

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

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Participants on Sunday, May 12

Pastor:	Rev. Michelene Verlautz
Director of Worship & Music:	Daniel Lloyd
Greeter:	Wahl family
Lector:	Bob Fedje
Communion Assistant:	Jack Wahl
Ushers:	Bryan Daniels, Ida Krtnick, Dick Lindman, Pat Goetz
Altar Guild:	Carol Machlitt, Lorelee Kriens
Money Counters:	Laura Fedje, Betty Thomas
Fellowship Coffee Hour:	Pastor Michelene (treats)

May 9 to May 18

Thursday	5/9	10:00am	Chair Yoga
		12:45pm	NO LVMS Yoga
Friday	5/10	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice
Sunday	5/12		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
		9:30am	Worship w/Keyboard music
		10:45am	Exec Council Mtg
		12:00pm	Casa de Dios
Monday	5/13	7:00pm	Finance/Endowment Meeting
Tuesday	5/14	10:00am	NO Bible Study

		5:30-6:30pm	Community Dinner
Wed	5/15	1:00pm	Jolly Lunch Bunch
		5-9pm	Casa de Dios
		7:00pm	NO Mat Yoga
Thursday	5/16	10:00am	NO Chair Yoga
Friday	5/17	6:30-9pm	Casa de Dios practice

Planning Ahead:

Sunday	5/19	9:30am	Worship w/Keyboard music
		11:00am	Sullivan Lake Park cleanup with fellowship at the park
Tuesday	5/20	6:30pm	Book Club
Wed	5/21	7:00pm	Council Meeting



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

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.....

Members: Crystal Edstrom, Laura Fedje, Joann Rockstad, Mike Thomas, Susan Wang, Jean Wellman, Don Zbikowski, Richard Zieska.

Friends & Family: Debbie Amerine, Marilyn Black, Kevin Brown, Doris Byron, Paul Dorweiler, Angie Echelberger, Maria Fix, Grace Haas, Carey Johnson, Ralph Johnson, family of Dave Loche, Rose Lund, Karen Nelson, Teresa Nelson, Stanley Nicklay, Pete, Joan Salter, Alan Sherve, 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.



There's a Place for You!

Free Community Dinner - Everyone is welcome

Our next Free Community Dinner is this Tuesday, **May 14**, from 5:30 - 6:30pm with a Mexican-themed dinner. All are welcome so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. For this dinner, we are in need of donations of ground beef. Please put in the Fellowship kitchen freezer. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

~ Sharon & Ron Hamen, Joan Anderson



Jolly Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join the next Jolly Lunch Bunch get-together this Wednesday, **May 15**, at 1:00pm at Route 47 Pub & Grub, 7820 University Ave. NE., Fridley. You can sign-up 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.



Sullivan Park Spring Cleanup & Coffee in the Park

Several years ago, St. Timothy's adopted Sullivan Lake Park and it is our responsibility to clean it 2 or 3 times per year.

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 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, **May 20**, at 6:30pm when we'll be discussing the book **Us Against You*** by Fredrik Backman (*the sequel to **Beartown**, the book we read in March.)

This will be our last book club meeting until we resume again in September. All are welcome to participate in any book club meeting. If you are interested in joining the book club, just show up. If questions, please contact Kari Schlotfeldt.



Church Garage Sale in June

As you are doing your spring cleaning, start setting aside items in good condition for our church garage sale scheduled for **June 13, 14 and 15**. You may bring in your donations beginning May 26.

A few guidelines/reminders: We cannot accept chipped or cracked dishes and glassware, large appliances (only bring small, working appliances), NO electronics including TVs, monitors, computers, laptops or printers (radios and small stereos are fine), and NO upholstered furniture or mattresses. In other words, only bring items that are in good condition and won't cost us to get rid of if the item doesn't sell (we have to pay to get rid of electronics)!

Direct questions and volunteer availability to members of the Stewardship Committee. All proceeds from the sale will go toward the remodeling of our church sanctuary.

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 yoga classes, 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!

Note: No Mat Yoga on May 15 and no chair yoga on May 16.



Adult Bible Study

Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Board Room and is led by Pastor Michelene. We are currently 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! **Note: No bible study on May 14.**



Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

Thank you to those who attended our last Feed My Starving Children packing event this past week. Our group helped to pack 16,632 meals to be sent to feed the hungry.

Our next packing event is Monday, **August 5**, from 9:30-11:30am. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to sign up. Remember that friends and family are always welcome to join us. Carpooling is available if that is an issue and there are sit down jobs available if that is a concern. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Fix at 763-502-0487, e-mail gltfix@comcast.net, or talk to her at church.

Devotionals Available

Copies of the April/May/June edition of the daily devotionals booklet The Word in Season are available in the church narthex.



SAVE the DATE: Lutheran Night with the Twins

It's not too early to start planning for some summer fun! We have reserved August 5 for Lutheran Night with the Twins this summer. Contact Kaye Bergstrom at 763-420-9164 with questions.

Monday, **August 5**, at 7:10pm

Twins vs. Atlanta Braves

Tickets \$25

Sign-up no later than Sunday, July 21 (Signup sheet will be available in narthex in June.)



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.

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.

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.

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
\$2,478 Income received - 4/14/19
\$ 241 Income received - 4/18/19 Maundy Thursday
\$ 260 Income received - 4/19/19 Good Friday

\$2,248 Income received - 4/21/19 Easter
\$3,210 Income received - 4/28/19
\$2,281 Income through auto contributions - 5/1/19
\$3,902 Income received - 5/5/19

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

Peter's Vision Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

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

Monday: Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit Acts 10:44-48

❖ Have you ever had an experience of surprise that "they" had received a blessing from God?

Tuesday: Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem Acts 11:1-14

❖ Do you think it is relevant that Peter needs to hear the message of inclusion three times?

Wednesday: Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem Acts 11:15-18

❖ How does the Holy Spirit bring all believers together?

Thursday: Peter Delivered from Prison Acts 12:6-19

❖ How would you tell such a miraculous story if you were Peter?

Friday: The Purpose of the Law Galatians 3:19-29

❖ How does this text help you understand the purpose of the Law for a life of faith?

Saturday: The New Life in Christ Colossians 3:1-11

❖ What does new life look like to you?



~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ~



PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE



THURSDAY, MAY 9TH 9-5
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH 9-5
On SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
Rummage Sale 9-1 & Plant Sale 9-1

Bedding and hanging plants available, also some perennials.
 *Coffee and food available at low cost

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CHEERS FOR BEERS

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

A beer tasting fundraiser featuring over 20 different breweries and food trucks

May 17

6-9 PM

\$35 per ticket

Tickets include parking pass and are available for purchase at Top Valu Liquor stores or online at cheersforbeersmno.com

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.

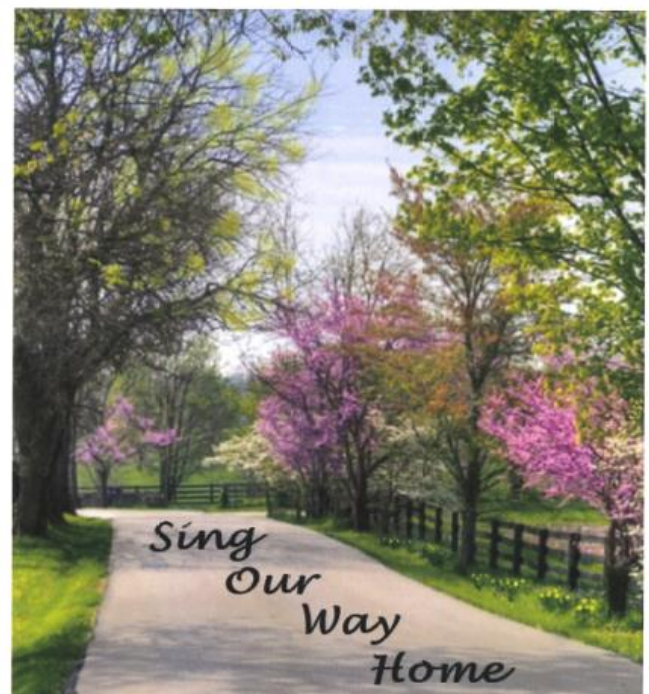
Hosted by:
 Columbia Heights Ministerial Association
 HeightsNEXT

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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