

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

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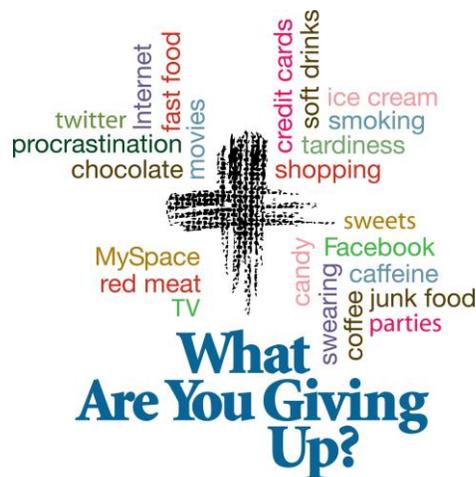
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What Are You Giving Up?

Participants on Sunday, March 10

Pastor:	Rev. Michelene Verlautz
Director of Worship & Music:	Daniel Lloyd
Greeters:	Gerry Tollakson
Lector:	Bob Fedje
Communion Assistant:	Barbara Johnson
Altar Guild:	Lael Nord, Laurie Totzke
Ushers:	Jerry Machlitt, Tony Fedje, Pat Audette, Tom Fedje, AJ Edstrom
Money Counters:	Kay Hay, Meghann Wahl
Fellowship Coffee Hour:	?

March 7 to March 16

Thursday	3/7	10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45am	LVMS Yoga
Friday	3/8	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice
Sunday	3/10	2:00am	Daylight Saving Time begins
		8:00am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		9:30am	Worship w/ Chancel Choir
		10:45am	Executive Council meeting
		12-5:30pm	Casa de Dios
Monday	3/11	7:00pm	Finance/Endowment meeting

Note: Pastor out of office March 11-13.

Tuesday	3/12	9:30am	LVMS Volunteer Reader NO Bible Study
		5:30-6:30pm	Community Dinner
Wed	3/13	9:00am	Quilters Group NO Staff meeting
		5-9pm	Casa de Dios (in Fellowship Hall)
		6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
Thursday	3/14	10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45pm	LVMS Yoga
		6:30pm	Mat Yoga
Friday	3/15	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice
Saturday	3/16		Board Room being painted

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Planning Ahead:

Sunday	3/17		St. Patrick's Day
Wed	3/20		Spring begins
		10:00am	Random Act of Kindness at The Landmark of Fridley
		noon & 7pm	Lenten Service



For emergency pastoral needs or to reach someone immediately when the church or church office is closed, please call Pastor Michelene Verlautz 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.....

Laura Pitz and family (niece of Kim Brisson);
Carolyn Dreyer recovering from surgery;
Jean Wellman recovering at Benedictine Health Center at Innsbruck;
for winter weather to end soon!

Members: Barb Gavic, Judy Lennox, Joann Rockstad, Kari Schlotfeldt, Tom Stewart, Susan Wang, Don Zbikowski.

Friends & Family: Debbie Amerine, Helen Baker, Marilyn Black, Doris Byron, Paul Dorweiler, Angie Echelberger, Carter Fisher, Maria Fix, Leonard Gavic, Nick & Dean Guida, Grace Haas, Carey Johnson, Rose Lund, Karen Nelson, Teresa Nelson, Stanley Nicklay, Gerry Schultz, 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.

Chancel Choir CANCELLED for this Sunday, March 10

Chancel Choir will not be singing this Sunday, March 10, due to the impending snow storm. Weather reports show rain turning to a major snow storm on Saturday, with snow continuing into Sunday morning. Snow on top of ice is a very hazardous condition.

As music director, I feel my responsibility goes beyond choosing and playing appropriate music. The welfare of the individual choir members is more important to me. I do not want any choir member subjected to a slip and fall that could cause injury. We have many more opportunities to sing our anthems in the future, and I want all of the choir members to be there in good health for those future opportunities.

~ Daniel Lloyd, Music Director

St. Tim's Inclement Weather Policy

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.

If the weather turns as bad as is currently being predicted, PLEASE use your own judgement with regard to attending worship service this Sunday.

Daylight Saving Time Begins THIS Sunday, March 10

Remember to 'spring forward' and turn your clocks one hour ahead before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. You don't want to be late for church!

Weekly Chair and Mat PRAYER YOGA Classes

Chair yoga is from 10-11am on Thursdays. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your water bottle with you. Generally held in Fellowship Hall.

Mat Yoga is 7-8pm on Wednesdays; bring your mat. **NOTE: Due to Lent services on Wednesdays from March 20 through April 10, Mat Yoga will be held on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Also note, NO Mat Yoga next week on 3/13 or 3/14.**

If you've any questions, contact Pastor Michelene. All are welcome and it's free!



On Wednesday, March 20, Pastor Michelene will be holding a worship service at The Landmark of Fridley at 10:30am. We are also planning a *Random Act of Kindness* for the residents and staff at the same time. We are looking for volunteers to join us in making treats (i.e. cookies, cake, bread, etc.) for us to serve to the residents.

We will bring our treats to church at 10:00am and carpool to The Landmark. Please sign-up at the narthex bulletin board or let the office know if you will be bringing treats and/or joining us in bringing them to the residents.

~ Sponsored by the Area Ministry Group



Jolly Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join the next 'Jolly Lunch Bunch' get together on Wednesday, March 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!

We continue to study the Gospel of Matthew. Following is the schedule for remaining weeks:

Week of March 11 Matthew chapters 29-22 (*No Bible Study meeting on 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



Time to Order Easter Plants

It's time to start thinking about Easter and springtime (pretend the piles of snow aren't sitting outside your window when you do this!). As such, it's also time to consider purchasing Easter lilies and plants for our annual *St. Tim's Easter Garden* in the sanctuary. Remember how colorful and beautiful the Garden was last year? We'll have the same plants available this year with the addition of one more (Gerbera Daisies).

An order form is included in the March issue of **Tim's Tidings** and extra forms are available in the narthex as well. **The deadline to order is March 31** as we have to place our order with Gerten's the next day.

You'll be able to take your plants home after 9:30am Easter Sunday service on March 21 (let's pray for the snow to be gone by then).

Devotionals Available

Copies of the April/May/June 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

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

The next *Feed My Starving Children* packing event Monday, May 6 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please sign-up at the church bulletin board in the narthex or contact Laura Fix today. Remember that friends and family are always welcome to join us. We have several 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 August 5, 9:30-11:30am, and November 4, 6:00-7:30pm. Thanks for considering joining us! ~ Laura Fix



Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25 at 6:30pm and the club will discuss **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.

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



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

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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.

Pastor Michelene's Contact Information & Schedule

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

mkverlutz@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
\$2,074 Income received - 2/17
\$1,583 Income received - 2/24
\$2,281 Income through auto contributions - 3/1
\$1,850 Income received - 3/3
\$1,358 Income through auto contributions - 3/15

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

Forgiveness Matthew 18:15-35

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

Monday: Forgiveness Psalm 32:1-5

♣ How do you experience forgiveness? What does it feel like?

Tuesday: Prayers of the Faithful Psalm 32:6-10

♣ Is God a hiding place for you? How does God keep you from trouble?

Wednesday: Jesus Teaches Matthew 19:1-12

♣ Why did the Pharisees test Jesus? Why did they test him on this particular topic?

Thursday: Jesus Blesses Little Children Matthew 19:13-15

♣ Why does the kingdom of heaven belong to children?

Friday: The Rich Young Man Matthew 19:16-22

♣ Which is the hardest commandment for you to keep?

Saturday: The Rich Young Man Matthew 19:23-29

♣ Do you think Jesus is saying that the rich won't be in heaven? If not, what is he saying? Who is first and who is last?



Empty Bowls

Help fight hunger in our community! Join us at the 17th annual Empty Bowls event on Tuesday, April 23 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, Columbia Heights. Guests are served a simple meal of soup and bread and receive a hand-crafted “empty” bowl as a reminder of the hungry in our community.

Your generous tax-deductible free will offering is encouraged. All donations received will go directly toward the purchase of food and essential items for those in need through SACA, a food shelf, thrift store and community assistance program serving families in Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, Spring Lake Park and the Columbia Park neighborhood of NE Minneapolis.



April 23
4 - 7 PM
 Murzyn Hall
 530 Mill Street NE
 Columbia Heights
 Free Will Offering

EMPTY BOWLS
 2019

Help fight hunger in our community.

Join us for soup, bread, and dessert. Enjoy entertainment provided by a variety of community groups. Receive a handcrafted bowl created by students from Columbia Heights, Fridley, and Spring Lake Park Public Schools as a reminder of those who go hungry every day.

All proceeds benefit  **SACA** Food Shelf & Thrift Store

Your tax deductible offering will go directly towards the purchase of food for those in need in our community.

To learn more, visit us online at sacafoodshelf.org or at facebook.com/SACAfoodshelf.



Command Performance
 to benefit the Immaculate Conception School
 Scholarship Fund

THE TRIBUTE

Saturday, March 16, 2019
 6:00—9:00 pm
 Immaculate Conception School Auditorium

• Beatles "British Invasion" Tribute Concert Featuring Hits From 1964-1966
A Hard Day's Night... Can't Buy Me Love... I Want to Hold Your Hand... P.S. I Love You... and so many more!
 • Silent and Live Auctions of Beatles Memorabilia

~ British Food & Drink ~
 Cash Bar and Cash Appetizers
 Shrimp Toast • Smoked Salmon Pinwheels
 Guinness Pot Roast Sliders • Lamb Meatballs
 6:00 Social • 7:00 Concert

~ Tickets ~
 General Admission \$20.00
 Purchase online at ICCSonline.org
 By phone—contact Jami 763-788-9065 x221
 Tickets are limited and might not be available at the door.
 This is an 18 and older event.

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Concert at Advent Lutheran Church in Maple Grove

You are invited to a performance by the Luther College Concert Band on Saturday, March 23, 7:00 p.m., at Advent Lutheran Church, 9475 Jefferson Highway, Maple Grove. If you have never heard a top-notch concert band, these 57 talented student musicians will uplift and inspire you. The concert is open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.



~ MISC RESOURCES & THIS-n-THAT ~

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.

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1-800-333-2433

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Disability Linkage Line®
1-866-333-2466



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or by calling the church office at 763-571-9721.*

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