

**ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THE OPEN DOOR**

**April 2, 2025**

***Lent: A Season of Reflection and Renewal***

We invite you on a meaningful journey—Moving from Head to Heart: A Journey from Knowing to Experiencing God.



It's one thing to know about God, but another to truly experience Him. This season calls us to move beyond intellect and into deeper relationship—to let God's presence settle into our hearts and transform us.

Join us for a contemplative worship service designed to create sacred space for stillness, deep reflection, and a personal encounter with God. In the midst of life's busyness, this service offers a time to slow down, listen, and open your heart to God's presence. Through gentle, reflective music, we create an atmosphere that invites peace, prayer, and deep connection with the divine.

One powerful way to journey from head to heart is through contemplative Bible reading. Instead of simply studying Scripture, we engage with it, allowing God's Word to move from knowledge to personal encounter.

Step into a sacred rhythm of worship, music, and reflection. Open your heart, embrace the stillness, and experience God in a fresh, transformative way.

1 Knowing About God → Experiencing God  
*Practices: Lectio Divina, contemplative prayer, silence*

2 Belief → Trust and Surrender  
*Reflecting on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)*

3 Doctrine → Discipleship in Action  
*Serving others as an expression of lived faith (Isaiah 58:6-7)*

4 Repentance as a Concept → True Conversion of Heart  
*Confession and renewal (Psalm 51)*

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent: April 6 ~ Hebrews 12:1-2 ~ We Are Pilgrims on a Journey*

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## **Week 5: We Are Pilgrims on a Journey**

### **Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and

*“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.”*

the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Reflection:** Lent is a journey toward the cross and resurrection. As pilgrims, we walk together in faith and love.

**Prayer:** Lord, guide my steps as I journey closer to You. Help me stay focused on Your truth. Amen.

**Challenge:** Reflect on your Lenten journey so far. Where is God leading you?



Become a reading buddy to a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at  
Valley View Elementary School  
Commitment: 1 hour (10:30am to Noon)  
the last Thursday of every month.  
The next reading session will be Thursday,  
April 24.

### Community Dinner

Next dinner, Tuesday, April 8  
5:00 – 6:30pm

Serving meatball subs

Your financial support is always a welcomed  
gift. When donating, please mark your check  
and envelope for Community Dinner.  
Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if  
you have questions.

## *Holy Week Schedule*

**Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:30am**

**Thursday, April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday ~ 7:00pm**

**Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday ~ 7:00pm**

**Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday ~ 9:30am**



We will be decorating the sanctuary for  
Easter on Saturday, April 19.  
Time is to be determined based on the  
flower delivery.  
See Pr. Michelene if you can help.



Quilters will not be meeting on  
Wednesday, April 9.  
They will meet on Wednesday,  
April 16, instead.

## *Opportunities to Serve*

Check the bulletin board to see how you can help.

## *Pastoral*



Do you or someone you know need  
prayers? Contact the office to be  
included on the prayer list.

[Click here for the prayer list](#)



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celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries this month](#)



**WESTON  
PASZKIEWICZ**

St. Tim's is praying for Weston Paszkiewicz. Weston is the 9-year-old great-grandson of Shirley Hartley and has been diagnosed with leukemia and will be hospitalized and receiving treatment for several weeks. There is a Caring Bridge page set up for Weston. If you would like information on how to access it, talk with Pastor Michelene.