband with a wife, and as devoted to you as a shepherd to his sheep.” Max Lucado



Kid's Corner

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

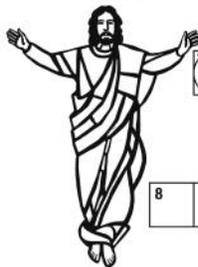
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;
 DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and
 your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



3 Read 1 John 1:3-4. Share one thing that brought you joy today!

4 Read 1 John 1:5. What is your favorite thing about light?

5 Read 1 John 1:6-7. What does it mean to "walk in darkness"?

6 Read 1 John 1:8-10. Why is the truth important?

7 Read 1 John 2:1. Remind each person in your family today that Jesus forgives them!

8 Read 1 John 2:2-3. What is a commandment God has given?

9 Read 1 John 2:4. Think about a time you were proud to tell the truth.

10 Read 1 John 2:5-6. Go on a walk and pray while you walk.

11 Read 1 John 2:7. Talk about a time when you had a hard time following a rule.

12 Read 1 John 2:8. Write an encouraging letter and mail it to someone you know!

13 Read 1 John 2:9. Talk about a time you didn't get along with a family member.

14 Read 1 John 2:10-11. Sit in the dark for one minute today. What did you think during that time?

15 Read 1 John 2:12. Cheer, "Thank You, Jesus, for forgiving me!"

16 Read 1 John 2:13. Who is the "Father" in this verse?

17 Read 1 John 2:14. Who is the "evil one" in this verse?

18 Read 1 John 2:15. Share one thing you love about God.

19 Read 1 John 2:16-17. Pray for people who do not follow Jesus.

20 Read 1 John 2:18-19. Pray for Jesus to come back soon.

21 Read 1 John 2:20-21. What truth do you know because of God?

22 Read 1 John 2:22-23. Who are the three persons of the Trinity?

23 Read 1 John 2:24-25. Pray: Thank You for the promise of eternal life.

24 Read 1 John 2:26-27. Do people still try to deceive Christians today? How?

25 Read 1 John 2:28-29. What does the word righteous mean?

26 Read 1 John 3:1. Memorize this verse.

27 Read 1 John 3:2-3. Remind each person in your family that they are made in the image of God.

28 Read 1 John 3:4-5. Pray and ask God to forgive your sins today.

29 Read 1 John 3:6-7. Discuss what it means to practice righteousness.

30 Read 1 John 3:8-10. In your own words, how did sin enter the world?

1 Read 1 John 1:1. Have everyone in your family find something in your house that you can touch, hear, and look at!

2 Read 1 John 1:2. Look up what the word manifest means in this verse.