TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

March 2024



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed., Mar 6 - March 20 Lenten Services—11 am & 7 pm

Sun. Mar 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Set Your Clocks ahead)

Sun. Mar 24 Palm Sunday – services 8:30 am & 11 am

9:45 am—Easter Egg Hunt

Thur. Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Services—11 am & 7 pm

Fri. Mar.29 Good Friday Services—11 am & 7 pm

Sun. March 31 Easter Sunday Services—8:30 am & 11 am

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's 8:30, 11 am – SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday's 9:45 am—Adult Bible Classes / Sunday School

Tuesday's 6:15 pm—Handbells Practice

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

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Rev. Daniel Brammeier

Pastor's Corner

Looking Through the Window Observing or participating??

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:4:42

A couple days ago I had a conversation with a member about our streaming church service on Sundays and other times. The discussion came up at our recent planning forum meeting as we were debating how to connect more people with God's Word in Divine Service worship and other faith building activities.

Out of necessity we started streaming our church services during the COVID pandemic in 2020. It was the only way we could continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus due to restrictions on the number of people being able to gather together at one time. The restrictions and social distancing requirements were an effort to slow down the spread of the deadly disease so that our health infrastructure could handle the vast numbers of sick people. Now we are years away from the pandemic and have no restrictions on gathering together.

Back to the conversation. I mentioned, in my opinion, our streaming service has become a double-edged sword. On the positive side we are able to reach out with God's word on a weekly basis. We reach people locally and globally. Yes, there are people who watch our church services in other countries! People in Australia, England and other countries watch our services. Our streaming is especially valued by our shut-in members as well.

On the negative side our streaming service may give able-bodied people an excuse not to participate in worship. The member I was talking with made an excellent observation. Watching our services is like looking through a window and observing what's going on. When we attend services in-person, we become active receivers and participants.

As I heard the analogy, I was taken back to my days living in England. Not far from where I lived was a very old Anglican church. The church had an "in ground" window that gave direct line of sight to the chancel area of the church. The window was known as "the lepers window". It was the ancient form of "streaming" the church service for those who could not participate due to sickness. If, or when, cured of their disease those who used the window would be allowed back into the church to participate in worship.

With the COVID pandemic behind us some are asking if we need to keep streaming our services, especially if it causes able bodied people to be apathetic about attending worship. I feel we're between the proverbial "rock and a hard place." We have to keep streaming our services for the benefit of shut-ins. We also reach out to many people in many places with God's word and it gives people an opportunity to find out what we are about at Timothy.

On the other hand, we need to encourage those who are able to attend, to attend. The above verse from Acts 2 reports how the early church conducted itself. The believers would gather together in-person (fellowship) to hear God's word concerning the crucified and risen Jesus (apostolic teaching) and participate in the breaking of bread (communion), receiving the body and blood of Christ for forgiveness of sins. We would do well to learn from the saints who have gone before us. When God blesses us with health and ability to do so we should always want to "participate" in worship, not just look through the window and "observe" God's word.



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 38 years
- Blessed with a capable and nurturing staff—11 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 lifelong learners

A hidden gem in the Woodstock community!

What an amazing blessing... we are full for the upcoming 2024-25 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!



We are excited for the month of March and the blooming of all things Spring! The children will return to school after their Winter Break on Monday, February 26 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. This week we learned more about the miracles that Jesus performed from feeding the 5,000, to calming the storm and even healing friends that were deaf and blind. The children learned that there are different kinds of Bibles from our grown-up Holy Bible to the Children's story Bible to Bibles written in braille for those that are blind to read. God's Good News is being spread in so many wonderful ways!

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 19 ECE Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

March 27 & 28 Class Easter Egg Hunts

March 29 Good Friday: No School

April 1-6 Spring Break: No Sch00l

Staff Spotlight

Name: Becky Williams

Class: Kindergarten (K5) Teacher

Years at Timothy: 7 years

Birthday: October 17

Where did you grow up: Defiance, Ohio

Who lives in your House: husband, Tim; 3 kids- Luke (17), Matthew (13) and

Grace (9)

Favorite Food: Pasta

If you could have dinner with someone famous, who would it be: Dolly Par-

ton

Favorite Place to Vacation: anywhere a Caribbean cruise takes me!

Why do you like teaching at Timothy Lutheran Preschool?

It truly is a second family for me. I love the encouragement and support from the wonderful staff. Teaching the littles brings me so much joy and happiness. Everyday is a new adventure in this sweet little preschool.



































































The following recently joined our congregation through transfer of membership.

Jonathan Ford – Jonathan is the son of current member, Janet Ford, and lives in the Canton area with his wife, Cheryl. Their daughter and son-in-law, MJ and Jackie have their first grandchild, Mateo. Jonathan was born in Connecticut, lived in California for about 10 years, and moved to Georgia for a job. He currently works for Yamaha Boat Division. Jonathan served in the U. S. Navy for 7 years during the time of Desert Shield. He inherited his father's boat which he rebuilt and is currently rebuilding another boat – sounds like a hobby!

Gretchen Dirr – Gretchen recently transferred from Florida to live with her daughter. She was an active member of her previous congregation for 48 years but is currently homebound.

The following individuals joined after completing Pastor's Class:



Lea and Greg Dixon

Lea was born in New York City and Greg was born in New Rochelle, NY. They have lived in Long Island, NY, Herndon, VA, Bethel Park, PA, Naperville, IL, Trabuco Canyon, CA, Milton, GA and currently reside in Holly Springs, GA. She is an accountant while Greg is a consultant for the Automotive Category helping dealers in sales and service performance. Greg and Lea have 2 children, a married daughter, Briana Leigh Miller, who has their first grandson, and 28 year old son, Tyler James Dixon. Lea likes reading and walking while Greg enjoys golf, exercise and gardening. Lea and Greg were previously aware of the church's location and decided to give it a try and we're glad they did.



Joseph, Brittany and Luke Hogg

Joe was born in Atlanta and grew up in Alpharetta, GA. Brittany was born in Atlanta also and lived in Saudi Arabia for a couple of years as a child but grew up mostly in Alpharetta. They now live in Canton with their 3 year-old son, Luke. Brittany is a 7th grade teacher at Hopewell Middle School and Joe is an IT guy. Being an IT person, he likes gaming and Brittany likes horseback riding. They came to Lutheranism through the efforts of an organization called "Just and Sinner".

Brittany's favorite Bible verse is 1 Samuel 16:7. "Do not look on the appearance or on the height of his stature. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Joe's favorite verse is Romans 1:16-17. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."



Simon, Joy, Ian, Calvin and Izzy Hurst

Simon was born in Australia while Joy and Ian were born in northern California. Izzy and Calvin were born in Canton, GA. All 3 children attend Hickory Flat Elementary School. Simon works in sales and Joy is a Cherokee County substitute teacher. Their hobbies include kids' sports, scouting and occasionally sleeping in. Joy has been a TLC VBS volunteer for 2 years thanks to Christy Hopewell. Their favorite Bible verse is Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything has a season and a time for every matter under heaven".



Peter, Marisol and Cruz Pietrowski

Marisol was born in Santa Ana, California and moved to Acworth, Georgia in 2018. Pete was born in Dunedin, Florida and moved to Marietta prior to the 1998 Olympics with his family. After college, he lived and worked around Stuart, Florida but returned to Marietta to be closer to his family in 2015. They have one child, Cruz, who will be 2 years old on April 29. He attends daycare during the week. Marisol is a Talent Acquisition Manager at Yamaha Motors Corporation USA and Pete is an Environmental Engineer at Oasis Consulting Group. They spend their free time enjoying Cruz, cooking both old favorites and new meals, hiking at nearby trails and reading. Starting our family made us realize we missed having Jesus in our lives and prompted us to return to the Church. Since Marisol was raised Catholic and Pete was raised Lutheran, we decided to start from the backgrounds, try a congregation of each and see where we would end up connecting to. We found TLC. Also, Pete was baptized at a Timothy Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Florida.

In addition, the following were baptized into the family of Christ:



Joseph, Brittany and Luke Hogg



Matteo Joseph Neuman, son of Genay & Nick Neuman was baptized on March 3, 2024. Proud grandparents are Ron & Raye Miller.





The next Ladies Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at Rally Point on Hwy. 92 (Where Charlie's used to be) in front of Sam's Club. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board!

9/10ths

"Nine-tenths of the difficulty is overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. The difficulty arises when we ask God to reveal His will before we are ready to do it unreservedly." George Mueller

Thrivent Financial Members

Please go online to Thrivent.com and check your **Choice Dollar** account by March 31, 2024 and see if you have dollars in your account, otherwise your remaining dollars will be "zeroed out" after March 31. You can designate your dollars to a Thrivent qualifying charitable organization of which Timothy is. Our dollars have been sent to churches affected by natural disasters, mission projects and TLC projects. If you have questions or comments, contact Marlene Snyder at qcsnyder@gmail.com

All TLC Kids (preschooler to gr.6)

We're meeting on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 9:30am**, in the Sanctuary, to prepare for Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 to:



Receive a butterfly pattern to decorate and return to church by March 24. These butterflies will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter.

Learn about our "Hosanna Parade" we will be doing on Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary at the beginning of both services. Parental help would be appreciated.

Contact Marlene Snyder for details.





A gift to Timothy's Endowment Fund provides permanent funding to Timothy's Long-Range Planning Missions, short term funding to missions and ministries designated by the congregation, or if you prefer, a gift can be customized to benefit God's ministry. Please contact Frank Plunkett, Faye Wiese, Fran Holcomb or Amy Brown if you have questions.



It's not too late to sign up on the LWML bulletin board for the

Art Class with Suzanne

Deadline is March 9
Event is March 16.
Meet at church 9:45
to carpool to Suzanne's

Subscribe to LWML Quarterly

Still only \$6.00

Deadline is March 18

Sign up on LWML Bulletin Board

Make checks payable to LWML

APRIL

Coming soon: April 20
Join us for a presentation by
Kristina Pins

"Stewardship – It's Not All About the Money"



We hope you have enjoyed the Secret Sister this past year and have revealed your identity. Please continue to encourage your sister.



2024 Habitat House Build

On March 16, Timothy will begin helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house with the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat and the NW Metro Atlanta Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The house will be for a Kelli, an administrative assistant with the city of Marietta Sanitation Department. Workdays will be Saturdays from 7:45 – 4. Below are the activities for each work week:

March 16 - Exterior Walls: build and raise exterior walls.

March 23 - Interior Walls: build and raise interior walls.

April 6 - Siding & Insulation: install the siding and insulation.

April 20 - Exterior Paint: paint the exterior walls, trim, and shutters.

April 27 - Interior Paint Prep: prepare the walls for paint.

May 4 - Interior Paint: first coat of paint

May 11 - Interior Paint & Trim: second coat of paint

May 18- Complete the House: install hardware and complete the final touches.

June 1 - Landscaping: lay sod, plant shrubs, and install the mailbox.

If you would like to work on the house, you will need to sign up online at the link: https://habitatnwma.org/ https:

For more information please go to www.lutheranhabitat.org or contact Don Snyder at 770-337-5908.



Youth Night: Join us on Sunday March 17th, 5pm –7 for a St. Patrick's Day party. Wear green, enjoy green food, play some St. Patrick-themed games and have a grand old time!

Future events: We look forward to the Middle and High School FL/GA gathering event in November 2024 (we'd like to link up with Faith Lutheran for transportation if possible). The National Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 2025 in New Orleans and we'll be doing some planning and fundraising later this year for that.

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).



Join us for the second Sunday Potluck on March 10th following the 11am service. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with friends and family.

Wednesday night meals will continue through the Lenten season. Dinner will start at 6pm with church service following at 7pm. If there are any church boards interested in hosting a Lenten meal on 3/20/24, please let Kim Howe or Christy Hopewell know. (Email kimhowe82@gmail.com). The schedule is:

3/6: Evangelism/Stewardship - Soup and Salad

3/13: ECE – Chili Dinner

3/20: Food Bank—Pizza

CAN YOU MAKE COFFEE??

We are also looking for help on Sundays with making coffee before 1st service, and with cleaning up coffee after the Sunday School hour or right before 2nd service. A Coffee Help Calendar is posted on the kitchen door, please help as you can.



ALMA COFFEE **FUNDRAISER**

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STOP BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO TASTE TEST ALMA COFFEE!

\$15.00 PER BAG

OPTIONS INCLUDE:

SOULMATE (MEDIUM) PASSION (MEDIUM-DARK) **ESSENCE (ESPRESSO) ENCHANTED (DARK)** DREAMER (DECAF)

SALE ENDS: SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

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



LCMS Stewardship Ministry – February 2024

Caring for My Neighbor

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, "you shall not murder," goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every "do not" in the commandments also includes a "do this:" "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need" (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added). We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church's work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church's alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.



- 3/1 Cameron Howe
- 3/1 Patti Turner
- 3/1 John Hornberger
- 3/4 KC Colburn
- 3/4 Fran Holcombe
- 3/4 Sue Knothe
- 3/4 Simon Morrison
- 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 Douglas
- 3/16 Henry Withhart
- 3/16 Benjamin Withhart
- 3/17 Henry Mallon
- 3/17 Maria Ferguson
- 3/18 Jeff Withhart
- 3/19 Devon Mueller
- 3/19 Jim Moody
- 3/19 Carol Alquist
- 3/20 Ty Furnish
- 3/21 Stephen Salber
- 3/27 Patti Kastens
- 3/28 Mallory Hopewell
- 3/31 Wanda Chastain



3/4 Jeff & Lauren Withhart

3/8 Nelson & Carol Alquist

3/11 Eric & Nana Daly

3/18 Mike & Mija Lawson

3/28 Russell & Christiane Broekemeier



Kid's Corner



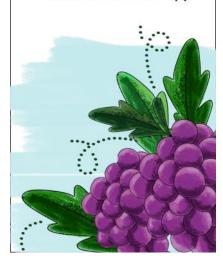
Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

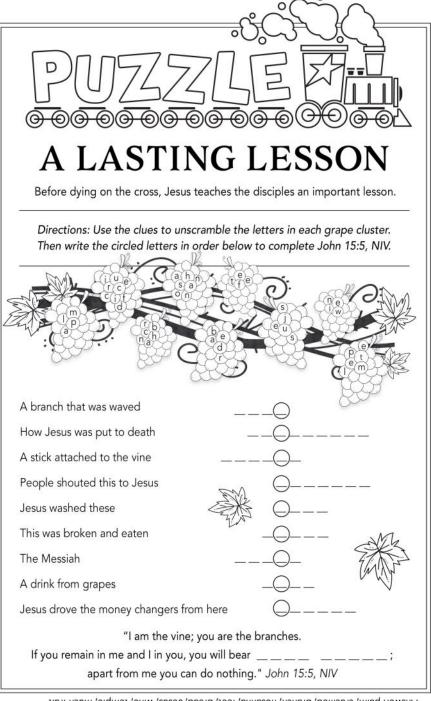
What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

- On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
- 2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
- 3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
- Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
- 5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!





Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple; much fruit

March

2	Saturday	Read Matthew 18:21–22. Do you find it hard to forgive others? Why or why not?	Read James 5:16. Pray for forgiveness and grace in your family.	Read Psalm 51:10–12. Which phrase stands out to you in this passage?	Read John 1:16. Doodle the word grace several times in a long column.	Read Matthew 27:59–61. Carry a rock in your pocket today to remember Jesus' burial.
	Fuiday	Read Matthew 6.12. Read Martin Luther's explanation of the Figh Petition in Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation.	Read Romans 3.23–24. Underline three words that stand out to you in these verses.	Read Psalm 103:12. Thank God for taking your guilt away for good!	Read Psalm 28:2. Lift your hands as a family and say, "Lord, have mercy on us."	Read Luke 23:34. Sing a Lenten hymn.
	Thursday		Read Psalm 32:5. Spend two minutes in a silent prayer of confession.	Read Ephesians 4:32. Give each person in your family a tender hug.	21 Read Acts 3:19. What does repentance	Read Matthew 26:26–28. Highlight the words "for the forgiveness of sins" in your Bible.
	Wednesday		Read Psalm 32:3-4. How does guilt make you feel?	Read 2 Corinthians 5:18. What does reconciliation mean?	Read 2 Corinthians 12:10. Pray, "Dear Jesus, I am wedk. Give me Your strength. Amen."	Read John 13:14. Draw crosses on boxes of soap and donate them to a rescue mission.
	Tuesday		Read Psalm 32:1–2. Write sin on a piece of paper. Cover it with a cross.	Read Ephesians 4:31. Pray, "Lord, remove all bitterness and resentment from my heart."	Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. How have you seen God's sufficient grace this week?	26 Read Romans 6:23. Memorize this verse.
	Monday		Read Luke 18:10–13. How would you describe the Pharisee? the tax collector?	Read Matthew 5:23–24. Is there someone in your life you are not at peace with?	Read Jonah 3.10–4:1. Do you ever feel like Jonah in this passage?	Read John 19:5–6. Make a pian to attend Holy Week services.
)	Sunday		Read Psalm 51:1–2. Read this verse aloud while washing your hands.	Read 1 John 1:8–9. Listen for the words of Confession and Absolution in church today.	Read Luke 7:47-48. Have you ever felt like you've simed too much to be forgiven? Reread this passage!	24 John 12:12-13. Pray, "King Jesus," Hosannal Sauve us." 31 Luke 24:1-12. Say, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

MARCH 10, 2024 Don't forget to.... Spring Forward!

ALMA COFFEE FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

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