

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL held during regular service
(No Sunday School during summer).

Nursery available on Sundays.

Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to noon

STAFF:

Rev. Michelene Verlautz
Daniel Lloyd, Director of Worship & Music
Pam Gorseger, Office Administrator
Carlos Osorio, Custodian

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Tim's Tidings

May 2018

Inspired by God's love, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church welcomes everyone on a faith journey of renewal, growth, and service.

COMMUNITY DINNER (Hosted by Casa de Dios)



May 8th
5:30-6:30 p.m.

All are welcome!!

*Pick up your Q1 Giving Statement
in the narthex if you haven't done
so already. Thanks.*



**Join us for cake following the
May 6 worship service
to celebrate
St. Tim's 59th birthday!**



5 Ways a Mother Plants the Seeds of Love

1. She nurtures a love of God in her family.
2. She raises her children to be kind and generous.
3. She brightens the world by letting God's love shine through her.
4. She treats everyone with care and respect.
5. Her warm and encouraging words help others bloom.



Pentecost

“Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind.....”
Acts 2:2

After the ascension of Jesus, the disciples experienced the absence of Jesus’ presence and power. They receded to the upper room where they had known his love before, perhaps he seemed close and real to them in that space. Simply, the disciples were in deep grief.

The doors are locked. They pondered the past and openly wondered, “Are we sure we saw Jesus on the road to Emmaus? Peter could be heard commenting to John, ”You know, Mary was grief stricken. How do we really know that she experienced Jesus?”

Mary pondered in her heart what Jesus meant to her that first day at the tomb. Yet it was jumbled and confused. None of them could remember what Jesus had told them about the future. Loss and emptiness filled their hearts.

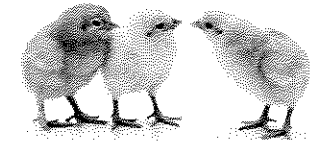
They still gathered together, digging deep into their faith, knowing that no person who has put their trust in God has done so in vain. They weren’t disappointed. The wind blew hard; a terrible storm must be approaching. Suddenly the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Everything was about to change because God was faithful

This ancient story is our story. All too often the church finds itself locked away in its past trying to recreate a time that has passed, scared to venture out to people who might do things differently, or even speak or understand Christ differently than we do. The Holy Spirit is persistent. It continues to break into our churches and lives and shows no concern for age, income level, life experience, or education level. The Holy Spirit is prodding us to return to scripture to hear the Good News, to pray, to forgive, and to dream dreams. Are we willing to leave the upper room, to be made uncomfortable with new possibilities? The Holy Spirit doesn’t give up; but remember that the Holy Spirit never forces us to do anything.

Come celebrate Pentecost at St. Timothy’s on Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday. Dress in red; participate by purchasing red geraniums (it is not too late to order) for the Sanctuary. We will be celebrating the gifts of members and committing to using our gifts in the coming year. The choirs will be singing, and immediately following the service, weather permitting, we are going to Sullivan Park for coffee and park clean up.

~ Pastor Michelene

‘Buy 10 Little Chicks Fundraiser’ a Success



Thank you to all who donated to our St. Tim’s Sunday Church School (SCS) youth fundraiser “Buy 10 Little Chicks” for \$10 for the ELCA’s World Hunger Good Gifts. This is part of the God’s Global Barnyard campaign that gives poor families donated animals to help with their food and/or financial situation. \$1,630 was raised through Lenten services and additional donations! Thank you for your generosity.



Successful Fundraiser

We graciously thank all who supported our April 21st Fundraiser event. If you attended, we hope you had an enjoyable evening. We are pleased to report that proceeds of over \$2100 will go into the Capital Improvements Fund.

We also wish to thank the many volunteers and give special recognition to the event coordinators, Pat Goetz and Sharon Hamen, and to the Fellowship Committee. Thank you to the two Thrivent members who obtained two \$250 grants that were used to cover a large part of the event costs and to local businesses who donated items or gift cards/certificates for the bidding and drawing themed baskets.

Lastly, our thanks to *Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble* for the entertaining concert.

Reflection Garden - Memorial Plaques

Memorial plaques can be ordered anytime for the Memorial Wall in our St. Tim’s Reflection Garden (located in north yard of the church). To order a 4”x6” granite plaque look for the order forms in the narthex, through our website, or contact the church office to have one emailed to you. The cost is \$250 per plaque for the first two ordered and \$200 for any additional. Submit orders to the church office. Questions can be directed to Sharon Hamen or the church admin.

Check Out our Redesigned Website!

Take a peek at our redesigned website. Let us know what you think.

www.sttimothys-elca.org



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 17, 2018

- ◆ Representative presented Organic Recycling Program—there will be further investigation.
- ◆ Will purchase two more Handicap signs for the property.
- ◆ Bearing on bottom of elevator needs to be replaced and door adjusted.
- ◆ Getting bids for removal, repairing, and patching of affected asphalt areas in parking lot.
- ◆ Will have a Geranium Garden for Pentecost Sunday. Plants can be ordered through May 13.
- ◆ Boiler inspection on April 17; all is well.

The complete minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board.
Next meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00pm.

~ Pat Goetz, Secretary

2018 Council Members

Bruce Sherve, President
Dustin Wahl, Vice President
Pat Goetz, Secretary
Chris Hay, Treasurer

Kaye Bergstrom Rita Daniels Sharon Hamen
Margaret Hanna Kay Hay Laurie Totzke Susan Wang

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS for MAY 2018

Greeters: (Miller/Cates Households of Faith)

5/6 Carol Miller
5/13 Betty Barott
5/20 Sheryl Miller
5/27 Ida Krtnick

Lectors:

5/6
5/13
5/20 Laura Fix
5/27 Pat Goetz

Communion Assistants:

5/6
5/13
5/20 Laura Fix
5/27 Pat Goetz

Ushers/Acolytes:

Bob Fedje, Capt., Laura Fix, George Fix, Ben Fedje,
Joe Fedje

Altar Guild:

Pat Goetz, Lynne Specht

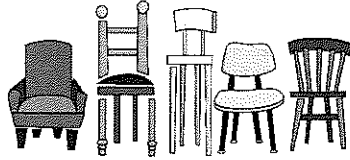
Money Counters:

5/6 Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas
5/13 Kay Hay, Meghann Wahl
5/20 Pat Goetz, Laura Fix
5/27 Barb Gavic,

Fellowship Coffee Hour:

5/6 Cake for St. Tim's 59th Birthday
5/13
5/20 At Sullivan Park
5/27 Miller/Cates Households of Faith

Community Dinner



There's a Place for You!

Please come join us and help spread the word about our FREE monthly dinners; invite your friends and neighbors.

These dinners are for everyone.

Please join us for our next Community Dinner on

Tuesday, May 8th from 5:30-6:30pm

The May dinner will be prepared and hosted by members of Casa de Dios. We'd love to have many St. Tim's members and friends in attendance. As always, monetary donations are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach service.

~ Joan Anderson, Ron and Sharon Hamen



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Feed My Starving Children

Our next packing event at *Feed My Starving Children* is Monday, May 14 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please sign up at the church bulletin board, or contact Laura Fix (glifix@comcast.net or 763-502-0487, or talk to her at church on Sundays). We welcome your family and friends to join us. Thanks for considering joining us!

~ Laura Fix

Devotionals Available

The April-May-June 2018 edition of the daily devotionals booklet *The Word in Season* is available in the church narthex.

ReNu ST. TIM'S FUND

Fund Balance as of 4/25/18: \$3,290

Received YTD through 4/25/18: \$1,793

This fund was established by the Finance Committee in 2013 to assist in paying for unanticipated low cost repairs to St. Tim's. As our facility ages and our needs change, we need to do more and more to keep it in top condition. However, our budget cannot cover all these expenses. *In 2018, thus far, we've paid \$1428 to have two narthex heaters repaired, labor to install tile in Pastor's restroom, and a new Sanctuary thermostat installed.* Thank you for your consideration and contributions to the ReNu fund.

GENERAL FUND REPORT AS OF 3/31/18

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income	\$ 47,604	\$ 45,807
Expense	\$ 51,506	\$ 43,762
Income Less Expense	\$ (3,902)	\$ (2,045)
Endowment-Fidelity	\$ 355,472	
Dedicated Investment	\$ 15,741	

Special CIF Pledge Cards

If you wish to pledge toward the Capital Improvements Fund (CIF), please complete a special pledge card available in the narthex. If you'd like to utilize our Automatic Contribution program for this pledge, the form is available on the back side of the pledge card. Submit it directly to the office.



Mark your calendar:

Annual Sale

As you are doing your spring cleaning, start setting aside items in good condition for our church rummage sale scheduled for June 21-23. We'll provide more details when we get closer to June and we'll let you know when you can bring your treasures.

A few guidelines/reminders: We cannot accept chipped or cracked dishes and glassware, large appliances (only bring small, working appliances), NO electronics including TVs, monitors, computers, laptops or printers (radios and small stereos are fine), and NO upholstered furniture or mattresses. In other words, only bring items that are in good condition and won't cost us to get rid of if the item doesn't sell (we have to pay to get rid of electronics)!

Direct questions and volunteer availability to Crystal Edstrom.

National Day of Prayer ~ May 3



Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a *National Day of Prayer* each year on the first Thursday in May. The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America as an annual observance inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. This Day belongs to all Americans and is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stop their activities and gather for prayer.

Source: www.nationaldayofprayer.org/

**Red Geranium Plant
ORDER FORM**

As part of our celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, we are planning a *Pentecost Garden* for our sanctuary. It will consist of potted red geranium plants sponsored by church members and friends. The **4.75" red geranium plants are \$4.00 each** and will come from Ger-ten's. Please use this form to order as many as you wish. Be sure to write 'geranium' on your check *and* contribution envelope. You will be able to take your plant(s) home after the Pentecost Sunday worship service and/or donate them to St. Tim's to be planted in our outdoor gardens.

The deadline to order is Sunday, May 13.

Name: _____

Please check one of the following:

- I/we will take my plant(s) home after service on Pentecost Sunday.
- I/we would like to donate my plant(s) to St. Tim's outdoor gardens after Pentecost Sunday.
- I/we will take _____ plant(s) home and donate _____ plant(s) to St. Tim's outdoor gardens.

4.75" Red Geranium plant Qty _____ @ \$4.00 ea.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Envelope # _____ Check # _____

Check here if paying with cash

Return this form with payment to the church office by May 13.

Inclement Weather Policy

St. Tim's worship services will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. It is left to the discretion of individuals to attend during those circumstances.

Weekly Chair and Mat Yoga Prayer Classes

Chair yoga from 10-11am and mat yoga from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursdays. Bring a water bottle if desired and bring your mat to mat yoga. All are welcome, including community members, and you can't beat the cost.....it's free! If you've any questions, contact Pastor Michelene.

Lutheran Night with the Twins

It's not too early to start planning for some summer fun! We have reserved **July 31** for Lutheran Night with the Twins:

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 7:10pm

Tickets \$15

Sign-up sheet available June 1



Contact Kaye Bergstrom at 763-420-9164 with questions.

2018 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly

Pastor Michelene, Kari Schlotfeldt and Sharon Hamen will be attending this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly on May 4 and May 5 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey. This year's theme is *I Will Pour Out My Spirit*.



St. Tim's is on Facebook – please 'Like Us'

Please 'Like us' on Facebook and share that with your friends. It is another way we can reach out to our community.

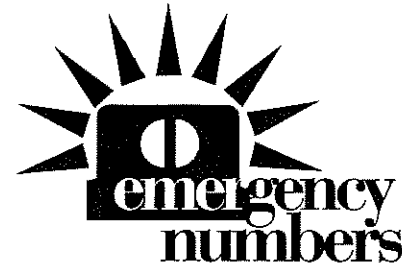
MAKE CONTRIBUTING TO ST. TIM'S EASY WITH OUR AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

Never write another check to St. Tim's!

Save time and money by signing up for our Automatic Contribution Plan. It's the safe, easy way to make your donations and keep your pledge up-to-date, yet avoid both the hassle of writing a check and the cost of postage. And, best of all, it's free!

Did you know that you can also set up auto contributions for your Capital Improvements Fund pledge?

Forms are available in the narthex. Submit your completed form to the church office.



For any emergencies or pastoral needs when the church office is closed, please contact Pastor Michelene Verlautz directly at 612-810-5923 (cell). For maintenance needs, contact Carlos Osorio at 763-210-8321 (cell).



Book Club

The club will meet on Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm when the group will discuss the book Play Dead by Harlan Coben.

Want to join the book club; simply attend the meeting. If you need more information, contact Kari Schlotfeldt. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us. All are welcome. Note: Summer hiatus — no meetings.



JOLLY LUNCH BUNCH

**Wednesday, May 16
1:00pm**

Applebee's
5277 Central Ave. NE
Columbia Heights

Contact Bev Knapp if you need a ride or have questions. *All are welcome!*



A FLOWER CHART is hanging in the Sanctuary Hallway. Please sign up to bring flowers for the altar! There is a flower order form next to the chart to provide the office with needed details.



CHOIR DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Choir Rehearsal

Daniel Lloyd, Director of Worship & Music

Kay Hay, Youth Choir Leader

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|------|-----------|--|
| 5/2 | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i> |
| 5/9 | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i> |
| 5/16 | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i> |
| 5/20 | 8:00 a.m. | Chancel Choir warm-up |
| | 9:10 a.m. | <i>Youth Choir warm-up</i> |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Worship w/Chancel & Youth Choir |



Sullivan Park Spring Clean-up and Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Park

Please join us after worship at 11:00am on Sunday, May 20 at Sullivan Park for our spring clean-up of the park. *Let's pray God blesses us with sunshine that day!*

Our fellowship coffee hour will also be held in the park's pavilion. Please bring a snack to share for a 'snack potluck' (chips, veggies, cookies, bars, etc.) and a willingness to serve our community. Even if you can't stay to clean the park, join us for a cup of coffee and a snack!

This will be the first clean-up of the year with others to follow in the summer and fall. If you are able, please help us clean up all the trash that has accumulated over the winter months. Grabbers, gloves, and bags will be provided. Please dress accordingly (it could be a little muddy or dirty).

If you have questions, please talk with Laura Fix.



St. Tim's Benevolence

Following are the YTD dollars received through April 25 for the various benevolence and dedicated funds that our congregation contributes to each month. This information is shared with you as a regular part of **Tim's Tidings** so that you can see the wonderful benevolence of our congregation as we progress through the year. Your generosity is literally reaching and helping hundreds of people. Thank you.

\$143	SACA
\$85	World Hunger
\$20	Global Missions
\$64	Meals on Wheels
\$434	Feed My Starving Children
\$71	10% Synod Benevolence (from Sunday coffee)
\$60	Sheridan Story Project

Also:

\$250	St. Tim's Community Dinner fund
\$674	Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$2,435	Memorials
\$162	Kitchen Remodel Fund - loan balance pd. 3/12/18
\$5,448	Capital Improvements Fund (Includes 4/21 fundraiser proceeds \$2,174)(4/24: \$2,715 payment to LOC loan; loan balance \$4,285)

Thank you for your benevolence.

DON'T FORGET.....

SACA Sunday is 5/6

Global Missions Sunday is 5/20

Hunger Sunday on 5/27

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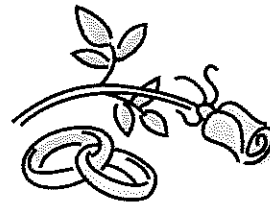
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Keep those who have lost someone,
in your thoughts and prayers.

Brenda St. Marie



May God continue to bless
the marriages of:

5/7 Rodney & Jodie Luedtke
(30 years)
5/10 Jay & Jennie Marquardt
(21 years)
5/13 John & Denise Gordon
(29 years)
5/17 Lee & Patricia Johnson
(32 years)
5/20 Bob & Laura Fedje
(29 years)
5/26 Gerry & Barb Tollakson
(55 years)
5/27 Richard & Sandy Juntilla
(46 years)

5/4 Ida Krtnick
5/6 Kim Brisson
5/9 Avery Taylor
5/11 Kelsey Awsumb
5/17 Sara Larson
5/19 Michele Nych
5/20 Betty Barott
Sandy Sherve
5/22 Barb Gavic
5/24 Gina Wellman
5/26 AJ Edstrom
Laurie Totzke
5/31 Dirk Norgaard

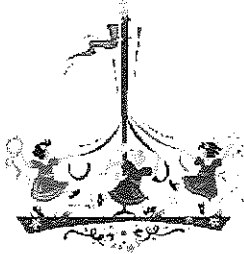





*Birthdays
of the Month*


BAPTIZED
into the
FAITH

Remy Joseph La Fin Petersen



MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Church Office Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm F 9am-12pm</p> <p>Church Calendar also available on our website: www.sttimothys-elca.org</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Pastor Michelene Verlautz's 1st Anniversary at St. Tim's</p> <p>7:00am C. H. Community Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:10am Staff meeting</p> <p>5:00-9:00pm Casa de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Day of PRAYER</p>  <p>10:00am Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm Mat Yoga</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Mpls. Area Synod Assembly at Lord of Life Lutheran (Ramsey)</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am-12:30pm Casa de Dios practice</p> <p><i>Mpls. Area Synod Assembly cont'd</i></p>
<p>6 ~ SACA Sunday ~</p> <p>9:30am Worship (Enjoy birthday cake after service)</p> <p>12:00pm Casa de Dios</p>	<p>7 Happy 59th Birthday to St. Tim's!</p>  <p>12:45pm LVMS yoga</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am LVMS volunteer Readers</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 Bldg. & Maint. Mtg</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner hosted by Casa de Dios</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Quilters Group</p> <p>9:10am Staff meeting</p> <p>5:00-9:00pm Casa de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm Mat Yoga</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30-9pm Casa de Dios practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Internal Audit</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>12:00pm Casa de Dios (last day to order geraniums)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:45pm LVMS yoga</p> <p>7:00pm Finance / Endowment Mtg</p> <p>6-7:30pm FMSC packing event</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:10am Staff meeting</p> <p>10:30am Landmark of Fridley service</p> <p>1:00pm Jolly Lunch Bunch</p> <p>5:00-9:00pm Casa de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm Mat Yoga</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30-9pm Casa de Dios practice</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27 ~ Hunger Sunday ~</p> <p>9:30am Worship w/guest pastor</p> <p>12:00pm Casa de Dios</p>	<p>28 ~ Memorial Day observed ~ Church & LVMS closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p> <p>1:15pm Property Comm. mtg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00-9:00pm Casa de Dios</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NO Yoga today</p>		