

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



Sunday, October 6, 2024
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship in Church or Drive In with Communion
10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, October 13, 2024
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion
10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion
10:00 am

Sunday, October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion
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*

The Best Laid Plans

We are familiar with the phrase, “The best laid plans of mice and men [and women].” We had family in Ohio on the agenda for this month and we were really excited about this time together at the Columbus Zoo. But alas, along came COVID. We thought sure we’d feel better enough to go, but after getting up this morning, we made the decision not to. We’re just not up to it. On the upside, however, we’ll get a chance to see my daughter, Sarah, and a friend who will be at Chautauqua for a conference.

The letter of James states, “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town....’ Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:13-14, *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*). It is difficult, at times, to let go of our plans, isn't it?

So, what is God asking of us? God wants us to hold things in our lives lightly and loosely. When we hold on tightly, we have a fistful of cookies that gets stuck in the jar.

Throughout the Mouse, you’ll find various announcements concerning events happening this month, God willing.

I trust you are all staying well.

God’s peace,
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

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.

5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry



As the 5 & 2 Ministry begins another school year, everyone on the team wants to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, our people who donate, our 5 & 2 Board and our 5 & 2 Committee for all that is being done to support this wonderful backpack ministry of food for our area students!

St. Timothy became a Packing Site in the 2018/2019 school and started out packing 1278 that year. Since then our need and our numbers have grown to the point that we are currently packing over 900 bags a month (each student gets a bag of food every Friday and we pack by the month.). Last school year we packed 7,929 bags of food! **The total for 6 years is 20,721 bags of food for our students.**

Our volunteer base has also grown, thanks to all of you who are willing to give an hour of your time each month from your busy schedules. We've grown from 20 volunteers to a base of 50 currently. We are working with school teachers, students and parents, volunteers from area organizations and groups and of course, from St. Timothy. This core group is bringing friends and relatives. We are truly blessed with this support.

Thank you so very much everyone! We're all looking forward to a wonderful 2024/2025 school year.



SAVE THE DATE Sunday, November 10 at 6:00pm

AUCTION to benefit Honduras Promise Children Mission



Prayer Requests: For the family and friends of Norm Norm Wolff, for Ann Saar, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Karen Brown, Roland Lepier, Father/Pastor Richard Elberfeld, Deb Pierce, Lois Rumfelt, Nick Johnson, Eileen Beichner, Tom Dellapenta, Pastor Karen Larson, Pastor Gerry Zimmerman, 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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Allyson Saar
- 2 Patricia Helfrich
- 3 Kay Marker Magneson
- 6 Genevive Sellstrom
- 14 Rose Johnson-Prieur

- 19 Greg Fish
- 22 Kathy Carlson
- 27 Dan O'Brien
- 30 Kristie Bloomquist
- 30 Alexandra Daniels

MONTHLY READINGS

October 6, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

Created for relationship

[Psalm 8](#)

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)

God has spoken by a Son

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

Teaching on marriage

September 13, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)

Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live

[Psalm 90:12-17](#)

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

Approach the throne of grace with boldness

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

Teaching on wealth and reward

October 20, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 53:4-12](#)

The suffering servant

[Psalm 91:9-16](#)

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

Warnings to ambitious disciples

October 27, Reformation Sunday

Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

The LORD gathers the remnant of Israel

[Psalm 126](#)

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

[Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

Christ the merciful high priest

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus

Caring and Sharing Group



We will meet on Wed, Oct. 19, 3:15pm at church to pack our fall soup baskets! Anyone is welcome to join us for our Caring and Sharing Ministry Group - contact Kristie Bloomquist or Trish Pecuch if you have any questions or ideas!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to make our "God's Work, Our Hands" kick off project at St Timothy a huge success!!!! Your generosity is amazing. Stay tune for an updated report on our Next Level Love Baskets Project for Love, INC...



THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leadership Team of the Women of the ELCA, Upstate New York Synod, Southwestern Conference is excited to announce an upcoming event for all women of our Conference.

The Women of the Southwestern and Niagara Frontier Conferences will be gathering for a Joint Fall Assembly on October 5, 2024, beginning at 9:30am in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ellicottville.

The theme is based on the book Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Mark your calendars and watch for more details and registration information.

All women are invited!

Southwestern Conference Leadership Team:

Gloria Anderson, Jann Ball, Stephanie Buccola, Co-Coordinators

Lois Rumfelt, Secretary

Debbie Youngberg, Treasurer



Due to Covid, we had to reschedule our Movie for September, So we will be showing 9 to 5 on Friday, October 25th at 6:30.

Blessing of Animals will be outside, immediately following worship on 10/13.

Pastor Ivy will be away Wed. and Thurs., 10/23-24, for the annual Synod Ministerium in Canandaigua.

The monthly ministerium is meeting at St. Timothy on Tuesday, 10/8 at 10:30.

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

	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27	
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	Ann Bentley	Tammy Haas	
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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Allyson Saar	Healthy Bones 9am Patricia Helfrich	Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm Choir 5pm Kay Marker Magnuson	Tai Chi 11am	
6 10:00 am Worship/with communion Genevieve Sellstrom	7 Healthy Bones 9am	8	9 Healthy Bones 9am	10 Tai Chi 9:30 am & 12pm Choir 5pm	11 Tai Chi 11am	12
13 10:00 am Worship With communion Blessing of the Animals	14 Healthy Bones 9am  Rose Johnson-Prieur	15 5 & 2 Packing 7pm Nathan Saar	16 Healthy Bones 9am	17 Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm Choir 5pm	18 Tai Chi 11am	19 Greg Fish
20 10:00 am Worship With communion Church Council	21 Healthy Bones 9am	22 Kathy Carlson	23 Healthy Bones 9am	24 Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm Choir 5pm	25 Tai Chi 11am	26
27 10:00 am Worship With communion Reformation Sunday Dan O'Brien	28 Healthy Bones 9am	29	30 Healthy Bones 9am Kristie Bloomquist Alexandra Daniels	31 		

28 Pray that the Spirit will work through the traditions, rites and practices of the church, which, evolving over time and from generation to generation, affirm God's saving grace and inspire us to share it.

29 Lament that we sin and fall short of the glory and expectations of God, then shout prayers of thanksgiving and joy that we are forgiven, freed and saved by the gift of God's grace.

30 Throughout history God has acted with steadfast love, forgiveness and concern for humankind. Alleluia, thanks be to God!

31 *Reformation Day* Give thanks for the legacy of Martin Luther and other reformers who demanded that the theology and practices of the church be faithful to God's word and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will never stop reflecting on Scripture or the gospel message, and that our ministries and faith communities might best respond to their call to do God's work in the world.

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 *International Day of Older Persons* Remember in prayer older adults, who bring vitality and diverse gifts to communities and congregations; give thanks for their faith, wisdom, generosity and life experiences. Pray for those who live in nursing homes, facilities for memory care and assisted living, and continuing care retirement communities, that they will be valued and respected and will receive skilled care.

2 "Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and moisture, too. Sprouting blossoms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the season's signs that you make all things new" (*With One Voice* 727). Greet this new day with gratitude to God for the blessings of autumn — fall harvests, the beauty of changing seasons and other signs of God's ceaseless creativity.

3 Give thanks for the 13 new ELCA missionaries who have begun their work alongside global partners in eight countries, serving as teachers, pastors, pastoral interns, program coordinators and more.

4 *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1181-1226)* Give thanks and praise to God for saints who have gone before us and saints still in our midst, who teach and inspire us to be humble, generous, grateful and attentive children of God.

5 We are nourished and sustained by countless resources in creation — all gifts from God, entrusted to our care. Give thanks for the gift of water, without which life cannot exist or flourish. Pray that we will exercise discipline, responsibility and generosity in how we use water, and that we will work to assure the availability of clean water for all people, everywhere.

6 Pray for the children of your congregation and give thanks that God has entrusted to us the opportunity and responsibility to nurture their faith and gifts and to surround them with care and grace.

7 Remember in prayer girls, women and people of other gender identities and expressions who suffer domestic violence. Pray that they will find care and safe shelter that support their recovery from physical, emotional and spiritual trauma. Give thanks for the work and resources available to us through the ELCA Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment program.

8 Ask the Spirit for guidance, wisdom and creativity as we work to grow the church, not for the sake of numbers but to spread the message of God's love and mercy for humanity and to draw upon the gifts of the many to love and serve our neighbors, here and around the world.

9 Pray for national leaders, diplomats, mediators and organizations working to achieve ceasefires, peace and recovery in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan and other regions. Ask God to make us diligent bearers of hope, peace and justice in the world.

10 Remember in prayer refugees, immigrants and asylum-seekers who are displaced by economic and climate crises and by conflict and persecution. Ask God to protect them as they seek safe, welcoming places where they can settle and rebuild their lives.

11 "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise to God, who showers love and attention on us no matter how complicated our lives are or how insignificant we feel.

12 Pray that we might discern and avoid the false teaching of Christian nationalism, which divides us and uses Christ's name to place us above others, claiming privilege and God's favor. Ask the Spirit to stir in us a desire and commitment to love, uplift and serve our neighbors — without bias.

13 Ask God to help us keep our priorities straight, that we might share the good news of Jesus Christ and trust in the promise of eternal life.

14 *Indigenous Peoples' Day* "We join states, cities and towns across the country to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in place of Columbus Day and honor the people whose lands we walk, whose Indigenous voices have always been spoken here and who share their gifts and contributions throughout our society" (Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Indigenous Peoples' Day statement). Pray that, in our relations with Indigenous neighbors and children of God, we will not waver in our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity.

15 "Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart" (St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582). Pray for God to work through every aspect of our life that we might give witness to God's boundless love and mercy.

16 *World Food Day* The theme for World Food Day 2024 is "Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future." Pray that all people will have adequate access to food that is safe and healthy. Give thanks for the work and advocacy of ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and partner organizations to address the causes of hunger and improve food security.

17 "The Bible is a remarkable fountain: The more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst" (Martin Luther, 1483-1546). Let us resolve to spend more time studying and discussing Scripture so that we might grow in our understanding of God and connect our faith and the gospel with daily life.

18 The message of the Old Testament prophet Micah is crucial for our world today: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). Pray that we will humble ourselves and serve our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger and exclusion.

19 Lift up in prayer youth and family ministry leaders who nurture the faith of young people, reassure them of God's presence and grace, and affirm their value as members of our faith communities. Give thanks for the work, resources and support of ELCA Youth Ministry, the ELCA Youth Gathering and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network.

20 Ask the Spirit to deepen our understanding of our identity and purpose as baptized children of God, called and equipped to live with gratitude and joy, to share the life-giving news of Jesus Christ and to work for justice and peace.

21 Give thanks and praise to our Creator, who is the source of bountiful fall harvests and sustains us in body and spirit.

22 Pray for an end to gun-related deaths and injuries and to the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish they spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to help us honor the gift of life and the well-being of all people through bold advocacy to reduce gun violence.

23 Pray for ministries and organizations that help us welcome, resettle and accompany immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees with dignity and hope, including Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, Global Refugee and Lutheran Services in America.

24 "When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them" (Psalm 91:15). God is our ever-present refuge and fortress. Let our prayers and songs proclaim unceasing thanks and praise to God!

25 Pray for the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association, which supports the 1,300 ELCA congregations and 17,000 staff offering weekday schools and early childhood education programs.

26 Reflect on the people around you who might hunger for a friendly word or some indication that they are loved and not forgotten. Include them in your prayers and reach out to them.

27 *Reformation Sunday* Praise God for being patient with us through the challenges and changes of being the church and discerning God's truth.