

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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:

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

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St. Timothy's

Tim's Tidings

January 2019

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

**COMMUNITY
DINNER**
(Chili, soup & sandwiches)

January 8th
5:30-6:30pm

All are welcome!!

A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES



60th ANNUAL MEETING, PART II

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Following the 9:30 a.m.
worship service
at 10:45 a.m.

Please join us
for the meeting.





Being Busy

I was watching a video recently by Jeff Shinabarger during which I first heard the phrase, "Busy has become the new "Fine"", as in when you ask someone how they are

doing. In the past a person would say, "Oh, I am doing *fine*" now it seems everybody answers, "Oh, I am so *busy*".

Would you agree that "Oh, I am busy" has become your new default state?

Jesus said, "Are you tired? Worn out? Too busy? Come to me, get away with me and recover your life. I'll show you how to take real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of Grace! I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." *Matthew 11:28 Message Bible*

Good news! Being busy is an option, not an inevitable.

1. Being busy is a choice. As a very dear friend reminds me often, "We all make choices". What is important to you? Where is God in your busyness? Or by being busy are you avoiding God?
2. Stop glorifying being busy. Busy in and of itself is not a badge of honor. God calls us into Sabbath weekly and even daily. (*Third Commandment*)
3. Cultivate space in your daily routine. In the morning set aside 10 minutes to sit quietly, pray, and listen to God instead of turning on the television or using technology. Take time to have lunch. Take breaks between projects.
4. Finally, practice saying the word "NO". Recognize the inherent value of the word "no". Learning to say "no" to less important commitments opens your life to pursue the more important things.

God created human beings, not human doers. God desires to be in a relationship with you. How will you answer the invitation in 2019?

~ Pastor Michelene



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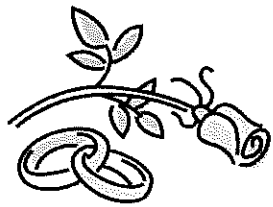
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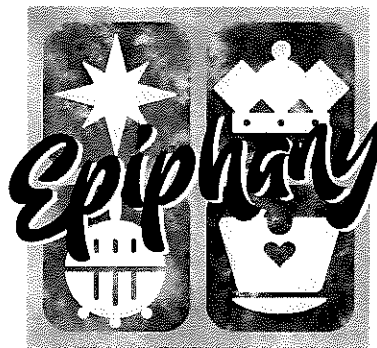
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 2018

- ◆ Finance to review Dedicated Accounts.
- ◆ Stewardship Committee to soon have three bids for each of the processes of renewing our Sanctuary.
- ◆ Election of Council Officers:
 - ◆ President—Kay Hay
 - ◆ Vice President—Dustin Wahl
 - ◆ Secretary—Pat Goetz
 - ◆ Treasurer—Chris Hay
- ◆ Thank you to Kaye Bergstrom for her service. Welcome to Bev Knapp for her addition to the Council.

The complete minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The next monthly meeting will follow a Council Retreat that begins at 9:00am on Saturday, January 19, 2019.

2019 Council Members

Kay Hay, President
 Dustin Wahl, Vice President
 Pat Goetz, Secretary
 Chris Hay, Treasurer

Rita Daniels, Margaret Hanna, Barbara Johnson,
 Bev Knapp, Bruce Sherve, Laurie Totzke, Susan Wang

St. Tim's Inclement Weather Policy

Like it or not, winter is here to stay for a few months and with it comes days of inclement weather. It is St. Tim's policy not to cancel worship services due to inclement weather. It is left to the discretion of individuals to attend during those times.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS for JANUARY 2019

Greeters: (Thomas Households of Faith)

1/6 Susan Wang
 1/13 Betty Thomas
 1/20 Rita Daniels
 1/27 Bev Knapp

Lectors:

1/6 Sandie Beltran
 1/13 Bob Fedje
 1/20 Barbara Johnson
 1/27 Laura Fix

Communion Assistants:

1/6 Betty Thomas
 1/13 Barbara Johnson
 1/20
 1/27 Laura Fix

Ushers/Acolytes:

Bryan Daniels, Capt., Ida Krtnick, Pat Goetz, Dick Lindman,

Altar Guild:

Carol Machlitt, Capt., Loralee Kriens

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Money Counters:

1/6 Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas
 1/13 Kay Hay, Meghann Wahl
 1/20 Pat Goetz, Laura Fix
 1/27 Barb Gavic, Jean Wellman

Fellowship Coffee Hour:

1/6 Betty Thomas
 1/13 Margaret Hanna, Laura Fedje
 1/20
 1/27 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, January 8 from 5:30-6:30pm

The main entrée will be chili, chicken soup, and ham & Swiss sandwiches. The following items are needed for upcoming dinners: Butter, crushed pineapple, instant pistachio pudding, saltine crackers, strawberry Jell-O, canned green beans, and Cook-n-Serve vanilla pudding. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Please come for the food AND fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach service. For the February 12 dinner we'll be serving chicken hotdish as the main entrée.

~ George & Laura Fix, Joan Anderson ~

SACA Collection Drive Continues

SACA continues to have great need for donations. While non-perishable 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 narthex Donation Center. SACA also welcomes monetary donations and gently used items for their thrift store.

2018 Year-end Giving Statements

Contribution giving statements through year-end 2018 will be distributed mid-January.

ReNu ST. TIM'S FUND

Fund Balance as of 12/31/18: \$4,246

Received YTD through 12/31/18: \$4,174

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, exit sign repair.* Thank you for your consideration and contributions to the ReNu fund.

GENERAL FUND REPORT AS OF 12/31/18

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income	\$ 187,422	\$ 200,128
Expense	\$ 223,454	\$ 213,048
Income Less Expense	\$ (36,032)	\$ (12,920)
Endowment-Fidelity	\$ 298,487	
Dedicated Investment	\$ 15,679	

The congregation voted to approve a 11/5/18 Endowment Fund distribution in the amount of \$40,065.

Special CIF Pledge Cards for 2019

If you wish to pledge toward the Capital Improvements Fund (CIF), please complete a special pledge card available in the narthex and in this issue of Tim's Tidings. 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.

JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study

Three-month Study of the Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study is held on Tuesdays 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! Note: No Bible Study on Feb. 12 and March 12.

For the next three months, we'll be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Following is the schedule:

- Week of January 6 Matthew chapters 1-4
- Week of January 14 Matthew chapters 5-6
- Week of January 21 Matthew chapters 6-8
- Week of January 28 Matthew chapters 8-9
- Week of February 4 Matthew chapters 10-11
- Week of February 11 Matthew chapters 12-13
- Week of February 18 Matthew chapters 13-15
- Week of February 25 Matthew chapters 15-18
- Week of March 4, Matthew chapters 18-20
- Week of March 11 Matthew chapters 29-22
- Week of March 18 Matthew chapters 23-25
- Week of March 25 Matthew chapter 26
- Week of April 1 Matthew chapters 27-28

Mini-Bible Study:

Beginning January 8th, as an additional bible study learning opportunity, Pastor Michelene is trying something new by sending out a daily mini-bible study email for recipients to reflect upon and interact with with regard to the Gospel of Matthew. (The daily email will generally be sent out from our office admin's email.) Pastor has never done this before so asks that you please be patient with her. Also, if you find these mini-bible studies to be helpful please share with your family and friends. If you know of someone who would like to receive the daily bible study email, provide their email address to Pam in the church office.

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



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, February 4 from 9:30-11:30am. Please sign-up at the church bulletin board in the narthex. Remember that friends and family are always welcome to join us and there are sit-down positions available as well.

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

Looking ahead, dates scheduled for 2019 are May 6, 6-7:30pm, August 5, 9:30-11:30am, and November date yet TBD. Thanks for considering joining us!

~ Laura Fix

Weekly Chair and Mat Yoga Prayer Classes

Mat Yoga is 7-8pm on Wednesdays; bring your mat. Chair yoga is 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!**

Commitment Cards

It's not too late to return your 2019 Commitment (pledge) card to the church. Please bring to worship service and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. Also, you may drop it off at the church office during open hours.

Thank You

"Thank you for your prayers, cards, and well wishes as I recovered from my surgeries this past year." ~ Betty Thomas

"Thank you for your financial support to "Shop with a Cop" allowing us to assist a record 24 local families (75 children!) who found themselves in need this holiday season." ~ Sergeant Justin Pletcher



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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. In 2018 we received \$2,320 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. **Remember, you must allocate your 2018 dollars no later than March 31, 2019.**

Capital Improvements Fund (CIF) - 2018

Following is a recap of the CIF through 12/31/18. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Finance Committee.

Q1	\$ 0	new fund created 1/1/18
	\$1,936.37	donations rec'd through 3/31/18
	\$ 275.00	memorials rec'd
	\$ 503.61	transfer of balance from Kitchen Remodel fund
	\$2,714.98	BALANCE in CIF as of 3/31/18
Q2	\$1,552.36	donations rec'd 4/1 to 6/30/18
	(\$2,714.98)	paid to LOC loan on 4/24/18
	\$2,174.30	proceeds from 4/21 fundraiser event
	(\$3,200.00)	paid to LOC loan on 5/17/18
	\$ 526.66	BALANCE in CIF as of 6/30/18
Q3	\$1,439.85	donations rec'd 7/1 to 9/30/18
	(\$1,085.02)	paid to pay off LOC loan on 8/22/18
	\$ 881.49	BALANCE in CIF as of 9/30/18
Q4	\$1,002.00	donations rec'd 10/1 to 12/31/18
	\$1,788.49	BALANCE in CIF as of 12/31/18

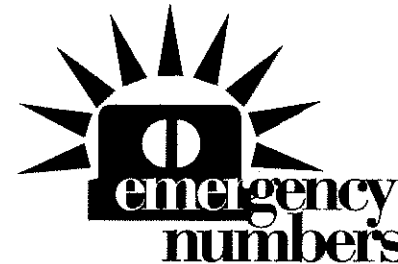
MAKE CONTRIBUTING TO ST. TIM'S EASY WITH OUR AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

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's next meeting is on Monday, January 28 at 6:30pm. The club will be reading **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles.

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.



JOLLY LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, January 16
1:00pm

Perkins

696 West County Road D
New Brighton

Contact Sandie Beltran (763/789-5501) if you need a ride or have questions.



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

1/2/19		<i>NO Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
1/6	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Chancel Choir
1/9	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
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1/16	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
1/20	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:10 a.m.	<i>Youth Choir warm-up</i>
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship w/Youth Choir</i>
1/23		<i>NO Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
1/27	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/keyboard music
1/30	6:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Choir rehearsal</i>
2/3	8:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Chancel Choir

GriefShare

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington St. NE, Columbia Heights, is again hosting a 12-week GriefShare support group, this time during the day on Thursdays 12:30pm to 2:30pm beginning January 24 to April 11. Cost-free but pre-registration is required by contacting Kathy Rosenberg (763-788-9427) or kathy.rosenberg@stmatthew-ch.org. This class is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.



St. Tim's Benevolence

Following are the YTD dollars received through December 31 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.

\$677	SACA
\$345	World Hunger
\$130	Global Missions
\$124	Meals on Wheels
\$1,003	Feed My Starving Children
\$202	10% Synod Benevolence (from Sunday coffee hour)
\$955	Sheridan Story Project
\$1,630	ELCA World Hunger Little Chicks Fundraiser
\$1,171	Shop With a Cop

Also:

\$1,224	St. Tim's Community Dinner fund
\$2,320	Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$2,951	Memorials
\$162	Kitchen Remodel Fund - loan balance pd. 3/12/18
\$8,793	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.

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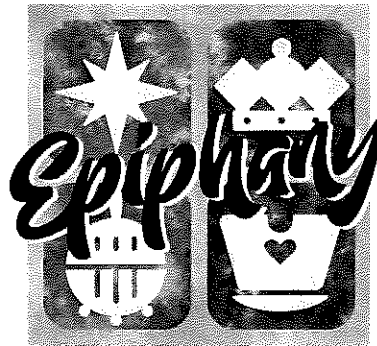
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- Dean Corbin
- Delores Douglas
- Carolyn Dreyer
- Will Henjum
- Loralee Kriens
- Virgil Landgraff
- Judy Lennox
- Valerie Mayotte
- Arlene Patten
- Joann Rockstad
- Susan Wang
- Don Zbikowski

Family & Friends:

- Helen Baker
- Marilyn Black
- Doris Byron
- Paul Dorweiler
- Family of Cathy Farley
- Adeliene Fuller
- Leonard Gavic
- Gerry
- Grace Haas
- Jayne Hamlin
- The Homeless
- Carey Johnson
- Dakota Miller
- Teresa Nelson
- Stanley Nicklay
- Gerry Schultz
- 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.