

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

August 2022



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, Aug. 5	ECE Staff Orientation
Sunday, Aug. 7	12 Noon, 1st Sunday Potluck
Monday, Aug. 8	6:30 pm—Council Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 21	11 am Service—Dedication of Preschool staff
Monday, Aug. 22	Preschool Begins
Saturday, Aug. 27	10 am—LWML Meeting

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's	8:30, 11 am— SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday's	9:45 am—Adult Bible Classes
Wednesday's	10 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor
Friday's	12 Noon—4 pm—Card Playing

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Pastor's Corner

"Oh no, not the TTF again! What's the TTF?"

As we get back from summer vacations to work, school and "life as normal," I thought it would be a good idea to go back and look at Timothy's TTF report from 2019. I can hear the cries of some of those who were involved in the process, "Oh no pastor, not the TTF, it was like pulling teeth when we went through that!" For some it was a difficult process to analyze the history and life of Timothy Lutheran, that is, to look at the "good, bad and ugly" so that the congregation could move toward a hopeful future. All those who lived through the process agree that it was a positive influence on the congregation and helped the congregation focus more on the future than the past.

The Transitional Task Force and its work happened three years ago. Timothy is a different congregation now. For those who were not part of Timothy back then let me give a brief synopsis of what the "TTF" was.

In 2018 Timothy's pastor, Rev. Constien accepted a Call to another congregation. It was decided that the congregation should not "Call" a pastor immediately, but have an intentional interim pastor. Pastor Robert Davis was appointed as Timothy's intentional interim pastor and served for just over a year.

The purpose of the intentional interim year was for members to assess the needs and wants of the congregation. Pastor Davis was instrumental in helping the congregation go through the self-evaluation process and thus the Transitional Task Force was formed, and many meetings were held. A lengthy report was published with statistical analysis and the results of three "cottage meetings" where members discussed the pros and cons of the past, present and future of the congregation. If you are new to Timothy, I would highly recommend and encourage you to read a copy of the TTF report and go through its in-depth assessment.

For the purposes of this article, I want to focus on what I have come to think is the most useful part of the report, the discussion of "Life Cycles of a Congregation" as developed from a doctoral dissertation by Rev. George Bullard. Rev. Bullard wrote that there are four main "operating principles" in congregations, "vision, relationships, programs and management." The dominant operating principle depends on the age or "life-cycle" of the congregation. As with normal human life, congregations go through "birth, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, maturity, empty nest, retirement, old age and death." These ten stages can be categorized under "early growth, late growth, prime plateau, early aging, and late aging.

At the time of the TTF members considered Timothy to be a "mature, empty nest" congregation, perhaps rapidly moving towards retirement, old age and even death if something was not done to "turn the tide." As Dr. Bullard mentions some congregations try to "rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic," when they get to the point Timothy was. Thankfully, members recognized the need to focus on the most important operating principles of vision and relationships.

I have seen firsthand where programs and management are operating principles by which a congregation tried to save a sinking ship, but in many ways these principles give up personal responsibility to "others" who should save the congregation. Vision and relationships focus members on personal involvement in life of the congregation and with each member.

So where are WE now? I think Timothy is alive and has a strong heartbeat. I'd say we're an "adult/mature" congregation, yet we are seeing younger families with children in worship. We're NOT the Titanic. But like a navy fighter pilot landing on an aircraft carrier in high wind and waves, we need to keep our "eye on the ball."

The COVID pandemic has kept us on a "plateau" of sorts, but now that COVID is here to stay in one variant or another and we can live with it, its time to move forward with a vision for Timothy. In Timothy's case the vision needs to be both spiritual and physical. A vision for new buildings is a good thing, but we also need to look at our poor spiritual vision. To that end we need to concentrate on building relationships. We need to strengthen the relationships we have and build relationships with people as they come to Timothy. (Cont. Page 7)



**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

Welcome back to Preschool!

It is hard to believe it is August already.... Summer flies by when you are having so much fun! And what a fun summer we had here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool where we opened the school to summer campers for four weeks in June and July. Our "Summer Camp Days" under the leadership of Ms. MaryAnne Valkenburg with teacher assistance from Ms. Donna DiSclafani, Ms. Carmen Simmons, Ms. Christy Ray, Ms. Vic Jackson and Ms. Tara Rice, along with nine youth helpers (six of which were TLP alumni!) worked with over 40 students throughout the summer and what a blast they had! Each week was a different themed week of learning, fun, crafts and Bible stories. What a blessing to share this church space with the community during the summer months. Check out the photos to see just how much fun they had sharing the love of Jesus with the little ones!

And now we prepare our hearts, minds and classroom space for another wonderful year of Preschool. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, it couldn't be at all possible without the support of the congregation and especially the hard-working Trustees. They have spent the last few months making improvements throughout the building to not only benefit the congregation overall but also our preschool community. To name just a few things they have been working on: A new door at the preschool entrance with new locks, replacing light bulbs throughout the classrooms and Fellowship Hall, repairing bathroom stall fixtures, updating doors in the Nursery, and adding shelving in the classrooms. Many thanks to Mike, Don, Bill, Suzanne, Pete and John for all of your time and talent with helping to maintain such a great facility!

Once again, we have the pleasure to share the peace, love and joy of Jesus with the Woodstock community and they are so glad we are here! We are excited to welcome both new and familiar faces to our Timothy family.

Here are some fun numbers for the 2022-23 school year:

- Years in Ministry: 37
- Number of Staff: 16
- Number of Years of Staff Serving (average): 8.6 years
- Number of Students: 82
- Number of Students Attending 5 days: 44
- Number of Families: 77
- Number of Returning Families: 54
- Number of Years of Accreditation: 17

Our first day of school will be Monday, August 22nd and our Staff Dedication will be held on Sunday, August 21st at the 11 a.m. service and I look forward to introducing the wonderful ladies of Timothy Lutheran Preschool to the congregation and for the blessing of another successful school year serving the Lord and the community of Woodstock. We hope to see you there! Please continue to keep the preschool ministry, the staff, students and families in your prayers for the 2022-23 school year! Thank you for all that you do to help support our program!

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin

Preschool Calendar:

August 5	Staff Orientation
August 8-10	Staff Pre-Planning Days
August 11 & 12	Meet & Greet Days
August 21	Staff Dedication Sunday: 11 a.m. Service
August 22	First Day of School!!

Reader's Choice Awards!



Timothy Lutheran Preschool was honored as a "Runner Up" in the Family Services - Preschool category in the "Around Woodstock" magazine's annual Reader's Choice Awards. This is our first time in many years our little "hidden gem" was honored. We are grateful for the love and support of Timothy's Preschool program.

Amazon Smile!



If you are an Amazon shopper and would like to support Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool, sign up for the Amazon Smiles program. Support your favorite charity at no extra cost when you shop at smile.amazon.com. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. So sign up today to support Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool.

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 and congregation members 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. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b45abaf2aaafa7-the> to rent the rock for your family.

SUMMER CAMP FUN





Welcome New TLC Members



Dale and Maria Ferguson

Maria grew up in Bucks County, PA, and after high school she attended the University of Richmond, VA. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration and worked in retail management. Dale and she met while they were both working in retail in Washington, DC. They have 2 children, Katie, age 28 and DJ, age 26 and will become grandparents when Katie has her baby in September. Maria has worked in a few preschools in our area and is presently an operational assistant in our preschool. Maria enjoys going to their time share in Disney World.

Dale was born in Pulaski, VA and went to Emory Henry College, VA, where he received his degree in accounting. After living in Washington, DC they transferred to metro Atlanta and have been living in this area for 29 years. Before COVID, Dale was a beverage director for several country clubs in metro Atlanta. Now he delivers food for companies like Uber. Dale likes watching sports like NBA basketball, golfing with his buddies and gardening. His favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28—*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*



Alan Mueller and Maria Santos were married May 22 at Immanuel Lutheran church which is Alan's congregation in Sweet Springs, Missouri.



Rev. & Mrs Alan Mueller



Pastor Brammeier, Cont.

We all need to work on the most important relationship of all, the relationship established with us by our Savior!! As we focus on the undeserved grace that has been freely given to us by our Savior God through Jesus, we open ourselves to sharing that relationship with others. The primary place and time to work on that relationship is in Divine Service and Bible study on Sunday mornings. It is in Divine Service that we receive the forgiveness of sins in Word and Sacrament and that equates to eternal life for us. As we are strengthened in our relationship with our Savior, we can build important relationships with each other as Paul wrote in Ephesians 4,

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth (of God's Word) in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

As we work to "grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ" through weekly church attendance and Bible study, daily devotions and prayer we can keep our eyes on the prize that is eternal life in, through and with Jesus our savior.

Pastor Brammeier



Did you miss the invitation?

You have been invited to serve as a greeter, usher, scripture reader, nursery attendant or audio/video tech, on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 am and 11 am services. People may be reluctant to volunteer because of not knowing from week to week their personal schedules. Volunteers usually serve approximately once every 4 weeks. Mike Parnow, our Sunday AM volunteer scheduler, has done a great job in accommodating members availability in the scheduling process by scheduling 2 months in advance. A written job description is given to all volunteers. Altar Guild members work together on their own scheduling. A/V volunteers need to be trained by Jack Basler. If you would like more information, contact Mike Parnow, 404-808-6252, or Marlene Snyder, Worship committee chairperson, 770-364-5405. Praying you will respond to the invitation.

COMMUNITY MARKET -



The Marketing Committee's Community Market is returning for its second year on Saturday, September, 10th. 9 am - 1 pm. Booths (two parking spots) are available for rent (\$20) to sell your goods. Don't have anything to sell? Come to shop and buy lunch from the youth food booth. More information will be available in the Timothy Takeout. Any questions, contact Kristina Pins or email TLCcommunitymarket@gmail.com

A REPORT FROM THE 34TH REGULAR CONVENTION
FLORIDA / GEORGIA DISTRICT / LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

The 34th Regular Convention of the Florida – Georgia District was held June 16 – 18, 2022 with the theme “A Future Fixed on Jesus” focused on Hebrews 12:1-3. The convention also served as a celebration of the 13 years of leadership by the Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton who, due to by-law regulations, has termed out following three terms as President of the District.

The convention was highlighted by presentations from LC-MS Synodical President the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison; a three-part essay unpacking Heb. 12:1-3 by Rev. Dr. Benjamin Haupt, Associate Provost, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.; and daily bible studies led by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology and Religion, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN.

Business of the Convention:

Elections:

District President: Rev. James Rockey, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Oxford, FL.

Secretary: Rev. Gregory Michael

Region 1 Vice President: Rev. Dr. Victor Belton

Region 2 Vice President: Rev. Jay Winters

Region 3 Vice President: Rev. Charles Reich

Region 4 Vice President: Rev. Dr. David Brockoff

Region 5 Vice President: Rev. Stephen Carretto

The five regional Vice Presidents were ranked with the order of ranking mirroring Region designations (Belton-1, Winters-2, Reich-3, Brockoff-4, Carretto-5).

Overtures: Overtures which were submitted, debated and passed by Floor Committees as follows:

Floor Committee 1 – Missions and Outreach

Resolution: 01.1A – 2022 “To Pray That God Would Raise Up Church Workers and Lay Leaders”

Resolution: 01.2 – 2022 “To Continue to Support Campus Ministry in the FL/GA District

Resolution: 01.3A – 2022 “To Encourage and Support Existing Learning-in-Ministry, Non-Residential, Distance Programs Leading to Ordination”

Floor Committee 2 – Ministry and Leadership

Resolution 02.1A – 2022 “Multiculturalism and the Great Commission”

Resolution 02.2 – 2022 “To Provide Disaster Response Training for Circuit Visitors”

Resolution 02.3 – 2022 “To Give Thanks for Concordia College – New York and Explore Future Lutheran Higher Education Opportunities in the East Coast Region”

Floor Committee 3 – Administration and Theology

Resolution 03.1A – 2022 “To Have Regional Representation Determined by Regional Constituency”

Resolution 03.2A – 2022 “To Strengthen the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions”

Resolution 03.3A – 2022 “A Request to Re-Evaluate Size Requirements for Electoral Circuits in Synod”

Resolution 03.4 – 2022 “To Provide Comment to the LC-MS res. 7-03 Committee Concerning the CUS Governance Model Proposal”

Resolution 03.5 – 2022 “To Amend Bylaw D2.05A – Transition of Administrations”

Presentations: The Convention was an opportunity for 15 missions and ministries within the LC-MS to present information related to their purposes or to solicit participation and support from its members and congregations. Some of the mission and ministry organizations to appear before the Convention were LWML, Lutheran Life, Lutheran Bible Translators, Amigo En Cristo, and Mission Haiti.

Reports: 10 FL/GA District ministries also presented reports of their mission work including District Communications, Mission Advisory Council, Multicultural and Ethnicity Task Force, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, and Emergent Leaders.

Financials: All financial reports, Synod, District, and LCEF reflected positive trends despite COVID pandemic.

Summary:

The convention was an upbeat, celebratory event which focused on the positive aspects of both District and Synod Mission and Ministry. It was well-organized and accomplished its goal of highlighting the many ways the District is engaged in mission and ministry today and going forward.

The two challenges we are facing in the coming years is the need to greatly increase the number of members who are committing to serving the church in Called and Rostered vocations and the ongoing discussions about how the governance model for the CUS may change.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Parnow

Lay Delegate



First Sunday Potluck Join us after second service on Sunday, August 7th for fellowship and lunch. Bring a dish to share! As a special treat, the youth will be sharing pictures and stories from the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!

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.

TLC facility is available for private events: Do you want to host a birthday party, baby shower, fire-pit night or other event at TLC? Check with Fellowship and the TLC secretary to see if someone else is using the space. We have a movie license as well if you want to show a movie to a group at TLC. For more information contact Brian Howe.



The 8 “T’s” of Christian Stewardship

This month we will talk about our Testimony as the fourth of the Eight T’s of Stewardship.

TESTIMONY—It might seem a bit strange to talk about the stewardship of testimony. But Jesus instructed His disciples of all ages to make disciples, teaching and baptizing and encouraging people to follow God’s teachings (Matthey 28:18-20). He also told His first disciples that they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

As modern day disciples we also desire to be faithful witnesses, saying and doing all that we can to give witness to our Lord Jesus Christ who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

St. Peter in his first letter (3:15) instructs us with these words. “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” With that in mind, I would like to share with you a thought or two about a concept borrowed from the business world. It is called an “Elevator Speech”. What it is, very simply, is a presentation you have worked on, planned, thought through, practiced, refined and worked on again that will tell a person the message you would like to share with them, in our case the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, in the amount of time you have with others on an elevator. (If you have more time you will, or course, be blessed to expand on your speech.) In short, it is a quick (the two minutes or so that you are on an elevator with someone) sharing of the Gospel that will excite the hearer, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, hopefully lead them to want to know more either then or at some other time. It is as simple and safe as telling the other person how God has impacted your life and sharing with them that He would love to do the same in their life.

What a privilege to be able to do the work that the angels of God long to do—that is, give our testimony of the joy, peace and hope that are ours because of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. And what added joy we will have to take into eternity when the words of Daniel 12:3 come true: “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Excerpts for this article were taken with permission from the LWML **8 “T’s” of Christian Stewardship** by Rev. John Heckman.



August 2022

Hello, Ladies

Are you looking for time away from the busyness of life—time to “stop and smell the roses,” as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God? Join us at our Garden Getaway retreat to experience all this and more!

Garden Getaway is a relaxing garden-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection. And don't worry—we won't make anyone pull weeds! This is a time to walk with God, the Master Gardener.

We'll begin with dinner on the evening of March 10 and will finish on Sunday, March 12 at 10 am. Our retreat will be held at Forrest Hills Resort, Dahlonega, and the cost will be no more than \$293.24 with a \$50 deposit. This covers 4 delicious meals, fun and refreshing activities, and comfortable lodging.

Contact Carol Taylor at ctaylor742@aol.com, or Linda Basler in the church office 770-928-2812 for more information.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God. We hope you'll join us at Garden Getaway.

Warmly, The Retreat Planning Committee:

Carol Taylor, Linda Basler, Patti Kastens, Suzette Corley,
Amanda Butler, Christy Hopewell





TLC Food Bank Ministry Board (Timothy's Cupboard) – August 2022

Summertime has allowed a number of new volunteers to help out at the food bank. We are greatly appreciative of their assistance and volunteerism. Thank You to all of those we have helped this summer.

With school starting again, we need adult volunteers to continue (or start) to help the operation of the food bank. We need volunteers Monday through Friday (come every day or just one day a week).

Any questions – please contact Jeannie Bernerth / Steve Knothe to let us know how/when you can help.

The table below highlights the 2016 - 2022 food distribution results through the month of June. This year (2022) is tracking very similar to 2021; but still far below the performance of any year between 2016 and 2019. This year's results are about 50% of any of those years.

<div>Timothy's Cupboard</div> <div>Food Distribution</div> <div>2016 through 2022 Comparisons</div>							
Period	Number of Families Fed	Number of Persons Fed	Number of Children Fed	Number of Seniors Fed	Pounds of Food Distribution	Average Pounds per Family	Average Pounds per Person
2022 YTD (June)	830	3,179	884	505	202,011	243	64
2021 YTD (June)	800	3,554	818	408	207,627	260	58
2020 YTD (June)	1,247	4,767	1,440	610	288,159	231	60
2019 YTD (June)	1,505	5,256	1,418	877	315,188	209	60
2018 YTD (June)	1,462	7,066	1,919	826	278,651	191	39
2017 YTD (June)	1,441	5,293	1,517	566	193,743	133	37
2016 YTD (June)	1,603	6,052	1,920	653	204,443	128	34
2022 (extrapolated)	1,660	6,358	1,768	1,010	404,022	243	64
2021 (Full Year)	1,638	6,952	1,655	779	409,595	250	59
2020 (Full Year)	2,434	10,075	3,320	1,210	622,049	256	62
2019 (Full Year)	3,079	10,114	3,016	1,671	642,789	209	64
2018 (Full Year)	3,052	13,480	3,417	1,878	620,023	203	46
2017 (Full Year)	3,005	10,792	3,387	1,154	420,043	140	39
2016 (Full Year)	3,140	11,927	3,706	1,277	410,662	131	34

AUGUST 2022 FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR TIMOTHY'S CUPBOARD

While canned goods and non-perishable food donations to Timothy's Cupboard are always appreciated, there are a few common items that we cannot currently purchase from ACFB (food donations for August):

Tomato sauce, diced, etc.

Spaghetti sauce: (28 – 32 oz jar preferred)

Canned fruit: (15 to 29 oz preferred) – almost anything besides peaches

Soup: standard can size – any type (tomato, chicken, beef, vegetable, etc.)

Canned vegetables: standard can size – corn and peas are mostly needed

Baking goods (flour, sugar) – up to 5# bags

Canned Chicken

Please place your donations in the food barrel in church.

Christian Education	
<p>“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”</p> <p>– Acts 17:11</p>	
<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Bible Study</u>
Classes Start on 09/11/2022!	<p><u>Adult Bible Study</u></p> <p>Led by Pastor Porter in Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Stump the Pastor</u></p> <p>Bring your tough questions to Pastor B's class in front of Pastor's office</p>
<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Sunday School Offering</u>
<p>Board of Christian Education Board Meeting</p> <p>08/11/2022 - 6:30 pm to 8 pm</p> <p>Current Teachers, Those Interested in Teaching, and Parents are invited to attend</p>	<p><u>Local Charities</u></p> <p>We are still looking for any local charities to use for our Sunday School Offerings</p>
<p>“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”</p> <p>-Galations 6:9</p>	
<p>“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”</p> <p>-Isaiah 40:8</p>	

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

18th Annual Taste of Habitat



The 18th Annual Taste of Habitat Fundraising Event returns on **September 16 from 7 – 9 PM** at The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta.

Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000 to build **Habitat** homes in Metro Atlanta. More than 60 fabulous chefs from the **Lutheran Coalition for Habitat** churches will be sharing the foods they love to make. It's a fun **"date night" (adults only)** with outstanding food & drink, great fellowship, and most enjoyable live music. There will also be a **Silent Auction and trivia contest!**

How can you participate?



Volunteer to be a chef—All you must do is prepare approximately 150 "tastes" of your specialty! Appetizers, salads and entrees served from 7-8 and desserts served from 8-9.



Contribute a special item, artwork, dinner or theatre tickets, gift package etc. for the **Silent Auction**.



Be a sponsor or **ask your workplace to sponsor the event**. Businesses appreciate the opportunity to market their support for community charities such as Habitat for Humanity. Sponsorships are **Bronze \$200, Silver \$500, Gold \$1000 and Platinum \$2,500**.



Buy individual tickets for \$25.



We just returned from Houston where we attended the LCMS Youth Gathering, along with 20,000 high-school age youth. What a fantastic time we had (even despite the heat)! We heard wonderful speakers, took in some great sights, and were able to attend church and commune with everyone inside the Astro's baseball stadium! The group of 9 youth and 3 adults will be sharing our trip details on August 7th after the 11:00 service (potluck meal to be served).

There is much planning that goes into making the Youth Gathering trip happen. We thank our congregation members and parents who helped contribute to this event. Thank you for all that you do to support our youth and their spiritual journey!



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).

Trunk or Treat



It's officially back to school time, which means football and pumpkin spice season is quickly upon us. Soon little kids will be picking out their Halloween costumes and heading to TLC for their annual Trunk or Treat event. TLC has had the pleasure of offering a safe place for kids through age 13 to come together for fellowship and trick or treating. Last year we had an amazing turn out with approximately 120 children. If you are interested in joining the fun this year and hosting a trunk, please let Christy Hopewell know. This year's Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 8th from 5:30-7:00.

Gingerbread House

We had so much fun decorating gingerbread houses last year, we're looking forward to it again! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th. More information will be available when the date gets closer, including how you can help donate and help us prepare for the event.



Ladies Lunch Bunch (L.L.B.)



Mark your calendars for Monday, August 22, 2022 , 11:30 am to gather at 1885 Grill, 4438 Cherokee St., Acworth, GA

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

Did you know this about Lutherans?

- * Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
- * Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship programs or when passing the plate.
- * Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while "passing the peace."



LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS – LWML is collecting items to make Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The needed items are dark-colored, quick-drying towels, full-size bars of soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers and sturdy combs. We plan to make at least 80 kits as our “What’s Your 80?” project in celebration of LWML’s 80th anniversary. There are take-away lists of items for the kits available on the outside of the collection box in the narthex if you’d like to help with this project. (There are some specific requirements/restrictions we need to follow.) Thank you for blessing others around the world!

HELP WANTED:



Your help is needed! In addition to servants for worship services (see Worship Committee article on page 7) help is needed in other areas.

⇒ Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed—contact Karen Bennett for details. (If enough people sign up, this would not be an “every week” job.)

⇒ The Trustees will be spreading bark chips on the playground on August 13, 8 am—9 am. Bring a rake and shovel.

⇒ A volunteer is needed to paint some new doors that have been installed—contact Don or Mike to help.

⇒ Are you good with Information Technology? Additional help is needed to keep up with maintenance on all our computers, cameras, etc. This would be a shared position. Contact Jack Basler, Don Snyder, or Mike Lawson for additional info.

GOOD OL TIMES

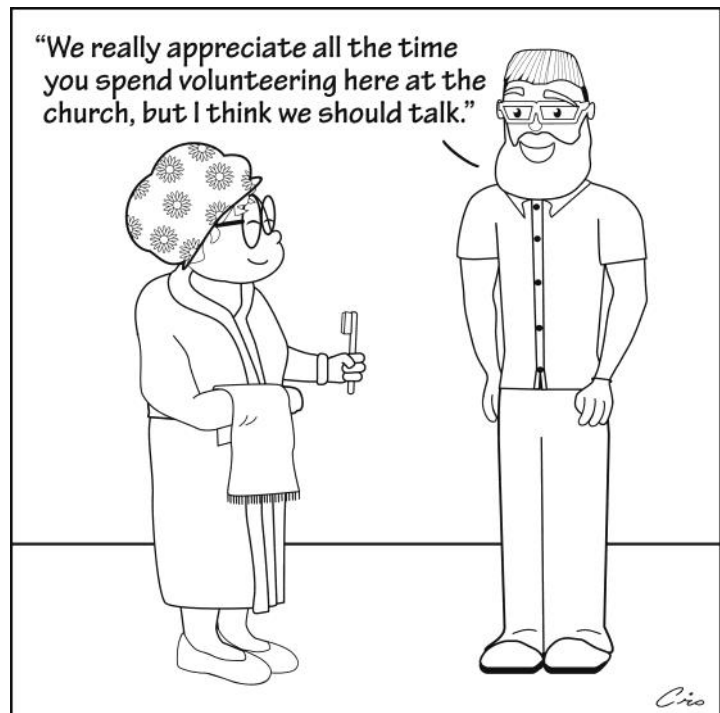
You know how you get around old friends, hear old music, or see old pictures and you say...Them were the good ‘ol days...”Think about this today, you are making memories for future good ‘ol days, knowing this, what will you do different that you wish you would have done back in the good ‘ol days”. Blessings and Love to each and everyone of you reading this...Here’s to making great future Good ‘ Ol Days.



8/3	Elfrieda Allen
8/4	Gail Trimble
8/6	Coriander Pins
8/6	Janice Porter
8/8	Lynn Knox
8/8	Susie Bishop
8/9	Margaret Cehanovich
8/10	Hayden Townsend
8/10	Timothy Furnish
8/13	Thomas Greene
8/13	Linda Basler
8/17	Connie Williams
8/17	Don Snyder
8/19	Nancy Samosky
8/20	Jaxsen Eyrich-Krogh
8/22	Carol Beene
8/25	Jeannie Bernerth
8/29	Suzanne Kastens
8/30	Ethan Young
8/31	Paul Fostvedt



8/1	Jerry & Doreen Erbe
8/15	Markham & Kimberly Peykoff
8/26	Don & Marlene Snyder
8/27	Rich & Faye Wiese
8/28	Lee & Emily Clark
8.29	Frank & Susan Plunkett



PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

Lord God, heavenly Father, You designed families at the creation of the world. You gave us one another so we can have joy and love, protection and security. Thank You for the blessings of our family! Today we ask that You keep our family from harm and danger and that You protect us from sin and evil. Forgive us for the times we have let someone down, offended a loved one, or acted out in anger. Grant that we may always know you and trust in Your faithfulness, that we may have the life everlasting through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the fathers and mothers of the children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Kid's Corner

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt
combine for this
healthy take on
a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half length-wise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

PUZZLE



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j_ _ , pea_e,
pa_ie_ce, _ind_ess, go_dne_s,
fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

August

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

Read
Psalm 121:2.
Write this verse somewhere you will see it all day today.

2

Read
Colossians 1:16.
Ask each person in your family: What is your favorite part of creation?

3

Read
Psalm 146:6.
Discuss what it means to keep "faith forever."

4

Read
Genesis 1:1.
How did God create things?

5

Read
Genesis 1:21.
What is one way you can help care for God's creations in the water?

6

Read
Isaiah 45:18.
What are other gods in your life today?

7

Read
Genesis 1:27.
Pray for people who do not know God.

8

Read
Ephesians 2:10.
Memorize this verse.

9

Read
Matthew 28:19.
Share about the last time you witnessed a Baptism.

10

Read
Isaiah 43:1.
Ask your parents the story of your name.

11

Read
Romans 9:20.
Thank God today for making you!

12

Read
Proverbs 14:31.
What is a need people have in your community?

13

Read
Psalm 16:11.
Discuss how we learn things from God.

14

Read
Revelation 4:11.
Praise God today for something He created!

15

Read
Psalm 51:10.
Use this verse as a prayer throughout the day.

16

Read
Deuteronomy 4:32.
Talk to an older member of your family about a favorite memory from church.

17

Read
2 Timothy 1:7.
Pray for people who are not yet baptized.

18

Read
Psalm 139:13.
Pray for any babies or pregnant people you know.

19

Read
Genesis 26:4.
Learn more about what part of the world your family is from.

20

Read
Isaiah 40:26.
What is a question you have about space? Look up the answer today!

21

Read
Amos 4:13.
Draw a picture of what you hear in this verse.

22

Read
Proverbs 22:2.
Contact your local homeless shelter and make a donation based on what they need.

23

Read
Psalm 115:15.
Share what you think it would have been like to watch God make heaven and earth.

24

Read
2 Corinthians 1:20-22.
Pray and thank God for the gift of your faith today.

25

Read
Ecclesiastes 11:5.
Pick one thing and learn about how it is made.

26

Read
Isaiah 26:7.
Ask a trusted adult to share about a time when things in his or her life were not going smoothly.

27

Read
Proverbs 31:9.
How can you help the needy in your community?

28

Read
John 14:23.
If God had a bedroom in your house, what would it look like?

29

Read
1 Corinthians 3:7.
Take care of a plant today. Or get a plant to take care of.

30

Read
Colossians 4:5.
Take time today to be kind to someone unexpected you meet.

31

Read
2 Timothy 1:7.
Thank God for the gift of the Spirit through your Baptism!