

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



**Sunday, July 7, 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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

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

As I write this, I am studying for Sunday's sermon, the last Sunday in June. Going over the stories of Jairus and the healing of his daughter and of the woman who had bled for twelve years has left me challenged and wondering.

What particularly popped out to me was the woman's nerve and audacity. She knew she was unclean because of her bleeding. She knew whoever she touched would become unclean. Yet she was so desperate that she took a seemingly inconceivable course of action. In her faith, she knew that if she touched Jesus, she would be healed. She was "immediately" rewarded. Jesus spoke kindly to her, confirming her healing and offering her peace. This would completely restore her to her family and community. She was made new!

And so, what about us? When budget time comes around for the church, we wonder how we can cut it and how we can faithfully make ends meet. Yet, while in finance meetings here, I see some audacity in that woman. It's a holy audacity that could present a faithful budget.

What about the churches all around us, shrinking in the number of members and worshipers they have? I don't have all the answers, but Jesus does. Jesus calls us to be audacious in reaching out to him, to let his power flow through us, to us, to make us whole. Jesus wants us to grow spiritually, not just numerically.

According to thesaurus.com, here are some synonyms for audacious: adventurous, bold, courageous, risky. I especially like the word "risky." Just look at last week's gospel lesson, [Mark 5:21-43](#). Do you see this type of behavior being exercised by the principal players?

In a daily devotional I use, I have come across these challenging words, which apply to all of us. "There are very few people who realize what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace" (St. Ignatius). Let us ask for the grace to entrust ourselves totally to God's love (sacredspace.com)

**St. Timothy Church Council**

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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.*

**JUNE 2024- COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **First Movie Night** was a success! Look for new Movie Night announcements.
  - **Bible Study** will continue in the Fall
  - **Giving** has been consistent through the first half of the year.
- THANK YOU EVERYONE!**
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**Friday Night at the Movies**

The next movie is Operation Mincemeat, based on a true story. Two British Intelligent Officers with help from James Bond creator, Ian Fleming, plot 1 of the most daring deceptions in military history. Join us on July 12, at 6:30 pm.





**Prayer Requests:** Ann Saar, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Father/Pastor Richard Elberfeld, Norm Wolff, Deb Pierce, Lois Rumpfelt, Nick Johnson, Eileen Beichner, Tom Dellapenta, 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

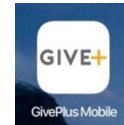
and law enforcement and their families, including Sean Pecuch, and Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.

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.



## 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 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)

### MONTHLY READINGS

**July 7, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm**

[Ezekiel 2:1-5](#)

*The call of Ezekiel*

[Psalm 123](#)

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

[2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)

*God's power made perfect in weakness*

[Mark 6:1-13](#)

*Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal*

**July 14, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm**

[Amos 7:7-15](#)

*The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel*

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

*Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory*

[Mark 6:14-29](#)

*The death of John the Baptist*

**July 21, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm**

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

*From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel*

[Psalm 23](#)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

*Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace*

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

*Christ healing the multitudes*

**July 28, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm**

[Amos 7:7-15](#)

*The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel*

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

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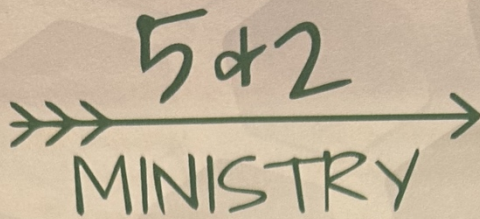
*The death of John the Baptist*



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**5 Mardell Hanson**  
**5 Carly Hanson**  
**5 Cheryl Shagla**  
**9 Marla Oste**  
**11 Scott Oste**  
**14 Susan Benjamin**

**18 Barb Simpson**  
**18 Luke Briggs**  
**20 Gale Svenson-Campbell**  
**25 Ann Bentley**  
**29 Susan Caruso**  
**29 Laurie Wickerham**  
**30 Stacie Cummings**



Fighting Childhood Hunger One Child at a Time

## **8th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**Saturday Sept 7, 2024**

*8:15am Registration, 9am Shotgun Start*

Chautauqua Golf Club, Lake Course  
4731 W Lake Rd, Chautauqua, NY 14722

**100.00 PER PLAYER - \$400 PER TEAM**

*Includes Golf, Cart, Prizes, Snacks & Drinks on Course, and lunch after golf.*

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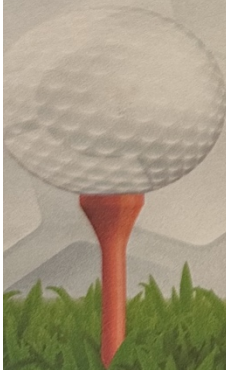
**PROCEEDS BENEFIT 5&2 MINISTRY**

*5&2 Ministry supplies bags of nutritious food to children during the school year to fight childhood hunger in Chautauqua County. Children are our future. When we change one child's life, we change the world. Help us fight childhood hunger in our community one child at a time.*

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Send sponsor logo and information by August 15, 2024 to:  
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5&2 Ministry, PO Box 152, Clymer, NY 14724.  
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Sponsorship opportunities still exist!  
Contact Andy Reinwald at 814-882-1042 or  
andyr@ripley-machine.com for  
more details or to register!



Contact Kathy Carlson if interested. (716) 485-1316.

Hello. Like we had “Lent in a Box,” there is “Summer in a Box.” For July and August, I will be doing sermon series based on this resource. It is not lectionary-based, but theme based. The title is “The Good Book: Meeting Our Ancestors in Faith, One Story at a Time.” This is the title of the contents for sermons:

**Old Testament Track:**

S is for Salt: Genesis 19:15-17, 24-26

I is for Israel: Genesis 32:24-28

J is for Joseph: Genesis 50:15-21

P is for Puah: Exodus 1:15-22

**New Testament Track:**

G is for Growing up: Luke 2:41-52

L is for Laodicea: Revelation 3:15-16

S is for shipwreck: Acts 27:1, 9-11

N is for Nicodemus: John 3:1-10

There is a note there stating, “Sermon prompts developed for a series based on Old Testament readings, New Testament readings, or a combination of the two.”

That being the case, I think I can easily get eight weeks out of this. Otherwise, this is one of those summers where the lectionary has us endlessly talking about bread and with a lot of repetition of verses from previous weeks.




As the time is closer (which is soon) I’ll let you know where I’m starting and its title.

Peace,  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church






**\*\*\* Plastic cap and lid collection.** We have offered to help Love School collect plastic lids, container tops and pill bottles for a Buddy Bench designed by the students. Please review the handout for what is acceptable and join in the effort to help out the students. A container will be available in the Narthex and also in the entryway marked BUDDY BENCH PROJECT. Thank you!

## Love Elementary School Buddy Bench Project

✓ **Acceptable Caps** ✓ Any plastic cap with recycle numbers    (2, 4, or 5)

Medicine bottle caps	Milk jug/Creamer caps	Detergent caps
Hair spray caps	Toothpaste caps	Deodorant caps
Spice & Condiment caps	Drink bottle caps-all sizes	Flip-top caps
Spout caps	Spray paint caps	Ointment tube caps
Baby food/Applesauce caps	Shampoo/conditioner caps	Marker/Sharpie caps

✓ **Acceptable Lids** ✓ - 8 inches or smaller Any plastic lid with recycle numbers    (2, 4, or 5)

Take out food lids	Feta/Parmesan lids	Drink mix container lids
Ice cream bucket lids	Cool Whip lids	Pringles lids
Yogurt & Icing lids	Coffee can lids	Butter/margarine lids
Peanut butter lids	Mayonnaise lids	Pill bottles with labels removed
Fast food drink lids (PP-5 accepted)		Solid 6-pack can holders
Cottage cheese/Cream Cheese/Sour Cream lids		

### ✗ **NOT Acceptable Items** ✗

Trash \* Paper \* Cardboard \* Metal \* Drink bottles \* Plastic bags \* Plastic pumps \* Trigger sprayers \* K-cups  
Food containers \* Straws \* Plastic toys \* Medical supplies \* Caps or lids with recycle numbers 1, 3, 6, or 7

## KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER: TRY A SUMMER FROZEN PIE

### Frozen Peanut Butter Cheesecake

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 10 mins

Additional Time: 4 hrs 30 mins

Total Time: 4 hrs 50 mins

Servings: 8 Yield:

1 9-inch pie

#### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 1/2 cups crispy rice cereal
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (10 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup whipped cream
- 1/2 cup chocolate fudge sauce



## Directions

1. In a heavy sauce pan over low heat, melt the butter and chocolate chips. Remove from heat and gently stir in rice cereal until coated. Press into the bottom and sides of a 9 inch pie plate. Chill 30 minutes.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk and peanut butter until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into prepared crust. Drizzle chocolate topping over pie and freeze for 4 hours or until firm. Keep in freezer until ready to serve, and return leftovers to the freezer as well.

## Frozen Summer Lemonade Pie

Ready In: 2hrs 10mins

Ingredients: 4

Yields: 2 pies

Serves: 16

## Ingredients

Units: US

- 14 ounces [sweetened condensed milk](#)
- 6 ounces frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed and undiluted
- 12 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (9 inch) [graham cracker pie crust](#)

## Directions

- In a large bowl, mix together the sweetened condensed milk and lemonade concentrate.
- Fold the whipped topping in slowly, keeping as much air in the mixture as possible.
- Spoon into crusts.
- Freeze until firm--I suggest about two hours minimum.
- Remove from the freezer half an hour before serving, to allow the pie to thaw to a creamy state.

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

	JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28	
Assistant Liturgist	Ann Bentley	Tammy Haas	Ann Bentley	Tammy Haas	
Ushers/Greeters	Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan	Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Marty Hunt	Ginnie Sloan Linda Milks	

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Dog Lessons 4:30pm	2	3	4    Mardel Hanson Carly Hanson Cheryl Shagla	5	6
7  10:00 am Worship w/Communion	8  Dog Lessons 4:30pm  Marla Oste	9	10  Scott Oste	11  Tai Chi 9:30 am & 12pm	12  Movie Night Operation Mincemeat 6:30 pm	13
14  10:00 am Worship  Susan Benjamin	15  Dog Lessons 4:30pm	16	17  Caring and Sharing 3:15pm	18  Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm  Barb Simpson Luke Briggs	19	20  Gale Svenson-Campbell
21  10:00 am Worship w/Communion Church Council	22  Dog Lessons 4:30pm	23	24	25  Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm  Ann Bentley	26	27
28  10:00 am Worship	29  Susan Caruso Laurie Wickerham	30  Stacie Cummings	31			

**26** Pray for peace and civility in our nation, for the mending of rifts and ideologies that isolate us and for the diverse gifts, perspectives and life experiences that enrich and inform our life together.

**27** Pray that the companion synod relationships connecting ELCA synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world will flourish and will nurture and strengthen these congregations for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

**28** Do you see God doing great work with things that may seem small or insignificant to us? Lift up in prayer the things we witness that restore our faith, stir hope and reassure us that God is present and active in our lives, communities and world.

**29** Pray for the Spirit to sustain the faith and energy of staff serving in summer camps and community ministries. Pray that their service experiences will enrich their lives and faith and will equip and inspire them to pursue other service opportunities and vocations.

**30** Ask God to stir within us an enduring spirit of generosity toward others, including generosity toward ministries that touch the lives of our neighbors in need.

**31** Remember in prayer teachers in public and faith-based schools as they experience the rest and renewal of summer break, and pray for those who teach year-round. Ask the Spirit to give them strength, creativity and hope as they educate and inspire children and youth.

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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 Disability Pride Month** Give thanks for the gifts, leadership and abilities of our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live with disabilities — about 42.5 million in our nation. Pray for the work of congregations, synods, ELCA Disability Ministry, the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association, Lutheran Services in America Disability Network, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries' Total Inclusion! initiative, and community organizations to address the inclusion, active participation and full involvement of people with disabilities in the life and leadership of the church and society.

**2** Pray for the needs and ministries of congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and the community organizations that serve with us as we do God's work in the world. Pray for the Spirit to help us support each other through prayer, shared resources, volunteerism and Mission Support.

**3 Thomas, the Apostle** Give thanks and praise to God for the grace embodied in Jesus Christ, which brings purpose to our lives and assures us that God loves us — questions, complexities and all.

**4 Independence Day** Promise God to cherish and not abuse the blessings of liberty, to work for change wherever there is injustice and inequity, and to accompany our global neighbors and companion churches in striving for freedom, justice and voice.

**5** “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” (Psalm 130:1-2). Lift up your worries and fears to God, trusting that God listens and responds to our lamentations.

**6** Ask God to guide and bless the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants as the church expands it to respond to humanitarian crises that drive migration and displacement in other areas of the world.

**7** “[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two” (Mark 6:7). Give thanks for the companionship, support, encouragement and wisdom we receive from our faith communities and siblings in Christ, which strengthen our ability to share the good news, care for our neighbors in need and inspire hope and peace in the world — together.

**8** Pray that the Spirit will stir enthusiasm, creativity and wisdom in the leaders, volunteers and staff of the churchwide organization as they serve youth and adults from congregations across the country during the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

**9** Ask God how we can best provide care, comfort and support to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who grieve and suffer. Pray that, in our words and actions, we might consider how situations and needs differ from person to person.

**10** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church, especially as the denomination moves forward following its vote in favor of LGBTQ inclusion.

**11** There have been over 13,000 gun-related injuries and deaths in our country this year ([gunviolencearchive.org](http://gunviolencearchive.org)), and firearm injuries are now the leading cause of death among children and youth. Pray for an end to the senseless deaths and the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction so that we will be bold and unwavering in our work and advocacy to end gun violence.

**12** Thank God for 35 years of the ELCA International Leaders Program, which provides leadership development experiences to current and future leaders through scholarships, the International Camp Counselor Program, leadership development programs and building equitable access to education for systemically excluded groups.

**13** Pray for young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English as they gather for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and for youth living with disabilities as they attend the tAble event, both of which precede the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray that these young people — with their adult companions — will grow as wise, faithful and courageous followers of Christ.

**14** Pray that we will listen carefully to God and seek to understand God's ways and commands, which provide guidance for our life and faith and show us how to love and serve our neighbors.

**15** Remember in prayer the residents of New Orleans and give thanks as they open their community and extend their enthusiasm, assistance and hospitality to youth, adults and leaders during the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events. Give thanks for ELCA congregations and ministries in New Orleans that help make the Gathering a faith-strengthening, life-changing experience for everyone.

**16** Pray for youth and young adults participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering as they explore what it means to be created by God as free, brave, authentic, disruptive disciples — all invaluable parts of our faith and identity in a world of ongoing challenge, crisis and suffering.

**17** Generation Zero-Hunger is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Pray for the Spirit to inspire our generosity and compassion for our neighbors as we respond to this challenge to usher in a world without hunger and futures filled with hope.

**18** Pray for our neighbors who suffer and long for peace in places of conflict and war. Pray that we will not grow weary in our concern, support and prayer and that we will not rest until there is peace and healing.

**19** Give thanks for everything that God has revealed and given to us through Jesus Christ that stirs our hope and joy: God's abundant grace and mercy, God's will for our present life and future, and the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God.

**20** Pray that youth, young adults and adults attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will return home safely, bringing with them enthusiasm for sharing the impact of their faith-building experience and a renewed understanding of the task we share in common — doing God's work in the world.

**21** We are called to do God's work in the world, both individually and with siblings in Christ who encourage, support and inspire us. Give thanks that we are not alone in our baptismal journey of service and that the Spirit gives us diverse gifts that complement one another.

**22** Pray for musicians and leaders gathering for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference at Valparaiso University, Ind., an annual continuing education event to nurture and equip church musicians, pastors and worship leaders.

**23** Praise God and give thanks for the leaders and volunteers who planned and implemented the ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the tAble event and the Young Adult Gathering. Give thanks for congregations, community organizations, residents and community leaders in New Orleans who demonstrated hospitality and shared their wisdom and resources to help make the ELCA Youth Gathering experience safe, relevant and impactful.

**24** "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). We may not be familiar with the work of shepherds anymore, but we do know the joy and relief of having God in our lives to guide us, comfort us, restore us and walk with us through darkness and evil. Give thanks and praise to God, our ever-present shepherd!

**25** Remember in prayer young adults nearing the end of their yearlong volunteer service in the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Give thanks for their faith, gifts, witness and commitment to ministry, and pray that the Spirit will prepare them to pursue new opportunities for service and ministry in the church, our communities and the world.