

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

2025 Annual Report

**Spread the Gospel of Jesus
Christ through word and deed.**

67th Annual Meeting, February 8, 2026



IN MEMORY

Lael Nord, January 30
Lynne Specht, February 4
LeAna Pearson, March 3
Judy Schelde, April 1
Norm Petersen, April 3
Jane Johnson, May 19
Gene Zumwalt, September 20
Lotus Paulus, November 6

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms - 1
Confirmations - 0
Funerals - 7
Marriages - 1

MEMBERSHIP

as of 12/31/2025

Total Baptized Membership - 157
Total Confirmed Membership - 116
Average Worship Attendance - 23

2025 Church Council Report

The year of 2025 has been another year of maintenance and of exploration for St. Timothy's. There were major and minor repairs to our building, and we continue to look at what the Holy Spirit has planned for us in the future.

Our church buildings continue to need upkeep as they age. Our air conditioner was repaired during the summer, and a new thermostat was installed in the sanctuary, plumbing continues to need repair and replacement, and one of the boilers, there are 2 in the building, needs to be repaired! A special thank you to the faithful congregation members who so graciously contribute to the expenses that we continue to face.

We continue to share space with ICASA. Church Council made the difficult decision not to renew the lease of Little Voyagers Montessori School and to explore sharing our space with Hope Community Church. Leaders from Hope Community Church and St. Timothy's Church Council have met together and continue to work out details of how that will look. Members of both churches have cooperated with Community Dinner, hymn sings, and Cookies and Carols. Pastor Michelene Verlantz submitted her resignation as Pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church as of August 31. Council received candidates from the Minneapolis Synod and chose Pastor Drew Rindfleisch as Interim Pastor beginning September 2025. Thank you to Pastor Michelene Verlantz for her many years of service to St. Timothy's.

Thank you to Daniel Lloyd, Director of Worship of Music for his beautiful music. Thanks to Laura Fix and Heidi (Fedje) Tarver for helping us stay in touch with our members, our community, and our finances. Your hard work is appreciated by all!

Thank you to the 2025 Church Council team, Joe Fedje, Laura Fedje, Barry Sandford, Sandy Sherve, and Margaret Hanna, and to the Finance Committee team of Kari Schlotfeldt, Dick Lindman, Betty Thomas, and Chris Hay for keeping our finances in good order. They are dedicated to St. Timothy's and have worked hard to meet the challenges of 2025. We received the resignation of Joe Fedje, leaving Church Council mid-year. The current leadership team will stay in place for next year. We did not have any candidates willing to join Church Council in 2026.

I remind all church members that they are welcome to attend Church Council meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a Council Member.

Respectfully,

Kay Hay

2025 Church Council President

St. Tim's serves through...

Minneapolis Area Synod

Donations were given to the Minneapolis Area Synod to support their outreach including World Hunger and Global Missions

Community Outreach

Community Dinner

SACA (Southern Anoka Community Assistance)

Meals on Wheels

Feed My Starving Children

Every Meal

Shop with a Cop Program

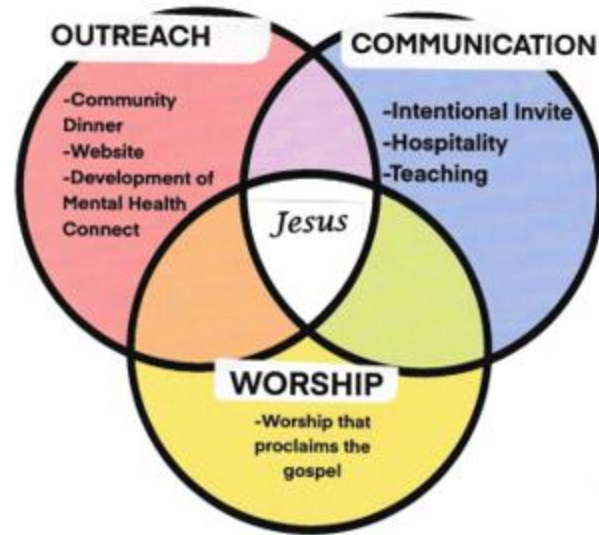
Sullivan Lake Park Clean-Up

Chair & Mat Yoga

Quilt Donations

Columbia Heights Public Schools

Food and boot drives



Pastor's Report



As we look back to last year, we may feel like that year was a decade ago. Given all that we are experiencing over the last month, we may feel weary or tired. But I am reminded that God is with us and our call to follow Jesus continues faithfully as we serve and support our neighbors here in Columbia Heights during these difficult days. Truly, God is not done with us yet!

In 2025, the congregation said good bye and thank you to Pastor Michelene for her years of dedicated pastoral service with members of St Timothy's. The connections she fostered with our members at Valley View Elementary lives on, and this congregation continues to uplift the next generation.

Even during this interim transition, St Timothy's has continued to serve a monthly meal on the second Tuesday night of every month. Lay leaders continue to meet for yoga and gather for prayer circles on Wednesday nights. Elders gather for chair yoga on Thursday mornings, and a dedicated group of women continue to craft beautiful and warm quilts for sale and donation.

The witness of our members to follow Jesus faithfully has led to vulnerable neighbors seeing our church as a sanctuary, not just a building. St Timothy's welcomed a young man, not only to worship, but into supportive relationships with outreach workers. We opened our doors to provide funeral and memorial services to those in need. St. Timothy's stepped up our support of ICASA and families living under fear of separation by the federal government. Just a few weeks ago, members joined ICASA leaders in packing meals for those unable to leave their homes at this time, and supported neighbors with groceries and rides to work.

And to be a living sanctuary for the future, St Timothy's is making investments in our building that will allow us to serve our neighbors with community partners for the future. In 2026, we will be walking through more transitions and discerning essential adjustments for the congregation through our intentional interim period together. Yet through it all, God's work is active through our hands as we proclaim that faith is greater than fear.

Blessings to you all!

Interim Pastor Drew Rindfleisch

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
Agenda: 67th Annual Meeting Part II
February 8th, 2026

Order of Business

Call to Order

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Certification of Quorum

Invocation

Minutes from 66th Annual Meeting, Part II (2/9/2025) – not available

Minutes from 67th Annual Meeting, Part I (12/7/2025)

Parish Statistics

We pause in these deliberations for a time of prayer in memory of those those members who have moved closer to the presence of God during 2025.

Treasurer's Report for 2025

Proposed Budget for 2026

Endowment Distribution

Prepared Resolutions for 2026 (SACA, World Hunger, Global Missions)

Be it resolved that —

We continue to set aside the first Sunday of each month to contribute special offerings of food or money to SACA, that we set aside the third Sunday of each month to contribute special offering money to global missions, that we set aside the fourth Sunday of each month to contribute special offering money to the Lutheran Churches World Hunger Appeal.

Old Business

- Carpet fund

New Business

- Boiler recommendation
- Discussion of membership statistics

Call for Adjournment

Closing Prayer

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
67th Annual Meeting Part 1
December 7, 2025

Congregation in attendance: Pastor Drew Rindfleisch, Dick Lindman, Pat Goetz, Heidi Fedje, Laura Fix, Laura Fedje, Joan Anderson, Lorelee Kriens, Betty Thomas, Deb Thour, Kari Schlotfeldt, Kay Hay, Chris Hay, Margaret Hanna, Bruce Sherve, George Fix, Bob Fedje, Dee McCutcheon, Ida Krtnick, Barb Gavic

Meeting called to order: 10:55am by President Kay Hay

Opening Prayer by Pastor Drew Rindfleisch

Determination of a Quorum: Yes

Appt. of a Recording Secretary: Laura Fedje

Approval of 2/9/25 mtg min.: Minutes not available

Nominations and elections for Congregation Council: No nominations. Motion made by Betty Thomas and seconded by Barb Gavic to close nominations.

Presentation and discussion of Proposed Budget by Kari Schlotfeldt:

Income: Reg. offerings (pledged to date) \$68,844
Liturgical Event Offerings \$985
Rent and Misc. Income \$40,077

Total Income \$119,906

Expenses: Salaries \$92,768
Taxes and Benefits \$22,523
Office & Admin. \$3,675
Committee/Convention \$1,154
Mktg and Communications \$2,793
Worship Materials \$1,485
Bldg. Maintenance \$16,085
Bldg. Insurance \$18,017
Utilities \$36,754

Total Expense \$195,254

Total Income less Expenses (\$85,348)

2025 Endowment Performance by Chris Hay:

Beg. Balance as of 1/1/25:	\$394,099
Withdrawal	(\$100,000)
Change in Investment	\$65,786
End. Balance as of 11/30/25	\$359,886

Capital Improve. Fund by Kari Schlotfeldt:

This fund was created in 2018 using the remaining funds and pledges from the Kitchen Remodel project and is used to cover the cost of major improvements or repairs to the church. Examples are: Parking lot repair, Ceiling fans in Narthex, Carpeting in west wing hallway and choir room.

Your support of this fund is appreciated and will help keep our church safe and up to date. Please note CIF on your contribution envelope.

The balance as of 10/31/25 is \$8,143.

2025 Re-Nu Fund Recap by Kari Schlotfeldt:

This fund is used to pay for non-budgeted building-related items.

No disbursements were made from this fund in 2025.

The balance as of 10/31/25 was \$8,902.

Miscellaneous Items by Bruce Sherve:

Boiler Issue – Estimate at \$67,000 to replace it.

We are still in discussions with Hope Church.

Cookies and Carols is going to be on 12/21/25. Be there at 5 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Bruce Sherve made a motion to adjourn, Laura Fix seconded.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Drew Rindfleisch

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am



Proposed 2026 Budget:

Income:

Regular Offerings: (pledged to date)	\$80,844
Liturgical Event Offerings:	\$1435
<u>Rent & Misc. Income:</u>	<u>\$48,486</u>
Total Income:	\$130,765

Expenses (based on 12-31-25 actuals):

Salaries:	\$116,655*
Taxes & Benefits:	\$26,089
Office & Administration:	\$4,243
Committee & Convention:	\$1,199
Marketing & Communications:	\$3,517
Worship Materials:	\$1,710
Building Maintenance:	\$17,969
Building Insurance:	\$21,376
<u>Utilities:</u>	<u>\$46,196</u>
Total Expenses:	\$238,954

* includes cost of living increase for Pastor 2025

Endowment Performance:

Endowment	Beg. Bal 01-01-25	Withdrawals	Change in Investment	End. Bal
As of 11-30-25	394,099	(100,000)	65,786	359,886