

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

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

with Communion at 9:30am

Mundy Thursday Service

with Communion at 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

at 7:00pm

Easter Services

with Communion

at Sunrise 7:00am & 9:30am

with coffee, juice, fruit and rolls

available after services

Participants on Sunday, April 14

Pastor:	Rev. Michelene Verlautz
Director of Worship & Music:	Daniel Lloyd
Greeters:	Arlene Siegel
Lector:	Pat Goetz
Communion Assistant:	Judy Schelde
Altar Guild:	Pat Goetz, Lynne Specht
Ushers:	Bob Fedje, George Fix, Laura Fix, Ben Fedje, Joe Fedje
Money Counters:	Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas
Fellowship Coffee Hour:	Miller Households of Faith

The April volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. If it's been awhile, won't you please consider signing up for one of the open volunteer opportunities? **We are still in need of two Communion Assistants for the 4/21 9:30am Easter service.** We tend to rely on the same folks signing up every month but I know there are many more who 'could' do so. ☺ Thanks for considering.

April 11 to April 13

Thursday	4/11	10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45pm	LVMS Child Yoga
		6:30pm	Mat Yoga
Friday	4/12	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice
Sunday	4/14		Palm Sunday
		8:00am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		9:10am	Youth Choir warm-up
		9:30am	Worship w/Chancel and Youth Choirs (begin service in narthex)
		10:45am	Money Counters team meeting (Board room)
		12-5:30pm	Casa de Dios
Monday	4/15	6:30pm	LVMS Board meeting
Tuesday	4/16	10:00am	Bible Study
		7:00pm	Council meeting
Wed	4/17	10:30am	Landmark of Fridley service
		1:00:pm	Jolly Lunch Bunch (Tasty Pizza)
		5-9pm	Casa de Dios
		6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
		7:00pm	Mat Yoga
Thursday	4/18		Maundy Thursday
		10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45pm	LVMS Yoga
		6:15pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		7:00pm	Worship w/Communion, Chancel Choir
Friday	4/12		Good Friday
		12-1pm	Ecumenical service at Community Methodist Church *see below
		6:15pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		7:00pm	Worship w/Chancel Choir
			No LVMS school
Saturday	4/13	8:30-10am	Casa de Dios practice

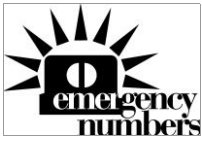
Planning Ahead:

Sunday	4/21		Easter ~ Global Missions
		6:15am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
		7:00am	Sunrise Worship service w/Lighting of Pascal Candle, Communion and Chancel Choir
		9:00am	Youth Choir warm-up
		9:30am	Worship service w/Communion, Chancel & Youth Choirs
		12:00pm	Casa de Dios
Monday	4/22		Church Office closed
Sunday	5/5	10:30am	Farewell Reception for Pam Gorseger

*Good Friday Ecumenical Service

An ecumenical service will be held this Friday, April 19 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Community Methodist Church, 950 Gould Ave., Columbia Heights.

This will be a one-hour service based on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Because of the nature of the service, participants will leave worship in silence and there will not be fellowship time after the service. This ecumenical service will continue to rotate between local churches each year.



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

Pray for your Family and Friends

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Let us pray for our family and friends, for what God has given us to take care of, for our highs and lows, for guidance on how to best participate in the ongoing creation of God's earth.



Prayers for.....

a peaceful Holy Week world-wide.

Members: Laura Fedje, Joann Rockstad, Susan Wang, Jean Wellman, Don Zbikowski.

Friends & Family: Debbie Amerine, Helen Baker, Marilyn Black, Kevin Brown, Doris Byron, Paul Dorweiler, Angie Echelberger, Carter Fisher, Maria Fix, Grace Haas, Carey Johnson, Rose Lund, Karen Nelson, Teresa Nelson, Stanley Nicklay, Joan Salter, Alan Sherve, Lee Wakeman, 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.

Giving Statements for Q1

Giving Statements are now available for the first quarter of this year. You may get yours from the narthex information table or contact the office to have it mailed to you. Please check your statement for accuracy and notify the office if you believe there is a discrepancy. Thank you.

Money Counters Team Meeting

There will be a Money Counters team meeting in the Board room following this Sunday's worship service.

Weekly Chair and Mat PRAYER YOGA Classes

Chair yoga is from 10-11am on Thursdays; usually held in Fellowship Hall.

Mat Yoga is 7-8pm on Wednesdays; bring your mat. Held in lower level - enter through back church doors.

For both yogas, 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!



Jolly Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join the next 'Jolly Lunch Bunch' get together on Wednesday, April 17 at 1:00pm at Tasty Pizza, 875 - 45th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights. 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

Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Board Room and is led by Pastor Michelene. After Easter we'll be reading the book Jesus, a Novel by Walter Wangerin. Please join the group anytime you desire; all are welcome. No need to sign up.....just show up!

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

Our monthly Community Dinner was held this past Tuesday when we served about 90 people; this is up from recent dinners so we hope that attendance will continue to improve now that winter is over.

Please join us for our next Free Community Dinner on Tuesday, May 14, from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Will let you know the menu soon. Hamen's will be back from AZ soon and will resume coordinating the monthly dinners. All are welcome so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Monetary donations are always appreciated. ~ Laura & George Fix, Joan Anderson

Note from Fix's: *We would like to thank all of our Community Dinner volunteers for making the past six months a great success. We have enjoyed working with all of you and want you to know how much we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. We have a great team!!* ~ Laura & George Fix



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

Easter Garden

Thanks to all who ordered **Easter plants** for our annual Easter Garden in the sanctuary. It's going to be colorful and lovely again this year as 75 plants were ordered!

On Easter Sunday you will find a list posted on both the narthex church bulletin board and on the sanctuary hallway bulletin board that will show what you ordered. Many of you have told me that you forget what you've ordered and so you don't know which plants you can take home after the 9:30am Easter service; thus, I will post the lists so you can see what you ordered.

If you are not able to take your Easter plants home on Easter Sunday, please come get them sometime within the next week. Note that the church office is closed the day after Easter.



Sullivan Park Spring Cleanup & Coffee in the Park

Join us after worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Sullivan Park, for our spring clean-up of the park. Let's pray God blesses us with sunshine that day! This will be the first clean-up of the year. If you are able, please stay to help us clean up all the trash that has accumulated over the winter months. Grabbers, gloves, and bags will be provided. Please dress accordingly (it could be a little muddy or dirty). If you have questions, please contact with Laura Fix.

Our fellowship coffee hour will also be held in the park. Please bring a snack to share for a 'snack potluck' (chips, veggies, cookies, bars, etc.) and a willingness to serve our community. Even if you can't stay to clean the park, join us for a cup of coffee and a snack!



Book Club

Our Book Club's next meeting will be Monday, April 22 at 6:30pm. Below is a list of the meetings and book selections until summer when the group takes a break until September. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining the book club, just show up. If questions, please contact Kari Schlotfeldt.

<u>Meeting Date (6:30pm)</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
4/22/19	Good Earth	Pearl Buck
5/27/18	Us Against You*	Fredrik Backman

(*the sequel to **Beartown**, the book we read in March.)



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 in spring 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!](http://www.sttimothys-elca.org) www.sttimothys-elca.org



[St. Tim's is on Facebook – please 'Like Us'](#)

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

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.

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

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.

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 vs. Expenses:

\$50,885 Income

\$51,664 Expenses

\$ (780) Income Less Expenses

Q2 2019 income:

\$2,281 Income through auto contributions - 4/1/19

\$4,299 Income received - 4/7/19

\$1,358 Income through auto contributions - 4/15/19

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



~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ~



LVMS 13th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER / SILENT AUCTION / 18th ANNUAL RAFFLE

You are invited to join Little Voyageurs' Montessori School for a delicious spaghetti dinner. LVMS is hosting their 13th annual spaghetti dinner, silent auction and raffle drawing at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (fellowship hall) on April 26th, 2019. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00. The silent auction will be from 5:00-7:30, with the raffle drawing at 7:30. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 each and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

JOIN THE FUN! Activities include a "bouncy-house", face painting, carnival games, and appearances from the Columbia Heights fire and police departments, who will bring a fire truck and police cruiser. The silent auction has a wide variety of items including: gift baskets, merchandise, retail and restaurant gift cards, passes to a variety of attractions (including Theater and Comedy tickets, and much more! The top prizes for the 18th annual raffle drawing are: RC Moeller Gift Certificate (\$250 value), a \$150 Gift Certificate for 10 @ Acme Comedy Company, MN Por Paintball admission for 4 (\$104 value), 4 Free oil changes at Heartland Tire Service (\$100 value), and \$100 cash prize. There are over 50 prizes total! Raffle tickets are \$2.00 and will be available prior to and at the dinner. Need not be present to win. **(You can buy raffle tickets at the St. Tim's church office also.)**

If questions, call Karen or Dawn at 763-788-0889.



LITTLE VOYAGEURS
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

825 51st Ave. NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
763-788-0889

FUNDRAISER!

Friday, April 26th from 5:00-7:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner
(Dinner served 5:00-7:00 pm)

Adults: \$10

Children 12 & Under: \$5



Silent Auction & Raffle Drawing



Wonderful prizes! Admission to "Pro Paintball", Auto, Bike, and Dining Certificates, Theater Tickets, & Sporting Events, Zoo, Water Park, YMCA, Bowling, & an Assortment of Baskets!

Face-Painting



Bouncy House



Firefighter & Fire Truck Officer & Cruiser



Carnival Games



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



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 

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.

HeightsNEXT and Top Valu Liquor presents

CHEERS FOR BEERS

MURZYN HALL
 530 Mill St NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55412

All Beer Tasting Fundraisers featuring over 30 different breweries and four tracks

May 17

\$35 per ticket
6-9PM

Tickets include corking glass and are available for purchase at Top Valu Liquor stores or online at cheersforbeersma.com



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**COMMUNITY UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH**

APRIL 25, 2019
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
\$9.00

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE - COMMUNITY BOUTIQUE



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Providing Pathways to End Youth Homelessness

You are cordially invited to attend the
20th Annual
Columbia Heights
Community Interfaith
Prayer Breakfast

This Interfaith event is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington DC and is designed as a time of prayer for our community, state, nation, and world.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7 - 8:45 a.m.
Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill St. NE, Columbia Heights
 Seating will begin at 6:45 a.m.



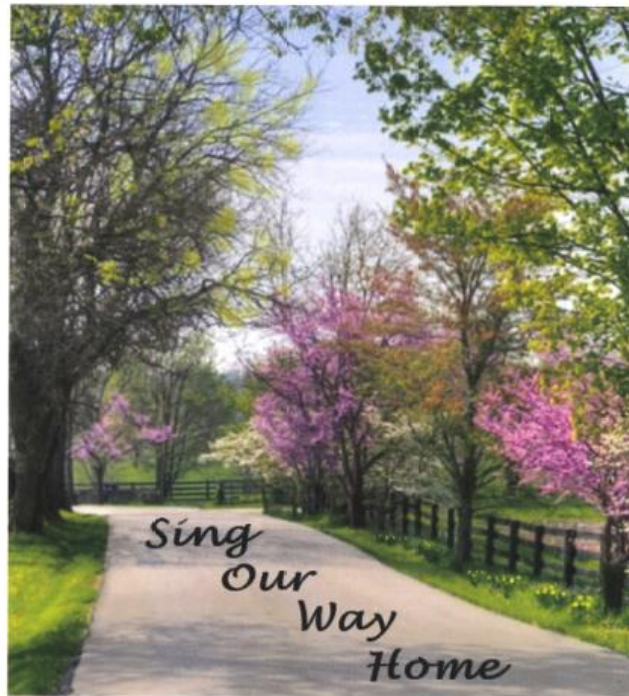
Hosted by:
 Columbia Heights
 Ministerial Association
HeightsNEXT



Breakfast provided by
Cuco's Mexican Restaurant and Heights Bakery
Speaker: Lisa Jacobson, President and CEO, Hope 4 Youth

- A Table Sponsorship is \$160: (Table Sponsorships need to be placed by May 2) includes a table placard and 8 tickets for your group, organization or business.
- Individual Tickets are \$20 each.

Tickets: (Call or text Donna Schmitt) 763-227-3268
 Or Email: CHCommunityPrayer@gmail.com



Treble Tones Women's Chorus

Presents concerts to benefit *Safe Journey*

Saturday, May 18, 2019
Concerts at 4pm & 7pm
Tickets: Adult \$15
Children 5-12 \$7

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
3900 Winnetka Ave. North
New Hope, Minnesota

~ MISC RESOURCES & THIS-n-THAT ~

Reminder: Social Security Card Safety

This past week local officers received a report of a stolen wallet. Inside was the victim's social security card. There is no reason to have this card in your wallet.

This number is the gateway to identity theft. If your wallet was stolen, would you be able to list everything that was in it? Do you have the credit card and bank toll free phone numbers to call to put a stop on them?

Consider photocopying the front and back of every card and keep it in a safe place in the event you need it. Do not snap a picture of them with your cell phone. If your phone is ever lost or stolen, that information is now considered vulnerable and could be sold on the dark web.

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

Veterans Linkage Line™
1-888-546-LINKVET

Disability Linkage Line®
1-866-333-2466

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