

The Open Door: A weekly e-mail update from St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

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Participants on Sunday, February 17

Pastor:	Rev. Michelene Verlautz
Director of Worship & Music:	Daniel Lloyd
Greeter:	Totzke Households of Faith
Lector:	Pat Goetz
Communion Assistant:	Pat Goetz
Altar Guild:	Shirley Hartley, Ida Krtnick
Ushers:	Dave Knapp, Susan Wang, Leo Shaddrick, Bev Knapp, Thespo Hams, Sheryl Miller
Money Counters:	Laura Fix, Pat Goetz
Fellowship Coffee Hour:	Totzke HOF



Volunteer Opportunities in March

We have several volunteer opportunities in March. Please consider filling an open spot or two as shown on the bulletin board sign-up sheets. Thanks.

February 7 to February 16

Thursday	2/14	Happy Valentine's Day!
	10:00am	Chair Yoga

			NO LVMS Yoga - cancelled
Friday	2/15	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice
Saturday	2/16	3-7:15pm	Casa de Dios business meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	2/17		Global Missions Sunday
		8:00am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		9:00am	Youth Choir warm-up
		9:30am	Worship w/Youth Choir
		10:45am	Worship and Music Committee meeting
		12-5:30pm	Casa de Dios
Monday	2/18		President's Day
		9:30-11:30am	Feed My Starving Children packing event
		6:30pm	Book Club
Tuesday	2/19	10:00am	Bible Study
		1:15pm	Building & Maintenance/Property Committee meeting
		7:00pm	Council meeting
Wed	2/20	10:30pm	Landmark of Fridley service
		1:00pm	Jolly Lunch Bunch (Cowboy Jacks)
		5-9pm	Casa de Dios
			NO Youth Choir rehearsal
		7:00pm	Mat Yoga
Thursday	2/21	10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45pm	LVMS Yoga
Friday	2/22	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice

Planning Ahead:

Sunday 3/12 5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner



For emergency pastoral needs or to reach someone immediately when the church or church office is closed, please call Pastor Michelene Verlutz directly at 612-810-5923. For emergency church maintenance needs, contact Carlos Osorio at 763-210-8321.

Pray for your Family and Friends

....for your family and friends, for what God has given us to take care of, for your highs and lows, for guidance on how to best participate in the ongoing creation of God's earth.



Prayers for.....

Tom Stewart;

Family of Joseph Huff (Grandfather of Matt Grandy)

Members: Bryan Daniels, Barb Gavic, relatives of Will Henjum, Jane Johnson, Judy Lennox, Valerie Mayotte, Joann Rockstad, Susan Wang, Don Zbikowski.

Friends & Family: Helen Baker, Marilyn Black, Doris Byron, Paul Dorweiler, Angie Echelberger, Carter Fisher, Maria Fix, Leonard Gavic, Gerry, Grace Haas, Carey Johnson, Rose Lund, Teresa Nelson, Stanley Nicklay, Gerry Schultz, Bill Thomas, family of Kirk Watson, Kent Wheelock.

Friends & Family prayers requests will remain on the list for four weeks. 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 usually remain on the list until we are notified to remove their name.

Altar Flowers

This Sunday's altar flowers are from Laura and George Fix in memory of the birthday of Loren Baker (Laura's father).

RESCHEDULED: 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 *Feed My Starving Children* packing event was cancelled on the 4th due to the icy road conditions. The event has been **rescheduled for President's Day, Monday, February 18 from 9:30-11:30am**. Please sign-up at the church bulletin board in the narthex or contact Laura Fix. Remember that friends and family are always welcome to join us. We have 20 spots to fill. Carpooling will be available if that is an issue and there are sit down jobs available if that is a concern.

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

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is in need of two new volunteers to join the team. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Carol Machlitt at 763-420-8983 or jcmachlitt@comcast.net.

St. Tim's Inclement Weather Policy

Like it or not, winter is here 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.



Jolly Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join the next 'Jolly Lunch Bunch' get together on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00pm at Cowboy Jacks, 2397 Palmer Drive, New Brighton (just north of 694 on Silver Lake Road). You can sign-up (preferred) at the church bulletin board or just show up. Invite your friends and neighbors, too. If any questions or you need a ride, contact Bev Knapp.



Adult Bible Study

***Note:** No Bible Study on March 12.

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!

For the next few weeks, we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Following is the schedule for remaining weeks:

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 (*No meeting in 3/12)
Week of March 18 Matthew chapters 23-25
Week of March 25 Matthew chapter 26
Week of April 1 Matthew chapters 27-28

Devotionals Available

Copies of the January/February/March edition of the daily devotionals booklet *The Word in Season* are available in the church narthex.



There's a Place for You!

Free Community Dinner - Everyone is welcome

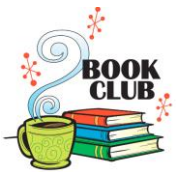
Please join us for our next Free Community Dinner on Tuesday, March 12, from 5:30 - 6:30pm. All are welcome so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. We will be serving chicken hot dish and pistachio salad.

As you all know, February's Community Dinner was cancelled this past week due to the threat of (and actual) snowy conditions. Therefore, we have all the food that we need for March's dinner since I was able to freeze everything purchased for the February dinner. Also, thank you to those who donated butter the past few weeks, we are set for the next few months. For our April dinner we are in need of donations of green beans, orange Jell-O, mandarin oranges, tomato sauce, and ground beef. If you bring in ground beef, please take it to the office during business hours or put it in the Community Dinner freezer in the left refrigerator in the basement kitchen (be sure to label the package 'Community Dinner'). Monetary donations are always appreciated.

~ Laura & George Fix, Joan Anderson

Weekly Chair and Mat PRAYER YOGA Classes

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!



Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting has been moved up a week and will be held on tomorrow, February 18 at 6:30pm. The club will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. The book for March is *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman. If you are interested in joining the book club, just show up. If questions, please contact Kari Schlotfeldt.



Reflection Garden - Memorial Plaques and Monetary Donations

Memorial Plaques can be ordered anytime for the Memorial Wall in our Reflection Garden. 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.



Attention All Snowbirds

If you receive our 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.

Master Church Calendar

Please be sure to notify Pam, our church office admin, of any special events – date, time, details, communication needs, etc. – or of any changes to or cancellations of regular monthly meetings. This will ensure they are put on the master church calendar and can be communicated out in timely fashion. To be included on the monthly calendar that is sent out with Tim's Tidings, she must know of the event by about the 21st of the month prior. Thank you.

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



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

Pastor Michelene's Contact Information & Schedule

Below is Pr. Michelene's contact information. Normally, Friday is her scheduled day off from the office.

mkverlantz@yahoo.com or ***Cell 612-810-5923***

Church Financial Stats

Going forward, the amount of income received each week (or through bi-monthly automatic contributions program) through pledges, tithing, gifts, memorials, tenant rent and other sources, will be shared in **The Open Door**. Year-to-date income and expenses will continue to be published in the monthly **Tim's Tidings** newsletter which is mailed to your home.

\$3,800 Average weekly income needed to meet our basic monthly financial obligations.

Q1 2019 income:

\$2,281 Income through auto contributions - 1/3/19
\$4,092 Income received - 1/6/19
\$3,273 Income received - 1/13
\$1,358 Income through auto contributions - 1/15
\$1,091 Income received - 1/20
\$5,547 Income received - 1/27
\$2,281 Income through auto contributions - 2/1
\$4,408 Income received - 2/3
\$1,763 Income received - 2/10
\$1,358 Income through auto contributions - 2/15

Our Part in the Story

Space-permitting, the devotions are also printed in the weekly Sunday bulletin.

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Parables of the Kingdom Matthew 13:24-43

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

Monday: More Parables Matthew 13:44-53

♣ Create your own metaphor or parable for the kingdom of heaven. What images speak to you?

Tuesday: Jesus and John Matthew 11:2-19

♣ How does Jesus' ministry build upon John's?

Wednesday: Not Peace, but a Sword Matthew 10:34-11:1

♣ How do you respond to difficult teachings? Are you able to take them to heart?

Thursday: Sabbath Rules Matthew 12:1-14

♣ Why do you think the Pharisees were more concerned with Jesus following the law than with the people Jesus helped?

Friday: Jesus Thanks his Father Matthew 11:25-29

♣ How do these words of encouragement and comfort fit into a text full of woes and warnings?

Saturday: The Sign of Jonah Matthew 12:38-42

♣ After all of these healings and exorcisms, why do you think the Scribes and Pharisees still asked for a sign?

Valentine Humor



February Anniversaries and Birthdays

As we did not send out a February issue of Tim's Tidings, following are the anniversaries and birthdays normally sent out in the monthly issue:

Anniversaries:

2/18 Bruce & Kay Danielson (58 years)

2/19 Stan & Muggs Tilly (64 years)

Birthdays:

2/3 Arlene Siegel
2/4 Lee Ann Newman
2/7 Kaye Bergstrom
2/15 Kay Hay
2/17 Delores Zbikowski
2/18 Scott Rockstad
2/19 Lorna Trapp
2/24 Thespo Hams
2/28 Alvin Flanders



~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ~



~ MISC RESOURCES ~

[Oak Crest - Presbyterian Homes & Services](#)

A St. Tim's couple want to share with others that Oak Crest has changed from an assisted living community to a vibrant senior living community and that there are several openings at this time. The couple lives there and have had a good experience. Below is a flyer, but to receive a full-page flyer, contact the church office to email or send one to you. Also, there are copies available to take from the community bulletin board in the church Narthex.



Oak Crest
 Choose the freedom to live well!

Oak Crest is a vibrant senior living community in the city of Spring Lake Park, a northern Twin Cities suburb with small town charm. For older adults, Oak Crest's proximity to retail shopping, churches, libraries and restaurants is a great advantage. Warmth, energy and spontaneity generate a neighborhood feeling and serve as a stimulus for a lifestyle filled with pleasure and purpose.

As part of the Presbyterian Homes family, Oak Crest carries on a long-standing commitment to offer older adults a lifestyle that includes the "freedom to live well." Maintaining vitality is an ever-changing process. That's why we offer many ways to consistently stretch personal boundaries for physical, mental, and spiritual health. From the fitness center to the spiritual programs to engaging events and volunteer opportunities, keeping inspired is easy at Oak Crest.

Senior Apartments

- One and two bedroom apartments
- Underground heated parking
- Continental breakfast Monday through Friday
- Social calendar and events
- Scheduled transportation
- Month-to-month residency agreement

Community Amenities

- Inviting front lobby
- Four season solarium
- Dining room
- General store
- Library/computer lab
- The Gathering Place with billiards
- Wings' Wellness Center
- Spa with whirlpool tub
- Beauty salon/barber shop
- Resident gardens
- Walk-out patio/picnic area
- Landscaped grounds with pond, walking path and gardens
- Located near shopping, churches, banking and dining
- A faith based, non-profit organization. All faiths welcome. Equal housing opportunity.

763.783.0150
 www.oakcrestphs.org 1639 County Highway 10 NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

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

Fare For All – This is community supported and open to everyone. It's a great way to stretch your food budget. The more people who participate, the better. *Fare For All* has thirty locations in the greater Twin Cities metro area where our quality food packages are sold once a month but we've listed 4 of the locations below for your convenience. There is no need to register in advance. <http://fareforall.org/find-a-site/>. *Fare For All* Express accepts Cash, Credit, Debit and EBT at all of our sites, please no paper checks. *Fare For All* is open to everyone, there are no income or residential restrictions. Visit their FB page for more information or go to the website and sign up for email reminders. www.fareforall.org/

Roseville - Real Life Church (2353 Chatsworth St. N) Monthly on third Tuesday, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Fridley - Fridley Community Center (6085 7th Street St. NE) Monthly on second Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Blaine - Christ Lutheran Church (641 89th Avenue NE) Monthly on third Thursday, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Anoka – Zion Lutheran Church (1601 4th Ave.) Monthly on the third Thursday, 4:00—6:00 p.m.



SACA (Southern Anoka Community Assistance) Food Shelf & Thrift Store - St.

Timothy's is a faith partner along with other local churches who work together with, a 501(c)(3) non-profit food shelf located in Columbia Heights and serving the communities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley and Spring Lake. There is also a Thrift Shop where clothing, and small household items are sold at garage sale prices. SACA's Thrift Shop is open to the public. All of the money earned from the Thrift Shop stays at SACA. It is used for buying food, fixing the truck, etc.

They provide food and resources to those in need while empowering dignity and independence to those they serve in our community. If you, or someone you know is in need of assistance and lives in Southern

Anoka County or you are interested in volunteering or making further donations, you can contact SACA at 763-789-2444 or visit www.sacafoodshelf.org.

<p>Senior LinkAge Line® 1-800-333-2433</p> <p>Veterans Linkage Line™ 1-888-546-LINKVET</p> <p>Disability Linkage Line® 1-866-333-2466</p>

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