

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

March 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	11 am and 7 pm—Lenten Services—Dinner at 6 pm
Fri-Sun, Mar 10-12	Women's Retreat
Sun, Mar 12	12 Noon—POT LUCK LUNCH
Sun, Mar 26	New Member Sunday
Tue, Mar. 28	11:30 am—Ladies Lunch Bunch

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's	8:30, 11 am— SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday's	9:45 am—Adult Bible Classes /Sunday School
Wednesday's	10 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor
	5:30 pm—Confirmation Class
Friday's	12 Noon—4 pm—Card Playing

**Watch our services live (8:30 am) or On Demand at
www.tlcwoodstock.org**

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Pastor's Corner

“And lead us not into temptation”

The month of March is always part of our Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to go to the cross, win our salvation through his shed blood and rise again on Easter Sunday. Our midweek Lenten theme this year is “Repentance,” but another major theme in Lent is “Temptation.” The first Sunday in Lent is always the temptation of Jesus by the devil in the wilderness and how Jesus resisted temptation through the Word of God.

When Jesus taught his disciples “his” prayer (The Lord's Prayer) he included the familiar petition on temptation, “And lead us not into temptation.” In the Small Catechism and Large Catechism Luther explains,

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

This, then is what “lead us not into temptation” means. It refers to times when God gives us power and strength to resist the temptation [1 Corinthians 10:13]. However, the temptation is not taken away or removed. While we live in the flesh and have the devil around us, no one can escape his temptation and lures. It can only mean that we must endure trials-indeed, be engulfed in them [2 Timothy 2:3]. But we say this prayer so that we may not fall and be drowned in them. To feel temptation is, therefore, a far different thing from consenting to it.

The devil is always working hard on us. He wants us to fall into unbelief as he cast doubt on the trustworthiness of God's Word. He drives us to despair when we think there's no way out of a difficult situation. He wants us to “enjoy life” by indulging our sinful natures, because being upstanding “is just not fun” he

How do we combat temptation? We take our stand with Jesus on God's Word. When the devil directly tempted Jesus, he responded with God's Word. He said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). The Word of God, the Bible, is our “offense” weapon in the arsenal of God's armor (Ephesians 6:10-20). With the scriptures we can answer the devil's temptations.

We should not forget that we have a direct line to the triune God through our prayers and petitions. God does hear the cry of his beloved children. We can lift up supplications to implore the Lord's help in our moments of weakness, when we're being bombarded by the devil, the world and our sinful nature. Jesus did this in the Garden of Gethsemane when he prayed earnestly that his father give him strength to get through his suffering and passion, as he prayed the “thy will be done.”

Armed with the Word of God and prayer, we have what we need to thwart temptation. But what about when so often we give in to temptation in sins of thought, desire, word, and deed. Then we have a merciful father who for the sake of Jesus and his sacrifice, when we come to him in true contrition and repentance, forgives our sins.

May this encourage and comfort you on your journey with Jesus during this Lenten seasons.

Pastor B



**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

Timothy Lutheran Preschool is an amazing place to be:

- Serving the congregation and community for 37 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!

What an amazing blessing... we are full for the upcoming 2023-24 school year with a waiting list in every age group. Things can always change between now and our first day of school in August, but we are so excited to be so loved by the Woodstock community! 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 add a child, grandchild, friend or neighbor to the waiting list, please contact me. Love truly grows here!



**Timothy
Lutheran
Preschool**

Love Grows Here

We are excited for the month of March and the blooming of all things Spring! The children returned to school after their Winter Break on Monday, February 27 with a fun week full of Dr. Seuss activities. It's a great week to be a Timothy Lion Cub and have fun with rhyming and books!

The children will be hearing more stories of Jesus' miracles and the special friends that he had here on this Earth and how we can share the good news with others just like they did. The children love learning about Jesus and always have a great time in our Chapel lessons each week. Pastor B had a fun week sharing all about the love of Jesus and of Scruffy and Scrappy—and who knew they have hearts too!

Check out our pictures where we showcase some of the love of learning we experience here each weekday, not only academically but also social-emotionally and spiritually too. The children have a blast in our building and our staff loves showing them just how special they are. What an amazing foundation we are blessed to give these children of the Woodstock community. Thank you again for welcoming our families into your church community and helping us to serve them.

Grace and Peace,

Kristin Freeman

Preschool Director

Preschool Happenings

March 6	ECE Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
March 30 & 31	Spring Photos: Individual and Class Photos
April 3-7	Spring Break: No School

Staff Spotlight

Name: Carmen Simmons

Class: 5-day Pre-Kindergarten

Years at Timothy: 10

Birthday: January 19

Where did you grow up: Columbus, GA

Who lives in your House: My husband, Earl, doggie Miley and Me

Favorite Movie: I love all Christmas movies

One "Bucket List" item: No bucket list

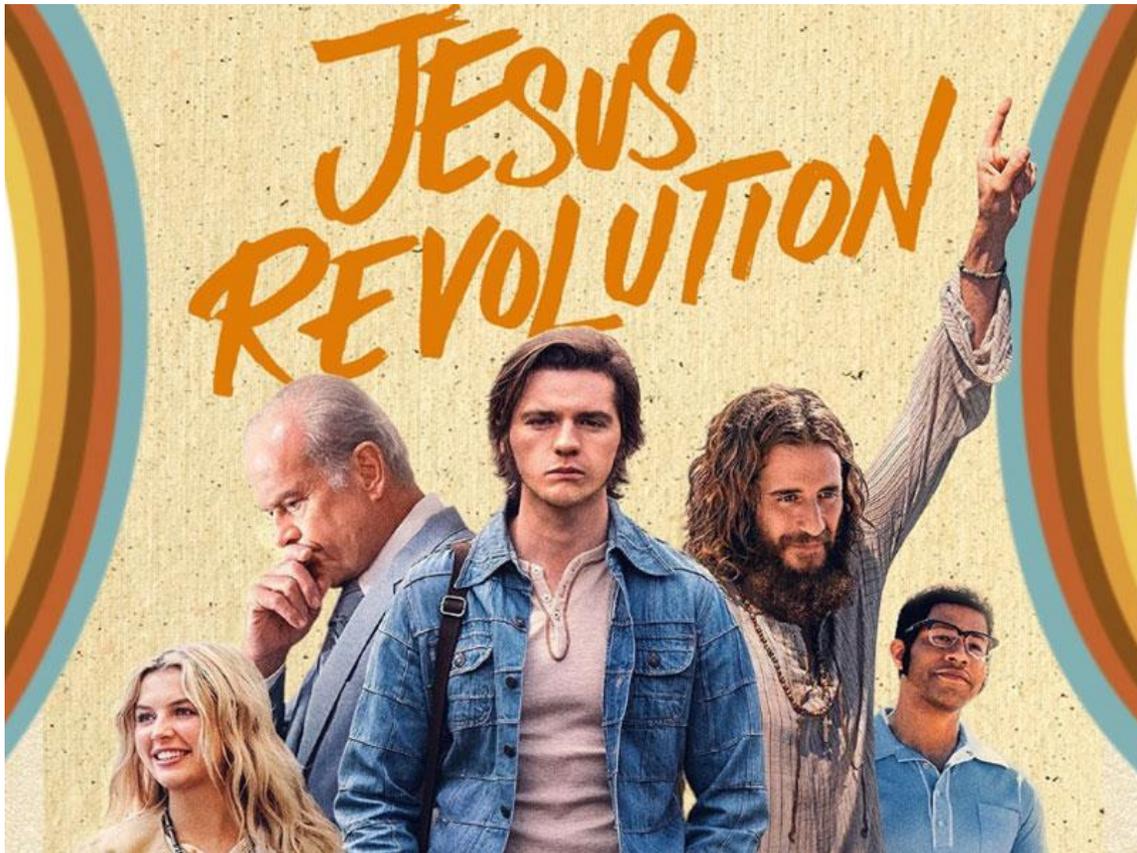
Favorite Place to Visit: I love to go to the beach.

Why do you like teaching at Timothy Lutheran Preschool? I love teaching here because I love the kids, the families and my co-workers.









In the 1970s, young Greg Laurie (Joel Courtney) is searching for all the right things in all the wrong places; until he meets Lonnie Frisbee (Jonathan Roumie), a charismatic hippie-street-preacher. Together with Pastor Chuck Smith (Kelsey Grammar), they open the doors of Smith’s languishing church to an unexpected revival of radical and newfound love.

NOW SHOWING—Check you local theaters for days and times of showings.

STARTING THIS MONTH

Kids Joyful Praise!

Who: Kids, preschool to grade 6

Where: In the Sanctuary

When: The 4th Sunday of each month 9:30am – 9:45am

Why: To get together to learn songs that give praise to God. The songs we learn will be sung once every 3 months as a Call to Worship at the 11 am service. We can sing some of our former VBS favorites. Contact Marlene Snyder if you have questions or comments.



COME JOIN US!



The people who came to the February meeting were updated on missionary Elizabeth Ratliff's work in Zambia, ranging from supporting activities in area prisons to agricultural education programs to orphanages, and sponsoring bore holes so people can have clean water.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the digging of a bore hole.

Zambia Update from LWML:

*Because of you...*we collected \$1,000 towards a water bore hole in Zambia. Funds will be sent to Missionary Ventures Inc. for Elizabeth Ratliff's benefit for the bore hole. *Thank you for your support and generosity!*

Join us on March 18 for our regular meeting. We will be making Shamrocks for Shut-ins. Our meeting start at 10 a.m. with light refreshments.

It's SECRET SISTER time! Please complete a Secret Sister Survey (can be found on the sign- up bulletin board) and place in Teresa Jarmick's mailbox by March 20th if you would like to participate." All ladies of the congregation are welcome to sign up for "Secret Sisters!"



Sunday School Photos



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>Enduring Faith Bible Study</u>	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
<p>Adults, Youth, and Children are invited to join Pastor B in the Sanctuary for an opening</p> <p>Each age group then has a breakout session for 30 minutes then followed by a short closing in the Sanctuary with Pastor B</p> <p><u>Upcoming Lessons</u></p> <p>03/05/2023 Esau and Jacob</p> <p>03/12/2023 Jacob's Family</p> <p>03/19/2023 Joseph</p> <p>03/26/2023 Joseph Forgives His Brothers</p>	<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>
<u>Study of the Book of Romans</u>	<u>Sunday School Offering</u>
<p>Studying with Pastor Porter in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Need a Lutheran Study Bible? Please let us know and we can provide one!</p> <p>Study of Romans begins March 5!</p>	<p>Distributions</p> <p>Butterfly Whisperer \$500</p> <p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church \$1500 (for continued recovery efforts for Hurricane Ian)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 53:2</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>	



SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD – MARCH 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.

Requests for Assistance

23 requests have been received to date for fiscal 22-23: 6 approved, 3 referred out and 13 have not provided required documentation and 1 is pending.

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.)

THANK YOU!

**Thank you for your support of
Souper Bowl Sunday on 2/12/23!!**

360 pounds of food was received for our Timothy's Cupboard!

ALMA COFFEE FUNDRAISER

\$15.00 PER BAG

OPTIONS INCLUDE:
SOULMATE (MEDIUM)
PASSION (MEDIUM-DARK)
ESSENCE (ESPRESSO)
ENCHANTED (DARK)
DREAMER (DECAF)

AVAILABLE GROUND OR IN BEANS

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARD THE LONG-RANGE BUILDING FUND

SALE ENDS: MARCH 19TH

ORDERS WILL BE READY: 3/26

Order Forms will be available in the bulletin each Sunday thru 3/19.

**RETURN ORDER FORMS AND MONEY TO KRISTINA PINS.
ORDERS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BLACK/PINS BOX.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

[Set Apart to Serve](#), the LCMS initiative to recruit future pastors and church workers to hand over the saving faith to God's people, needs your help again this year as we strive to continually improve our efforts.

We would appreciate input from you and the members of your congregation through a short online survey. We ask that you please use the following text in your bulletin or newsletter:

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

The more responses we receive, the better equipped we can be to serve the church in this effort.

We would appreciate receiving all responses by March 15. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions, please reach out to the LCMS Church Information Center at [888-THE LCMS \(843-5267\)](tel:888-746-5267) or infocenter@lcms.org.

Thank you for your time and support in helping the LCMS with this important initiative.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. James Baneck

Executive Director

LCMS Office of Pastoral Education

Sanctuary Easter Flowers



This Easter we will be decorating the altar area and window ledges with lilies and 6 inch potted plants. The flowers will cost \$9 per pot. We plan on needing 15 lilies and 20 potted plants. There will be a sign up sheet on the Sign Up bulletin board. Following the 11 am Easter service, people who signed up for flowers can take them home or donate them to enhance our church landscape.

The Worship Committee appreciates your support in beautifying our Sanctuary as we celebrate our risen Lord next month.





Being Rich Toward God

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" Luke 12:15

We live in a society which is driven by the desire to have and spend money. In our culture, money and the things it can buy are king. People foolishly believe that money provides happiness and a lifetime of security, so they spend their time and resources chasing after it. Unfortunately, if they are successful in their pursuit, their lives are often filled with loneliness and despair,

The desire for wealth and prestige was just as prevalent in Jesus' time, so this topic was the central focus of many of His illustrations. However, Jesus' illustrations have a different focus toward money than our society has. Rather than being "rich toward money," God wants us to be "rich toward God." Money is to be used instead of being idolized. As Christian stewards, our motive is not to amass more money solely for our use and enjoyment. We understand that money is a tool that can be used for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Money is one of the subtlest attractions in our lives. At any age and at any time, greed and the love of money can overcome us. In the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus tells about a greedy farmer who wanted to build bigger barns. He had no time for God or his neighbors. *"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"* (Luke 12:20)

At the end of the parable, Jesus warned His disciples as He warns us today that, if we store up money and things of this world for ourselves and are not "rich toward God," we will not live in eternity with Him. If we are not "rich toward God," we will receive what we have prepared for ourselves — nothing!

Read Luke 12:13-21. What kind of riches do you treasure?

Prayer: Lord, Help us to keep money in its proper perspective and grant us giving hearts. In Your name we pray. Amen.



**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on
March 28, 11:30 am, at Williams
Brothers in Canton.**

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Financial policy holders, MARCH 31, is the last day to submit your Choice Dollars before your Choice Dollar account is "0" out. We will probably be putting some of our funds in the Building Fund designated for a new storage building.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!





SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! **Saturday March 18th** we will be hosting a drive thru food distribution from 9 - 11 am.

You must give us a call at 770-591-5515 and let us know you are coming in so we can prepare the food boxes for distribution.

We are looking for volunteers on Friday March 17th and March 18th. If you're interested, please give us a call!

Timothy's Cupboard: 556 Arnold Mill Rd. Woodstock, GA 30188

#770-591-5515



TLC Food Bank Ministry Board (Timothy's Cupboard) – March 2023

Thanks to the Social Ministry Board for sponsoring the Souper Bowl Food Collection drive. Our congregation donated 360 lbs. of soup, crackers, etc. for Timothy's Cupboard.

The table below highlights the results of the first month of 2023.

January 2023 results look promising to be better than the past two years, but still below the performance of any year between 2018 and 2020.

This extrapolated forecast is close to 80% of any of those years.

Timothy's Cupboard							
Food Distribution							
2016 through 2023 Comparisons							
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
2023 YTD (Jan)	177	706	209	78	41,097	232	58
2022 YTD (Jan)	122	439	100	156	30,103	247	69
2021 YTD (Jan)	180	636	174	80	41,757	232	66
2020 YTD (Jan)	236	810	235	123	48,782	207	60
2019 YTD (Jan)	227	841	219	65	45,016	198	54
2018 YTD (Jan)	192	878	271	94	38,008	198	43
2017 YTD (Jan)	246	878	225	100	32,637	133	37
2016 YTD (Jan)	252	1,053	311	98	32,349	128	31
2023 (extrapolated)	2,124	8,472	2,508	936	493,164	232	58
2022 (Full Year)	1,883	7,325	2,130	1,063	443,798	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

The TLC Food Bank Ministry Board met in January to develop objectives and goals for 2023 – which were presented at the TLC Planning Forum on Saturday, February 11th.

As part of the 2023 board planning, Timothy's Cupboard intends to implement a Saturday food donation event to clients. At this point, the Saturday Food donation event will occur on the third Saturday of each month (with March 18th being the kick-off day) from 9 am to 11 am. This will require additional resources on the Friday preceding the Saturday event; and volunteers on Saturday to help prepare and load the food donation boxes into the client's vehicles.

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	hours 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 2 - 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 Sort / store food items in preparation for Saturday	3 hours as needed 3+ hours as needed
Third Saturday	Prepare/load food donation boxes into client's vehicle	3+ hours as needed

DONATE FOR LENT

Each week of Lent

Week 1—Feb. 22	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Week 2—March 1	Peanut butter & Jelly
Week 3 March 8	Canned Peas & Carrots, Fruit
Week 4 March 15	Instant Mashed potatoes and gravy
Week 5—March 22	Canned Green Beans & Corn, Fruit
Week 6—March 29	Canned Tomatoes &/or tomato sauce.





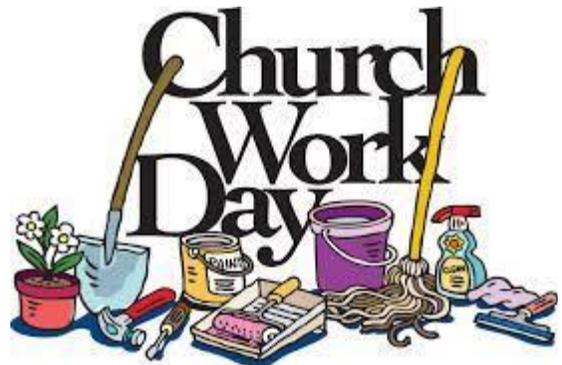
The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat will be working on their 35th house this spring with another one in the fall. Through funds raised this past year the Coalition has given \$35,000 to North Central Georgia Habitat affiliate and we will be building at 5372 Woodstock Rd, Acworth starting March 18 (see schedule below). The work scheduling process has changed this year where we will have opportunities to build every workday but with a limited number of volunteers for each day as shown. You should also bring your own lunch and water will be provided. Tools that are needed will be provided by Habitat. You must register beforehand and the link to register will be provided as soon as it is available.

Please go to www.lutheranhabitat.org for more information and the link to sign up for a workday and information on the Pierre family who will receive the home. Feel free to contact Don Snyder with any questions at 770-337-5908 - donqsnyder@gmail.com or Mike Lawson 770-776-7367 – mikemijalawson@yahoo.com.

Cherokee Build		
Address: 5372 Woodstock Rd, Acworth, GA 30102		
Date	Task	# Volunteers Needed
3/18/23	First Nail	12
3/25/23	First Floor Walls	10
4/15/23	Siding	8
4/22/23	Siding/Paint	8
4/29/23	Siding/Paint	8
5/6/23	Inside Paint I	8
5/13/23	Inside Paint II	8
5/20/23	Pre-Landscape	6
6/3/23	Landscape	7
6/17/23	Dedication--Everyone invited	

COME AND JOIN US!

There will be an inside/outside work day on Saturday, March 25, 8:30—Noon. Some items that we hope to accomplish are start cleaning out the trailer, spruce up the yard, polish pews, clean chairs, and tables inside. Possible window washing—if enough people show up!



YOUTH GROUP

Join us for Youth Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45. The classes are for the whole family AND they are FUN!

Are you good at solving puzzles? Do you work well in a group? Are you calm and focused under pressure? If so (or if not) please plan on joining us from 5-7:30 pm on March 19th to try to "escape" from a couple of "escape rooms in a box". Pizza will be provided, please RSVP to ensure we order enough pizza.

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).



Second Sunday Potluck Join us after second service on Sunday, March 12th for a St. Patrick's Day themed potluck. Bring a dish or something green to share! We had an awesome "souper bowl" themed potluck in February, so we thought we'd try a fun theme again. March's 2nd Sunday Potluck will follow the theme of St. Patrick's Day! Think Irish; corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, green desserts and of course anything yummy you want to bring.

Lenten meals on Wednesday nights. We look forward to seeing you!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to let us know if you and your family plan on attending. Supper starts at 6pm and the church service will follow at 7pm.



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.



3/1 Cameron Howe
 3/1 JoAnn Miller
 3/1 John Hornberger
 3/1 Patti Turner
 3/4 Sue Knothe
 3/4 KC Colburn
 3/4` Simon Morrison
 3/4 Fran Holcombe
 3/5 Davina Furnish
 3/6 Nicole Traina
 3/7 Marion Mamrick
 3/8 Bob Lovell
 3/9 Maria Beiner
 3/10 Kayla Howe
 3/13 Allison Butler
 3/15 Mary Douglass
 3/16 Ben Withhart
 3/16 Henry Withhart
 3/17 Maria Ferguson
 3/17 Henry Mallon
 3/18 Jeff Withhart
 3/19 Carol Alquist
 3/19 Jim Moody
 3/20 Ty Furnish
 3/27 Patti Kastens
 3/28 Mallory Hopewell
 3/29 Samantha Standridge
 3/31 Wanda Chastain

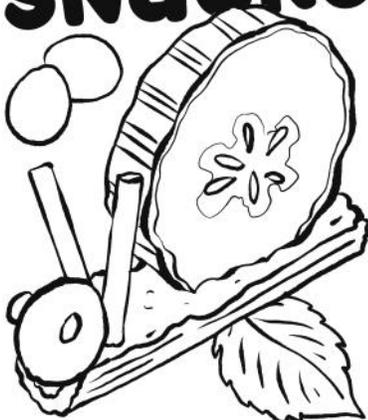
3/4 Jeff & Lauren Withhart
 3/8 Nelson & Carol Alquist
 3/11 Eric & Nana Daly
 3/18 Mike & Mija Lawson
 3/27 Bill & Carol Schmekel
 3/28 Russell & Christine Brockemeier



SHAMROCK — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.

Kid's Corner

SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plants grow here to coil and jump
<i>(also a season of the year)</i> to expand and get bigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> seeds are planted in this when watered, these make plants another word for seedling |
|--|--|

For as the _____ makes the _____

come up and a _____ causes

_____ to _____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

March

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5

Read
1 John 2:1-2.

Say, "Thank You, Jesus!"

6

Read
1 John 2:5-6.

Brainstorm ways to treat others the way Jesus did.

7

Read
1 John 2:9-11.

Ask each of your family members for forgiveness. And then forgive them!

8

Read
1 John 2:28-29.

Who in the Bible hid from God?

9

Read
1 John 3:2.

Say, "I am a child of God!"

10

Read
1 John 3:16-18.

Brainstorm ways you can help the unloved in your community.

11

Read
1 John 3:23.

Memorize this verse.

12

Read
1 John 3:24.

What does it mean to abide in God?

13

Read
1 John 4:7.

Write a letter to someone you love who lives far away.

14

Read
1 John 4:9-10.

Pray for someone who doesn't know God loves them.

15

Read
1 John 4:11-12.

Ask a trusted adult how they show God's love.

16

Read
1 John 4:15.

Memorize this verse.

17

Read
1 John 4:16.

Ask your pastor to tell you about a time he felt God's love.

18

Read
1 John 4:17.

Find other places the Bible mentions the day of judgment.

19

Read
1 John 4:18.

What happens when you are no longer scared?

20

Read
1 John 4:19.

Write out this verse.

21

Read
1 John 5:1-2.

What did Jesus say the most important commandments were?

22

Read
1 John 5:4-5.

Discuss what it means to be victorious.

23

Read
1 John 5:7-8.

How do we experience these three things in church?

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Read
1 John 5:12.

Brainstorm ways to tell others about Jesus.

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Read
1 John 5:13.

Sin, "I am baptized into Christ!"

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Read
1 John 5:14.

Write out your prayer requests.

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Read
1 John 5:15.

Pray, "Thank You, God, for hearing our prayers!"

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Read
1 John 5:16.

Look up what the word repentance means.

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Read
1 John 5:17.

Talk about a time you got in trouble.

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Read
1 John 5:19.

Pray for God's protection.

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Read
1 John 5:20.

Pick a song from worship to sing as a family!