

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

June / July 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5-9	9 am—Noon	Vacation Bible School
June 11	Noon	Second Sunday Potluck Luncheon
June 25	Noon	OWLS Lunch & Movie

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

Recently I did a little exercise based on those who attend worship at Timothy on regular basis. If everyone who worships regularly were to attend all at once, we could have almost 180 people in church on a Sunday morning between both services. The current weekly average worship attendance is steady at about 130.

Before the COVID pandemic weekly average was almost up to 160. That was before COVID. The pandemic hit all churches hard and some, sadly, will never recover from the mandated closures. Timothy weathered the pandemic very well, only closing for about six weeks. We opened to limited in person services in May of 2020. By May 2021 all prior restrictions were lifted. We've been back to normal in person worship for two years.

A major addition to worship during the pandemic was streaming services. Before the pandemic one couldn't keep their pajamas on, make some coffee and watch the service from home. Many churches introduced streaming services and, like Timothy, didn't stop. It's unknown what negative affect streaming has had on regular church attendance since the end of the pandemic and the debate about streaming or not streaming go on for some time. Positively, Timothy's streaming literally does reach "to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8. People watch our service in the United States, Australia, and other countries.

My research on member worship attendance led me to check on Timothy's actual membership. According to the computer we have 454 baptized members and 360 confirmed members. Your reaction may be the same as mine, "Where are all these people?" Some on the member rolls are "inactive" and the Elders do reach out to ascertain the status of members assigned to them. Some are baptized children whose families may not live in the area.

Comparing the actual average in person attendance to the rolls shows that 29% of our baptized membership and 36% of our confirmed membership attend on any given Sunday. While that seems

very low, most congregations worship about the same statistically.

What about adding streaming statistics? The problem with the streaming statistics is they only show the number of devices that clicked on the link to view the service on any of our streaming platforms (our streaming platforms are Sermon.net, Facebook and YouTube). Without a way for those streaming to let us know who, and how many people are watching on any given device. We only know the number of clicks on any link. There could be sixty people watching on sixty devices or two hundred if multiple people are watching on one device.

In Lutheran fashion you may ask "What does this mean?" We all want and love to see new members at Timothy, and outreach is something we should always be engaged in. We have the potential to "reach in" and fill our pews with the members we already have. Perhaps you know members who haven't attended for a while. Why not reach out to them? Invite them back to church. Tell them we would love to see them and find out how they are doing. Tell them there's a pew with their name on it, just waiting for them (not literally, metaphorically speaking).

When you attend take some time to look around, especially if you sit in the same pew every week. You know who usually sits near you, in the same section of the sanctuary. If you don't see someone on Sunday, maybe reach out and find out why. They may be out of town, but you never know. They may appreciate that you missed them. I can say from experience as I look out on Sunday, I can count at least ten people who are not in church for one reason or another.

The goal of all this is to reconnect people and keep people connected to their savior Jesus. St. Paul refers to this in Ephesians 4, "15 Rather, speaking the truth (of the Scriptures) in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." So let us strive to build each other up in Christ as we meet each other and Jesus Christ in Divine Service on Sunday mornings.



**Kristin Freeman,
Preschool**

**ECE Mission
and Ministry
Statement**

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

Happy Summer!

The hallways are empty, the children's artwork is gone and it's very quiet in the Preschool area now that we have completed the 2022-23 school year. We were blessed with another amazing year of preschool here while serving 87 children and 80 families from the Woodstock community. We had a staff of 17 fabulous women sharing the peace, love and joy of Jesus each day with the children from 8am-3pm every weekday. I am so very thankful for this ministry at Timothy Lutheran Church in its 37th year.

We graduated 39 students (I believe our biggest class ever!) and as they head off to "Big Kid" school we know they are left with the Good News of Jesus in their hearts and minds and lots of love from this program. As Pastor B shared with me the day after graduation.... "Instead of 'Love Grows Here', its "Love Grew Here." And for those 39 children and their families, I believe that is true! Check out our pictures from our final week of school... "Beach Week" and from our graduation. You can truly see the love shining in all of them!

We are also sending off a few of our staff members to their next chapter of life with the retirement of Marla Culpepper after 20+ years of service (we all lost count of exactly how many years she was here!!), Marci Noriega (10 years of service) and Jessica Curry (1 year of service). Ms. Marla and Ms. Marci were a dynamic duo in the 3s classroom for the last several years and they are combo that will definitely be missed. We wish them well on the next stage of life and we are so very grateful for their time and dedication to the preschool ministry and sharing our "love grows here" with so many children through the years.

The Preschool is looking to fill some of those holes left in our teaching staff, so if you are interested in spending your mornings shining the light of Jesus on the little ones, please reach out to me. We are a fun and energetic place to work and we walk away each day with a heart full of love from the little ones. Or if you know of anyone, interested in working in our preschool environment, please send them my way as well!

Thank you again for providing this ministry here at TLC and for leaving such a lasting legacy in the Woodstock community.

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin

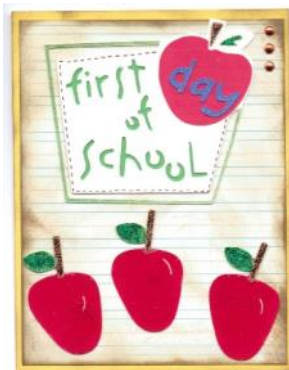


Summer Camp Days!!



This year the ECE Staff will be hosting Summer Camp days for our currently enrolled students (both 2022-23 and 2023-24 school year). Each week will have thematic lessons and lots of outdoor time and water play! Camp days will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-1pm during the following weeks: June 20, June 27, July 11 and July 18. See Ms. Kristin if you are interested in more information regarding Summer Camp days!

Our first day for the 2023-24 school year will be
Monday, August 14, 2023!!









CONGRATULATIONS—Dean Butler recently graduated from River Ridge High School. He will attend Kennesaw State University's School of Engineering in the fall. May God bless your future plans!

Summer Special Music Opportunities

Beginning July 2 – August 27, TLC youth and adults with vocal or instrumental talent are invited to use their talents to praise our Lord at the 8:30 am and/or 11:00 am services this summer. You can use your own music resources such as sheet music, CD accompaniment but since we are streaming our 8:30 am service, copyright permission needs to be verified. Marlene Snyder can assist with this procedure. Instrumentalists can accompany the pianist or organist with the hymns on Sunday services. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the sign-up bulletin board. Martin Luther stated "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on June 26, 11:30 am. Location TBD.



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:

28 requests have been received to date for fiscal 22-23: 9 approved, 3 referred out, 13 have not provided required documentation or were not approved and 3 were declined due to inadequate funds at budget year-end.

*We have fully disbursed our FY22-23 budget of \$2,500, as well as \$1729.26 of our '17' account.
(The '17' account's beginning balance was \$1,983, the current balance is \$253.94,
to be used on any additional approved requests for assistance through 6/30/23.)*

Board Policies & Procedures:

We are revising our policies and procedures to eliminate the Cherokee County requirement, as well making other changes to be able to service a greater number of applicants. *This is still ongoing.*



Do you know we have an Endowment Fund??

Contact Frank Plunkett, Amy Brown, Fran Holcombe, or Faye Wiese for Information.



Penelope's Stewardship Message for You

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

As you may know, Penelope has recently presented the TLC budget to our congregation. Penelope divided the budget up into the following 5 areas:

- Worship
- Caring for God's House
- Administration
- Building Relationships
- Education

WORSHIP represents 38% of the total budget. This group of expenses includes the pastor's salary and benefits, altar guild supplies, plus organist salaries and related music expenses.

CARING FOR GOD'S HOUSE represents 30% of the total budget. This group of expenses includes the repair and maintenance of our facility and utilities – electricity, water, painting, cleaning, new air conditioners, landscaping, etc.

ADMINISTRATION represents 18% of the total budget. This group includes secretary's salary and benefits, bulletins, office supplies, copyright licenses, payroll expenses and support provided to the district and synod.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS represents 12% of the total budget. This group of expenses includes things that support our relationships both inside and outside the church. We Care – Congregation, We Care = Community, the food bank, the shut-in ministry, fellowship, youth, stewardship, evangelism and marketing are some areas included.

EDUCATION represents 2% of the total budget (specifically excludes preschool). This group includes Sunday school, VBS, small group studies; pastor's continuing ed expenses, workshops, periodicals and teaching aids; as well as Christian literature, member seminars, confirmation expenses and FL-GA training.

Check out the Timothy Take-Out for the next few weeks and see what Penelope has to say!





We ended up delaying our Chick-Fil-A and mini golf due to weather but will try again in June.

Join us on Saturday June 24th, 5pm for our next Youth Night - Chic-Fil-A dinner and mini golf at Aurora Cineplex. Please RSVP so we know who is coming, who needs a ride, etc.

In July we will try to have a game night (or escape room in a box night) on Sunday, July 23rd from 6-8pm. More info on this event as we get closer to the date.

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).



We will plan to hold our second Sunday potluck in June. Mark your calendars for June 11th after the second service. We have been blessed with so many great cooks and bakers in the congregation you won't want to miss this! Please bring an entrée, side dish, or dessert to share.

The Fellowship board will be traveling in July during the 2nd Sunday (July 9th) so unless someone wants to step up and help facilitate that event, we will not have a potluck in July but will resume in August.



Timothy's Cupboard food bank recently received recognition through Cingo's Circle & Shield Award which includes a monetary donation to be deposited into the food bank account.

Written By: Team CMC

For more than 30 years, a foodbank in Woodstock has been a vital resource for those in need.

A small building on the grounds of Timothy Lutheran Church (TLC) hums with the sound of multiple freezers and refrigerators. It's the heart of the church's food bank, Timothy's Cupboard, which has provided food to tens of thousands of people for more than 30 years.



The foodbank provides nutrition, but what it really provides is security for the many families it serves. The thank you cards that hang in the hallway are a testament to the lives the ministry touches.

Founded in 1991, Timothy's Cupboard provides food to less fortunate families who live in Cherokee County. When it started, it was one of the only places where families could get free food in the county. Timothy's Cupboard partners with Atlanta Community Food Bank and works with local retail stores who provide food donations.

The food bank is run by volunteers from TLC and the local community. The volunteers sort through produce, dry goods, meats, baked goods and bread. About 225 pounds of food is provided to each client by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Timothy's Cupboard follows state and national guidelines comparing family size and income to provide additional food to those who need more.



THANK YOU to all the dedicated volunteers at our pantry. Some serve once per week. Others are there every day. ALL are a vital part of Timothy's ministry to the people in our community with food dependency. We still need a few more volunteers. See Vanessa Henning (770 480-2427 or Cyndy Ganschow (770 592-4458)

Jim Taylor	Steve Knothe	Vanessa Henning
Cyndy Ganschow	Maureen Dicks	Jeannie Bernerth
Janice Hansen	MiJa Lawson	Bill Terrill
Nancy Terrill	Pam Althardt	*Therman
*Parr	*Kris	*Tanya
*Christina	Chris Garcia	*Scott
*Jim	Dennis Williams	Rich Wiese
Marilyn Smith	Barry Smith	*Laurie
Tom Ganschow	Larry Kastens	*John II
Frank Plunkett	Jim Moody	*Tad
Gail Goeddeke	*John	*Roy
Amy Brown	Carol Alquist	Brian Howe

Pastor B

* Not a member of Timothy

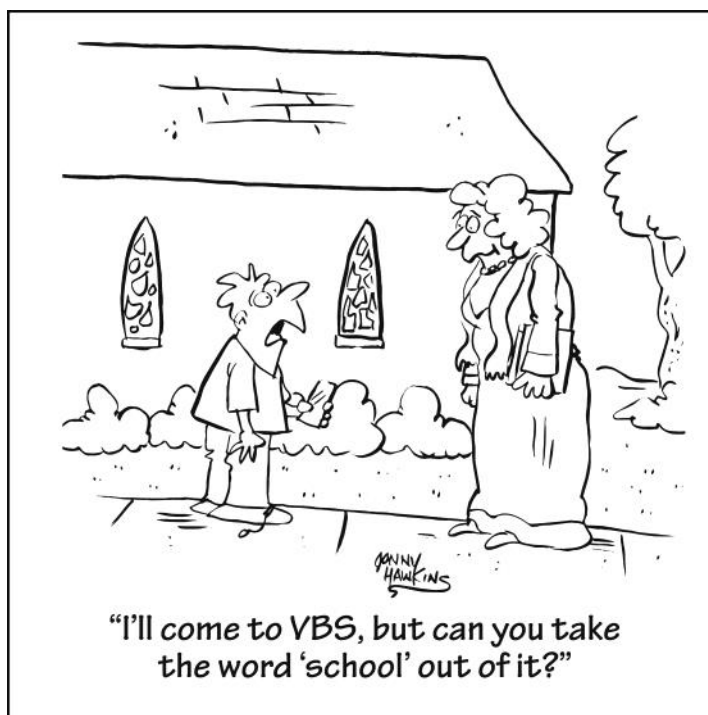
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THANK YOU!



6/6 Dean Butler
 6/11 Scarlett Smith
 6/12 Tom Butler
 6//14 Nancy Bulger
 6/14 Emily Clark
 6/14 Gayle Schuette
 6/14 Rich Wiese
 6/15 Peter Greer
 6/16 Mike Lawson
 6/16 Reid Hopewell
 6/16 Norah Hopewell
 6/16 Kim Peykoff
 6/17 Sharon Bermingham
 6/22 Kristina Pins
 6/22 Vicki Basler
 6/23 Dylan Huguenard
 6/24 Joshua Greene
 6/26 Robert Sullivan
 6/30 Ella Young
 6/30 Lee Clark

6/6 Steve & Pam Althardt
 6/14 Tim & Davina Furnish
 6/14 Tom & Vicki Bailey
 6/19 Tom & Amanda Butler
 6/20 Daniel & Heidi Brammeier
 6/21 Jim & Janet Stewart
 6/21 Cullen & Natalie Bryenton
 6/25 Mike & Elaine Parnow
 6/26 Chris & Erin Townsend
 6/28 Arthur & Janice Porter





7/1 Bill Terrill
 7/4 Jefferson Huguenard
 7/4 Rowan Mallon
 7/6 Vicki Bailey
 7/8 Dale Ferguson
 7/8 Karen Hornberger
 7/8 Lynda Hall
 7/9 John Stark
 7/9 Erika Martin
 7/9 Kaitlyn Huguenard
 7/16 Alice Jacobson
 7/17 Alyson Parnow
 7/19 Eric Daly
 7/24 Joan Mueller
 7/25 Tara Thieme
 7/26 Greg Pepitone
 7/29 Gavin Morrison
 7/29 Austin Huguenard
 7/31 Marge Grossman

7/2 Manny & Chris Garcia
 7/3 Steve & Sue Knothe
 7/6 Jacob & Katie Erbe
 7/10 Jim & Nancy Bulger
 7/12 Bill & Wanda Chastain
 7/23 Jared & Christy Hopewell
 7/23 Jeanne Frantz
 7/24 John & Nancy McLain
 7/28 Brian & Sandy Hooks
 7/28 Ron & Patti O'Donnell
 7/29 Mike & Lindsey Young



Kid's Corner

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.



JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham.
Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
O. Jacob the father of Judah
N. Jacob the father of Joseph
E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
U. Boaz the father of Obed
F. Abraham the father of Isaac
R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Answer: FOURTEEN

June

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

4

Read
2 Kings 19:15-19.
Brainstorm ways to share
God's Word across
the globe.

5

Read
2 Kings 20:3.
What are some things
that are good in
God's sight?

6

Read
1 Chronicles 4:10.
Pray for God to protect all
His children.

7

Read
Jonah 2:1-9.
Draw a picture of the
story of Jonah.

8

Read
Psalm 42:3.
Memorize this verse.

9

Read
Psalm 42:5.
Choose a song to praise
God with.

10

Read
Psalm 51:1-2.
Watch a video of the
"Iodine Sin Illustration."

11

Read
Psalm 51:15.
Read through the liturgy
of Morning Prayer.

12

Read
Psalm 77:1-3.
Set a timer and pray for
15 minutes.

13

Read
Psalm 77:16-20.
Draw what you hear in
these verses.

14

Read
Psalm 86:11-13.
What does it mean to
"fear God's name?"

15

Read
Matthew 6:9-13.
Read the section of
Luther's Small Catechism
on the Lord's Prayer.

16

Read
John 17:1-3.
Pray for someone who
doesn't know the
one true God.

17

Read
Luke 18:11-14.
Say: God, be merciful to
me, a sinner!

18

Read
Luke 22:32.
Pray to God, asking that a
specific friend would grow
in his or her faith.

19

Read
Matthew 19:13.
Sing: Jesus loves the
little children!

20

Read
Mark 14:32.
Go outside and find a
place to pray alone.

21

Read
John 17:17.
Discuss what sanctify
means.

22

Read
Ephesians 1:15-17.
Pray for wisdom from
God for a decision you are
making.

23

Read
Ephesians 1:18-23.
Pray for your church
leaders.

24

Read
3 John 1.
Write a letter to someone
receiving medical
treatment.

25

Read
2 Corinthians 13:9.
Look up the definition of
restoration.

26

Read
2 Thessalonians 3:5.
Pray for the person on
your left.

27

Read
Philemon 1:4-7.
Pray for the faith of
someone older than you.

28

Read
Romans 16:25-27.
Sing the Doxology.

29

Read
Galatians 1:3.
Memorize this prayer.

30

Read
Ephesians 3:14-19.
Pray that God would
strengthen your
spiritual life.

