

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 closed

STAFF:

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

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Tim's Tidings

September 2018

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

COMMUNITY DINNER
(pulled pork on buns)
September 11th
5:30-6:30pm
All are welcome!!

Church Office Hours
Monday -Thursday 9am - 4pm
Friday closed
Sunday Worship 9:30am
Sunday School begins Sept. 9th

Become Part of Our Church Family

New Members
'Getting to know you'
Orientation meeting
at 10:45 a.m.
on
Sunday, September 16th
(See page 2 for more details.)

Join us for
"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Join us at Sullivan Park following worship service on September 9th

(See inside for more details)



It's hard to take in the magnitude of violence that surrounds us today—the wars, the weapons, the corporate corruption, the discrimination, the racism, the sexism, the environmental destruction, the greed and the judgmental attitudes that prevail in our culture.

Our summer preaching series focused on the Sermon on the Mount (The Beatitudes). The Beatitudes are considered the blueprint for life on earth. I believe we would agree that Jesus' sermon is beautiful, inspiring, and our response is: yes, that is the world I want to live in. But quickly Jesus' vision for the world feels distant and unobtainable when we walk out the doors of church.

As a generation we may not be able to end war, discrimination, hate, sexism, judgmental attitudes etc., but in Jill Jackson Miller's Christmas song "Let There Peace on Earth" it is the next line that is essential with "and let it begin with me."

As a faith community, how do we begin to live into the vision Jesus set for the world? I believe it begins with how we deal with conflict. Conflict arises from a clash of goals or values involving a concern where people care about the outcome. The crucial part is 'how' we deal with the conflict. Since conflict isn't new, Jesus provides a way to handle conflict which honors and is respectful of all who are involved.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have gained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses." *Matthew 18:15-17*

The temptation when we are angry or hurt or disappointed with a person is to involve another person who is not involved in the conflict. We want this person to support our position and reduce our anxiety. Unfortunately, this never resolves the conflict.

Instead, go to that person that you are having a conflict with, articulate your issue and listen with good intent, ask clarifying questions. Seek to understand and work towards finding a mutually acceptable solution. Sometimes it is necessary to bring in another person to serve as a listener / mediator / neutral party to create a safe and secure place so that both parties can work through their conflict.

Remember, resolution is not about winning or losing or getting your way. It is about reaching a mutual understanding and resolution. Often, as a result of conflict, something new is birthed.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.....one relationship at a time.

Blessed are Peace Makers for they shall be called Children of God.

~ Pastor Michelene

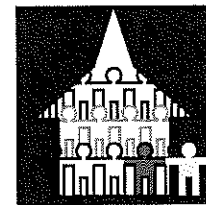
"God's work. Our hands."

Sunday, September 9

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The date for the 2018 dedicated day of service is Sunday, September 9. On that date, St. Timothy's activities will include the autumn clean-up of Sullivan Park and our Fellowship hour with refreshments will be held in the park pavilion instead of the narthex.

So, after Sunday service concludes on the 9th, head on down the block to Sullivan Park for fellowship and refreshments and, if you can, stay for the park clean-up afterward. Grabbers, gloves, and bags will be provided. Please dress accordingly.

NOTE: **Sunday Church School (SCS)** begins on September 9.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Member Orientation

In John's Gospel we hear time and time again *Come and See*. This summer we have been blessed with many visitors. First, and foremost, thank you for joining us in worship.

On Sunday, September 16 at 10:45am, we invite you to join Pastor Michelene in the Board Room located in the west wing of St. Tim's. We would like you to *Come and See* how St. Tim's is faithfully responding to the Gospel.

Our agenda is short. We would like to get to know you better and we will tell you about St. Tim's; its history, mission and ministries. We'll also introduce you to the staff and council members and answer any questions you may have.

At the end of our time together you will receive a packet of information regarding membership. We ask that you complete the information form and return it on September 23 when we will welcome you into the community of St. Tim's. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Michelene at 763-571-9721.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 21, 2018

- ◆ Presentation by Stewardship Committee of their goals.
- ◆ Successful gathering for distribution of school supplies.
- ◆ Rec'd \$300 from VOA for use of our Fellowship Hall; last day of use is 8/30
- ◆ Broken garage door spring and cables repaired.
- ◆ Chancel Choir restarts rehearsals on 9/9 and Youth Choir on 9/5. Christmas program for choirs and SCS set for 12/16.
- ◆ Endowment Fund revisions to be presented at Open Forum on 9/23 following service.
- ◆ New member orientation meeting on 9/16 with acceptance on 9/23.
- ◆ Yoga for a Cause on 9/18 2:30pm at Huset Park — will be raising money for dogs

The complete minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board.
Next meeting is Tuesday, September 18, 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 SEPTEMBER 2018

Greeters: (Miller Households of Faith)

9/2 Carol Miller & Glenn Cates
9/9 Nancy Hoekstra
9/16 Ida Krtnick
9/23 Arlene Siegel
9/30 Sheryl Miller

Lectors:

9/2 Rita Daniels
9/9 Sandie Beltran
9/16 Bob Fedje
9/23 Betty Thomas
9/30 Laura Fix

Communion Assistants:

9/2 Rita Daniels
9/9
9/16 Betty Thomas
9/23 Pat Goetz
9/30 Laura Fix

Ushers/Acolytes:

Bob Fedje, Laura & George Fix, Joe Fedje, Ben Fedje

Altar Guild:

Pat Goetz, Lynne Specht

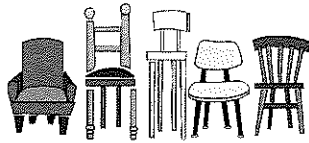
Money Counters:

9/2 Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas
9/9 Kay Hay, Meghann Wahl
9/16 Pat Goetz, Laura Fix
9/23 Barb Gavic, Jean Wellman
9/30 Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas

Fellowship Coffee Hour:

9/2 Miller Households of Faith
9/9 Coffee at Sullivan Park
9/16 Betty Thomas
9/23 Finance/Endowment Committee
9/30 Laura Fix

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, September 11 from 5:30-6:30pm

The main entrée will include pulled pork on buns, pistachio salad, and more. We would appreciate donations of instant pistachio pudding, canned crushed pineapple, and Bush's original baked beans. We are also in need of decaf coffee and gallon-size Ziploc bags. As always, monetary donations are appreciated. Please come for the food AND fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach service.

~ Joan Anderson, Ron & Sharon Hamen, George & Laura Fix

SACA Collection Drive Continues

SACA continues to have great need for donations. While non-parishable food is always in demand and needed, they also need non-food essential items such as personal care and hygiene products (see suggestions below). We'll be collecting these items at St. Tim's and delivering them to SACA. They also welcome monetary donations.

Diapers - for babies, toddlers AND adults, any personal care and hygiene products such as: Deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, soap, body wash, facial cleanser, lotion, disposal shavers, shaving cream, mouth wash, tooth brush, tooth paste, floss, aspirin, Tylenol and other items you feel might be needed. Travel- or hotel-size amenity bottles accepted. SACA also accepts gently used items for their thrift store.

ReNu ST. TIM'S FUND

Fund Balance as of 8/24/18: \$2,927

Received YTD through 8/24/18: \$2,377

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 to have two narthex heaters repaired, labor to install tile in Pastor's restroom, a new Sanctuary thermostat installed, elevator repairs, piano tune-up.* Thank you for your consideration and contributions to the ReNu fund.

GENERAL FUND REPORT AS OF 7/31/18

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income	\$ 109,038	\$ 105,137
Expense	\$ 121,403	\$ 107,767
Income Less Expense	\$ (12,365)	\$ (2,630)
Endowment-Fidelity	\$ 371,866	
Dedicated Investment	\$ 16,133	

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 form directly to the office.



With the start of the 2018-2019 school year this month, parents and children are getting ready, and our St. Tim's Area Ministry team has again chosen to continue our support of *The Sheridan Story* as one of our outreach projects. Please consider supporting this program to help keep kids in our neighborhood schools from going hungry on the weekends. There are far too many children who do not have adequate food over the weekend.

The actual cost to provide weekend food is \$215 per student for the school year or approximately \$6.14 per week. You can donate through your giving at St. Tim's by writing 'Sheridan Story' on your check and contribution envelope, or you can donate through our St. Tim's Auto Contribution program (forms in narthex). We also have a donation pledge sheet for you to fill out and on which you can indicate if you'd like to be a volunteer to help with packing food into the student backpacks during the year at Valley View Elementary. For more information on *The Sheridan Story* please visit their website at: www.thesheridanstory.com

~ Thank You from the St. Tim's Area Ministries Team

Sheridan Story Volunteer Orientation

Sheridan Story is hosting a Volunteer Orientation for all volunteers, new or seasoned, on Tuesday, September 11, 6:00-7:30pm or Wednesday, September 12, 10:00-11:30am. Please sign-up at the church bulletin board in the narthex. They will have light refreshments, distribution training, explain the tailored bag types/options and will also allow time for questions and answers. I will meet with those who cannot attend either orientation so that everyone has the information as to how the specialty bags are handled and any other points they have with regards to the distribution.

Thank you to all of our great volunteers. (We will have this year's calendar available as soon as a start distribution date is determined.)

~ Betty Thomas, St. Tim's Area Ministries Chair



Fall Bible Study

Our Bible Study group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Board Room and is led by Pastor Michelene. Please join the group anytime you desire; all are welcome. No need to sign up.....just show up!

Beginning September 4, we will be reading **Paul A Novel** written by Walter Wangerin, Jr. "Master storyteller Wangerin sweeps you into the life and times of the man who brought Christianity to the world. Here is Paul the person, living and complex, viewed through the eyes of his contemporaries. His rich interaction and brilliant dialogue with friends and foes, leaders and slaves, Jews and Greeks, creates a drama - swift, intense, historical. In vibrant pigments of imagination and narrated by ten distinct historical figures, Wangerin paints a moving multifaceted portrait of the fiery character whose Gospel sundered cultural trappings to ignite a faith that would light the ages."

If you need a book contact Pastor Michelene.

2nd Annual Dog Day Afternoon

Bring your dog or just some and join in the fun at the Heights-sponsored Dog Day Afternoon event at Huset Park on Jefferson St. NE on September 15 from 1pm to 4pm. There will be vendors, a dog photographer, you can buy city dog permits and dog vaccinations, K9 police dog demonstrations, and more.

At 2:30pm, join in downward dog at *Yoga for a Cause* which will be led by our own Pastor Michelene. For the 'cause' they will be accepting dog food donations for SACA. For more information, HeightsNEXT.org or info@heightsnext.org.



Open Forum on September 23

After worship service on Sunday, September 23, we ask that you stay a bit longer to attend a 'Moving Forward with Mission & Endowment' open forum in the sanctuary.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. www.griefshare.org



Harvest Table

As we continue to move through the end of summer and into the fall, and for those of us who have gardens at home, we will harvest the fruits of our labor. It seems that some gardeners have more harvest than they can eat themselves. That is why we are again having the

Harvest Table.

The Harvest Table is a table that is set up in the narthex throughout the autumn harvest months. If you have extra items from your garden that you would like to give away, place them on the Harvest Table when you arrive on Sunday. Following worship each of you are invited to look at what has been brought in and if there is something you would like, please take it home with you and enjoy. The Harvest Table will be a chance for us to share within our church community, and feast on the labors of our friends.

Camp Onomia Memories

From August 5-10, Kate & Jack Wahl, Wyatt LaBreche and Pastor Michelene enjoyed time at Camp Onomia in Onamia, MN. With other campers they spent their time learning about grace through faith and, of course, lots of fun activities!



Weekly Chair and Mat Yoga Prayer Classes

Beginning this month, please note that Mat Yoga is now 7-8pm on Wednesdays. Bring your mat. Chair yoga is from 10-11am on Thursdays. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your water bottle with you. If you've any questions, contact Pastor Michelene. **All are welcome and it's free!**

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.



Book Club

The Book Club meeting will be on September 24 at 7:00pm. Bring a list of books you'd like to suggest for the group to read.

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.



JOLLY LUNCH BUNCH

**Wednesday, Sept. 19th
1:00pm**

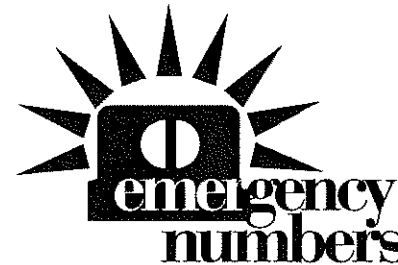
Bakers Square
by Northtown
221 Cty. Rd. 10 NE
Blaine

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.



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).



CHOIR DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Daniel Lloyd, Director of Worship & Music

Kay Hay, Youth Choir Leader

9/5	6:45 pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
9/9	8:00 am 9:30 am	Chancel Choir rehearsal Worship w/Chancel Choir
9/12	6:45 pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
9/16	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Chancel Choir rehearsal Youth Choir warm-up Worship w/Youth Choir
9/19		NO Youth Choir rehearsal
9/23	8:00 am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
9/26	6:45 pm	Youth Choir rehearsal



"Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl that was given to me when I was in the hospital recently and also for the cards. It is special to be remembered. I am doing fine now."

~ Georgia May

A huge 'thank you' to all of our volunteers at the last Community Dinner on August 14. We served about 85 guests.

8' Banquet Tables for Sale

The church is selling several of the 8-foot long banquet-style folding tables (30"W x 95"L) previously used in Fellowship Hall. They are being sold for \$25 each, as is, delivery not included. You will need to make your own arrangements for transporting any tables purchased. If you would like to purchase one or more tables, contact the church office.



St. Tim's Benevolence

Following are the YTD dollars received through August 24 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.

\$417	SACA
\$205	World Hunger
\$85	Global Missions
\$84	Meals on Wheels
\$788	Feed My Starving Children
\$135	10% Synod Benevolence (from Sunday coffee)
\$600	Sheridan Story Project

Also:

\$723	St. Tim's Community Dinner fund
\$895	Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$2,860	Memorials
\$162	Kitchen Remodel Fund - loan balance pd. 3/12/18
\$7,306	Capital Improvements Fund (includes 4/21 fundraiser proceeds \$2,174)

The \$7000 Line of Credit loan used for flooring project was paid in full on 8/22/18.

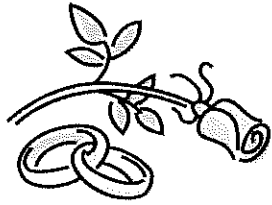
Thank you for your benevolence.

DON'T FORGET.....

SACA Sunday is 9/2

Global Missions Sunday is 9/16

Hunger Sunday on 9/23



Birthdays of the Month

**May God continue to bless
the marriages of:**

9/10 Steven & Carol White
(41 years)

9/16 Bryan & Rita Daniels
(51 years)

9/24 Albert & Lorna Trapp
(63 years)

9/28 Jerry & Carol Machlitt
(55 years)

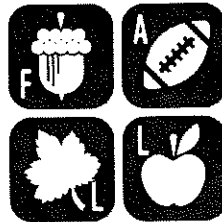
- 9/5 Will Taylor
- 9/7 Jessica Gordon
Valerie Mayotte
Judy Schelde
- 9/8 Pat Johnson
- 9/12 Dennis Starkweather
Lucy Totzke
Dustin Wahl
- 9/13 Deb Thour
- 9/14 Jean Magnuson
- 9/15 Carol Machlitt
Betty Thomas
- 9/17 Nellie Flanders
- 9/20 Margaret Hanna
- 9/24 Judy Lennox
- 9/26 Christopher Sherve
- 9/29 Glenn Cates
Georgia May
- 9/30 Katy Daniels
Hal Stoa



Pray for the families of:

Jan Jolly*
Stan Matthews

*St. Tim's member



Check Out our Website!
www.sttimothys-elca.org

Take a peek at our website which was redesigned by NOMAD Marketing last winter. Let us know what you think.



We are praying for.....

Members:

- Shelby & Paris Ahola
- Dean Corbin
- Delores Douglas
- Laura Fedje
- Will Henjum
- Gil Holter
- Family of Jan Jolly
- Dave Kerkow
- Virgil Landgraff
- Judy Lennox
- Arlene Patten
- Don Zbikowski

Family & Friends:

- Samantha Brewer
- Doris Byron
- Cathy Clermont
- Travis Falcon
- Cathy Farley
- Barbara Haas
- Grace Haas
- Family of Stan Matthews
- Julie Olson
- Alice Schlotfeldt
- Gerry Schultz

Friends & Family prayers requests will remain on the list for one month. You may renew your request as many times as you desire. Prayers of thanksgiving and bereavements will remain on the list for two weeks. Members will usually remain on the list until we are notified to remove their name. Thank you.

Please notify the church office or Pastor Michelene if someone needs to be added to our prayers.