

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH MOUSE  
2024**



**Sunday, April 7, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am  
Katie Castro

**Sunday, April 14, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, April 28, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin



***Join us for indoor worship or in the church parking lot  
for the Drive In service***

## **PASTOR'S PONDERING - By Pastor Ivy**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! We have successfully completed our journey of Lent. It's Easter, which is much more than just one day, but a season. It doesn't end until nearly the end of May with Pentecost.

Not only that, but it looks to be an exciting month at St. Timothy. The 14th is our conference Spring Assembly (specifics are elsewhere in the Mouse). We'll be installing our church council on the 21st. On the 28th is a pancake breakfast—Yum! And of course, the 8th is the eclipse, which will give us an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors with Christ's love. There's a lot happening.

All the activities we engage in as a community result from our lives in Christ as a result of the resurrection. The Apostle Paul wrote, "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then...your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:13-14). That's serious stuff. It's the basis of our faith. What good is it if we worship a dead Christ?

As God's people, this also affects our relationships together as families and friends. Hopefully, early this month, we'll finally be able to celebrate Christmas, Ray's birthday and my birthday with our daughter and son-in-law. Between sickness and weather earlier in the year, it just hasn't happened yet. God willing, this is the month!

Throughout this month, let Jesus' resurrection power work in your life. Let that power energize all that you do.

God's peace,  
*Pastor Ivy*

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**I will be on Vacation April 1 – 7. Katie Castro will be filling in for me on April 7. There will be no communion on that day. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Mark Swanson at 215-264-4180. Pastor Ivy**

**St. Timothy Church Council**

President– Kristie Bloomquist

Vice President - Marty Hunt

Secretary – Marcy Saar

Kathy Carlson      Bob Pecuch

Linda Milks      Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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Treasurer – Julie Bihler

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*Do you have questions or ideas for Council? Feel free to share them with any council member or write them down and leave in the office.*



**Prayer Requests:** Ann Saar, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Eileen Beichner, Tom Dellapenta, Myron Klein, Pastor Karen Larson, Pastor Gerry Zimmerman (Bethel, Portville and Shepherd of the Valley, Wellsville), James Dieter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Sean Pecuch, and Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.



**WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

3748 Rte. 430 PO Box 9190  
Bemus Point, New York 14712

**SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING**

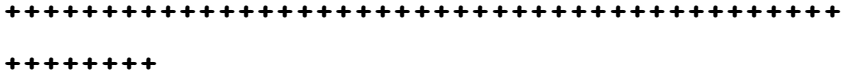
**Monday, April 8, 2024**

**42.1852° N 79.4310° W**

**Our Church Family welcomes you and hope you enjoy a safe viewing experience. We will have solar glasses, water and sun chips available. Also bathrooms will be available.**

**Donations are Welcome**

If you are looking for a welcoming place to worship and meet God, join us on Sundays at 10:00 AM!



**Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 28**



**More details to follow...**

The Southwestern Conference Spring Assembly is on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00. It is at Bethany Lutheran Church in Olean. It's a good time of fellowship and information as well.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**7 Kevin Carlson**  
**8 Sandy Carlson**  
**9 Mike Krott**  
**15 Irene Terreberry**  
**15 Donna Ciancio**

**16 Ann Saar**  
**20 Thom Shagla**  
**20 Steve Sellstrom**  
**23 Marcia Stafford**

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Mondays @ St. Timothy's each class running ~1 hour:  
**4:30pm:** Doggie Manners One / 6 weeks... Reliably House Trained Dogs Only. Another location available if you know interested students with potential for potty accidents.

**6pm:** CGC /

For the next round of classes, we are looking at:

4/15/24

4/22/24

4/29/24

5/6/24

5/13/24

5/20/24

*(no classes 5/27 - Memorial Day)*

## Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Easter 2024

"So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid." That's where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It's so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He'd announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word. There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear – phobos. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement – ekstasis. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means "being possessed." So we take a look at these women, and they've had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They've heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they're too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus' dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it's all the same. Sometimes I think we feel like nothing's changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn't make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement – this is this ecstasy, ekstasis – they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn't reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, phobos, phobia we get from that. But it's really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe – not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe. And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means

"possessed." And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed. When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times. My favorite hymn is "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song." It's ELW 808. And the last verse goes like this: "I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey." **Be well, dear church. Happy Easter**

## **MONTHLY READINGS**

### **April 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Readings and Psalm**

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

*The commandments are given at Sinai*

[Psalm 19](#)

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

*Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

[John 2:13-22](#)

*The cleansing of the temple*

### **April 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Readings and Psalm**

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)

*The lifting up of the serpent*

[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#)

*You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)*

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

*Saved by grace through faith for good works*

[John 3:14-21](#)

*The lifting up of the Son of Man*

### **April 21, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Readings and Psalm**

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

*A new covenant written on the heart*

[Psalm 51:1-12](#)

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

[Hebrews 5:5-10](#)

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

[John 12:20-33](#)

The grain of wheat dying in the earth

**April 28, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Reading and Psalm**

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

[Mark 14:1--15:47](#)

The passion of the Lord

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**Cardboard Dumpster  
Available for  
Our Use**

Next to the shed in the upper parking lot, we've acquired a paper and cardboard dumpster from Royal Oak Recycling. There is NO CHARGE for us to use the dumpster and NO CHARGE to us for them to empty and dispose of it's contents. The company encourages advertising and promoting this service to our members. So please feel free to recycle your cardboard and paper here.

Just a few do's and don'ts:

**DO RECYCLE: Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Folders, Paper (shredded paper needs to be bagged in [paper](#) bags), Cardboard and Books.**

**DO BREAK DOWN your boxes to lay flat.**

**DO NOT RECYCLE: Food wrap/Containers, Pizza Boxes, Tissue products, Plastic, Glass, Aluminum.**

**NO FOOD!!!**

This is a win/win for us and the company.



# Book Now and Save

Our Fellowship Hall has now moved into the age of streaming, air play and computer mirroring! In other words – **we're up to date** and **ready to book** your presentation, meeting, banquet, shower or movie night!

Are you a member of a group that has to book outside facilities for your meetings? Do you know of anyone looking for a place to have their banquet? Does your organization have special presentations and/or speakers you need a larger room for? Book our Fellowship Hall now and save.

## **2023 Building Use:**

Meeting Room: \$10

member/\$30 non-member

Fellowship Hall - capacity 125

Fellowship Hall - \$40 member/\$50 non-member

Fellowship Hall with kitchen - \$50 members/\$75 non-members

## **2024 Building Use:**

Currently under review by Council. Anyone booking dates before new rates in mid-April will be grandfathered in for 2024.

We are proud to share our facilities with your group or organization. Contact the office at (716 386-7280) or email at [sttimothy2015@gmail.com](mailto:sttimothy2015@gmail.com).

## 5 Loaves & 2 Fish

## Backpack Ministry



We continuously collect food items for the 5 & 2 Ministry. Bring your donations and place in the black bin in the church narthex. Lists detailing items needed are also available in the narthex. Monetary donations welcome! Contact Gale-Svenson-Campbell for details [gales1949@gmail.com](mailto:gales1949@gmail.com)

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### ONLINE GIVING at St. Timothy for Debit/Credit cards

*Three ways to give:*

- Go directly to our website at [www.sttimothybemus.com](http://www.sttimothybemus.com).
- Use our QR code with the QR reader on your smartphone.
- Download the app 'GivePlus Church'. Create an account.

*For further information, see Kathy Carlson on Sundays or call her at 485-1316.*





Southern  
Chautauqua  
County

Saturday, April 20th  
1 pm  
Falconer High School  
Gymnasium

# Ministers March Mania

Pastor vs. pastor  
Basketball Game

In Partnership With



## Cup Runneth Over Challenge

Who Will Win the Challenge?

Make a donation to your favorite team  
and help them win the challenge.

All funds raised support your local  
Love INC



Scan to Donate

Make checks payable to Love INC  
Mail checks early or bring to the game

### Green Team

Marc Samworth - Frewsburg Alliance Church  
Drew Taylor - Bethel Baptist Church  
Reggie Smith - Blackwell Chapel AME Zion  
Jordan Spencer - Praise Fellowship  
Kaitlyn Holmgren - Zion Covenant Church  
Jason Claydon - Peace Wesleyan Church  
Nate Nlad - Lakewood Baptist Church

### Blue Team

Mel McGinnis - Kiantone Congregational Church  
Brandon Meachen - Park Church  
Scott Smith - Busti Church of God  
Tim Smart - Realife Church  
Andrew Lindstrom - Bemus Point Methodist Church  
Danny Jones - Park Church  
"?Mystery Player?"

**Join in the Fun and Support Love INC and your neighbors in need.**

**APRIL 2024**  
**WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

	APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28	
Assistant Liturgist	Trish Pecuch	Sarah Goebel	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	
Ushers/Greeters	Linda Milks Marty Hunt	Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Healthy Bones 9am	2	3  Healthy Bones 9am	4  Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm Choir 5pm	5	6
7  10:00 am Worship Katie Castro  Kevin Carlson	8  Healthy Bones 9am Solar Eclipse Watch 2pm  Sandy Carlson	9  Mike Krott	10  Healthy Bones 9am	11  Tai Chi 9:30 am & 12pm  Choir 5pm	12	13
14  10:00 am Worship  Southwestern Conference Spring Assembly 3pm Olean	15  Healthy Bones 9am Dog Lessons Doggie Manners 5pm Canine Good Citizen 6pm  Irene Terreberry Donna Ciancio	16  5 & 2 Packing 7pm  Ann Saar	17  Healthy Bones 9am	18  Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm  Choir 5pm	19	20  Thom Shagla Steve Sellstrom
21  10:00 am Worship w/Communion  Church Council	22  Healthy Bones 9am  Dog Lessons 5 and 6pm	23  Marcia Stafford	24  Healthy Bones 9am	25  Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm  Choir 5pm	26	27
28  10:00 am Worship  Pancake Breakfast	29  Healthy Bones 9am  Dog Lessons 5 and 6:30	30				

**26** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Alaska Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**27** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota and Virginia synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**28** “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen” (1 John 4:20). Give thanks that God loved us first, so that we might know unconditional love and mercy and pass them along to all our neighbors.

**29** “To the servant of God ... every place is the right place, and every time is the right time” (Catherine of Siena, theologian, 1347-1380). Pray for the wisdom to see every moment of every day as an opportunity to honor God through loving, serving and honoring our neighbors in need.

**30** Thank God for the gift of baptism, which affirms our faith, washes us clean with God’s love and forgiveness, welcomes us to the vast community of siblings in Christ and grants us a new life of service and sharing the gospel wherever we go.

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*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

**1** “We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day” (attributed to Martin Luther, 1483-1546). Pray that we might never grow weary of hearing the story of Easter or experiencing God’s love and mercy for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.

**2 Arab American Heritage Month** Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages, ethnic values and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless and further the work, witness and advocacy of Arab and Middle Eastern congregations and ministries, of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, and of the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

**3** Ask God to help us see the presence and influence of Jesus in our daily lives, our relationships and our conversations with neighbors, co-workers and siblings in Christ.

**4** Pray for the people of Haiti, who have suffered multiple natural disasters in recent years and are now experiencing civil and political unrest and violence.

**5** Lift up praise and thanksgiving to God, celebrating God’s promise of love, forgiveness and eternal life. “This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9).

**6** Pray for the ministry of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and give thanks for its 80 years of work supporting and empowering immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees as they rebuild their lives in the United States.

**7** Thomas wasn’t sure what to believe when the risen Jesus mysteriously appeared to him and the other disciples, but Jesus met his skepticism with love and understanding. Give thanks for God’s patience with us when we grapple with the mysteries of our faith, and for the Spirit having revealed truth to us through Scripture, prayer, reflection and our siblings in Christ.

**8** Pray that the leaders of Russia and Ukraine and of Israel and Palestine will commit to their respective cease-fires and meet face-to-face to resolve their conflicts and create peaceful ways forward, ending the widespread human suffering and destruction that have impacted generations of their people.

**9** *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)* Remember and give thanks to God for people throughout history, such as Bonhoeffer, who are driven by their faith and convictions to stand against injustice, evil and violence toward others, even in the face of personal threats and death. Ask God for the courage and boldness to act when our neighbors are threatened or treated unjustly.

**10** “Everything they owned was held in common ... and it was distributed to each as any had need” (Acts 4:32-35). Ask the Spirit to stir our generosity and nurture our unwavering concern for the well-being of our neighbor so that we might share our assets with those in need and foster concerned communities.

**11** Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire the leaders of our church gathered for the ELCA Church Council in Chicago, that they will work together to guide, strengthen and grow the church; respond to new challenges; affirm God’s call for us to serve our neighbors; and encourage people of all ages to bear the gospel into the world.

**12** Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including volunteers, longtime staff, Young Adults in Global Mission, and seminary students serving as Horizon International interns. Give thanks for their faithful service and the gifts and talents they bring to their work alongside our global companions.

**13** We live in a world that pits different groups of people against each other, causing inequity and anguish. Ask the Spirit to transform our fear and prejudice into compassion, kindness, empathy and respect — qualities that strengthen our relationships with each other and affirm the goodness of God’s creation. “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

**14** Thank God for the Scripture, sacraments, hymns and liturgical art that reveal our redemption and freedom through Jesus Christ.

**15** “Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). Praise God for ELCA World Hunger’s 50 years of action to end hunger, bring relief to those who suffer, develop sustainable solutions to hunger and raise awareness of the needs of our neighbors — here and around the world. Pray that we might exercise generosity, wisdom and perseverance to meet the challenges of ending hunger.

**16** Ask God for the openness to reflect on our nation’s history of injustice and inequality and for the courage and humility to overcome racial, religious and gender bias.

**17** Give thanks that we can live in the joy of being God’s children and that, though we may not understand completely what that means, it will be fully revealed to us someday.

**18** Praise God for the lengthening daylight of spring, which stirs new life and reminds us of the light God brings into the world through the gift of Jesus Christ.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**20** Remember in prayer our ministry in Africa through ELCA Global Mission, which works alongside Lutheran churches and agencies in 24 African countries and supports the work of the Lutheran World Federation’s Department for World Service.

**21** Jesus, our good and loving shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep. Give thanks and praise to God!

**22** Remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ whose vocations pull them away from their family, friends, congregation and community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain their faith and spirit and that we will express our connection with them as they come and go.

**23** To whom do we turn when we are tired or unsure of our path in life? Praise God, who stays by our side through every twist and turn.

**24** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**25** Give thanks for the numerous volunteers from across the country who are training to help youth and their adult leaders at the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans.