

# TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

**Dec/Jan 2022/23**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

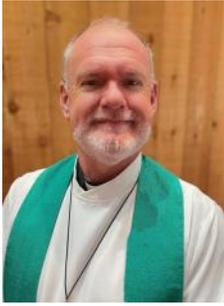
<b>Saturday Dec 3</b>	<b>9 am—2 pm—Craft Fair</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 4</b>	<b>12 Noon—1st Sunday Potluck, Church Decorating</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>11 am and 7 pm—Advent Service—6 pm Dinner</b>
<b>Saturday Dec 10</b>	<b>2, 3, or 4 pm, Gingerbread House Decorating Event</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 18</b>	<b>9:45 am—SS Christmas Program</b>
	<b>3 pm &amp; 5 pm—ECE Christmas Program</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11 am, 5 pm, 7:30 pm—Candlelight Services</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 25</b>	<b>10 am - Christmas Day Service</b>
<b>Sunday Jan 1</b>	<b>10 am—Christmas Day Service</b>
<b>Saturday Jan 7, 14, 21, 28</b>	<b>9—11 am—New Member Classes</b>

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

<b>Sunday's</b>	<b>8:30, 11 am— SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</b>
<b>Sunday's</b>	<b>9:45 am—Adult Bible Classes /Sunday School</b>
<b>Wednesday's</b>	<b>10 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor</b>
	<b>5:30 pm—Confirmation Class</b>

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# Pastor's Corner

## Christmas and New Year at Martha and Mary's House

A long time ago in our galaxy, on earth, in a land far, far away called Israel, there lived sisters called Mary and Martha. They had a brother named Lazarus who Jesus raised from the dead, but that's not important right now.

It was late in the year and Jesus was coming to stay with Mary and Martha. While there, they would celebrate Jesus' birthday and celebrate the coming of a new year.

Martha wanted everything to be "just right" for Jesus. After all, she believed that he is the Christ, the Messiah who would save Israel. There were so many things to get done. Jesus wouldn't be coming alone. His disciples and a whole entourage of people would be there. To begin with Mary helped grocery shopping and other stuff. The turkey and fattened calf for Jesus' birthday feast had to be purchased (of course ham was absolutely out of the question and detestable). There had to be enough wine. They didn't want to impose upon Jesus to change water into the best wine they would ever taste. The decorations had to be outstanding. The Christmas tree and presents for the gift exchange had to be perfect (even though these traditions didn't start until hundreds of years later).

Then the day came, and Jesus arrived with all the guests on his birthday. The regular hospitality was shown with water to wash feet, oil to anoint heads and giving the kiss of peace. The meats had been butchered early that morning and were cooking. The birthday bread side dishes had to be prepared for the feast later that day.

Martha was almost literally "chasing her tale" trying to get everything ready and perfect. She was so worried and troubled that something might go wrong even though over ninety percent of things people worry about never happen. Mary, on the other hand, was caught up listening to Jesus' doing his usual teaching. This irked Martha who was so busy with all the preparations. She was perturbed with Mary, but more upset with Jesus not making Mary help. He knew how much needed to be done, but just allowed people to sit and listen to him.

Rather than go to Mary and tap her on the shoulder and ask for a hand, Martha confronted Jesus. "Lord," she said, "don't you care that Mary has left all the preparations for me to do! Jesus, tell Mary to help me."

Jesus very kindly chided Martha as he said, "Martha, Martha, you're worried and troubled about many things, you should just relax and stop chasing your tale and come sit and listen to me. Don't worry about making things perfect. I can snap my fingers and it will all be done, after all I did feed over 5,000 people with two fish and five loaves of bread once. Mary is feasting on my Word, and I won't take that away from her."

Martha hesitated for a moment and let out a big sigh and realized Jesus was right (duh!!). She made one last check with the servants as to how the food was coming along, then went and sat with her sister and spent the rest of the day being fed with the Word of God by Jesus.

Not quite the End.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we look forward to celebrating our Savior's birth and the start of a new year. It's propitious that we have more opportunities during Advent to listen to God's Word and take time out of the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas and New Year, by preparing our hearts and minds to receive Jesus through repentance and forgiveness. We want things to be perfect for Christmas but remember that Jesus came so we can have his perfection and his forgiveness of sins. That's the real reason for the season!!



**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,

We hope you and yours had a wonderful day of Thanksgiving and counting all the many blessings God has bestowed upon each of us. I am so grateful for the blessings of the 88 students who walk through our doors here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool and their families as they help us to be a program where "love grows here". We have been blessed with 37 years of ministry from Timothy Lutheran Church and there is not a day that goes by that I do not hear positive praise of our program from a mom, dad or grandparent in our program. Thank you to this congregation for planting this seed here in the Woodstock community.

I am so excited to report that our Open House and Family Campfire event was a fantastic evening. We had over half of our families as well as some new church members attend the event which allowed our students and staff to "show off" their classrooms, meet friends and neighbors as well as enjoy fellowship together. Thank you to the Evangelism committee for serving up hot dogs, chips, drinks and of course the best snack ever.... S'mores! While the weather had us make some last-minute changes, I do believe the indoor fire and tabletop s'mores were a hit! Looking forward to making this an annual event in the future!

We have a wonderfully busy month ahead of us at the Preschool as we sing praises of thanks and wonder at the birth of our Savior. The children will be performing in two Christmas programs (3 classrooms at each performance) this year under the direction of our music teacher, Ms. Barb White. We are looking forward to sharing the story of Jesus' birth with the families and friends of TLP and there really is nothing cuter than little ones dressed in costumes telling the most wonderful story of all.... Jesus' birth! We invite you to attend one our programs on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as the congregation is always welcome!

As we look into the New Year.... 2023 we also look into planning and registration for the next school year. Feel free to reach out to me in any way if you have questions about our preschool program and all the wonderful things we do here with the little ones each day. We would love to have your family or friends join our program. Registration will begin the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> as we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. Church members may register on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and receive a tuition discount, current families on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and new families on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in touring our program, please reach out to me and we can schedule a tour!

Now as we prepare our hearts and minds for the glorious month of December, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin



## Preschool Happenings

December 10	Gingerbread Activity with Church
December 16	Staff Christmas Party
December 18	School Christmas Program 3 pm and 5 pm
December 19-22	“Christmas Spirit Week”
December 22	Last day of School before Christmas Break
December 23	“Christmas Camp Day” (RSVP required)
Dec. 23-Jan. 6	No School: Winter Break
January 9	ECE Classes Resume
January 16	No School: MLK, Jr. Day
January 22	NLS Sunday: Preschoolers sing at 11am
Jan. 22-28	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 22	Registration begins: Church members
January 23	Registration begins: Current Families
January 25	Registration begins: New Families

### Staff Spotlight

**Name:** Kristin Freeman

**Class:** Director

**Years at Timothy:** 4 years as Director, 7 years as teacher, 10 years as a parent

**Birthday:** August 23

**Where did you grow up:** St. Paris, Ohio

**Who lives in your House:** My husband, Travis; 4 kids- Izzy, Anna, Alexis and Isaac; 2 dogs- Cinnamon and Ryder and 2 cats- Jack and PJ.

**Favorite Movie:** When Harry Met Sally and all the Harry Potter movies

**Favorite Place to Visit:** Hard to pick one place... love the beach (especially the Outer Banks, NC) and love Washington D.C., but honestly anywhere.... I love to travel!

**One “Bucket List” item:** I would love to visit Africa and tour the continent from Egypt to South Africa. Seeing the pyramids as well as taking an African safari tour would be amazing.

**Why do you like teaching at Timothy Lutheran Preschool?**

Timothy has a very special place in my heart and I love the family atmosphere here. I love the lasting mark TLP leaves on our families hearts and minds. I run into people in the community every day who are always happy to share they are or were once a part of this special program. Serving these families in this community and helping to lay a strong foundation in God’s love and education is our goal here at TLP. The best part of my day is watching these little ones run into our building each morning ready to play, learn and grow in God’s love here.



*Dear Timothy Lutheran Church,*

*We wish you all the blessings, grace and love that comes from our Father and thank you for allowing us the privilege to be a part of your church family. Thank you for your support of the ECE ministry at the last Voter's Meeting. We hope to continue to be a blessing to this church and this community for many years to come. You planted the seed many years ago and we continue to watch love grow here every day. Thank you!*

*Merry Christmas and Blessings to each of you in the New Year and always!*



*With Love,  
Your ECE Staff*

### **Searching Amazon for that perfect Christmas gift?**

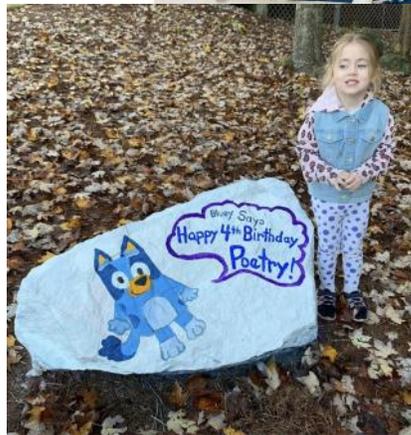
**Don't forget to use the Amazon.smile link when purchasing! It's fast, easy and no cost to you, yet supports the ECE ministry here at Timothy Lutheran Church!**



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.



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# Merry Christmas

Dear Loved Ones:

I am writing this to all of my friends in Christ and hopefully it will get in the December Newsletter. I want you all to know you are in my thoughts and prayers daily. I miss my Church so much as I have not found a Lutheran Church here in Australia. I look forward to watching the service every week on the Computer.

I am settled in my apartment and I love it very much. Not much to keep clean as I only have three rooms. Living room and Kitchen are one separated by the bar that is for eating and holds the sink. One bedroom and a bath. I have a nice patio that is off the bedroom and my living room and I overlook a beautiful green space below. There is a beautiful pool and a gym that is attached to the apartments and I am in walking distance to grocery stores and other shops. Although my daughter inlaw does all my grocery shopping and makes up meals for me so I do not have to do any cooking. I am quite spoiled in that regard. I do love living in Australia but for the lack of a Church that is the one thing I really do miss. Thank God for Timothy's sermons once a week.

Praying for all my brothers and sisters in Christ oh how I miss you all. You are in my prayers and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and may your New Year be a blessing to all of you.

I hope that you are all well and you are always in my prayers.

Hoping that you will be truly blessed in the New year and your Christmas is truly blessed.

Yours in Christ

Carol Pflueger  
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Dates to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, January 21 10 a.m. - The next regular meeting

Sunday, January 29 = Mite Box Sunday

Saturday, February 18 10 a.m.

Regular meeting and update from Elizabeth Ratliff and the mission in Zambia that we have supported in the past.



The December 31 deadline for registering for the Retreat is fast approaching.

The retreat committee is sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent supper. Final cost of the retreat will be determined by the free will donations received. NO MORE THAN \$293.00

Keep in mind, there are 3 scholarships available from an anonymous donor. Please contact Linda Basler to confidentially request assistance if cost is a concern. We would like to have everyone there who needs a getaway with other women to recharge your spiritual and social batteries.

**HUSBANDS / DADS**—This would make a great gift for your wife / high school graduated daughter!

# **BAKERS NEEDED**

## **For a COOKIE FUNDRAISER!**



All bakers and treat makers are invited to participate and help support this LWML fundraiser by donating:

**3 DOZEN COOKIES OR CANDIES**  
*MORE THAN 3 DOZEN WELCOME!*

### **COOKIE DROP OFF:**

During church office hours Wednesday, 11/30  
& Thursday, 12/1, until noon

Drop off in conference area outside pastor's office.

### **COOKIE SALE:**

Saturday, 12/3, at Youth Craft Fair (9a-2p)



## **SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD – DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**

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

*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.*

22-23 fiscal year-to-date we have had 15 requests for assistance:

6 have been approved – 4 for utilities and 2 for rent assistance

Other 9 requests – 3 were referred out to other services, 6 have either not responded after receiving the application form, or provided incomplete documentation.

We have fully disbursed our FY22-23 budget of \$2,500, as well as \$928.93 of our '17' account. (The '17' account's beginning balance was \$1,983, the current balance is \$1,054.07, to be used on any additional approved requests for assistance through 6/30/23.)





## The 8 “T’s” of Christian Stewardship

Once again, Christian Stewardship begins with the conviction that everything we have—time, talent, treasure, testimony, touch, tissue, trash, and now technology—is a gift from God’s hands. Our response as called and redeemed children of God is to seek to use these gifts effectively and efficiently to His glory and in service in and to the kingdom of God both here on earth and ultimately in heaven for all eternity.

As we deal with the idea of our Christian Stewardship of Technology I would like to narrow that definition to electronic devices and how they are used in our lives. We will leave things like genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, therapeutic cloning, etc., for another study.

As with anything else, technology can be used for “good” or for “evil”. The same laser beam that can cut the cancer from our body with very little damage to surrounding tissue, can guide the bomb to destroy the village. The car that carries people to church can also be the tool by which a drunken person can bring an end to life or a terrorist can kill many. The computer that can bring our Sunday morning worship service to a shut-in or a soldier deployed overseas can also destroy a young man addicted to pornography. How technology is used, as is the case in the seven other T’s is what we are talking about as we talk about Christian stewardship. As with the seven other T’s a good question to ponder is: Is technology, or any of the other gifts God gives to us, our servant to use to His glory and for the benefit of His creation, or are we its slave? In short, how can we use any of these T’s, including technology, to the glory of God and in the service of His kingdom—in our individual lives, in our congregations, and in our communities as we live life in all those places as a forgiven child of God.

Very briefly, technology is used incorrectly when it becomes our god and we are indebted to it and under its control. It becomes our god when it is an all-consuming part of our life and we in effect serve technology when we always have to be connected, instead of allowing it to serve us.

The technology we are talking about can also have incredible impact in and for the Kingdom of God as we practice good stewardship of this gift from God. Technology can and does (and has for centuries) helped God’s people in making the most of the gifts with which He blesses us and has aided in proclaiming the Gospel message of salvation alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, throughout the whole world. Think back to the invention of the printing press and the numbers of people who could now have their own Bible and other books; to radio and the ability in the day to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ around the world; to computers today, and phones and tablets and other technology that allow us and everyone else to have the Word of God constantly at their fingertips. Without a doubt, technology, and more importantly our use of it, can enhance or destroy our Christian walk.

As we sum up these 8 T’s of Stewardship, may I suggest that there is one foundational Word from God to us through the pen of St. Paul that we need to consider? It is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where he writes, **“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God.”** May this be our goal, to use every gift with which our Heavenly Father blesses us, in whatever quantity He sees fit to bless us, to achieve the purpose for which He has sent us out into His world, namely to make disciples of all nations so that His kingdom here on earth, and His kingdom in heaven, may grow as more and more people come to know Him as their Father, and Jesus Christ as their only Savior from sin and eternal death, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit in their life.

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



Thank you to

Members who donated poinsettias to enhance our sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season. You may pick up your poinsettias after Christmas Day service.

Families who volunteered to read the Advent readings and lighting the Advent candles at the beginning of each Sunday worship service.

## MOVIE FILMING WATCH PARTY

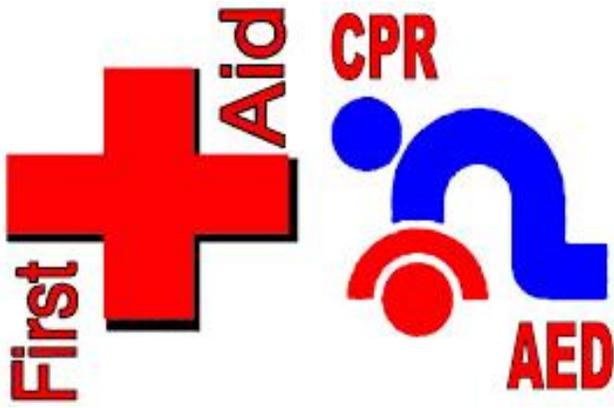


TLC and preschool staff members who braved the cold evening air on Nov 11 to view the car crash scene that was being staged in our lower parking lot for the Christian film entitled "A Walking Miracle".

Watch the Timothy Take-Out for the announcement with the date of the Annual Council Planning Meeting. This meeting is for all elected offices, board chairs, and board members to meet together to make plans for the year. This meeting provides an opportunity for boards to coordinate plans with each other.



**ANNUAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING MEETING**



## CPR/AED/First Aid Training

Timothy will offer a CPR/AED/First Aid Training class for Timothy members as part of our Crisis Management Plan implementation. The class will be offered on Saturday, January 14 from 9 am until 3 pm. Lunch will be provided and there will be no charge for the class. We want to encourage all our elders, ushers, medical personnel and trustees to take the class. Any spots not filled will be open to any congregational

members. The class will be taught by the Cherokee County Fire Department and a certificate will be issued to everyone that completes the class. Please contact Don Snyder or Mike Lawson for more details and to sign up.

**WHO:** Any individuals who express a desire to join TLC or members who would like to have an opportunity to review the LCMS teachings and meet individuals who want to join TLC.

**WHAT:** New Member Class

**WHERE:** Conference Area at TLC

**WHEN:** Saturday's in January—7, 14, 21, & 28, 9—11 am

**Coffee and snacks provided!**



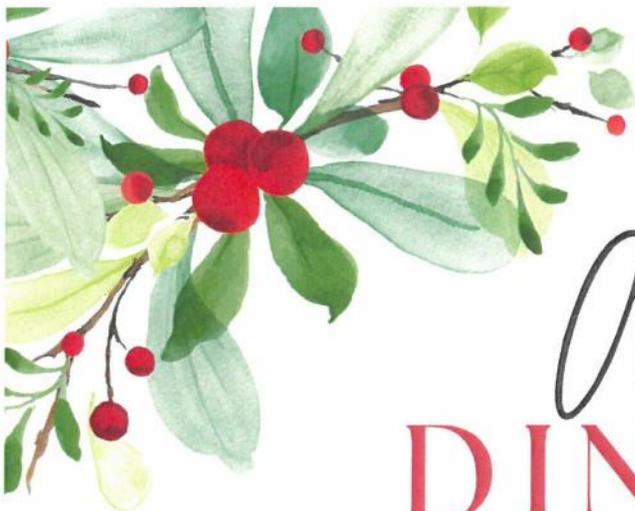
Contact the church office at [admin.tlc@comcast.net](mailto:admin.tlc@comcast.net) or 770 928-2812 to let us know you want to attend.

**Thank you Outside Work Day Helpers!** A big thanks to the following hard-working men and women who came out on November 19 (in the cold!) to help spruce up our property: **Pam Alhardt, Amy Brown, Pete Greer, Brian Howe, Larry Kastens, Mike Lawson, Don Snyder and Jim Taylor.**

Suzanne Forman

Landscape Committee





# Advent DINNERS

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - 6:00 PM**

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP BEFORE OUR ADVENT SERVICES.

PLEASE USE THE SIGNUP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING SO WE CAN PREPARE ENOUGH FOOD.

## NOVEMBER 30TH

HOSTED BY THE LADIES RETREAT

Chili and hot dogs

## DECEMBER 7TH

HOSTED BY SOCIAL MINISTRY

Breaded chicken sandwiches & chips

## DECEMBER 14TH

HOSTED BY BOARD OF ELDERS

Pizza & salad

## DECEMBER 21ST

HOSTED BY EVANGELISM/MARKETING

Soup & salad



# one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 1 - 26

<b>WEEK 1:</b> Creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>○ Psalm 33:6-9</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 32:17</li> <li>○ John 1:1-5</li> <li>○ Romans 1:20</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 10:</b> Sacrifices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 10:1-23</li> <li>○ Exodus 12:21-28</li> <li>○ Psalm 51:16-17</li> <li>○ Romans 12:1</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:14-16</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 19:</b> Holy Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 2:1-21</li> <li>○ Joel 2:28-32</li> <li>○ Romans 8:26-27</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20</li> <li>○ Galatians 5:16, 22-25</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 2:</b> Sin & Solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 3</li> <li>○ Psalm 51:3-5</li> <li>○ Isaiah 53:5-12</li> <li>○ John 3:16-18</li> <li>○ Romans 6:22-23</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 11:</b> Confession & Forgiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 51:1-12</li> <li>○ Proverbs 28:13</li> <li>○ Matthew 9:1-8</li> <li>○ Acts 3:19</li> <li>○ 1 John 1:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 20:</b> Worries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 6:25-34</li> <li>○ Psalm 94:19</li> <li>○ Matthew 11:28-30</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:6-7</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 5:6-7</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 3:</b> Covenants & Promises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 105</li> <li>○ Genesis 9:12-17</li> <li>○ Genesis 12:1-3</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 1:20</li> <li>○ Hebrews 9:15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 12:</b> Crucifixion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 23:26-47</li> <li>○ Numbers 21:4-9</li> <li>○ Isaiah 53:3-10</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23</li> <li>○ Galatians 2:20-21</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 21:</b> Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daniel 9</li> <li>○ 2 Chronicles 7:14</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 33:2-3</li> <li>○ Matthew 6:5-13</li> <li>○ James 5:13-16</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 4:</b> God's Calling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeremiah 1:4-19</li> <li>○ Isaiah 6:8</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 7:17</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 1:8-10</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 2:9-10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 13:</b> Resurrection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 20:1-18</li> <li>○ Daniel 12:2-3</li> <li>○ John 11:25-26</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 15:20-22</li> <li>○ Philippians 3:10-11</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 22:</b> Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ruth 1:1-18</li> <li>○ 1 Samuel 18:1-5</li> <li>○ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12</li> <li>○ Proverbs 18:24</li> <li>○ John 15:12-15</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 5:</b> God's Commands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 20:1-17</li> <li>○ Psalm 103:17-18</li> <li>○ Matthew 22:34-40</li> <li>○ John 15:14-15</li> <li>○ James 1:22-25</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 14:</b> Evangelism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 8:26-40</li> <li>○ Deuteronomy 32:3-4</li> <li>○ Matthew 28:19-20</li> <li>○ Romans 10:10-17</li> <li>○ Colossians 4:2-6</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 23:</b> Salvation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 16:22-34</li> <li>○ 2 Samuel 22:1-4</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:39-40</li> <li>○ Acts 4:8-12</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 1:8-9</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 6:</b> Love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 13</li> <li>○ Isaiah 54:10</li> <li>○ Romans 8:35-39</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 4:8</li> <li>○ 1 John 4:7-12</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 15:</b> God's Word <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 119:9-16, 103-105, 114, 129-131</li> <li>○ Isaiah 40:8</li> <li>○ Romans 1:16-17</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 3:16-17</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:12</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 24:</b> Baptism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 3</li> <li>○ Genesis 7:17-18;</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 3:18-22</li> <li>○ John 3:3-6</li> <li>○ Acts 2:38-39</li> <li>○ Romans 6:1-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 7:</b> Purpose & Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ephesians 1:3-14</li> <li>○ Job 42:1-2</li> <li>○ Proverbs 19:21</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 29:10-13</li> <li>○ Romans 8:28-30</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 16:</b> One Body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27</li> <li>○ Proverbs 27:17</li> <li>○ Acts 2:42-47</li> <li>○ Romans 12:1-8</li> <li>○ Ephesians 4:11-13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 25:</b> Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 91</li> <li>○ Psalm 46:1-3, 7</li> <li>○ Isaiah 41:10</li> <li>○ Mark 4:35-41</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 4:7-10</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 8:</b> Praise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 96</li> <li>○ Exodus 15:2</li> <li>○ Psalm 71:14-16</li> <li>○ Luke 1:46-55</li> <li>○ Hebrews 13:15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 17:</b> Faith & Faithfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 11</li> <li>○ Lamentations 3:22-23</li> <li>○ Mark 11:22-24</li> <li>○ Luke 16:10-12</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 5:7</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 26:</b> Honesty & Truth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 5:1-11</li> <li>○ Proverbs 12:22</li> <li>○ John 14:6</li> <li>○ Colossians 3:9-10</li> <li>○ 3 John 1:3-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 9:</b> Temptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 4:1-13</li> <li>○ Deuteronomy 8:2</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 10:12-13</li> <li>○ Hebrews 2:18</li> <li>○ James 1:2-4, 12-15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 18:</b> Father & Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 14:6-17, 23-24</li> <li>○ Psalm 2:6-7</li> <li>○ Matthew 11:25-27</li> <li>○ John 17:1-5</li> <li>○ Colossians 1:15-20</li> </ul>	

# one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 27 - 52

<b>WEEK 27:</b> Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 14</li> <li>○ Isaiah 61:1</li> <li>○ John 8:31-36</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 3:17</li> <li>○ Galatians 5:1, 13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 36:</b> Kindness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 10:25-37</li> <li>○ Joshua 2:1-16</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 31:3</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:43-48</li> <li>○ Ephesians 4:32</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 45:</b> Endurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Job 1</li> <li>○ Matthew 24:9-14</li> <li>○ Romans 5:3-5</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18</li> <li>○ James 1:2-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 28:</b> Sabbath <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 31:12-17</li> <li>○ Isaiah 58:13-14</li> <li>○ Mark 2:23-28</li> <li>○ Luke 13:10-17</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:9-11</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 37:</b> Good Shepherd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 10:1-18</li> <li>○ Psalm 23</li> <li>○ Luke 15:1-7</li> <li>○ Hebrews 13:20-21</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 2:25</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 46:</b> Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 17:1-13</li> <li>○ Isaiah 60:1-3</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:14-16</li> <li>○ John 8:12</li> <li>○ 1 John 1:5-7</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 29:</b> Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 150</li> <li>○ 2 Chronicles 5:13-14</li> <li>○ Psalm 59:16-17</li> <li>○ Luke 1:46-55</li> <li>○ Ephesians 5:18-20</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 38:</b> Lord's Supper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 22:7-20</li> <li>○ Exodus 12:1-8</li> <li>○ John 6:52-58</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 10:14-17</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 47:</b> Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 17:11-19</li> <li>○ Joshua 4:19-24</li> <li>○ 1 Chronicles 16:34</li> <li>○ Colossians 3:15-17</li> <li>○ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 30:</b> Good Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ James 2:14-26</li> <li>○ Psalm 1</li> <li>○ Matthew 7:17-20</li> <li>○ John 15:1-8</li> <li>○ Colossians 1:9-10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 39:</b> Humility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Philippians 2:3-11</li> <li>○ Proverbs 11:2</li> <li>○ Matthew 20:26-28</li> <li>○ John 13:1-9</li> <li>○ James 4:10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 48:</b> Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 2:25-38</li> <li>○ Psalm 33:20-22</li> <li>○ Romans 15:13</li> <li>○ Ephesians 1:18-21</li> <li>○ Hebrews 6:13-20</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 31:</b> Patience & Perseverance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:5-9</li> <li>○ Galatians 6:9-10</li> <li>○ James 1:12</li> <li>○ 2 Peter 3:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 40:</b> Strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ephesians 6:10-20</li> <li>○ Isaiah 40:28-31</li> <li>○ Joshua 1:9</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 49:</b> Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Samuel 24</li> <li>○ Isaiah 26:3</li> <li>○ John 14:27</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:7</li> <li>○ James 3:17-18</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 32:</b> Unity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 33</li> <li>○ Psalm 133</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:10</li> <li>○ Galatians 3:26-29</li> <li>○ Philippians 2:1-2</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 41:</b> Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 103:1-12</li> <li>○ Romans 6:14</li> <li>○ John 1:16-17</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 15:9-10</li> <li>○ Ephesians 2:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 50:</b> Joy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 16</li> <li>○ Nehemiah 8:10</li> <li>○ Proverbs 17:22</li> <li>○ John 16:19-24</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 33:</b> Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jonah 3</li> <li>○ Psalm 145:8-9</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:7</li> <li>○ Luke 6:36-38</li> <li>○ Titus 3:3-8</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 42:</b> Saints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revelation 7:9-17</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:28-29</li> <li>○ Daniel 7:27</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:2-3</li> <li>○ Hebrews 12:1-3</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 51:</b> Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 2:1-21</li> <li>○ Isaiah 9:6-7</li> <li>○ Micah 5:2-4</li> <li>○ Matthew 2:9-11</li> <li>○ Titus 2:13-14</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 34:</b> Parables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 15:11-32</li> <li>○ 2 Samuel 12:1-10</li> <li>○ Matthew 13:31-35</li> <li>○ Mark 4:26-29</li> <li>○ Luke 18:9-14</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 43:</b> Redemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Romans 5</li> <li>○ Job 19:25-27</li> <li>○ Isaiah 44:21-22</li> <li>○ Galatians 3:13-14</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 1:18-21</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 52:</b> Heaven & Eternal Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revelation 21:1-7</li> <li>○ Isaiah 65:17-25</li> <li>○ John 14:1-4</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 4:7-8</li> <li>○ Revelation 2:10</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 35:</b> Money & Treasure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19</li> <li>○ 2 Chronicles 1:7-12</li> <li>○ Malachi 3:10</li> <li>○ Matthew 6:19-21</li> <li>○ Acts 20:35</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 44:</b> Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 24:36-51</li> <li>○ Proverbs 6:6-8</li> <li>○ Matthew 25:1-13</li> <li>○ Romans 13:11-14</li> <li>○ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6</li> </ul>	



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:45am in the conference room near Pastor's office.

Silent Auction Baskets will be on display for bids starting November 27<sup>th</sup> ending on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for helping to support the youth group.

Join us for the Youth Group Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. We will have food, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Friends are invited too! Please RSVP to Brian or Kim.



**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will resume in January.



# Gingerbread

## House Decorating Event

AT TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10TH

2:00, 3:00 OR 4:00 PM

Please join us to decorate a gingerbread house while sipping hot chocolate and singing Christmas carols!

**An RSVP is required as spaces are limited**  
Suggested ages are 2-12.



How to sign-up?

Bulletin Board or Sign-up Genius  
link found on TLC Website

Questions?  
See Christy Hopewell  
or Gail Trimble



## **TLC Food Bank Ministry Board (Timothy's Cupboard) – Dec 2022 / Jan 2023**

Timothy's Cupboard food bank offered Thanksgiving bags (in addition to the normal food distribution items) given to our clients. The Thanksgiving bags were handed out starting Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for client pickup – four Thursdays (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> and Nov 17<sup>th</sup>) and four Tuesdays (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Note: A Thrivent Action Team project financially (\$250) supported the Thanksgiving Bags program sponsored by Timothy's Cupboard.

A "Thank You" to church/community members who donated funds to support this project.

Also, extend appreciation to the food bank volunteers who helped to make this a success.

In total, as part of the Thanksgiving bags mission project, we handed out 202 turkeys or hams to the clients – averaging about 25 client families each Tuesday or Thursday.

The table at the end of this article highlights the 2016 - 2022 food distribution results through the month of October. This year (2022) continues to track slightly higher than 2021; but still far below the performance of any year between 2016 and 2019. This year's results are about 65% of any of those years.

We need volunteers Monday through Friday (come every day or just one day a week). We are physically wearing out the few dedicated volunteers that we currently have. Any questions – please contact Vanessa Henning / Steve Knothe to let us know how/when you can help.

### **CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS?**

Volunteers are needed for various tasks at Timothy's Cupboard. Can you help out with any of the following???

Monday	Make GNAP ad USDA Bags Sort Fruit / vegetables bags	2 hours 3 hours
Tuesday	Make Sweet boxes Help lift heavy boxes into client's vehicle	2 hours 2 - 3 hours
Wednesday	Make GNAP ad USDA Bags, as/if needed Sort Fruit / vegetables bags	2 hours 3 hours
Thursday	Make Sweet boxes Help lift heavy boxes into client's vehicle	2 hours 2 - 3 hours
Friday	Sort, label and store ACFB delivery items	3 hours as needed

**December 2022 / January 2023 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 are not readily available on the ACFB inventory for us to purchase. cannot currently purchase from ACFB (food donations for November):

Canned fruit: (15 to 29 oz preferred)

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

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

Jelly

Rice – 1- or 2-pound bags, or large bags (to be subdivided)

Pasta – spaghetti, elbow

Pancake syrup

Pancake mix (later in the month of November, and into December)

Please place your donations in the food barrel in church.

<h2 align="center">Timothy's Cupboard</h2> <h3 align="center">Food Distribution</h3> <h4 align="center">2016 through 2022 Comparisons</h4>							
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 (Oct)	1,494	5,797	1,658	864	352,646	236	61
2021 YTD (Oct)	1,338	5,578	1,326	643	340,054	254	61
2020 YTD (Oct)	2,042	7,886	2,364	999	518,712	254	66
2019 YTD (Oct)	2,585	8,861	2,484	1,428	542,403	210	61
2018 YTD (Oct)	2,520	11,079	2,933	1,513	512,289	203	46
2017 YTD (Oct)	2,472	8,986	2,854	964	348,392	133	39
2016 YTD (Oct)	2,607	9,902	3,106	1,084	337,459	129	34
2022 (extrapolated)	1,793	6,956	1,990	1,037	423,175	236	61
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



12/4	Genay Neuman
12/5	Lauren Withhart
12/6	Marilyn Smith
12/7	Tad Furnish
12/8	Erika Carden
12/8	Suzanne Forman
12/14	Wally Kelly
12/16	Mike Young
12/18	Henry Sabin
12/18	Claudia Tighe
12/20	Camryn Hooks
12/22	Deanna Lennon
12/22	Kristen Blackwell
12/23	Amy Brown
12/23	Bruce Miller
12/24	Krista Mallon
12/29	Vanessa Henning
12/31	Steven Knothe
12/31	Katie Pearson



1/1	Helen Wilson
1/1	Jeanne Frantz
1/2	Dianna Woodson
1/2	Carol Pflueger
1/3	William Schuette
1/4	Lee Mehlhop
1/6	Rosalie Atwood
1/6	Bob Ericksen
1/10	Jessica Niss
1/10	Bob Trimble
1/10	Lucas Greenblat
1/10	Chris Pearson
1/11	Kara Staton
1/13	Carol Schmekel
1/13	Jack Basler
1/15	Jim Bulger
1/17	Grayson Smith
1/17	Nancy McClain
1/19	Peter Samosky
1/20	Ryan Ericksen
1/20	Ron O'Donnell
1/21	Kim Howe
1/22	Thomas Jenkins
1/23	Lillian Hopewell
1/24	Doreen Erbe
1/31	Elaine Parnow



12/12	Nick & Genay Neuman
12/18	Don & Brenda Standridge
12/31 -	Jack & Linda Basler



1/5	Gerald & Joan Mueller
1/10	Chris & Annie Morrison
1/11	Sam Black & Kristina Pins
1/13	Al & Inge Dinger
1/15	Jim & Lois Moody
1/22	John & Maureen Dicks
1/26	Dennis & Connie Williams

# Kid's Corner

## Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



**What you need:**

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

# PUZZLE



## Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



**WORD BANK**

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
O	T	P	I	G	T	Q	C	N	T	G	M	U	S	T
O	A	N	D	B	E	C	H	I	L	D	N	Z	F	A
A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
T	R	A	V	E	L	J	C	H	V	O	Z	G	N	H
F	B	Q	I	W	D	X	P	T	E	N	A	O	L	Q
Z	C	R	D	Q	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	V
R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

“Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:11, NIV

# December

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



4

Read  
Genesis 1:3-4.  
Take time to learn something about the sun today.

11

Read  
2 Corinthians 4:5-7.  
Share one thing you love about Jesus!

18

Read  
Mark 1:35.  
Who is praying in this verse? What was happening?

25

Read  
John 1:5.  
Give thanks for Jesus!

5

Read  
Genesis 1:5-6.  
Go outside tonight and spend time looking at the night sky.

12

Read  
Micah 7:8.  
Pray for people who are unkind to you.

19

Read  
Psalm 104:19-20.  
Thank God for seasons! Which one is your favorite?

26

Read  
John 3:19.  
What are you learning about Jesus this Christmas season?

6

Read  
Colossians 1:13-14.  
Remember your Baptism today!

13

Read  
Romans 13:12.  
Draw a picture of what you hear in this verse.

20

Read  
Luke 1:76-79.  
Pray for missionaries today.

27

Read  
Psalm 139:11-13.  
Pray for unborn babies today.

7

Read  
Matthew 10:26-27.  
Pray for people in your community to hear the Gospel.

14

Read  
Ecclesiastes 2:13.  
What does it mean to be wise?

21

Read  
Isaiah 9:2.  
Share a story about a hard time when God helped you or someone else.

28

Read  
Romans 1:21.  
Spend time thanking God today for His work in your life this year!

1

Read  
Matthew 4:16.  
What do you think about when you hear the word dark?

8

Read  
Exodus 20:21.  
Why was Moses drawing near to God?

15

Read  
1 John 1:5.  
With whom can you share the message of the Gospel this week?

22

Read  
Ephesians 6:12.  
Pray for people struggling with darkness.

29

Read  
Luke 12:3.  
Share a prayer request with your family. How can you pray for one another this week?

2

Read  
John 8:12.  
How did you follow Jesus today?

9

Read  
John 12:46.  
Discuss how you feel when you are in a dark room compared with when you are in a room with lots of light.

16

Read  
1 Corinthians 4:5.  
Talk to God about something that has been bothering you.

23

Read  
1 Thessalonians 5:4-5.  
Remind each person in your family: Jesus is coming back!

30

Read  
Genesis 1:17-19.  
Are you a morning person or a night owl? Praise God for how He made you!

3

Read  
Psalm 18:28.  
Ask trusted adults to share about a time God brought light to their darkness.

10

Read  
Proverbs 4:18-19.  
Talk to God and ask forgiveness for the times you stumbled today.

17

Read  
1 Kings 8:12-13.  
What did Solomon build for the Lord?

24

Read  
Psalm 112:4.  
Sing your favorite Christmas song today!

31

Read  
1 John 2:7-8.  
Pray thanks for the year ending and the year about to begin!