

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

April 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun, Apr 2	8:30 & 11 am—Palm Sunday (Holy Communion) 9:45 –am—Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs, Apr 6	11 am & 7 pm—Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion)
Fri, Apr. 7	11 am & 7 pm—Good Friday
Sun, Apr 9	6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 11 am—Easter Sunday (Holy Communion) 7 am—11 am—Easter Breakfast 11:30 am—Ladies Lunch Bunch
Tue, Apr 25	Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
Sun, Apr 30	

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

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Pastor's Corner

Cannot go around. Must go through.

It has surprised me how many churches in our geographic area do not have Good Friday services. It's almost as if they want all the glory of Jesus resurrection without focusing on his death and all that means. Some churches are afraid to put up crosses in their buildings as that might "offend" people.

When John the Baptist was languishing in prison he had his doubts about Jesus being the long awaited Messiah, King. He sent his disciples to Jesus to ask if his relative was really the coming One. Jesus responded to John's disciples saying, *"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. 23 And blessed is the one who is not **offended** by me"* (Luke 7:22-23). Jesus fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah/Christ. He was doing the work the coming Messiah would do. His most important work was on the cross when he suffered and died to pay the price for the world's sin. As I like to often say Christians cannot have the glory of the resurrections without the guts of the cross.

Imagine you are on a journey. You must travel over rugged terrain to get to your destination. Let's say that the destination is Easter Sunday. To get to Easter Sunday you must find a way across a huge mountain. The mountain represents Good Friday. You cannot go around it or over it. You must go through it. There's a tunnel going through the mountain much like the Gotthard Base Tunnel which is the world's longest and deepest tunnel. It runs under the Swiss alps and is 35.5 miles long. Now imagine there's no light in that tunnel. The darkness represents the weight of the world's sin that Jesus bore on the cross. Only through Jesus' work can you get through the tunnel to the other side and the glory of Jesus resurrection.

Another way to describe not having Good Friday services is having icing on a cake, but no cake. It may be sweet but there's no substance. In fact, children love to lick the frosting off cupcakes and leave the "cake" and we are God's children, but we are not "infants" in our faith.

Our faith is grounded in the fact that *"we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God"* (1 Corinthians 1:23-24). Without the cross, the suffering and death of Jesus we cannot have the resurrection. Jesus' resurrection is the icing on the cake. God the Father accepted the life, death and sacrifice of Jesus, which is the cake. The God-Man who did not have to die, but did for the whole world, could then rise from the dead.

As we celebrate Holy Week the first week of this month, we journey toward Easter. We realize the mountain of sin and death Jesus conquered for us on Good Friday and rejoice in his resurrection. We don't go around or over the mountain we go through it with Jesus to our own resurrection from sin and death.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Sunday, April 2

9:45 am



**Kristin Freeman,
Preschool
Director**

**ECE Mission and
Ministry State-
ment**

At Timothy Lutheran Preschool, we believe that “children are a gift from God; they are His reward.” (Psalm 127:3)

Timothy Lutheran Preschool is a ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church. Its mission is to serve children and families by sharing Jesus’ love with them through an academically excellent Christian Education in a safe, loving environment.

Preschool News

Greetings from the Preschool world,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! What wonderful words we get to share with the little ones here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool this month of April after their return from Spring Break. We love to tell the story of Jesus and what a wonderful story to tell. The children spent the last week preparing for the death and resurrection of our Lord and celebrating His life with watercolors, crayons, and freshly planted green grass. The classrooms are filled with wonderful artwork, spring decorations and the love of Jesus and His love for us. Easter season in the Preschool is in full bloom!

This month the children will be spending some time with the ECE Board and church members for our annual “planting day”, where they get to help plants flowers that adorned the church during Easter Sunday. The children have a blast digging in the dirt and watching their flowers throughout the spring season. On Wednesday, April 19th, The ECE Board and parents will be celebrating our teachers for “Teacher Appreciation day”. We are so very blessed by these 16 ladies and their love and devotion for the little ones each day. Teaching is truly a vocation that is led from the heart and I can say without a doubt that God works in amazing ways through them. They each have such a unique gift they bring to our preschool and we would not be the loving, guiding place without them. Thank you to all of our teachers and assistants—Becky, Jen, Vic, Jessica, Marla, Marci, Carmen, Tara, Melissa, Caleigh, MaryAnne, Maggie, Tracy, Christy, Maria and Barb.

At the end of the month, we will be spending some time with our families and parents at our first-ever “Pancakes & Praise with my People” event. The parents and families will have the opportunity to enjoy some yummy pancakes together in the morning before spending time with us during our Chapel time where they will hear our weekly Bible lesson. It’s just a small way to show them how and what their children learn here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool as well as we honor all that the parents and families do in their child’s life and in bringing them to our school each day where they learn and grow in the love of Jesus.

I would also like to say a huge “THANK YOU” to our church trustees as they help to maintain the building through our daily use. We are grateful for these folks that pop in and have a list of things to review and repair and for taking on the huge endeavor of creating improved storage facilities and space for the church and preschool. It’s a hard job that doesn’t go unnoticed by our staff! Thank you!

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

Grace and Peace,

Kristin Freeman

Preschool Director

Preschool Happenings

April 3-7	Spring Break: No School
April 3	ECE Board Meeting
April 12 & 13	Planting Days
April 19	Teacher Appreciation Day
April 24 & 25	"Pancakes & Praise with My People"

Staff Spotlight

Name: MaryAnne Valkenburg

Class: 2's age—Mon-Fri.

Years at Timothy: 15 years

Birthday: April 26

Where did you grow up: Ohio and moved to Georgia at age 9

Who lives in your House: daughters, Maggie and Isabelle and many pets- dogs, cats, ferrets, bunny and hamster!

Favorite Movie: Jumanji

One "Bucket List" item: Take my girls to Ireland

Favorite Place to Visit: Nags Head, NC

Why do you like teaching at Timothy Lutheran Preschool? I love Timothy Lutheran because of the family friendly, small "home like" feel here. We are a loving, nurturing place where children can learn and play. The group of teachers here are top notch and I love the camaraderie. The families are amazing and supportive. I brought Maggie here to start preschool 16 years ago and I've never left. I love that the children can learn to play and learn about God.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Henry, Isabela and Luke Black

Isabela was born in Goiania, south central Brazil and Henry was born in Sioux City, Iowa. Their son Luke is a 2-year-old Georgia boy. He will be attending our preschool in the fall. Isabela is a civil engineer and Henry works as a fabricator and estimator. Presently, Isabela is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys getting together with family. Henry plays the guitar and plays video games. When they moved to Georgia, Henry's brother Sam, a TLC member, invited them to Timothy.



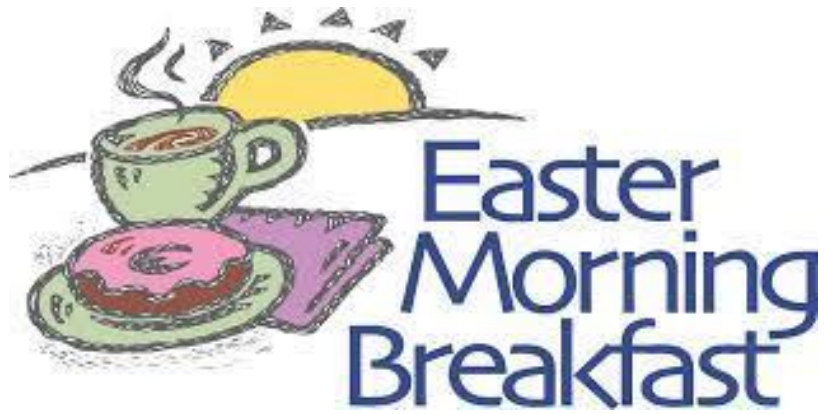
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Kim and Steve Salber

Kim was born in Anchorage, Alaska and Steve was born in Wichita Falls, Texas. They have lived in Boulder, Colorado, Washington D.C area, Wilmington, North Carolina and now in Waleska. They have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren who live in Colorado. Before retiring, Steve worked for NIST, a government agency, as a facilities manager. Kim is already a member of our handbell choir and has played the flute in a community band. Through the years, Kim has been a stay-at-home mom, a Montessori preschool assistant, a merchandise distributor of books and magazines at major grocery chains and for 1 year worked as a substitute nutrition specialist at a local school. Steve likes restoring old cars, boating and hiking. They found Timothy when they were searching online for a food bank to donate food and our Food Bank popped up.



Easter breakfast is a GO! Plan to join us in the fellowship hall between 7am-11am to celebrate our risen Lord. This year will be a little different than prior years as it will be potluck style. We asking for volunteers to sign-up if you haven't yet and bring a breakfast casserole. You can make your favorite recipe or on Sunday, April 2nd you can pick from 4 different recipes we will have available. You can pick these up before the 8:30 am service and during the Sunday School hour. You can also sign-up to bring fruit or pastries. If you are planning to attend please let us know by signing up so we can get a good idea of attendance.

Please plan to bring your casserole to church on Sunday morning already heated and preferably in a disposable pan to ease with any clean up. You can also drop your fully cooked casserole off on Saturday, April 8th between 11am and noon. It will be reheated at church and ready for Sunday morning.

We are also in need of help for clean up at 11 am. You can sign up to help if you are available to assist.



Palm Sunday—April 2 Services 8 :30 am and 11 am (streamed))—Holy Communion both services. Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am

Maundy Thursday—April 6—Services 11 am & 7 pm (streamed) - Holy Communion both services

Good Friday—April 7—Services 11 am & 7 pm (streamed)

Easter Sunday—April 9—Services 6:30 am, 8:30 am,

(Streamed) and 11 am—Holy Communion all services

Kids Joyful Praise!

Who: Kids, preschool to grade 6

Where: In the Sanctuary

When: The 4th Sunday of each month 9:25 am – 9:45 am

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!





VBS

Volunteers:

Space Goers,

Are you looking for an out of this world adventure this summer? Look no further! Timothy Lutheran Church will be hosting daily launches to outer space with our Stellar VBS program June 5-9th. "Shine Jesus' Light" and help 100 children from our community learn more about God in a fun and safe environment. Children will blast off each morning at 9:00 AM and return back to earth at noon. Volunteers would report about 15 minutes before the children's start time and are free to leave after all children are picked up, allowing you to have the rest of the day to enjoy the fun of summer.

If this adventure doesn't sound exciting enough, please note that children of adult volunteers attend VBS free of cost!

Registration opens to the public on Monday, May 1st. **Volunteers and church members may register anytime before then.** Once spots open to the public, congregation members can no longer be guaranteed a spot, so please register early! Please do not pass out this link to the public, as registration is only open to volunteers and congregation members right now. Any child registered before May 1st that is not linked to a volunteer or congregation member will be removed and asked to register again when registration opens. Please follow the link below to register.

vbspro.events/p/tlcwoodstockvbs

Donations:

Donations help supply VBS and are greatly appreciated. This year we are trying something a little different with the ease of an Amazon wishlist. Items will be added throughout the next couple of months, so please check back as I will update the list as I work through the curriculum. Please follow the Amazon link below to shop the wishlist.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PJATL5WTYRBR?ref_=wl_share

Any questions or concerns regarding VBS, please reach out to Christy Hopewell in person, by phone 574-274-6765 or through email, TLCWoodstockVBS@gmail.com

To volunteer for VBS, please follow the link to sign up!

[MyVBS | Timothy Lutheran Church](#)

www.myvbs.org/TLCWoodstockVBS/



Fellowship

FRIDGE CLEANOUT!

The refrigerator in the kitchen has quite the collection going and will be emptied of all contents on Tuesday, April 11th.

All salad dressings, condiment packets, butters, opened drinks, left over containers and random food will be thrown out.



If you would like to take any of these items home, please feel free to do so before Tuesday, April 11th.



SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD – APRIL 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

24 requests have been received to date for fiscal 22-23: 7 approved, 3 referred out and 14 have not provided required documentation as of 3/13/23.

We have fully disbursed our FY22-23 budget of \$2,500, as well as \$1,178.93 of our '17' account. (The '17' account's beginning balance was \$1,983, the current balance is \$804.07, to be used on any additional approved requests for assistance through 6/30/23.)



The Worship Committee appreciates the members who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter and for choosing to donate some of the flowers to plant around our facility.

The trustees thank all those who showed up on Sat. Mar 25 to help clean out the trailer and do some extra inside cleaning.

Who wants to build a Float?

The Evangelism Team is looking for volunteers to create and build a 4th of July float for the Woodstock 4th of July parade. Float themes are welcomed. It's been a few years since we have participated in this community event. If you are interested, contact Marlene Snyder, qcsnyder@gmail.com.





Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died"
(2 Corinthians 5:14)

God seeks a relationship with us that is rooted in love, *"For God so loved the world that He gave . . . "* (John 3:16) God has never stopped pouring out His love for us. His love is the source of love that we give to Him and to others. His love for us compels us to give, serve, and honor Him.

God is pleased when we serve Him as faithful stewards out of love rather than out of obligation. To illustrate this, say I give my wife a dozen red roses on Valentine's Day. Upon greeting her I simply tell her "Happy Valentine's Day." She says, "They are beautiful, but shouldn't have spent so much money." I respond by saying, "Don't mention it. Today is Valentine's Day and as your husband it is my duty to get a gift for you." Of course, my wife wouldn't be pleased. If I had responded differently by saying, "Honey there is nothing I'd rather do with my money than use it for you because I love you so much," her response would be quite different. It is the same money and the same gift. However, one gift is motivated out of duty and obligation and one is motivated out of love. God is pleased when we give to Him cheerfully and willingly because we love Him.

Abraham, King David, Zacchaeus, and Barnabas are just a few of the many people in Scripture who gave out of love for the Lord. The widow in Luke chapter 21, who gave her last coins, provides a wonderful example of how love compels us to give so sacrificially. *"I tell you the truth," [Jesus] said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on'* (Luke 21:3-4). Her love for Jesus was so great that she gave everything she had.

Through faith, we have experienced God's love, and that love will compel us to give freely.

Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Why did the Macedonians give freely?

Prayer: Lord, we thank You for Your love that is given to us, not because we merit it, but because You are a God of love. Amen.



**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on
April 25 28, 11:30 am. Location TBD.**



Habitat Build – 2023

Our Habitat House build has started with the framing now complete. Our next workday will be siding on 4/15. In the meantime, the contractors will be installing the roof system, rough-in electrical and mechanical systems. 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.

Cherokee Build

Address: 5372 Woodstock Rd, Acworth, GA 30102

Date	Task	# Volunteers Needed
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	

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 - dongsnyder@gmail.com or Mike Lawson 770-776-7367 – mikemijalawson@yahoo.com.



YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:45am in the conference room near Pastor's office. We are working our way through Genesis along with the parents' class so you and your kids can discuss what you're learning together.

We had an exciting time in March with our Escape Room Youth night. We were "trapped" in the abandoned cabin and through the problem solving skills of the youth and a couple of parents we just managed to escape. There was some great "outside the box" thinking and some very creative strategies that saved the day.

Join us for a Youth game night in April! Bring your favorite board game or card game as we have some fun and fellowship together. Tentative date is April 23th from 5pm to 7:30pm. Please RSVP to brianhowe57@gmail.com if you can make it so we have enough food. Feel free to invite a friend or two as well!



Final exams



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."

—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*



4/4	Charlene Stark
4/5	Jacob Erbe
4/7	Bill Chastain
4/9	Samantha Niss
4/9	Janet Zimmerrman
4/11	David McLain
4/13	Roxanne kelly
4/14—	Ken Hill
4/16	Annie Brammeier
4/16—	Sue Burmeister
4/17	Jim Stewart
4/19	Lois Niss
4/20	Linda Mehlhop
4/24	Daniel Brammeier
4/25	Kirsten Bisher
4/26	Marcelina Sullivan
4/28	Alfred Dinger



4/4—	Dale & Maria Ferguson
4/10	Krista Mallon
4/15-	Dennis & Sharon Bermingham
4/20	Grant & Erika Martin
4/28	Joshua & Sarah Greene
4/30	Chris & Susan Riefe



Vibrant belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That Is Higher*

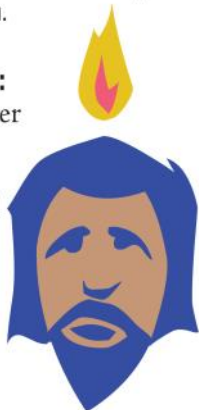
Kid's Corner

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

PUZZLE



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV	6. OGETHE
2. ABLE	7. ES
3. AY OF PENTECOS	8. ONGUE
4. ONGUE	9. A
5. PIRI	10. IND



"When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

Read
Romans 8:1.

Look up what the word
'condemnation' means.

2

Read
Romans 8:2.

Pray: Thank you, Jesus,
for setting me free.

3

Read
Romans 8:3-4.

Brainstorm ways to walk
by the Spirit.

4

Read
Romans 8:5-8.

Find a piece of media that
sets your mind on life
and peace.

5

Read
Romans 8:9.

How do you know that
you belong to Christ?

6

Read
Romans 8:10.

What is one thing
Luther's Small Catechism
says about baptism?

7

Read
Mark 15:37-39.

In your own words, retell the
story of Good Friday.

8

Read
John 19:41-42.

Draw what you hear in
these verses.

9

Read
John 20:11-16.

Choose an Easter
hymn to sing!

11

Read
Romans 8:2-13.

Ask an adult about a time
they chose to do the right
thing even though it
was harder.

12

Read
Romans 8:14.

Cheer: I am a Child
of God!

13

Read
Romans 8:15-17.

What does it mean to be
part of the family of God?

14

Read
Romans 8:18.

Memorize this verse.

15

Read
Romans 8:19-21.

Pick an endangered
species to learn about.

16

Read
Romans 8:22.

Ask your mom to tell you
your birth story.

17

Read
Romans 8:23.

Pray for those who are
sick or injured.

18

Read
Romans 8:24-25.

Who in the Gospels
needed to see Jesus to
believe?

19

Read
Romans 8:26.

Set a timer and pray for
15 minutes.

20

Read
Romans 8:27.

Pray together, with each
person coming up with
3 prayer requests.

21

Read
Romans 8:28.

Memorize this verse.

22

Read
Romans 8:29.

Pray: Thank you for the
promises of your
Son, Jesus.

23

Read
Romans 8:30.
Have each person state their
favorite part of today's sermon.

24

Read
Romans 8:31.

Memorize this verse.

25

Read
Romans 8:32.

Brainstorm ways to give
back to your community.

26

Read
Romans 8:33.

What does the word
"justify" mean in
this verse?

27

Read
Romans 8:34.

Pray for the person on
your right.

28

Read
Romans 8:35-36.

Choose a worship song or
hymn to sing as a family.

29

Read
Romans 8:37.

What does it mean to
more than conquer?

30

Read
Romans 8:38-39.
Remind each person in your
family: Nothing can separate
you from Jesus!