

## St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

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Columbia Heights, MN 55421-1799  
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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

#### STAFF:

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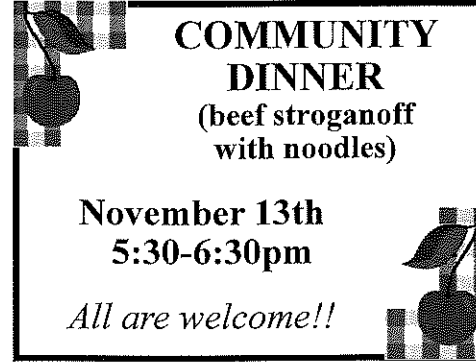
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# Tim's Tidings

November 2018

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



**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
(beef stroganoff with noodles)

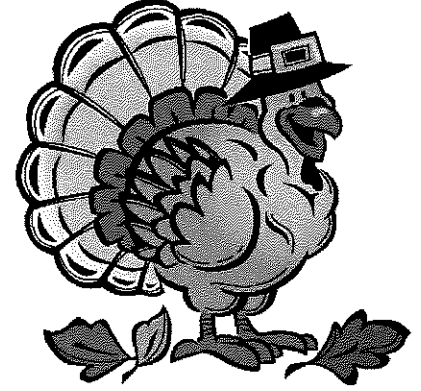
November 13th  
5:30-6:30pm

*All are welcome!!*

*Don't Forget....*

*Daylight Saving Time ends on 11/4  
Election Day is 11/6  
Church closed 11/22 & 11/23*

## Happy Thanksgiving



Join us on Wednesday, **November 21 at 3:00 pm** for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service with pie and a time of fellowship.

We are in need of some pies donated for this event. Please deliver to the church Monday through Wednesday morning of Thanksgiving week or bring with you when you come for the service. Note: Any leftover whole pies will be donated to a local church who is serving Thanksgiving dinner for those who don't have family with whom to share Thanksgiving.



Recently, I have had a couple of people ask me the difference between Creed, Affirmation of Faith, and Confession of Faith. I appreciate questions and if my answers raise even more questions, let's grab a cup of coffee and chat.

### What is a Creed?

The word Creed comes from the Latin word 'Credo' which means 'I believe.' 'I believe' are the first words of the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

The word 'believe' can have multiple layers of meaning and can be applied to everything from silly to profound. I believe the Twins Baseball Team might make it to the World Series in 2019. In this sense of belief I am expressing my hope, which may be at least partially rooted in my assessment of the skills of the team.

Deeply held beliefs have the power to motivate us to service, sacrifice or action. For example: I believe that no child in Columbia Heights should be hungry. This is a call to action to create change in our community. Deeply held beliefs are not all created equally; think of the Klu Klux Klan or a religious cult.

### How many Creeds are there?

There are three recognized Creeds.

The Athanasian Creed (I promise we will not say this one very often, if ever, on a Sunday Morning. See pages 54-55 in the LBW).

The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. They originate from the earliest centuries of the Christian church's history, a time when theological and philosophical questions about the identity of Jesus were widely debated among Christians.

All three creeds affirm that God is fully present in Jesus, that Jesus Christ is both God and human (not a semi-divine or superhuman creature that is neither). These three creeds are called ecumenical because they are all accepted and used by the overwhelming majority of the world's Christian churches.

### What is a Confession of Faith and Affirmation of Faith?

A Confession of Faith is defined by a formula in which the articles of faith are compressed. A Creed is a Confession of Faith.

Affirmation of Faith is a declaration that something is true. In the Creed we affirm that we believe in God's three expressions.

We have three phrases, *Creed*, *Confession of Faith*, and *Affirmation of Faith*, to express what we profess to be true about God.

Seminarians spend three semesters of studying what we believe as Christians. Again my door is open if you have any question, please come in and let's talk.



## OFFICIAL NOTICE: 60th Annual Meeting, Part One

The members of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church are asked to attend our 60th Annual Meeting, Part One on Sunday, December 9, 2018. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

We hope to see everyone in attendance. The preliminary 2019 budget will be presented. If you have questions regarding the budget, you will have an opportunity to ask. We will also be electing the 2019 Council.

Planning ahead, the Annual Meeting, Part Two will be on February 3, 2019, following worship service.

## Endowment Fund Revisions Approved by Congregation

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, a special congregational meeting was held following the worship service. Fifty-three members attended.

During the meeting the membership of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church voted on proposed changes to the Endowment Fund document and fund distributions. A motion to amend as proposed was seconded and passed.

During the meeting, one amendment was presented with regard to benevolence distribution. A motion to revise the main motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The full verbiage of the approved, revised Endowment Fund document as well as the congregational meeting minutes are posted on the church bulletin board in the narthex. Please contact the church office if you wish to have a copy of the Endowment Fund document sent or emailed to you or stop by and pick up a copy during regular business hours.



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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 16, 2018

- ♦ Had insightful, beneficial discussion based on Spirited Transformation devotional:  
How are we being transformed as a church?  
How are we being transformed as leaders?
- ♦ Stewardship Committee looking into many options for updating our sanctuary.
- ♦ Building & Maintenance Committee recommend that we proceed with the windbreak enclosure by the lower back doors. The Finance Committee concurs with this plan. LVMS will pay for this project and St. Tim's will reimburse half or up to \$4,000.
- ♦ Pastor will be on vacation after 10/21 service through 10/24. She will also be leaving on 10/28 after service for a retreat in Chicago through 10/30.

The complete minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board.  
Next meeting is Tuesday, November 20, 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, Margaret Hanna,  
Kay Hay, Barbara Johnson, Laurie Totzke, Susan Wang

Check Out our Website! [www.sttimothys-elca.org](http://www.sttimothys-elca.org)

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS for NOVEMBER 2018

### Greeters: (Totzke Households of Faith)

11/4 Kay & Bruce Danielson  
11/11 Shirley Hartley  
11/18 Loralee Kriens  
11/21 (3:00pm) Laurie Totzke or Machlitt's  
11/25 Laurie Totzke or Machlitt's

### Lectors:

11/4 Barbara Johnson  
11/11 Sandie Beltran  
11/18 Pat Goetz  
11/25 Laura Fix

### Communion Assistants:

11/4  
11/11  
11/18 Pat Goetz  
11/25 Laura Fix

### Ushers/Acolytes:

Dave Knapp, Capt., Leo Shaddrick, Bev Knapp, Susan Wang, Thespo Hams, Sheryl Miller

### Altar Guild:

Shirley Hartley, Capt., Ida Krtnick

### Money Counters:

11/4 Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas  
11/11 Kay Hay, Meghann Wahl  
11/18 Pat Goetz, Laura Fix  
11/25 Barb Gavic, Jean Wellman

### Fellowship Coffee Hour:

11/4 Sandie Beltran & friends  
11/11 Totzke Households of Faith  
11/18 Stewardship Committee  
11/25 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, November 13 from 5:30-6:30pm**

The main entrée will be beef stroganoff with noodles. We would appreciate donations of Mandarin oranges, orange and strawberry Jell-O, green beans, decaf coffee and butter. As always, monetary donations are appreciated. Please come for the food AND fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach service.

*~ George & Laura Fix, Joan Anderson ~*

### **SACA Collection Drive Continues**

SACA continues to have great need for donations and especially with the holidays approaching. While non-parishable food is always in demand and needed, they also need non-food essential items such as personal care and hygiene products. Place donated items in the SACA box in the Donation Center in the narthex. They also welcome monetary donations and gently used items for their thrift store.

### **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](http://www.griefshare.org)

## **ReNu ST. TIM'S FUND**

**Fund Balance as of 10/25/18: \$3,237**

**Received YTD through 10/25/18: \$2,867**

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 9/30/18**

	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 137,441	\$ 132,681
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 159,567	\$ 210,826
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	\$ (22,126)	\$ (10,046)
<b>Endowment-Fidelity</b>	\$ 376,734	
<b>Dedicated Investment</b>	\$ 16,217	

### **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.



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

If you wish to sponsor one or more poinsettias for our annual **St. Tim's Poinsettia Garden**, please fill out this form, include your check or cash for \$9.00 per plant and submit to the church office no later than Sunday, December 2. *Be sure to write 'Poinsettia' on your check AND offering envelope.*

NOTE: This year's red poinsettias will be (14" plant diameter) in a 6.5" pot covered with organza in an antique gold glittering waterproof pot.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

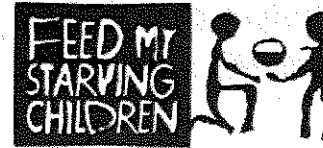
I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) to home-bound members after Christmas services.

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 each)

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if paying with cash

*Return this order sheet to the church office  
no later than Sunday, Dec. 2*



## Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

*Feed My Starving Children* exists to reach children around the world by providing nutritious MannaPack meals that are packed daily by volunteers and funded generously by donors like you.

Our next *Feed My Starving Children* packing event is Monday, November 5 from 6:00-7:30pm. If you've not already signed up, please call Laura Fix and remember that friends and family are always welcome to join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Fix at 763-502-0487, e-mail [gltfix@comcast.net](mailto:gltfix@comcast.net), or talk to her at church.

~ Laura Fix

## 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!

The group is currently 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.

## Weekly Chair and Mat Yoga Prayer Classes

*Note: No yoga during Thanksgiving week.*

Mat Yoga is 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!**



### Holiday Shop With a Cop

Each year our congregation is invited to support local agencies that help make Christmas happen for disadvantaged families. The St. Tim's Area Ministry Strategies team selected the Columbia Heights Police Department's program *Holiday Shop with a Cop* as this year's program to support.

Be watching for more details on how you can support this year's *Shop With a Cop*.

### It's Time to Order POINSETTIAS

If you wish to sponsor one or more plants, we are now accepting orders for red poinsettias for our annual Poinsettia Garden. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. An order form is printed on page 7 or pick one up in the church narthex.

**Order deadline is Sunday, December 2.** If questions, call Pam in the church office.

You can take your poinsettia home after our Christmas services or donate your plant(s) to home-bound, or those in the hospital, rehab or nursing home.

### Thrivent Choice®

*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* has provided more than \$170 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010. Thrivent Choice lets you recommend (designate) where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice is important to St. Tim's. So far this year we've received \$1,208 through this program.

If you are a Thrivent member, please consider designating St. Tim's as your Thrivent Choice gift recipient. If you already have, thank you! If not, you can designate St. Tim's as your choice at any time by logging into **MyThrivent** at: [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html).

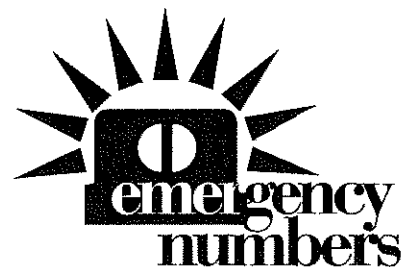
### **MAKE CONTRIBUTING TO ST. TIM'S EASY WITH OUR AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

*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 Book Club meeting will be on November 26 at 7:00pm. They will be discussing the book **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah.

*Want to join the book club? Simply attend the meeting. If you need more information, contact Kari Schlotfeldt. Invite your*



### JOLLY LUNCH BUNCH

**Wednesday, November 14  
1:00pm**

**Clive's Roadhouse**  
10400 Baltimore St. 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.



## CHOIR DIRECTOR'S CORNER



### Choir Rehearsal

**Daniel Lloyd, Director of Worship & Music**

*Kay Hay, Youth Choir Leader*

11/4	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Chancel Choir
11/7	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
11/11	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Chancel Choir
11/14	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
11/18	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Youth Choir warm-up</i>
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship w/Youth Choir</i>
11/21		<i>NO Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
11/25	8:00 a.m.	<i>Chancel Choir rehearsal</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Keyboard music
11/28	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>



### Attention All Snowbirds

If you receive St. Tim's monthly **Tim's Tidings**, please tell us when you leave for the winter AND again when you return home, so we can keep our mailing list current. We don't want you to miss any of St. Tim's news while you are gone. You can also stay in touch, while you are gone, by checking our website and Facebook page.



## St. Tim's Benevolence

Following are the YTD dollars received through October 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.

\$547	SACA
\$255	World Hunger
\$100	Global Missions
\$94	Meals on Wheels
\$878	Feed My Starving Children
\$159	10% Synod Benevolence (from Sunday coffee)
\$883	Sheridan Story Project

Also:

\$1,043	St. Tim's Community Dinner fund
\$1,208	Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$2,860	Memorials
\$162	Kitchen Remodel Fund - loan balance pd. 3/12/18
\$8,046	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 11/4  
 Global Missions Sunday is 11/18  
 Hunger Sunday on 11/25



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

- 11/7 Glenn Cates & Carol Miller  
(20 years)
- 11/10 Virgil & Elvira Landgraff  
(70 years)



Pray for the family of:  
James Patrick Kennedy



- 11/3 Ellie Foss-Gjelhaug  
Lisa Norgaard
- 11/6 Ken Bjorgan
- 11/8 Gil Holter
- 11/9 Kay Danielson
- 11/10 Matthew Hanna  
Bonnie Zeilinger
- 11/18 Lorelee Kriens  
Arlene Patten  
Glen Sibell
- 11/24 Joshua Norgaard
- 11/26 Rodney Luedtke
- 11/28 Laura Fix  
Roxanne Peterson



All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

Below are the names of the members of St. Tim's Lutheran Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

- Albert Joseph Brisson, III*
- Robert Allen Coffey*
- Chester Leon Dobe*
- Paula Mary Gagnon*
- Grace Irene Grider*
- Timothy Robert Hay*
- Ruth Della Henjum*
- Donna Belle Kerkow*
- Janice Bernice Jolly*
- Herbert Winfield Lennox, III*
- Keith Allen Mallow*



**We are praying for.....**

**Members:**

- Richard Bebus
- Dean Corbin
- Delores Douglas
- Carolyn Dreyer
- Will Henjum
- Gil Holter
- Lorelee Kriens
- Virgil Landgraff
- Valerie Mayotte
- Arlene Patten
- Betty Thomas
- Barb Tollakson
- Susan Wang

**Family & Friends:**

- Helen Baker
- Steve Bartz
- Doris Byron
- Cathy Farley
- Leonard Gavic
- Grace Haas
- Family of Pat Kennedy
- Leona Krutchten
- Wanda Owens
- Linda Profant
- Kent Wheelock
- Richard Zieska

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

*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.*